

Church News...

Thank you for praying for the following churches during this time of pastoral transition:



Montford Cove, Oak Ridge, Piney Knob, Pleasant Grove, Rock Springs, Spindale First and West Memorial

Montford Cove...has called Rev. Allen Hall as interim pastor.

Pleasant Grove has called Rev. Dan Wallace as interim pastor.

Spencer...NC Baptist Singers & Orchestra, April 21 (see ad. elsewhere in this newsletter)

"Take Friday Off"

On Friday, May 2, 11am - 2pm the Firehouse Inn in Rutherfordton is featuring Eva Marie Everson, Christian author, and Sharon Decker, founder of The Tapestry Group, for encouragement, ideas, fun, great friends and lunch. \$45, register today at www.thetapestrygroup.com

Higher Praise... is a team of 7 women made up of 3 denominations. Their common mission is to spread God's word through worship and song. With a wide variety of music: praise and worship, southern gospel, traditional and contemporary, this team is available for any type of music ministry. Demos are available upon request. For bookings call Tammy Higgins at (828)248-2658 (home) or (828)289-7442 (cell).

SeniorFest at Mars Hill College

Thursday, April 17, 2008

9AM to 2:30 PM

Worship music by Mars Hill Music Dept.

Speaker, Rev. Stan Welch, pastor West Asheville Baptist Church

Small group sessions on various topics

Lunch with Bailey Mtn. Cloggers & Dr. Clay Warf of the NC Bapt. Foundation

Cost \$10 per person ~ Reservations due by April 11, 2008

For more information call (828)689-1276 ~ Regis. forms at GRBA office

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity in 2008

The local Habitat for Humanity will sponsor in 2008 a Faithworks Coalition of Churches that will be responsible for building and help with funding of a house for a family in the county. This will be the fifth year for this coalition that has brought together various churches throughout the county. In 2007 four GRBA churches participated: Lake Lure, Mount Vernon, Rutherfordton Second and Rutherfordton First Baptist. You can contact the Habitat office at 248-3178 and get information

Church Building Conference

FBC Statesville on April 10, 8am - 4:15pm

TOPICS: *Church Building Basics, Master Site Planning, Steps in the Building Process, Designing Worship & Education Space, Family Life Centers, Designing Worship Centers for Small and Large Churches (Contemporary and Traditional), Future Planning* and much more.

Each church will receive a free copy of Planning and Building Church Facilities by Gwenn McCormick. The cost is \$20.00 per person which includes lunch and conference materials. Pre-register by mailing check, made payable to BSC, to Faye Edwards, Church Building Planning, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.

For more info., call 1-800-395-5102 or (919) 467-5100 ext 5646 or e-mail fedwards@ncbaptist.org.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Green River Baptist Association, Inc.
668 North Washington Street
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Associational Prayer for our Churches

Week 1: Main Street
Rev. Rick Brewer

Week 2: Montford Cove
No pastor

Week 3: Mount Vernon
Rev. Jim Whitlow

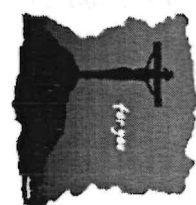
Week 4: Mountain Creek
Rev. James Daves

Week 5: Mountain View (P)
Rev. Bobby West

The old time pastor was galloping down the road, rushing to get to church on time. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground. In the dirt with a broken leg, the pastor called out, "All you saints in Heaven, help me get up on my horse!" Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse's back and fell off the other side.

Once again on the ground, he called to Heaven, "All right, just half of you this time!"

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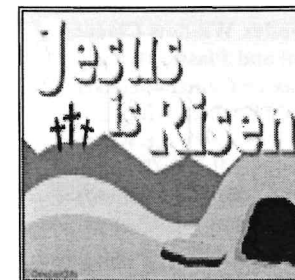
Rest Stop Ministry

In March the following volunteers hosted the Rest Stop: Calvary, Cane Creek, Chimney Rock, Green Hill, Mountain Creek, Rock Springs and West Point.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, CALL THE OFFICE. 286-9278

ITEMS NEEDED: *COFFEE (decaf) *COOKIES (sugar free & reg.)
*CANNED SOFT DRINKS (diet & regular)

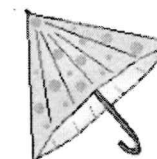
Thank you for your contributions



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

April 2008 Newsletter



April Calendar

- 7 6:30 pm "Getting the Straight on Long Term Care", Spindale FBC
- 8 12 N Minister's Conference/ Luncheon, GRBA Resource Center
- 28 5:30pm Meal, 7:00pm Quarterly Meeting, Spencer Baptist Church

Rev. Billy Honeycutt
Director of Missions

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Quarterly Association Meeting

Monday, April 28

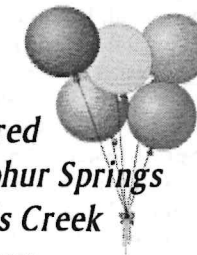
Spencer Baptist Church

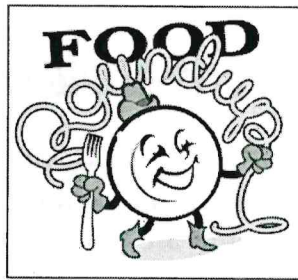
Meal: 5:30 pm Program: 7:00 pm

- ♦ Annual sermon by Rev. Rick Brewer
- ♦ Various committees reporting
- ♦ Minister's Choir

April Birthdays

- 1 Rev. Frank Hollifield retired
- 7 Rev. Ron Boone Sulphur Springs
- 7 Mrs. Natalie Hay Bill's Creek
- 13 Mrs. Tracy Dill Gilkey
- 16 Rev. Gene Daggerhart Chimney Rock
- 21 Rev. John Perry Southern
- 24 Rev. Clifford Bradshaw retired
- 25 Rev. Ernest Poston retired
- 29 Mrs. Sherri Daggerhart Chimney Rock
- 29 Rev. Ray Hooper retired
- 29 Dr. Charles Cobb retired





The Month of APRIL has been designated for the Baptist Children's Homes 2008 Food/Supply Roundup

- NEEDED ITEMS:**
NOTE: Most needed items are in bold.
- Food/ Cooking Items:**
- ___ Canned Fruits
 - ___ Fruit Cocktail
 - ___ Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
 - ___ Dry Cereal
 - ___ Spaghetti Sauce
 - ___ Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
 - ___ Canned Tomatoes diced, sauce, paste)
 - ___ Pancake Mix and Syrup
 - ___ Soups (Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken, Chicken Broth, Beef Broth)
 - ___ Sugar (Granulated & Brown)
 - ___ Splenda
 - ___ Popcorn, Kettle Corn
 - ___ Apple Sauce
 - ___ Fruit Pie Filling (Cherry, Peach)
 - ___ Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
 - ___ Bottled Water
 - ___ Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
 - ___ Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams
 - ___ Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, chicken - packed in water)
 - ___ Stuffing Mix
 - ___ Gravy Mixes
 - ___ Tuna, Chicken, & Hamburger Helper
 - ___ Pickles (Sweet, Dill, Sweet Relish)
 - ___ Refried Beans
 - ___ Hot Chocolate Mix
 - ___ Snack Foods (Fruit Rollups,

- Fruit Cups, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, Rice Krispies Treats, Vanilla Wafers, etc.)
- ___ Health Snack Foods (Dried Fruit, Raisins, Cranraisins)
- ___ Individual Cookie Packs
- ___ Jello
- ___ PopTarts
- ___ Rice
- ___ Instant Potatoes
- ___ Banana Muffin Mix
- ___ Bisquick Mix
- ___ Kidney Beans
- ___ Baked Beans
- ___ Pickle Relish
- ___ Cranberry Sauce
- ___ Mac & Cheese
- ___ Corn Meal
- ___ Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- ___ Potatoes
- ___ Hush Puppy Mix
- ___ Peanut Butter
- ___ Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is their favorite)
- ___ Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- ___ Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers
- ___ Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Worcestershire)
- ___ Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- ___ Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour Sauce
- ___ Brownie & Cookie Mix
- ___ Canned Vegetables
- ___ Soups (Tomato, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable)
- ___ Hot Dog Chili
- ___ Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- ___ Coffee Creamer
- ___ Sweetened Condensed Milk
- ___ Evaporated Milk
- ___ Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)
- ___ French Fried Onions
- ___ Honey
- ___ Ketchup
- ___ Mustard
- ___ Oatmeal
- ___ Parmesan Cheese
- ___ Puddings
- ___ Salsa
- ___ Vinegar
- Non-Food Items:
- ___ Paper Products (Towels, toilet paper, Kleenex)
- ___ Dishwashing detergent (Cascade, Jet Dry, Ivory, Dawn)
- ___ Washing Powder or Liquid (Tide, Cheer, Ajax, Arm & Hammer (allergen free)
- ___ Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- ___ Brooms, Mops, scrub Brushes
- ___ Clorox Bleach
- ___ Clorox II Cleaner

- ___ Windex Window Cleaner
- ___ Foil and Plastic Wrap
- ___ Ajax or Comet Cleanser
- ___ Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware)
- ___ Furniture Polish (Pledge, Murphy's Oil, Kleen Guard)
- ___ Lysol Spray and Cleaner
- ___ Pine Sol Floor Cleaner
- ___ Shout Pre-Wash Spray
- ___ Chapstick
- ___ Soft Scrub
- ___ SOS Pads
- ___ Spray and Wash
- ___ Tilex Mildew Remover
- ___ Trash Bags (large & small)
- ___ Zip-Loc bags (Quart & Gallon Sizes)
- ___ Band Aids
- ___ Hand Lotion
- ___ Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide
- ___ Razors
- ___ Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- ___ Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel
- ___ Bug Repellent
- ___ Wasp/Hornet Spray
- ___ Sunblock 30+
- ___ Batteries (AA and AAA)

Gift Cards are greatly appreciated to buy perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles)

We can use all size cans, however most campuses prefer #10 cans (family size).

Please check for expired dates on food.

Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Most needed items are bolded.

The items we are constantly running out of are canned fruit, fruit juices, cereal, paper towels, and laundry detergent.

Please bring your items preferably in small sturdy boxes to the Association Resource Center...

NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MAY 6.

**Alan Williams
Coordinator
(800) 476-3669 ext. 1277**

On Saturday April 19, 2008, a statewide missions blitz known as "Operation In As Much", is being sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men. The goal is to have Baptists in every county in the state involved in various mission projects on that day. Go to www.ncoperationinasmuch.org for more information.

The Family Support Resource Team is planning an event for Monday, April 7 at 6:30 pm, First Baptist Church, Spindale in conjunction with the Baptist Retiree-N.C., the Department of Social Services and Hospice entitled "Getting the Straight on Long Term Care". The focus of the event will be to help individuals or families who are considering a retirement community, independent living or skilled care for themselves or a family member in order to understand all the requirements and dynamics that make up that decision and process. This information will be presented in such a manner that it will apply to any place that a person may consider. The FSRT invites anyone from our churches to attend. Light snacks will be served beginning at 6 pm. Call the office by noon on April 7 to indicate how many from your church will be attending.

Our April Quarterly Associational Meeting will be held on Monday, April 28 at Spencer Baptist Church in Spindale. There will be a meal that will be served from 5:30 -6:45 pm in the Family Life Center. The session will begin at 7 PM in the sanctuary. Reports from the Nominating Committee, Committee on Committees and Budget Committee will be some of the business items. Rev. Rick Brewer, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church will bring the annual sermon and the worship music will be offered by the ministers choir.

Thanks for your expressions of support and for your prayers for the Association.

Billy

**North Carolina Baptist Assembly
"Kairos: A Special Moment in Time"
Spring Youth Retreat 2008
April 11-13**

Check-in & Regis. Time: Friday at 5pm; Check-out: 11am on Sunday
Cost is \$95 per person

Make checks payable and mail to: North Carolina Baptist Assembly, 100 Caswell Beach Road, Oak Island, NC 28465.

Spaces are filled on a first come basis.

For reservations call (910) 278-9501 or for questions on housing or programming call Aaron Hinton at (910) 278-9501 or e-mail ahinton@fortcaswell.com.

For more details see www.fortcaswell.com.

North Carolina Baptist Men Opportunities in '08

- NCBM DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING on May 16-17. Location: Lincoln County. Training will be offered for Basic \$35, Advanced \$20, Cross trainer \$30 and Recertification \$20. Pre-registration required. For Regis. info., call Mary Mountz (800) 395-5102x5606. Regis. form is available at GRBA office.
- OPERATION INASMUCH, a hands-on one-day missions blitz for churches to reach out to their community in service and witness, on April 19. For more information go to www.ncoperationinasmuch.org or call Gaylon Moss at (800) 395-5102 ext. 5605

Contact the Association office for more information or call North Carolina Baptist Men at 1-800-395-5102 ext 5607.

2008 WMU Event

April 4-6 MISSIONS EXTRAVANZA at Ridgecrest, sponsored by NCWMU
Friday: Regis. 1PM, 2:30PM Missions & More begins with activities until 8:30 PM

Saturday: Morning Session 9 AM, last session 8:45 PM

Sunday: Morning Sessions 8:15-10:45

The M&Ms (Missions & More) at Missions Extravaganza will focus on "Living on the Edge for God." The categories will be: Missionaries, Adults (WOM and Adults on Mission) Students (Acteens and Youth on Mission), WMU Preschool (Mission Friends), Children (GAs & Child. in Action) Young Women—specifically for ages 18-30, General Interest.

Camp Mundo Vista

Girls camp for Girls in Action and Acteens, located in Asheboro, NC, will begin June 11, 2008 with week long camps for girls and weekend Mother/Daughter overnight camping. Great setting for teaching girls about missions and watching God work in their lives to call them to missions.

North Carolina Baptist Singers and Orchestra

Monday, April 21, 2008, 6:45 PM
Spencer Baptist Church, Spindale

This 120 voice choir is composed of ministers of music and music leaders from across the state of N.C. The Concert will feature the choral group, the men's chorus, the women's chorus and the orchestra. These are the finest of musicians from across our state who come from our Baptist Churches. You will want to arrive early as the sanctuary will fill up. Come expecting a blessing from this night of sacred music.

For more info, call Kelly Settlemyre at 286-2355.

HOSPICE of Rutherford Co...VOLUNTEER TRAINING

April 14-16 from 10am-3pm at Hospice Hickory Nut Gorge Office, Suite 203 of the Arcade Building in Lake Lure, NC.

To register, call JoAnn Faulhaber (828) 6225-0365 or (828) 625-9652.

April 21-24 from 6-9pm at the Hospice Annette Cash Whitaker Center of Living, 374 Hudlow Rd, Forest City, NC

To register, call the Volunteer Coordinator. At (828) 245-0095.

Cost \$15 (to be refunded if you become an active volunteer)