



Newsletter  
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2025



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**Unified in 2025**

**Upcoming Associational Meeting:**

Monday, April 28th  
 Hosted at Lake Lure Baptist Church  
 6837 US 64/74a HWY, Lake Lure  
 Meal (provided by LLBC) @ 5:30pm  
Meeting Starts @ 6:45pm

Rev. Ethan Gardner (Pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church) will be preaching

Music will be led by the Lake Lure Baptist Church Worship Team

**Easter Events:**

April 12th @ 11:30am  
 Rock Springs Baptist Church  
 Easter Eggstravaganza  
 Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

April 12th @ 2pm  
 (April 19th Rain Date)  
 Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
 Rutherfordton  
 Easter Egg Hunt

April 19th @ 10am-Noon  
 Forest City First Baptist Church  
 Family Life Center  
 Easter Party & Egg Hunt

April 19th @ 1-3pm  
 Southern Baptist Church  
 Candy, Prizes, Egg-Drop, and  
 More Fun for the Whole Family!

**Christian Character Scholarship**

Apply Now!  
 Applications Available via  
 paper or email  
 April 30, 2025 Deadline!

**\*Current High School Seniors and Fruitland Students are Eligible to Apply**

**FULL PLATES, FULL HEARTS.**

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES IS ABLE TO PROVIDE MEALS AND THE MESSAGE OF JESUS TO CHILDREN.

**FOOD ROUNDUP**  
 BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

PARTICIPATE BY VISITING [BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG](http://BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG) OR CALL 336.474.1277

**Bring Your Donations to the GRBA Office by 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 29th**



**Breakfast with a Purpose**

Join us for a memorable morning with Shepherds College as we share how we equip individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to embrace their God-given potential and live with Appropriate Independence™.

**Saturday, May 17, 2025  
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**140 Church St, Rutherfordton, NC 28139  
(Christian Life Center)**

Enjoy a heartfelt gathering over breakfast, hear powerful stories of transformed lives, and discover the role you can play in making a lasting difference.

RSVP now! Text "May17" to 704-685-2540 to reserve your seat.



**GRBA Quarterly Associational Meetings**

*Visitors Welcome!*

Our Next Meetings are as Follows:

**July 28th, 2025 - Calvary Baptist Church  
October 27th, 2025 - Adaville Baptist Church; Guest Speaker: Todd Unzicker!!**

*Dates for 2026 to be announced next Quarter*

If you have not done so already, please send us your current church messengers for the year. If anyone needs to be added/removed, please call/email the office to do so. If you are not sure how many messengers your church can have, or who all is currently listed, please contact the office for more information.

**VBS Schedule**



June 4th-6th  
Meal 5:45pm; 6:15-8:20pm  
Ages 4-16  
Bill's Creek Baptist Church

June 8th-12th  
West Point Baptist Church



June 22nd-26th  
6:00-8:30pm  
Adaville Baptist Church

July 6th-10th  
6:00-8:30pm  
Ages 3Y-8th Grade  
2nd Baptist Church  
<http://2ndbc.tv/vbs>



July 7th-11th  
6:30-8:00pm  
Pre-K-5th  
Southern Baptist Church

July 21st-25th  
Ages 3Y-7th Grade  
Lake Lure Baptist Church  
Contact: Lilani Roos  
[office.llbc@aol.com](mailto:office.llbc@aol.com)



**Main Street Baptist Church**

**2025 Annual Car Show**

**Saturday, June 28th**  
**9:00am - 2:00pm**  
**327 E Main St, Spindale**

Registration ends at **NOON**: \$20/car

Prizes/Awards at 2:00pm

Top 25 & Best in Each Class

Lunch Available:  
Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Contact Jay Poole:  
**(828)289-8801**

**Please pray for these churches and pastors during your midweek service:**

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<b>Week 1:</b> <u>CrossLink</u> Rev. Tripp Queen	<b>Week 1:</b> <u>Green Hill</u> Rev. Matthew Moore	<b>Week 1:</b> <u>Montford Cove</u> Rev. Rodney Hellard
<b>Week 2:</b> <u>Fellowship</u> Rev. Raymond Byrd	<b>Week 2:</b> <u>Lake Lure</u> Rev. Anton Roos	<b>Week 2:</b> <u>Mount Vernon</u> Dr. David Jendrey
<b>Week 3:</b> <u>Forest City First</u> Dr. Garin Hill	<b>Week 3:</b> <u>Long Branch Rd</u> Rev. Jerry Ruppe	<b>Week 3:</b> <u>Mountain Creek</u> Rev. Brian Blanchette
<b>Week 4:</b> <u>Gilkey</u> Rev. Tony Pearson	<b>Week 4:</b> <u>Main Street</u> Rev. Dale Dubose	<b>Week 4:</b> <u>Mountain View</u> Rev. Eric Reedy

**Churches in need of Pastors**

- CALVARY BAPTIST:**  
224 Chimney Rock Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
- FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST:**  
210 Silvers Lake Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
- WEST MEMORIAL BAPTIST:**  
320 Piedmont Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
- WESTMINSTER BAPTIST:**  
348 Clements Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

**MONTHLY PASTORS' GATHERINGS**

**The *NEW* Schedule is:  
1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 11 am  
Meeting Dates:**

4/7	5/19	6/16
5/5	6/2	

**From the AMS's Desk:**

Greetings, Everyone! I hope that you are enjoying the first few days of Spring and the warmer temperatures that come along with it. I have been asked what my goal or mission for the GRBA is right now, so I want to share it with you. My prayer and goal for this year is that we will be unified in love, service, and in our faith like never before. What does it mean to be unified in this way? First, we should be unified in love. Jesus was asked in Matthew 22:36-39, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." How much more will it impact Rutherford County and beyond when they see us unified in our love toward God and others?

Second, we should be unified in service. While each individual church of the Green River Baptist Association can make a tremendous impact through their service to the community, how much more impact can we make when we work together. The Soup Kitchen would not be able to feed the people they feed without multiple churches and individuals being unified in service. The Disaster Relief work we accomplished would not have been nearly as large and impactful without our churches coming together to serve. My desire is to find more ways for the churches of the GRBA to serve our communities together in powerful ways for the sake of the Gospel!

Third, we should be unified in faith. Paul summarized this in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." While this is the foundation of our faith, there are other doctrines that matter deeply to Southern Baptists.

This is one of the main reasons that the Leadership Team and I are presenting to the messengers at the GRBA Quarterly Meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> that we adopt the Baptist Faith & Message 2000 as our statement of faith. This would unify us within some doctrinal guardrails that help to ensure that we can stand shoulder-to-shoulder in service to our county and beyond. Adopting this statement of faith will build unity, but not uniformity. While the BF&M is crystal clear on many issues, it is a wide tent for those who disagree on tertiary matters. You can find the BF&M online at <https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>. Please take a few minutes to check it out.

Alexandra and I are here for you. Please reach out to us if we can help in any way. I'll close with this passage of Scripture. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).