

Thank you for praying for the following churches during their pastoral transitioning...

Bill's Creek, Oak Springs, Southern, West Memorial



We welcome the following new ministers to our Association:

Bill's Creek has called Rev. Kelly Luckadoo as Interim pastor.

Montford Cove has called Rev. Shawn Berryhill as pastor. He will begin serving on January 1, 2017.

Spindale First has called Rev. Jeff Queen as pastor. He began serving on December 11, 2016.

A heartfelt "thank you" to Dr. Wayne Blackwood and Rev. Marvin Green for their interim work these past couple of years.

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

In this newsletter, I want to point you to a newer and growing ministry at Green River. In Room 4 of the Village Ministries we have the Life Support Christian Counseling Ministry. Jack and Jody Green are there to help Green River and the churches in our Association. Every Thursday Jack and Jody are here to minister to the individuals that work and come for a meal to the soup kitchen. In fact, they have seen individuals receive Christ. Thank God for all that Jack and Jody are doing to further the Gospel message.

### MINISTERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

All had a great time at our GRBA Ministers' Christmas Dinner on December 1 at Mountain Creek Baptist Church. A special "thank you" to Tommy Hodge for providing a wonderful BBQ Dinner for us and thanks to all the ladies of Mountain Creek Church for setting up and decorating the tables. Also, a big "thank you" for the special music provided by the Mountain Creek musicians.

### "IF MY PEOPLE" AREA WIDE PRAYER GATHERING

Please join us for an Area Wide Prayer Gathering on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Crestview Baptist, 630 S. Church St., Forest City, NC. Come join us to pray for personal revival, revival in our churches and revival in our nation. Our Theme: "...Because you have prayed to Me..." Isaiah 37:21

### DISASTER RELIEF YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING

The association wants to consider adopting one week for any GRBA church to take their youth to work in Eastern NC next year. We will be meeting on January 9 at 6:30 pm at the GRBA office to discuss details and determine interest in pursuing this project. My goal is that the days be spent on the mission field at various assignments around the community and that our evenings be composed of some corporate worship/activities/and hang out time at the camp for the youth. I can coordinate worship leading with the various youth ministers or lay leaders interested in heading up this project.

Scott Courtney

### Associational Prayer for our Churches

Please pray for these churches and pastors during your midweek service.

#### JANUARY:

- Week 1: Chimney Rock  
Rev. Gene Daggerhart  
Week 2: Fellowship  
Rev. Matthew Sparks  
Week 3: Forest City First  
Dr. Garin Hill  
Week 4: Gilkey  
Rev. Danny Hamrick

#### FEBRUARY:

- Week 1: Green Hill  
Rev. John Bridges  
Week 2: Lake Lure  
Rev. Anton Roos  
Week 3: Long Branch Road  
Rev. Jerry Bridges  
Week 4: Main Street  
Rev. Dale Dubose

#### MARCH:

- Week 1: Montford Cove  
Rev. Shawn Berryhill  
Week 2: Mount Vernon  
Dr. Scott Courtney  
Week 3: Mountain Creek  
Rev. Charles McClure  
Week 4: Mountain View (Polk)  
Rev. Charles Jackson  
Week 5: Mountain View (Rfd)  
Rev. Eric Reedy

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From your Associational Staff

### JANUARY QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2017 6:45 pm

Fellowship Baptist Church  
210 Silvers Lake Rd, Rutherfordton

### GRBA MINISTRY TESTIMONIES & MISSION BOOTHS

The Outreach Committee wants you to meet the ministry opportunities we have around the Association. At this Quarterly Meeting we will have individuals sharing a personal testimony about the ministry they are involved in. The list of areas includes disaster relief, church rebuild outreach, community outreach, Mountain State Fair, Resort Area Missions, WMU, counseling ministry, soup kitchen, prayer ministry and the Inreach Committee. Each group will have a missions booth so you will be able to see what they are doing with an opportunity to sign up to help and gain more information. We will meet in the fellowship hall of Fellowship Baptist Church for the meeting and sharing time. All church members are invited to this meeting.



### Quarterly Newsletter

January - February - March

2017

Churches Helping Churches Fulfill the Great Commission



### Calendar

#### January

2 Office Closed for New Year's Day  
5 6:30 pm Bi-Vocational Ministers' Conference, GRBA

- 7 8:00 am Prayer at the Courthouse  
9 7:00 pm Accounting Committee Meeting, GRBA  
9 6:30 pm Disaster Relief Youth Mission Trip Mtg.(see details)  
10 11am Ministers' Conference, GRBA  
12 6:30 pm Outreach Team Meeting, GRBA  
14 9-12 Noon Deacon Training, Montford Cove BC (see details)  
15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
19 6:30 pm Bi-Vocational Pastor's Conf., GRBA  
22 6-8pm "If My People" Prayer Conf., Crestview BC (see details)  
23 6:45 Quarterly Association Mtg., Fellowship BC (see details)  
31 1:00 pm Inreach Team Meeting with Bob Foy, GRBA

#### February

- 2 6:30 pm Bi-Vocational Pastor's Conf., GRBA  
4 8:00 am Prayer at the Courthouse  
11 9-12:00 Noon Deacon Trng, Montford Cove BC (See details)  
13-19 Focus on WMU Week  
14 11am Ministers' Conference, GRBA  
16 6:30 pm Bi-Vocational Pastor's Conference, GRBA

#### March

- 2 6:30 pm Bi-Vocational Ministers' Conference, GRBA  
4 8:00 am Prayer at the Courthouse  
6 1:00 pm Committee on Committees Mtg., GRBA  
9 1:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting, GRBA  
12 Time Change (spring forward)  
14 11 am Ministers' Conference, GRBA

Dr. David Jendrey  
Director  
of Missions

Rev. William Swink  
Moderator

Dr. Bob Morgan  
Treasurer

Mrs. Teresa Sams  
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### Happy Birthday



#### January

- 8 Mrs. Rachel Hill  
Forest City First  
9 Rev. William Swink  
Pleasant Hill  
12 Rev. Ad Hopper  
Piedmont  
28 Mrs. Kaye Ruppe  
Long Branch Rd  
31 Rev. Lewis Jackson  
Oak Ridge

#### February

- 3 Rev. Jerry Ruppe  
Long Branch Rd  
4 Rev. Dale Dubose  
Main Street  
6 Rev. Anton Roos  
Lake Lure  
12 Mrs. Regina Darley  
Pleasant Grove  
28 Rev. John Bridges  
Green Hill

#### Pastor/Wife

#### March

- 1 Mrs. Shannon Hamrick  
Gilkey  
2 Mrs. Gail Jones  
Round Hill  
4 Dr. Keith Stephenson  
Rutherfordton Second  
11 Mrs. Susan Brown  
Piney Knob  
12 Rev. Michael Jones  
Round Hill  
22 Rev. Tony McCraw  
Camp Creek  
23 Mrs. Rhonda Jendrey  
DOM's wife  
27 Rev. Charles McClure  
Mountain Creek  
31 Rev. Greg Huntley  
Rock Springs  
31 Rev. Randy Darley  
Pleasant Grove

WMU HECK-JONES  
OFFERING  
& WEEK OF PRAYER  
February 13-19, 2017



**RED BOX MINISTRY  
THANK YOU**

The GRBA WMU would like to thank all the churches that donated Lip Balm for the Women's Prison in Raleigh this year. We collected 934 tubes and well exceeded our goal! If you still owe dues for 2016 or if you plan to pay your dues for 2017, please send to Diane Watkins, 206 Honeysuckle Dr, Rfdtn., NC 28139  
**Hilda Thompson, WMU Dir.**

**DOM PRAYER TIME  
Each Wednesday at 10:00 am  
at GRBA**

All Pastors are invited to meet together to prayer for our churches, Association, community and country.

**MONTHLY MINISTERS'  
CONFERENCES**

**11:00 am at the Association Office**

**Date: Preacher:**

**January 10: Rev. Dale Dubose  
February 14: Rev. William Swink  
March 14: Dr. Keith Stephenson**

**BI-VOCATIONAL PASTORS**

...meet each 1st & 3rd Thursday  
6:30 pm at the Association office

The **SOUP KITCHEN** continues weekly to provide 400-500 meals to our community weekly. The cost of each plate is approximately \$1.80. That is a total weekly cost of up to \$720.00 - \$900.00. Volunteer time is needed between the hours of 2:30 - 6:00pm on Thursdays. Call Steve Ruppe at 286-7692 for details or if you would like to support this ministry with a financial gift, your money would go directly for the food & kitchen supplies. You can make your checks to New Beginnings Soup Kitchen and send them to the Association Office.

**COUNTYWIDE  
YOUTH MINISTERS'  
MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP**  
Meets 1st Tues. night monthly 7pm  
at Village Coffee  
*Open to all youth ministers.*  
Call Howie Lederfind at 429-7968.



**Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
**March 5-12, 2017**  
**National Goal: \$70 Million**  
**www.AnnieArmstrong.com**



**FEBRUARY 5-12  
GOAL: \$600,000**

**1ST SATURDAY  
EACH MONTH  
PRAYER AT THE  
COURTHOUSE  
8:00 AM**

**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING**  
for Region 9  
**May 19-20**  
at  
**Buncombe Baptist Association**

For more info go to  
[baptistsonmission.org/  
disasterrelieftraining](http://baptistsonmission.org/disasterrelieftraining)  
or call (919) 459-5596

**From the Director of Missions**

*Well Christmas and New Years have passed and a new year is upon us and this new year is really shaping up. This January 14<sup>th</sup> we will open with the first deacon training session for the year using Johnny Hunts' material called "The Deacon I Want To Be." This is open to one and all who want to know what the role of deacon is all about. It is our desire that we can begin regular training for the leadership of Green River. Then February 11th we will have the second session. We will begin at 9:00AM at Montford Cove Baptist Church. We want to encourage the churches to let the Association office know if you plan to attend. Then if you will be attending, you will need to purchase the training manual used. They can be found on line.*

*In our January Quarterly Meeting we are going to try something different. The Out Reach Committee has asked if we can present the many different ministry missions we have going on in our Association. The plan is to, instead of having a single speaker, have each of about ten ministries share a brief overview with personal testimony of what their ministry involves. We want them to give the Association insight to how others may become involved.*

*The In Reach Committee will be working on several projects for the upcoming year. They will be meeting with Bob Foy, who is with Church Renewal Journey, right after the Quarterly Meeting to discuss the possibility of an Associational wide Lay Renewal. This will be a great way to begin to motivate our members and get them directly involved in touching the communities around us. After reviewing the questionnaires, the committee wants to focus on church community and leadership development to begin with (i.e. Deacon Training).*

*Finally, we will have an opportunity to join together in Prayer with the If My People Prayer Conference. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> we will gather at Crestview Baptist at 6:00pm for a time of prayer for our community and country. Dr. Gordon Fort from the IMB will lead us together to the throne of Grace. Then that Monday, he will meet with the local pastors for a time of prayer and fellowship. We will meet at Main Street Baptist Church in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am.*

*As you can see, January is a month full of great opportunities for all of us. May God bless and keep you as we plan and prepare for all that our new years has in front to us. May we be faithful in all the work God has for us. As the old Hymn would exhort us: "Let us work for the Night is coming."*

*David Jendrey*

**Green River Baptist Association  
ASSOCIATION-WIDE  
DEACON TRAINING  
Saturday, January 14th  
& February 11th  
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
Montford Cove Baptist Church  
4920 Cove Rd, Union Mills, NC 28167  
Facilitator: Dr. David Jendrey  
Director of Missions  
(Light Breakfast)**

- For anyone that would like to learn what is the role of a deacon
- Material from "*The Deacon I Want To Be*" by Johnny Hunt  
In the January training we will cover the first 3 sections and then in the February training we will meet again and cover the last 3 sections.
- Cost of a manual for deacons is \$7.99 and can be ordered at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com) or by calling 1-800-247-4784
- **Please contact the Association office with the number of those who plan to attend at 286-9278.**