

# Church News...

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



**Camp Creek, Mount Vernon, Oak Ridge, Rock Springs, Spindale First, West Memorial**

**Green Hill...** will be hosting an evening prayer time at the Rest Stop building on November 25-29 from 6-7pm each evening. The building is located at the corner of Darlington Road and Hwy 221 N. Public welcome. Terry Brooks, pastor

**Mount Vernon...** will celebrate their 175 Anniversary on November 4. Jim Whitlow, Interim

**Rutherfordton First...** Nov. 30-Dec. 1, will be presenting the drama/musical "Christmas at Uncle Phil's Diner". Dean Baughn, pastor.

## BAPTIST CHILDREN' HOMES of NORTH CAROLINA

2007 Offering Theme  
"Love + Give = Hope"  
State Goal: \$1.4 million

### Budget for 2007-2008

The Association adopts the budget for the year at the July Quarterly Associational Meeting so that when October 1 arrives, this is in place. For the year October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008, some \$25,300.00 or 14.75% of the total will be going to Missions Emphasis. The breakdown on this is as follows:

Cooperative Program	\$600.00
Disaster Recovery/Handyman Ministry	700.00
Grace of God Rescue Mission	500.00
Iglesia Bautista Cristo Vive	11,500.00
Radio Ministry	1,000.00
096 Prison Ministry	500.00
Woman's Missionary Union	1,000.00
Resort Area Missions	2,000.00
Rest Stop Ministry	1,500.00
Mountain State Fair Ministry	1,800.00
West Memorial Deaf Chapel	1,000.00
New Hispanic Mission	3,200.00

The Budget Committee over the years has seen the importance of the Association as a mission funded entity as also being a mission supporting entity as well. At the Quarterly Association Meetings suggestions are made that churches consider contributing 4-5% of their undesignated offerings for Associational Missions. Figures over the years supplied by the churches indicate that this percentage giving will fund the budget of the Association. Our churches for years have demonstrated support for the budget as all churches give to the budget. This has been true for some 17-18 years. The support by each church is appreciated and needed as much now as ever.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Associational Prayer for our Churches

**Week 1: Rfdtn. Second**  
**Dr. Keith Stephenson**

**Week 2: Southern**  
**Rev. John Perry**

**Week 3: Spencer**  
**Rev. Billy Vaughn**

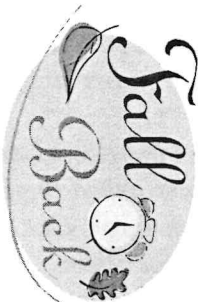
**Week 4: Spindale First**  
**Rev. Andy Evans (I)**

Listen to...  
"NEWS OF THE GRBA"  
on WCAB 590 AM  
Sundays 7:45 AM



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Sunday, November 4



## Rest Stop Ministry



In October the following volunteers hosted the Rest Stop: Calvary, Cane Creek, Green Hill, Mountain Creek and West Point. Thanks to Sam Davis of West Point BC for a load of firewood.

**MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

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

## November 2007 Newsletter

**Rev. Billy Honeycutt**  
Director of Missions

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## November Calendar

- 5 Baptist World Day of Prayer (see below)
- 12-14 BSC Annual Meeting, Greensboro
- 11-18 Week of Prayer for Baptist Children's Homes
- 16 6:30pm Minister's Holiday Banquet, Piney Knob BC
- 19 7pm Gulfport Mission trip meeting, GRBA office
- 22-23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

## World Day of Prayer

November 5  
10 AM Mountain Creek  
7 PM Mountain View (Rfd.)  
(Bring lotion for women's prison)

Minister's Holiday Banquet  
Friday, November 16 6:30pm  
Piney Knob Baptist Church



**Baptist State Convention**  
**Annual Session**  
**November 12-14, '07**  
**Greensboro, N.C.**

## Happy Birthday

- |    |                       |                     |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 3  | Mrs. Karen Apple      | Mount Vernon        |
| 4  | Mrs. Jean Nodine      | Rock Springs        |
| 7  | Mrs. Frances Sheppard | retired             |
| 21 | Rev. Richard Wall     | Piney Knob          |
| 22 | Rev. Paul Crawford    | retired             |
| 22 | Mrs. Debbie Brewer    | Main Street         |
| 23 | Mrs. Barbara Perry    | Southern            |
| 24 | Mrs. Beth Heffner     | Rutherfordton First |



**The Rutherford County Chorus presents...THE MESSIAH**

An Oratorio by George F. Handel

Directed by Malone Thomason Organist: Timothy Scruggs

**Thursday, December 6 at 8:00 pm**

**Spencer Baptist Church, Spindale, NC**

**Rehearsals are Mon-Tues, Dec 3-4, 7:30 PM**

**Spencer Baptist Church**

Come and enjoy the 30th presentation of this inspiring music!

**Ole Time Country Fair**

**Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Forest City**

**Saturday, November 3, 9:00 am - until...**

*(rain date 11/10/07)*

Carnival rides, cotton candy/snow balls, country fair ribbon judging, clowns/games & bingo, face painting/hair weaving, crafts, country store, canned goods, bake sale, door prizes

**GOSPEL SINGING 7 pm (inside church)**

hickory smoked barbeque, hotdogs, french fries, corn on the cob

**New singing and testimony ministry "JC & COMPANY"**

Craig W. Ledford, former director of the Christian musical ministry "Share," has been called into this new ministry. Craig is a member of Race Path Baptist Church, Ellenboro. If you need reference info., please contact Rev. Lance Scarlett at 453-8256. Please call Craig regarding a worship program at your church or gathering at (828) 453-8804 or e-mail him at [gospelsongwriter@gmail.com](mailto:gospelsongwriter@gmail.com). His web address is <http://www.CraigWLedford.com>.

**ANNUAL HOMECOMING SINGING AT ICC**

**"A Christmas Homecoming"**

**Saturday, December 1 6:00 pm**

**with In His Glory quartet**

**Isothermal Community College**

**Baptist Men's Regional Meeting**

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Fairview Baptist Church

Statesville, N.C

**Rfd. Co. Youth Ministers  
Monthly Fellowship**

Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Sandy Run Baptist Resource Center.

**Open to all youth ministers.**

Call Howie Lederfind at (828) 249-7968.

**D.A.S.H - A support group  
for families of drug addicts**

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 7pm in West Point Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Contact

Lou Ann Hodge at 286-9993.

**Lou Ann and her daughter are available to speak to church groups.**

**From the Director of Missions**

*On Sunday, October 21, I participated with Iglesia Bautista Cristo Vive and Chase Baptist Church in the ordination of Miguel Rodriguez who is working with the new Hispanic Mission that Cristo Vive is sponsoring that meets at Chase Baptist Church. The Baptist State Convention, Sandy Run and Green River Associations are also supporting this new mission. What a blessing this service was. The music was joyful as we sang in Spanish and English. I gave the charge to the church and it was translated by Gloria Contreras. The laying on of hands to bless Miguel as he commits his life to ministry was a very moving time. Miguel recounted for the congregation how God had worked in his life and changed him by His grace and the salvation that is offered in Jesus Christ. It was a blessing to be a part of this service.*

*There is room for others to go to Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 2-8 as we participate in the final weeks of Katrina Recovery by North Carolina Baptist Men. See the article in this newsletter for details and consider going.*

*Sunday, November 4 will be a great day of celebration and thanksgiving at Mount Vernon Baptist Church as they observe their 175th anniversary. Organized in 1832, the church has ministered in their community, in and through the Association and around the world all of these years. We congratulate Mount Vernon as they reach this milestone in their service to our Lord.*

*All ministers of our churches, retired ministers and spouses are invited to attend the Minister's Holiday Banquet on Friday, November 16, 6:30 PM at Piney Knob Baptist Church on Piney Knob Road north of Gilkey. A guest speaker is being arranged. Dr. Kenneth Ridings will be the guest speaker. A letter will be sent to our ministers in early November for reservations. This banquet combines the November and December minister's conference.*

*Christy Ferree and Chris Melton have completed the Resort Area Missions ministry for this year. The campground owners asked them to provide services some weekends in September and through Oct. 21. We thank them for their service and for your prayers for them. Also, during the summer, Lake Lure Baptist Church lead services at one of the campgrounds and their leadership is appreciated.*

*As we come into November, let us be thankful to our Lord for his grace, goodness and blessings and to help us be instruments of these in His hands.*

*Thanks for your prayers for the Association.*

**Billy**

**Book your  
YOUTH WEEKEND EVENT**

Fellowship of Christians United in Service (FOCUS) is a student-led retreat program of Gardner-Webb University's Campus Ministries United, led by 6-10 college students designed to assist you in your ministry needs. From Friday evening until after lunch on Sunday and prepared

to lead the Sunday morning service, the team ask that a love offering be received to help pay for gas and supplies. Also a \$50 deposit along with your reservation and a completed "Church Information Sheet" will secure a team for your church. For more information call Teresa Davis at GWU (704) 406-4277 or e-mail [focus@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:focus@gardner-webb.edu).

**New Beginnings Soup Kitchen** continues to be in need of more volunteers to help with food preparation for their Wednesday evening meals. There are approximately 400 people per week who receive a meal through this ministry. Meals are prepared in the former motel building located next to our office building. Call Ginger Ruppe at 286-7692 to volunteer or for more information.

**Pastor Leadership Retreats  
"He restores, He renews, He leads"**

Sponsored by the Vital Ministry Leadership Community of Congregational Services and funded through Cooperative Program Missions giving, this retreat is designed for pastors actively engaged in leading their congregations to fall in love with God all over again and commit themselves anew to taking that next step in their spiritual journey with Him.

**November 5-7, 2007 at Hollifield Leadership Center**  
(begins on Monday at 3pm and ends on Wednesday at 1pm following lunch)

To register, go on-line to [www.northcarolinabaptists.org](http://www.northcarolinabaptists.org) and click on Congregational Services, look for link to Pastor Leadership Retreats and register for the learning experience of choice. Or contact Linda Kreiter at [lkreiter@bscnc.org](mailto:lkreiter@bscnc.org) or 800-395-3102 ext 437.

**Protecting our Church and Children:  
What church leaders must know**

...a free online resource available at [www.bscnc.org](http://www.bscnc.org)>Church Ministries>Preschool and Children>Protecting our Church and Children

...or for a hard copy at \$5 each for BSCNC churches/members and \$10 for all others, contact Faye Edwards by email at [fedwards@bscnc.org](mailto:fedwards@bscnc.org), by phone at 1-800-395-5102 ext 433 or by fax at 919-460-1746.

**Contents: \*Why do You Need to Protect your Church and Children \*Leadership \*Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect in NC \*Safety \*Security \*Hygiene \*Policies \*Resources \*Forms and Procedures**

Make checks payable to: BSCNC.  
Mail to: Faye Edwards, BSC, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107

**Katrina Hurricane Relief/Ministry**

As of January 1, 2008, the work of Baptist Men of N.C. in Gulfport will be concluded. Green River Baptist Association is planning a trip December 2-8 to help reach the goal of rebuilding 700 houses. Men and women are welcome to go. Our registration needs to be in by Friday, Nov. 9 so we can be in contact with the BSC to get our assignments and arrangements for housing can be finalized. Cost will be \$10 per day for meals per person, plus cost of meals while traveling. Cost for fuel is provided. The group will travel all day on Sunday, Dec. 2., work Monday-Friday and travel all day on Saturday, Dec. 8 to return home. The Association disaster recovery trailer is in Gulfport and will be brought home as well. Call the office at 828-286-9278 or email at [grba@bellsouth.net](mailto:grba@bellsouth.net) to get registered. Monday, Nov. 19, 7 PM at GRBA office will be a meeting of those registered to review details of the trip. At this time the following are registered: Roger Moore, Thad Wall, Mary Maples, Hugh and Jane Cole, Wayne Blackwood and Billy Honeycutt.