

Church News...

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



Calvary, Fellowship, Gilkey, Oak Ridge, Oak Springs Piney Knob, Round Hill, Rutherfordton First

Also, be praying for our Association as we search for a new **Director of Missions**

Lake Lure... will be hosting their annual Captain's Choice Golf Tournament at Forest City Golf Course on Sat., October 13. Entry fees are \$50 per player or \$200 per team. Prizes, lunch and refreshments are included in entry. Proceeds will go toward international missions and Lake Lure BC expansion project. For more info contact Terry Osteen at 248-5222 or Anton Roos at 429-8825.

Long Branch Road... will host a Fish Fry/Chicken Strips Dinner on Fri., Sept. 28 from 5-7pm. Adults-\$8.00, Children 4-12yrs-\$4.00, Children 3 & under-Free. Rev. Jerry G, Ruppe, Pastor - 287-1408.

Rutherfordton Second... will have a yard sale on October 6 from 7am-11:30am at the GRBA office parking lot. Proceeds will go toward a New York mission trip. Dr. Keith Stephenson, pastor

If your church would like to use the office parking lot for a yard sale or car wash, please feel free to call the office.



**"IF MY PEOPLE..."
COMMUNITY PRAYER RALLY
at CRESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
630 South Church Street, Forest City
on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012
at 6:00 PM**

Join us for this community prayer rally.

This multi-denominational rally will take the form of a testimony service with worship, and guided prayer times.

Contact Rev. Marvin Green (828) 245-2613 or info@sandyrunba.com.

"There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer." A. T. Pierson

EDIFY CONFERENCE...discipling young adults

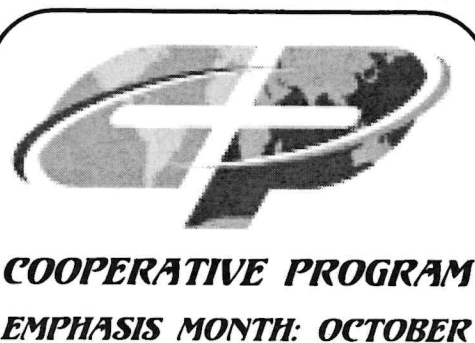
For Sunday School and Small Group Leaders

OCTOBER 6, 2012 9:15am-3:45pm

Crosspointe Baptist Church, Concord, NC

Sponsored by Bapt. Campus Min. & SS Min. of the NCBSC

For more info., go to www.ncbaptist.org/edify



**WEEK OF PRAYER & MISSION
STUDY FOR INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONS AND THE LOTTIE
MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**



GO TELL

December 2-9

National Goal:

\$175 million

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
 Green River Baptist Association, Inc.
 668 North Washington Street
 Rutherfordton, N.C. 28139

Associational Prayer for our Churches

October

- Week 1: Spencer
Rev. Billy Vaughn
- Week 2: Spindale First
Rev. Andy Evans
- Week 3: Sulphur Springs
Rev. Jesse Mills
- Week 4: West Memorial
Rev. Charley Melton
- Week 5: West Point
Rev. Lance Scarlett

November

- Week 1: Westminster
Rev. Aaron Vess
- Week 2: Adaville
Rev. Cal Sayles
- Week 3: Bill's Creek
Rev. Terrell Dillingham
- Week 4: Calvary
Rev. Rick Wall (I)

December

- Week 1: Camp Creek
Rev. Tony McCraw
- Week 2: Cane Creek
Rev. Ansel Pace
- Week 3: Chimney Rock
Rev. Gene Daggerhart
- Week 4: Fellowship
Rev. Ed Rogers (I)

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2011-2012 ASSOCIATION BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

Month	Recv'd	Needed	% of Bdgt.	Month	Recv'd	Needed	% of Bdgt.
Oct.	\$ 9,530.41	\$12,213.75	78%	Apr.	\$ 78,277.25	\$ 85,496.25	92%
Nov.	\$20,447.19	\$24,427.50	84%	May	\$ 91,772.92	\$ 97,710.00	94%
Dec.	\$37,897.86	\$36,641.25	103%	June	\$101,562.67	\$109,923.75	92%
Jan.	\$46,408.42	\$48,855.00	95%	July	\$113,984.44	\$122,137.50	93%
Feb.	\$56,019.36	\$61,068.75	92%	Aug.	\$122,506.92	\$134,351.25	91%
Mar.	\$67,467.77	\$73,282.50	92%	% of Budget Met for Year:		91%	

ATTENTION NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS

We are updating our mailing list. If you are interested in continuing to receive the GRBA newsletter, please let us know by phone, fax, e-mail or postal mail. If we do not hear from you by March 1, 2013, we will assume that you no longer wish to receive it and we will remove your name from our list. OR, if you would prefer to receive our newsletter by e-mail, please send an email to us.

Green River Baptist Association



A Baptist Association is a self-governing fellowship of autonomous churches sharing a common faith and active on mission in their setting. J.C. Bradley

2012 Quarterly Newsletter

October - November - December

**Rev. Ed Rogers
Interim Director
of Missions**

**Rev. John Perry
Moderator**

**Dr. Bob Morgan
Treasurer**

**Mrs. Teresa Sams
Administrative
Assistant & Clerk**

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OCTOBER

- 2 Congregation Profile Deadline for Church Clerks
- 8 3:00 pm Appreciation Committee Mtg.
- 9 11:00 am Ministers' Conference
- 14 WORLD HUNGER DAY
- 15 7:00 pm Registration Committee Meeting
- 29 7:00 pm Quarterly Association Mtg., Long Branch Road BC /Reception following for Billy Honeycutt

NOVEMBER

- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 6 ELECTION DAY
- 12-13 BSC Annual Session, Greensboro, NC
- 19 Ministers' Thanksgiving/Christmas Banquet
- 21-23 Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER

- 2-9 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 21-26 Office closed for Christmas holiday

OCTOBER

- 2 Mrs. Terry Honeycutt, Rutherfordton First
- 9 Rev. Ed Rogers, Fellowship (I) & DOM (I)
- 12 Mrs. Lou Ann Dillingham, Bill's Creek
- 13 Mrs. Betty Brooks, retired
- 26 Rev. Cal Sayles, Adaville
- 27 Mrs. Melissa Frady, Pleasant Grove
- 28 Mrs. Gail Pace, Cane Creek
- 28 Mrs. Renee Howard, Southern

NOVEMBER

- 2 Rev. Jesse Mills, Sulphur Springs
- 4 Mrs. Jean Nodine, retired
- 7 Mrs. Frances Sheppard, retired
- 22 Rev. Paul Crawford, retired
- 22 Mrs. Debbie Brewer, Main Street
- 23 Mrs. Barbara Perry, Southern
- 24 Mrs. Beth Heffner, Rfdtn. First

DECEMBER

- 3 Rev. Brent Frady, Pleasant Grove
- 15 Mrs. Sandra Swink, Pleasant Hill
- 20 Mrs. Kay Hollifield, retired
- 22 Rev. Don Brooks, Gilkey
- 29 Mrs. Joyce Reep, Mtn View (Rfd)
- 31 Mrs. Debbie Brooks, Gilkey



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

At the July Quarterly Meeting Rev. Ed Rogers was voted in unanimously as Interim Director of Missions for GRBA. Ed will be available in the Associational Resource Center most weekday mornings and will work a 20-hour week during the interim period. Thank you for your prayers as the Personnel Committee seeks the right person to lead our Association.

RECEPTION FOR REV. BILLY HONEYCUTT OCTOBER 29, 2012

QUARTERLY ASSOC. MEETING
The next Quarterly Association Meeting will be Monday, October 29 at 7:00 pm at Long Branch Road Baptist Church, off Hwy 221 S. There will be a reception after the meeting honoring Rev. Billy Honeycutt for his 26 years of dedication to GRBA as DOM. **Everyone is invited.** If you need directions to the church, call the office at 286-9278. The messengers will receive more info. prior to the meeting.

COUNTYWIDE YOUTH MINISTERS' MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Meets 1st Tues. night monthly 7pm
Sandy Run Baptist Resource Center
Open to all youth ministers.
Call Howie Lederfind at 429-7968.

NEW BEGINNINGS SOUP KITCHEN
If you would like to volunteer to prepare and/or serve meals for the soup kitchen, presently serving approx. 500 meals each Thursday, contact Jason at (828)748-1990.

ATTENTION PASTORS

You are cordially invited to attend Hands of Hope for Life's 11th Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet to be held on Thurs., Oct. 25th at 7:00pm at the ICC Foundation. Doors open at 6:30pm. Please RSVP by October 1, 247-4673.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The next newsletter mailing will be for January-March 2013. Please get us any news that you have by **Wednesday, December 12.**

MONTHLY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

October 9 at 11:00am
Association office
Followed by dutch lunch at a local restaurant

MINISTERS' and SPOUSE BANQUET

November 19

Thanksgiving/Christmas Banquet
Time and place to be announced.

PREACH THE WORD

Twenty Twelve
PASTORS' CONFERENCE
November 11 & 12
Lawndale B. C., Greensboro, NC
www.ncannualmeeting.org/preach

CHURCH OF THE EXCEPTIONAL

The Church of the Exceptional, a church for physically and special needs persons, will be presenting their Christmas program on Dec. 2 at 2pm. The church is located in Henrietta below First Citizen Bank. Public welcome.

REPORT ON CHURCH MISSION TRIPS

We would like for those church groups and individuals that went on mission trips this year to send/email us a report on their experience. We plan to include these reports in the October 29 Qtrly. booklet.

"END-OF-LIFE ETHICS"
CONFERENCE..Hosted by Hospice of Rfd. County at Carolina Event and Conference Center, 374 Hudlow Road, Forest City on **October 4, 2012** from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm.
For more info. go to www.hospicefoundation.org or contact Jenelle Sayre at (828) 245-0095

From our Interim Director of Missions

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12,13

Our God encourages us to call unto Him. He promises to hear us. And we see Him at work as we search with all that we are.

There are several events that I would place before you as a concern for prayer.

- ◆ First, be much in prayer for me as I seek to do the work as your Interim Director of Missions.
- ◆ Second, pray for the Personnel Committee as they are searching for a Director of Missions.
- ◆ Third, Laverne and I had the opportunity to see GRBA churches involved in ministry at the Mountain State Fair. It was truly a blessing to see how our people were reaching out to others and being a witness for our Lord.
- ◆ Fourth, the North Carolina Baptist State Convention convenes on November 12 and 13. The theme for the convention is "AWAKEN". (See the theme interpretation which is enclosed.)
- ◆ Fifth, remember the October 29 meeting of our Association at Long Branch Road Baptist Church.

Now I want to thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve the Lord here with you in the Green River Baptist Association. I pray these months that we are working together for our Lord will be enriching for both you and me.

God bless you,
Ed Rogers

God called the church into being to join Him in His work to save and redeem humanity and our job at the Association is to assist the Church.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church will host their 7th Annual Ole Time Country Fair with FREE rides and games for entire family on November 2 & 3, Fri 4-9pm & Sat 10-6pm. Proceeds from food sales will go toward their building fund. For more info, call (828) 245-4496 or (828)245-0346.

North Greenville Univ. along with the G.I.F.T. GOD CAMPAIGN present "A VISION OF COURAGE" with PASTOR, DIRECTOR & ACTOR ALEX KENDRICK known for "FACING THE GIANTS" "FIREPROOF" & "COURAGEOUS" special reunion concert by the world-renowned vocalists "4HIM" at the TD CONVENTION CENTER OCTOBER 16, 2012.

NC BAPTIST ANNUAL MEETING

Theme: "Awaken" Romans 13:11-13

In these verses from Romans, Paul is speaking about the great need and urgency for believers to return to God in holiness so that they will be ready and able to do the work of the Kingdom.

Paul calls believers to awake out of sleep because salvation is near. The time is urgent, because night is almost over and the day is upon us. Every day brings us closer to our Lord's return. None of us know which day on earth will be our last, and none of us know which day on earth will be the last for our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. We do not have time to waste. As believers, we know the only one who offers salvation. We must go - Jesus has commanded us to go - into the world to proclaim His gospel.

Scripture tells us that the fields are ripe unto harvest. Yet, many in the church are not serving in the Lord's harvest fields. The reason churches throughout America continue to decline and plateau is because they are asleep; they have not awakened.

They have not awakened because they are still following the ways of this earthly, temporal life. Believers have not awakened to the reality that life is not about self but is all about knowing God and helping others to know Him.

Therefore, the church must awaken to personal holiness. We will never reach our state, nation and world with the gospel if we do not first experience awakening in our own hearts.

Awakening comes when the church puts on Christ, which means forsaking sinful, fleshly desires and pursuing that which brings honor and glory to Christ. We must plead for God to awaken our hearts to the desperate condition of those who live without hope; we must be burdened for lost people.

The world in which we live is dark and sinful. Yet, the problem is not with the world; the problem is that those who know the Light of the World continue to keep the light hidden from the world. We must start living as salt and light, so that our lives reflect the beauty of our Savior. We will never see a harvest until we begin walking with the Lord and seeking Him above all else.

The Bible tells us that even while we were sinners God loved us, and He demonstrated that love by sending His Son to die on a cross so that we could be forgiven. The world has never know a greater love than this. May we never stop being thankful for such a wondrous love and for our salvation.

The world desperately needs to know the Savior. May God awaken our hearts so that we may go forth into the harvest fields and, by God's grace, expand His Kingdom.

We are praying that this gathering will mark the beginning of a great revival and spiritual awakening among NC Baptists all across the state.

2013 BIBLE DRILL

Registration of Drillers: Mail in-March 18, 2013 Online -March 25, 2013
To register your church, go to www.ncbibleddrill.org by November 1, 2012

Regional Drill (closest): April 13, 2013 Flint Hill Baptist, Shelby
State Finals: (for youth, high school, speakers) May 11, 2013 Abbotts Creek Missionary Church, High Point

Nationals: June 21, 2013

For more info, call Deborah Robson, BSC Bible Drill Ministry Coor., at 1-800-395-5102 ext 5652.