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# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association



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REV. LESTER EVANS STATE MISSIONS

REV. DAVID BLACKBURN ON MISSION CELEBRATION

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REV. TOMMY GRAYBEAL ANNUAL MEETING MESSAGE

The 2002/2003 Minute Book for the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated

## In Honor of Rev. Bill Ballou



William Cecil (Bill) Ballou was born in Coalwood. West Virginia to E. Ward and Bertha Austin Ballou on January 6, 1926. His family returned to Ashe County, North Carolina when Bill was a child and he grew up in the Old Fields Creek Community of Grassy Creek. His formal education was completed at Healing Springs School in the Crumpler Community where he first met his childhood sweetheart, Opal Lyalls. They would eventually marry but prior to their marriage Bill spent a tour of duty with the United States Army during World War II. Inducted into service in May of 1944, Bill was trained to be an infantryman and sent to fight in Europe. During the long and costly Battle of the Bulge, Bill and his company were surrounded by German soldiers and ultimately forced to surrender to avoid starvation or certain death at the hands of

the enemy. His capture came on January 8, 1945, just two days after his 19th birthday. The following months would find him incarcerated as a prisoner of war in Stalag 4B, Muhlberg, Germany where he witnessed the daily deaths of many fellow soldiers. Pneumonia was a common cause of death in the POW camp and toward the latter part of his captivity, Bill too contracted the illness that could easily have ended his life. He and his fellow POW's were ordered to move from Muhleberg to another concentration camp as the Allied Forces were advancing toward victory. On that forced march the German guards learned of Allied Troops in the area and abandoned their captives, choosing to flee rather than face the wrath of the Allies. Bill was taken to France where he was hospitalized for his pneumonia and a body covered in open, oozing sores. He tells of being attended by a young German soldier who had been taken prisoner by the Allies and assigned to work in this particular hospital helping to care for wounded or ill Allied soldiers. Bill stayed in that hospital for several weeks until he had sufficiently recovered to make the trip home. Once back in the States he found his way home to his parents and to his childhood sweetheart, Opal. His Mother would often recall the letter she had received from the War Department telling of her first born being missing in action. On August 21 of 1945, having made their decision to wed, Bill and Opal were driven to the home of Rev. E.Z. Sexton by Opal's brother Arvel where they made their intentions known to Mrs. Sexton. She sent Bill to the fields where her husband was cradling oats and Rev. Sexton stopped his work to come to the house and perform the marriage ceremony. Bill and Opal's life together would see four children born to them between 1948 and 1953; all born at Ashe Memorial Hospital although the young couple had by then moved to Winston-Salem. Bill worked at Western Electric and attended Barber School while Opal worked for Hanes Hosiery. The family returned to Ashe County while the children were still young and before the youngest child had entered school. First born

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was Sylvia who is married to Tom Bower and they currently reside in Fayetteville, GA. Next, was Sheila who now lives in Jefferson after having lived in Athens, GA, Clemson, SC, and Herndon, VA with her husband, Doug Phillips, who died in 1988. Third born was Larry who lives in the Friendship Community with his wife Dianne. Lanny was the last of the four children and he resides in Jefferson with his wife Betty. Each of the four children and their spouses helped grow the Ballou family by having children of their own and making Bill and Opal grand-parents of seven wonderful and successful young adults. The family continues to grow as the grandchildren are now marrying and starting their families and as of this writing, Bill and Opal are great-grandparents three times over with hopes for many more. The grandchildren all have fond memories of going to Mamaw and Papaw's (the Associational Parsonage) where the family gathered for special occasions and holidays. Bill served the Ashe Baptist Association faithfully for twenty-two years and took special joy in visiting each of the churches of the Association many times over the course of his career as Director of Missions.

Upon retirement from the Associational Office, Bill and Opal moved to the Friendship Community where they still reside and enjoy visits from their many friends from all the churches of the Association. Bill's first post-retirement work came as pastor of Big Flatts Baptist Church. From there he went on to serve the Healing Springs Baptist Church, a special work of love because it took Bill back to his childhood neighborhood where he went to school and built so many early friendships as a student. Following the pastorate at Healing Springs, he went on to serve as pulpit supply for several churches and eventually returned to the church of his childhood, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. He served there as pastor until early 2003 and now again makes himself available to supply for churches without pastors. It is still common to hear that Bill is singing for funeral services and speaking at revival services. The churches of the Ashe Baptist Association have continued to show their love and appreciation for this native son as he continues to stand in the gap for our Lord and Savior. Throughout his ministry Bill could always count on the steadfast love and support of his wife, Opal. A quiet and gentle woman, Opal always made sure Bill was polished and pressed as he went about his work. She served faithfully alongside her husband and today enjoys visiting with Bill in the churches of the Association and renewing old acquaintances. Together, Bill and Opal, now have the opportunity to enjoy their retirement years in anticipation of someday hearing the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servants." Their attitude toward the people of the Ashe Baptist Association has been and continues to be one of gratitude. They appreciate all you have done for them. They welcome your calls and visits to their home in the Friendship Community. It seems only fitting that Bill and Opal would settle in a community that depicts what they feel for you and what they hope you feel for them: Friendship.

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### In Memory of Mr. Allen Wayne Jones



Wayne was born September 6, 1952 to Hoyt and Winnie Pugh Jones. He was the 4th of 5 children. He began his Christian walk at an early age, grew up in Ashe County, and graduated from Ashe Central High School in 1970. On December 16, 1972, he married Miss. Marie Houck. On October 25, 1974 the Lord blessed them with a son, Mark.

Wayne began working at AnvilBrand in Independence, VA in 1970 and later went to work for Thomasville Furniture where he would work until 1997 when forced to retirement with health problems.

He was ordained as Deacon at Pleasant home Baptist Church in 1982 and faithfully served until his death. In

1987 he was diagnosed with leukemia and began a 15 year battle that claimed his life October 5, 2002.

Wayne loved people and had never met a stranger. Though often worn down from his illness, Wayne never complained. His first love was always serving the Lord. He loved to sing and play guitar, his voice has brought a lot of joy to those who heard him sing. He also loved working with wood and building beautiful things.

Wayne was a devoted Christian, a loving husband and father, and a faithful friend to the very end. His life leaves behind a beautiful testimony to all of us who loved him so much.

#### IN MEMORIAL

# MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2002/2003



Landmark Baptist Laurel Knob Baptist

Little Helton Baptist Midway Baptist

Mount Olive Baptist

North Beaver Baptist

Oak Hill Baptist Obids Baptist

Old Fields Baptist

Phoenix Baptist Pine Swamp Baptist

Pleasant Home Baptist

Round Knob Baptist

Tuckerdale Baptist Warrensville Baptist

Welcome Home Baptist

Mrs. Hazel Denny Mr. Ervin Grubb Ms. Betty Grubb

Mrs. Wylene Testerman Mrs. (Ed) Louise Medley

Mr. Junior Taylor
Ms. Mary Rose
Mr. Dennis Hamilton
Mr. Charles Styles
Mr. Elmer Carr
Mr. Carl Sheets
Mr. Jack Surber

Ms. Sylvia Surber Mrs. Virgina Surber Mr. Jerry Gilley Ms. Monica Martin Mr. Malcom Driggers Mrs. Josie Combs

Ms. Mae Faw
Ms. Edna Parsons
Mr. Warren Goodman
Mr. Emmet Phillips
Mrs. Mabel Cheek
Mr. James Church

Mr. Lonnie Maynard Johnson Mr. Howard Blackburn

Ms. Jennie Hartzog

Mr. Wayne Jones (Deacon)

Mr. Stanley Young

Mrs. Wanda Collier (Church Pianist)

Mr. Wade Cox

Mr. Curtis Hartsoe (Deacon)

Mrs. Lura Shoaf Mr. Larry Lawrence Mr. Brian Lewis Mr. Vaughn McNeil Mr. David Shatley

#### IN MEMORIAL

#### MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2002/2003



Apple Grove Baptist Mrs. Shirley A. Miller Mr. Orvit W. Miller

Ms.Nancy Little **Bald Mountain Baptist** Mrs. Fave Goodman

Mr. Dean Lawrence (Deacon)

Mr. Jeff Scott

Beaver Creek Baptist Mr. Warren Goodman Jr. Mr. Gwyn Riley (Deacon)

Mrs. Vada Fldreth Mrs. Jovce Parsons Mr. Johnny Roten

(Deacon and Church Clerk)

Blue Ridge Mr. Gene Haire

Mr. Reggie Osborne (Deacon)

Mr. Sam Proctor Mrs. Gave Mahaffey Mrs. Georgia Bell Mr. Avery Turnmire Mrs. Rena Jones

Mrs. Thelma Woodard Mrs. Mae Johnson Mr. Ricky Howell Mr. Bower Severt

Ms. Dacie Hardin Mr. Joe Lyall Mr. Glenn Bare

Mrs. Deli Jane Marsh Mrs. Georgia Ballard Hagar Ms. Ella Catherine Marsh Mr. Raymond Nickerson

Mrs. Virginia Pierce Mr. Nick Blackburn Mr. Gary Howell Mrs. Jessie Hudler Mrs. Edith Lawson

Mr. Clifford Patrick

**Big Flatts Baptist** 

Big Laurel Baptist

**Bristol Baptist** 

Clifton Baptist

Fletcher Memorial Baptist Friendly Grove Baptist

Friendship Baptist

**Grassy Creek Baptist** Healing Springs Baptist

### **Healing Springs Baptist Church History**

In April 1888, a group of people met with the intentions of starting a church. They met on Saturday before the first Sunday. We do not have a record of the charter members or the location where they were meeting, but we do know that S. Blackburn and W.H. Childers presented a letter of motion. The motion was that S. Blackburn be received as a member, recognizing his credentials as an ordained minister with all the privileges of the same, and that W.H. Childers be received as a full member of the church. Millie Cockerham was the first candidate for Baptism and Thomas Johnston was received by application and recommendation. Brother Johnston recommended that Mrs. Blackburn be received into the church by application of her husband. There was a motion to elect a church clerk and treasurer. W.H. Brown was elected church clerk and treasurer and G.M. Burcham was elected pastor. A motion was made that the church at this place be named the Healing Springs Baptist Church. The church met on Saturday before the first Sunday of each month. They had preaching service before each business conference. The church doors were opened each conference for the reception of new members.

In July, 1888 the church secured a lot on which to build a church house (location not known). In the August meeting, the church voted to apply for membership into the association. It was unanimously decided for acceptance into the Ashe-Alleghany Association. By this time, the church had enough members to elect associational delegates to represent the church. W.H. Brown, Wells Blevins and G.W. Phillips were elected. In May 1889, the church decided to have communion. Members of Healing Springs sent messengers to the sister churches to invite them to take communion with them. This seems to have been a tradition for many years. By August, 1889, the church had trustees and the church gave them authorization to sell the lot they had secured to Frank Baker and to purchase a lot from Harrison Blackburn on the bluff near the river. In November, 1889 they decided on the building site and began work on it. The church members voted to cooperate with the State Board of Missions and pledged \$20.00 to the mission work. Money was hard to come by in the early church years. An offering was taken to purchase a pitcher and glass to be placed on the pulpit for the preacher. They collected 40 cents and the treasurer was instructed to make the purchase. In April 1893 one acre was purchased for a graveyard from J.C. Plumer.

In the earliest years of the church, Healing Springs had two doors – the ladies entered on the right and the men on the left. The church had foot washings. They also hosted the association with no fellowship hall. Temporary tables were set up all over the grounds and the people brought food to share. During these early years, the church members were disciplined for misbehavior. Fellowship would be withdrawn or the members that had misbehaved would have to stand before the church to answer charges brought against them. Some of the charges were unbecoming conduct, unchristian behavior, profaning the Name of God, engaging in fights, drinking too much whiskey, contempt of the church by leaving the church and joining another without the request for a letter of dismissal and recommendation. A committee might be sent to see if a couple was really married or living immorally. Some were charged for making claims against the church that were not right.

In 1922, the church sold the upstairs to Lodge 100F 344 and gave them equal rights to the hitching ground. In 1927, members of Healing Springs Baptist Church living in

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Chestnut Hill were granted permission to start or organize a mission so the people would not have to come so far. In 1932, the stairway, which was outside, was moved to the inside. In 1946, Jacob Phipps' homeplace was left to the church. The church was presented with the deed. This home was used for the church parsonage for many years. Healings Springs Baptist Church caught fire and burned twice. There is no information on the first time it burned except W.W. Blackburn, our DOM's grandfather, was instrumental in helping it get rebuilt. In 1974, the top burned. This fire started from an electric heater too close to the wall in the bathroom.

Healing Springs Baptist Church is a very loving fellowship where our guests feel welcome. Our members work hard to accomplish the tasks that God puts before us, seeking always to serve Him with a whole heart. We are growing, not only in number, but, more importantly, in spirit, as our faith is nurtured and challenged. Our music program is a blessing to the Crumpler community presenting three cantatas each year, with special music and singing on a regular basis. Our youth are active and growing and learning the importance of service. Our Ladies' Circle and Men's Bible Study meet on a monthly basis and are the backbone for the many activities of the church. We currently are involved in a stewardship drive to raise the necessary funds for the upkeep and renovations of the church buildings and grounds. We are thankful and excited about what God is doing in our midst.

Healing Springs has been faithfully served by the following pastors: G.C. Burcham (1888), D.W. Thomas, Elihu Tucker, Ezekiel Blevins (Salary: \$24.00/year), C.M. Mikel, J.M. Arnold, W.F. Barker, J.C. Blevins, J.O. Spencer, S.Coy Blackburn, W.E. Denny, Paul Phipps, Herbert Calwell, David Brown, Howard Moss, Herbert Parunak, Garrette Mahaffey, Dean Watson, John Goodman, Bill Ballou, Kevin Jones and David Jones (2001- Present).

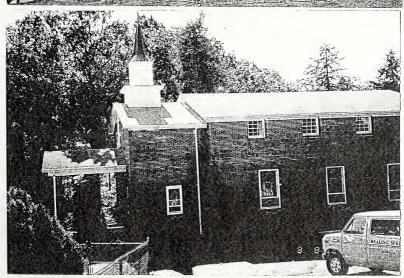
Respectfully Submitted,
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(Committee: Church History Research)



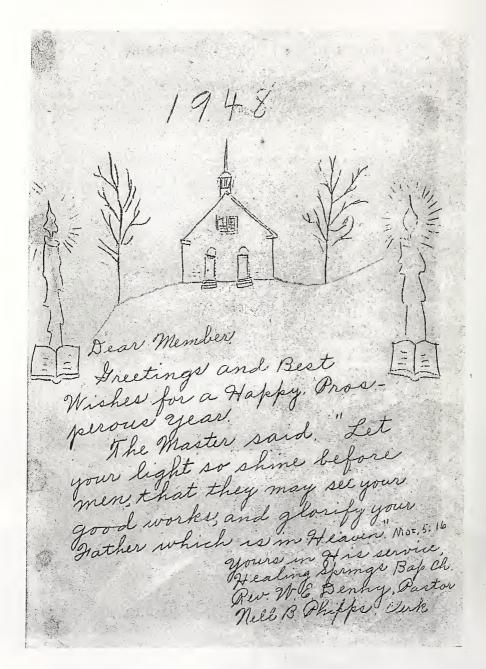
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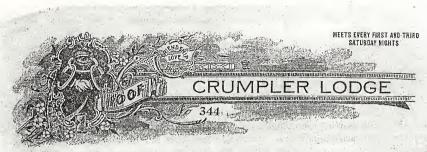




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Oct 28/1922.

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# A Condensed History of Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church Compiled by Colleen Campbell, Church Clerk

Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church is a Southern Baptist Church organized in 1953, but its roots go back as far as 1888, when Reverend James Floyd Fletcher organized Jefferson Baptist Church and served as its first minister. Records show that this Church disbanded circa 1916, and was not re-established until 1953.

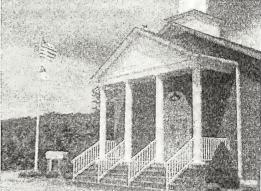
Rev. G. C. Burkett served as Pastor until he resigned June 3, 1956. In October of that year, Rev. W. T. Whittington was elected Pastor in September, 1963. In 1965, the Church officially adopted the name Jefferson First Baptist. When Rev. Bill Ballou accepted the position as Associational Mission Director in 1967, Rev. Ray Shumate was elected Pastor. After his resignation in 1971, Rev. Ernest Austin became Pastor in May, 1971. In 1972, the Church received a monetary donation from Alfred Fletcher in memory of his father, James Floyd Fletcher. The Church was completly renovated and re-named J.F. Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church.

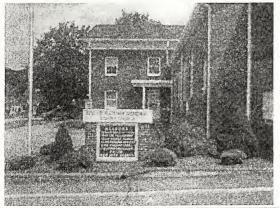
Others who have served as Pastor at J.F. Fletcher are Larry Lefler, Roy Roach, Dan Little, Gary Teague, Carroll Arant, and at present Jeff Vogler. Today the membership has grown to nearly 450, and long range plans to expand with a building program in order to serve the present growth as well as the expectations for continued growth in the future.

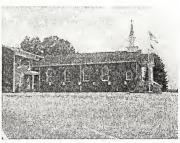


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Baptist Foundation
Baptist Hospital
Baptist Retirement Homes
Biblical Recorder
Christian Education
Foreign Missions
Home Missions
Pastor's Salary and Retirement
Southern Baptist Annuity
State Missions
Temperance and Public Morals

Bernard Bare
JoAnne Goodman
Durwin Elliott
Rev. Wayne Osborne
Robert D. Neaves
Rev. Lawrence Goodman
Rev. Alan Ambrose
Dr. Jim Rash
Rev. Bill Ballou
Rev. Tom Graybeal
Garner Blevins
Rev. Wayne Jones
Delmas Parker

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY MODERATOR

RESOULUTIONS COMMITTEE

Fred Walters- Chairman Jerry South Charles King

PREACHER/PLACE COMMITTEE

Lois Bare- Chairperson Harold Riddle Rev. Rick Miller

#### RULES OF ORDER:

- 1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer
- 2. When the Moderator calls the house to order, every member shall at once, take his seat.
- 3. When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and address the Moderator, and not proceed until he is recognized.
- No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body.
- It shall be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while any person is speaking.

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# Ashe Missionary Baptist Assocaition

# Ashe Baptist Income 07/01/02 - 06/30/03

640.48					
1 1 1		640.48	350.00	990.48	Christian Action League
- 1	-	-	200.00	200.00	Challenge 2000 acct closed
	-	-	144.25	144.25	Sales tax refund
	-	1	132.51	132.51	Refund for overpayment of 941 tax
				1,685.00	Anonymous Donations
					Other Income
			9,504.48	9,504.48	Fransferred from ARC
2,000.00		2,000.00	1	2,000.00	Churches
		-	6,000.00	6,000.00	Baptist State Convention
185.85		185.85	4,814.15	5,000.00	Anonymous Donations
		,			Ashe Really Cares
	1		3,325.00	3,325.00	Churches
					Minute Books
,					
_	-	-	483.31	483.31	All Accounts
					Interest Income
_			68,195.15	08, 195, 15	Citalcities
					HOLLE MISSIONS
					Lomo Missions
-	(500.00	(500.00)	1,000.00	500.00	Arturo Padilla Scholarship .
-	-	-	3,127.48	3,127.48	Offering
- (t	(9,869.94)	(9,869.94)	13,527.91	3,657.97	Churches
					Hispanic Ministry
. 862.81	3	862.81	1,335.19	2,198.00	Office Equipment
1	-	-	204.00	204.00	Music
-		-	2,242.00	2,242.00	WMU
8,882.37	1	8,882.37	17.63	8,900.00	On Missions Celebration
•	1	-	230.00	230.00	Camp Ground
			-		Contributions for:
-	to use for Expenses				
Due to Other Fund	Placed in General Fund	Balance	Paid Out	Received	

#### ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

#### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2003-2004

			2002-2003 Approved Budget		2002-2003 Actual Expenses		2003-2004 Proposed Budget
I.	EDUCATION AND PROMOTION						Budget
	1. Sunday School		\$ 500.00			\$	500.00
	Discipleship Training		300.00		110.17		300.00
	3. Brotherhood		400.00		0.00		400.00
	4. WMU		600.00		3,465.54		1,000.00
	5. Church Music		1,200.00		1,316.83		1,200.00
	Vacation Bible School		900.00		855.47		900.00
	7. Evangelism		1,200.00		0.00		800.00
	Key Leadership		400.00		252.42		500.00
	Association Youth		1,200.00		26.27		1,200.00
	<ol><li>Seminary Extension</li></ol>		2,000.00		0.00	_	1,000.00
		SUBTOTAL	8,700.00	)	6,026.70		7,800.00
II.	ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE		4 000 00				
	Office Equipment		1,000.00		2,765.77		1,000.00
	2. Printing and Supplies		3,700.00		4,031.48		4,000.00
	3. Postage/Mailing		2,500.00		1,921.03		2,500.00
	Associational Calendars	011070741	400.00		400.00	_	400.00
		SUBTOTAL	7,600.00	)	9,118.28		7,900.00
III.	SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES						
	Director of Missions						
	(a) SSI / Medicare		3,032.00		4,182.00		4,760.00
	(b) Retirement		2,400.00		2,400.00		2,400.00
	(c) Health Insurance		3,060.00		3,885.00		4,500.00
	(d) Utilities "50%"		1,550.00		1,016.62		1,150.00
	(e) Parsonage Housing Allowar		7,200.00		7,200.00		7,200.00
	(f) Parsonage Liability Insuranc	е	475.00		475.00		475.00
	(g) Net wages		21,918.00		20,476.88		20,735.40
	<ol><li>Offce Assistant / Treasurer</li></ol>		13,500.00		13,017.39		14,839.40
	(a) Employee Health Insurance		2,256.00		1,880.00		2,256.00
	3. Clerk		381.10		115.83		381.10
	(a) Reimbursement for travel		100.00		0.00		100.00
	4. Employee Taxes		1,725.00		2,429.99		1,400.00
	5. Training		100.00		225.00		100.00
		SUBTOTAL	57,697.10		57,303.71		60,296.90
IV.	PARSONAGE						
	Insurance Premium		550.00		475.00		550.00
	2. Building Repair and Property Mair	ntenance	2,500.00		1,722.04		2,500.00
	3. Utilities for Parsonage		2,000.00		2,191.23		2,700.00
		SUBTOTAL	5,050.00	-	4,388.27		5,750.00
V.	MISCELLANEOUS		500.00		613.54		700.00
VI.	HISPANIC MINISTRY		18,000.00	_	16,655.39	_	14,000.00
VII.	ASHE REALLY CARES		9,398.00		9,647.87		7,500.00
VII.	BAPTIST CAMPGROUND		0.00		1,936.38		2,000.00
		TOTAL	\$ 106,945.10	\$ _	103,753.76	\$ _	105,946.90

<sup>\*</sup> Notations:

WMU offset by monies received for Ladies Conference

Music offset by donations to Associational Choir

Employee taxes are budgeted for 2004 for only the Secretary/Treasurer & Clerk

# Treasurer's Report for the Ashe Baptist Association 07/01/02 - 06/30/03

Income: On hand lost report (Tuly 1, 2002)	\$27.102.26
On hand last report (July 1, 2002) Received	\$37,102.26 \$118,719.63
10001700	<u>\$110,719.03</u>
Balance On Hand & Received	\$155,821.89
Disbursements:	
ARC (offset by BSC, Churches, & Anonymous Donations	\$20,318.63
Arturo Padilla Scholarship (offset by \$500 donation)	\$1,000.00
CAL of NC (offset by donations)	\$350.00
Campground (offset by special funds & donations)	\$1,936.38
Clerk & Treasurer	\$313.83
Director of Missions – Benefits & wages	\$39,635.50
Discipleship Training	- \$110.17
Employer taxes	\$1,242.26
Hispanic Ministry -love offering & supplies (offset by offering & donations	\$16,655.39
Insurance on Parsonage	\$475.00
Key Leadership Conference	\$252.42
Minute Books	\$2,266.41
Miscellaneous	\$613.54
Music Department	\$1,316.83
Office Equipment	\$2,765.77
On Mission Celebration (offset by donations)	\$17.63
Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,722.04
Postage / Mailing	\$1,921.03
Printing & Supplies	\$4,031.48
Secretary/Treasurer wages	\$13,017.39
Secretary/Treasurer allowance for health insurance	\$1,880.00
Training (offset by office funds)	\$225.00
Utilities (Internet/phone line, Office phone, ½ Electric, & ½ Heating fuel)	\$2,191.23
VBS Expense	\$855.47
WMU (offset by ticket sales & donations)	\$3,465.54
Youth	\$26.27
Total Expenses	\$118,604.94
BALANCE ON HAND (June 30, 2003)	\$37,216.95

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West Sound

# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association Total Income Received by Churches

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

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Church Name	Year-To-Date	. Church Name	Year-To-Date
APPLE GROVE	100.00	MOUNT OLIVE	1,300.00
BALD MOUNTAIN	4,400.00	NEW RIVER	1,728.96
BEAVER CREEK	1,500.00	NORTH BEAVER	2,100.00
BIG FLATTS	600.00	OAK HILL	280.00
BIG LAUREL	420.00	OBIDS	600.00
BLUE RIDGE	500.00	OLD FIELDS	1,500.00
BRISTOL	3,828.88	" ORION	1,290.04
BUFFALO	600.00	PEAK VALLEY	200.00
CALVARY	100.00	PHOENIX	1,114.67
CLIFTON	1,091.72	PILOT MOUNTAIN	312.18
FARMER MEMORIAL	0.00	PINE SWAMP	150.00
FLETCHER MEMORIAL	13,745.11	PLEASANT HOME	2,701.70
FRIENDLY GROVE	3,391.63	PLEASANT VALLEY	0.00
FRIENDSHIP	4,282.38	PROSPERITY	0.00
GLENDALE SPRINGS	3,060.00	ROUND KNOB	929.00
GRASSY CREEK	660.00	TRINITY	991.00
HEALING SPRINGS	1,776.59	でででいる。	1,500.00
LANDMARK	1,600.00	WAGONER	900.00
AUREL KNOB	1,916.92	WARRENSVILLE	2,400.00
LIBERTY GROVE	2,000.00	WELCOME HOME	1,736.61
ITTLE HELTON	500.00	Highlands Community	0.00
MIDWAY	2,500.00	Hispanic Mission	3,127.48
MISSION HOME	416.65	•	

Total

73851.52

# Key Leader Nominations 2002-2003

These names are respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association in accordance with Article V: Section 7 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK

YOUTH DIRECTOR REV. ALAN AMBROSE

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTOR MR. FRED WALTERS

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EVANGELISM CHAIRPERSON MS. WILLA DEAN CHURCH

MODERATOR MR. JERRY POWERS

MUSIC DIRECTOR MR. DANIEL PUGH

SEMINARY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

WMU DIRECTOR MRS. FRANCES BLEVINS

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR REV. JIM KETNER

DEACON MINISTRY DIRECTOR REV. ALLEN HUFFMAN

These names can to be approved by the Executive Committee during April 2003, and can attend the Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest.

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR VICE-MODERATOR TREASURER CLERK MR. JERRY POWERS MR. JOE BROWN MRS. TRISH CHURCH

#### ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

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1 YR.	PASTOR #1	REV. JOHNNY HUFFMAN
2 YRS.	PASTOR #2	REV. LARRY POWERS
2 YRS.	PASTOR #3	REV. KEITH ELLEDGE
1 YR.	LAY-PERSON #1	MRS. WILLIE LOU DENNY
1 YR.	LAY-PERSON #2	MS. SALLY WALTERS
2 YRS.	LAY-PERSON #3	MR. EDD HARLESS

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2 YRS	PASTOR #3	REV. DAVID JONES

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#### Missions Continued

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1 YR.	MINISTER #3	REV. EARL ROTEN
1 YR.	MINISTER #4	REV. LAWRENCE GOODMAN
2 YRS.	MINISTER #5	REV. KEITH WAGONER

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2 YRS.	MEMBER #5	REV. JACK PUGH

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1 YR.	MEMBER #2	REV. BILLY JOE BLEVINS
1 YR	MEMBER #3	MR. JOE COCKERHAM
2 YRS.	MEMBER #4	MR. ALLEN NEAVES
2 YRS.	MEMBER #5	REV. DEAN WATSON

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2 YRS.	MEMBER #5	REV. JACK MILLER
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3 YRS.	PASTOR #2	REV. RICK MILLER
2 YRS.	PASTOR #3	REV ALAN AMBROSE CHAIRPI

3 VRS MEMBER #1 MRS VICKTE MOORE

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1 YR. MEMBER #3 REV.
1 YR. MEMBER #4 MR. TIM CHURCH
2 YRS. MEMBER #5 REV. JEFF VOGLER

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#### Ashe Baptist Missionary Association

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#### OFFICE of ANNUITY

The last three years have indeed been challenging for participants in the Annuity Board retirement plans. During a time that climaxed the worst three-year stock market cycle since 1941 many of our retirement participants have been challenged to look more carefully and monitor more closely their asset allocation with a determined focus on their long-term retirement goals. AB Funds Trust through the Annuity Board has continued to perform at or above respective bench marks in the equity and bond investment industries despite volatile market conditions.

In an effort to meet constituency needs the Capital Preservation Fund was offered as a 14<sup>th</sup> investment choice on April 1, 2003. The fund seeks to maximize current income while seeking to maintain a stable value per share. The crediting rate is reset quarterly, is net of all fees and will be announced at least two weeks prior to the quarter's end. The fund is suitable for investors who want to preserve capital and are seeking higher current income than a money market fund over most time periods.

The continuing national health crises characterized by increases in drug costs, provider expenses, consumer demand, and government regulation tops the list in fueling rising health care costs. General inflation and industry litigation fees have also added to the costs. The Annuity Board continues to seek ways to provide affordable health care products. New health initiatives/plans are under consideration and will be available on January 1, 2004.

As a result of these escalating costs for medical insurance, too many of our churches have decided they can not provide this coverage as a benefit for their ministers/church employees. Unfortunately, those who labor under the burden of a "pay package" have seen an enormous crosion of their disposable income. We continue to encourage churches to provide adequate benefits (insurance coverage, retirement, and social security offset) separate from salaries for their ministers and staff and to structure/administer compensation that takes full advantage of the tax laws. The 2002 SBC Compensation Study has proved to be a very valuable resource in assisting church leaders as they strive to provide fair and equitable compensation for those whom God has called to provide spiritual leadership to our Baptist churches across the state of North Carolina from Manteo to Murphy.

The relief ministry through the Annuity Board continues to provide assistance to those needy, retired ministers and to their widowed spouses. Presently, 386 North Carolinians are being helped by the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief Ministries.

As of June 30, 2003, 61% (2,326) of our NC churches were actively participating in the retirement plan, and a record number of 2,879 were receiving benefits. Of course, our goal is to have all of our churches actively participating in the retirement plan provided by the Annuity Board of the SBC.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 171 or 174, visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.bscnc.org">www.bscnc.org</a>, call the Annuity Board at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at <a href="https://www.absbc.org">www.absbc.org</a>.

Johnny E. Ross Senior Consultant, Annuity

# BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

REPORT OF PARTICIPANTS FOR WHOM CHAP CONTRIBUTIONS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE 3 MONTHS THIS REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE STATE CONVENTION MATCHING AND PROTECTION SECTION FUNDS ASHE

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SC	ASHE	320401	320401 BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH	W JEFFERSON	AMBROSE, ALAN A	MINISTER OF YOUTH	3368771550
NC	ASHE	320401	320401 BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH	W JEFFERSON	AMBROSE, PENNY L	OFFICE PERSONNEL	3368771550
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NC	ASHE	320407	320407 BRISTOL BAPTIST CHURCH	JEFFERSON	BLEVINS, BILLY J	PASTOR	3369823599
SC	ASHE	320408	320408 BUFFALO BAPTIST CHURCH	W JEFFERSON	WATSON, JEFFERY D	PASTOR	3368771694
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S.	ASHE	320445	320445 FLETCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST	JEFFERSON	VOGLER, JEFFERY K	PASTOR	3362469513
SC	ASHE		320411 FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH	JEFFERSON	GRINNELL, DAVID L	PASTOR	9199822080
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9	ASHE	320412	GLENDALE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	W JEFFERSON	ELLEDGE, KEĮTHŅ	PASTOR	3369829120
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SC	ASHE		320444 MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH	W JEFFERSON	LEASHOMB SR, STEVEN J	PASTOR	3362462012
SC	ASHE		320421 MISSION HOME BAPTIST CHURCH	FLEETWOOD	HODGES, ROBERT D	PASTOR	3368775371
2	ASHE	320423	320423 NEW RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH	GRASSY CREEK	JONES JR, DILLARD W	PASTOR	3363842872
S	ASHE	320429	320429 PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH	LANSING	ASHLEY, KATHRYN T	CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL	3363842185
SC	ASHE	320429	320429 PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH	LANSING	OSOWITT, ELLIOTT	PASTOR	3363842185
SC	ASHE	320450	320450 ROUND KNOB BAPTIST CHURCH	WEST JEFFERSON	PUGH, HOWARD J	PASTOR	3368775476
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July 25, 2003

116 Faw Roland Street P.O. Box 1572 Jefferson, NC 28640

To the Ashe Baptist Association

The Ashe Pregnancy Care Center (affiliated with Heartbeat international and the North American Mission Board) is located at 116 Few Roland Street, PO Box 1572, Jefferson, NC 28640. Our phone number is 336.846.4100

Our board consists of Miss Jodi Burke, Mrs. Melissa Goodman, Mrs. Carol Hartsoe, Mrs. Donna Kelley, Rev. Elliott Osowitt, and Mrs. Kimi Shelton.

This year we are serving 80+ clients each month. We are thrilled to report we are consistently assisting many Spanish families. This is a new area and we are excited to help this important part of Ashe County's population. Two families were directed to adoption agencies and are waiting for their bables to be born. One woman placed her baby for adoption in a Christian home. We sent out 10 packets of adoption information to perspective Christian families. We have had over 100 salvetions since 1995, many reassurances and once again we have clients who are now in church. Through the work of the APCC there are 68 bables in our county that would not have been born had the APCC not been here. Although we gave the truth to several of our clients and their families, we lost several bables to the abortion merituaries. Abortion is still considered the "quick fix" to a crisis pregnancy.

We now have our Memorial for the Unborn at Bald Mountain Baptist Cometery. This already has touched many lives including several men who dealt with abortion in their past. Now we are praying for a memorial stone to place the bables' names on as a permanent memorial. We also have an ultrasound machine which was donated by the Medical Missions Ministry of Ashe.

We are exploring the possibility of a top-end thrift store with handmade crafts as an auxiliary under the APCC to help us with consistent financial support.

We are Changing Lives and Saving Lives one at a time." Our desire is that each client comes to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and will find a Bible believing church Where they can grow in the love of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Hoefl Director Vera Zapcic Admin. Ass't.



Kristina Worrell Support Services

#### Ashe Really Cares 2002-2003

Humbled and honored are words to express how I feel to be able to serve God and the churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. I'm very excited to report to you and share some things about the work that has been happening at Ashe Really Cares. This past



year we were privileged to share the love of Christ by helping folks from every walk of life with the physical needs and we pray that we have made a difference in their spiritual lives. We encounter many situations that will humble your heart and others that will leave you with no other choice but to cry and share their burdens. We have folks tell us that at times they would not have had enough food to make it through another day if it had not been for the ARC. Words are good but it is the works that each child of God does that others see the love that God has for them. Each church and individual does a very big part of God's work at Ashe Really Cares by their faithful financial support and their earnest prayers.

The past year we have given out 2,786 food boxes which served 6,661 individuals. We had 171 new clients to come to us for help. We received 27,466 pounds of food from the Second Harvest Food Bank in addition to all of the food from churches and individuals as well as food from two grocery stores.

We have been privileged to share Bibles with the folks that come in to the ARC that do not own one. We also have been able to send several referrals to churches and pray with those that God sends our way

We would like to thank every church and individual that supports the ARC. Without that support we would not be able to share Christ and His love with everyone that comes in for help. Please pray that God will use the ARC to reach souls for His kingdom.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Miller , Director Ashe Really Cares

## ASHE REALLY CARES FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2003 To JUNE 30, 2003

DEPOSITS TO ARC		EXPENSES:	
Blue Ridge	200.00	ARC Mobile	424.78
Buffalo	210.00	Bank Charges	92.05
Chestnut Hill	100.00	Electric Bill	1873.43
Clifton	250.00	Expenses	225.67
Fletcher Memorial	115.00	FEMA	4008.32
Friendship	1200.00	Food	218.88
Glendale Springs	600.00	Insurance	469.00
Healing Springs	162.75	Medical	53.00
Huffman and Huffman	1200.00	Medicine	304.95
Laurel Knob	896.41	Miscellaneous	21.83
Liberty Grove	500.00	Oil Bill	150.43
Ministerial Association	196.00	Phone	449.55
Mission Home	450.00	Postage	37.00
Mt. Olive	260.00	Reimbursement	107.05
Mt. Jefferson	1200.00	Rent	5400.00
New River	1201.74	Room (Homeless)	339.46
North Beaver	600.00	Supplies	40.00
Oak Hill	100.00	Vehicle	50.03
Obids	1350.00	Wages	9,504.48
Round Knob	929.00	Water	264.00
Smethport	650.00		
South Fork	112.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23.953.91
Tuckerdale	125.76		
Warrensville	225.45	Note: Specia	l Food Donations:
Individual Donations	3199.00	Midway Bap	tist and New River, both
FEMA	2475,00	donated \$1,2	00 in Food Purchases
TOTAL ARC DONATION	IS \$18,508.11	and Beaver C	Creek Baptist Church
		gave \$295 in	cash that is included
		in the Individ	lual Donations.
OTHER DEPOSITS: ABA	A	ASHE REAL	LLY CARES
Baptist State Convention		BALANCE	ON HAND 6/30/03
(Hunger Fund)	6000.00		\$6,560.62

Respectfully Submitted, Terri Shatley, Treasurer, ARC

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Anonymous

Mt.Olive

Friendly Grove

### Ashe Baptist Campground Report

The Campground has been used or is booked every week end from April to October. Churches, groups and family reunions use this facility to fellowship with each other and with God. Sometimes cancellations do occur. Call the office for reservation. Reservations can be made for 2004 on January 1, 2004 by Ashe Baptist Churches only. After April 1 anyone can book the campground. Some week days have been booked by out of town folks at a cost of \$10 per night and \$5 for each night if they stay for more than one night.

Our insurance for the campground is \$1,900. Other costs include the electric, phone bill, maintenance and repairs. This year a new electric service had to be installed and a new water pressure tank was installed. If your church does not give to the campground fund please consider supporting this worthy cause. Funds may be mailed to Ronnie Hopkins, Treasurer at 919 Black Bear Inn Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694.

Special thanks to Mr. Ronnie Hopkins as treasurer, Tim Church as Water Monitor, Sister Ann Eldreth who checks to see that the Mattie Parsons Building is clean after each Church uses it, Jack Eldreth who does light maintenance, and to our Churches for mowing and for doing other repair projects that are needed. Without your help we cannot operate the camp.

We invite you to use the camp. Go our and enjoy these nine acres that God has given to us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Johnny Goodman, Chairman, Campground Committee

### FINANCIAL REPORT ASHE BAPTIST SUMMER CAMP JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

#### RECEIPTS:

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Bald Mountain Baptist Church Big Flatts Baptist Church Big Laurel Baptist Church Blue Ridge Baptist Church Bristol Baptist Church Clifton Baptist Church Friendly Grove Baptist Church Friendship Baptist Church Grassy Creek Baptist Church Laurel Knob Baptist Church Liberty Grove Baptist Church	240.00 5.00 65.00 200.00 50.00 200.00 50.00 180.00 50.00 300.00	Ashe County Builders Supply Rose's Stores Barr Insurance Agency Jack Eldreth	1672.48 399.83 1170.00 239.82 197.25 213.48 1485.38 176.00
Mission Home Baptist Church	287.50	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$5554.24
Mount Olive Baptist Church	75.00		
New River Baptist Church	500.00		
North Beaver Baptist Church	100.00		
Pleasant Home Baptist Church	100.00	BALANCE ON HAND:	\$180.82
Round Knob Baptist Church	100.00		
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	325.00		
Ashby/Roten Reunion Cash Unknown Taylor Reunion Billy K. Church Pinkie Cochran Sylvia Roark Skyline Telephone Goodman Reunion Sherry Goodman Ashe Baptist Association Marie Jordan The Chapel of the Cross	150.00 35.00 40.00 58.00 40.00 20.00 49.64 25.00 50.00 270.00 100.00 200.00	Please mail all of your contril Ashe Baptist Summer c/o Ronnie Hopki 919 Black Bear Inn West Jefferson, NC 2 Note:  The camp was in need of a fethis past year and had insuffic funds to pay for them as well maining balance of the liabili ance – the Executive Committan approved for these amounts to	Camp ns Rd. 28694  ew repairs cient as the re- ty insur- tee
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$4365.14	out of the ABA General fund total of \$1706.38 paid out.	



## Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Baptists make a difference... This summer Baptist Children's Homes had a very special guest on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville. Many Baptists will remember Patricia Sutherland. She has shared her story at multiple state conventions, and her life has been shared in Charity & Children on a couple of occasions. Patricia is a beautiful young woman and a rising senior at Toccoa Falls College in northern Georgia. Looking at Patricia today, you would not recognize her as the same little girl who came to Baptist Children's Homes 11 years ago.

As a young child she lived with abusive, alcoholic and drug-addicted parents who forced her to lie about their abuse. The little girl was threatened with a pistol held to her head and made to sleep on cold hardwood floors. Her abuse and neglect were compounded by a severe medical condition. Because her parents were unable to properly care for Patricia, she went months at a time without the daily medication she so desperately needed.

Then one day, Patricia found the security she had longed for at our Broyhill Home in Clyde. But even at Broyhill Home her life wasn't easy. Patricia has Turner's syndrome, a condition affecting her balance and coordination and stunting her growth. Because she was awkward and clumsy, other children made fun of her at school. But her physical problems only seemed to make her stronger.

While at Mills Home this summer, Patricia was asked to share her story with the girls on campus. She boldly assured them that God has a plan for their life. But then she challenged the girls by telling them it is their choice. They can put their past behind them and trust God and follow His lead, or they can wander through life lost.

Because of your help, children like Patricia are rescued from the jaws of hopelessness and despair, set on solid ground, supported by loving Christian men and women, and are given hope so they can realize their dreams – dreams that at one time in their lives, they could never imagine were possible.

Baptists Respond to Needs Donating Towels, Bedding and Food. If you ask North Carolina Baptists for help, expect them to provide in a big way. When the word went out to North Carolina's WMU that Baptist Children's Homes needed towels and washcloths, hundreds of women in churches across the state provided them. Towels and washcloths flooded in to all BCH locations. When Baptists learned that pillows and sheets were needed in BCH cottages, an avalanche of bedding poured in. And BCH's first statewide food roundup is bringing great enthusiasm and response.

14,640 Baptists Pray for North Carolina Children. More than one hundred BCH children and staff presented the Chain of Prayer at the 172nd Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. The chain consisted of 14,640 strips of brightly colored paper inscribed with the written prayers of North Carolina Baptist men, women, and children. Each prayer made up an individual link in the Chain of Prayer. The effort was a BCH initiative and was promoted in North Carolina Baptist churches. The Chain of Prayer united thousands of people and represented their belief in the power of God to meet the needs voiced in the prayers.

BCH Hosts National Child Care Executive Meeting. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell and Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina hosted the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Baptist Child Care Executives April 22-24 in Greensboro. Directors and other top management of Baptist child care agencies representing as many as 19 states attended the annual meeting. The conference serves as a time of fellowship and continuing education for participants. A highlight took place Wednesday evening with "pigpickin' in Mayberry" at Mills Home in Thomasville. Children and staff recreated the sights and sounds of the popular sixties television program The Andy Griffith Show.

Historic Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc. Mills Home in Thomasville, BCH's oldest facility and flagship campus, suffered major damage due to one of the worse ice storms to ever hit the Piedmont. The cost due to the loss, cleanup and repairs reached tens of thousands of dollars. No injury or harm came to the children and staff. Duke Power called the ice storm the worst in its 100-year history. Parts of the campus remained without electricity for as long as five days. Baptists from across the state sent funds and relief groups to aid in the clean-up efforts reducing the storm's economic effects.

North Carolina Baptist Church Douates Property and \$100,000 to Help Build a New Group Home for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Asheville's Calvary Baptist Church dedicated property they donated to Baptist Children's Homes and presented \$100,000 to help construct the Alverta Bolick Home for developmentally disabled adults on June 8, 2003. The financial gift was made possible through the generosity of the late Alverta Bolick. The group home will be built adjacent to the church and provide a home for six residents.

Baptist Children's Homes Faces Serious Financial Challenges. This year, Baptist Children's Homes took necessary actions to offset further economic hardships. With an overwhelming decline in income and a projected budget deficit of \$4 million for fiscal 2003-2004, BCH cut the 2003-2004 budget (effective October 1, 2003). The cuts resulted in the closing of one or more cottages in four of BCH's Family Service Areas, the closing of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the elimination of the agency's Intensive Family Preservation Services, and a reduction of 68 and one half budgeted positions. (Due to positions currently vacant and the reassignment of some staff, the actual net loss of people was 31.)

BCH...Focused on the Future. Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doors continue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every effort. Although facing critical financial times, BCH holds true to its mission of "helping hurting children... healing broken families."

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.

Michael C. Blackwell, President

James D. Goldston, III, Board of Trustees Chair and Fall 2003

# Meeting the Challenges of Report to 2003 the Associations



#### BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS: EXTENDING THE HEALING TOUCH OF CHRIST

North Carolina Baptist Hospital admitted its first patient on May 30, 1923, culminating a vision of the Baptist State Convention to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Eighty years later, in 2003, we remain firmly committed to the original mission of providing the highest quality medical care marked by excellence, integrity, innovation, and compassion consistent with the teachings of Christ. This report highlights our partnership in missions with North Carolina Baptists.

#### BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FIIND

The Convention established the annual Mother's Day Offering in 1924 to help patients in financial need pay their hospital bills, to lift heavy burdens in the name of Jesus Christ and his love. Since that time every dollar of every gift has been used for that purpose—caring for children like Haleigh in her battle with cancer, and adults like Wade and Vickie. You have made a tremendous difference in their lives and many others just like them. Please read their inspiring stories of thankfulness in the new Mother's Day Offering web site (www.ncbhmothersday.org). Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for giving \$600,372 to this ministry in 2002!

#### SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

The fruits of Cooperative Giving by North Carolina Baptists are evidenced in life-changing ministries of the School of Pastoral Care. Our mission is "to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ." Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for extending the healing reach of Christ to thousands of hurting people through our ministries.

Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers, our Department of Pastoral Counseling, annually provides over 24,500 hours of counseling at 22 locations across our state. This ministry brings emotional and spiritual healing, consistent with the compassion of Christ, to those who have been broken. Our counselors are licensed professionals with deeply held personal faith. They extend the ministry of churches, receiving many referrals from Baptist pastors on behalf of church members who are hurting. Approximately 40% of our counseling hours are provided to Baptists.

The Center for Congregational Health has continued to develop vital ministries. Nearly 600 church leaders received training in the past year through the Center's programs of leadership development. "The Pastor as Spiritual Guide" and "Young Leaders" programs have proven to be highly beneficial for N.C. Baptist ministers, deepening their faith as spiritual leaders for their churches. Approximately 25 churches per month have benefited from the Center's consulting ministry. Initial, expert consultations are provided free to N.C. Baptist churches thanks to Cooperative Giving. Intentional Interim ministers trained by the Center continue to serve churches in our state, across the nation, and Australia. Mentoring programs for young ministers are also being provided.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provides ministry to patients, families, and staff through more than 61,000 pastoral contacts each year, extending great compassion and hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Specialized training in hospital ministry was provided to 63 students in the past year, making our Clinical Pastoral Education program one of the largest in the nation.

The Department of Church and Community Relations receives no Cooperative Program funds, but serves as a vital liaison to N.C. Baptist churches. The department ministers to over 150 Baptists per year by facilitating physician appointments or helping others with concerns about medical bills. Many of those who are helped have no health insurance and are burdened by financial need.

#### ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

#### Ministry to Ministers and Their Families -

- Baptist Hospital provides a subsidy of up to 25% for the hospital bills of N.C. Baptist ministers and their families. This amounted to \$79,248 in FY 2003. The subsidy comes from the hospital's W.K. McGec Patient Service Fund, with assistance from the Mother's Day Offering as needed.
- The Ministers Care Plan provides a subsidy to full-time, ordained ministers serving North Carolina Baptist churches, and their immediate family members, who need the support of counseling to recover from emotional pain and stress. Clients pay \$20 per session at a CareNet Counseling Center. The Baptist State Convention and CareNet pay for the remainder of the cost. Please call Rev. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations, for more information (336-716-3027).

#### Ranked Among the Nation's Best Hospitals

- North Carolina Baptist Hospital is ranked in the top 50 among "America's Best Hospitals" according to the July 2003 issue of U.S. News and World Report.
- Our hospital continues to be ranked in the top 1 percent in patient satisfaction among our peers in the
  United States, according to Press Ganey, the health care industry's top patient satisfaction measurement
  firm.
- We continue to be recognized as a Magnet Hospital for Excellence in Nursing, demonstrating outstanding nursing leadership and high quality patient care. Baptist Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the nation to earn this recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization.
- Our Medical Center's cancer treatment programs are ranked 21st in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. A new facility for our Comprehensive Cancer Center is under construction and due to open in June 2004. Patients will receive coordinated care, such as required tests, scans, and treatment, in a single visit.

#### Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 316-716-2255.

#### CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The initial vision of North Carolina Baptists to extend the healing touch of Christ has unfolded in remarkable ways at Baptist Hospital over the past 80 years. As Christ ministered to those who were broken in body, mind, or spirit and made them whole, we continually strive to follow his example. We consider it a sacred responsibility and profound privilege to serve him in this mission of healing. We are thankful to you, North Carolina Baptists, for being our partners in ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Len B. Preslar, Jr.

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

President

#### NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

## Looking for Mission Projects? Check these out!

Friendship Place – Ten rooms in the Hawthorne Inn are dedicated to cancer patients receiving outpatient treatment. They are often from northwest North Carolina or southern Virginia. Most of them are receiving daily radiation treatment; others are bone marrow transplant patients. Their needs include games, puzzles, magazines, and kitchen supplies such as paper products. They also need craft supplies and are open to groups who can lead craft programs. Groups may want to provide a meal or refreshments for a weekly support group meeting.

Brenner Children's Hospital – Pediatric Oncology Clinic – The staff maintains a "Treasure Chest" to provide small gifts for children after painful procedures. Items needed for younger children are matchbox toys, crayons, coloring books, finger paint, bubbles, and craft packages. For adolescents, the needs are school supplies, pens, notepads, stationary, picture frames, hair bows, and finger nail polish (wild colors). A group might want to host a craft program for the children in the Clinic on a particular day or season of the year.

<u>Brenner Children's Hospital</u> – The following items are needed for hospitalized children, from toddler to adolescents:

- <u>Personal Care Kits</u> comb, toothbrush, small toothpaste, and shampoo.
   (They need approximately 30 kits per month.)
- Age Approximate Toys Beanie Babies, small boxes of Lego's, etc. These are given to children after painful procedures.

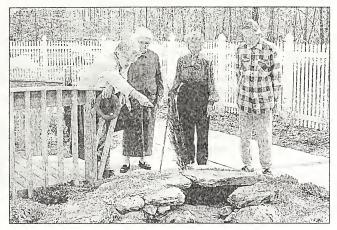
<u>Baptist Hospital Behavioral Health Center</u> – Approximately 20 to 30 troubled teens are in this unit. They are all males and are receiving residential psychiatric treatment. Many have little family support. The Center has needs for clothing for the boys, and groups that might want to host birthday parties or other special occasions.

Thank you very much for prayerfully considering these mission projects to serve patients and families in need at Baptist Hospital. Please contact Rev. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations, NCBH, for more information (716-3027).

## Asne Missiona Action Association



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Making Life for Older Adults... the "Best of Times"

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to move forward with strength in meeting the needs of North Carolina's fastest growing age group ... its senior population. Of particular interest to North Carolina Baptists, are the growing numbers of Older Adults who deal with dementia-related conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. In North Carolina, approximately 50 percent of those who reach age 85 struggle with some measure of dementia. The Kulynych Memory Enhanced Residence at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, the Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, and the Memory Enhanced Residence at the Gardens of Taylor Glen Retirement Community provide environments designed to "enhance" and "retain" the short and long-term memory of those struggling with such disorders. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House also provide exceptional programs for Older Adults with dementia.

The picture shared with this report reflects the kind of environments mentioned above that allow residents to receive care in a setting that feels like Home.

Because of the generous financial support received from North Caolina Baptists for the convention's "poor elderly" population, Baptist Retirement Homes has been able to provide more than \$1.7 million in benevolent care in 2002. Thank You, North Carolina Baptists!

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The Gardens of Taylor Glen Concord 704 788 6510 Hamilton Baptist Home Hamilton 252,798,5901

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## Brotherhood Report 2002-2003

The men of the Ashe Baptist Association have been very busy this past year. In the early spring we hosted the Region 7 Missions Rally, which was well attended by churches from at least seven different counties. We were very involved in the preparing and delivering of food boxes for Iraq, thanks to the churches of the Ashe Association we delivered 2,170 pounds to the State Convention. We have been busy helping the R.A.'s with fund-raisers to do mission projects. Special thanks to all our RA leaders for doing a great job!

If I can be of any help please feel free to call me at 246-5631 or 982-3316.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Walters
Associational Brotherhood Director

## Gideons International 2002-2003

The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the local church and is the oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States of America. An international board of distinguished Christian laymen supervises the worldwide Gideon ministry ensuring an efficient, economical operation in 179 countries.

A non-profit organization, the Gideons International is generously supported by individuals and churches, who realize that an indispensable element in winning people to Christ is to present them with the gospel message. Every dollar contributed is used to make it possible for others to have their very own copy of God's Word. Being business and professional men, they pay all their own expenses and those required to operate the International headquarters.

The association currently has over 156,000 Gideons and over 86,000 auxiliary members of which over 5,300 and 2,600 respectively reside in North Carolina. There were 92 churches in Ashe County who gave to this ministry in the 2002-2003 fiscal year. To God be the glory.

Respectfully submitted

Sidney Allen, President Jefferson Camp



#### MODERATOR REPORT 2002-2003

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your moderator again. Thank the Lord that everything has gone so harmoniously. It is a great job when the Lord is the center of our attention. Many things have been accomplished in our association in recent months, as well as much more happening to glorify out Lord in the upcoming year. ARC will soon be moving to a better location at the old Ashe Central School site, now known as Family Central. The On Mission Celebration will be taking place in 27 different Churches this fall. Please participate and experience Jesus. With this as our purpose we can be assured that we will be empowered to accomplished greater things than has heretofore been known to man. Our adversary can defeat the best man we have here today but when we stand behind Jesus, satan cannot even give us a dirty look. Thank you Jesus.

Respectfully Sübmitted,

Jerry Powers, Moderator, Ashe Baptist Association

### ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 2002/2003 BIBLE TEACHING REACHING

The trends of Sunday school are changing, many churches today are no longer calling it Sunday school. Instead it is now Sunday morning Bible Study, but if they are not studying from God's Holy Word, then I'm not sure that's appropriate. Just as the world has changed with modern technology, our ways of "Bible Study" has changed. I've witnessed a Bible Study Class do nothing but list prayer needs then pray for those needs. That's fine and dandy, but if they don't find time to feed on God's Word then they will eventually fall by the wayside. Then they are going to say, "What's wrong, why don't I feel or experience God's presence in the power of the Holy Spirit?" The answer lies in two very important words <u>BIBLE STUDY</u>.

If you are a teacher and would like to participate in some training, keep your eyes and ears open for dates this Fall on training to be conducted. If you have a need or need assistance from a member of the Sunday school Training Team, give us a call at the Associational Office and we will be more than happy to help you in any way we can. Let us praise God for His Word, His Love, and His Wonderful Spirit.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Ketner, Associational Sunday school Director

### Youth Report

Several years ago I played a game at a youth camp. The game included about fifteen large truck inner tubes, four teams and a time limit, Each team member was given a number and had to line up behind one of the lines that defined the square shape. At the sound of the whistle several numbers were called. Each person whose number was called had to run out to the center of the square where the truck tubes were stacked. The object of the game was to get as many tubes back across your teams line before the time ran out. When my number was called I ran straight over to a tube that was being tugged on by two small boys and a much bigger guy. With my pride at stake I began pulling for all I was worth. It wasn't very long before the two smaller boys were shaken off and the contest was narrowed down to me and the big guy. Both of us held tightly to the tube and dug our heels deep into the dirt. It was a struggle of epic proportions, or so we thought. Seconds before we were both going to collapse, the whistle sounded and the game was over. As we stood about a foot away from my teams line, we shook hands and I commented on how close I had come to getting that one tube over our teams line. The other guys jaw dropped, "This is my line too he said". Our team came in second. We lost first place by one inner tube. Sometimes I feel like we are playing the same game with our youth ministries. We're all pulling and tugging at kids, afraid that we'll lose them to another youth group or church. We don't talk to each other, we don't help each other. I'm afraid that when it's all over we'll look back and see that we had kids that were a foot away from heaven but because we were too busy worrying about our own kingdoms, time will run out and the losers will be the kids.

Every sermon that I have ever heard concerning Genesis Chapter eleven and the tower of Babel has focused on the negative aspect of the people trying to make a name for themselves. Not too long ago while reading this passage, something stood out that I had never seen before. In verse six it says "and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." God said that, even if the people's motives where evil, they could achieve almost anything if they would remain unified. God had to supernaturally intervene to stop the people from achieving their goal. How much more can we do, if we will work together rather than pull against one another. We owe it to the youth of Ashe County.

This year our youth committee planned a *free* weekend retreat for our Junior kids, but we had to cancel because of lack of interest. On Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>, Midway will be hosting a youth rally. In October, Bald Mountain will be hosting a "Youth Spectacular" conference. Let's make a concerted effort to support one another in our ministries. We can grow together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Alan Ambrose Chairman, Ashe Youth Committee

#### ASIC INISSIDIALLY DAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Biblical Recorder 2003 Associational Report

The *Biblical Recorder* is celebrating its 170th anniversary in 2003 by remaining true to its original mission of publishing relevant news and fostering healthy dialogue among members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The world is far different than it was when Thomas Meredith founded the *Biblical Recorder*, but the importance of communication and conversation among Baptists remains unchanged, and the current landscape has many similarities with the one Meredith faced in 1833. Baptists were struggling for growth and shaping their identity in 1833. In time, Baptists came to dominate the denominational landscape of North Carolina, but a variety of societal, demographic and other changes have diminished the overall Baptist presence once again.

And, as early Baptists were often divided over theology, with some clinging to predestination while others championed free will, today's North Carolina Baptists face a changing landscape that features a variety of ways to express our Baptist identity. It has never been more important for North Carolina Baptists to be informed of the many issues affecting Baptist life, mission work and mutual cooperation.

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to provide this needed service to Baptists in North Carolina and beyond. The *Recorder* staff works diligently to provide regular, dependable and balanced news coverage and analysis of the most significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention. It serves as the official news publication of the Convention, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association for editorial writing in 2000, for design in 2001, and for news writing in 2000, 2001, and 2002 -- including the association's grand prize for news writing in 2001.

In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web at www.biblicalrecorder.org. The Web site provides much of each paper's content online, as well as to access classified ads, online Bible study resources and a portal to other news services. Thousands of interested readers around the world consult the online version regularly.

The Web presence became even more important in late 2003, as the *Recorder* shifted from a publication schedule of 40 issues per year to 27 regular issues plus periodic special issues. The move, made as a matter of stewardship, coincided with the addition of new features and improvements to the Website, including more frequent news updates.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the actual cost. Subscription packets and free sample issues are available. For more information, please contact:

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#### Evangelism Report

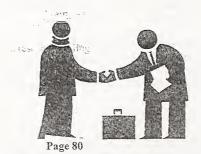
We know the mission of the New Testament Church is to win the lost, by sharing Christ with the community. We know God's word is alive. What was recorded by inspired men of God is still true today. Evangelism is a vital part of the local Church. I believe our Churches can grow, but will most likely not rise above the level of leadership in their commitment to evangelistic efforts. I encourage more enthusiasm in witnessing and participation in evangelism.

The Key Leadership Conference, fall of 2002, the Evangelism Committee invited a state speaker from the convention and learned different aspects to share the gospel. In the spring of 2003 an association wide witness training was scheduled. This was cancelled as less than 10 people expressed an interest in attending.

Please pray for the evangelism efforts of Ashe Baptist Association in the coming year. May we share Christ with those around us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Willa Dean Church, Evangelism Committee Chairperson



### Church Music Report 2002-2003

Music is a very important element in worship. The book of Psalms is a collection of songs that were used by the Hebrews at various times in preparation for worship. Our Lord Jesus Christ led his disciples in song just before his crucifixion. Paul and Silas sang during their imprisonment. Music is a very important part of worship today as well. I assisted Dan Ridley, of the Baptist State Convention, at the Key Leadership Conference. The event was held on November 4, 2002 at Fletcher Memorial. Dan brought sample music books of various kinds. We sang songs, looked at some exciting music software. It was a great learning experience. However, there were only three churches represented in the music session. Please note that the event is beneficial for anyone interested in Christian music.

As Director of the Associational Choir, I was blessed to see several more churches represented. It is a wonderful outreach for Christ. Rev. Wayne Osborne shared with me the heavenly cantata, *Safe Thus Far*, from composer Mike Speck. The choir appreciates Friendly Grove for inviting us to practice these songs in their church each week. I would also like to thank each church that welcomed us into their worship services during the last year for singings and revival services.

For Christmas last year, the choir enjoyed the songs in *Christmas is Jesus*, also from Mike Speck. Being able to share them with Warrensville and Bald Mountain Baptist Churches was wonderful.

We plan to continue singing where we are invited this fall. We'll take a break for the winter months and, Lord willing, start a new arrangement in the spring.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Associational choir members, all the individual churches, and the Ashe Baptist Association, for the time, monies, facilities, as well as Hugh and Georgia Danour for the use of their sound system. Of course your prayers are the most highly prized benefit of this mission.

Your Church Music Leader,

Daniel Pugh





## Christian Action League Report 2002-2003

Alcohol, it's not for Ashe County! Give thanks to God for the victory against alcohol and for those who stood in the gap and that were faithful to the call. Because of the work of Citizens for a Drug Free Community and the voters who understood the problems inherent in the sale of alcohol, Ashe County will be a morally stronger and safer community for all of its citizens. Do you know that alcohol is the leading contributor to teen suicide, violent crime, child and spousal abuse, higher insurance rates, alcohol addiction, and hundreds of thousands of deaths yearly? The negative effects of alcohol sales far outweigh any so called benefits derived from its sale. How much money would be required to replace a life taken by an intoxicated driver or repair the damage done to children by an abusive parent under the influence of alcohol? Some would have you believe that an occasional drink is not harmful, but the truth is that 85% of all alcohol is consumed by 15% of the population. Without the addict or problem drinker, the alcohol industry would go bankrupt. The alcohol industry loves the addict because their misery is a source of huge profits. Abraham Lincoln once observed that, "Alcohol has many defenders but has no defense". The Ashe county chapter of the Christian Action League is a support organization which promotes an ongoing educational program to inform our citizens of the ethical and moral issues facing our community during these times. We urge Christians to voice their concern over the violence portrayed in the media and to voice their opposition to efforts to legalize gambling and a lottery for North Carolina. Gambling is not a legitimate exercise of government. A lottery promotes "a something for nothing philosophy" and impacts those least able to pay – the poor and destitute in our state. League goals for 2002-2003 include the following: (A) To oppose the legalization of a lottery for North Carolina, (B) To make Christians aware of the influence of the media on the lives of young people, (C) To lobby against the sale of beverage alcohol in our county and state, and (D) To eliminate alcoholic advertisements from the media. We invite all like-minded citizens to join us in furthering these goals and in promoting the highest standards of Christian values in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Delmas Parker

Say NO to gambling and alcohol in North Carolina and Ashe County





## Council on Christian Higher Education

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

2003

Christian higher education represents one of the enduring values of the Baptist State Convention. Since it's founding in 1830, North Carolina Baptists have supported Christian higher education through gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget, Baptist State Convention.

Our state and Convention depends upon the graduates of our institutions to lead us. The classrooms across our state are filled with teachers who have received their training from one of our campuses. North Carolina businesses are staffed with people who have been challenged during their formal education on our Baptist campuses to consider the ethical and moral consequences of their decisions. Our churches are filled with God called men and women who have undergone academic preparation to lead our churches, associations and Convention. Where would we be without those graduates?

This success story has been made possible as a result of the faithfulness of North Carolina Baptists who support the Baptist State Convention through their gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget.

Our five Baptist campuses take pride in their association with our Convention. Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate are institutions of Christian distinction. Each considers their Baptist witness to be a hallmark of their institutional mission.

Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate welcome the challenge to prepare the next generation of leaders to serve



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800-755-5550 www.wingate.edu Dr. Jerry E. McGee President our state and our Lord. A large majority of the students on each campus identify themselves as Baptist. Among those who are Baptist, some are receiving special financial support as a result of your faithfulness to our Convention's mission.

Last year six hundred eightyseven (687) North Carolina Baptists received special scholarship aid made possible by your gifts to the Convention. This group represents five hundred four (504) different churches and seventy-three (73) different associations.

Churches that give through Optional Giving Plans B & C are helping another special group of North Carolina Baptists. Both giving plans make it possible for the Council to release theological grants to North Carolina Baptists who have heard God's Call and who are engaged in the pursuit of their first professional theological degree. Last year, 320 recipients received this special assistance. As one student told the Council office, "That grant was a major life-saver for me." His comments reflect other students' sentiments as well

What does the future hold? No one knows for sure; but we know that our North Carolina Baptist colleges/universities will continue to receive your students and provide opportunities for them to grow intellectually and spiritually. We can be assured that when they graduate from our campuses, they will carry on with the tradition of those who preceded them through their service to our state and Convention.



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## Discipleship Training Report August 2003

Discipleship training is all about becoming a "disciple" of Jesus and growing to conforming to "His" image. Becoming conformed to the image of Jesus does not automatically happen. It takes commitment. The Holy Spirit directs each of us in a perfect plan for our lives as we commit to being a disciple. Jesus does the work in our lives as we yield to Him. The Holy Spirit has led me to some wonderful tools that helped me to grow in my Christian life. Using these tools are what we call Discipleship Training.

Discipleship Training can be done by individuals as we study and learn from God or it can be done in a small or large group. Discipleship Training can be done anytime and anywhere. It can occur on Sunday night, Wednesday night, during Sunday School time or any time that is set aside to grow in our Christian life through a systematic study of God's Word as it applies to our lives.

Several tools are available in the Associational office to be checked out by individuals or churches to aid in Discipleship training. There is also a resource catalog to view in order to see what else is available from Lifeway. These can be ordered by individuals or churches. Some of the Discipleship Training tools available are:

Experiencing God Fresh Encounter
The 7 Laws of the Learner
Created to be God's Friend
The Mind of Christ Now That I'm a Christian
Making Love Last Forever
Modern Encounter
Life in the Spirit
The Prayer of Jesus
Now That I'm a Christian
God's Special Plan with Children.

The most important thing for you as an individual or as a church group is to decide what type of study is right for you, decide where God is working and join Him in His work. There is a special tool that is just right for everyone.

This year we have from ACP churches reporting Discipleship Training with a total of 823 participants with 13 churches involved in Discipleship Training. If you need assistance in planning your Discipleship Training strategy or in finding a study that is right for you please let me know and I will be glad to assist you anyway that I can.

Serving you in Christ,

Linda Blackburn

#### Report by the Director of Missions

Baptist Praying for America is our theme this year. Truly where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty! I am thankful for the liberty that we have in America. America has been and continues to struggle with preserving liberty. As born again Christians we have the opportunity to continue to strengthen America by following the only true religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Never has there been a time for us to stand and follow the teachings of Jesus as in the arena of time that we are now privilege to live and serve in.

Prayer becomes not only a priority but a necessity as we go into the future. A healthy prayer life gives us liberty and thus helps folks around us to see Jesus at work in us and can give them liberty through the Holy Spirit. Prayer is absolutely crucial to every area of the believers life. Prayer is a major way we come to know Him and hear His voice. I believe in this world of sound bits and cell phones God is calling us back to dynamic spiritual cleansing and an intimate walk with the King of Kings. By increasing our prayer time we increase our relationship with Christ. We do abide in Him and He abides in us when we pray.(John 15:7)

In liberty we are set free to love and to serve, not to indulge in sinful nature. We cheapen the grace of God and misuse the freedom bought at a great price when we exploit freedom in self-centered living. As we pray as never before may we serve one another that we may be free. There is something uniquely powerful about God's people coming together in prayer to seek His face. (Matt. 18:19)

History reveals that the only thing that brings liberty and revival is fervent, God initiated prayer. You and I must set the tone and play a vital role in helping folks be involved in a prayer movement and have a burning desire to be saturated with God.

2 Chronicles 16:9 shares "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him".

May you and I be loyal to Him who died for us that we might live.

I thank you for your understanding, your encouragement, and your financial support. The following is a portion of the work that God has allowed me to do this past year:

- Drove 12,7824 miles
- Visited Churches of the Ashe Baptist Association
- Worked on "On Mission Celebration" with 27 Southern Baptist Missionaries
- Worked on Minister and Wife Retreat
- Assisted in Funerals when called upon
- · Assisted Hispanic Church
- Assisted Ashe Really Cares
- · Assisted in Youth Revival for High School
- Upgraded office equipment
- Prepared 825 Minute Books
- Prepared 225 Book of Reports

#### DOM Report Continued

- Prepared 750 Newsletters, 14 pages each month
- Mailed numerous cards and letters to pastors and church officers as needed (to include E-mail and Faxes)
- Submitted Church announcements to Jefferson Post and Mountain Times Community Events weekly
- Conducted Radio Program on WKSK weekly ( Ashe Baptist Association News)
- · Shared "The Thought for the Day" every 2 months on WKSK
- · Provided pulpit supply as needed
- Assisted Pastors and Churches in Revivals, VBS, Prayer Retreats, Deacon Training, Ordination Services for Deacons and Pastors and conducted Church Conferences.
- · Met with Association Committees as needed
- · Supervised Association staff
- · Provided over 800 hours of counseling
- Organized 6 Baptist State Convention Training sessions in ABA
- Worked with (in county and out of county) 5 clinics, Key Leadership, Caraway
  Programs, Ridgecrest Programs, Assisted with Ashe Pregnancy Care Center, School
  Based Health Center, A Safe Home For Everyone, Partnership for Children, Smart
  Start, Ashe Ministerial Alliance, Family Central, FEMA., Ashe Alternative School,
  Ashe County Middle School, Ashe County High School, all four Elementary Schools
  and Ashe County 4-H.

Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty! 2 Corinthians 3:17

Let freedom ring as we serve Jesus together !!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. David Blackburn Director of Missions / Association Missionary Ashe Baptist Association





#### REPORT TO THE ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Fiscal Year - June, 2002 To June, 2003.

## HISPANIC BAPTIST MISSION "CRISTO EL SALVADOR"

On April 27, 2003, The Hispanic Mission "Cristo El Salvador" had 3 baptisms, and they took place at Bald Mountain Church. There are more baptisms planned for the remainder of this year, and Cristo El Salvador will be using the beautiful area of Elk Shoels. All the members of the Hispanic Mission "Cristo El Salvador" are rejoicing because of the growth of the mission, and they understead that with obedience and the love for our Jesus Christ; that everything is possible. This mission is taking its time to grow, but the members are following what the Bible tells them to do. Rev. Jesus Padill teaches the member of this mission by the precept of the best Christian book, "The Bible

On June 13th, 14th, and 15th, "Cristo El Salvador" presented Bible studies at the Ashe Baptist Camp Ground, and in those 3 days, 14 people accepted Jesus Christ, and many Baptist friends of Cristo El Salvador, were joined by members of the Baptist Church of Kernersville, North Carolina.

The Hispanic Mission has a very active jail ministry, and one young man at the Ashe County Jail, as a prisoner, accepted Jesus, and that young man is now the leader of a jail ministry in Morganton, North Carolina. His name is Oziel Perez, and may The Glory Be To God. Other brothers and sisters who are and who have been prisoners in North Carolina, have also been helped by the jail ministry of Cristo El Salvador.

We praise God for all the good things that are taking place at the Hispanic Mission, "Cristo El Salvador. Amongst the various activities, it is with joy to inform you, that the mission now has 4 Sunday School Teachers, and 1 Sunday School Teacher for the youth.

Presently, the hours at the mission are as follows: Sunday School at 11:00 A.M., and Preaching is at 12:00 Noon. The Hispanic Mission "Cristo El Salvador" at Bald Mountain has grown slowly but steadfastly, and again we thank God for all the accomplishments.

We are also glad to inform you, that the Hispanic Mission "Cristo El Salvador", has done work that was needed at the Ashe Baptist Association Camp, and will continue to repair other things when it is needed.

I take this opportunity to thank Rev. Jesus Padilla Nuñez for guiding the mission, and I also want to thank all the churches and its members for the help that they have given to the Hispanic Mission. And last, but not least, the Ashe Baptist Association.

With my love for Jesus am, your servant,

Anrique (Henk) R. Saralegui, (Member, Hispanic Committee - "Gristo El Salvador."

## VBS 2003: The Great Kingdom Caper Cracking the Character Code

#### VBS Scripture:

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercles, kindness, humbleness of mind, meckness, longstficting: Forhearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Colossians 3:12-14

Younger/Middle Preschool	Teshia Billard	Laurel Kneb
Older Preschool	Nancy Watson	Trinity
Younger Children	Mertie Latham	Apple Grove
Middle Children	Candy Cambill	Healing Springs
Older Children	Michelle Combs	Pleasant Home
Youth	Rev. Man Ambrese	Bald Mountain
Adulis	Tim Church	Friendship
Missions	Linda Bali	Friendship
VBS Birectors	Victie Young	Pleasant Home

#### 2003 VBS Report

VXS information has been received from the churches listed below. We would like to have a completed report from every church in the Association, if possible.

Church Hame	Total Enrollment	Decisions to accept Christ	VBS Mission Offering
Apple Grove	61	0	288.00
Bald Mountain	256	8	424.24
Blg Halts	41	0	159.00
Buffalo	92	A	148.00
Priendly Grove	88	0	186.92
Friendship	192	14	N/A
New River	125	2	1,224
Healing Springs	31	2	577.00
Laurel Knob	32	0	51.80
Oblids	60	0	H/A
Old Fields	66	0	29.78
Pleasant Home	40	- 0	161.00
Phoenix	119	2	169.08
Round Knob	36	0	110.00
Wayoner	32	G	143.69
Werrensville	102	0	100.00

The VBS theme this year led us to England for the Great Kingdom Caper - Cracking the Character Code. Our churches were filled with double decker buses, telephone booths, Big Ben, castles and briefcases. Inspectors (teachers) and sleuths (students) were on special assignment to discover how compassion and kindness, humility and gentleness, patience and endurance, forgiveness, and love are vital to the Christian life. They worked through real-life cases to uncover the fact that to live with Christian character requires having Jesus as Savior and Lord. The caper was an exciting escapade that motivated people of all ages to know Christ, accept Him as Savior and Lord, and live with Christian character in God's Kingdom family.

Each year, I am so blessed to see the results of UBS. Every year after UBS season is over, I think your UBS workers cannot do anymore or be anymore creative than they were. And then every year I find I was wrong. I firmly believe some of the most talented, creative, patient, and dedicated people make up our UBS leaders and teachers. I hope everyone recognizes this fact, as well, and says a huge thank you! I thank you!

Inspectors should never be assigned a case without receiving proper training. Detectives receive training in research, observation, and deduction skills. UBS inspectors need training, as well. That is what our UBS team is all about. Each year our UBS age group leaders work very hard to review the UBS curriculum and prepare valuable training for our church workers. Your UBS team strives to provide practical information and suggestions and is always looking for ways to improve the UBS clinic. Please let me or David Blackburn know if you have suggestions as to how we can better serve you.

As your Associational UBS Director, I want to express my appreciation to our churches and those individuals who worked very hard in UBS this year. I also want to thank the UBS team who do such a great job of preparing our teachers. And as you all know, David Blackburn and Trish Church are always there for us, publicizing UBS events, scheduling the checkout of resources, and always helping to secure what is needed. And, as always, other appreciation goes to Friendship Baptist Church for the gracious use of their beautiful church, as well as to the ladies of Friendship for their wonderful refreshments. All of you are a blessing to me!

As you complete your VBS each year, remember that follow-up is very important. Don't "lose" those prospects. All VBS leaders and Sunday school teachers should be involved in follow-up activities. Pastors, tool

Our UBS scripture was "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Colossians 3:12-14. The Great Kingdom Caper sleuths discovered how to live with Christian character. What an exciting time! The time is now! I pray God's blessings upon you and your church and am looking forward to next year!

God bless you.

Vickie Young Associational VBS Director



### WMU Report 2002-2003

This year has gotten off to a rather slow start, but September holds much promise. Of course I know you are working hard within your church with your ladies groups, but I hope you will join us in the activities of the On Missions Celebration.

An exciting event we have scheduled is the Missions Fair to be held at Friendship on Saturday, September 13th, 2003. This will be a great time to share mission experiences and missions information with others. I would like to encourage you to set-up a booth or to attend and explore the missions going on around us. We will have ethnic food, games, and fun for all ages.

Something I would really like to see is a big push on the missions training in September. Twenty seven churches in the Ashe Baptist Association will be given the opportunity to hear Missionaries from all over the world speak in their church. If your church is participating I would like to encourage you to send emails to the missionaries, or send them a card. Another idea would be do some research on the area the missionaries are serving in and then do a mini-informational about where mission involvement will be focused. Example: If the missionary speakers for your church have been in China, correspond with your missionary, find out some information about them and what they have been doing, then present this to the children or the church or on a missions night in order to familiarize everyone with the speakers before they arrive. Another OMC related event is the "Ladies Luncheon" with the women missionaries that are scheduled to speak at the Celebration. This is tentatively set for Tuesday, September 23, I hope you will join us!

To get us revved up for 2004, I have spoken with Stormy Mitchell, manager for a variety of talented ladies, and I would like for us to have another "Women's Conference" in the Spring of 2004. We will have an organizational/planning meeting in February 2004 to begin our plans for this event as well as to have Sandy Harrison from the State Convention to speak with us, if you haven't heard her she's a true blessing and very funny too!

Please call me at 246-6583 if I can be of any help to you & your church at any time.

Respectfully submitted, Frances Blevins Associational WMU Director



For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of giory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina provides on-going leadership development and direct mission ministries through its General Board programs of work, primarily conducted by staff located at the Baptist Building in Carv.

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The majority of the General Board-supported ministries are in the Mission Growth Evangelism and Congregational Services groups. In addition, many of the direct mission projects (partnership missions, etc.) are administered through the two convention auxiliaries—Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union. Many of these mission and ministries are conducted cooperatively with the various associations across the state.

Partnership mission projects (with the approximate number of volunteers) for 2003 include Honduras (700 volunteers), Alaska (1,000 volunteers) and Southeast Asia (75 volunteers). To date, almost 1,300 volunteers have served with the Baptist Men's Medical/Dental Bus in 42 associations across the state. In addition, 1,400 people were trained for disaster relief ministries.

The annual Baptist Men's Convention registered approximately 2,000 participants with 880 boys attending the Royal Ambassador Congress. The Co-ed Student Missions conference registered 45 participants with 500 people scheduled to attend the Camporee Project.

The estimated number of participants in Deep Impact and World Changers include Deep Impact Honduras (130), Deep Impact Spring Weekend at Caswell (300), Deep Impact Charlotte set for November (300) and Mission Connect (1,050).

Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina provided training for over 2,000 people at the two weekend Missions Extravaganza meetings at Ridgecrest this year. During two weekend meetings, \$13,454 was received to help with the Project HELP: Restorative Justice program.

WMU-sponsored events in 2003, and number of participants, include Baptist Nursing Fellowship (190), Girls in Action Days (645), Children in Action Days (175), Camp Mundo Vista summer program (1,069), GA Mother/Daughter Camp (354) and Young Women on Mission Retreat (225)...

Other WMU-related ministries for the year included training 566 ladies in associational leadership meeting, providing a woman's prison retreat at Camp Mundo Vista for 60 inmates, send 2,300 Red Christmas Boxes, 134 gifts to missionaries and conducting a ministers' wives retreat.

Christian Women's Job Corp (CWJC), a national WMU program designed to help women who need to enter the job market, includes 16 sites across the state, involving more than 95 volunteers. Since 1999, CWJC has served approximately 100 participants per year.

Student mission projects for 2003, and number of participants, include Youth Corp (21), BSU-funded (24), Wilmington Area Resort Ministries (4), Resort Area Ministry, Boone (2), Raleigh Area Ministry (2), Caraway (23), Mundo Vista (43), Praise and Worship Team (15) and Language Ministry with migrants (1).

International Student Ministry projects involve a fall conference at Ridgecrest (90 students) and a spring conference at Caswell (300 students). The BSC annual convention at Ridgecrest registered almost 400 students with 220 students attending the spring student leadership conference at Caraway.

Baptist State Convention congregational leadership projects are held across the state throughout the year, including the ETC (Equipping Today's Church) meetings at Ridgecrest and Caswell), Children's Bible Drills and Youth Speakers' Tournaments, youth weeks at Caswell, and program-related training events on a statewide, regional and associational levels.

In addition, the Baptist State Convention includes three social service agencies (Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Retirement Homes and Baptist Hospital) and five college and universities (Chowan, Campbell, Wingate, Gardner-Webb and Mars Hill). The convention also supports two agencies--the Biblical Recorder and Baptist Foundation.

Submitted By, Rev. Lester Evans Western Regional Resources Baptist State Convention, Cary, NC

#### Hospice Report 2003

Ashe Hospice is committed to bring the highest quality of care to those with life-limiting illnesses by helping each person live their final days in comfort, with love, respect and dignity and by supporting individuals and their families through problems of grief and healing.

The District Hospice Program census remains at approximately 40 patients.

We are finding a trend that indicates our patients are younger, have more serious problems and that they are privately insured ... which means reimburment rates are less than Medicare currently offers.

Hospice Revenues are generally from Medicare, Private Insurance and the Foundation Contract which contributes \$80,000 through fund raising efforts in each community. Also, the individual Advisory Boards generously pick up many "incidentals" like computers, desks, office supplies, etc as requested by staff in each office. Historically we've also maintained a positive cash flow to supplement the budget in case of an occasional emergency so Hospice has a healthy fund Balance that as of May 31 was over \$200,000.

The new District Budget indicates that Salaries, FICA, Retirement, Group Insurance, Worker's Comp, and Unemployment Insurance represent more than 69% of our projected expenditures for the next fiscal year. As the monthly revenue and expenditure reports are generated, prescription drug costs, Nursing Home, Hospital Care and Ambulance Transports costs hit Hospice hard. These expenditures need more of our attention because the costs can be controlled if we're careful. There are other critical line items that bear watching like travel, postage, telephone, overtime/comp time because they eat us up each year.

Since arriving here as hospice director in April 2003 I've tried to keep the staff and District Administration informed by evaluating the revenue and expenditure reports coming across my desk. These reports have already helped us improve and streamline the billing process, for example. As the new fiscal year progresses we will be examining even more financial details of the hospice program, but cost control measures do not mean patient care should be compromised. We are going to work as a team to see that does not happen!

The Hospice program is a fragile but financially manageable organization. We have budgetary constraints but the quality of patient care we are known for will not be compromised.

Finally, it is my conclusion that Hospice is a fragile but financially healthy organization. It must be carefully nurtured but its future is based on the love and devotion of many people throughout Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga Counties. Hospice is very thankful for the support of the Ashe county Baptist churches and look forward to continued cooperation and support. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the hospice staff for your comment and questions.

Sincerely,

Danny Jacob, MPH Hospice Director



#### -- 2003 ANNUAL REPORT --

God is working through and among Southern Baptists, and the North American Mission Board (NAMB) is a key part of the team reaching North America for Christ. In partnership with state conventions, associations and local churches, we are commissioning more missionaries, putting more money on the mission field, and starting challenging, new ministries. In 2002, gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the Cooperative Program helped NAMB efforts in church planting, evangelism, strategic cities, disaster relief, Canada, and much more. Following are a few highlights of what those offerings, 5,204 missionaries, 2,400 chaplains and 400,000 mission volunteers accomplished.

#### Reaching People for Christ

- An estimated 2,500 schools have student-led Christian clubs who are using the FiSH! strategy. More than 8,500 commitments to Christ are made each year as a result of these FiSH! clubs.
  - 176 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2,416, and more than 13,800 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare.
- Church and community ministry missionaries recorded 29,594 professions of faith. Literacy mission efforts resulted in 14 new churches and more than 820 professions of faith. More than 280 refugees were resettled. Hunger ministries fed 3.7 million people, with more than 17,000 professions of faith recorded.
- The Evangelism Response Center makes it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 29,666 calls received and 460 people made salvation decisions during the calls, while 13,877 referrals were made to SBC churches.

#### Starting New Churches

- Southern Baptists established 1,451 new congregations, and added 164 new SBC affiliated churches for a total of 1,615 new SBC churches.
- The Nehemiah Project, which has established seven church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, trained and helped place over 160 students in short and long term church planting ministries. Seventy-nine students went out as lead church planters in 2002.
- Canadian leadership set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy, reproducing churches by 2020. Partnerships were established with several SBC mega-churches to plant flagship churches in Canada.

#### Mobilizing Christians

- NAMB's missionary count reached 5,204. Of this number, 3,280 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,924 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries with two or more years of service.
- An estimated 416,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects.
- More than 15,000 disaster relief volunteers from 35 state conventions responded to 65 disasters, prepared 1.25 million meals, and repaired 1,000 homes.
- World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than 23,500 participants in 88 projects. More than 13,600 presentations of the gospel were made, a 17% increase over the previous year. More than 14,000 gospel presentations were made, and 1,345 professions of faith were recorded. Participants gave \$230,000 to missions. There were 1,457 high school and college students who answered God's call as summer, sojourner, or semester
- missionaries. Semester missionaries served in 37 of 42 state and Canadian conventions. They presented the gospel almost 4,000 times and recorded 325 professions of faith.

#### Reaching the Cities

Strategic Focus Cities emphasis in Seattle and Philadelphia resulted in a combined total of more than 13,000 professions of faith and 78 new SBC churches. Nearly 9,000 mission volunteers served in the two cities. Planning for similar efforts in Miami and New York City were also initiated.

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 3, 2002

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on October 3, 2002 at the Friendly Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Jerry Francis called the meeting to order. The congregation was led in song, "Brethren We have Met to Worship" by the Director of Missions, Rev. David Blackburn.

Rev. Jerry Francis, pastor of Friendly Grove Baptist Church presented the welcome and a devotion on unity of spirit taken from Ephesians 4: 1-3. Rev. Francis encouraged those present to remember that temperance and long-suffering are virtues called for by God.

Ms. Sherry Goodman, Associational Clerk next called the roll of the churches with 32 members in attendance representing the following 21 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Calvary, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Healing Springs, Landmark, Liberty Grove, Midway, Mission Home, New River, North Beaver, Oak Hill, Old Fields, Orion, Phoenix, and Pleasant Home.

Next, the minutes of the July 2002 executive committee meeting and the minutes of the 2002 annual meeting were presented by Sherry Goodman, Associational Clerk. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

Ms. Trish Church, Associational Treasurer next presented the Treasurer's Report for the preceding quarter, noting that with the new software program, more detail could be presented in the breakdown. The report was approved as presented.

The moderator next called for Committee Reports. The first report was for Ashe Really Cares, given by Pat Miller, Director. She reported 645 food boxes given, serving a total of 1582 people, with 53 being new clients in the past quarter. Receipts of 7497 pounds of food from Second Harvest Food Bank and individual donations were reported. Ms. Miller thanked Food Lion and Ingles for food donations, as August -October periods were slowest for food receipts. The ARC is low on breakfast items, crackers, macaroni, etc. Ms. Miller reported the visits from several churches recently, including youth groups coming to work at the ARC. Director Miller has spoken at Ashe Pregnancy Care Center, Retired Schoolteachers meeting and the Riverview Lions Club on behalf of ARC. She also reported a visit from sixty 1<sup>st</sup> graders from West Jefferson Elementary School and asked all pastors to encourage their congregations to donate one

hour per week and get involved in ARC.

The Director of Missions next recognized new pastors and reported that the Key Leadership meeting is to be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church. All pastors and key leaders are urged to attend. DOM Blackburn thanked Friendship for the use of their van as 18 associational leaders went to Key Leadership training. Our DOM reported that Jim Ketner is hospitalized but wanted to share that a meeting will be held for Sunday School team, small member churches on October 22<sup>nd</sup> sponsored by Lifeway, in conjunction with Baptist State Convention.

The DOM will be attending the Baptist State Convention to be held November 10-12 in Winston-Salem and the Pastor's Conference to be held at Calvary Baptist Church. On behalf of Sister Diane Dixon who was unable to attend due to illness, the DOM reported that a meeting of those interested in Ultra Screen would be held at Friendship Baptist Church. The DOM also distributed blue strips of paper on which to write our prayers for the many hurting children and families of North Carolina. A project of the Baptist Children's Homes, the strips will be combined to form a chain of prayer to be displayed at this years Convention.

DOM Blackburn next reported on the On Mission Celebration being planned for the coming fall. An example of mission's activities includes missions fair with displays and visiting missionaries. Permission was given at the annual meeting for this to be pursued. Churches wishing to participate should complete information and return by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dom reported that a search had been underway for insurance for the Ashe Baptist Association camp and that Brother Lee Alan Elliott of Barr Insurance had found a liability policy with \$500,000 coverage per person. Noting that the cost of the policy is \$1946 and that the campground account balance is currently \$496, DOM reported that Ronnie Hopkins campground treasurer had requested permission for the association to pay the first \$500 payment and be authorized to pay what the campground cannot pay.

The DOM concluded by asking that the association remember in prayer those churches without pastors.

Next Rev. Lawrence Goodman spoke on the matter of the immigration papers for Rev. Jesus Padilla. He reported that the process, begun in May of 1997 has been referred to a lawyer in Winston-Salem who hopes to be able to conclude the necessary paperwork. The Association is unable to receive funding from the Baptist State Convention because the IN 360 petition has not been granted. The DOM asked everyone to pray about this matter.

Brother Bob Neaves, head of the Finance Committee presented information on the Road Maps to Financial Discipleship Program, which he has studied at various workshops. Interested churches of any size can have workshops on managing church finances, and the 5 phases of stewardship development and the ABC's of church budgeting. Brother Neaves will meet with pastors and key leaders to determine each churches needs and plan appropriate programs. He asked for volunteers to assist in this program.

As to old business, a question was raised on the user fees for the campground. It was reported that usage is free to association churches and others outside the association are charged \$10 per person for first night and \$5 per person for each additional night. It was noted that most users give more than the required fees. There was no additional old business.

As to new business, a motion was made by the Preacher/Place Committee to approve Fletcher Memorial as the meeting site for the 2003 annual meeting, Saturday session. The motion carried.

Volunteer churches were asked to host the 2003 executive committee meetings. Results were: January-Friendship, April- New River, July- Old Fields, and October- Big Flatts. Motion was made to approve these sites. Motion carried.

Rev. Kershaw Getty next made a motion that the association pay the initial \$500 and any deficit in funds thereafter to purchase the insurance for the Ashe Baptist Associational campground. Following a second by Rev. Lawrence Goodman, the motion carried.

Rev. Jack Young of Pleasant Home was recognized and spoke regarding Bible education as a part of school curriculum. He asked if churches would consider looking into this in our state.

Next, Brother Walter Pugh asked if the association would renew the Challenge 2000 billboard located in Jefferson. The owner is asking \$2400 per year to renew this contract. Following discussion and upon motion by Rev. Lawrence Goodman, the association voted not to renew.

There being no further new business, motion was made by Brother Walter Pugh to adjourn the meeting. Prayer requests were made for Rev. Wayne Osborne, Brother Jim Ketner and Brother Tom Colvard. Following altar prayer led by Rev. Wayne Jones, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry E. Goodman, Associational Clerk

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION JANUARY 9, 2003

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on January 9, 2003, at the Friendship Baptist Church. Jerry Powers, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Rev. Johnny Goodman opened with prayer and Lynn Getty led the congregation in the song "Victory in Jesus".

Rev. David Grinnell, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, welcomed everyone and presented the devotion from Hebrews 11: 24-27. Rev. Grinnell spoke on vision within our churches stating that "vision is the ability to see what others cannot see, to believe what others will not believe and courage to do what others say can't be done." He then led the congregation in prayer.

Peggy Powers, acting in the absence of Ms. Sherry Goodman, Associational Clerk, next called the roll call of the churches with 19 churches represented: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Buffalo, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Healing Springs, Liberty Grove, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Old Fields, Orion, Phoenix, Pleasant Home, Round Knob and Tuckerdale.

Next, the minutes of the October, 2002, executive committee meeting were presented by Peggy Powers. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

Ms. Trish Church, Associational Treasurer, next presented the Treasurer's Report for the preceding quarter, The report was approved as presented.

The moderator next called for the committee reports. The first report was given by Pat Miller, Director of Ashe Really Cares. She reported that 678 food boxes were given out, serving a total of 1047 people with 66 new clients. For the past year, 2,885 food boxes were given out, serving a total of 6,102 people and 205 new clients. She thanked the churches and volunteers for their continued prayers and support. She stated that the Second Harvest Food Bank is low. She reported that the Teacher's Association had helped out during Christmas, that senior citizens had been helped with CNAs taking their clients food and clothing from the ARC, that representatives from two nursing homes had come to the ARC to get clothing and that emergency funding had been awarded to put up the homeless for a night or two in the motel and to help with rent, electricity and fuel oil. She also reported that the ARC would hopefully be moved to Family Central by Spring or early Summer.

David Blackburn, our Director of Missions, next gave a report on Mission Celebration Update. He thanked the Ashe Baptist Association for its support. He reported that we would possibly have RA and GA training in the Spring and that the convention would send someone up to take care of this training. He reported that there is interest in trying to get more youth activity at our campground, that the finance committee is doing well, the ARC is standing alone. He stated that the Evangelism Conference will be on February 17 and 18 in Asheville, NC, and as of the date of this meeting, Rev. Jerry Francis, Rev. Bill Ballou, Rev. Steve Leusham, Rev. David Jones and the Director of Missions will be going to this conference. One area that the Association is behind in is the support of the campground.

The DOM stated that 26 churches had signed up for Missions Celebration for September 21-24. He stated that the churches are to form their committees and that each church should have a representative. He wanted this event announced on the radio and publicized in our schools.

Next, Mrs. Vickie Young, our VBS Director, of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, gave a report on the Vacation Bible School material for 2003. She stated that pastors are influential in having a successful Bible School and asked that they be involved and take an active role. She stated that 3 million children were enrolled in VBS in 2001, 100,000 decisions were made resulting in 47,000 enrolled in Sunday School and that 25% of baptisms is a result of VBS. More people are saved through VBS that any other single church activity. The theme for VBS is "The Great Kingdom Caper, Cracking the Character Code, and is taken from the scripture found in Colossians 3: 12-14. The meeting will be on April 7, 2003, at 7:00 P.M. at Friendship Baptist Church. Mrs. Young asked for prayer for the VBS team.

Next, Rev. Elliott Osowitt, pastor of Phoenix Baptist Church, gave a report of the vision God had given to him for purchasing the skating rink in order to provide a safe environment for our youth and young adults. He gave a film presentation and spoke of the skating rink as being a place for recreation that is tobacco free, drug free and alcohol free for all youth, a place where families can come to share leisure time together skating, playing games or watching a Christian movie. Spiritual counseling would be provided and hopefully a pastoral director would be hired within 3 to 6 months. The rink would be open to all youth week nights, on Saturdays and Sundays and after school. The asking price for the building is \$450,000.00 and work is underway to raise enough money to purchase the building. Rev. Osowitt stated that the rink could probably be purchased for around \$350,000.00. Thirty-seven grants have been applied for and there have been five rejected replies. He stated that Virginia and Tennessee have shown support. A Board of Directors would be appointed and the employees, the maintenance, taxes, insurance and utilities would have to be worked out. Hopefully, the rink would be financially self-supportive via revenues within 3 to 5 years. A minimum fee would be charged all youth; however, if a church contributed financially to the rink the youth groups of that church would be admitted free. An outdoor swimming pool is something to consider for a future time

Ms. Diane Schaffer, Congregational Nurse Coordinator, gave a report on the Ashe Congregational Health Ministry. She spoke of her vision 1 1/2 years ago for this ministry. This is a neighbor to neighbor health ministry for congregations within the Baptist churches of Ashe County. A health cabinet within the church will select a nurse for this respite program and nurses and volunteers will be taking care of the congregation. The Congregational Nurse Coordinator will be going to interagency meetings and will bring back information to the nurses. Congregational nurses will be educated and trained through the Ashe Congregational Health Ministry through monthly meetings to provide physical, mental and spiritual health to individuals, families or groups within the churches. The role of the congregational nurse is geared to individual congregations and to all faith congregations. It is an opportunity for Christian nurses to minister within their local church. The congregational nurses do not take the place of home health or hospice. A charge of \$1.70 per member will be charged. Five congregations have signed up for program. A CPR and first aide seminar is scheduled for February 13 at Bethany United Methodist Church.

Moderator Powers asked for old business and there was none.

Moderator Powers asked for new business.

Healing Springs Baptist Church had agreed to host the associational meeting in August. Motion was made by Rev. Johnny Goodman and seconded by Freddie Walters and the motion carried

Moderator Powers entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Rev. Johnny Goodman and seconded by Bill Carter. Motion carried. Rev. Kershaw Getty, pastor of Liberty Grove Baptist Church, led with closing prayer at altar.

Respectfully Submitted, Peggy Powers, Acting Clerk

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION APRIL 3, 2003

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on April 3, 2003, at the New River Baptist Church. Rev. Jerry Francis, Vice-Moderator, acting in the absence of Mr. Jerry Powers, Associational Moderator, called the meeting to order. Rev. Jerry Francis opened with prayer and Mr. & Mrs. Kershaw Getty led the congregation in the song "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Rev. Wayne Jones, pastor of New River Baptist Church, welcomed everyone and presented the devotion from 1 John 5:11-14. Rev. Jones spoke on "God...The Giver of Life." He then led the congregation in special prayer at the altar.

Mrs. Trish Church, acting in the absence of Ms. Sherry Goodman, Associational Clerk, next called the roll call of the churches with 17 churches represented: Calvary, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Healing Springs, Liberty Grove, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Old Fields, Phoenix, Pleasant Home, Round Knob, and Tuckerdale.

Next, the minutes of the January 2003, Executive Committee Meeting were presented by Rev. Jerry Francis. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Trish Church, Associational Treasurer, next presented the Treasurer's Report for the preceding quarter. She made note of corrections to make on the printed copy of the Treasurer's reports, on the Income report it reads 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Receipts – correction should read 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Receipts. Another correction was on Expense report at the Minute books expense total it read VBS – correction should read Total Minute Book. The report was approved as presented.

The moderator next called for the committee reports. Mrs. Pat Miller, Director of Ashe Really Cares, gave the first report. She began with a reading of the Scriptures from Matthew 22:37-40. Using reference from the scriptures she noted that all the folks that come into Ashe Really Cares are our neighbors and that they appreciate all that the churches and individuals do for them through Ashe Really Cares. She reported that 707 food boxes were given out, serving a total of 1663 people with 35 new clients. They also gave out 6 Bibles, and referred 5 clients to local churches. Six churches visited Ashe Really Cares to learn more about the services they provide. She recently placed a prayer request form in the clothing room and is getting a good response from the clients. This enables the workers at Ashe Really Cares to pray for the clients on specific issues. She reported that Curves, a local ladies workout center, donated an estimated 2500 pounds of food to the ARC. She presented a copy of the new Ashe Really Cares floor layout plan for the new site at Family Central. She concluded by asking for any input and suggestions and thanking for all of the prayers that are uplifted for Ashe Really Cares.

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions, next gave a report for the On Missions Celebration Update. He began with a reminder to all that the Associational VBS Clinic will be held Monday. April 7, 2003, at Friendship Baptist Church. He eneouraged all ehurches regardless of what material they use to attend as this workshop would be helpful for ideas on teaching and evangelism. He then asked that we continue to remember in prayer our churches that are seeking pastors: Trinity, Pinc Swamp, Wagoner, Tuckerdalc, North Beaver, Peak Valley, Liberty Grove. and that Rev. Bill Ballou would be leaving Pleasant Valley at the end of the month. He then gave praise to God for the works that is being done at Big Laurel Baptist Church, stating that he had spoken with their pastor, Rev. Harlan Greer, and that Big Laurel is now meeting every Sunday morning and in May 2003, they will begin having church service every Wednesday night at 7:30 PM. Rev. Blackburn then reminded everyone that the Region 7 Baptist Mcn's Rally will be held at Friendship Baptist Church on May 1 at 6:30 PM. He encouraged men and women that are interested in mission work to attend this Rally. Rev. Blackburn stated that 26 of the 27 churches that signed up to be a part of the On Missions Celebration have paid at least \$300 each. He read the list of names of the NAMB and State Missionaries that will be coming to the Celebration. He stated that he and Trish, office assistant, will be putting together a book for each church with the names and addresses of all the missionaries that will be presenting at the On Missions Celebrations. Next, he requested prayer for Rev. Allen Huffman, pastor of Little Helton Baptist Church, who was hospitalized from a recent accident. He then concluded by expressing his thanks and appreciation for all of the support and prayers that were offered during the recent loss of his father.

Next, Mr. Jim Ketner presented the report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. He stated that Rev. Jerry Francis would be presented as the Seminary Extension Director.

Next, Mr. Don Sloan presented a report on Habitat for Humanity. He began by thanking everyone for allowing him to share some of what the Habitat for Humanity is about. He said that the Habitat for Humanity was started with a vision by a group of folks that want to put an end to poverty housing. They have built 10 homes in Watauga County. He stated that the Habitat is not a handout or government subsidized but that people buy the homes and they participate in the building of their own home as well as participate in the building of other homes 1 year prior to building their own home. The Habitat for Humanity also works with the potential homeowners to teach them how to be a responsible homeowner. He concluded with a video segment of the local Habitat for Humanity in Watauga County.

Moderator, Rev. Jerry Francis, asked if there was any old business and there was none.

Moderator, Rev. Jerry Francis, asked for new business.

Aurturo Padilla asked if he could speak on behalf of the Hispanic Mission. He proceeded to apologize to the congregation for the tardiness of he and his father, Rev. Jesus Padilla, pastor of the Hispanic Mission. He expressed his appreciation to all for allowing him to speak. He shared that he will be graduating from Ashe County High School in June and would like to attend college. He has been accepted at Lees McRae College, but is unable to obtain scholarships since he does not have a Social Security number. He is asking for individuals or businesses to help sponsors his education. He will have to go back to Mexico if he is unable to attend college and

and he really has his heart set to attend college. He concluded by thanking anyone that would be able to help him to fund his education and said that his father Rev. Padilla had planned to sing a couple songs if time permitted.

Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, spoke briefing concerning the Hispanic Mission. He stated that the Padilla family is visiting the Unites States on a visitation Visa and that the Association is still working with the Law Offices of McKenzie Law Firm on the application for citizenship. He also stated that the churches are supporting the Hispanic Mission and that the growth of the Mission is tremendous.

Rev. Steve LeaShomb, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, made the motion that the Association take \$500 from the general fund and place in a special fund for Arturo to begin a scholarship fund for his education. Rev. Rick Miller, pastor of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, seconded the motion and with no discussion the motion carried.

Rev. David Blackburn, DOM then asked Rev. Jesus Padilla if he would like to sing two stanza's of a song. Rev. Jesus Padilla then sang Amazing Grace.

Moderator, Rev. Jerry Francis, entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Rev. Rick Miller and seconded by Rev. Wayne Jones. Motion carried. Rev. Kershaw Getty led with closing prayer at the altar.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Trish Church, Acting Clerk

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 7-10-03

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on July 10, 2003 at the Old Fields Baptist Church. A total of 21 people were present representing the following fifteen churches: Bald Mountain, Bristol, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Midway, Mission Home, New River, North Beaver, Old Fields, Orion, Tuckerdale and Welcome Home.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Powers. Following a congregational hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Chris Greene filling in for Rev. Jack Miller, who could not be present due to illness. The devotion was taken from Luke 6: 47-49.

Sherry Goodman, Associational Clerk read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the April Executive Committee meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Director of Missions, Rev. David Blackburn presented the Ashe Really Cares report on behalf of ARC Director Pat Miller who could not be present. She reported 731 foodboxes distributed and a total of 28 new clients served. Ms. Miller thanked the Post Office for its donation of 3530 pounds of food and reported that the move to Family Central is expected to take place in October. DOM Blackburn asked for volunteers to assist with moving and storage of four large room partitions donated to ARC by the Red Cross.

DOM Blackburn next reported on the On Mission Celebration reporting that four churches would be serving supper and that Brother Fred Walters would be in charge of transportation for the visiting missionaries. Rooms have been reserved at the Best Western and free breakfast will be provided for our visiting missionaries. Arrangements have been made for appearances on WKSK, tours and sight seeing opportunities for the missionaries while they are in the county.

Reporting on the upcoming annual meeting, DOM Blackburn noted that the Friday session will begin at 2:00 pm on August 15th at Healing Springs Baptist Church. This years theme will be "Baptists Praying for America". The Saturday session will begin at 9:00 am at Fletcher Memorial. Thanking everyone for their support and prayers, DOM Blackburn closed by recognizing the Old Fields Baptist Church, celebrating 200 years in August.

Brother Jim Ketner, on behalf of the Nominating Committee recommended Brother Joe Brown of the Liberty Grove Baptist Church as Vice- Moderator. Voting was tabled until the new business portion of the meeting.

There being no old business, Moderator Powers called for new business. A motion was made, seconded and approved for Welcome Home Baptist Church to host the 2004 annual meeting Saturday session.

Upon recommendation by the Nominating Committee, motion was made and seconded to approve Joe Brown as Vice Moderator, replacing Rev. Jerry Francis.

DOM David Blackburn was recognized and presented information on the two older shelters at the Ashe Baptist Campground. After an inspection by Brother Raymond Elliott, it was determined that the two structures should be torn down, there being no cost effective way to repair them. After motion and second, this was approved. DOM Blackburn noted that Rev. Kershaw Getty was available to tear down the structures. Also, he noted that the budget for the campground is low and that the association has been helping out with the expenditures, particularly the insurance item.

Moderator Jerry Power noted that speakers for the annual meeting should be reminded of time constraints. It was duly noted that time limits should be observed out of courtesy for everyone and to keep the meeting on schedule.

There being no further new business, a motion was made to adjourn. Following prayer at the altar, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry E. Goodman, Associational Clerk

## ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION HEALING SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 15, 2003

Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers, called the one hundred seventeenth annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 15, 2003, at the Healing Springs Baptist Church.

The congregation was led in a congregational hymn, "To God be the Glory". Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. David Jones, pastor of Healing Springs Baptist Church, on scripture taken from John 8:36 regarding freedom. Rev. Jones spoke of God-given freedom, the freedom from sins and that when you come to Jesus, you give up nothing to get that freedom. He also stressed that America is one nation, under God.

Next, the Moderator, Jerry Powers, turned to organizational matters including the seating of the messengers who were asked to stand and be recognized and the adoption of the order of business, with changes. Changes to Friday's agenda included an additional category of "other" added at 3:20, an additional 5 minute time allowance for the 5:20 "Special Music", and the installation of Vickie Young as Associational clerk, per the nominating committee's recommendation. Changes to Saturday's agenda included a substitution for the Ashe Pregnancy Center report at 11:10. Motion was made by Lawrence Goodman, seconded by Wayne Osborne to adopt the order of business with changes as presented on page 14 of the Book of Reports.

Visitors were recognized, including: Rev. Lloyd Fish of Baptist Children's Homes, Rev. Lester Evans of the Baptist State Convention, and Mr. Richard Whittington of Servant Ministries in Wilkesboro, NC. New pastors coming into the association since the last annual meeting were recognized: Rev. Harland Greer of Big Laurel Baptist Church, Rev. John Crawford of North Beaver Baptist Church, and Rev. Steve Viers of Wagoner Baptist Church.

Moderator Powers next referred the congregation to page 14 of the Book of Reports noting Committees appointed annually by the Moderator. Appointed were Fred Walters, Jerry South and Charles King to the Resolutions Committee. Appointed to the Preacher/Place Committee were Lois Bare, Harold Riddle, and Rev. Rick Miller.

Next in the order of business was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. At least 100 persons were present representing the following 34 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Buffalo, Calvary, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creck, Healing Springs, Landmark, Liberty Grove, Little Helton, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Orion, Phoenix,

Pleasant Home, Pleasant Valley, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, Welcome Home, and the Hispanic Baptist Mission.

Next Mrs. Nan Jones presented the history of Healing Springs Baptist Church. Following the presentation, Moderator Powers, noting the "One Nation, Under God" title on the cover of our Book of Reports, asked that Mr. Daniel Pugh lead the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the congregation was led in song, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus".

Moderator Powers next introduced Rev. Allen Huffman, pastor of Little Helton Baptist Church, who presented the evening message with the idea that God knows best. He cited Rev. 2:1-5, James:4:1-8, with selected scripture from 1 John 2 and Chronicles 7. He called for all to repent, be careful with doctrine and examine ourselves. We must submit ourselves to God and resist the devil. Following the message, the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus".

Next on the agenda were various items of miscellaneous business. Moderator Powers presented the organizational officers and administrative committees as detailed in the minute book. Regarding the organizational officers, it was noted that Vickie Young would be installed as Clerk. It was also noted under Administrative Committees, Seminary Extension, that Rev. Jerry Francis has moved to Wilkesboro, NC, leaving an opening in the committee. Jim Ketner, Chairman of the nominating committee, stated that the committee will select a pastor to fill this position. Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, also spoke to the issue, explaining that the 1 - 3 year terms were to insure a rotation of people and that the nominating committee meets once/year to fill any vacancies. He also mentioned the annual church profile (ACP) this year showed a 15% increase in membership, from 6,000 members to 8,100 members. He encouraged anyone interested in any of these committees to contact him or the nominating committee members. The recommendations were approved.

Mrs. Trish Church, Treasurer, next presented the treasurer's report. There being no corrections or additions, the report was approved as presented. Moderator Powers then recognized Mr. Bob Neaves, Chairman of the Budget Committee, who recognized the finance committee members and expressed appreciation to them and to the churches for their support of the Association. Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, noted the addition of the campground line item to cover the cost of insurance for the campground. He stated that the Executive Committee had approved payment of this expense this year from the general fund. Voting on the budget was deferred to the Saturday morning session at its noted place on the agenda.

Reports of institutions and agencies were next on the agenda. Rev. Lloyd Fish, representative of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH), presented information on the BCH. He said that the \$4 million budget cut meant 66 fewer employees and 60 beds they could not fill. He also said "thank you" from 2,106 children who are receiving care through BCH. He spoke of the food drive for BCH and said that transportation help was needed.

He also said that pastors have received the Thanksgiving offering material for BCH and that this offering was critical for BCH. If funds are not raised to meet next year's budget, further cuts will have to be made. He said that businesses are helping with donations including Coke, Pepsi and Tyson Foods. He said that Tyson Foods had given 30,000 pounds of chicken, far more than they had thought would be donated. He stated "God is always beyond your beyond."

Rev. Paul Mullen, representing NC Baptist Hospital, next presented information on the services provided by Baptist Hospital through donations provided through cooperative program giving and the Mother's Day offering. He told of a 2-year-old girl who was treated for eye cancer at Baptist and her hospital bills were paid by NC Baptists. He asked that if anyone needs help with Baptist Hospital services, to please call him or our DOM. He also mentioned the minister supplement. He said that through a special fund, 20-25% of a pastor's hospital bills can be paid which amounted to \$80,000 last year.

Rev. Daniel Terry, College Chaplain at Mars Hill College, spoke regarding Christian Higher Education. He said there are 5 institutions with Christian values and a Baptist foundation.

The next report was offered by Todd Edmiston of Fruitland Bible Institute who related a story showing we don't live in innocent times anymore. He stated the solution is Jesus Christ. He stated that 20% of pastors in NC are Fruitland graduates and recognized those that attended Fruitland. He gave everyone an invitation to visit the campus.

Rev. Lester Evans of the Baptist State Convention (BSC) next reported on State Missions. He stated that thousands of lives are impacted by missions, but it is intangible to measure. The challenges, including changing languages and cultures, are tremendous, but there are great opportunities. He said that in NC, the population is 8 million and over 4 million are unchurched and unreached. He works with 33 associations in western NC and wants to be available to anyone who needs him.

Next, Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, gave a presentation on the upcoming On Mission Celebration, which included a video, "Church Planters - How will you join Him?", provided by Richard Whittington of Walk Through The Bible. After the very moving video presentation, the DOM stated that there are 27 churches participating with 27 missionaries. The last planning meeting is scheduled for September 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Friendly Grove Baptist Church.

Next was a special report presented by Dr. Tom Jenkins, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives and Planning, Baptist State Convention of NC. Dr. Jenkins spoke of the need to trust God to open doors in reaching people for Jesus. We must use technology available as each generation ushers in new challenges. He asked the congregation to recite the Great Commission. He spoke of new strategies for evangelism to reach a different culture. We must wrap the Great Commission in the new technology to reach those searching through computers and the Internet. We should use every means

possible to reach the lost and the Internet is the best. He cautioned that we are not changing the product, only the container. He said that BSC will help with development of this tool.

As meeting was running ahead of schedule, Moderator Powers gave the moderator's report that was scheduled to be given on Saturday morning.

Moderator Powers then asked Sister Linda Blackburn to give her report on discipleship training, also scheduled for Saturday morning. Sister Linda shared that discipleship training is anytime someone can become a disciple, and shared with us the resources available through the association.

Moderator Powers then asked that Mr. Daniel Pugh give the report on church music that was scheduled for Saturday morning. Brother Pugh stated that discipleship goes hand in hand with fellowship and fellowship with song. He stated that new resources are available, including some praise songs. Brother Pugh then led the congregation in a song, "His Name is Wonderful".

Next, special music was provided by Rev. Allen Ambrose of Bald Mountain Baptist Church (Diane Fox was unable to attend). He sang a very moving rendition of "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb".

Rev. David Grinnell, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, next presented the annual message on the topic of "Changes", presenting scripture from Joshua 7. He related that we are in a battle and there is a great challenge, remarking how the Anglican church has recently approved a homosexual bishop. He spoke of the many sins bombarding the church and the need to restore the spiritual standard of a nation. He said the standard of holiness is broken and spoke of how to return to the standard. He said that power comes to the church after prayer, penitence, and purging of sins.

Following the sermon, Rev. David Jones led the blessing and the meeting was adjourned for the evening meal, prepared by the ladies of Healing Springs Baptist Church.

Following the delicious meal, the meeting was reconvened by the moderator for the evening session, Brother Joe Brown, vice-moderator. Rev. Johnny Huffman, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church, led the congregation in prayer and presented scripture from 1 Corinthians 1:18. He said that being born again was important, not being Baptist. There is only one name under heaven by which to be saved, only by Christ's blood. He stressed we should not just invite people to church, but invite them to Christ.

The highlight of the evening was special singing by the Associational choir, led by Daniel Pugh. Everyone was uplifted by the powerful songs, which included a mix of contemporary praise songs and old time gospel songs.

Next, Rev. John Crawford, pastor of North Beaver Baptist Church, presented the missions sermon, entitled "How to Have An Unbroken Focus on Jesus Christ", with scripture from Luke 10:38-42. He spoke of the story of Mary and Martha and their relationship with Jesus. He said that we have to move the heart of God before we move the hand of God.

Following the sermon, Brother C.C. Poe presented the benediction and the meeting was adjourned to reconvene the following morning at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

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Saturday Morning, August 16, 2003

The 117<sup>th</sup> annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association was called to order at 9:00 am by the Moderator, Brother Jerry Powers, at the Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church on Saturday, August 16, 2003. Brother Daniel Pugh, Associational Music. Director, led the congregation in song, "There Shall Be Showers."

Rev. Jeff Vogler, pastor of the host church, was introduced and presented the welcome and devotion taken from Luke 13. He spoke on the topic of how Jesus healed the crippled woman's spirit and her infirmity. He spoke of how God uses the conditions we are in for His glory and satan will come and try to hold us back. Jesus will show us how to get freedom from bondage. He challenged the congregation to be a congregation of people that has freedom in Christ throughout the Association, so that when the world walks through the church doors with infirmities they will know Jesus can heal them of their infirmities.

Mrs. Trish Church, Associational Secretary/treasurer, acting in the absence of the Associational Clerk presented the roll call of the churches with approximately 98 representatives from 34 churches.

Sister Willie Lou Denny presented a history of Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church. The Moderator made note that since the meeting was running ahead of schedule at the Friday session Sister Linda Blackburn gave the Discipleship report and the Brother Daniel Pugh gave the Music report at the Friday session. The Moderator then asked for the local missions reports to be presented.

First Mrs. Pat Miller, Director of Ashe Really Cares, stated that she was humbled and honored to be allowed to spread God's Word through her work at Ashe Really Cares. She reported that 2786 boxes of food were given during the past year, assisting 6661 individuals, including 171 new clients. She noted that 27,466 pounds of food had been received from the Second Harvest Food Bank, which was down 13,000 pounds from last year. She reported that she had been given the opportunity to hand out 21 Bibles to clients that did not own a Bible. She stated that most of the clients that come to the ARC are not Christians and they know the ARC is a mission outreach from Christians, often the clients come in just with the need of prayer and she is able to pray with each of them. She noted that sometimes we all just need a hand-up and her prayer is to be able to offer that hand through Jesus. She concluded with thanking everyone for their support.

Next, a report on medical missions was given by Rev. Lawrence Goodman. He reported that the Medical Missions Team had purchased an Ultrasound machine for the Ashe Pregnancy Care Center. The purpose is for the young ladies that come in to be able to see the baby God has created before they make any decisions. He noted that a letter would go out to congregations soon concerning the Dental Bus. The date set for the next Dental Clinic is November 1-2, and two dentists will be working both days. The medical missions is changing their focus some and hope to include folks from the

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Hispanic Ministry, the Christmas Tree Growers Association, and Samaritans Purse. One goal is to become a medicine collection agency.

Brother Hank Saralegui reported on behalf of the Hispanic Mission. He reported that the Rev. Jesus Padilla, Pastor of Cristo El Salvador, had performed 3 baptism and that all the members are rejoicing because of the growth of the mission, and they understand that it is with obedience and the love for our Jesus Christ, that everything id possible. In June the mission had Bible studies at the Baptist Campground and in 3 days, 14 people had accepted Jesus Christ. The mission is growing and he concluded the report by giving thanks to Rev. Jesus Padilla for his hard work and dedication to the Lord and to the Churches of the Ashe Baptist Association for supporting the mission.

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions, began his report by stating that "We have a great work to do." He mention our theme for this year's meetings is "Baptist Praying for America," stating that America is strong because of the Christians who are praying. He stated that the Southern Baptist is the largest denomination in the world and we need to be praying like never before. He quoted scripture from John 15:7, pray abiding in Christ. He stated, "I like to be free and the liberty to be set free is through Christ Jesus. We have a liberty that we need to share with a lost world." He spoke of several events that are planned and are fast approaching: A Prayer retreat on September 13, planned by the OMC Spiritual Preparation Team, a Missions Extravaganza on September 13, planned by Associational WMU, and the On Mission Celebration September 21-24. He concluded by thanking everyone for their support and prayers.

Sister Frances Blevins, WMU Director, presented her report on WMU. She began by asking the congregation to picture a church, next picture the difference in the church buildings, and then picture the differences in the people in the churches. She read scripture from Luke 22:32, and spoke of how important mission work is for all people, everywhere!

Reporting for the Brotherhood, Rev. David Blackburn, filling in for Brother Fred Walters, noting that Brother Fred had to be at a wedding. He announced that a RA training would take place this Fall at Midway Baptist church, and folks would be notified of the date later on. Mission work is going on through the county. Warrensville Baptist Men are scheduled to paint the new Ashe Really Cares facility. Many folks in our churches are busy doing missions throughout the world.

Next, on the agenda was a report from the Highlands Community Mission and the moderator made note that there was not a report or representative available from Highlands.

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Sister Lynn Getty, presented special music including "Birth I Can't Remember and A Birth I Can't Forget" and "God Bless America."

Rev. Tommy Graybeal, Pastor of Obids Baptist Church next presented the annual message on "God is looking for someone who loves Him, believes Him, and trust Him to bless!" Scriptures read from 2 Chronicles 16:7-10, "Do we really love Jesus? Do we love Him enough to study and be available for God." He read the scriptures from Matthew 6:33, Luke 18:18 and concluded with a challenge to everyone to love the Lord with all their hearts.

Rev. Jim Ketner, Director of Sunday School, noted that he was very disappointed with Sunday school this year. He read scriptures from Psalms 1:1. He mentioned that the Sunday school team hopes to be able to get training this year and then present an Associational training in the fall.

Rev. Johnny Goodman presented the Ashe Baptist Associational Campground report. He began by saying that he was very thankful for the Preachers and Speakers that have spoken and challenged everyone to change in order to be more effective in sharing the gospel. He thanked everyone for their financial giving to the camp, for mowing the grounds, and taking such good care of the campground. He told of improvements that had been made to the camp and asked that the churches let the camp committee know of any improvement ideas that will secure the camps future as it alorifies the Lord.

Rev. Bill Ballou next presented the Historian Report reflecting on a brief history of Fletcher memorial.

The Moderator asked Rev. Bill Ballou to lead the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Brother Daniel Pugh led the congregation in song, "Praise Him, Praise Him "

Sister Willa Dean Church reported on behalf of the Evangelism Committee. She began by reading the names of the members of the Evangelism Committee and stated they had planned an outreach conference but had to cancel due to lack of interest from the churches. She reminded the congregation of the great Commission that Jesus gave to us.

Rev. Alan Ambrose presented the report for the Youth Council. He stated that he is very disappointed with what we have not done with our youth. He stated that a Youth Retreat for children had been planned for the summer but was canceled due to lack of interest from the churches. He encouraged everyone to work together to get our youth & children involved

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Rev. David Blackburn gave the Vacation Bible School in the absence of Sister Vickie Young, VBS Director. He noted that the VBS Clinic was a huge success again this year! He thanked all of the folks that help in making the VBS clinic so success and encouraged all churches regardless of the material they use to attend next year's clinic, as he feels we offer the best one in the state of North Carolina.

Moderator noted that there was not a representative for the Christian Action League in attendance, but a report was in the minute book and for individuals to take a look at the report at their convenience.

Moderator noted that the Ashe Pregnancy Care Center was scheduled to give a report but had called the Director of Missions to state they would not have a representative available to give the report. He asked the congregation if there was any opposition to allowing Rev. Roger Newton to give a report on behalf of Hospice of Ashe. No opposition was expressed and the Moderator invited Rev. Newton to present a report. He began by speaking on the sanctity of life at the end of life and how at Hospice they provide care of the terminally ill. He shared how Jesus gave him a mission statement as well as the church in John 10:10. He spoke briefly on behalf of the Ashe Congregational Nursing Program. He spoke of the video "Isn't It Time We Talk?" produced by the Ashe County END OF LIFE Care Coalition. This video is a three-part video on how to prepare for Your End of Life. He noted that there is three copies of this video available for anyone to view at the Ashe Baptist Associational Office. He concluded with by offering assistance to the churches from himself as well as his co-workers to come to the churches to speak on behalf of Hospice.

Next, Brother Larry Greer presented a report for the Gideons International. He reported that every dollar given to the Gideons is used to purchase scriptures for the Gideons to hand out. The Gideons are now over 156,000 Gideons strong. He stated that God has not asked us to do anything He did not do. We are to take a stand and make a difference in this world.

The meeting was running ahead of schedule and Rev. Jim Ketner asked if it would be acceptable for him to give a brief report on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America. Moderator asked the congregation for any opposition being none, Rev. Ketner proceeded to give a report. He stated that he has worked with the Boy Scouts of America for twenty-seven years. They currently have only one Baptist Church that is a host church for the Scouts, he expressed his thanks to Warrensville Baptist Church for their support. He stated that the United Way Corporation had cut the funding for Scouts in the High Country by \$46,000 because the Scouts do not believe in homosexuality.

Brother Daniel Pugh led the congregation in song, "Send the Light." An offering was taken up to go towards the On Mission Celebration. \$431 was received.

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The business session followed with the first item of business being the adoption of the annual budget of the association, which had been previously presented. There being no changes or corrections from the floor, the budget was approved as presented upon recommendation of the Budget/Finance Committee.

As to other business, Rev. Lawrence Goodman was recognized. Rev. Goodman spoke briefly about his thanks to Rev. Bill Ballou for faithfully serving the Ashe Baptist Association for 22 years and what a wonderful servant of the Lord Rev. Ballou is even to the day. He noted also that according to the statistic presented from the Annual Church Profiles that it took 80 people to reach 1 lost person in Ashe County. He then proceeded to tell of the Jesus Video project and how it is their goal to put a copy of the Jesus Video in every home in North Carolina. He challenged the churches to join with Bald Mountain Baptist Church to reach the lost of Ashe County by putting a copy of the video in every home in Ashe County. Rev. Goodman made a motion to take on this project as an Association and allow other denominations to participate in the project. Seconded by Rev. Tommy Graybeal. Rev. Steve LeaShomb spoke on behalf of the project as well about his own personal experience of using the video on foreign soil as well at home to share the gospel. The motion was carried.

Brother Arturo Padilla, son of Rev. Jesus Padilla, asked to speak briefly to the congregation. Brother Arturo gave his thanks to the association and to the church that made and individual donation to help with his college education. He said he would be going to Wilkes Community College in the fall and expressed his gratefulness to the churches for their support financially and through prayers for him and his family.

Brother Don Smith, member of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church, made the motion for this year's minute books to be dedicated in memory of Brother A. Wayne Jones who was a long-time supporter of the association and a member of Pleasant home Baptist Church. Following a second by Rev. Jack Pugh motion carried.

The moderator made note that members of the Resolutions Committee had changed due to a pastor leaving the association to pastor a church in Wilkes and that there were no new resolutions brought forth at this time.

Sister Lois Bare, spoke on behalf of the Preacher / Place Committee. She reported that that Midway Baptist Church had asked to host the Annual Meeting for the Friday session of August 20, 2004 and Welcome Home Baptist Church had asked to host the Saturday session on August 21, 2004. Sister Lois Bare of the Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church made the motion to accept their invitation and following a second by Brother, Daniel Pugh, Clifton Baptist Church, motion carried.

Rev. Bill Ballou conducted the memorial service reading aloud the names of members of association churches who had passed away during the past year. The

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congregation stood in honor of those members as the names were read. Rev. Johnny Goodman made a motion that the session adjourns following the meal. Following a motion by Rev. Wayne Jones the motion carried. Rev. David Blackburn invited Rev. Jesus Padilla to ask the blessing of the food.

A delicious lunch followed, prepared by the ladies of the Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Church Associational Secretary/Treasurer

#### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three Persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
- 2. We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
- 4. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus to be practiced only by believers in their spiritual order.
- 6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.
- 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Glory.
- 8. We believe in a separate resurrection and judgment, both for the righteous, and unrighteous dead.
- We believe that the existence of the righteous and the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain worship, ordinances, discipleship and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor; and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation; and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word

Addendum I - ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963)

Baptists are a people who profess a living faith. This faith is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday and today and forever." Therefore the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is Jesus Christ whose will is revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

A living faith must experience a growing understanding of truth and must be continually interpreted and related to the needs of each new generation. Through out their history Baptist bodies, both large and small, have issued statements of faith, which comprise a consensus of their beliefs. Such statements have never been regarded as complete, infallible statements of faith, nor as official creeds carrying mandatory authority. Thus this generation of Southern Baptists is in historic succession of intent and purpose as it endeavors to state for its time and theological climate those articles of the Christian faith, which are most surely held among us.

Baptists emphasize the soul's competency before God, freedom in religion, and the priesthood of the believer. However, this emphasis should not be interpreted to mean that there is an absence of certain doctrines that Baptists believe, cherish, and with which they have been and are now closely identified.

It is the purpose of this statement of faith and message to set forth certain teachings, which we believe.

#### THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to many. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. In has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Ex. 24:4, Deut. 4:1-2; 17:19; Josh. 8:34; Psalm 19:7-10; 119: 11, 89; 105; 140. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

Isa. 34:16; 40:8; Jer. 15:16; 36; Matt. 5:17-18; 22-29; Luke 21:33, 44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16 ff; 17:11; Rom. 15:4; 16: 25-26; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2; 4:12; I Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

#### GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us a Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

#### GOD THE FATHER

God as Father reigns with providential care over his universe, His creatures and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purpose of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise, God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Gen. 1:1, 2:7; Ex. 3:14, 6:2-3, 15:11ff, 20:1ff; Lev. 22:2; Deut. 6:4, 32:6; I Chron. 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isa. 43:3, 15, 64:8; Jer. 10:10, 17:3; Matt. 6:9 ff, 7:11, 23:9, 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24, 5:26, 14:6-13, 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Rom. 8:14-15; I Cor. 8:6; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 4:6; Col. 1:15; I Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:6, 12:9; I Peter 1:17; I John 5:7.

#### GOD THE SON

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ he was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely yet without sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where he is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man and whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Gen. 18:1 ff; Psalm 2:7ff, 110:1ff; Isa. 7:14; 53; Matt. 1:18-23; 3:17, 8:29, 11:27, 14:33, 16:16, 27, 17:5, 27, 28: 1-6,19; Mark 1:1, 3:11; Luke 1:35, 4:41, 22:70, 24:46; John 1:1-18, 29, 10:30, 38, 11:25-27, 12:44-50, 14:7-11, 16:15-16, 28, 17:1-5, 21-22, 20:1-20, 28; Acts 1:9, 2:22-24, 7:55-56, 9:4-5, 20; Rom. 1:3-4, 3:23-26, 5:6-21, 8:1-3, 34, 10:4; I Cor. 1:30, 2:2, 8:6, 15:1-8, 24-28; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:20, 3:11, 4:7-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-22, 2:9; I Thes. 4:14-18; I Tim. 2:5-6, 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 1:1-3, 4:14-15, 7:14-28, 9:12-15, 24-24, 12:2, 13:8; I Peter 2:21-25, 3: 22; I John 1:7-9, 3:2, 4:14-15, 5:9; II John 7-9; Rev. 1:13-16, 5:9-14, 12:10-11, 13:8, 19: 16.

#### **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believers unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believers into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Gen. 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalm 51:11; 139:7ff; Isa. 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matt. 1:18, 3:16, 4:1, 12:28-32, 28:19; Mark 1:10, 12, Luke 1:35, 4:1, 18-19, 11:13, 12:12, 24-49; John 4:24, 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-14; Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 38, 4:31, 5:3, 6:3, 7:55, 8:17, 39, 10:44, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6, 19:1-6; Rom. 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; I Cor. 2:10-14, 3:16, 12:3-11; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18; I Thes. 5:19; I Tim. 3:16, 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:14, 3:16; Heb. 9:8, 14; 2 Peter 1:21; I John 4:13, 5:6-7; Rev. 1: 10, 22:17.

#### MEN

Man was created by the special act of God, in his own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Gen. 1:26-30, 2:5,7, 18-22, 3:6-9; Psalm 1; 8:3-6, 32:1-5, 51:5; Isa. 6:5; Jer. 17:5; Matt. 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Rom. 1:19, 32, 3:10-18, 23, 5:6, 12, 19, 6:6, 7:14-18; I Cor.

1:21-31, 15:19, 21-22; Eph. 2:1-22, 3:9-11.

#### SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by thee Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer into a relationship for peace and favor with God.

B. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

C. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Gen. 3:15; Ex. 3:14-17, 6:2-8; Matt. 1:21, 4:17, 16:21-26, 27:22 to 28:6; Luke 1:68-69, 2: 28-32; John 1:11-14, 29, 3:3-21, 36, 5:24, 10:9, 28-29, 15:1-16, 17:17; Acts 2:21, 4:12, 15:11, 16:30-31, 17:30-31, 20:32; Rom. 1:16-19, 2:4, 3:23-25, 4:3ff, 5:8-10, 6:1-23, 8:1-18, 29-39, 10:9-10, 13, 13:11-14; I Cor. 1:18, 30, 6:19-20, 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Gal. 2:20, 3:13, 5:22-25, 6:15; Eph. 1:7, '2:8-22, 4:11-16; Phil. 2:12-13; Col. 1:9-22, 3:1ff; I Thes. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 2:1-3, 5:8-9, 9:24-28, 11:1-12:8, 14; James 2:14-16; I Peter 1:2-23; I John 1:6 to 2:11; Rev. 3:21, 21:1 to 22:5.

#### GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-8; I Sam. 8:4-7, 19-22; Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 31:31ff; Matt. 16:18-19, 21:28-45, 24:22, 31, 25:34; Luke 1:68-79, 2:29-32, 19:41-44, 24:44-48; John 1:12-14, 3:16, 5:24, 6:44-45, 65, 10:27-29, 15:16, 17:6, 12, 17-18; Acts 20:32; Rom. 5:9-10, 8:28-39, 10: 12-15, 11:5-7, 26-36; I Cor. 1:1-2, 15:24-28; Eph. 1:4-23, 2:1-10, 3:1-11; Col. 1:12-14; 2 Thes. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:12, 2:10, 19; Heb. 11:39-12:2; I Peter 1:2-5, 13, 2:4-10; I John 1:7-9, 2:19, 3:2

#### THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, and privileges invested in them by His word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation members are equally responsible. Its Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all ages.

Matt. 16:15-19, 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42, 47, 5:11-14, 6:3-6, 13:1-3, 14:23,27, 15:1-30, 16:5, 20:28; Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2, 3:16, 5:4-5,7:17, 9:13-14; 12; Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:8-11, 21, 5:22-32; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:1-15, 4:14; I Peter 5:1-4; Rev. 2-3, 21:2-3.

#### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience, obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. Symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified and risen Savior the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and in the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privilege of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

#### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER (continued)

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matt. 3:13-17, 26:26-30, 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11, 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22, 22:19-20, John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42, 8: 35-39, 16:30-33, 20:7; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 10:16, 21, 11:23-

29; Col. 2:12

#### THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employment, work of necessity and mercy only being excepted.

Ex. 20:8-11; Matt. 12:1-12, 28:1 ff, Mark 2:27-28, 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3, 33-36; John

4:21-24, 20:1, 19-28; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Col. 2:16, 3:16; Rev. 1:10.

#### THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike, commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Gen. 1:1; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Matt. 3:2, 4:8-10, 23, 12:25-28, 13:1-52, 25:31-46, 26:29; Mark 1:14-15, 9:1; Luke 4: 43, 8:1, 9:2, 12:31-32, 17:20-21, 23:42; John 3:3, 18-36; Acts 1:6-7, 17:22-31; Rom. 5:17, 8:19; I Cor. 15:24-28; Col. 1:13; Heb. 11:10,16, 12:28; I Peter 2:4-10, 4:13; Rev. 1:6.9, 5:10, 11:15, 21-22

#### LAST THINGS

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isa. 2:4, 11:9; Matt. 16:27, 18: 8-9, 19: 28, 24:27, 30, 36, 44, 25:31-46, 26:64; Mark 8:38, 9:43-48; Lk. 12:40, 48, 16:19-26, 17:22-37, 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11, 17:31; Rom. 14:10; I Cor. 4:5, 15:24-28, 35-58; 2 Cor. 5:10: Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 1:5; 3:4; I Thes. 4:14-18, 5:1ff, 2 Thes. 1:7ff; 2; I, Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff, I John 2:28, 3:2; Jude 14; Rev. 1:18, 3:11, 20:1 to 22:13.

#### **EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary efforts on the part of all, rest upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and are expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Isa. 6:1-8; Matt. 9:37-38, 10:5-15, 13:18-30, 37-43, 16:19, 22:9-10, 24:14, 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18, 24:46-53; John 14:11-12, 15:7-8, 16, 17:15, 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40, 10:42-48, 13:2-3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph.3:1-11; I Thes. 1:8; 2

Tim. 4:5; Heb. 2:1-3, 11:39 to 12:2; I Peter 2:4-10; Rev. 22:17

#### **EDUCATION**

The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher on a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the preeminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deut. 4:1, 5, 9, 14, 6:1-10, 31:12-13; Neh. 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalm 19:7 ff, 119:11; Prov. 3:13 ff, 4:1-10, 8:1-7, 11, 15:14; Ecc. 7:19; Matt. 5:2, 7:24 ff, 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; I Cor. 1:18-31; Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 4:8; Col. 2:3, 8-9; I Tim. 1:3-7; 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17; Heb. 5:12 to 6:3; James 1:5, 3:17

#### STEWARDSHIP

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30-32; Deut. 8:18; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 6:1-4, 19-21, 23:23, 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42, 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47, 5:1-11, 17:24-25; Rom. 6:6-22, 12:1-2; I Cor. 4:1-2, 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9, 12:15; Phil. 4:10-19; I Peter 1:18-19

#### COOPERATION

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Ex. 17:12, 18:17 ff; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4, 2:68-69, 5:14-15; Neh. 4; 8: 1-5; Matt. 10: 5-15, 20:1-16, 22:1-10, 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1 ff; Acts 1:13-14, 2:1 ff, 4: 31-37, 13:2-3, 15: 1-35; I Cor. 1:10-17, 3:5-15; 12; 2 Cor. 8-9; Gal. 1:6-10; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 1:15-18

#### THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The Christian should oppose in the Spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice. He should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless and the sick. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under he sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth

Ex. 20:3-17; Lev. 6:2-5; Deut. 10:12, 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zech. 8:16; Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48, 22:36-40, 25:35; Mark 1:29-34, 2:3 ff, 10:21; Luke 4:18-21, 10:27-37, 20-25; John 15:12, 17:15; Rom. 12-14; I Cor. 5:9-10, 6:1-7, 7:20-24, 10:23 to 11:1; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:12-17; I Thes. 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27, 2:8

#### PEACE AND WAR

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war. The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love.

Isa. 2:4; Matt. 5:9, 38-48, 6:33, 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Rom. 12:18-19, 13: 1-7, 14:19; Heb. 12:14; James 4:1-2

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and prop-agate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Gen. 1:27, 2:7; Matt. 6:6-7, 24, 16:26, 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Rom. 6:1-2, 13:1-7; Gal. 5:1, 13; Phil. 3:20; I Tim. 2:1-2; James 4:12; I Peter 2:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-12; I Peter 3:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-12; I Peter 3:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-17, 4:17, 4:17, 4:17, 4:17, 4:17, 4:17, 4:17, 4:17, 4:17

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#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving, propagating, and making articulate the principles of our faith and to the end that this body of cooperating churches may be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the accepted tenets of associations of Missionary Baptist Churches, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual church, and in order to set forth the relationship of this body to other Baptist bodies, we do adopt and establish this Constitution.

#### Article I - Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall consist of all Missionary Baptist Churches in Ashe County, and communities closely adjacent thereto, of like faith and practice, who wish to affiliate with this Association and are loyal to the faith and practice of the Missionary Baptist Denomination.

Section 3.The membership of this body shall be the pastor and three (3) messengers from each church. A letter certifying their appointment and giving the statistics of the membership and work of the church shall be sent to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

Section 4.Any church reported to be irregular in faith or practice may be investigated by order of the Association and such action taken, as may be decided by the Association.

Section 5. The Association shall be sole judge of its membership and may receive churches according to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Any church in the Association, which fails to cooperate with the Association for two consecutive years, shall be contacted by the Executive Committee to ascertain the wishes and desires of the church relative to its continuance in the Association. A Cooperating church should be defined as one which sends a report (church letter) to the annual session, is represented (by messengers) at the annual session, represented (by Executive Committee members) at the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings, contributes to the financial program of the Association, and is in general sympathy with the purposes of the Association. The Association recognizes that any affiliated church has the right to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

#### Article II - Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches of the Association in devising and promoting measures and programs for the spread of the gospel in our bounds and in all the world, in compliance with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

#### Article III - Annual Church Letters (Annual Church Profile)

Section 1. The churches shall report annually statistical and general information upon a printed form furnished by the Associational office. The printed form shall be furnished to the church at least six weeks before the convening of an annual session of the Association and returned to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

#### Article IV - Officers and their Duties

Section 1.The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Missionary, and the heads of such organizations as are set up and approved by the Association. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person, at the discretion of the body.

Section 2.It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association (Vice-Moderator in his absence or disability) to preside over the annual sessions and all special sessions, including the meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve the order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall name the committees and representatives of Institutions and agencies described in Sections 5, 6, and 8 of Article V of the Constitution at the opening of the annual session. He shall be elected for a one-year term, and he cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term.

Section 3.The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Executive committee meetings, annual meetings, and make such available to the body and the 'Associational Missionary for printing and distribution.

Section 4.The treasurer shall have charge of all Associational funds as the Association may direct and make a report of receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting.

- Section 5. (1) The Associational Missionary shall be elected upon a recommendation of the Committee on Missions, and by a vote of the Association at a regular scheduled meeting. The relationship between the Association and its Associational Missionary may be terminated following a reasonable notice of not less than 30 days.
- (2) The Associational Missionary shall promote the work and witness of the Association and denomination, cooperating with the churches, their pastors and officers and Associational committees and organizations.
  - A. He shall be responsible for planning, promoting and executing the ministry of the Association in cooperation with the Committee on Missions
  - B. He shall make an annual report to the Association at the August meeting

#### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

- C. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Association, serving in an advisory and/or resource capacity.
- D. He shall seek to visit each church in the Association in order to:
- (1) Enrich Christian fellowship among churches.
- (2) Encourage and strengthen the ministry of the churches.
- (3) Enhance the cooperative relationship between the churches and the Association
- E. He shall, when necessary, conduct surveys or inquiries, in order to determine specific needs for ministry with the area of the Association.
- F. He shall, upon request, provide a list of qualified persons who may be considered by churches seeking pastors.
- G. He shall have full administrative responsibility for all personnel employed by the Association.

#### H. Strengthen Program Organizations

(1) Promote evangelism and church growth through total church organizations. Provide needed helps to enable churches to become better equipped in areas of church ministry.

#### I. Promote Missions

- (1) Encourage and lead in mission commitment of member churches utilizing Bold Mission Thrust Plans, by creating awareness to mission opportunities, new work, and by assisting in the development of church mission development programs, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, chaplaincy ministries, interfaith witness and special mission ministries.
- (2) Give high priority to reaching the many unreached Hispanics through existing churches and in new work.

#### J. Develop Leadership

(1) Encourage and provide support for development and improvement in areas of church, ministry, dealing with crisis times, leadership, and supervision skills, etc. Approaches will include family ministry, seminary extensions, workshops and conferences for church secretaries, church clerks (Uniform Church Letter), non-salaried and salaried leaders, music workshops, pastors' retreats, and ethnic leadership development.

#### K. Nurture Fellowship

- (1) Nurture fellowship among member churches.
- (2) The Associational Missionary is entitled to two weeks vacation annually. Upon completion of five years service, the Associational Missionary shall be entitled to three weeks annual vacation, and after ten years, four weeks annual vacation. Vacation is to be taken within the calendar year, and it is not accumulative.
- (3) Should there occur at any time a grievance on the part of the Association of the Associational Missionary, either party may consult with the Moderator and Chairman of the Missions Committee.

Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

Section 6. The officers of the other organizations within the Association shall be nominated by their respective organizations and their names furnished, and presented to the Association for action at each annual session.

Section 7. The officers designated in Section 1, the Associational Missionary excepted, shall be elected at the morning session of the first day of the annual meeting and shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting, at which they are elected, and serve until the close of the next session.

#### Article V - Committees and Their Duties

Section 1.The committees of the Association shall be: Executive Committee, Committee on New Churches, Program Committee.

Committee on Place and Preacher, Resolutions Committee, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, and such other committees as the Association may designate and name at any annual session. All committee members will serve for a period of three (3) years. Initially each committee will, with the consent of each member, designate which committee member will serve the three- (3) year, two (2) year, and one (1) year term. After the completion of a term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to the committee until after the lapse of one year.

Section 2. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of one lay member of all churches, the pastors of such churches, and the officers of the Association, as listed under Section 1 of Article IV. Twelve members of this committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice of such meeting has been mailed, or otherwise given to all members of the committee at least three days prior to the proposed meeting. Members of this committee shall be elected by the churches annually.

Section 3.The Committee on Organized Churches shall consist of the Moderator, ex officio, three pastors, and three lay-persons. This committee shall be responsible for receiving letters of application for membership into the Association by organized Missionary Baptist Churches. This committee's responsibility shall be to communicate to applying churches the requirements of a cooperating church, as herein defined in Article I, section 5, paragraph 2 of the Ashe Baptist Association Constitution. Applying churches, upon recommendation of this committee, shall, with approval of the messengers at the annual session, serve one year under watch care of the Association. This committee shall work with this church during this period and then make final recommendations at the next annual meeting.

Section 4. The Program Committee\_shall consist of five members who shall prepare an order of business for the annual meeting, including the designating of persons to make reports as to the various objects supported by the Churches of the Association. The Associational office shall prepare copies of the same for distribution to those attending the annual sessions of the Association.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 5. The Committee on Place and Preacher shall consist of three members, who may be appointed by the Moderator, with consent of the Association. At each annual session, this Committee shall recommend to the Association a place, or places, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Association, and shall designate a minister to deliver the Associational sermon and an alternate.

Section 6.The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator. This Committee shall prepare and submit to the Association such resolutions, as it may consider pertinent and proper for the good of the body.

Section 7.The Nominating Committee shall name a Nominating Committee of five (5) members who shall bring to the second Executive Committee of the calendar year, (which is normally in April), for election of the following nominations: Clerk, Youth Director, Brotherhood Director, Discipleship Training Director, Evangelism Chairperson, Moderator, Music Director, Seminary Extension Director, Sunday School Director, and others who are invited to receive training at the Key Leadership Conference by the Baptist State Convention, (which is normally in May).

This Committee shall also present at the annual meeting for election all of the other committee members which are covered herein. Organizational heads will be named by their respective organizations and presented to the Nominating Committee at least two weeks before their nominations are presented to the Executive Committee at their

second meeting, (which is normally in April).

If the organizations do not present their respective organizational heads two weeks prior to the April Executive Committee, then the Nominating Committee will select those needed and present their names to the second Executive Committee meeting (normally in April). The chairman of the Nominating Committee will contact these organizational heads before making these selections to be sure they have not already selected someone.

All other nominations shall be presented and elected on the first day of the annual meeting of the Association. All nominations at the Executive Committee meeting and the annual meeting are subject to additional nominations from the floor, and the expressed will of the Association.

Section 8. The Moderator is authorized and directed to appoint suitable persons at each session to prepare and present to the next session reports on the various subjects and causes customary to be presented and to notify such persons in due time before the meeting of the Association. (Refer to Article IV, Section 2.)

Section 9. The Board of Directors of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp shall consist of nine members who shall initially be chosen three (3) for one year, three (3) for two years, and three (3) for three years.

Of the said members, three shall be active pastors in the Association. After the completion of one term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to this board until after the lapse of one year. No more than one member of this board shall be chosen from any one church of the Association. The treasurer of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp, (who shall serve in addition to the nine member Board of Directors), shall be elected by the Board of Directors on an indefinite basis. He/she shall have voting privileges, as do other members.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to cooperate with the officials, pastors, and Executive Committee of the Association in promoting and advancing the development and operation of the camp; to supervise and direct the work of the camp; and to make a report to the Association at each annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in this organization shall be filled in accordance with the provision of Section 7 thereof.

Section 10. The Mission Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) of which shall be heads of the following organizations: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, WMU and Church Music. The names of these five (5) shall be submitted to the Associational Nominating Committee by their respective organizations and voted on by the full body on the first day of the annual meeting. The other two (2) members shall be active pastors in the Association and they shall be named by the Associational Nominating Committee. They too shall be elected along with the organizational heads. Should any of the before mentioned organizations fail to submit the name of a person nominated by themselves to serve as head of that organization, then the Associational Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating that person.

These seven (7) people shall constitute the Associational Missionary Search Committee, when such a need arises. This Committee shall work with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of the Association and lead and assist in determining need for beginning new missions stations and organizing new churches. The Moderator and Associational Missionary shall be ex officio members of this committee.

Section 11. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom must be ordained ministers, meeting the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:1-7, and who are members of cooperating churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. The Chairman, at his discretion, may invite the pastor of a candidate to sit with the committee. Churches of the Association desiring to ordain a preacher to the Gospel ministry, and desiring to use the services of the Ordination Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association, shall use the following procedure.

- 1. The Church in conference shall vote to ask the Ordination Committee to examine the candidate and so notify the chairman.
- 2. The candidate shall meet the following conditions before ordination:
  - (a) Hold membership in a cooperating Missionary Baptist church.
  - (b) Shall have held a license to preach, issued by a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church for not less than six months.
- 3. The chairman shall set a suitable time and place, notifying the members, for the examination.
- 4. The candidate shall be examined as to his conversion, call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs, and attitude toward our denomination and its programs.
- 5. The Committee Chairman shall notify the church of its recommendations and they may proceed with the ordination.

Section 12. The Evangelism Committee, composed of 5 members, shall promote the work of Evangelism in the churches and the Association in cooperation with the State Department of Evangelism. All plans and programs are to be subject to the approval of the Association, or its Executive Committee.

#### Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

- Section 13. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members, of which the first named shall serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive, examine and make recommendations to the Association on all proposed amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws.
- Section 14. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Properties Committee, which shall consist of three members, and shall have the responsibility of recommending the purchase of necessary property, and the construction of necessary buildings. This Committee shall recommend any repairs and improvements needed on Associational property beyond normal repair. All recommendations are subject to approval by the Executive Committee between sessions or the full-body session.
- Section 15. The Committee on Finance, composed of five (5) members and the treasurer, shall study the Association's financial needs for an adequate program, prepare and present a budget to the Association for the following year, devise and develop plans for securing the cooperation of churches in providing funds to meet the budget. The treasurer will submit a complete financial report at the annual meeting in August.
- Section 16. The Committee on Youth shall be composed of at least nine (9) members, three (3) of whom shall be ministers. The Chairman, also called "Youth Director," shall be selected from within their own ranks. The Committee shall be concerned with ways of relating youth to the churches of the Association and shall lead the Churches and Association to plan programs and activities that will meet their needs.
- Section 17. The Seminary Extension Committee, composed of five (5) members, shall work with the chairman of the Committee to plan, promote and implement the offering of such courses of study as will meet the needs of pastors and lay-persons in the areas of Biblical studies, historical theology, Baptist life, church administration, Christian education, and pastoral training.
- Section 18. There shall be five (5) trustees of the Association. They shall handle all legal matters of the Association under the direction of the said Association. Trustees shall be elected for an indefinite term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Association.
- Section 19. The Associational Historian, in his/her sole discretion, shall collect facts of interest to the Association and the cooperating churches, and shall make a report to each annual session of the Association. In addition, he/she shall contact hosting churches of the annual meeting and request a brief history of each church for publication in the Book of Reports and the Associational Annual.

#### Article VI Meetings and Reports

- Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual meeting convening in the month of August of each year, at such time and place as may be designated or authorized by the previous session.
- Section 2. Each organization within the Association shall make a written report to the Association at each annual meeting.
- Section 3. A special session of the Association may be called by the Moderator with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Associational Executive Committee shall meet quarterly.

#### Article VII Order of Religious Exercises

- Section 1. At the annual meeting the Associational Sermon shall be delivered as herein before provided.
- Section 2. In addition to the Associational Sermon, the Program Committee shall designate a minister to deliver at least one other sermon each day the Association is in session and all business shall be suspended while such sermons are being delivered. No sermon shall be scheduled so as to conflict or interfere with the business sessions of the Association or the presentation of reports to the Association.

#### Article VIII Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and voting on the second day, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day, or that notice of such amendment shall have been given during the previous annual session.

### CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION 2002/2003

- 1. Congregation Summary
- 2. Sunday School Enrollment
- 3. Discipleship Training
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- 7. Music Ministry

#### Important Note:

No Congregational Profile Reports were received from Highlands Community Mission & Prosperity Churches. Therefore, some of the data is excluded from these reports.

Congregational Summary

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Mission Home	()	\$71,085	\$479	80	\$71,564	\$85,600
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Old Fields C	<b>(1)</b>	\$32,506	\$6,614	\$3,735	\$42,855	\$250,000
Orion C		\$50,000	\$3,500	0%	\$53,500	\$450,000
Cak Valley		\$7,050	0\$	80	\$7,050	80
Phoenix		\$69,147	\$15,041	\$491	\$84,679	\$500,000
Pilot Mountain		\$6,060	\$394	80	\$6,454	\$271,400
Sine Swamp		\$14,838	\$70,861	80	\$85,699	\$200,000
Pleasant Home		\$39,340	\$7,866	\$161	. \$47,367	\$250,000
Pleasant Valley C		\$5,503	\$186	20	\$5,689	\$30,000
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Narrensville C		\$87,322	\$77,565	\$247	\$165,134	0\$
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General Financial Information 2002/2003

Ashe Missionary Baptist Association Financial - Missions 2002/2003

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Apple Grove	C	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Bald Mountain	C	\$15,600.00	\$5,540.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,062.00	\$36,202.00
Beaver Creek	C	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Big Flatts	C	\$159.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$2,009.00
Bio Laurel	C	80.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$0.00	00.08	\$420.00
Blue Ridge	C	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,404,00	\$6,504.00
Bristol	C	\$3.617.29	\$3.917.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$940.00	80.00	\$50.00	\$8 524.58
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Glendale Springs	S	\$420.00	\$2,900.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$277.00	\$600.00	\$2,862.00	\$7,659.00
Grassy Creek	S	\$2,925.00	\$840.00	\$200.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$323.00	\$1,614.00	\$6,452.00
Healing Springs	C	\$1,811.00	\$1,811.00	\$1,086.00	\$242.00	\$222.00	\$537.00	\$1,544.00	\$7,253.00
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Landmark Bapt	C	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,217.00	\$709.00	\$3,016.00	\$7,542.00
Laurel Knob	C	\$1,078.00	\$1,967.00	\$687.00	\$0.00	\$5,787.00	\$0.00	\$4,384.00	\$13,903.00
J Liberty Grove	C	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,560.00	\$300.00	\$11,000.00	\$18,360.00
ra Little Helton	C	\$95.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$595.00
e Midway	C	\$10,174.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,275.00	\$1,645.00	\$2,193.00	\$1,504.00	\$15,981.00	\$36,772.00
Mission Home	C	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$965.00	\$5,265.00
Mount Olive	O	\$350.00	\$1,000.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,355.00
New River	C	\$2,762.00	\$1,552.00	\$0.00	\$135.00	\$1,110.00	\$2,946.00	\$5,465.00	\$13,970.00
North Beaver	C	\$1,594.00	\$1,925.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$394.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$4,913.00
Oak Hill	C	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$705.00	\$440.00	\$2,131.00	\$3,556.00
Obids	C	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Old Fields	С	\$4,607.00	\$2,650.00	\$722.00	\$615.00	\$1,241.00	\$722.00	\$8,898.00	\$19,455.00
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Ashe Baptist Folks caught on camera serving & celebrating the Lord!



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One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Session

"Ashe Baptist Churches reaching the lost ...



...for Christ
around the world"
Matt. 28:19–20

Friday, August 20, 2004 Hosted by Midway Baptist Church Saturday, August 21, 2004 Hosted by Welcome Home Baptist Church



# ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

# **Ashe Missionary Baptist Association**



Meeting on Friday, August 20, 2004 Host Church, Midway Baptist Church

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REV. TODD EDMISTON FRUITLAND BIBLE INSTITUTE

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The 2003/2004 Minute Book for the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated

In Honor of

Rev. Billy Joe Blevins



Billy Joe Blevins was born on August 29, 1938 in Ashe County to Edd and Stella Blevins. He was one of nine children (5 boys and 4 girls). He and his siblings, Ruby, Lewis, Lida, Pauline, Dewey, Leonard, June, and Kay, grew up in the Grassy Creek community.

Billy Joe attended Healing Springs Elementary School and then graduated from Virginia Carolina High School. He attended Fruitland Bible Institute in Hendersonville, North Carolina for over two years after answering God's calling into ministry.

He met his wife, Ruby Jo Howell, at Bina's Café where she was employed.

Billy Joe and Ruby were married on May 10, 1958. They were blessed with three wonderful children and seven grandchildren. Their daughter, Mary Sexton, is married to Eric (Corky) Sexton and they have a son Zane, and a daughter, Jenna. Mary is employed by Skyline Telephone and Corky works for Pepsi Cola. Their son Tony and his wife Kim have two sons, Christopher and Matthew. Tony works at Leviton Mfg. Company and Kim works for Dr. Charles W. Ford, Jr. in Boone. Joe and Ruby's youngest son, Billy and his wife April have triplets, (two sons) Trent and Tyler and a daughter, Alexis. Billy is employed by Leviton Mfg. Company and April works for Carolina West Wireless.

All of the children and grandchildren live nearby in Ashe County and enjoy a very close and loving relationship with Billy Joe and Ruby. They all attend Bristol Baptist Church and many Sundays after church the entire family gathers "back home" to enjoy Ruby's good cooking and fun and fellowship together. The family spends many holidays and special occasions together as well as vacation time.

Billy Joe worked for the B.F. Huntley Furniture Company in Winston-Salem for a time when he and his family lived there.

They returned to Ashe County to live and he worked for Kraft Foods (now Ashe County Cheese Plant) for a while. He later was employed by Weaver Mfg. Company for many years and was a Supervisor there for nine years. Billy Joe left Weaver Mfg. when he went into full time ministry in 1974.

Billy Joe attended Little Helton Baptist Church as a youngster where he gave his life to the Lord at the age of 14. He and Ruby later attended Bald Mountain Baptist Church where Joe served as Sunday School Director for some time. While attending Bald Mountain he encouraged the congregation to begin having a Wednesday night prayer service. The Lord blessed this effort and used Billy Joe to hold the first Wednesday night service there. This was over 40 years ago.

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Rev. Billy Joe Blevins

Billy Joe and Ruby then attended Oak Hill Baptist Church where he again served as Sunday School Director and teacher. Once more he assisted the church in starting Wednesday night prayer services. While at Oak Hill, Billy Joe answered the call to the ministry and was ordained on July 1, 1973.

After answering God's call into the ministry Billy Joe returned to his home church, Little Helton Baptist, as a part-time pastor for eighteen months. While serving Little Helton he was also called to Bristol Baptist Church in June 1973 as part-time pastor. He later accepted the position of full time pastor at Bristol Baptist Church in 1974 where for the past 31 years he has served the congregation faithfully. The people at Bristol love "preacher Joe" dearly and are very blessed to have him as their pastor. They hope he will be there for many years to come.

During Billy Joe's pastorate at Bristol, God has greatly blessed him and his people. The church has grown over the years and the building is in the process of being expanded for the third time. Bristol is building a new sanctuary, which they will occupy by the end of 2004.

Billy Joe has always been a very active part of the Ashe Baptist Association. He has served as Moderator and Vice-Moderator for the Association as well as served on numerous committees. He delivered his first Associational sermon at the afternoon session of the 89th Annual Meeting held at North Beaver Baptist Church on August 9, 1975. Billy Joe is very well respected and loved by many in the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association of Churches.

When Billy Joe thinks back over his life he talks about how blessed he has been in so many ways. Ruby has been a loving and supportive wife who has been by his side during the hard times as well as the good times. His children and grandchildren are a very important part of his life. He recalls two particular miracles in his family. The first was a very special New Year's Eve when his granddaughter, Jenna, received a heart transplant at the age of 14. She has recovered well and is now an active and beautiful young lady. The second miracle was the birth of the triplets to Billy and April. They are healthy growing toddlers and keep Mamaw Ruby on her toes as she takes care of them part time while Billy and April work.

Billy Joe recalls many more special times when he, his family, and his church family have been protected and blessed. As he often says, "GOD IS GOOD!"

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# In Memory of Mr. George Edison West



George Edison West was born in the Appalachian Mountains, April 3, 1907, to Floyd and Theodosia West. He was brought up on a hillside farm in Grassy Creek, attending a one-room school unit until old enough to walk the distance to High School, where he enjoyed debating. He did out-of-school work to raise the money for his education both at High School and the University. As this was the height of the great Depression, it took him four years of combined teaching and farm laboring to repay the remaining debt.

George believed that the Lord had blessed him in many ways and far more than he deserved, he could not remember when he did not enjoy going to church and Sunday school. It was his belief that people, who have a Christian experience by accepting the Lord Jesus in their heart and soul, are the happy people. He stood by the Bible, which he maintained proved that those who contribute to the work of the church and help the unfortunate will get along in life far better as to both happiness and material gains. He married Hazel Luetta Dolinger August 17, 1945, and they had one daugh-

ter, Jane.

George started going to church with his mother at a very young age, then by himself as soon as he was old enough, around ten years of age. He got saved at a revival meeting through the preaching of Rev. Edgar Denny, when he was about nineteen years old. He joined Pleasant Home Baptist Church in 1942, and served as a deacon there for many years. In 1992, Pleasant Home Church dedicated their church directory to him. He started teaching a Sunday school class when he was about thirty years old, and taught numerous Sunday schools and Bible school classes for 62 years, up until age 92 when he was involved in an auto accident. At that time, he was teaching the adult Sunday school class at Temple Baptist Church in Jefferson.

George served as Moderator of the Ashe Baptist Association for 18 years, and enjoyed attending as long as he was able.

George is listed in <u>Who's Who in Religion</u>, <u>Dictionary of International Biography</u>, <u>International Register of Profiles Edition IV/V</u>, and <u>Personalities of the South in recognition of past achievements and outstanding service</u>.

George graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1932, receiving an AB degree in education. He continued his studies with postgraduate work at Appalachian State University; during 1952-54, Seminary Extension in Nashville, Tennessee, appointed him to teach Seminary Extension classes. He taught in the NC Public schools for thirty years, in the Presbyterian Church School for two years. He was a long time member of North Carolina Education Association, and the Ashe County Retired School Personnel. He spent a lot of time in prayer and enjoyed reading the Bible, (which he had

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# In Memory of Mr. George Edison West

up until a few months before his death. He enjoyed farm work and gardening, which he did up until he was 92 years of age. He enjoyed traveling, and was able to visit Israel twice.

He was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge since 1936, serving as Noble Grand master in 1947; a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1936, serving as master in 1947 and as secretary 1948-49. He was a member of the Eastern Star for over 25 years, received Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, and was a Past Patron of Ashe Chapter #185. He was a member of Hope Rebekah Lodge in Wilkes County. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine in Free Masonry and had been a member of the Oasis Shriners in Charlotte, NC and a member of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Winston-Salem, NC for many years.

George, age 97, died on August 19, 2004, at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin. Funeral services, Masonic Rites, were held on August 22, 2004, at the Badger Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Reeves Jones, Rev. Glenn Woodie and Rev. Leon Mikles officiated. A daughter, Jane West Gambill, husband Bill, and a grandson, Charles Gambill of Roaring River, also several nieces and nephews survive him.

#### IN MEMORIAL

# MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2003 - 2004



**Bald Mountain Baptist** 

**Bristol Baptist** 

Clifton Baptist Fletcher Memorial Baptist

Friendly Grove Baptist

Friendship Baptist

Glendale Springs Baptist Grassy Creek Baptist Healing Springs Baptist

Landmark Baptist

Liberty Grove Baptist

Mount Olive Baptist North Beaver Baptist

Oak Hill Baptist Old Fields Orion Baptist Mr. Tom Colvard

Mrs. Blanche Lawrence

Mrs. Grace Hobe Miss. Angel Dancy Mr. Charlie Johnson Mrs. Edith Greer

Mr. Sherman Brooks Mr. Council Sluder

Mrs. Mary Staley Prestwood Mr. Richard Neaves (Deacon) Mr. Stewart Scott (Deacon)

Mr. Forrest McMillan Mr. Wayne Blair Ferguson Mrs. Ella Burkett Miller

Mr. James Edward Miller Mrs. Mary Pauline Day Bare

Mrs. Wilma Christine Witherspoon Vannoy Mrs. Sibbie Evelyn Walters Marsh

Mrs. Vernie Miller Mrs. Hazel McGrady

Mrs. Nancy Phipps Mr. Wilbur Phipps

Mrs. Hazel Denny Barker Mr. Bobby Joe Oliver (Deacon)

Ms. Lucy Barker

Mrs. Ruth Norris Crumpler Mr. Marshal Perkins (Deacon)

Mr. Ray Houck Mr. Rick Holman Mr. Howard Parsons

Ms. Lillie Surber Mrs. Rita Summerlin Mr. Darrell Blevins

Mrs. Irene Barker Mrs. Gloria Lewis Mrs. Ruth Severt

Mrs. Mary Severt Mr. Herbert Dillard

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#### IN MEMORIAL

MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2003 – 2004



Peak Valley Baptist Phoenix Baptist Pilot Mountain Baptist Round Knob Baptist

**Tuckerdale Baptist** 

Welcome Home Baptist

Mrs. Stella Sluder

Mrs. Hazel Ruth Armentrout Mr. Howard Parson (Deacon)

Mrs. Blanche Roark Mrs. Ina Ruth Cox Rev. Smith Miller Miss. Maude Miller Mr. Michael Johnson

Mr. Pete Higgins

A Brief History of Midway Baptist Church 1953—2004



The Midway Baptist Church started in a tenant house, which was vacant, just across the road from where the church now stands. A prayer meeting was first started and then a Sunday school was started with an attendance of 75 to 90 in both prayer service and Sunday School. Lloyd Witherspoon, owner of the house, let us have the property rent free and gave full cooperation to the work of the new mission.

The young Married Peoples Sunday School class met under a locust tree all Summer and Fall and was never interrupted a single Sunday by rain. The

class was taught by Zola Richardson now Mrs. Carl Massey. Zola and Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Blackburn, members of Friendly Grove Baptist Church, gave their entire service in the work and construction. The work was organized with 35 members from a number of churches with letters from those churches constituting the Midway Baptist Church. Much credit goes to Jones and Edna McNeill for providing the church with its present location.

After the land had been secured, Mr. M.D. Mullis was chosen to be construction leader and a good job he did. Mr. Will Medley is ever to be remembered for furnishing his truck for hauling supplies. The first unit built was built with free labor. So many people had a part in this work.

The first choir leader was Howard Jones and he served faithfully for 30 years. John Pierce, a father of 12 children, made one of the best Sunday school directors. Brent Witherspoon served as the first pianist and put her heart and soul into her music for 3 years at Midway before her death at age sixteen. Rev. M.D. Hart helped to start and build Midway Baptist Church and was the first pastor to serve here.

Rev. Bill Burchette served as the second pastor, and the Church continued to grow. Sunday school rooms and a fellowship hall with a kitchen was added. Along with a steeple and the front of the church was reworked.

Rev. Fred Troutman served as the third pastor. During that time the parsonage was finished and the note was paid off.

God sent Rev. Ray Minton to serve as the fourth pastor. During his time more construction was added to the building. Sunday school rooms and a new fellowship hall was added. Also a nursery was needed. Preacher Ray helped to organize the scholarship program to help college children. The church continued to grow.

Next, Rev. Ervel Jones served. Preacher Jones helped to buy a new van, and also one-acre of land was purchased by the church. And the church continued in it's growth.

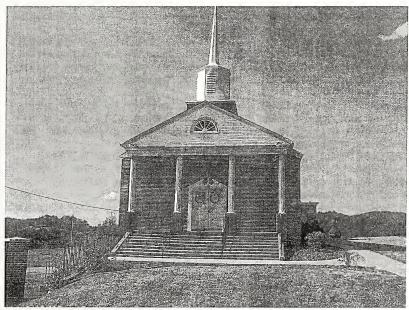
Rev. Keith Casey served next, he helped to begin the campground ministry. Due to health problems he resigned after only serving 2 years.

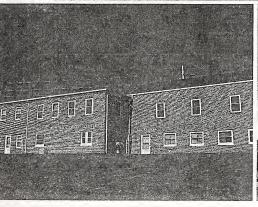
It seems God has sent the pastor that was needed for that particular time in order that His church could grow, as it would please Him.

Our current pastor is Rev. Steve LeaShomb. He has been serving the Lord here at Midway since 2002. Under his leadership the church is continuing to grow.

A Brief History of Midway Baptist Church 1953—2004

Midway Baptist Church has been very blessed over the past fifty years by helping to bring many into a personal knowledge of faith in Jesus Christ. We also have been blessed to lay hands on those being called out of Midway for the Master's service. Midway is faced an even greater challenge to reach the lost as we see more clearly the day of the Lord is approaching.







#### The History of Welcome Home Baptist Church

In the early 1930's Rev. R.E. Caudill saw the need of a Baptist Church in the community and organized one in an old store building owned by Mr. & Mrs. Coy Goodman and called it Goshen. Attendance grew and more space was needed. Land adjacent to the store building was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Coy Goodman and a new white frame church was built by the citizens of the community and named Welcome Home Baptist Church. Rev. A.C. Ashley was elected pastor and the first service was held August 14, 1935.

Rev. Ashley served as pastor from 1935 to 1947. Rev. Frank Tucker was elected pastor and faithfully served from 1947 to 1977. Other pastors who led the church were: Rev. Garrett Mahaffey, Rev. Johnny Blevins, Rev. Bill McMillan, Rev. Wayne Fredrick, Rev. Joe Riley Blevins, and Rev. Steve Witherspoon. Currently serving as pastor is Rev. Lonnie Jones.

Many improvements were made through the years to the church. In the 1950's the church was moved back several feet to accommodate parking. A basement was added at this time, allowing much needed Sunday School rooms and restrooms. The building was also bricked during this time.

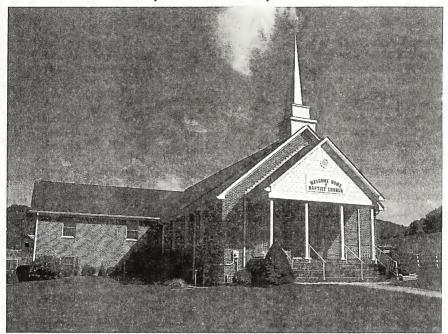
In the 1960's and 1970's a new front porch, steeple, pews, chimes, bell and picnic shelter were added. In 1984 a complete remodeling and new addition were added. New Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, choir loft, nursery, baptistery, rest rooms, kitchen and fellowship hall were added. The sanctuary was enlarged and remodeled. "Through faith and prayer," Rev. Johnny Blevins declared, "we will build this addition to the church without borrowing a penny." God blessed and the church addition was completed debt-free. Membership has grown from eleven members in 1935 to over one hundred at present date.

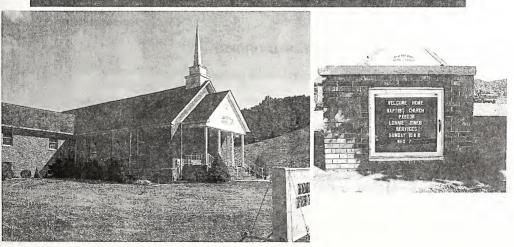
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Members of Welcome Home
Baptist Church

BAPTIST CHURCH



History of Welcome Home Baptist Church





# ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

American Bible Society
Baptist Children's Homes
Baptist Foundation
Baptist Hospital
Baptist Retirement Homes
Biblical Recorder
Christian Education
Foreign Missions
Home Missions
Pastor's Salary and Retirement
Southern Baptist Annuity
State Missions
Temperance and Public Morals

Mr. Bernard Bare
Mrs. JoAnne Goodman
Rev. Allen Huffman
Rev. Wayne Osborne
Mr. Robert D. Neaves
Rev. Lawrence Goodman
Rev. Alan Ambrose
Dr. Jim Rash
Rev. Bill Ballou
Rev. Tom Graybeal
Mr. Garner Blevins
Rev. Wayne Jones
Mr. Jerry Powers

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY MODERATOR

RESOULUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Fred Walters - Chairman Mr. Jerry South Mr. Charles King

PREACHER/PLACE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lois Bare - Chairman Mr. Harold Riddle Rev. Rick Miller

#### RULES OF ORDER:

- 1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer
- 2. When the Moderator calls the house to order, every member shall at once, take his seat.
- When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and address the Moderator, and not proceed until he is recognized.
- 4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body.
- 5. It shall be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while any person is speaking.

#### ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCH ADDRESSES

APPLE GROVE

2984 Whenlin Ridge Rd. Lansing, NC 28643

BALD MOUNTAIN

1460 Bald Mountain Road West Jefferson, NC 28694

BEAVER CREEK

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#### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2004-2005

		2003-2004 Approved <u>Budget</u>	2003-200 Actual <u>Expenses</u>		2004-2005 Proposed <u>Budget</u>
I.	EDUCATION AND PROMOTION				
	1. Sunday School	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.0	00 \$	500.00
	Discipleship Training	300.00	86.	11	300.00
	3. Brotherhood	400.00	0.0	00	400.00
	4. WMU	1,000.00	137.9		1,000.00
	5. Church Music	1,200.00	776.3		1,200.00
	6. Vacation Bible School	900.00	876.		1,200.00
	7. Evangelism	800.00	0.0		800.00
	8. Key Leadership	500.00	0.0		500.00
	9. Association Youth	1,200.00	747.0		1,200.00
	10. Seminary Extension	1,000.00	0.0		1,000.00
	SUBTOTAL	7,800.00	2,973.5		8,100.00
	SOBIOTAL	7,800.00	2,973.	15	0,100.00
II.	ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE				
	Office Equipment	1,000.00	1,249.2	22	1,000.00
	Printing and Supplies	4,000.00	4,591.6	35	5,000.00
	3. Postage/Mailing	2,500.00	1,815.5	;3	2,000.00
	Associational Calendars	400.00	0.0	00	400.00
	SUBTOTAL	7,900.00	7,656.4	0	8,400.00
III.	SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES  1. Director of Missions (a) SSI / Medicare	4,760.00	4,750.0	00	5,010.00
	(b) Retirement	2,400.00	2,400.0		2,400.00
	(c) Health Insurance	4,500.00	4,339.0		4,500.00
	(d) Utilities "50%"	1,150.00	1,432.0		1,750.00
	(e) Parsonage Housing Allowance	7,200.00	7,200.0		7,200.00
	(f) Parsonage Liability Insurance	475.00	475.0		475.00
	(g) Net wages	20,735,40	20,624.3		21,512.17
	Office Assistant / Treasurer	14,839.40	14,596.2		14,839.40
	(a) Office Asst. / Treasurer Health Insurance	2,256.00	2,144.0		2,256.00
	(b) Office Asst./ Treasurer Annuity	0.00	2,144.0		1260.00
	3. Clerk	381.10	304.5		500.00
	(a) Reimbursement for travel	100.00	64.2		100.00
	4. Employee Taxes	1,400.00	1,037.8		1,200.00
	5. Training SUBTOTAL	100.00	45.0		100.00
	SUBTUTAL	60,296.90	59,412.3	. 1	63,102.57
IV.	PARSONAGE				
	Insurance Premium	550.00	0.0	0	550.00
	2. Building Repair and Property Maintenance	2,500.00	3,401.5	7	5,500.00
	Utilities for Parsonage	2,700.00	2,618.9	2	3,000.00
	SUBTOTAL	5,750.00	6,020.4	9	9,050.00
v.	MISCELLANEOUS	700.00	1,465.4	<u>.1</u>	1,000.00
VI.	HISPANIC MINISTRY	14,000.00	6,893.1	3	14,000.00
VII.	ASHE REALLY CARES	7,500.00	7,831.6		7,500.00
VII.	BAPTIST CAMPGROUND	2,000.00	2,954.9	5	2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$_105,946.90	\$ 95,207.8	8 \$	113,152.57

## Treasurer's Report for the Ashe Baptist Association 07/01/03 - 06/30/04

Income:

On hand last report (July 1, 2003) Received	\$37,216.95 \$121,753.17
Balance On Hand & Received	\$159,055.43
Disbursements:	
ARC (offset by ARC funds transfers, BSC, & Churches)	\$22,149.56
Campground	\$2,954.95
Clerk	\$368.82
Director of Missions - Benefits & wages	\$41,220.40
Discipleship Training	\$86.11
Employee taxes	\$1,037.82
Hispanic Ministry (Offset by Hispanic offering & Churches)	\$6,893.13
Minute Books (Offset by Churches)	\$2,088.42
Miscellaneous	\$1,465.41
Music Department	\$776.33
Office Equipment	\$1,249.22
On Mission Celebration (Offset by donations)	\$16,212.38
Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,401.57
Postage / Mailing	\$1,815.53
Priniting & Supplies	\$4,591.65
Secretary / Treasurer Wages	\$14,596.27
Secretary / Treasurer Health Insurance	\$2,144.00
Sunday School	\$350.00
Training	\$45.00
Utilities (Internet, Office phone, 1/2 Electric, & 1/2 Heating fuel)	\$2,618.92
Vacation Bible School	\$876.16
WMU	\$137.99
Youth	\$747.00
Total Disbursements	\$127,826.64

BALANCE ON HAND (June 30,2004) \$31,228.79

### TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY CHURCHES

## JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004

CHURCH NAME		AR TO DATE	CHURCH NAME		YEAR TO DATE	
APPLE GROVE	\$	100.00	MOUNT OLIVE	\$	2,150.00	
BALD MOUNTAIN	\$	5,900.00	NEW RIVER	\$	2,072.40	
BEAVER CREEK	\$	1,375.00	NORTH BEAVER	\$	2,375.00	
BIG FLATTS	\$	350.00	OAK HILL	\$	600.00	
BIG LAUREL	\$	420.00	OBIDS	\$	800.00	
BLUE RIDGE	\$	650.00	OLD FIELDS	\$	500.00	
BRISTOL	\$ \$	2,639.33	ORION	\$	1,742.29	
BUFFALO	\$	630.00	PEAK VALLEY	\$	-	
CALVARY	\$	100.00	PHOENIX	\$	1,080.00	
CLIFTON	\$	954.06	PILOT MOUNTAIN	\$	449.90	
FARMER MEMORIAL	\$	-	PINE SWAMP	\$	150.00	
FLECHER MEMORIAL	\$	19,257.58	PLEASANT HOME	\$	2,614.06	
FRIENDLY GROVE	\$	3,099.96	PLEASANT VALLEY	\$	-	
FRIENDSHIP	\$	5,035.88	PROSPERITY	\$	-	
GLENDALE SPRINGS	\$	2,960.00	ROUND KNOB	\$	1,178.00	
GRASSY CREEK	\$	660.00	TRINITY	\$	1,021.00	
HEALING SPRINGS	\$	2,075.00	TUCKERDALE	\$	1,500.00	
LANDMARK	\$	1,200.00	WAGONER	\$	900.00	
LAUREL KNOB	\$ \$	2,130.35	WARRENSVILLE	\$	2,450.00	
LIBERTY GROVE	\$	2,500.00	WELCOME HOME	\$	1,624.24	
LITTLE HELTON	\$	· <u>-</u>	HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY	\$	_	
MIDWAY	\$ \$	2,500.00	HISPANIC MISSON	\$	3,272.20	
MISSON HOME	\$	499.98				

Total \$ 81,516.23

## Associational Key Leader 2004-2005

These names are respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association in accordance with Article V: Section 7 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

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The Executive Committee approved these names in April 2004.

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#### COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

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REV. DAVID BLACKBURN

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3 YRS MINISTER #3

3 YRS MINISTER #4

1 YR MINISTER # 5

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## Feasibility Study Report 2003-2004

A feasibility study is underway to determine the possibility of relocating the Ashe Baptist Associational Office, the property housing the office is in need of several improvements and accessibility to office is an area of concern. The group of men selected by the Ashe Baptist Executive Committee feels we could better serve the churches of the Association as well as making it easier to use the resources the Associational Office has to offer.

The feasibility study team represents the voice of the Association as we move forward with the study. Our mission is to find a suitable property with easier access and parking; either build a new facility; purchase an existing one or lease the office space needed; sell the existing property that houses the Ashe Baptist Association and use the funds received to move forward with the project. Also the Ashe Baptist Association and the Feasibility Study team needs to determine how best to raise the necessary funds to complete this project. Only through prayer and being in unity with God and each other will this happen.

We look with optimism to the future of the Ashe Baptist Association as we can better serve the Lord to see others come to Christ. The Feasibility Study Team consist of the following men: Mr. Charles Severt, Rev. Chris Goodman, Rev. Garrett MaHaffey, Mr. Ralph Davis, & Mr. Bob Neaves.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Ralph Davis, Chairman Feasibility Study Team

## REPORT for 2004 BOOK of REPORTS OFFICE of ANNUITY

After a tumultuous three year period resulting in a dramatic economic downturn which adversely affected retirement accounts of millions of Americans a dramatic rebound occurred during the last year. As a result, the asset base of the Annuity Board gained over 1 billion dollars in one year for the first time since the Annuity Board was established in 1918 to serve ministers and employees of Southern Baptist churches. Concurrently, many participant retirement accounts recouped much of the funds which evaporated during the downturn. The downturn presented a serious challenge to our office in assisting participants with meaningful educational materials and resources to make wise investment decisions.

Secondly, the ongoing national health care crisis continues to present serious challenges to our churches who strive to be responsible employers by providing adequate medical insurance in a rapidly escalating cost environment. To assist in this effort, the Annuity Board responded this year by offering new medical insurance plans. These new plans offer more flexibility with varying levels of deductibles and monthly rates. Along with the new plans, the Board emphasized a three-step approach to address the rising cost of health care. First, the Annuity Board is aggressively managing costs and continuing to create plans that provide more options for participants. Second, participants are encouraged to develop healthy habits related to eating and exercise. And, third, churches need to take the initiative, if at all possible, to provide medical coverage as a benefit for their ministers and staff rather than as a part of the salary package. Those church employees who live within the constraints of an antiquated "pay package" approach have seen a dramatic decline in disposable income if they have tried to maintain adequate medical insurance for themselves and their families.

Thirdly, as a result of actions taken by messengers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, the Annuity Board gained permission to serve evangelical ministry organizations outside the SBC and to change the official name of the Annuity Board to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. The name change will become official with an affirmative vote at next year's annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Fourthly, the Endowment ministry of the Annuity Board continued its work to make Southern Baptists aware of the tragic plight of retired ministers and their widows who were unable to plan adequately for retirement. Individuals and churches responded with open hearts and open hands as they helped to underwrite the financial assistance given to those who are in desperate need. More than 3,000 persons in our convention presently receive financial assistance with 335 residing in North Carolina.

As of May 31, 2004, North Carolina participants in the retirement plan moved above 5,200 in 2,332 (61%) of our churches. Our goal is to have all of our churches actively participating in the retirement plan provided by the Annuity Board of the SBC.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.bscnc.org">www.bscnc.org</a>, call the Annuity Board at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at <a href="https://www.absbc.org">www.absbc.org</a>.

Johnny E. Ross Senior Consultant, Annuity

Ashe Pregnancy Care Center
Angels in the Attic
PO Box 1572
111 North Main Street
Jefferson, NC 28640
336.846.4100

July 30, 2004

The Ashe Pregnancy Care Center (affiliated with Heartbeat International and the North American Mission Board) is located at 111 No. Main St., PO Box 1572, Jefferson NC 28640, 336.846.4100.

Our board consists of Mrs. Melissa Goodman, Mrs. Carol Hartsoe, Miss Brenda Adkins and Mrs. Lorrie Mash. Our staff consists of Kristina Worrell, Jane Kennedy and Debbie McKittrick. We have numerous volunteers who help us sort clothing and help us in the thrift shop and the Mom's room.

We have added a new and interesting addition to the APCC this year with a thrift store, Angels in the Attic. We accept used clothing, household items and in the Fall, furniture. As an auxiliary of the APCC, we can offer a tax deduction for donations. Although we are not making a lot of money we are managing to assist paying the rent for our office space with sales. The shop is open part-time and we are still trying to establish the hours to service the community. The "Attic" is managed by two part-timers.

We have established an "Earn While You Learn" program wherein our clients come into the Center and watch parenting videos to receive "Mom's Money" which can be turned into purchasing power in our thrift store. They can also "buy" diapers, baby clothing, and treasures for themselves with this "money". This has been a great accountability tool. We also have more hands-on time with our clients to witness and minister with our clients. We are ministering to 1,000 clients per year. Our Hispanic ministry continues to increase each year. We have knowledge of two babies being saved from abortion as a direct result of the Center's counseling. One of these babies has been placed for adoption in a Christian home. Abortion in Ashe County is still more acceptable in Ashe County than adoption is. Our focus this year is Adoption and we encourage the Pastors to get information on this wonderful alternative to a crisis pregnancy.

Currently we are conducting a "Forgiven and Set Free" Bible study for those women who have had abortions in the past. This is an intense Bible study which biblically shows women and men they can be forgiven for abortions in their lives. Studies have shown one out of every six Christian women have had an abortion. We know Jesus Christ is the answer to the difficulties men and women experience as a result of abortion and this Bible study can help to set them free.

Thank you to all the churches who consistently give to the Center – we could not do what we do without your loving generosity. If your church is not a supporter, we encourage you to start supporting us and find out what blessings the Lord has in store for your congregation.

Our Walk for Life this year is on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch for information regarding the Walk. Our Baby Bottle campaign is in full swing and if your church has not received baby bottles please contact us.

Changing Lives and Saving Lives one at a time is our goal; being everything we can be in Jesus Christ is our hearts' cry. Our ministry is not about us but it is ALL ABOUT HIM.

Abiding in Him,

Peggy Hoefl Executive Director



## Ashe Really Cares Report 2003-2004

Once again I am very excited to be able to report to you, the Association, concerning what all that has been happening at Ashe Really Cares. We have been very busy serving God by helping others that are in need both physically and spiritually. We have been through a very exciting move from our old location to a beautiful and new one at

Family Central where we can have use of other facilities that can assist our clients with other special needs in their lives. We also have made a video of the ARC for churches or groups to view in order for others to learn more about the working of Ashe Really Cares. God has blessed the ARC this past year with food, clothing, money and volunteers so that we can be a place where those in need can seek help and friendship. You are a very important part of the ARC by your support and prayers. Because of people like you others can see the love of Christ in their own lives.

This past year we gave away 2,842 food boxes which served 6,996 individuals. We had 143 new clients to come in for help. Our poundage of food from Second Harvest Food Bank was 19,402. This does not include the amount from the churches, individuals or businesses within the community. We have been able to do several church referrals and give out a lot of Christian literature along with a lot of Bibles. As we share the love of Christ with our clients please pray that we can help those who desperately need to know Him as their personal Savior. Thanks to each and every church and individual who helps the ARC to stand in the gap.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Pat Miller, Director Ashe Really Cares

### ASHE REALLY CARES FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004

DEPOSIT TO ARC			EXPENSES		
Beaver Creek Baptist Church	\$	776.80	Pat's Wages	\$	15,000.00
Buffalo Baptist Church	\$	74.00	Rent	\$	7,122.64
Clifton Baptist Church	\$	250.00	Individuals - FEMA	\$	4,797.72
Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church	\$	75.00	Food - ARC	\$	1,882.89
Friendship Baptist Church	\$	1,172.00	Blue Ridge Electric	\$	679.63
Glendale Springs Baptist Church	\$	650.00	Supplies	\$	607.40
Helaing Springs Baptist Church	\$	1,550.00	Van Repairs & Gas	\$	539.98
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$	800.00	Van Insurance	\$	469.00
Little Helton Baptist Churhc	\$	580.00	Phone	\$	464.06
Mission Home Baptist Church	\$	200.00	Miscellaneous Expense	\$	410.62
Mt. Jefferson Baptist Church	\$	800.00	Heating Oil	\$	401.15
New River Baptist Church	\$	942.87	Medicine - Prescriptions	\$	248.38
North Beaver Baptist Church	\$	400.00	Water Bill	\$	128.71
Obids Baptist Church	\$	1,000.00	Bank Charges	\$	55.39
Orion Baptist Church	\$	105.00	Reimbursement	\$	48.28
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$	748.00	Room	\$	45.00
Smethport Baptist Church	\$	450.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	32,900.85
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	\$	460.00			
W.J. First Baptist Church	\$	529.00			
Warrensville Bapitst Church	\$ \$	50.00	NOTE: Midway Baptist Church		
Anonymous Donations		1,124.00	donated \$1376 in a food purchase.		
Ashe Ministerial Association		700.00			
FEMA Funding	\$	7,464.63			
Individual donations	\$ \$	4,480.35	ASHE REALLY CARES		
NAMB Hunger Fund		3,000.00	BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/04		0/04
TOTAL ARC DONATIONS	\$	28,381.65		\$	8,011.42
OTHER DEPOSITS: ABA					
Friendly Grove Baptist Church	\$	1,064.00			
Liberty Grove Baptist Church	\$	500.00			
Mt. Olive Baptist Church	\$	150.00			
Old Field Baptist Church	\$	300.00			
Welcome Home Baptist Church	\$	200.00			
TOTAL OTHER DONATIONS	\$	2,214.00			

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Terri Shatley, Treasurer Ashe Really Cares

#### Ashe Baptist Campground Report

We want to take this time to thank all the people that help make our campground the beautiful place it is. Visiting the camp allows us an opportunity to get away from everyday activities and enjoy the simplistic and majestic beauty that God created for us to enjoy. We say thanks to the churches that take time to mow the grounds and take care of the necessary repairs. Thanks to each one that takes the time to clean up after they use the campground.



We want to thank Brother Tim Church of the Friendship Baptist Church for monitoring the water system to assure safe water for those that use the camp. Thanks go to Ronnie Hopkins of the Bald Mountain Baptist Church for the work he does as our treasurer for the camp. Special thanks go to all churches and people that financially support the campground so we can pay the bills.

Mrs. Ann Eldreth of the Big Flatts Baptist Church checks the camp after each use and cleans the Mattie Parsons Memorial Building if necessary and reports to the office of any damage or problems that may be found at the camp. Our thanks, to her for the time and special care in this area.

Mr. Jack Eldreth helps with the maintenance at the camp, we are glad to have someone to call upon when additional care is needed for the camp. There are things that need to be kept up if the camp is to continue, so we need someone to supervise and see that the work gets done. Thanks again to Brother Jack.

There were eleven of our churches that visited the camp last year, and many outside the county. We hope that many more of the churches will take time to visit the camp next year. Our Associational Churches may begin booking for the campground January 1 of each year. Non-Associational Churches may begin booking April 1 of each year.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Johnny Goodman Chairman, Campground Committee

# Ashe Baptist Campground Financial Report 2004—2005

<b>Contributions</b>		Expenses	
Bald Mountain Baptist Church	\$600.00	Blue Ridge Electric	\$1,535.28
Big Flatts Baptist Church	\$150.00	Skyline Telephone	\$ 378.78
Big Laurel Baptist Church	\$ 60.00	Ann Eldreth	\$ 930.00
Blue Ridge Baptist Church	\$200.00	Ashe Appliance Service	\$ 45.00
Clifton Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	Rose's Stores	\$ 96.84
Friendly Grove Baptist Church	\$250.00 ·	Tapco Underwriters (Ins.)	\$ 1956.35
Friendship Baptist Church	\$500.00	Jefferson Rent-All	\$ 66.81
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	\$180.00	Ashe Co. Builders Supply	<u>\$ 149.62</u>
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	\$ 5158.68
Liberty Grove Baptist Church	\$300.00		
Mission Home Baptist Church	\$150.00		
Mount Olive Baptist Church	\$150.00	Other Deposits: ABA	
New River Baptist Church	\$700.00	Big Laurel Baptist Church	\$ 15.00
North Beaver Baptist Church	\$150.00	Weaver Reunion	\$ 100.00
Pleasant Home Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	Surber Reunion	\$ 45.00
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$100.00	Goodman Reunion	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	<u>\$300.00</u>	<b>Total Other Deposits</b>	\$ 185.00
<b>Total received by Churches</b>	\$3,940.00		
Other Contributions			
Ashe Baptist Association	\$1000.00	·	
Skyline Telephone Memb. Corp.	\$ 47.36		
Taylor Reunion	\$ 50.00		
Brown—Pugh Reunion	\$ 50.00		
Roark Reunion	\$ 45.00		
Busby Reunion	\$ 150.00		
Pinkie Cochran	\$ 75.00		
Total other contributions	\$1,417.36		

Total balance on hand June 30, 2005 = \$2,643.58





## BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

(July 2004-July 2005)

Celebrating our past...charting our future!... Baptist Children's Homes has set its sights courageously toward the future as it observes 120-historic-years of service. Since 1885 when 9-year-old Mary Presson was admitted as a child in care, Baptist Children's Homes has been a beacon and a haven to children. Baptist Children's Homes has touched thousands upon thousands of lives throughout three centuries, never afraid to meet the ever-changing needs of children and families, yet never wavering from its fundamental mission.

In the dawn of a new millennium, Baptist Children's Homes stands poised. BCH proudly charts an exciting pathway to the future through its new strategic plan: *GuidingStar.* . . *Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families*.

Lives are miraculously changed. Tears of boys and girls evaporate and hopeful smiles bloom. Through the remarkable efforts of North Carolina Baptists and the love and leadership of God, Baptist Children's Homes continues its mission of *helping hurting children*. . . *healing broken families* – offering the promise of a better tomorrow to those we serve now and in the years to come.

GuidingStar Defines Bold Path. . . After a year-long effort led by BCH President Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes launched GuidingStar... Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families. The new strategic plan was approved by the Trustees in their September 2004 meeting and was officially introduced in February of this year. Comprised of defined core values and determined focus, GuidingStar was created with essential input from all BCH staff. Blackwell's vision was to create a strategy that could be utilized for years to come.

Family Gathering II Celebrates 120 Years... "Family Gathering II" brought together all staff members and children from Baptist Children's Homes facilities statewide to celebrate the agency's 120th anniversary. The historic day was held on June 14, 2005, at Mills Home in Thomasville and was only the second time the entire "BCH family" has gathered at the same time and place. Everyone participated in a day of games, singing and a worship program in the campus church.

North Carolina Baptists "Roundup" Food For BCH... The "Food Roundup" was held in April 2005 for the second time in three years. North Carolina Baptists poured out their support by collecting, sorting and delivering essential food and supplies for all BCH's geographic areas. Associations reported church participation was high as Directors of Missions allowed their offices to become key collection points for donations. Volunteers donated their time to help sort and count the food.

the development of the plan. Recommendations will be presented to the Trustees at their September meeting. The plan will debut in January 2005.

Shine your light!...Inspired by North Carolina Baptists, this year's Thanksgiving Offering theme is "Shine your light." Although blessings flowed freely in 2003 helping to avert more difficult hardships, our need remains great. Children and families continue to pour out their hurt on our doorsteps. Alone and suffering, children need to know that in their journey of darkness there is a light shining, guiding them to a better day. You help keep the light on and shining bright as we, day-to-day, offer help in Jesus' name. Our statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal this year is \$1,300,000. This represents a \$75,000 increase over last year's offering goal. An increase demanded by necessity. Challenge your church to participate in the 2004 Thanksgiving Offering. Our success depends on you.

BCH...Focused on the Future. Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doors continue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every effort. BCH holds true to its mission of "helping hurting children... healing broken families."

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.

Michael C. Blackwell, President Abe Elmore, Board of Trustees Chair Fall 2004

## 2004 Report to the Associations

## North Carolina Baptist Hospital



#### BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS:

#### PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

The mission of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, "to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God," reflects our distinctive heritage of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Since 1923 we have been privileged and grateful to be partners in mission with North Carolina Baptists, touching the lives of hurting people with great hope and strengthening the ministries of churches.

#### THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING:

#### PARTNERS IN BENEVOLENT CARE

Real Needs...Real Hope...In the Name of Christ and His Love

Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for giving compassionate witness to the love of Christ through the Mother's Day Offering! Every dollar of every gift (\$584,958 in 2003) relieves the anxious burden of hospital bills for our patients in serious financial need. Having no where else to turn for help, they find Christ reaching to them through you.

A recent recipient, suffering from life-threatening illness and worried sick about the burden of her hospital bill, received a letter that changed her life. The words of grace resounded, "Your hospital bill has been paid by compassionate and mission-minded North Carolina Baptists in the name of Jesus Christ and His love."

With deep thankfulness she replied, "I greatly appreciate the love of God that North Carolina Baptists have shared with me. This gift in the name of Jesus Christ has lifted a heavy burden, and I could never say thank you enough. God bless those who give for their compassion."

The needs of many patients far exceed the resources available to help them. Please give generously so more can be helped in the name of Christ's love.

#### THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE:

### PARTNERS IN MINISTRIES OF GROWTH, HOPE, AND HEALING

North Carolina Baptists, by *Cooperative Missions Giving*, provide healing ministry to thousands of hurting people, strengthen the effectiveness of hundreds of churches, and equip scores of ministers for service through the School of Pastoral Care.

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers provide a statewide, faith-based counseling network that extends the ministry of churches. Pastors are the largest single referral source, and members of Baptist churches are the largest group being served. Through 22 locations we will provide nearly 23,000 hours of pastoral counseling in 2004. Thanks to Cooperative Missions Giving, counseling that shares Christ's compassion and hope is made affordable and subsidized for those who need assistance.

The Center for Congregational Health, with the support of North Carolina Baptists, provides three vital ministries that enhance the effectiveness of churches. The Center is strengthening 25 churches per month through consultation services, assisting churches with strategic planning, team development, and conflict resolution. Leadership development programs are training 20 ministers per month, strengthening these clergy for more effective service. The Center has trained nearly 1,400 pastors as interim ministers and intentional interim specialists.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provides training in pastoral ministry to nearly 55 students per year, and extends compassionate spiritual care to patients and families through 60,000 ministry contacts. Our North Carolina Baptist partners, through Cooperative Missions Giving, allow tuition to be affordable for these ministers. Our churches reap the benefits, as pastors learn to provide high quality pastoral care in times of crises, deepen their own faith, and enhance their evangelism.

## ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL Caring for Ministers and Their Families

• N.C. Baptist ministers and their families receive a *subsidy of up to 25*% on their hospital bills at Baptist Hospital, a helping hand that brings tremendous relief and gratitude. It is made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund, with support from the Mother's Day Offering as needed. An average of \$60,369 per year has been provided during the last five years.

• Our CareNet Counseling Centers, in partnership with the Baptist State Convention, provide the *Ministers' Care Plan* to full-time, ordained ministers serving N.C. Baptist churches, and their immediate families. Confidential pastoral counseling is made available for \$20 per session at a CareNet center, with the BSC and CareNet covering the remainder of the cost. Please call Rev. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations, for more information (336-716-3027).

## National Rankings Reflect Commitment to Excellence

• We are consistently rated among the nation's top 50 hospitals by U.S. News and World Report.

• We are one of America's top 15 major teaching hospitals, according to the Solucient Top 100 Hospitals.

This listing is one of the nation's most comprehensive ratings of hospitals.

• We are one of America's Top Cardiac Centers for Women (Good Housekeeping, 2004).

• We have been ranked as one of America's top cancer centers since 1996 by U.S. News and World Report. Our Outpatient Comprehensive Cancer Center, one of the nation's most advanced treatment centers, opened in the summer 2004.

• We are in the top one percent in patient satisfaction among our peers in the United States, according to Press Ganey, one of the healthcare industry's leading patient satisfaction measurement firms.

## Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

### CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The compassionate, healing ministry of Christ continues to be realized in remarkable ways at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. We are profoundly thankful for the privilege of serving Christ by serving others through these ministries of growth, hope, and healing. We are deeply grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in ministry, and pray that God's love will continue to shine rays of healing hope through our common mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Den B. Preslar, Ir.

President

North Carolina Baptist Hospital



## BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

PROUDLY SERVING OLDER ADULTS SINCE 1951

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

**FACT SHEET** 

#### WHAT IS BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES?

Founded in 1951, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. (BRH) is one of North Carolina's most respected providers of long-term care. With four retirement communities throughout the state, BRH provides all levels of care for Older Adults, including special programs for conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. The Homes' new continuing care retirement community called The Gardens of Taylor Glen is under development near Charlotte. BRH also owns and operates a home health program that provides certified nursing and therapy services to homebound individuals. Baptist Retirement Homes is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

#### ARE RESIDENTS OF BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES PRIMARILY BAPTISTS?

At the Brookridge Community, 60% of the resident population is Baptist. About 80% of the resident population of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home is Baptist. The Taylor House and the Hamilton Baptist Home are primarily composed of Baptist residential populations.

## WHAT IS THE COST OF SERVICES? ARE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT PAY?

Fees vary according to facilities and the level of care chosen or required by residents. A full schedule of fees for each facility is available upon request. There are no entrance fees associated with any of the health-related facilities owned and operated by Baptist Retirement Homes. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House are among the few not-for-profit, church-related, long-term care facilities in North Carolina with no financial requirements for admission. Contributions received from the Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and from local Baptist churches across the state are used exclusively to help BRH provide care for those Older Adults in either assisted living or nursing care who are unable to pay the full cost of the services they need.

## Does The Baptist State Convention Of North Carolina Support Baptist Retirement Homes?

Baptist Retirement Homes is affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina but is a separate and distinct corporate entity. Messengers of the churches that compose the Baptist State Convention elect BRH Board members. In 1999, funds received from the Convention Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and local Baptist churches totaled approximately \$1.6 million. All of those monies are being used to support Older Adults living in assisted living or nursing care who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the care they receive.

## WHERE ARE BRH FACILITIES LOCATED AND WHAT SERVICES DO THEY OFFER?

The Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem is a 44-acre continuing care retirement community, established in 1989. Brookridge offers its 300 residents independent and assisted living and nursing care services. Accommodations range from garden homes to apartments to assisted living and nursing care at the Prince Nursing Center. The Brookridge Transitional Care Unit opened in 1995, offering post-acute medical care on site. Home health care is also available on site through In Home Care, Inc., a Baptist Retirement Homes affiliate. Brookridge is a full-service retirement community, offering meal service, nursing services, recreational activities, housekeeping, religious activities, dementia services, a water therapy/exercise center, and more. For more information, contact:

\*\*Brookridge Retirement Community\*\*

1199 Hayes Forest Drive • Winston-Salem, NC 27106 • 336-759-1044 (FAX) 336-759-7389 • Web site: www.brh.org

The Western North Carolina Baptist Home (WNCBH) is located on a 22-acre tract atop Richmond Hill in northwest Asheville. The Home offers residents assisted living and nursing care. Established in 1979, the Home was recently renovated and expanded to accommodate 150 residents. WNCBH is a full service retirement facility that includes a memory-enhanced residence. It offers meal service, nursing services, recreational activities, housekeeping, laundry, religious activities, and more. For more information, contact:

Western North Carolina Baptist Home

213 Richmond Hill Drive • Asheville, NC 28806 • 828-254-9675 (FAX) 828-254-0253 • Web site: www.brh.org

The Hamilton Baptist Home is a 30-bed assisted living facility located on 18 acres in Hamilton, in eastern North Carolina. Recently renovated to enhance the comfort of the residents, the Home has been in operation since 1963. Services include all daily meals, recreational activities, housekeeping, laundry services, medication assistance, religious activities and more. For more information, contact:

Hamilton Baptist Home

301 North Railroad Street • Hamilton, NC 27840 • 252-798-5901 • Web site: www.brh.org

The Taylor House is home to 30 residents in Albemarle, in North Carolina's Piedmont region. Situated in a residential neighborhood, The Taylor House opened in 1954 and was renovated in 1997. It offers a full range of assisted living services, including three meals daily, housekeeping, private rooms, laundry service, medication monitoring, recreational and religious activities and more. For more information, contact:

The Taylor House

319 Palmer Street • Albemarle, NC 28001 • 704-982-4217 • (FAX) 704-982-5366 • Web site: www.brh.org

The Gardens of Taylor Glen is a continuing care retirement community under development in Concord. For more information, contact:

The Gardens of Taylor Glen 3700 Taylor Glen Lane • Concord, NC 28025 • 704-788-6510 • Web site: www.brh.org

In-Home Care is a Medicare/Medicaid-certified home health care program designed to provide nursing and therapy services to North Carolina Older Adults. For more information, contact:

In-Home Care
22 Miller Street • Winston-Salem, NC 27104 • 336-722-1470

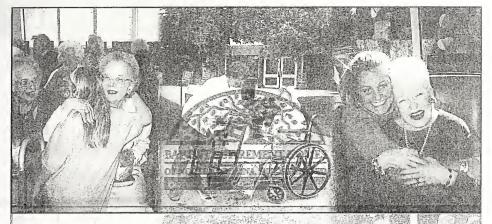
More Questions? Call the Baptist Elder Care Network 1-800-887-7410

The Elder Care Network is a free service offered by Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. to Older Adults and their families. One number connects you to a statewide system of caregivers, community resources, and retirement communities to help you deal with the many difficult issues of aging.



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An assisted living residence

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The Taylor House 319 Palmer Street Albemarle, NC 28001 (704) 982-4217

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### Dr. James Howard Royston Executive Director-Treasurer Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

#### Personal:

Born March 1, 1948 in Johnson City, Tennessee. Married to Wanda Jean (Jeannie) Hoilman Royston Two children: son, Jeff Royston (married Kelly); daughter, Jennifer Royston Fielden (married Kevin) Three grandchildren: granddaughter, Brooke Royston, grandsons, Henry Fielden and Luke Fielden.

#### Ministry Experience:

Elected November 11, 1997 to serve as Executive Director-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Served several churches in Tennessee and North Carolina, including First Baptist Church, Huntersville, North

Carolina. Most recently served as senior pastor of Colonial Heights Baptist Church of Kingsport, Tennessee.

Served as Director of Missions-Ministries for Mecklenburg Baptist Association of Charlotte from 1981-1986.

Was founding board member and senior consultant for the Master Design Associates Inc. of Columbia, South Carolina. Served as president of the group and did limited training and consulting with congregations throughout the Southeastern United States. Specialties included Leadership Training, Strategic Planning and Conflict Management.

#### Education:

Graduated from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee in 1975 with a B.A. degree in Religion. Earned both the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. Enjoyed major areas of study concentrated in both pastoral care and pastoral leadership. Doctorate was entitled "Innovation in Ministry." Advanced Clinical Pastoral Care from Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Received honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree and Presidential Medallion from Campbell University.

#### **Professional Leadership:**

Served on several committees in both the Tennessee and the North Carolina State Conventions. Served as board member vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce in Kingsport, Tennessee. Is a former board member of Holston Habitat for Humanity, the American Cancer Society and several Shelter and Crisis Ministry boards.

Has lectured on two seminary campuses and supervised several graduate students. Served as Minister in residence at Carson-Newman College in Spring 1997.

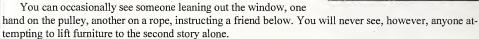
## It Matters to Me

By Jim Royston Executive Director-Treasurer Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

### **Associations Are Vital Mission Partner**



traveling friend described to me the tall, narrow houses on the crowded streets of Amsterdam, which sport large second story windows with a strong wooden arm and a pulley above them. These windows and pulleys are utilized to lift furniture to the second floor because the stairways are too narrow.



Some things you just can't do alone.

Long, long ago Baptist churches discovered there are a lot of things they can do together that they just cannot accomplish alone. It's tough for one church to start another by itself; to reach a growing ethnic community; to build a homeless shelter; to offer language classes, to do resort ministries or disaster relief or to plan strategically to reach a fast growing suburb.

Churches linked themselves together geographically, forming Baptist associations, which today continue to accomplish marvelous things for the Kingdom.

Eighty associations in North Carolina cover every square foot of our state and most are active missions partners with the Baptist State Convention.

Cooperation is all about people doing together what they cannot accomplish individually—like lifting furniture to the second story or working together in associations. This kind of partnership is important in the midst of global changes that are coming to roost on our North Carolina doorstep.

Into this mixed religious and social landscape many associations are responding creatively and are making significant strides in mission and ministry in urban, suburban, and rural areas. Several associations are currently involved in the hard, soul-searching work of strategic planning.

They understand it is better to ask "How can our association support, encourage, and resource churches?" instead of, "How can the churches support the association?"

Associations are the closest strategic link to groups of churches available to the Baptist State Convention. It is impossible to involve each of almost 4,000 churches individually in strategic planning to reach our state with the gospel. But grouping those 4,000 churches into 80 associations suddenly makes the task feasible.

Associational directors of missions are important strategists whose grasp of the needs and opportunities in their local mission field is unsurpassed. Because their work is not always appreciated at the level it should be, I'm taking this opportunity to say "Thank you," to the leadership in every association. Whether executive or volunteer, committee person or temporary program leader they help strengthen churches and are partners in mobilizing Baptists for ministry.

Their work among you deserves your support.

NOTE: Dr. Jim Royston will be speaking at our Annual Meeting this year on Friday, August 20th at Midway Baptist Church.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

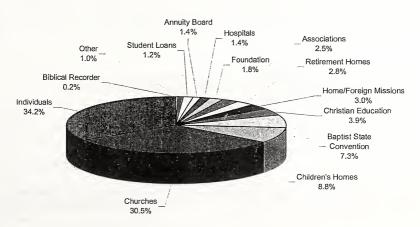
During 2003, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 23 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$633,000 and received \$2.7 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$2.0 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$5.3 million in contributions during 2003 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2003, the Foundation held \$112.9 million under management.

During 2003, our distributions totaled \$5.7 million, with charity receiving \$3.8 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$1.9 million. During the 83-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$25 million has been distributed to individuals and \$44.1 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$69.1 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

#### 2003 Distributions



Council on Christian Higher Education Baptist State Convention of North Carolina 2004

#### GREAT WORKS STAND THE TEST OF TIME

The classics. They are the books that are required reading in classrooms around the world. They are the masterpieces that hang in Louvre and other great museums. They are the compositions from Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Strauss and countless others that are taught and studied and appreciated generation after generation.

What makes them classics? What makes them stand the test of time? Put simply, these works were developed by people who took painstaking care with their craft. Attention was paid to every individual detail as if the very life of the work itself depended on it. Love and devotion and skill were combined with each vision to produce an explosion of creativity and unique expression.

If these explanations truly define the classics and the great works, then the Baptist colleges of North Carolina belong in that very category. Five institutions that define the spirit and commitment of North Carolina Baptists draw their very essence from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, an institution that was created in part to fulfill the mission of Christian higher education in this state.

Begun in 1830, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has stood the test of time. Using the same qualities as the great composers, artists and authors from throughout the centuries, the Baptist State Convention has poured love and devotion and care into the pursuit of offering only the finest in college education.

Campbell University, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb University, Mars Hill College and Wingate University are the five institutions affiliated with the convention. Why is that important? Because heritage and history make for strong foundations. With the support received from the convention through scholarships, resources, prayer, encouragement and leadership, these institutions grow stronger each year in reputation, prestige, character, quality and respect.

Gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget of the Baptist State Convention of NC last year made it possible for 499 members from 316 convention related churches to attend our five affiliated institutions of higher education. Some of the recipients would not have been able to pursue their dream of a degree from an accredited college or university without the financial assistance provided by generous Baptists like you.

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#### **Brotherhood Report 2003-2004**

Special thanks to all of you for the various missions projects you have been involved in this past year, many lives have been touched by your works. In early Spring the Associational Brotherhood Team was able to help with the cleaning and painting of the new Ashe Really Cares facility. We were also involved with helping move Ashe Really Cares to their new location at Family Central in Jefferson.

According to the Congregational Summary Report in the 2003 Ashe Baptist Association Minute Book only 11 of our 43 churches have an organized brotherhood team. I want to encourage your church to get your men involved with NC Baptist Men either through your church or on an Associational level. If there is anything I can do to assist you & your church please feel free to give me a call at 846-5631 or 982-3316.

Respectfully submitted

Mr. Fred Walters, Associational Baptist Men Director

#### WMU Report 2003-2004

A special thanks to all of you who support the WMU with your talent, time, efforts and most importantly with your prayers, in your churches and in the Association.



We started the year big back in September 2003, with a Missions Fair held at Friendship Baptist Church, gearing up for the On Missions Celebration meetings. We had seventeen booths, representing mission work around the world; Ukraine, Jamaica, Guatemala, New York, Ashe County, and more. There were games for the kids (even a piñata), ethnic foods, and many stories and displays from those who have worked with missions. We also had members of the Christian Motorcycle Association checking blood sugar for our visitors.

We sort of dropped off for the winter but came in strong again for our March 2004, Bust-A-Move Conference at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church. 29 women attended the meeting to hear guest speakers, Jan High & Margaret Harding from the NC Baptist State Convention. We ate, laughed and had a good time learning about the various mission opportunities available.

A special thank you to Friendship Baptist Church & Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church for hosting our WMU events in 2003-2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. France Blevins, Associational WMU Director





#### Report by the Director of Missions

What an exciting year 2003-2004 has been for the Ashe Baptist Association. Our Association has had a great year and is in excellent shape to serve Jesus in the coming year. We have been working hard as an Association and lots of opportunities have come our way. We chose to ride the opportunities to maximize our positive results. Our vision, mission and goals become special to us and are forces necessary for success.

Our theme of "Ashe Baptist Churches reaching the lost for Christ around the world", is taken from Matthew 28:19-20. Winning the lost is a priority with us. Religious Education is vital as we find new ways to deliver the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The **On Mission Celebration** was a tremendous learning event for the 27 Churches that chose to grow in the areas of Missions around the world. Those 27 Missionaries still speak to us even though they are not physically with us.

The **Sunday School Workshop** lead by Phil Stone from the Baptist State Convention challenged us to be all that we can be in Sunday School. Each class was taught to hungry folks who listened intently.

The Vacation Bible School Workshop is still the best in the State, second to none. If you missed it this year make plans now to attend next year.

The Jesus Video Project was spear headed by the Ashe Baptist Association. Needing to raise \$50,000. God blessed with \$75,000. Is that not always true of God? Not only did every family in Ashe County receive a video but 2000 extra videos were odered for folks who move into our area. Also 2,500 Spanish version videos was ordered to share with our Hispanic and Latino friends.

The Jesus Video Crusade is being planned as I write this report. The work continues to reach Ashe County for Christ.

The Hispanic Mission is continuing to function to help Hispanic families to know Christ.

Ashe Really Cares is reaching over 250 families each month with food and clothing but most of all the love of Jesus.

The Troop Assistance Committee continues to ministers to families whose loved ones are in Iraq and serving around the world. Letters and care packages are being sent to the members of the Ashe County Nation Guard in Iraq.

Connection with Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention remain strong. This is who we are as a denomination.

#### DOM Report Continued

To reaching the lost we must move forward and not rely on the past to do the job. Our County is growing and we as an Association of Churches need to keep growing as well. Opportunities await in 2004-2005. Come ride the opportunities with us to help change the world.

Thank you for your prayers, understanding, your encouragement, and your financial support. Without the help of the Lord and your help we would not be where we are today.

The following is a portion of the work that God has allowed me to do this past year:

- Drove 12,941 miles
- Assisted Hispanic Church
- Assisted Ashe Really Cares
- Worked in the planning of Jesus Video
- Project to include the Crusade
- Upgraded office equipment
- Prepared 825 Minute Books
- Prepared 225 Book of Reports
- Prepared 750 Newsletters, 14 pages each month
- Mailed numerous cards and letters to pastors and church officers as needed (to include E-mail and Faxes)
- Submitted Church announcements to Jefferson Post and Mountain Times
- Preached in nursing home as called upon
- Conducted Radio Program on WKSK weekly (Ashe Baptist Associational News)
- Shared "The thought for the Day" every 2 months on WKSK
- · Provided pulpit supply as needed
- Met with Associational Committees as needed
- Assisted Pastors in 4 Revivals, VBS, Special Bible Studies and visited ABA Churches
- Supervised Associational staff, provided over 600 hours of counseling, Organized 5 Baptist State Convention Training sessions in ABA, Worked with (in county and out of county) 5 clinics, Key Leadership Conference Calls, Caraway Programs, Ridgecrest Programs, New Minister Conference at Cary, NC
  - Assisted with Ashe Pregnancy Care Center, School Based Health Center, Partnership for Children, Smart Start, Ashe Ministerial Alliance, Family Central, FEMA, Ashe Alternative School, Ashe Middle School, Ashe County High School, all three Elementary Schools and Ashe County 4-H

#### Thanks be to God for all His blessings. All glory goes to Him!

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. David Blackburn Director of Missions /Associational Missionary Ashe Baptist Association





#### Discipleship Training Report August 2004

Jesus says to us in Matthew 18:18-20 "...all power is give unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Making disciples is not a suggestion but a command.

Discipleship is all about becoming a "disciple" for Jesus Christ and growing to conform to "His" image. This does not happen automatically. It takes commitment. God's Holy Spirit leads each of us in a perfect plan for our lives as we commit to becoming His Disciple. Jesus actually does the work in our lives as we commit our way to Him.

Discipleship Training can be done by individuals as we study and learn from God or it can be done in a small or large group. Discipleship Training can be done anytime and anywhere. It can occur on Sunday night, Wednesday night, during Sunday School or any time that is set aside to grow in our Christian lives through a systematic study of God's Word as it applies to our lives.

Several tools are available to help us in this endeavor. There are several Discipleship book/studies available at the Associational Office available for checkout. There is also a resource catalog that outlines all the materials available through Lifeway. These may be ordered by individuals or by churches. Some of the training tools available are:

Experiencing God Fresh Encounter
The 7 Laws of the Learner
Created to be God's Friend The Prayer of Jesus
The Mind of Christ Now That I'm a Christian
Making Love last Forever God's Special Plan with Children

The most important thing for you as a church or individual is to decide what type of study is right for you, decide where God is working and join Him in His work. There is a special tool that is just right for you.

If you need assistance in planning your discipleship training strategy or in finding a study that is right for you please let me know and I will be glad to assist in anyway that I can. I am available to come to your church any time that you invite me.

Serving you in Christ

Linda Blackburn



#### Evangelism Report 2003-204

We know the mission of the church is to win the lost, by sharing what Christ has done for us. We are to share Christ's love with the lost around us. Whether through the local church or through mission work. When the church ceases to have a burden for the lost, it ceases to be actively engaged in evangelism.

The Evangelism Committee has been involved with the Jesus Video Crusade by serving on the prayer committee. Encouraging churches to have a prayer walk through their community and to involve all ages especially youth as you walk and pray for those around you.

In the future months following the crusade the Evangelism team encourages follow-up from the churches for those that have made decisions either for baptism or rededication. Please pray for the Evangelism efforts of Ashe Baptist Association in the coming year. May we have such concern for the lost and or unchurched, that we will be compelled to share Christ love.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss. Willa Dean Church, Evangelism Chairman

## Moderator Report 2003-2004

Another year and another term as your moderator has come to an end. It has been purely enjoyable serving as your moderator. I met a lot of unique people, learned a great deal about what is going on outside the church, yet still within the family, and had the opportunity to serve, to some small extent, the Lord, who did it all for me.



I have been able to observe our pastors as far as 300 miles from their home churches and got first hand accounts of how others handled themselves outside of Ashe County. We are blessed to have men, chosen by God and respected by others, serving the churches in our association.

Many things have been accomplished in our association of which the most impressive to me has been the increase in the desire to support each other's efforts to magnify the Lord. A perfect example of this was the unbelievable response from all churches in Ashe County on sponsoring the Jesus Video Project. Praise God for the opportunity to participate in such events!

May God continue to bless the Christ-like efforts of the Ashe Baptist Association. With God's love

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Jerry Powers Moderator, Ashe Baptist Association

#### ANNUAL REPORT Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute July, 2003 – June, 2004

Our mission at Fruitland is to provide quality training for Christian ministry that balances academic, devotional, and practical emphases. Academically, we aim to lay a foundation for any further study that the student may undertake. Our graduates have demonstrated the academic quality of our program by doing well in a number of schools across the country to which they have transferred. The devotional atmosphere which we seek to maintain in our classrooms and on our campus challenges students to grow spiritually. Worship in chapel is a daily part of our campus life. The fact that most of our faculty members are involved in some regular ministry enhances our practical emphasis and helps prepare our graduates to enter various positions of Christian ministry.

Our student body is diverse in ages and backgrounds. Several international students have been enrolled. Several of our students are involved in regular ministries during their studies. Student family housing and dormitory housing provide for resident students and we have many commuting students. Our cumulative, non-duplicated enrollment for the past year was 257. In consultation with Hispanic church leaders and Larry Phillips of the State Convention staff, we began classes in Spanish in the Spring of 2004.

On September 9, 2003, administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni joined in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. John Rymer as a faculty member. Although Dr. Rymer has taught several different subjects during the years, he continues to teach Old Testament which he has taught during his entire tenure. Joe Stoneham is the newest faculty member. He teaches Computer Science. He is a native of Dallas, Texas, where his parents were married by Dr. George W. Truett, noted pastor of the First Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, with a B. S. degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. He is married to Judy Bates Stoneham who is a staff member at Blue Ridge Community College. They are active in the First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, NC. In the Fall Quarter of 2003 we had Dr. D. L. Lowrie of Lubbock, Texas, as visiting professor of Old Testament and Pastoral Ministries. Dr. Lowrie is scheduled to return for the Fall Quarter of 2004.

A number of special events are held on our campus annually. In October we observed Alumni Day and Preaching Week. Visiting speakers were Joe Brown of Charlotte, NC, and D. L. Lowrie of Lubbock, Texas. On Founders' Days in May our guest speakers were Dr. Gray Allison of Memphis, Tennessee and Dr. Elmer Towns of Lynchburg, Virginia. Alice Lowrie was the guest leader for the Women's Retreat held in October. Sunday School Seminars were conducted by the staff of the Baptist State Convention in November.

Preliminary plans have been made to renovate the Crouch Building which houses our chapel and eight classrooms. This would include the enlargement of the chapel to provide better for graduations and special events and the equipping of the classrooms for the use of the latest technology in multi-media presentations.

Fruitland continues to adapt to changing needs and opportunities while endeavoring always to remain "true to God's Word and loyal to His purpose." We are grateful for the continuing support of the Baptist State Convention in providing for us the opportunity to participate as partners moving toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Our alumni continue to assist us in the fulfillment of our mission by praying, recommending the school to prospective students, and giving. Visiting groups and individuals are welcome to visit our beautiful campus. Our offices are open except for holidays. For a tour of the campus contact Todd Edmiston, our Campus Services Director by telephone at 828-685-8886 or by E-mail at fruitland@mchsi.com.

#### **Gideons International Report**

The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest business and professional men's association in the Unites States of America. An international board of distinguished Christian laymen supervises the worldwide Gideon ministry, ensuring an efficient, economical operation in 179 countries distributing God's Word in 82 languages.

The past fiscal year, which ended May 31, 2004, total scripture receipts for the State of North Carolina were \$5,124,726. This was the first time any state had ever exceeded \$5,000,000. There were 88 churches in Ashe County, which is serviced by the Jefferson Camp, which had a part in contributing \$106,853.70 toward this total. Each church will be contacted again this year to be a part of this ministry, if you haven't already, or haven't already had a speaker this year. As of June 30, 2004, reports had already been given in 17 churches. We thank God for the support of the churches in this county.

In North Carolina, there are 156 camps, 5,627 Gideons, and 2,778 auxiliary. In the Jefferson Camp, there are 73 Gideons and 56 auxiliary. Please pray for all of us that we will be witnesses for Jesus Christ as we serve with you to win the lost for Christ.

Sidney Allen, President Jefferson Camp

#### **Christian Action League Report**

What times we live in today, yes, our world is changing at a rapid pace. So has the morals of the people around the world, sad but true, think back a few years and reflect on the life of one that called themselves Christians.

Have we as Christians fell into the trap of anything goes? Some approve same sex marriage, the use of alcohol is OK, and pornographic movies is OK to go see or download onto your computers! Divorce rate is at an all time high and church attendance is at an all time low!

We need to ask for boldness as the Apostle Paul did in Acts Chapter 4 verse 29. Let me encourage you to contact our North Carolina Senators and House of Representatives to support the House Bill H1606 (defense of marriage).

What shall we say to our children and grandchildren in the next few years if we continue at this rapid change of time? Please pray that God will lead us into revival that will change America.

Please visit our web site <a href="www.christianactionleague.net">www.christianactionleague.net</a> you will be able to keep updated on all things about temperance and morals that may affect your family, your church, and the state of North Carolina as well as our nation called America.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Lambert, Christian Action League of NC.

#### PROFILE REPORT TO THE ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Fiscal Year - June 2003 to June 2004.

## HISPANIC BAPTIST MISSION "CRISTO EL SALVADOR"

This fiscal year the Hispanic Mission had many members who have moved from this county seeking employment and to be closer to where the jobs are. Many members have moved as far as to Florida, because of the unemployment situation in Ashe County. However, it is hoped that the year 2004 will be a better one for anyone to find employment and that the mission will be able to grow and to prosper.

Mr. Jesus Padilla, is the Voluntary Lay Speaker for the Hispanic Mission in Ashe County, and he is also very active with the Jail Ministry in Ashe and in other counties bordering our area such as Wilkes and Watauga. The mission had 7 baptisms this fiscal year and we thank our Lord for that. I want to thank all the churches for the help they have given to Cristo El Salvador since the mission was started and please continue to pray for this mission.

For love to Jesus, your servant,

Enrique (Hank) Saralegui Member, Cristo El Salvador Committe.



#### Historian report 2003-2004

This year's report comes from the Minutes of the 27th Annual Session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association held with Obids Missionary Baptist Church, September 9th, 10th, & 11th, 1913. Moderator for the Association was Prof. J.C. Goodman, M.M. Blevins served as the Clerk and Treasurer. Some very interesting points I noticed in the minutes from this era was the way many of the speakers spoke very boldly and passionately about what they believed

in. The following is excerpts from the State Missions Report. (Two years ago the Ashe Association met with the Healing Springs Church, and during that session raised \$400 for State Missions. The State Board of Missions supplemented that amount with \$300. These amounts \$700 were used for Mission work in the Ashe Association. There are in North Carolina about 240,000 Baptist, of this number about 170,000 are enlisted in active service for the Master. Of the 1,990 churches in the state 1,750 have preaching only once a month. There are 31 churches in the Ashe Association, not a single church has preaching more than once a month. The time being so long between preaching services and the pastors in most cases living entirely outside of the church neighborhood, renders the work that is done — inefficient. None of the churches are doing as well as they might do, and a good number of them are doing practically nothing for Missions. An earnest effort should be put forth to enlist all these churches into active service. They need to be awakened to a sense of their full duty to the support of their Pastors. We recommend that a faithful effort be made to group the churches into fields that can and will support a wide awake aggressive Pastor that can meet the demands of the times. A number of our churches could, and ought to maintain twice a month preaching. In view of the great need and present conditions and the outlook to the future, we insist that the Association raise not less than \$500 for State Missions. Within the next Associational year a railroad will have been built through Ashe county from the Virginia line to Watauga county, NC. Branch lines from this road will be built into other sections of the county where there are valuable mineral deposits and timber. The prospect is good for a railroad connection with other parts of the State, south and east of the Blue Ridge in the near future. Rapid progress is going to be made along all commercial lines. Business interest will develop by leaps and bounds in material affairs, will we be as active and energetic about the work and development of our Lord's Kingdom. We should do so, for we have in Matt. 6:33 the Command to "Seek ve first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness." The Lord's work is most important of all, we regard this time with the in coming of a railroad and new classes of people a serious critical, yet an opportune time for our denomination in Ashe County. We can advance or retard the work of the Kingdom as we choose. Respectfully Submitted, C.M. Cope, J.F. King, Geo M Reeves.) Following discussion and adoption of the report, individual and church pledges were made for the State Missions to total \$443.50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Trish L. Church Associational Historian

#### Jesus Video Project of Ashe Report 2003-2004

The Jesus Video Project has been a tremendous success to our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. We have experienced unity among churches in our county, with 84 churches participating in the project. The Jesus Video team set a goal of \$50,000 and through the support of churches and individual donations our goal was exceeded by over \$25,000 with all glory and honor going to our Lord. The Jesus Video Project sent every home in Ashe County a video called "Jesus" this past Easter. We also ordered extra videos that are available at Ashe Really Cares for the churches that participated in the project to distribute to new folks that move into our county. 2000 Spanish videos were ordered for distribution to the Hispanic Community, we still have some of those at Ashe Really Cares too.

We have heard reports of folks who have watched the video and how it was a blessing to them, but this is only a small percentage compared to the amount sent out. Those involved in the project are trying to remind those who for whatever

reason set the video on the shelf and said, "I will watch it later" — that later is here. Exciting follow-up activities are being planned. Every church that was involved has been asked

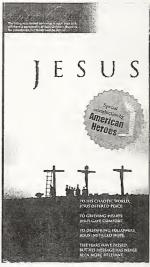
to contact as many people in their area to follow-up and see that everyone received a video and watched it. Many churches throughout the community have signs in their church yard that pose the question, "Watched your Jesus Video?"

A Jesus Video Crusade is planned for every person in the county. This crusade will be held at Family Central Gym on Friday, August 13, Saturday August 14, and Sunday August 15, starting at 6:30 PM, with local singing and testimonies. The Hayes Family will sing nightly at 7:00 PM and the Rev. Neil Hatfield will bring a message from God's Word.

This will be a time for individuals to share how the Jesus video touched their life and a time to share any commitments that anyone has already made at home while viewing the video. We want to thank you for all of your support through prayers, service, and financial giving. Through your love and support we have been allowed the honor and privilege of putting God's message into every home in Ashe County. Thank you Ashe Baptist Association of Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph & Cindy Davis, Project Leaders Jesus Video Project of Ashe County



#### CHURCH MUSIC REPORT 2003 - 2004

As members of the Associational Choir we have been blessed to be able to share our music in several area churches over the last year. We certainly appreciate all the churches that have invited us to sing. It was an honor to be asked to sing at the Ashe County Jesus Video Crusade, and of course at the annual meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association. We hope to be able to share our songs with churches that invite us this fall as well. We will break for the winter months and, as the Lord wills, begin working on another inspiring collection of worshipful songs in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Church Music Leader, Mr. Daniel Pugh

#### ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 2003-2004

Greetings to all of you this year of the Lord, 2004. I want to thank each of you that came to the Associational Sunday School Training that was held in October 2003. The training was very well attended by a variety of our churches. Phil Stone from the Baptist State Convention of NC led the training for the Adult and Youth Classes. Lori Benfield a representative from the Convention's Sunday

School team led the Children's Class. I would like to thank our Associational Sunday school team for their help and support in teaching and organizing this training. Our team consists of Tim Church, Shelby Roten, Nancy Watson, and Alan Ambrose. We all want to extend our appreciation to North Beaver Baptist Church for hosting the Sunday school training. The ladies of the North Beaver went beyond the call in the refreshments they served, which were delicious, and we appreciate the use of the church facilities.

In closing, it is with sadness that I must resign as your Sunday School Director. My health is declining and I find it hard to do the things I need to do as your Sunday School Director. That's why I think now is the time for me to step down and let someone else take over. So, I want to encourage you to support Tim Church as your new Associational Sunday School Director. I ask also that you give your support to the Sunday School Team as they make every effort to bring you the help and training that you need to bring glory to the work of our Lord.

Thank you for the support you gave me in the past. Please continue to pray for each other and lift up God's word to the world.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted, Mr. Jim Ketner

#### Resolution Committee Report

Whereas, the Ashe Baptist Association continues its strong work for the Lord Jesus Christ locally, state wide and around the world. It continues to accept the "Great Commission" that Jesus gave us Matt. 28:19-20.

Whereas, the Ashe Baptist Association reaffirms its support to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Whereas, the Ashe Baptist Association does continue to oppose alcohol, illegal drugs, gay marriages, abortion, and the evils that so easily besets us.

Whereas, The Ashe Baptist Association recognizes the need for more earnest prayer as we ban together with the Holy Spirit of God to work against the forces of evil. The success of missions depends upon you, your prayers and participation using gifts of many nameless individuals as well as Director of Missions / Associational Missionary Rev. David Blackburn,

Therefore be it resolved that we appreciate our Director of Missions / Associational Missionary, Rev. David Blackburn, our Administrative Assistant and Treasurer, Mrs. Trish Church, our Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young, our Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers, our Vice Moderator, Mr. Joe Brown, and Ashe Really Cares Director, Mrs. Pat Miller.

Be it further resolved that we appreciate Midway Baptist Church and Welcome Home Baptist Church for hosting the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Ashe Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted

Mr. Fred Walters, Chairman Resolutions Committee

## Troop Assistance Committee Report 2003-2004

The Troop Assistance Committee was formed at the first Executive Committee Meeting of 2004. An organizational committee of the following persons was put together: Mr. Bill Carter, Rev. Rick Miller, Mrs. Vickie Young, Mrs. Trish Church, Mrs. Marie Jordan, & Rev. David Blackburn, DOM. Mr. Bill Carter agreed to chair the committee and ask for a representative from all of the

churches in the association to be a part of the committee.

The committee has met at least once a month since its formation and has assigned churches to each of the local families of the soldiers of the 1450th Transportation Company to look after the needs of these families and to help them in anyway they can. The committee is currently working with the Directors of Missions from other counties that have troops in the 1450th to make sure these families are taken care of as well. There has been good support of the committee from the churches and from our Director of Missions, Rev. David Blackburn.

The churches have been able to help the troops by sending phone cards and care packages to them in Iraq. They have extended their hand to the families by offering their services and sending cards and letters and small gifts of encouragement, but the greatest privilege we have had is to pray for the soldiers and their families. As chairman of the committee and a friend to a lot of the troops, I have worked closely with the Family Support Group at the 1450th Trans. Co. Armory by attending their monthly meetings and talking with them about what we, the Ashe Baptist Association, can do to help make the absence of their loved one a littler easier on the family. I want to thank all of the churches that have helped with the committee. The committee would also like to thank Friendly Grove Baptist Church for allowing us to meet at their church each month. If your church would like to help, please give Trish a call at the Associational Office, we can always use more help and more prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Bill Carter, Troop Assistance Committee Chairman



VBS 2004: Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally Racing to the Son

Konichiwa! The VBS theme this year took us on an old-fashioned rally with the islands of Japan as its unique setting. Racers sprinted by erupting volcanoes, past tranquil gardens, over rice paddy fields, through splashing seas, and up rocky alps. Each racer ran toward the goal: knowing Jesus as Savior and Lord and committing to follow Him throughout the course of his life.

I was able to visit several of our churches' Vacation Bible Schools this year and whether they were "racing to the son", "powering up", or visiting "lava lava island", I saw some very dedicated, Godly people working to share God's word and love with others. And that was very impressive, uplifting, and made my work as the associational VBS director very rewarding.

Once again, we had some new VBS team members this year serving on our VBS team and I appreciate the team's work. This team is a very talented and dedicated group of individuals and, as always, they were a blessing to me. I am very fortunate to have such committed people willing to serve. Thank you all!

From all reports, our churches had great Vacation Bible Schools! There were many saved and I'm sure there were many seeds planted that just need some care in order to grow. It is up to us all to help these new believers cultivate their relationship with Jesus Christ. Follow up is extremely important as we add students to our prospect files and hopefully add them to our Sunday school classes.

Our VBS scripture this year was: Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 1 Cor. 9:24. This is a race we must run everyday. Remember that your VBS team is here to help and encourage you each year!

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Young Associational VBS Director

VBS 2004: The Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally Racing To The Son

VBS Motto: Ready! Set! Race to Jesus!

VBS Scripture: Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 1 Cor. 9:24

#### 2004 VBS Team Members

VBS Clinic Age Group	Teacher	Home Church	
Younger/Middle Preschool	Paula Miller	Pleasant Home	
Older Preschool	Nancy Watson	Trinity	
Younger Children	Jeannette Cox	Friendship	
Middle Children	Shelby Roten	Friendly Grove	
Older Children	Sheila Blevins	Friendly Grove	
Youth	Rev. Alan Ambrose	Bald Mountain	
Adults	Tim Church	Friendship	
Missions	Linda Ball	Friendship -	
VBS Directors	Vickie Young	Pleasant Home	

#### 2004 VBS Report

VBS information has been received from the churches listed below. We would like to have a completed report from every church in the Association.

Church Name	Total Enrollment	Decisions for Christ	VBS Mission Offering
Big Flatts	67	11	\$379.00
Fletcher	142	0	?
Friendship	301	24	\$476.00
Glendale Springs	105	0	\$210.00
Healing Springs	78	6	\$452.00
Landmark	82	0	\$170.91
Little Helton	36	0	\$317.67
Mission Home	58	0	\$244.00
Old Fields	89	0	\$80.00
Orion	55	1	\$187.00
Pleasant Home	56	1	\$114.00
New River	117	6	\$735.00
Apple Grove	58	0	\$78.00
Pleasant Home	56 .	0	\$114.00
Laurel Knob	33	0	\$100.00
Tuckerdale	105	3	\$332.71
Friendly Grove	125	6	\$220.00

## Youth Report 2003-2004

Individual churches in the Ashe Baptist Association are hard at work, striving to reach young people for Christ and train them in His Word. This past year Midway Baptist Church hosted a Youth Rally for the Association as well as all churches in the county. The speaker was former Super Bowl champion Mickey Marvin and the average attendance each night was 300.

Youth work is more than just fun activities and missions projects. It is mentoring young persons to be the godly men and women they are meant to be. This is not always an easy task. Youth in today's culture are skeptics. They have seen (through movies) and heard (through music) man at his most vile. In order to teach them, we must first prove ourselves worthy to be heard. That is why church-based youth ministry is so vital. Within the church family, trust can be built, mentoring can happen, and young hearts can be reached.

This makes youth ministry a full-time endeavor. Youth don't want to talk when adults are ready to listen. Adults must listen when their teenagers are ready to talk. Mentoring doesn't happen overnight. Relationships must be built. Teenagers don't trust easily so trust must be earned. Again, youth ministry is a full-time endeavor.

That is why we need each other. As youth workers, we need to pray for one another and for the youth in our churches and in Ashe County. I know you need my prayers, because I need yours.

I look forward to a time when we can come together for the purpose of expanding God's Kingdom through the lives of our young people and youth leaders.

To that end, I make myself available to serve you in any way that I can.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Alan Ambrose, Chairman Association Youth

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 2, 2003

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on October 2, 2003, at Big Flatts Baptist Church. With a total of ten churches represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Powers. Following a congregational hymn led by Alan Ambrose, the welcome and devotion was given by Danny Hodges, filling in for Rev. Andy Watson who could not be present. There were many prayer requests made and an altar prayer was held.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the July Executive Committee meeting and from the August annual meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read, with motion made by Rev. Lawrence Goodman, and the second by Rev. David Jones.

Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read, with a motion by Rev. Johnny Goodman and a second from Rev. Lawrence Goodman.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. She reported that the food drive and school supplies drive for the Baptist Children Homes had been a success. The ARC is low on food now, having distributed 702 food boxes impacting 1,682 people, with 5 Bibles given out and 3 referrals made to local churches. Mrs. Miller related several instances where she saw God's hand at work in helping the ARC meet the needs of those they serve. With the move to Family Central, they are in need of more volunteers with a heart for giving and listening who would be able to pray and counsel. She thanked the association and the churches for the support and reminded us that the ARC is a community mission.

DOM Blackburn next reported on the success of the On Mission Celebration. He told of the great impact made by the speakers through the services, but also in the schools and the restaurants they visited. God's spirit made the difference and it has renewed the DOM's call for the lost of Ashe county. He asked for comments and several spoke about the experiences.

DOM Blackburn next reported on some upcoming events in the association. A minister and wife retreat will be held at Bald Mountain Baptist Church on Saturday, October 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those planning to attend will need to contact the Associational office by Monday, October 6. RA training will be held at Midway Baptist Church on October 13, and those interested will need to contact the Associational office to confirm attendance. The Sunday School team will provide training on teaching

methods at North Beaver Baptist Church on October 14, from 7:00 - 8:30. There will be training provided for those teaching adult, youth, children and preschool classes.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman then gave an update on the Hispanic mission. Good news included 51 in attendance for the last two Sundays and that the church is doing well. The dental bus will be at Bald Mountain Baptist Church November 1 - 2. There will be two dentists working and some medical work will be done, including tetanus shots, etc. The Jesus Video for children in Spanish will be shown. Bad news included the fact that Rev. Padilla's immigration papers had been denied again. This approval has been sought for five years and has been denied twice. They have contacted Congressman Burr's office and will contact Virginia Foxx's office. This situation is in great need of prayer.

Rev. Goodman then gave an update on the Jesus Video project. They have had meetings with the southeast area representative and have put a committee together to seek a person to coordinate the project for Ashe county. They think they have a person who will accept the position as project coordinator. Prayer is needed to get more churches involved in this project.

Diane Schaffer with the Ashe Congregational Health Ministry presented a report on her program. The congregational nurses are health advocates and resources for their churches. The nurses are health advocates with medical backgrounds, but not actual nurses. She advised of several upcoming meetings including Road to Recovery, on October 13, Women's Health Issues, on October 25, and Care Team training on October 23.

Moderator Powers asked for old business and there was none.

Moderator Powers asked for new business and it included locations for the 2004 Executive Committee meetings, those being Fletcher in January, Healing Springs in April, Friendly Grove in July, and Phoenix in October. A motion to accept these locations was made by Fred Walters and a second by Johnny Goodman. Motion carried.

Other new business included the "in honor" designation for the 2003 Annual Minutes (Mr. Wayne Jones from Pleasant Home has already been approved for the "in memory" designation). A motion was made by Fred Walters and seconded by Lawrence Goodman to recommend Bill Ballou for the "in honor" designation.

There being no further new business, a motion was made by Walter Pugh and seconded by Johnny Goodman to adjourn with prayer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 8, 2004

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on January 8, 2004, at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church. A total of 23 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Joe Brown. Following a congregational hymn led by David Blackburn, DOM, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Jeff Vogler, pastor of Fletcher Memorial. He shared a sermon about Simon Peter from Luke 22:31.

Vickie Young, Associational Cierk read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the October Executive Committee meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read, with a motion by Bill Carter and a second from Charles Severt.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. The ARC was reopened in the new location at Family Central in November, 2003. An open house was held and she invited everyone to come and visit the new facility. She thanked the churches for donations made to decorate the center. The new space gives them more room and allows the clients to come in and shop for themselves and they feel more in control. The food supply is low at Second Harvest now, FEMA funding to help pay for rent and heat is down and the Hunger Fund through the North American Mission Board is down by one third, so donations are very important to ARC. Food Lion and Ingles have been helpful in providing donated bags of food as well as turkey dinners through the holidays. The ARC also handled teh coat distribution during the Interagency Christmas project and gave away 184 coats. Pat shared a story about a 30-year-old man that had recently moved here from South Carolina to be near his son who lives here. He was basically homeless, though he was employed as a roofer. The ARC provided him with a microwave, blankets, pillows and other basic needs. The man's plight showed how much we have and how much we take for granted. Joe Brown asked if there was a need for Bibles to be donated and Pat said they could use them.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman next gave an update on the Hispanic Mission. After 5 years of working toward securing citizenship papers for Rev. Jesus Padilla, they are still not approved. At this point, Lawrence is the pastor and Jesus us a lay speaker. As such, he cannot receive a salary or any funds from the church. Individuals can make donations to him and Lawrence encouraged everyone to do so. The ministry has not changed and attendance averages 50 or more each Sunday. Jesus is working with the new Latino group in the county and new laws pending may provide relief to the situation. If neither of these options results in the approval needed, Larry Phillips at the BSC has advised that the ministry should find a pastor who already has the legal paperwork. Prayer was requested in this effort.

DOM Blackburn welcomed 2 new ministers, Ray Minton, interim pastor at Phoenix and Nathan Caparolie, new pastor at Trinity. He also reminded everyone that Souper Bowl Sunday will be held February 1, 2004, to provide food items for the ARC.

DOM Blackburn next reported on the Jesus Video Project. He introduced the Project Leaders for Ashe county, Ralph and Cindy Davis. They advised that a letter was mailed to the ministers this week along with a letter explaining the project and a timeline of events. The members of the committee working on this project were recognized: DOM Blackburn is the chairman of the adminstrative committee that includes Trish Church, Treasurer, Steve Leashomb, Media/PR, and Daniel Pugh, Internet; Lawrence Goodman is the chairman of the committee enlisting churches, including all denominations; and Allen Huffman, chairman of the fundraising committee that includes Dwight Shepherd, Pacesetter,

and Howard Turnmire, Community Campaign Coordinator. With this project, all 12,543 residents of Ashe county will receive the Jesus Video in the mail by Easter. The cost to purchase and mail the video is \$2.72 each. Any funds raised that are not needed for the Ashe county project will be forwarded to another county. If a church gives funds, the church's name will be included in a flyer that is mailed with the video with the mailing planned for April 7, 2004. Kershaw Getty asked if there would be any Spanish versions of the video mailed and was advised that 1,000 are planned now and more can be purchased if needed. Jesus Padilla, Jr. asked about getting a Spanish version that he could preview. Copies of the video in English are available for preview as well. Rev. Steve Leashomb announced that a Jesus Video Project Rally will be held Sunday, January 18, 2004, at Ashe County High School beginning with a concert by the Hayes Family at 5:00. At 5:30, the rally will begin with a showing of the introduction to the Jesus Video, testimonies, and speeches by state representatives. This date is also the official North Carolina giving date for the Jesus Video Project. It was noted that neighboring Watauga county has already done a mailing and is now planning a mailing to the 13,000 Appalachian State University students.

Vickie Young, VBS Director, gave a report on the 2004 VBS theme, "Rickshaw Rally, Racing to the Son." The VBS clinic will be held Monday, April 5, 2004, at Friendship Baptist Church. Pastors and representatives were asked to take this information back to their VBS directors and to please begin praying for VBS.

Billy Carter then asked the association to form a committee to help families of the local national guard unit that has been called up for service. They will be leaving the county on January 18, 2004, for 18 months. There are 43 individuals from Ashe county. The families may have transportation and counseling needs. Billy will work with the family support unit as he is retired from the guard. A motion was made by Lawrence Goodman and seconded by Rick Miller to form a committee. The motion carried. DOM Blackburn said the association will help with postage and mailings. Billy Carter will be the chairman of the committee and members will include DOM Blackburn, Rick Miller, Joe Miller, Vickie Young, and Trish Church.

DOM Blackburn called everyone's attention to the note of information on the agenda regarding Welcome Home Church hosting the Annual Meeting on Saturday this year not New River as printed in the calendars for the association.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Wayne Jones and seconded by Charles Severt to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 1, 2004

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on April 1, 2004, at Healing Springs Baptist Church. A total of 19 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Mr. Joe Brown. Following a congregational hymn led by Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. David Jones, pastor of Healing Springs. He shared a sermon about the 23rd Psalm.

Mrs. Vickie Young, Associational Clerk read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the January Executive Committee meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by DOM in the absence of Mrs. Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. It was noted that this financial report included no Jesus Video project funds. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read, with a motion by Mr. Terry Hartzog and a second from Rev. David Jones.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. She thanked all the churches for their support. They are still enjoying the new location and the coordination it allows for services for clients. Pat's position is a 30-hour/week position, so volunteers are always needed, though she has approximately 20 volunteers now. She is still in need of 3 - 5 volunteers for Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. She has led several tours for church groups and has received donations of food from several church groups as well as other organizations. The food supply at Second Harvest is somewhat better now and the FEMA grant has provided some food. They prepared 626 boxes of food serving 1487 people with 6 church referrals and gave out 10 Bibles. There is a need for bibles for children and some for women. Pat requested prayer for the family of a client who had passed away.

Mr. Ralph Davis next gave an update on the Jesus Video Project. The videos will be delivered throughout the county between April 8 and 13. A dinner was held for all postal employees as appreciation for their work and the added burden the videos will add to their workload. Donations from churches and individuals has totaled over \$75,000. Some of the funds will be used to help other counties in their efforts and some will be used for extra videos for mailings to others in the county or out of the county as requested. Rev. Steve LeaShomb is working in public relations and said the Jesus Video Rally will be held August 13 - 15 with Rev. Neil Hatfield as the speaker. Follow-up is recommended 3 months after the videos are in the homes and telephone surveys will be done with an invitation to the rally. Rev. Chris Goodman is the prayer leader for the

project and said that prayer service is held the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month at South Beaver Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

DOM Blackburn gave a report on the Troop Assistance Committee for the association. A listing of families was provided to everyone. All families have been assigned to churches. However, all churches can use the prayer list. The National Guard troops are moving into Iraq now. The next meeting of this committee is set for April 27, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at Friendly Grove Baptist Church.

Mr. Terry Hartzog gave the report on nominations for key leaders for the association with recommendations. No nominations were received from the floor so the report stands approved.

Mr. Bud Hill , the IDA Development Coordinator for Ashe and Alleghany counties, gave a report on Individual Development Accounts (IDA's). He provided everyone with an information packet about the program and thanked DOM Blackburn for his support. The IDA is a program that helps low-income and low-wealth families save and build assets in order to purchase a home, pay for post-secondary education or open a small business. Mr. Hill noted that support of churches is needed in spreading the word about the IDA program, helping those who are enrolled, and possibly by providing meeting space and child care for meetings.

DOM Blackburn updated everyone on the Baptist Children's Home efforts to raise \$1 million for 2 homes for developmentally disabled adults on land donated by the Three Forks Association. They have \$850,000 so far. He also announced a Stewardship meeting will be held in Wilkes on April 20. The DOM thanked everyone for their support and willingness to volunteer. He shared that he has been praying about something for over a year and would never do anything to quench the spirit of the association. However, he requested that a committee be put together and between now and the annual meeting, prepare a feasibility study to look at the needs for the associational office. The association has outgrown the associational office/parsonage. The current office lacks confidentiality when counseling is needed. There is not adequate meeting or parking space at times. The feasibility study would look at the possibility of selling the parsonage and office and purchasing an office building that would provide adequate parking with easy access for associational business. Any funds in excess of this purchase could be placed in a CD for future needs of the association. DOM Blackburn and Linda have already made arrangements to sell their farm in order to find a home closer to town so the loss of the parsonage would not be a problem for them. The parsonage is currently in need of repairs to the roof, cracks in the basement, and the plumbing system so this will be considered in the feasibility study. The DOM wants the association to reach its potential and not be limited by space needs, etc. A motion was made by Rey, Garrett Mahaffey and seconded by Mr. Fred Walters to name a committee to prepare a feasibility study to look at this matter. The motion carried. Members nominated for this committee were Mr. Bob Neaves, Mr. Ralph Davis, Rev. Chris Goodman, Mr. Charlie Severt, and Rev. Garrett Mahaffey. This committee will need to

elect their own chairman. A motion was made by Rev. Wayne Jones and seconded by Rev. David Jones to approve this committee. The motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rev. Wayne Jones and seconded by Mr. Walter Pugh to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 8, 2004

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on July 8, 2004, at Friendly Grove Baptist Church. A total of 18 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman. Following a congregational hymn led by Rev. David and Nan Jones, the welcome and devotion was given by Charles Severt. He shared from Galatians about the purpose of the law. After asking for prayer requests, he led the congregation in prayer.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the April Executive Committee meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. She thanked all the churches for their support. The needs of the ARC are being met in that there is a good supply of food, clothing, and volunteers. They are always in continued need of prayer. Pat made a special prayer request for a 71 year old ARC client who has professed to being an atheist. Pat is slowly building a relationship upon which she can share Jesus with him and feels his heart is softening toward the truth. She is still in need of volunteers for Monday, Tuesday, and Friday afternoons. They prepared 714 boxes of food serving 1975 people with 4 church referrals and gave out 11 bibles. Pat said that the Jefferson and West Jefferson post offices had held a food drive and gave the food to the ARC. She also reported that she and the DOM are working on a video about the ARC that could be used to share the work and mission of the ARC with churches and other groups. The video should be available soon. Pat and the DOM had attended a meeting at Second Harvest Food Bank regarding outreach. A community outreach representative of Second Harvest also visited the ARC to study how the ministry works and she was very impressed. The ARC now has a policy of only having church volunteers helping at the center and this seems to be working well. She invited everyone to visit the ARC to see a new painting of Jesus and the children done by a volunteer. She also has 5 youth volunteering this summer who are working to meet their community service requirements for high school graduation.

Ralph Davis next gave an update on the Jesus Video Project. He thanked the churches for their support of the project. He asked the question, "have you watched your Jesus video?". He reminded everyone of the dates for the crusade, August 13 - 15 with Neil Hatfield as speaker. He told of being approached by a woman who thanked him and his wife for the work they have done with the Jesus Video project. The woman told him

that her daughter was saved and baptized as a result of watching the video. In closing, he quoted Colossians 3:23.

DOM Blackburn advised that parsonage expenses for next quarter will be higher reflecting a new septic system that had to be installed. He plans to request funds from the churches in next month's newsletter to help offset this cost. He also advised that the ARC mobile will be getting some repairs to the transmission as it is overheating when traveling from the food bank up the mountain. There are also 2,000 extra Jesus Videos and 2,500 Spanish versons stored at the ARC for churches to use in the future with new members of their community. If churches want copies, they are to see Pat at the ARC.

DOM Blackburn gave a report on the Troop Assistance Committee for the association. He reported that all families have been matched with churches and that initial contact with the families has been made. He told everyone that the troops will probably be deployed for a year and that families may have additional needs as winter arrives. He encouraged churches to get youth and children involved by writing letters to soldiers. He also read from a needs list for care packages. The next meeting of this committee is set for July 19, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at Friendly Grove Baptist Church and he invited everyone to attend. He thanked Friendly Grove for the generous use of the church for these monthly meetings.

The DOM then announced the speakers for the annual meeting coming up in August. Messages on Friday at Midway Baptist Church will be brought by Rev. John Elledge, with Rev. Wayne Osborne as the alternate speaker, Dr. Jim Royston of the Baptist State Convention, Rev. Chuck Call with Rev. David Jones as the alternate speaker, and, tentatively, Rev. Nathan Caparolie with Rev. Mace Johnson as the alternate speaker. Saturday's messages at Welcome Home Baptist Church will be brought by Rev. Johnny Huffman with Rev. Chris Goodman as the alternate speaker. The Association's report will include a video projection presentation this year. He requested that members be in prayer for the annual meeting.

Ralph Davis gave an update on the feasibility study to look at the needs for the associational office. He said the committee is made up of Bob Neaves, Chris Goodman, Charlie Severt, Garrett Mahaffey and himself and they have met three times regarding the study. They have looked at both the condition of the parsonage and the access. He stated he felt there were many church members who did not even know where the office is located and it appeared from a show of hands of those present that they agreed. The committee agrees with the DOM that the association has outgrown its office. The committee is also looking at options available, including purchasing an existing building, building an office, or renting office space. They hope to have a report on the feasibility study available at the annual meeting but they need everyone's help. The committee would welcome any interested individual to meet with them. And he requested prayer for this group.

Mrs. Misti Hopkins of A Safe Home for Everyone (ASHE), a program of the Ashe County Partnership for Children, spoke about domestic violence in Ashe county. She is a former missionary for the International Mission Board and had used the Jesus Video in her work there. She was very pleased to see what was being done in Ashe county through the Jesus Video Project. She stated that there have been four domestic violence murders in Ashe county since April, 2003. The staff at ASHE see 30 new families a month for services and place approximately 5 of these in the shelter. They also have a women's support group. ASHE wants to help pastors and others in churches ministering to individuals and families dealing with domestic violence. "Silent Cries from the Pews", a domestic violence training for the faith community is being held in Asheville, NC, on August 20, 2004. She invited those interested to attend and said that carpooling would be available. She also said that a local training based on this training is planned for September, 2004, for anyone unable to attend the Asheville meeting. The staff members are all women so there is a need for pastors and other men to work with the abusers and that a "Promise Keepers" group would be ideal. She also advised that maintenance at the shelter is an ongoing need and asked for assistance from brotherhood groups in this area.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rev. Wayne Jones and seconded by Rev. Chris Goodman to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 20, 2004

Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers, called the one hundred eighteenth annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 20, 2004, at the Midway Baptist Church.

The session was opened with prayer led by Mrs. Vickie Young in honor of Mr. George West who passed away this week. The congregation was then led in a congregational hymn. Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Steve LeaShomb, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, on a story of redemption and the three trees that led to the fall of man, the family of man, and the forgiveness of man. Rev. LeaShomb urged our association of churches to work together for the purpose of Jesus Christ.

Next, Moderator Powers, turned to organizational matters including the seating of the messengers who were asked to stand and be recognized and the adoption of the order of business, with changes. Changes to Friday's agenda included a change in speaker, as Rev. John Elledge was unable to attend. Rev. Wayne Osborne will speak in his absence. Also, it was noted that Brother D.R. Jones would give the benediction. Motion was made by Rev. Wayne Jones, seconded by Rev. Steve Leashomb to adopt the order of business with changes.

Visitors were recognized, including: Rev. Lloyd Fish & Mr. Tim Lolley of Baptist Children's Homes, Rev. Paul Mullen of NC Baptist Hospital, Rev. Todd Edmiston of Fruitlan Bible Institute, Rev. John Bridges of Gardner Webb University, and Rev. Luther Osment of NC Baptist Retirement Homes. New pastors coming into the association since the last annual meeting were recognized: Rev. Allen Combs of Big Flatts, Rev. Charles McCoy of Landmark, Rev. Garrett MaHaffey of Pine Swamp and Rev. Ray Minton of Phoenix.

Moderator Powers next referred the congregation to page 11 of the Book of Reports noting Committees appointed annually by the Moderator. Appointed was Mr. Fred Walters, Mr. Jerry South and Mr. Charles King to the Resolutions Committee. Appointed to the Preacher/Place Committee was Mrs. Lois Bare, Mr. Harold Riddle, and Rev. Rick Miller.

Next in the order of business was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. At least 100 persons were present representing the following 35 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Buffalo, Calvary, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Landmark, Liberty Grove, Little Helton, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Oak Hill, Obids, Old

Fields, Orion, Phoenix, Pine Swamp, Pleasant Home, Pleasant Valley, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Warrensville, and Welcome Home.

Next Mrs. Blanche Brown presented the history of Midway Baptist Church. Then the congregation was led in song.

Moderator Powers next introduced Rev. Wayne Osborne, pastor of Warrensville Baptist Church, who presented the evening message on Shamgar, the third judge of Israel. He cited Judges 3:31 and Judges 5:6. He told that Shamgar did all he could do, with what he had, where he was. We should do the same and reminded us that nothing is too big for God and we must be willing to let God use us. Following the message, the congregation sang "Redeemed".

Next on the agenda were various items of miscellaneous business. Moderator Powers presented the organizational officers and administrative committees as detailed in the minute book. The recommendations were approved.

Mrs. Trish Church, Treasurer, next presented the treasurer's report. Trish pointed out that 20 churches had increased their giving, 13 had decreased their giving, and 12 had maintained their level of giving in the past year for an overall increase of \$8,000. There being no corrections or additions, the report was approved as presented with a motion from Bob Hamby and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Bill Carter. Moderator Powers then recognized Mr. Bob Neaves, Chairman of the Budget Committee, who recognized the finance committee members and expressed appreciation to them and to the churches for their support of the Association. Voting on the budget was deferred to the Saturday morning session at its noted place on the agenda.

Reports of institutions and agencies were next on the agenda. Rev. Lloyd Fish, representative of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH), presented information on the BCH. He said that there were 1,968 children in care now and that BCH receives \$.05 of each \$1 in cooperative program giving. They also have the Thanksgiving offering and would hold another food drive in April 2005, as this year's was a great success. He also announced the groundbreaking ceremony for Joy Cove Ministries for September 26, 2004, at 2:00. Rev. Fish said they would like to reopen the 7 cottages that were closed last year due to the budget deficit and would begin reopening in October. He also introduced Tim Lolley who is the new western North Carolina representative.

Rev. Paul Mullen, representing NC Baptist Hospital, next presented information on the services provided by Baptist Hospital through donations provided through cooperative program giving and the Mother's Day offering. He told of a 1-year-old girl who was treated for an eye infection at Baptist and her hospital bills were paid by NC Baptists. He asked that if anyone needs help with Baptist Hospital services, to please call him or our DOM. He also mentioned the minister supplement. He said that through a special fund, 20-25% of a pastor's hospital bills could be paid.

Rev. John Bridges, Gardner Webb, spoke regarding Christian Higher Education. He said that today is moving in day at the universities and that enrollment was up. He thanked everyone for giving through the Cooperative Program.

The next report was offered by Todd Edmiston of Fruitland Bible Institute who related a story showing the influence his father had over him. He stated that as Christians, we have influence and that we need Christian leaders today like no other time in history. He gave everyone an invitation to visit the campus.

Rev. Luther Osment, Assistant to the President, Baptist Retirement Homes (BRH) of NC, gave the report for Baptist Retirement Homes of NC. He stated that this is the fastest growing population in NC. With longer lives, come increased needs and there are over 700 people in care in the 5 NC facilities. Funds go to nursing care and assisted living needs from the February offering and the cooperative program. The congregation sang a hymn as time was needed for the set up of the next video presentation.

Next, Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, gave a presentation of his report via video. The video included photos from many of the association's programs and meetings for the past year.

Next was a special report presented by Dr. Jim Royston, Executive Director-Treasurer, Baptist State Convention of NC. Dr. Royston stated there were 3,969 churches in NC and that the convention would soon be 175 years old. He said that 500 had committed their lives to Christ at Caswell this year and that there were many active partnerships with other states in various forms of ministry. However, the greatest institution is the local church. The association is the next important as this is the way we do what we do which is cooperation. He spoke from Acts 2:42, stating that small groups coming together in prayer can do great things and that we should place great emphasis on prayer.

As meeting was running ahead of schedule, Moderator Powers gave the moderator's report that was scheduled to be given on Saturday morning, as he will be unable to attend.

The congregation sang a hymn, "Because He Lives." Moderator Powers also spoke about the success of the Jesus Video project.

Rev. Chuck Call, pastor of Clifton Baptist Church, next presented the annual message on the Great Commission and how it relates to Ashe county, presenting scripture from Matthew 28: 19-20 and Acts 17. He related that Paul and Silas had turned the world upside down and that it is time to turn Ashe county upside down, but that it must be about Jesus Christ. He said that no soul should be left behind. His message concluded with all pastors and ministers joining hands in a circle in the middle of the church and praying.

Following the sermon, Rev. Steve LeaShomb led the blessing and the meeting was adjourned for the evening meal, prepared by the ladies of Midway Baptist Church.

Following the delicious meal, Brother Joe Brown, vice-moderator, reconvened the meeting for the evening session, he thanked Mr. Jerry Powers for his work as moderator. Rev. Garrett MaHaffey, pastor of Pine Swamp Baptist Church, led the congregation in prayer and presented scripture from Luke 19 and the story of Zaccheus.

The highlight of the evening was special singing by the Associational choir, led by Mr. Daniel Pugh, Associational Music Leader. Everyone was uplifted by the powerful songs, which included a mix of contemporary praise songs and old time gospel songs. The congregation then sang a hymn, "The Family of God," led by Mr. Daniel Pugh.

Next, Rev. Nathan Caparolie, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, presented the missions sermon, entitled "Living the Illuminating Life", with scripture from John 1. He used an object lesson of a camera's flash in the darkened sanctuary to show that a little light can overtake the darkness, but a little darkness cannot overtake the light. He related that just as Christ is the light of our lives, we can be the light to others. He said that to be the light we must have (1) a source: Christ; (2) we must have contrast: be distinct and different; and (3) we must be in an environment in which to shine: we need darkness to really shine.

Following the sermon, Brother D.R. Jones presented the benediction and the meeting was adjourned to reconvene the following morning at Welcome Home Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH Saturday, August 21, 2004

Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman, called the one hundred eighteenth annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 21, 2004, at the Welcome Home Baptist Church.

The congregation was then led in a congregational hymn, "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound." Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Lonnie Jones, pastor of Welcome Home Baptist Church. He spoke on what might have been and the story of Elisha and King Joash from 2 Kings 13:14-20.

Next was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. Approximately 88 persons were present representing the following 33 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Buffalo, Calvary, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Landmark, Laurel Knob, Liberty Grove, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Orion, Pleasant Home, Pleasant Valley, Round Knob, Trinity, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, and Welcome Home.

Next Mrs. Janet Houck presented the history of Welcome Home Baptist Church.

Next, the Mission Reports were given. Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) director gave her report. She said she had five youth volunteers helping out at the center this summer and thanked the churches for volunteers and donations. A new video about the ARC was shown to the congregation. It was noted that the video was available for use by churches and church groups.

In the absence of anyone to present the Medical Missions report, Rev. Lester Evans, Area Missionary for the Baptist State Convention was allowed to speak. He said that he works primarily with associational staff but he will work with churches if needed.

DOM Blackburn presented the Hispanic Ministry report. He thanked Bald Mountain for the use of the facility for the Hispanic Mission. Jesus Padilla is no longer serving as pastor due to legal technicalities relating to his citizenship. A new pastor will be sought who has the correct certification to allow him to lead the church. There is still a need for funds and those are appreciated. He asked that we keep the Hispanic Mission in our prayers.

Mrs. Frances Blevins, WMU Director, gave her report. She said that the emphasis this year will be with the younger children organizations, including GA's, RA's and Acteens. She also shared some special words of praise and encouragement.

DOM Blackburn gave the Brotherhood report in the absence of Fred Walters. He said that only 11 of the 43 churches have organized brotherhoods and that Fred will help any interested churches to organize if needed. It was noted that the Brotherhood of NC is very active now in the wake of Hurricane Charley in Florida. A special prayer request was made for Brother Fred's granddaughter who was born severely deformed and is facing upcoming surgeries.

Brother Billy Carter then gave the report for the troop assistance committee. He said that if there were churches who would like to help they should contact the DOM. Everyone can continue prayers for the soldiers and their families. He said he continues to work closely with the family support coordinator for the National Guard. The next meeting of this committee will be Monday, August 30, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at Friendly Grove Baptist Church. He thanked Friendly Grove for the use of their church for meetings.

Special music was presented by the group, Last Generation, from Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church. The music was very uplifting and appreciated by all.

Moderator Huffman introduced the speaker for the message, his brother, Rev. Johnny Huffman, pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Huffman opened in prayer and then read Isaiah 6: 1-7 and spoke about the different faces of God. He told of the glory of God, the forgiveness of God, and the judgement of God.

It was noted that the Moderator's report had been presented in Friday's session. Next, Linda Blackburn gave the report for Discipleship Training. She read Psalm 27:4 and challenged us to think about how much time we spend each day with Jesus in Bible study, scripture, and our quiet time.

Daniel Pugh gave the report on Chruch Music. He thanked all members and supporters of the associational choir and announced they are available for performances. He also encouraged everyone to visit the ABA's web site.

DOM Blackburn gave the Sunday School report in the absence of Rey. Jim Ketner. He said that Jim is very sick and needs our prayers. Jim is resigning as Sunday School director for the association and Tim Church will take over as director. The DOM recognized Jim for his many years of service.

Trish Church gave the report of the Historian. She said that she feels blessed to serve as the Historian and read from ABA minutes of 1913.

 $\operatorname{DOM}$  Blackburn gave the report of the Baptist Campground and encouraged us of the campground by our churches.

A congregational hymn was sung, "Down At The Cross," led by Daniel Pugh.

Miss Willa Dean Church gave the report on Evangelism and encouraged churches to do follow up in their communities after the Jesus Video Crusade.

Rev. Allen Ambrose gave the Youth Council Report and made an appeal for adult mentors. He said that adults are needed to lead and govern our children within our churches and within our county.

Vickie Young gave the Vacation Bible School (VBS) report. She said that churches are doing a great job with VBS and that lives were changed this summer. She encouraged the churches to follow up with new converts and others who had attended their VBS. She also advised the theme for 2005 is "Ramblin' Road Trip: Which Way Do I Go?"

Mr. Jim Lambert gave the Christian Action League report and said that donations were needed throughout the state of NC.

Mr. Bernard Bare gave the report on the Gideons International. The Gideons spoke in 88 Ashe county churches and said that Bibles were available for remembrance in three ways: in memory, in honor and thinking of you. He requested prayer for the work of the Gideons.

Mr. Ralph Davis gave the report on the Jesus Video Project. He said that the fundraising goal was exceeded by over \$25,000 and that the project was very successful. He also reported on the Feasibility Study that is ongoing to determine the best use of the associational parsonage and facilities for the office of the ABA. He related that the group did not yet have a report but made a motion that the group be allowed to proceed in the study. He asked that everyone pray about this and that the ABA be in unity about this issue.

The congregation was led in a hymn and an offering was taken for the ARC.

The business session began with adoption of the associational budget as presented. The motion carried.

Other business included Mr. Ralph Davis' motion to continue the feasibility study. DOM spoke in support of this, as well as Rev. Jack Pugh, former DOM. Rev. Steve LeaShomb asked the moderator to clarify the motion. The motion allows the group to proceed with a deeper study of the issue and to recommend options. The motion being made from a committee, it was approved.

Rev. Wayne Jones spoke to the resolutions committee recommendation and the resolution was approved.

Mrs. Lois Bare gave the report of the Time/Place Preacher Committee. The recommendation is that next year's annual meeting will be held Friday, August 19, 2005,

at Phoenix Baptist Church and Saturday, August 20, 2005, at Beaver Creek Baptist Church. She said that speakers for the annual message would be announced later. The motion carried.

Vickie Young announced that the minutes will be presented for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for October, 2004.

Rev. Jack Pugh led the memorial service in the absence of Rev. Bill Ballou.

Following the service, Rev. Lonnie Jones gave the benediction and blessing on the food. The meeting was adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Welcome Home Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### **ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES**

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three Persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
- 2. We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
- 4. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus to be practiced only by believers in their spiritual order.
- 6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.
- 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Glory.
- 8. We believe in a separate resurrection and judgment, both for the righteous, and unrighteous dead.
- We believe that the existence of the righteous and the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain worship, ordinances, discipleship and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor; and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation; and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word

Addendum I - ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963)

Baptists are a people who profess a living faith. This faith is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday and today and forever." Therefore the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is Jesus Christ whose will is revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

A living faith must experience a growing understanding of truth and must be continually interpreted and related to the needs of each new generation. Through out their history Baptist bodies, both large and small, have issued statements of faith, which comprise a consensus of their beliefs. Such statements have never been regarded as complete, infallible statements of faith, nor as official creeds carrying mandatory authority. Thus this generation of Southern Baptists is in historic succession of intent and purpose as it endeavors to state for its time and theological climate those articles of the Christian faith, which are most surely held among us.

Baptists emphasize the soul's competency before God, freedom in religion, and the priesthood of the believer. However, this emphasis should not be interpreted to mean that there is an absence of certain doctrines that Baptists believe, cherish, and with

which they have been and are now closely identified.

It is the purpose of this statement of faith and message to set forth certain teachings, which we believe.

#### THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to many. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. In has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Ex. 24:4; Deut. 4:1-2; 17:19; Josh. 8:34; Psalm 19:7-10; 119: 11, 89; 105; 140. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

lsa. 34:16; 40:8; Jer. 15:16; 36; Matt. 5:17-18; 22-29; Luke 21:33, 44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16 ff; 17:11; Rom. 15:4; 16: 25-26; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2;

4:12; I Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

#### GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us a Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

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#### GOD THE FATHER

God as Father reigns with providential care over his universe, His creatures and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purpose of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise, God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Gen. 1:1, 2:7; Ex. 3:14, 6:2-3, 15:11ff, 20:1ff; Lev. 22:2; Deut. 6:4, 32:6; I Chron. 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isa. 43:3, 15, 64:8; Jer. 10:10, 17:3; Matt. 6:9 ff, 7:11, 23:9, 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24, 5:26, 14:6-13, 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Rom. 8:14-15; I Cor. 8:6; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 4:6; Col. 1:15; I Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:6, 12:9; I Peter 1:17; I John 5:7.

#### GOD THE SON

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ he was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely yet without sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where he is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man and whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Gen. 18:1 ff; Psalm 2:7ff, 110:1ff; Isa. 7:14; 53; Matt. 1:18-23; 3:17, 8:29, 11:27, 14:33, 16:16, 27, 17:5, 27, 28: 1-6,19; Mark 1:1, 3:11; Luke 1:35, 4:41, 22:70, 24:46; John 1:1-18, 29, 10:30, 38, 11:25-27, 12:44-50, 14:7-11, 16:15-16, 28, 17:1-5, 21-22, 20:1-20, 28; Acts 1:9, 2:22-24, 7:55-56, 9:4-5, 20; Rom. 1:3-4, 3:23-26, 5:6-21, 8:1-3, 34, 10:4; I Cor. 1:30, 2:2, 8:6, 15:1-8, 24-28; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:20, 3:11, 4:7-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-22, 2:9; I Thes. 4:14-18; I Tim. 2:5-6, 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 1:1-3, 4:14-15, 7:14-28, 9:12-15, 24-24, 12:2, 13:8; I Peter 2:21-25, 3: 22; I John 1:7-9, 3:2, 4:14-15, 5:9; II John 7-9; Rev. 1:13-16, 5:9-14, 12:10-11, 13:8, 19: 16.

#### GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believers unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believers into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Gen. 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalm 51:11; 139:7ff; Isa. 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matt. 1:18, 3:16, 4:1, 12:28-32, 28:19; Mark 1:10, 12, Luke 1:35, 4:1, 18-19, 11:13, 12:12, 24-49; John 4:24, 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-14; Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 38, 4:31, 5:3, 6:3, 7:55, 8:17, 39, 10:44, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6, 19:1-6; Rom. 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; I Cor. 2:10-14, 3:16, 12:3-11; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18; I Thes. 5:19; I Tim. 3:16, 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:14, 3:16; Heb. 9:8, 14; 2 Peter 1:21; I John 4:13, 5:6-7; Rev. 1: 10, 22:17.

#### MEN

Man was created by the special act of God, in his own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Gen. 1:26-30, 2:5,7, 18-22, 3:6-9; Psalm 1; 8:3-6, 32:1-5, 51:5; Isa. 6:5; Jer. 17:5; Matt. 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Rom. 1:19, 32, 3:10-18, 23, 5:6, 12, 19, 6:6, 7:14-18; I Cor.

1:21-31, 15:19, 21-22; Eph. 2:1-22, 3:9-11.

#### SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by thee Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer into a relationship for peace and favor with God.

B. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

C. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding

state of the redeemed.

Gen. 3:15; Ex. 3:14-17, 6:2-8; Matt. 1:21, 4:17, 16:21-26, 27:22 to 28:6; Luke 1:68-69, 2: 28-32; John 1:11-14, 29, 3:3-21, 36, 5:24, 10:9, 28-29, 15:1-16, 17:17; Acts 2:21, 4:12, 15:11, 16:30-31, 17:30-31, 20:32; Rom. 1:16-19, 2:4, 3:23-25, 4:3ff, 5:8-10, 6:1-23, 8:1-18, 29-39, 10:9-10, 13, 13:11-14; I Cor. 1:18, 30, 6:19-20, 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Gal. 2:20, 3:13, 5:22-25, 6:15; Eph. 1:7, 2:8-22, 4:11-16; Phil. 2:12-13; Col. 1:9-22, 3:1ff; I Thes. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 2:1-3, 5:8-9, 9:24-28, 11:1-12:8, 14; James 2:14-16; I Peter 1:2-23; I John 1:6 to 2:11; Rev. 3:21, 21:1 to 22:5.

#### GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-8; I Sam. 8:4-7, 19-22; Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 31:31ff; Matt. 16:18-19, 21:28-45, 24:22, 31, 25:34; Luke 1:68-79, 2:29-32, 19:41-44, 24:44-48; John 1:12-14, 3:16, 5:24, 6:44-45, 65, 10:27-29, 15:16, 17:6, 12, 17-18; Acts 20:32; Rom., 5:9-10, 8:28-39, 10: 12-15, 11:5-7, 26-36; I Cor. 1:1-2, 15:24-28; Eph. 1:4-23, 2:1-10, 3:1-11; Col. 1:12-14; 2 Thes. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:12, 2:10, 19; Heb. 11:39-12:2; I Peter 1:2-5, 13, 2:4-10; I John 1:7-9, 2:19, 3:2

#### THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, and privileges invested in them by His word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth

This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation members are equally responsible. Its Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all ages.

Matt. 16:15-19, 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42, 47, 5:11-14, 6:3-6, 13:1-3, 14:23,27, 15:1-30, 16:5, 20:28; Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2, 3:16, 5:4-5,7:17, 9:13-14; 12; Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:8-11, 21, 5:22-32; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:1-15, 4:14; I Peter 5:1-4; Rev. 2-3, 21:2-3.

#### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience, obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. Symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified and risen Savior the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and in the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privilege of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

#### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER (continued)

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matt. 3:13-17, 26:26-30, 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11, 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22, 22:19-20, John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42, 8: 35-39, 16:30-33, 20:7; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 10:16, 21, 11:23-29; Col. 2:12

#### THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employment, work of necessity and mercy only being excepted.

Ex. 20:8-11; Matt. 12:1-12, 28:1 ff, Mark 2:27-28, 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3, 33-36; John 4:21-24, 20:1, 19-28; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Col. 2:16, 3:16; Rev. 1:10.

#### THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike, commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Gen. 1:1; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Matt. 3:2, 4:8-10, 23, 12:25-28, 13:1-52, 25:31-46, 26:29; Mark 1:14-15, 9:1; Luke 4: 43, 8:1, 9:2, 12:31-32, 17:20-21, 23:42; John 3:3, 18-36; Acts 1:6-7, 17:22-31; Rom. 5:17, 8:19; I Cor. 15:24-28; Col. 1:13; Heb. 11:10,16, 12:28; I Peter 2:4-10, 4:13; Rev. 1:6,9, 5:10, 11:15, 21-22

#### **LAST THINGS**

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isa. 2:4, 11:9; Matt. 16:27, 18: 8-9, 19: 28, 24:27, 30, 36, 44, 25:31-46, 26:64; Mark 8:38, 9:43-48; Lk. 12:40, 48, 16:19-26, 17:22-37, 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11, 17:31; Rom. 14:10; I Cor. 4:5, 15:24-28, 35-58; 2 Cor. 5:10: Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 1:5; 3:4; I Thes. 4:14-18, 5:1ff, 2 Thes. 1:7ff; 2; I, Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff, I John 2:28, 3:2; Jude 14; Rev. 1:18, 3:11, 20:1 to 22:13.

#### **EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary efforts on the part of all, rest upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and are expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Isa. 6:1-8; Matt. 9:37-38, 10:5-15, 13:18-30, 37-43, 16:19, 22:9-10, 24:14, 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18, 24:46-53; John 14:11-12, 15:7-8, 16, 17:15, 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40, 10:42-48, 13:2-3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph.3:1-11; I Thes. 1:8; 2 Tim. 4:5: Heb. 2:1-3, 11:39 to 12:2: I Peter 2:4-10: Rev. 22:17

#### **EDUCATION**

The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher on a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the preeminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deut. 4:1, 5, 9, 14, 6:1-10, 31:12-13; Neh. 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalm 19:7 ff, 119:11; Prov. 3:13 ff, 4:1-10, 8:1-7, 11, 15:14; Ecc. 7:19; Matt. 5:2, 7:24 ff, 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; I Cor. 1:18-31; Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 4:8; Col. 2:3, 8-9; I Tim. 1:3-7; 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17; Heb. 5:12 to 6:3; James 1:5, 3:17

#### STEWARDSHIP

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30-32; Deut. 8:18; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 6:1-4, 19-21, 23:23, 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42, 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47, 5:1-11, 17:24-25; Rom. 6:6-22, 12:1-2; I Cor. 4:1-2, 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9, 12:15; Phil. 4:10-19; I Peter 1:18-19

#### COOPERATION

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Ex. 17:12, 18:17 ff; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4, 2:68-69, 5:14-15; Neh. 4; 8: 1-5; Matt. 10: 5-15, 20:1-16, 22:1-10, 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1 ff; Acts 1:13-14, 2:1 ff, 4: 31-37, 13:2-3, 15: 1-35; I Cor. 1:10-17, 3:5-15; 12; 2 Cor. 8-9; Gal. 1:6-10; Eph. 4:1-16;

## THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The Christian should oppose in the Spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice. He should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless and the sick. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under he sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His

Ex. 20:3-17; Lev. 6:2-5; Deut. 10:12, 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zech. 8:16; Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48, 22:36-40, 25:35; Mark 1:29-34, 2:3 ff, 10:21; Luke 4:18-21, 10:27-37, 20-25; John 15:12, 17:15; Rom. 12-14; I Cor. 5:9-10, 6:1-7, 7:20-24, 10:23 to 11:1; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:12-17; I Thes. 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27, 2:8

## PEACE AND WAR

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war. The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love.

Isa. 2:4; Matt. 5:9, 38-48, 6:33, 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Rom. 12:18-19, 13: 1-7,

14:19; Heb. 12:14; James 4:1-2

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and prop-agate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Gen. 1:27, 2:7; Matt. 6:6-7, 24, 16:26, 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Rom. 6:1-2, 13:1-7; Gal. 5:1, 13; Phil. 3:20; I Tim. 2:1-2; James 4:12; I Peter 2:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-19

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving, propagating, and making articulate the principles of our faith and to the end that this body of cooperating churches may be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the accepted tenets of associations of Missionary Baptist Churches, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual church, and in order to set forth the relationship of this body to other Baptist bodies, we do adopt and establish this Constitution.

### Article I - Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall consist of all Missionary Baptist Churches in Ashe County, and communities closely adjacent thereto, of like faith and practice, who wish to affiliate with this Association and are loyal to the faith and practice of the Missionary Baptist Denomination.

Section 3. The membership of this body shall be the pastor and three (3) messengers from each church. A letter certifying their appointment and giving the statistics of the membership and work of the church shall be sent to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

Section 4.Any church reported to be irregular in faith or practice may be investigated by order of the Association and such action taken, as may be decided by the Association.

Section 5.The Association shall be sole judge of its membership and may receive churches according to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Any church in the Association, which fails to cooperate with the Association for two consecutive years, shall be contacted by the Executive Committee to ascertain the wishes and desires of the church relative to its continuance in the Association. A Cooperating church should be defined as one which sends a report (church letter) to the annual session, is represented (by messengers) at the annual session, represented (by Executive Committee members) at the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings, contributes to the financial program of the Association, and is in general sympathy with the purposes of the Association. The Association recognizes that any affiliated church has the right to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

### Article II - Purpose

Section 1.The purpose of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches of the Association in devising and promoting measures and programs for the spread of the gospel in our bounds and in all the world, in compliance with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

# Article III - Annual Church Letters (Annual Church Profile)

Section 1.The churches shall report annually statistical and general information upon a printed form furnished by the Associational office. The printed form shall be furnished to the church at least six weeks before the convening of an annual session of the Association and returned to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

#### Article IV - Officers and their Duties

Section 1.The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Missionary, and the heads of such organizations as are set up and approved by the Association. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person, at the discretion of the body.

Section 2.It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association (Vice-Moderator in his absence or disability) to preside over the annual sessions and all special sessions, including the meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve the order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall name the committees and representatives of Institutions and agencies described in Sections 5, 6, and 8 of Article V of the Constitution at the opening of the annual session. He shall be elected for a one-year term, and he cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term.

Section 3.The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Executive committee meetings, annual meetings, and make such available to the body and the Associational Missionary for printing and distribution.

Section 4.The treasurer shall have charge of all Associational funds as the Association may direct and make a report of receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting.

- Section 5. (1) The Associational Missionary shall be elected upon a recommendation of the Committee on Missions, and by a vote of the Association at a regular scheduled meeting. The relationship between the Association and its Associational Missionary may be terminated following a reasonable notice of not less than 30 days.
- (2) The Associational Missionary shall promote the work and witness of the Association and denomination, cooperating with the churches, their pastors and officers and Associational committees and organizations.
  - A. He shall be responsible for planning, promoting and executing the ministry of the Association in cooperation with the Committee on Missions.
  - B. He shall make an annual report to the Association at the August meeting

## Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

- C. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Association, serving in an advisory and/or resource capacity.
- D. He shall seek to visit each church in the Association in order to:

(1) Enrich Christian fellowship among churches.

(2) Encourage and strengthen the ministry of the churches.

- (3) Enhance the cooperative relationship between the churches and the Association
- E. He shall, when necessary, conduct surveys or inquiries, in order to determine specific needs for ministry with the area of the Association.
- F. He shall, upon request, provide a list of qualified persons who may be considered by churches seeking pastors.
- G. He shall have full administrative responsibility for all personnel employed by the Association.

H. Strengthen Program Organizations

 Promote evangelism and church growth through total church organizations. Provide needed helps to enable churches to become better equipped in areas of church ministry.

Promote Missions

- (1) Encourage and lead in mission commitment of member churches utilizing Bold Mission Thrust Plans, by creating awareness to mission opportunities, new work, and by assisting in the development of church mission development programs, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, chaplaincy ministries, interfaith witness and special mission ministries.
- (2) Give high priority to reaching the many unreached Hispanics through existing churches and in new work.

J. Develop Leadership

(1) Encourage and provide support for development and improvement in areas of church, ministry, dealing with crisis times, leadership, and supervision skills, etc. Approaches will include family ministry, seminary extensions, workshops and conferences for church secretaries, church clerks (Uniform Church Letter), non-salaried and salaried leaders, music workshops, pastors' retreats, and ethnic leadership development.

K. Nurture Fellowship

- (1) Nurture fellowship among member churches.
- (2) The Associational Missionary is entitled to two weeks vacation annually. Upon completion of five years service, the Associational Missionary shall be entitled to three weeks annual vacation, and after ten years, four weeks annual vacation. Vacation is to be taken within the calendar year, and it is not accumulative.

(3) Should there occur at any time a grievance on the part of the Association of the Associational Missionary, either party may consult with the Moderator and Chairman of the Missions

Committee.

### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

Section 6. The officers of the other organizations within the Association shall be nominated by their respective organizations and their names furnished, and presented to the Association for action at each annual session.

Section 7. The officers designated in Section 1, the Associational Missionary excepted, shall be elected at the morning session of the first day of the annual meeting and shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting, at which they are elected, and serve until the close of the next session.

### Article V - Committees and Their Duties

Section 1.The committees of the Association shall be: Executive Committee, Committee on New Churches, Program Committee,

Committee on Place and Preacher, Resolutions Committee, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, and such other committees as the Association may designate and name at any annual session. All committee members will serve for a period of three (3) years. Initially each committee will, with the consent of each member, designate which committee member will serve the three- (3) year, two (2) year, and one (1) year term. After the completion of a term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to the committee until after the lapse of one year.

Section 2. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of one lay member of all churches, the pastors of such churches, and the officers of the Association, as listed under Section 1 of Article IV. Twelve members of this committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice of such meeting has been mailed, or otherwise given to all members of the committee at least three days prior to the proposed meeting. Members of this committee shall be elected by the churches annually.

Section 3.The Committee on Organized Churches shall consist of the Moderator, ex officio, three pastors, and three lay-persons. This committee shall be responsible for receiving letters of application for membership into the Association by organized Missionary Baptist Churches. This committee's responsibility shall be to communicate to applying churches the requirements of a cooperating church, as herein defined in Article I, section 5, paragraph 2 of the Ashe Baptist Association Constitution. Applying churches, upon recommendation of this committee, shall, with approval of the messengers at the annual session, serve one year under watch care of the Association. This committee shall work with this church during this period and then make final recommendations at the next annual meeting.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members who shall prepare an order of business for the annual meeting, including the designating of persons to make reports as to the various objects supported by the Churches of the Association. The Associational office shall prepare copies of the same for distribution to those attending the annual sessions of the Association.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 5. The Committee on Place and Preacher shall consist of three members, who may be appointed by the Moderator, with consent of the Association. At each annual session, this Committee shall recommend to the Association a place, or places, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Association, and shall designate a minister to deliver the Associational sermon and an alternate.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator. This Committee shall prepare and submit to the Association such resolutions, as it may consider pertinent and proper for the good of the body.

Section 7.The Nominating Committee shall name a Nominating Committee of five (5) members who shall bring to the second Executive Committee of the calendar year, (which is normally in April), for election of the following nominations: Clerk, Youth Director, Brotherhood Director, Discipleship Training Director, Evangelism Chairperson, Moderator, Music Director, Seminary Extension Director, Sunday School Director, and others who are invited to receive training at the Key Leadership Conference by the Baptist State Convention, (which is normally in May).

This Committee shall also present at the annual meeting for election all of the other committee members which are covered herein. Organizational heads will be named by their respective organizations and presented to the Nominating Committee at least two weeks before their nominations are presented to the Executive Committee at their

second meeting, (which is normally in April).

If the organizations do not present their respective organizational heads two weeks prior to the April Executive Committee, then the Nominating Committee will select those needed and present their names to the second Executive Committee meeting (normally in April). The chairman of the Nominating Committee will contact these organizational heads before making these selections to be sure they have not already selected someone.

All other nominations shall be presented and elected on the first day of the annual meeting of the Association. All nominations at the Executive Committee meeting and the annual meeting are subject to additional nominations from the floor, and the expressed will of the Association.

Section 8. The Moderator is authorized and directed to appoint suitable persons at each session to prepare and present to the next session reports on the various subjects and causes customary to be presented and to notify such persons in due time before the meeting of the Association. (Refer to Article IV, Section 2.)

Section 9. The Board of Directors of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp shall consist of nine members who shall initially be chosen three (3) for one year, three (3) for two years, and three (3) for three years.

Of the said members, three shall be active pastors in the Association. After the completion of one term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to this board until after the lapse of one year. No more than one member of this board shall be chosen from any one church of the Association. The treasurer of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp, (who shall serve in addition to the nine member Board of Directors), shall be elected by the Board of Directors on an indefinite basis. He/she shall have voting privileges, as do other members.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to cooperate with the officials, pastors, and Executive Committee of the Association in promoting and advancing the development and operation of the camp; to supervise and direct the work of the camp; and to make a report to the Association at each annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in this organization shall be filled in accordance with the provision of Section 7 thereof.

Section 10. The Mission Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) of which shall be heads of the following organizations: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, WMU and Church Music. The names of these five (5) shall be submitted to the Associational Nominating Committee by their respective organizations and voted on by the full body on the first day of the annual meeting. The other two (2) members shall be active pastors in the Association and they shall be named by the Associational Nominating Committee. They too shall be elected along with the organizational heads. Should any of the before mentioned organizations fail to submit the name of a person nominated by themselves to serve as head of that organization, then the Associational Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating that person.

These seven (7) people shall constitute the Associational Missionary Search Committee, when such a need arises. This Committee shall work with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of the Association and lead and assist in determining need for beginning new missions stations and organizing new churches. The Moderator and Associational Missionary shall be ex officio members of this committee.

Section 11. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom must be ordained ministers, meeting the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:1-7, and who are members of cooperating churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. The Chairman, at his discretion, may invite the pastor of a candidate to sit with the committee. Churches of the Association desiring to ordain a preacher to the Gospel ministry, and desiring to use the services of the Ordination Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association, shall use the following procedure.

- 1. The Church in conference shall vote to ask the Ordination Committee to examine the candidate and so notify the chairman.
- 2. The candidate shall meet the following conditions before ordination:
  - (a) Hold membership in a cooperating Missionary Baptist church.
    - (b) Shall have held a license to preach, issued by a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church for not less than six months.
- 3. The chairman shall set a suitable time and place, notifying the members, for the examination.
- 4. The candidate shall be examined as to his conversion, call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs, and attitude toward our denomination and its programs.
- 5. The Committee Chairman shall notify the church of its recommendations and they may proceed with the ordination.

Section 12. The Evangelism Committee, composed of 5 members, shall promote the work of Evangelism in the churches and the Association in cooperation with the State Department of Evangelism. All plans and programs are to be subject to the approval of the Association, or its Executive Committee.

### Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

- Section 13. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members, of which the first named shall serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive, examine and make recommendations to the Association on all proposed amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws.
- Section 14. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Properties Committee, which shall consist of three members, and shall have the responsibility of recommending the purchase of necessary property, and the construction of necessary buildings. This Committee shall recommend any repairs and improvements needed on Associational property beyond normal repair. All recommendations are subject to approval by the Executive Committee between sessions or the full-body session.
- Section 15. The Committee on Finance, composed of five (5) members and the treasurer, shall study the Association's financial needs for an adequate program, prepare and present a budget to the Association for the following year, devise and develop plans for securing the cooperation of churches in providing funds to meet the budget. The treasurer will submit a complete financial report at the annual meeting in August.
- Section 16. The Committee on Youth shall be composed of at least nine (9) members, three (3) of whom shall be ministers. The Chairman, also called "Youth Director," shall be selected from within their own ranks. The Committee shall be concerned with ways of relating youth to the churches of the Association and shall lead the Churches and Association to plan programs and activities that will meet their needs.
- Section 17. The Seminary Extension Committee, composed of five (5) members, shall work with the chairman of the Committee to plan, promote and implement the offering of such courses of study as will meet the needs of pastors and lay-persons in the areas of Biblical studies, historical theology, Baptist life, church administration, Christian education, and pastoral training.
- Section 18. There shall be five (5) trustees of the Association. They shall handle all legal matters of the Association under the direction of the said Association. Trustees shall be elected for an indefinite term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Association.
- Section 19. The Associational Historian, in his/her sole discretion, shall collect facts of interest to the Association and the cooperating churches, and shall make a report to each annual session of the Association. In addition, he/she shall contact hosting churches of the annual meeting and request a brief history of each church for publication in the Book of Reports and the Associational Annual.

### Article VI Meetings and Reports

- Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual meeting convening in the month of August of each year, at such time and place as may be designated or authorized by the previous session.
- Section 2. Each organization within the Association shall make a written report to the Association at each annual meeting.
- Section 3. A special session of the Association may be called by the Moderator with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Associational Executive Committee shall meet quarterly.

### Article VII Order of Religious Exercises

- Section 1. At the annual meeting the Associational Sermon shall be delivered as herein before provided.
- Section 2. In addition to the Associational Sermon, the Program Committee shall designate a minister to deliver at least one other sermon each day the Association is in session and all business shall be suspended while such sermons are being delivered. No sermon shall be scheduled so as to conflict or interfere with the business sessions of the Association or the presentation of reports to the Association.

### Article VIII Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and voting on the second day, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day, or that notice of such amendment shall have been given during the previous annual session.

### CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

2003/2004

- 1. Congregation Summary
- 2. Sunday School Enrollment
- 3. Discipleship Training
- 4. General Financial
- 5. Missions Financial
- 6. Congregation and Member
- 7. Music Ministry

### **Important Note:**

No Congregational Profile Reports were received from Highlands Community Mission & Prosperity Churches.

Therefore, some of the data is excluded from these reports.

Congregation Summary 2003-2004

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The 2004/2005 Minute for the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated

In Honor of Rev. Lawrence Goodman



In 1991, Bald Mountain Baptist Church was blessed to have God's calling of Lawrence Goodman to it's pastorate. Lawrence, his wife Vivian, and children, Richard and Kim came to Bald Mountain from Hendersonville, NC.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman is however an Ashe County native. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel in 1963 and was called to served his first church, Landmark Baptist Church, in Ashe County. In addition to Landmark he has also served the Friendly Grove Baptist Church. Pastor Goodman has been a very active member in the Association through the years. He has served in many capacities including moderator for the pastors conference in 1967, 68, & 69. He has served on many committees within the Association includ-

ing the Program Committee, Camp Committee, Sunday School, New Churches, and more. Pastor Goodman was very instrumental in developing the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp. In 1967, he served on the committee to study the possibility of purchasing land to develop a campground & building. In 1969 plans proceeded to develop our Sumer Camp which is now located in Fleetwood on the Paul Goodman Road. Pastor Goodman served as a consultant for the Baptist State Convention Sunday School Team and has shared his knowledge with many churches in North Carolina including those in our Association. He served as the Adult Sunday School leader on the Associational Sunday school team for several years.

He has been active in the inception and inner workings of several missions projects in the church and in the county. He has served on the board of Medical Missions Ministry of Ashe, the Ashe County School Board, and was instrumental in the Jesus Video Project of Ashe County. He is a leader in the Hispanic work of the county. He also supports the CARE Ministry, Feast in the Fields, and many missions trips at Bald Mountain.

From the very beginning of his ministry at Bald Mountain Baptist Church, Lawrence has had the vision of a church "with a heart for God and a love for people." This vision for the church has been evidenced in his life. He has been faithful to serve the people in the congregation as well as those in the community. If there is a death in the family, he is there to comfort. If there is a wedding or a birth, he is there to celebrate. If there is a surgery, he is there to support. If there is a need of spiritual guidance, he is there to counsel. **Always**, he is there to pray. His example has led the members of Bald Mountain Baptist Church to be a loving, caring expression of God's love to our

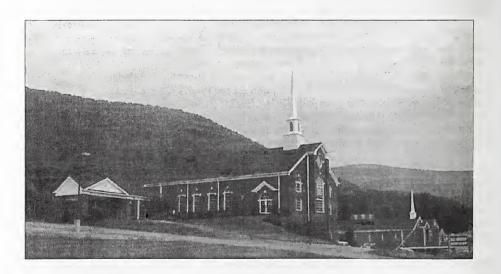
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### In Honor of Rev. Lawrence Goodman

In the pulpit, Lawrence preaches God's Word with the skill of one who has a personal knowledge of it's Author; and he truly does. Lawrence Goodman is a man given to prayer and to the study of the Bible. He speaks the Word in love and does not compromise to fit the status quo that society dictates.

Since he first came to Bald Mountain, many changes have taken place. In the year 2000, another building project was necessary to accommodate the ever-increasing growth of the congregation, and the first service was held in the new sanctuary on December 24, 2000.

God has truly blessed Bald Mountain Baptist Church with a wonderful pastor. Lawrence Goodman has been and is a mentor, a friend, a leader, and a prayer warrior. We, as a Church and an Association of Churches, are extremely thankful for his godly leadership.



The 2004 / 2005 Minute Book for the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated

### In Memory of Rev. James "Jim" Albert Ketner



James "Jim" Albert Ketner was born in Forsyth County on February 18, 1945, to Jacob & Pearl Ketner. He was raised on a farm and learned at a very early age to do hard work. When Jim was born his parents already had two daughters, Hattie & Frances, who were already grown up. About a year later his parents had another son, Terry. So the girls grew up together and approximately twenty years later the boys were together.

They lived in Old Towne, Winston Salem, then moved to Rural Hall. Jim went to the old Farm Elementary School and later to Northwest High School where he graduated. He later went to Forsyth Technical School and learned the printing trade.

Jim became a Christian when he was 12 years old at Bible School. Jim's father was an alcoholic and prior to his death the family didn't get to go to church much.

Jim was working at McLane Trucking Company in 1963 in the print shop when he met his future wife, Sylvia Johnston, who was from Ashe County. Jim & Sylvia married on April 4, 1964 and lived in Rural Hall. They were active in the First

Baptist Church of Stanleyville, where Jim had been a member for several years. Jim & Sylvia moved to Winston-Salem in 1968. There they joined the fellowship of Unity Baptist Church. During this time they began to start their own family. They were blessed with three children; Tim, Katrina, and Jessica.

In the early 1970's Jim went to the Piedmont Bible College at night while working during the day. He had felt called into the ministry several years before and was beginning to seek out training. During their time at Unity Baptist Church, Jim was ordained as a deacon and also licensed in the ministry, and taught Sunday School for several years there, this was a very rewarding time for their family.

Following the death of Sylvia's parents, Jim & Sylvia moved their family to Ashe County in 1983 to live in the old home place. Jim and his family joined the Pine Swamp Baptist Church, where Jim served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher. Later they moved to the North Beaver Baptist Church where Jim served as Deacon & Sunday School Teacher as well. One of his love's at North Beaver was taking the Senior Citizens on trips on the church van. He truly enjoyed making others happy.

Jim served our Association in many ways and took his responsibilities very seriously. He served on several committees within the Association as well as served as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and served as the Association Sunday School Director for many years. Jim served on the original Ashe Really Cares committee and thoroughly enjoyed serving in whatever way he could at the ARC. Even when Jim's health was declining and he had to be put on oxygen he would still make trips when possible down to the Food Bank in Winston Salem to pick up food for the ARC.

Another love of Jim's was Boy scouting. He became active in Boy Scouts of America when his son, Tim was in the Scouts. After Jim's son, Tim became an Eagle Scout, Jim continued to work with the Boy Scouts. We served as a leader, a commissioner & a chaplain. He loved being able to share his Christian beliefs & training to touch the lives of these young men. It was just another way of Jim being able to help individuals by sharing his faith and his love of life. Jim was devoted to the Boy Scouts of America Organization.

Jim had been diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis, an incurable lung disease. The only possible way for him to live was to have a lung transplant. This meant lots and lots of test had to be taken and many things to do to even qualify for the transplant. Jim did everything the doctors told him to do and waited for the call to say he had been accepted. He went to Duke Hospital in October 2004 to get ready for the possible and complicated surgery. Never knowing when the call would come, he received a call on November 18, 2004 around 1:00 AM, saying that a donor had been found and later that day he had surgery. Everything went well and all seemed to be very good, but that changed after a second complicated surgery to protect the new lungs was done, Jim went down, but he had always said he was ready to go whatever happened.

On November 28, 2004, he wasn't feeling well at all when one of the doctors came in to check him and he told the doctor that he was ready to go — that Heaven was a beautiful place. Later he suffered a heart problem where his heart got out of rhythm and could not be regulated and then slipped into a coma and did not regain consciousness. Jim tried hard to do what was necessary, but God needed him more. His life here on earth is over but as Believers we know he is in the presence of God and will live eternally in our beautiful heaven. Jim left behind a legacy of friends and family whose lives were forever touched by him for the cause of Christ. Jim entered eternity on December 2, 2004.



### The 2004/2005 Minute Book for the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated

In Memory of Reverend James Kermit Goodman



Kermit was born in Ashe County, November 26, 1930 to Joseph Dewy Goodman and

Almas Kimberlin Goodman. He grew up in the Black Bear Inn Community. He remained in Ashe County most of his life where he and his wife, Annamae Holman Goodman raised their six children. Kermit made his living as a sawmiller and later became a supervisor at Thomasville Furniture for a number of years. At a young age Kermit made a profession of faith at Laurel Knob Baptist Church and was baptized there. He answered the call to preach at North Beaver Baptist Church where he was ordained in 1969. Those serving on the Ordination Council include: Rev. Walter Day, Brother. James McNeil, Rev. Reeves Jones, Rev. Bradley Mays, Rev. Will Gilley, Rev. Elwood Goodman, and Brother Roby Swift. Over the next 30 years, he served as pastor at Mount Olive, Liberty Grove, Pilot Mountain and Grassy Creek. A lot of Kermit's time was spent studying the Bible and traveling the roads in an effort to visit in homes. But it was what he was called to do and

he did so without complaint until his health prevented him from continuing on. You would not have talked with Kermit without the conversation turning to the Lord and praising the Lord's goodness and mercy in Kermit's life. Kermit put the Lord first in his life and never hesitated to speak the truth no matter how unpopular the truth might be. He was that way with everyone including his children. When his children were young, he gathered them around him at night to read to them from the Bible. He loved his family completely and was blessed to see all of them come to know the Lord.

Kermit never had a formal education. He only went through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in school.

Never the less, he was a hard worker, honest and a man of integrity. He made mistakes along the way, as we all do. Kermit developed into a strong Christian man and was highly respected by those who knew him. Kermit went to meet the Lord at the age of 74 on January 15, 2005. He was at the Watauga Medical Center in Boone at the time of his passing. His wife Annamae, four daughters Connie, Barbara, Kathy and Terri, and two sons, Jimmy and Joe were by his side. He is truly missed by all who knew him.



### IN MEMORIAL

### MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2004 - 2005



**Apple Grove Baptist** 

Mr. Larry Little Mrs. Joyce McCoy

**Bald Mountain Baptist** 

Mr. James Arnold Mr. J.D. Howell

Rev. Kermit Goodman Mr. Robert Lee

**Bristol Baptist** 

Mr. Jason Wyrick Mrs. Merlene Darnell Mrs. Jan Johnson

Mrs. Jan Johnson Mr. Junior Dillard Mr. Joe Shatlev

Clifton Baptist

Mr. James Arnold Mr. Mike Campbell

Fletcher Memorial Baptist

Ms. Blanche Day Mr. Jim Holloway

Friendly Grove Baptist

Ms. Mary Carter Severt Mrs. Nanny Johnston

Mrs. Eugenia Blackburn Mrs. Ollie Fay Stanley

Friendship Baptist

Mr. John Cabot Witherspoon (Deacon)
Ms. Ruth Virginia Witherspoon

Mr. Jessie Mack Miller
Mrs. Maude Walters Green
Mr. Kemp Fred Liddle
Mrs. Pearl Weaver Burkett
Mrs. Eathel Coldiron Shatley

Glendale Springs Baptist Grassy Creek Baptist Landmark Baptist Mr. Todd Wood Mrs. Mabel Welch Mr. Chuck Reigler Ms. Lela Blevins

Laurel Knob Baptist Little Helton Baptist New River Baptist Ms. Lela Blevins Ms. Mary Wheeler Mrs. Kay testerman Mr. Roy Brown Mr. Reece Idol

North Beaver Baptist

Mr. Clayton Johnson Rev. Jim Ketner

Oak Hill Baptist

Mr. Burton Miller (Deacon)

Obids Baptist

Mr. Curtis Barker Mr. Bob Roberts

### IN MEMORIAL

MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2004 – 2005



Old Fields Baptist Orion Baptist

Peak Valley Baptist Pine Swamp Baptist

Pleasant Home Baptist

Pleasant Valley Baptist Tuckerdale Baptist

Warrensville Welcome Home Baptist Mrs. Joan Cheek
Mrs. Nancy Woodie
Mrs. Georgia Faye Bare
Mr. Billy Vannoy
Mrs. Jean Bare
Ms. Ruth Stewart
Ms. Lizzie Fairchild
Ms. Hilda Winebarger

Ms. Clara Hartzog Mr. George West Mr. John Green Ms. Dora Denny Mrs. Maude Goss

Mrs. Clara (Billie) Massey Mr. Danny Wyrick

Mr. Howard Tucker Mr. Clifford Goodman Ms. Kathleen Perkins

### Beaver Creek Baptist Church History

Beaver Creek church was founded sometime around the time that Ashe County split off from Wilkes County. Due to the fact that some of our church records have been lost over the years, we do not know when or how many charter members the church had. We know that it was a good possibility that the Baker family and the Peter Goodman family was involved with the starting this church.

Mr. Jacob Baker gave one acre of land to the Baptist church that was meeting on the head waters of beaver creek. The deed for this land is where this church now sits, it has been meeting here every since. The deed was made to this church in November of eighteen thirty four. The church has been small at times, but it has always met for worship service down through the years. Beaver Creek church joined the Ashe Baptist association in eighteen eighty nine according to the minutes of the association that are in Alleghany, which the Ashe Baptist was apart of at the time.

There have been many changes down through the years; the first church building was removed in nineteen forty seven to make way for a new building. That building still stands on the grounds to day, this building was built by volunteer labor and pledges made by those that was attending the church at the time, this according to the county paper which gave account of who pledge what. Many of those names are still a part of the church today. Some are father, grand father, and great grand father.

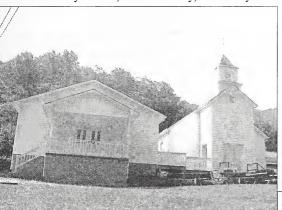
The church did some small improvement a long the way, then in nineteen sixty one the church constructed Sunday school rooms and rest rooms. The church was blessed to the place to where it out grew the old sanctuary. It began the construction of a new building in November of nineteen ninety seven, the building was completed in March nineteen ninety eight. Since that time things have happen in a good way, God has made it possible for us to purchase more land. In March of Two thousand and four the church saw the need for more education space, the

### **Beaver Creek Baptist Church History**

church decided to build six Sunday school rooms and two larger rest rooms and to renovate the old church to make a fellowship hall. This building was completed in September of two thousand four.

This is a list of the pastors since eighteen ninety when the Beaver creek church joined the association. The Reverends: D.W. Thomason, Ezekiel Blevins, Asa Brown, C.M. Cope, Geo. M. Reeves, C.F. Goodman, S.C. Blackburn, H.M. Wrinkler, Harvey Phillips, Keene Roark, John Goodman, R.C. Ashley, Paul Phipps, Earl Hartzog, Irdell Osborne, Elwood Goodman, Jack Pugh, Bynum Trivette, Harvey Joe Warren, David Testerman, Worth Kimberlin, J.C. Darnell,

Joe Riley Blevins, Thomas Shatley, and Johnny Goodman.



rictured above on the left side is the new Sanctuary — on the right side is the old Sanctuary which has been remodeled and is now the fellowship all.







Pictured above is the newest addition which includes new Sunday school classrooms.



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### **Phoenix Baptist Church History**

Berlin Baptist Church was organized May 9, 1908 by members taking letters from Forest Home Baptist Church at Warrensville, North Carolina. Forest Home was located near the mouth of Buffalo Creek where Ashe County Middle School is now located. Members from the Berlin and Lansing areas felt somewhat isolated from the church because they had to cross the New River by boat or on horseback. Sometimes the river was too full and they were unable to get to the church.

The first home of Berlin Baptist Church was a small private school building in the Berlin community. It was located near the present church site. The little school building had been donated by James Eller, Sr. to his three sons for the purpose of educating his grandchildren and his neighbors' children. With the coming of the larger state supported school, the little school building was no longer needed for schooling purposes. However, it proved to be an ideal place for the people to meet for worship. Following two or three great revivals in the little school building, a presbytery was called to organize a new church. The presbytery was composed of Elders Elihu Tucker, R.L. Shoaf, T.W. Carter and L.J. Day. Charter members consisted of 17 men and women:

### MEN

James Eller T.M. Carter M.L. Jones J.L. King H.A. Eller A.S. Eller E.C. Eller A.L. Sharp A.M. Childers Johnson Carter Levi Ashlev Jacob Childers W.F. Eller J.O. Eller J.F. Eller C.R. Eller

F.R. Jones

### WOMEN

Mary Ann Eller Ellen Jones Elizabeth Childers Mary Eller Jennie Carter Victory Ashley Alice Badger Clvde Eller Virginia Eller Gertrude Eller Agnes Eller Beatrice Eller Ida Sage Ina Eller Minnie Jones Maude Jones Martha King Rosa Ashley

### Phoenix Baptist Church History Continued

The first pastor of Berlin Baptist Church was Elder Elihu Tucker. During World War I, the post office name was changed from Berlin to Bina. James Eller, Sr., who had given the little schoolhouse and the land it was built on, did not like the name "Bina" for the church. At his suggestion, the church voted to change the church name to "Phoenix" for the Phoenix Mountain which stands close by. Soon the little school was too small for the worshipers and a larger building was needed. At the same time, the Norfolk and Western Railroad was buying right-of-ways for rail service into Ashe County. The three Eller brothers sold a right-of-way through the property to the Norfolk and Western Railroad and used the proceeds from the sale to buy supplies for a new church building. In 1914 a comfortable house of worship was completed. The little school building had served its purpose. It was sold and moved off the property. The church continued to grow, with a total membership of 98 by 1930.

Since then there have been three major renovations to the church. The first was the addition of three Sunday School rooms and the excavation of a small basement. Some time later a furnace was added. Later in the early 60's seven rooms and a hall was added, the basement was enlarged and the wood siding was replaced with brick. In the early 1970's the parking lot was paved and the church adopted a constitution and purchased its first van for outreach ministry. In June of 1991 charter member Mrs. Gertrude Eller Waddell participated in a groundbreaking service for a new fellowship hall and education building. Her words reflect her own life and the life of the church, "Never start anything you can't finish and never finish anything you can't give God the glory for." The fellowship hall is complete, and construction is continuing in phases, with a baptistery planned for the future.

The last two charter members were siblings: Mr. Jess Eller who passed away in 1983; and Mrs. Gertrude Eller Waddell who passed away at the age of 99 in an automobile accident on her way to church.

Through the years, 20 pastors have served Phoenix Baptist Church:

1908-1909
1909-1915
1915-1917
1918-1919
1919-1920
1920-1922
1922-1948

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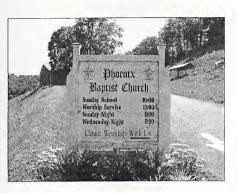
	S.S. Graybeal	1948-1948
	R.C. Ashley	1948-1967
	C.R. Witherspoon	1968-1970
	E.W. Powers	1971-1973
	W.T. Brackett	1974-1979
	J.J. Eldreth	1980-1985
**	Frank Tucker	1985-1987
	Kenneth Hix	1987-1989
	Rex Eldreth	1990-1994
	Ken Furchess	1994-1997
	Dayton Roten	1997-2000
	Elliott Osowitt	2002-2003
**	Ray Minton	2003-2004
	Ray Minton	2004-Present
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<sup>\*\*</sup>Interim

At the present time Phoenix Baptist Church continues to grow under the leadership of Rev. Ray Minton. After feeling led to answer the call to the ministry, Jeff Dollar was licensed by Phoenix to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. In June of 2005, Jeff was voted on to serve as Associate Pastor of Phoenix Baptist Church to assist Rev. Minton with his duties.

We feel blessed and excited to be a part of God's purpose on this earth and look forward to what the future holds as we strive to serve OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

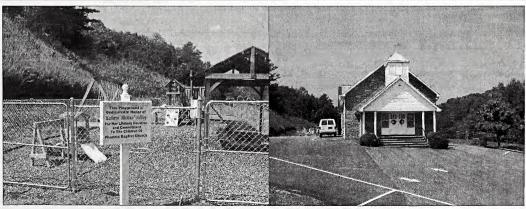
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- 4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body.
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# PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2005-2006

			2004-2005 Approved <u>Budget</u>	2004-2005 Actual Expenses		2005-2006 Proposed <u>Budget</u>
I.	EDUCATION AND PROMOTION					
	<ol> <li>Sunday School</li> </ol>	5	500.00	\$ 177.00	\$	500.00
	Discipleship Training		300.00	0.00		150.00
	3. Brotherhood		400.00	0.00		150.00
	4. WMU		1,000.00	975.06		1,000.00
	5. Church Music		1,200.00	1,520.24		1,500.00
	6. Vacation Bible School		1,200.00	883.04		1,200.00
	7. Evangelism		800.00	95.00		150.00
	8. Key Leadership		500.00	0.00		0.00
	9. Association Youth		1.200.00	474.04		1,200.00
	10. Seminary Extension		1,000.00	0.00		500.00
	SUBTO	TAL	8,100.00	4,124.38	_	6,350.00
II.	ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE					
11.	Office Equipment		1,000.00	2,396.17		1,000.00
	Printing and Supplies		5,000.00	5,694.36		5,500.00
	Printing and Supplies     Postage/Mailing		2,000.00	2,355.07		2,500.00
	Associational Calendars					
	5. Office Utilities		400.00	400.00		400.00
			0.00	2,026.78		2,500.00
	6. Office Rent		0.00	3,000.00		6,000.00
	7. Office Repairs & Maintenance		0.00	12,393.02		1,000.00
	SUBTO	TAL	8,400.00	28,265.40		18,900.00
III.	SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES					
	Director of Missions					
	(a) SSI / Medicare		5,010.00	5,009.50		5,907.00
	(b) Retirement		2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00
	(c) Health Insurance		4,500.00	4,271.60		4,500.00
	(d) Utilities "50%"		1,750.00	1,298.09		1,750.00
	(e) Parsonage Housing Allowance		7,200.00	7,200.00		7,200.00
	(f) Parsonage Liability Insurance		475.00	475.00		475.00
	(g) Net wages		21,512.17	22,192.98		21,512.17
	(h) Accountable Reimbursement		0.00	0.00	cap	of 5,000.00
	Offce Assistant / Treasurer		14,839.40	14,324.17	-	15,581.37
	(a) Office Asst. / Treasurer Health Insurar	nce · ·	2,256.00	1,897.40		2,256.00
	(b) Office Asst./ Treasurer Annuity		1260.00	1,260.00		1260.00
	3. Clerk		500.00	499.00		500.00
	(a) Reimbursement for travel		100.00	100.02		100.00
	4. Employee Taxes		1,200.00	1,069.58		1,200.00
	5. Training		100.00	48.60		100.00
	SUBTO	TAL	63,102.57	62,045.94	_	69,741.54
IV.	PARSONAGE		· \			
14.	Insurance Premium		550.00	500.00		500.00
			5,500.00	8,380.63		2,500.00
	2. Building Repair and Property Maintenance			1,298.11		3,000.00
	Utilities for Parsonage     SUBTO	TAI	9,050.00	10,178.74	_	6,000.00
v.	MISCELLANEOUS	.,	1,000.00	4,344.58		2,000.00
VI.	HISPANIC MINISTRY			6,313.69	_	14,000.00
			14,000.00		-	
VII.	ASHE REALLY CARES		7,500.00	0.00	_	7,500.00
VII.	BAPTIST CAMPGROUND	, .	2,000.00	1,478.85	=	2,500.00
	TO	TAL S	113,152.57	\$ 116,751.58	\$	126,991.54

# Treasurer's Report for the Ashe Baptist Association 07/01/04 - 06/30/05

Income:	
On hand last report (July 1, 2004)	\$31,228.79
Received	\$164,177.99
Balance On Hand & Received	\$195,406.78
Disbursements:	
ARC (offset by ARC funds transfers, BSC, & Churches)	\$27,841.82
Campground	\$1,478.85
Clerk	\$599.02
Director of Missions - Benefits & wages	\$42,847.17
Christian Action League of NC (offset by donations)	\$646.00
Convention Expense	\$372.67
Copperative Agreement w/ new churches	\$6,800.00
Employee taxes	* \$1,069.58
Evangelism	\$95.00
Hispanic Ministry (Offset by Hispanic offering & Churches)	\$6,313.69
Jesus Video Expense (offset by designated funds)	\$1,842.26
Minute Books (Offset by Churches)	\$2,389.55
Miscellaneous	\$3,984.28
Music Department	\$1,620.24
NC Baptist Men (offset by designated funds)	\$2,000.00
Office Equipment	\$6,830.89
Office Renovations & Repairs (offset by designated funds & donations)	\$12,393.02
Office Rent	\$3,000.00
Parsonage Liability Insurance	\$500.00
Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	\$8,380.63
Postage / Mailing	\$2,355.07
Priniting & Supplies	\$1,259.64
Secretary / Treasurer Wages	\$14,324.17
Secretary / Treasurer Health Insurance	\$1,897.40
Secretary / Treasurer Annuity	\$1,260.00
Sunday School (offset by designated funds)	\$241.00
Training	\$48.60
Troop Assistance (offset by designated funds & donations)	\$1,722.34
Utilities (Internet, Office phone, 1/2 Electric, & 1/2 Heating fuel)	\$3,324.89
Vacation Bible School	\$883.04
WMU	\$975.06
Youth	\$474.04
Total Disbursement	ts \$159,769.92

BALANCE ON HAND (June 30,2005) \$35,636.86

# TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY CHURCHES

JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005

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CHURCH NAME	YEA	AR TO DATE	CHURCH NAME	YEA	R TO DATE
APPLE GROVE	\$	100.00	MOUNT OLIVE	\$	900.00
BALD MOUNTAIN	\$	7,200.00	NEW RIVER	\$	2,769.13
BEAVER CREEK	\$	1,375.00	NORTH BEAVER	\$	2,400.00
BIG FLATTS	\$	600.00	OAK HILL	\$	600.00
BIG LAUREL	\$	420.00 <sup>)</sup>	OBIDS	\$	600.00
BLUE RIDGE	\$ \$	650.00	OLD FIELDS	\$	500.00
BRISTOL	\$	3,368.76	ORION	\$	1,466.52
BUFFALO	\$	702.00	PEAK VALLEY	\$	-
CALVARY	\$ \$	100.00	PHOENIX	\$	1,180.00
CLIFTON		750.00	PILOT MOUNTAIN	\$	573.61
FARMER MEMORIAL	\$	15.00	PINE SWAMP	\$	200.00
FLECHER MEMORIAL	\$	17,157.15	PLEASANT HOME	\$	2,325.54
FRIENDLY GROVE	\$	3,099.96	PLEASANT VALLEY	\$	75.00
FRIENDSHIP	\$	5,542.39	PROSPERITY	\$	-
GLENDALE SPRINGS	\$	3,473.00	ROUND KNOB	\$	1,145.00
GRASSY CREEK	\$	1,774.97	TRINITY	\$	1,074.00
HEALING SPRINGS	\$	1,434.13	TUCKERDALE	\$	1,500.00
LANDMARK	\$	2,000.00	WAGONER	\$	900.00
LAUREL KNOB	\$	2,152.25	WARRENSVILLE	\$	3,250.00
LIBERTY GROVE	\$	2,500.00	WELCOME HOME	\$	1,686.69
LITTLE HELTON	\$	500.00	HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY	\$	-
MIDWAY	\$	3,250.00	HISPANIC MISSON	\$	4,777.49
MISSON HOME	\$	400.02			

Total \$ 86,487.61

# Associational Key Leader 2005-2006

These names are respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association in accordance with Article V: Section 7 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

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DEACON MINISTRY DIRECTOR REV. ALLEN HUFFMAN

The Executive Committee approved these names in April 2005.

# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICERS

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TREASURER MRS.TRISH CHURCH

CLERK MRS. VICKIE YOUNG

# ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

# **COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES**

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3 YR PASTOR #2 REV. GORDON RAWLS
3 YR PASTOR #3 REV. ALLEN HUFFMAN

3 YR PASTOR #3 REV. ALLEN HOFFMAR
2 YR LAY-PERSON #1 REV.LONNIE JONES
2 YR LAY-PERSON #2 MR. CHARLES KING
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# PROGRAM COMMITTEE

2 YRS MEMBER # 1 MRS. LINDA BALL
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2 YRS MEMBER # 3 MR. HAROLD RIDDLE
3 YR MEMBER # 4 MRS. TRISH CHURCH
3 YR MEMBER # 5 MRS. BRONDA ELLIOTT

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1 YRS MEMBER # 1 MR. TERRY HARTZOG, Chairman
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2 YRS MEMBER # 3 MR. FRED WALTERS
2 YRS MEMBER # 4 MRS. BARBARA MCCOY
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# ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

# GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL JEFFERSON CAMP

The Gideons International, founded in 1899 serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States of America. An International board of distinguished Christian laymen supervises the worldwide Gideon ministry ensuring an efficient, economical operation in 180 countries.

A non-profit organization, The Gideons International is generously supported by individuals and churches, who realize that an indispensable element in winning people to Christ is to present them with the gospel message. Every dollar contributed is used to make it possible for others to have their very own copy of God's Word.

The Jefferson camp consists of 70 Gideons and 54 auxiliary members. As with any volunteer organization, some of these members are very active and others are minimally involved.

In our last fiscal year which ran from June 1, 2004 through May 31, 2005, we were privileged to give reports in 90 churches in Ashe County which contributed \$40,900.93 which would have purchased 8,180 bibles. Gideons, auxiliary members and other individuals contributed another \$68, 092.07 through the Memorial Bible Plan and via individual gifts.

World wide total scripture receipts last year were \$88,355,602. These receipts enabled 63,118,769 copies of God's Word to be placed around the world. Many of these copies went into hands that will never own another book of any kind.

We thank every individual and every church that made it possible to be a part of this missionary effort. We also thank all the members of the associational staff for the opportunity to share in this meeting.

Sidney Allen, President Jefferson Camp

# Report for 2005 Book of Reports

Office of GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC

The name change from the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, became official with action at the annual convention in Nashville, TN, in June of this year. With the name change comes a renewed effort from the national agency and the individual state conventions to service more effectively the needs of church employees relating to retirement, insurance, planning financial support, church and clergy tax issues, etc.

In an ongoing effort to provide a variety of insurance products priced competitively to meet the diverse needs of our constituency GuideStone continues to negotiate with insurance providers for the best price. Moving to Blue Cross/Blue Shield Highmark as the primary provider and to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield national network has saved millions of dollars this year for our churches and church employees. Unfortunately, pastors and employees of our smaller churches (less than 10 employees) are at the greatest disadvantage because of the requirement to prove evidence of good health in order to qualify for coverage. We continue to encourage new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary to take advantage of the 31 day open enrollment period commiserate with their first time enrollment in one of these schools.

The need for retirement planning among our church employees continues to be a challenge which must be met through meaningful educational experiences. The most difficult task is getting the appropriate information to key decision makers in our churches—church treasurers, budget/finance committee members, personnel committees, deacon chairs, etc., who determine what retirement benefits, if any, the church will provide for their pastors and other church employees. Many of these key leaders are unaware of the protection benefits—disability and survivor—in the Church Annuity Plan which are **provided at no cost** to North Carolina retirement participants who meet the eligibility requirements. During calendar year 2004 964 disability checks totaling \$459,166.09 and 15 survivor checks totaling \$328,655.38 were sent to North Carolina church employees and their families.

Without question the most disturbing part of my work is the large numbers of pastors who come to retirement with social security as their only source of income. This is especially sad for those who have served our churches for many years and have little or **NO** retirement monies to rely on in their latter years. Presently, GuideStone is providing financial assistance on a monthly basis to 244 retired pastors and church employees here in North Carolina through the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief Ministries.

Finally, it is our desire to increase the level of retirement participation from 5,165 participants in 2,354 churches, which represents 61% of our NC churches as of June 30, 2005, and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.northcarolinabaptists.org">www.northcarolinabaptists.org</a>, call GuideStone at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the GuideStone Web site at <a href="https://www.GuideStone.org">www.GuideStone.org</a>.

Johnny E. Ross GuideStone State Representative

# **BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA**

REPORT OF PARTICIPANTS FOR WHOM CHAP CONTRIBUTIONS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE 3 MONTHS THIS REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE STATE CONVENTION MATCHING AND PROTECTION SECTION FUNDS

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Ashe Pregnancy Care Center Report for 2004-2005

111 North Main Street Jefferson, NC 28640 336 846-4100

We have seen 747 clients since June of last year. 29 babies were born during this time including one set of twins. We had 5 adoption encounters with birth moms and adopting families.

We had 3 professions of faith and 1 reassurance of salvation. We gave out numerous Bibles and hundreds of diapers.

During 2005 we started a Bible study to help our clients understand their walk of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This has been a wonderful experience for them as well as us.

Abortion is still a major issue in Ashe County and women still make the decision to abort their babies. We see women from all walks of life and all denominations who choose abortion. It is the dark secret even in Christians' lives.

Our Walk for Life is September 10<sup>th</sup> this year at 9:00 a.m. at the Assembly of God church on Faw Roland Road. We invite all of the churches of Ashe County to participate. Registration forms are available at the APCC.

For the churches who faithfully support us we want you to know how much we love and appreciate you. You really are making a difference in the lives of women and men in Ashe County. And for the babies that have been born that would have been aborted? There is no way to say thank you for those miracles.

Our thrift store, Angels in the Attic, has moved to the old barber shop right next to the APCC. The thrift shop continues to provide for our clients' needs as well as those in the community. We take all contributions for household items and clothes. We offer quality secondhand items. Come and visit us

**Don't forget our Baby Bottle Campaign...**This is such a simple way to assist the APCC without much effort. The financial increase for the APCC is incredible. Please talk to your church about participating in our Baby Bottle campaign. Please call us at 846-4100 to get your bottles.

Thank you for your prayers.

Abiding in Him,

Peggy Hoefl Executive Director



# Ashe Really Cares Associational Report 2005

As we gather together to celebrate another year past, I would like to begin by first thanking God for His blessings., When our eyes are upon God and we let Him work through the churches, great things can happen. As the Ashe Baptist Churches endeavor to spread God's love and salvation to those that are lost and seeking, we thank each one for your support and prayers. As everyone at the ARC works to spread God's love we are seeing souls saved. This past.March we put in place several pastors from the association to assist with the spiritual part of Ashe Really Cares. This has been a very positive thing for our clients. We have seen three souls saved. The pastors are there to talk with the clients, have prayer and do church referrals, along with sharing the plan of salvation with each person that comes into the ARC. Thank you pastors for your dedication to God's work. We have been able to give away several Bibles and do several referrals to our local churches.

This past year we have visited churches to share the ARC video and to tell about all the ways that ARC is helping individuals. We also worked to assist the county's Interagency Christmas Program. The ARC was the distribution area for the coats. We gave away 220 coats in one day!

Last year we gave out 2,807 food boxes, which touched 7,071 individuals. We had 159 new clients to come by for help. The poundage of food from Second Harvest Food Bank was 23,264 pounds which would have cost \$38,130 wholesale (thanks to Second Harvest the ARC only paid a very small portion of the cost). The poundage from one of our grocery stores that donates food was 33,150 pounds. This does not include the food we receive from churches, the community or individuals. As you can see there is a lot of food that passes through our doors. We also receive food from two other grocery stores and several of the soda companies.

We thank you and your church for the support and prayers that keep the ARC moving forward for the Lord. For all those who volunteer and give of their time to help others, we say a special thank you for caring.

If I, or the ARC, can be of assistance to your church, please call and let us know. Thank you for caring about others.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Miller, Director

# Ashe Really Cares Financial Report July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

Damasit to ADC			Other Deposits: ABA	
Deposit to ARC	•	4 400 05	Friendly Grove Baptist Church	\$1,206,55
Beaver Creek Baptist Church	\$	1,166.95	Old Fields Baptist Church	\$ 300.00
Bethany Methodist Church	\$	538.00	NC Baptist State Convention	\$ 6,000.00
Buffalo Baptist Church	\$	194.00	North Beaver Baptist Church	\$ 0,000.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$	84.00	•	· ·
Clifton Baptist Church	\$	350.00	Anonymous Donation	\$ 5,000.00
First Baptist Church	\$	1,885.00	2004 Annual Meeting Offering	\$ 590.00
Friendship Baptist Church	\$	1,505.00	TOTAL OTHER DONATIONS	\$13,196.55
Glendale Springs Baptist Church	\$	650.00	•3	
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	\$	250.00		
Healing Springs Baptist Church	\$	3,250.00		
Jefferson Methodist Church	\$	500.00	Expenses	
Landmark Baptist Church	\$	431.50	Blue Ridge Electric for ARC & C	lients\$2 184 82
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$	1,300.00	Cleaning – Carpet	\$ 25.00
Little Helton Baptist Church	\$	208.00	Food – ARC	\$1,612,70
Midway Baptist Church	\$	2,608.03	Heating Oil	\$1,428.41
Mission Home Baptist Church	\$	250.00	Hotel Room	\$ 144.00
Mt. Jefferson Baptist Church	\$	1,500.00	Med/Prescriptions	\$ 275.56
Mt. Olive Baptist Church	\$	300.00	Pat's Wages	\$15,000.00
National Board	\$	3,250.00	Phone	\$ 374.39
New Covenant Baptist Church	\$	106.00	Rent for ARC	\$8,433.97
New River Baptist Church	\$	3,055.00	Rent for Clients	\$3,613.66
North Beaver Baptist Church	\$	1,550.00	Stamps	\$ 38.79
Obids Baptist Church	\$	.'	Supplies	\$ 343.10
Orion Baptist Church	\$	187.40	Van Repairs and Gas	\$ 640.78
Parish of the Holy Communion	\$	600.00	Volunteer Supper	\$ 389.61
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	\$	125.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$34.504.79
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$	1,225.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	φ34,304.7 <i>3</i>
Smethport Baptist Church	\$	750.00	Year End Balance \$ 3,962.99	
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	\$	1,012.71	rear Life Dalance \$ 5,502.55	
Union Baptist Church	\$	260.00	NOTE: Midway Baptist Church of	langted \$1.350
West Jefferson Methodist Church		375.00	in food purchases.	ionated \$1,550
Warrensville Baptist Church	\$	100.00	in lood purchases.	
Misc. Deposits	•	7,275.79	Acha Baelly Carea Chaelring	
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			\$12,858.64	

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Terri Shatley, Treasurer Ashe Really Cares

# Ashe Baptist Campground Report 2004-2005

We like to take this time to thank all the people that help make our campground what we have to enjoy, from the churches that take time to mow the grounds. Thanks to each that take time to clean up after they have used the campground.

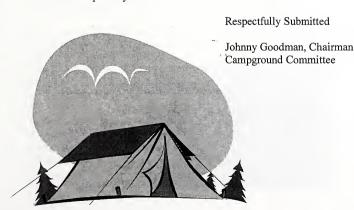
We want thank Brother Tim Church of the Friendship Baptist Church for monitoring the water system to assure safe water for those that use the camp. Thanks go to Ronnie Hopkins of the Bald Mountain Baptist Church for the work He does as our treasurer for the camp. Special thanks go to all churches and people that financially support the campground so we can pay the bills.

Mrs. Ann Eldreth of the Big Flatt's Baptist Church checks the camp after each use and cleans the Mattie Parsons Memorial Building if necessary and reports to the office of any damage or problems that may be found at the camp. Our thanks, to her for the time and special care in this area.

Mr. Jimmy Jordan helps with the maintenance at the camp, we are glad to have someone to help take care of the campground. There are things that need to be kept up if the camp is to continue, so we need someone to supervise and see that the work gets done. Thanks again to Brother Jimmy.

The road to the campground needed some gravel this year and a large tree needed to be removed. We appreciate the folks that helped to take care of these maintenance issues. Currently we are in need someone to put a roof on the small picnic shelter, if you or your church would like to take this on as a project, please let Brother David Blackburn, Director of Missions, or one of the camp committee members know.

Many of our churches have visited the camp in the last year, as well as many from outside the county. The Associational Office begins taking reservations from the Associational Churches on the first day of January; reservations are accepted from those outside of the Association beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to make your reservations early in order to get the dates you need. We hope that many more of the churches will take time to visit the camp next year.



# Ashe Baptist Campground Financial Report 2004—2005

Contributions		Expenses	
Bald Mountain Baptist Church	\$600.00	Blue Ridge Electric	\$1,535.28
Big Flatts Baptist Church	\$150.00	Skyline Telephone	\$ 378.78
Big Laurel Baptist Church	\$ 60.00	Ann Eldreth	\$ 930.00
Blue Ridge Baptist Church	\$200.00	Ashe Appliance Service	\$ 45.00
Clifton Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	Rose's Stores	\$ 96.84
Friendly Grove Baptist Church	\$250.00	Tapco Underwriters (Ins.)	\$ 1956.35
Friendship Baptist Church	\$500.00	Jefferson Rent-All	\$ 66.81
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	\$180.00	Ashe Co. Builders Supply	\$ 149.62
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	Total Disbursements	\$ 5158.68
Liberty Grove Baptist Church	\$300.00		
Mission Home Baptist Church	\$150.00		
Mount Olive Baptist Church	\$150.00	Other Deposits: ABA	
New River Baptist Church	\$700.00	Big Laurel Baptist Church	\$ 15.00
North Beaver Baptist Church	\$150.00	Weaver Reunion	\$ 100.00
Pleasant Home Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	Surber Reunion	\$ 45.00
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$100.00	Goodman Reunion	\$ 25.00
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	<u>\$300.00</u>	Total Other Deposits	\$ 185.00
Total received by Churches	\$3,940.00		
Other Contributions			
Ashe Baptist Association	\$1000.00		
Skyline Telephone Memb. Corp.	\$ 47.36		
Taylor Reunion	\$ 50.00		
Brown—Pugh Reunion	\$ 50.00		
Roark Reunion	\$ 45.00		

\$ 150.00

\$ 75.00

\$1,417.36

Total balance on hand June 30, 2005 = \$2,643.58

**Busby Reunion** 

Pinkie Cochran

Total other contributions





# BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

(July 2004-July 2005)

Celebrating our past...charting our future!... Baptist Children's Homes has set its sights courageously toward the future as it observes 120-historic-years of service. Since 1885 when 9-year-old Mary Presson was admitted as a child in care, Baptist Children's Homes has been a beacon and a haven to children. Baptist Children's Homes has touched thousands upon thousands of lives throughout three centuries, never afraid to meet the ever-changing needs of children and families, yet never wavering from its fundamental mission.

In the dawn of a new millennium, Baptist Children's Homes stands poised. BCH proudly charts an exciting pathway to the future through its new strategic plan: GuidingStar. . . Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families.

Lives are miraculously changed. Tears of boys and girls evaporate and hopeful smiles bloom. Through the remarkable efforts of North Carolina Baptists and the love and leadership of God, Baptist Children's Homes continues its mission of *helping hurting children*. . . *healing broken families* – offering the promise of a better tomorrow to those we serve now and in the years to come.

GuidingStar Defines Bold Path... After a year-long effort led by BCH President Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes launched GuidingStar... Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families. The new strategic plan was approved by the Trustees in their September 2004 meeting and was officially introduced in February of this year. Comprised of defined core values and determined focus, GuidingStar was created with essential input from all BCH staff. Blackwell's vision was to create a strategy that could be utilized for years to come.

Family Gathering II Celebrates 120 Years... "Family Gathering II" brought together all staff members and children from Baptist Children's Homes facilities statewide to celebrate the agency's 120th anniversary. The historic day was held on June 14, 2005, at Mills Home in Thomasville and was only the second time the entire "BCH family" has gathered at the same time and place. Everyone participated in a day of games, singing and a worship program in the campus church.

North Carolina Baptists "Roundup" Food For BCH... The "Food Roundup" was held in April 2005 for the second time in three years. North Carolina Baptists poured out their support by collecting, sorting and delivering essential food and supplies for all BCH's geographic areas. Associations reported church participation was high as Directors of Missions allowed their offices to become key collection points for donations. Volunteers donated their time to help sort and count the food.

Many Voices, One Story... This year's Thanksgiving Offering theme, "There For Me" represents the pivotal role individuals play in the lives of hurting children. Baptist Children's Homes represents the outstretched hands of God, supported by North Carolina Baptists through their prayer and financial support. BCH staff lends their lives and their hearts daily to care for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of boys and girls. Just as Jesus proclaims in the scriptures, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," dedicated friends have made the same promise to the children who walk through BCH's doors. It is only through North Carolina Baptists' support and commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal is \$1,350,000. This represents a \$50,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2005 Thanksgiving Offering.

Breaking New Ground... Baptist Children's Homes continues to make a difference around the state. On September 26, 2004, BCH broke ground for two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry group homes in Zionville. "Joy Cove Ministries," the homes for adults with developmental disabilities, are currently under construction on the original Camp Joy property near Boone. . . Three BCH direct care staff became the first child care workers in the state to be professionally certified through the Children and Family Services Association - North Carolina. Two other staff members received certification to train additional child care workers for professional certification... Groundbreaking for the Alverta Bolick DDM group home in Asheville took place on November 30, 2004. The home is under construction. . . A "Laying the Foundation" ceremony on February 9, 2005 celebrated the building of the Harmony Home DDM residence in Dunn. The home was built in cooperation with Housing and Urban Development and Harnett County's Association for Retarded Citizens. . . The building of Kennedy Home's new education center was commemorated with a groundbreaking ceremony on July 3, 2005. In partnership with Lenoir County Schools, the facility will house the specialized education program serving Kennedy Home residents and other students from the community.

# 2005 Report to the Associations North Carolina Baptist Hospital



# **FOUNDED TO SERVE**

In 1921, North Carolina Baptists were led by God to establish Baptist Hospital. The founding commission wrote, "We desire to build a hospital to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer." In 2005, NCBH President Len Preslar affirms, "We were founded to serve and to provide care for people in times of great need. Our mission, 'to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God,' reflects our Christian heritage and sincere commitment to each person we are privileged to serve."

# N.C. BAPTISTS AND THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE: PARTNERS IN MISSIONS

By their prayers and Cooperative Program Missions Giving, N.C. Baptists are vital partners in our ministries at the School of Pastoral Care. Together we are serving thousands of hurting people and fulfilling our mission – "to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ."

# **Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers**

- An extension of local church ministry through a statewide network of 22
   Faith-based counseling centers.
- 24,500 hours per year of skillful and compassionate counseling that leads to emotional healing and spiritual growth.
- Nearly 50% of those served are N.C. Baptists, with pastors being a major referral resource.

# Center for Congregational Health

- Professional consultation for nearly 25 churches per month to energize congregations and meet the challenges of the 21st century.
- Expert leadership development for over 400 ministers and church leaders per year.
- Training provided to over 1,700 clergy to guide churches in the interim period and effectively prepare for their future.

# Testimonies of Our Mission Partnership

"We've seen marriages restored and life hurts healed through CareNet." – N.C. Baptist pastor "The Center for Congregational Health helped our church regain God's vision for our future."

- N.C. Baptist pastor

"CPE at Baptist Hospital was the best training I have ever had in my life." – N.C. Baptist pastor "I could never say thank you enough to God and those who helped me through the Mother's Day Offering. God knew I needed help, and He lifted the burden through N. C. Baptists."

- Recent recipient

# Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education (CPE)

- Compassionate spiritual care for patients and families through 50,000 annual ministry contacts.
- Life-changing education for 55 clergy per year, enhancing their gifts for ministry and care for their churches.
- Specialized educational programs for pastors and church leaders (hospital visitation skills, crisis ministry, loss and grief).

# **Church and Community Relations**

- The Mother's Day Offering received \$617,341 in 2004, thanks to the generous love of N.C. Baptists!
- Every dollar of every gift lifts the burden of Hospital bills for patients in financial need.
- Patients are drawn closer to Christ in gratitude for the compassion of N.C. Baptists.

2005 Report to the Associations - North Carolina Baptist Hospital

# ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

"The Minister's Subsidy saved our financial lives." N.C. Baptist pastor

N.C. Baptist ministers and their families receive a subsidy of up to 25% on their hospital bills for care at Baptist Hospital. This is made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund, with support from the Mother's Day Offering as needed. Nearly \$80,000 was provided to ministers in FY 2005.

We are very thankful for the support of North Carolina Baptists in fulfilling our mission. The minister's subsidy is one way, among many, that we are able to give back.

# National Rankings Place Baptist Hospital Among Nation's Best

- We continue to be ranked among America's top 50 hospitals by U.S. News and World Report.
- We are one of America's top 15 major teaching hospitals according to the Solucient Top 100 Hospitals, one of the nation's most comprehensive ratings of hospitals.
- We have the highest level of accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JACHO).
- Our patient satisfaction scores are among the nation's highest in the top 1% compared to our peers.
- We are one of the nation's leading Heart Centers, and recognized as one of the "Top 44 Cardiac Hospitals for Women" by Good Housekeeping.
- We are ranked as one of the top 40 Children's Hospitals in the nation by Child Magazine.

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

# **CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The crosses adorning the exterior of Baptist Hospital reflect our heritage and hope, our tradition and vision. Our commitment is to serve each patient with the best that medicine and technology can offer, wrapped in human kindness and spiritual care. Our core values guide the way—excellence, compassion, innovation, integrity, and collegiality. We are grateful to be partners with North Carolina Baptists in this mission that God has entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Len B. Preslar, Jr. President

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

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# NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL MINISTRIES TO MINISTERS

NCBH provides several services to N.C. Baptist ministers and their families as a partner in missions.

# • Ministers Subsidy (please see Report to the Associations)

A subsidy of up to 25% on Baptist Hospital bills is provided to ministers (and their dependents) serving N.C. Baptist churches, Associational Missionaries in N.C., Baptist missionaries, and retired Baptist ministers living in N.C. Those needing assistance with medical appointments at NCBH are welcome to call Church and Community Relations (336-716-3027).

# • Ministers Care Plan

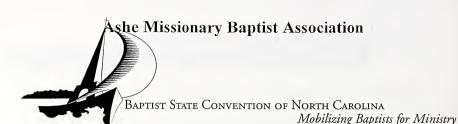
A partnership between Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers and the BSC of NC makes low cost, professional counseling available to full-time ministers and their families serving N.C. Baptist churches. The BSC provides \$45 per session (20 sessions per year), the minister pays \$20 per session, and CareNet subsidizes the remaining cost. When ministers go to approved counseling centers outside the CareNet system, they may pay slightly more.

### Educational Seminars

We provide several seminars to Pastors Conferences at no cost. Programs include:

- o The Faith Factor in Health and Healing
- o Speaking to Unspeakable Pain: The Minister as Crisis Counselor
- Pastoral Care in a Prozac World: Ministering to Those Burdened by Stress, Anxiety, and Depression.

Programs have been held for several Associations, including Cabarrus, Caldwell, Little River, Mt. Zion, Pilot Mountain, Rowan, Sandy Creek, and Surry.



Rev. David Blackburn Ashe Baptist Association PO Box 850 Jefferson, NC 28640-0850

Dear David:

We as your state convention partners are fully aware that one of the key annual gatherings for your association is your fall meeting with your churches. We know prayer, reports, fellowship, planning, and strategic thinking are significant parts of this meeting.

As you approach your fall associational meeting, we will be praying for you and your associational leaders. We pray your churches are caught by a clear vision of how God is moving and working in your association.

As you are aware, this is an interim time in our state convention. If you have an opportunity during your fall meeting, we would covet your public and private prayers for the search committee for a new Executive Director-Treasurer and for our convention staff as we engage in FaithSoaring during this time of transition.

We are ready to assist you and partner with you as you seek to reach your full Kingdom potential. May the Lord multiply your vision for your spiritual strategic journey in your association.

Partners in the Kingdom,

Ken Kessler, Senior Consultant Associational Partnerships

Lynn Sayer, Executive Leader Congregational Services

Milton Hollifield, Executive Leader Mission Growth and Evangelism George Bull rd

Acting Executive Director-Treasurer

Norman Jameson, Executive Leader Public Relations & Resource Development

July 26, 2005

Glenn Harder, Executive Leader

Business Services

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Interim Executive Leader, Convention Relations

Administration





"...as the Lord has assigned to each his task...we are laborers together with God." (I Corinthians 3:5 & 9)

Your partnership with Baptist Retirement Homes is making possible the care of over 700 Older Adults in five locations across North Carolina.

# "We are Laborers..."

The challenges related to Older Adults are tremendous — mushrooming numbers and mushrooming needs. In response, Baptist Retirement Homes continues to stay on the cutting edge in providing a full range of services: Independent Living in Winston-Salem and Concord; Nursing Care in Asheville, Winston-Salem and Concord; Assisted Living at all locations.

# "... together..."

It is your prayers and your financial support that undergirds the high quality of Christian care provided by Baptist Retirement Homes.

Because you join "together" with us, this year more than \$2 million will be shared in caring for Aging Saints who are unable to pay the full cost of the care they both need and deserve.

# "...with God ..."

The great good news is not only that are we ministering together in the name of our Lord but also that we minister in His strength. While the challenges are great, His "grace is sufficient."

Brookridge Retirement Community 1199 Hayes Forest Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27106 (336) 759-1044

The Gardens of Taylor Glen Retirement Community 3700 Taylor Glen Lane Concord, NC 28027 (704) 788-6510

Hamilton Baptist Home 301 Railroad Street Hamilton, NC 27840 (252) 798-5901

The Taylor House 319 Palmer Street Albemarle, NC 28001 (704) 982-4421

Western North Carolina Baptist Home 213 Richmond Hill Drive Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 254-9675

The Baptist Elder Care Network • Simple Questions – Simple Answers • 1-800-887-7410

A statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons >
A free service provided by Baptist Retirement Homes >
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# THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

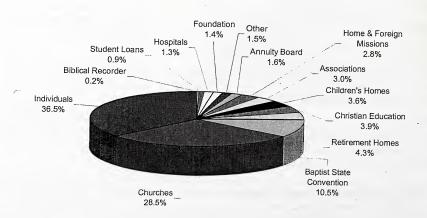
During 2004, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 42 endowment funds and 17charitable remainder trusts totaling \$2.9 million and received \$4.9 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$1.3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$9.1 million in contributions during 2004 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2004, the Foundation held \$125.8 million under management.

During 2004, our distributions totaled \$5.5 million, with charity receiving \$3.5 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2 million. During the 84-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$27 million has been distributed to individuals and \$47.6 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$74.6 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

# 2004 Distributions



Council on Christian Higher Education Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Report to Associations 2005

# LINKING TOGETHER TO IMPACT THE WORLD

Like all institutions of higher learning, your Baptist colleges and universities - Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate provide education for their students. But what makes our Baptist colleges and universities unique is their mission.

Education with a mission is training and developing knowledge, skill, mind and character with a special purpose. This special purpose is to encourage and enable students to use expanded knowledge, enhanced skills, improved minds and enriched character to impact the world for good in keeping with their faith commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

Thanks to your support for Christian Higher Education the Baptist State Convention provided financial aid to <u>550</u> North Carolina Baptist students in the amount of \$1,174,922 in 2004. These students received an average of \$2,136. From Ashe Association 2 students received scholarship aid. These students came from the following churches: Mission Home and Warrensville.

Without your assistance many of these deserving students would not have been able to attend a Baptist college or university. Thank you Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate for providing education with a Christian mission. And thank you Baptist churches for supporting North Carolina Baptist students. Together you are impacting the world for good and for God.

Clella A. Lee, President
Talmage Williams, Interim Executive Director
Council on Christian Higher Education, PO Box 1107, Cary, 27512-1107
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# ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE

by Rev. Mark Creech, Executive Director

When 1.5 million babies are aborted every year in this country;



When 80% of church-involved youth drink beer and 47% use marijuana, and these don't differ greatly from youth that are not in church; When alcohol is involved in 68% of all manslaughters, 62% of all assaults, 54% of murders and attempted murders, 30% of all suicides, 60% of all child abuse, 80% of all spousal abuse, 65% of all drownings, and

80% of all fire deaths, When the sale of obscene materials amounts to a \$56 billion business, When there is one divorce granted for every two marriages performed each year, When there is a major push in this country to give same sex couples the same rights and privileges of marriage. When Christians are actively persecuted and discriminated against on the job, in our schools, and by the government, When we can no longer pray or hang a copy of the Ten Commandments in our public school,

And when the churches of our nation know all about this and are largely unwilling to address the moral and social problems of our day for fear of ridicule or rejection....or because they think that the church ought not to get involved in politics......

### SOMEBODY NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING!!!

My friends, that is what the work of the Christian Action League is all about. The Christian Action League currently represents 17 Christian denominations who collectively and cooperatively address the social, ethical, moral, and legal issues which impact our lives today. The Christian Action League was chartered more than 100 years ago as The Anti-Saloon League, and in 1937 at the Baptist State Convention in Wilmington, North Carolina it was restructured to become The Allied Church League For The Abolition of Beverage Alcohol. Then because of expanded moral and ethical issues facing the Judeo-Christian family, the charter was amended in 1958, to rename the organization The Christian Action League of North Carolina. The Christian Action League ministers in several areas of vital concern and involvement. We are in the General Assembly promoting legislation that is consistent with a Christian worldview. We advocate for those measures that strengthen the family and oppose legislation that would that erode the family structure. We are your voice - the Christian's voice in the State Legislature North Carolina. We are on the front line combating the gambling industry and its highly paid lobbyist in their efforts to legalize gambling and to bring a state-operated lottery to North Carolina. We discourage the promotion and use of beverage alcohol and other drugs, pornography, sexual immorality and other evils that undermine our society. We also provide education and educational materials, as well as to help communities form coalitions to battle these influences. One of our most important tasks is training, developing, and motivating Christians to be involved in the political process. We want to mobilize Christians to be as Jesus commanded them to be the salt and the light of the earth. Christians are to arrests and expose such contemporary issues as abortion, gambling, suicide, sex education, homosexuality, and we provide the information and help needed to deal with these critical issues.

INVITATION TO GET INVOLVE; I want to invite you to personally become a part of our efforts. And one of the ways you can do this is to allow us to put you on our e-mail list. If you have a personal computer, our e-mail will send to you every week a report about the latest and most significant events in the culture wars. Many times we will suggest some action that you can take to make a positive impact for Christ upon our legislators or some other situation. Whether you have a personal computer or not, we also would like to start sending to you our quarterly publication of The Beacon. This periodical is our newsletter, which is chock-full of information about social and moral issues every Christian in North Carolina needs to know and pray about.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Mark Creech

# Local Christian Action League Report

Another year has passed -- how fast time goes by!

In this past year we have lost faithful saints who have gone on to be with the Lord, those who have stood firm on morals and temperance.

In this year of 2005, we who know the Lord have been faced with many things that could affect our Christian way of life, if we let it, so as Christians we need to be taking a stand on these issues.

The divorce rate is down from 2004, due to the fact that people are living together rather than getting married. Does this make it right? What do our churches in Ashe County say about this?

The lottery is a big issue, some from our state capital are trying to tell us these facts: 5% of the lottery revenues would be used to set a \$50 million reserve fund—for what?? The remaining proceeds will be distributed as follows:

- 1. 50% to hire teachers to reduce elementary class size.
- 2. 40% to help counties build schools
- 10% would go for college scholarships. If lottery revenues exceed budgeted projections in a given year, the surplus would be evenly divided between school construction and scholarships.

One house member said, "It tells you something about the lottery and all the gyrations, that they are having to dress up something that's bad." To dress it up to make it look good in order to slip it through the budget.

How many homes in North Carolina will the lottery take food off the table by those that will become addicted with the lottery?

Please keep in your prayers the five house members who have pledged that they will not support this lottery.

Please do not forget our county of Ashe, as you well know the call for ABC stores will be on many minds here in West Jefferson and the Jefferson area in the near future. Please ask your church to keep this upcoming challenge in their prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jim Lambert, Ashe County Christian Action League.



# WMU Report 2004-2005

The past year has been a busy one! I've had the opportunity to speak at several churches considering starting WMU. And I've lost track of all of the churches that have opened their doors to hear about last year's mission trip to Mexico. I wan to thank everyone for your support of our 2004 & 2005 mission trips to Mexico.

This year we were able to build a house for a family of 7 and supply them with indoor plumbing, and a cooking range. We were able to dig and pour footers for an addition to a school and start the trusses. We dispensed over 400 pair of glasses and handed out food/goodie bags for all ages (about 150 kids.) Bible School was a big hit too—only their third ever to be held.

We also had a Creation Celebration in 2005 at Family Central, a day for kids to seek their creative juices by building, painting, gluing, molding, and carving different things while learning of God's Creation. The soap sculpting was a BIG hit! Youth from local churches helped the younger children, which made for a great day mentoring.

In April I went to Ridgecrest for WMU training. We followed this up a few weeks later with a local training time for WMU workers held at Friendship Baptist Church. This training included classes on working with youth, a study on the Proverbs 31 Woman, missions using Bible time women to show how we should live today and mentoring. Attendance was down for this event but those that attended seemed to share in a good day of worship.

If I can be of any assistance please contact me.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Frances Blevins Associational WMU Director

# **Brotherhood Report 2004-2005**



I would like to thank our men of the Ashe Baptist Association for all the work you have done this past year in helping meet the needs of many people. Special thanks to our RA leaders for helping to train our leaders of tomorrow.

Missions are about making relationships in communities to help reach those that are lost. Whether the community is right here in Ashe County or in Israel.

The Baptist State Convention of NC has entered into a partnership with the Green Mountain Baptist Association of Vermont. This partnership will continue until the end of 2007. NC volunteers have the opportunity to serve in areas of construction, evangelism, leadership training, VBS, sports clinics, community canvassing, revival teams, camps, prayer walks, and more.

Whatever your talent is I am sure there is a way for you to serve the Lord in Baptist Men and I encourage you to get involved and become an active member of your church's Baptist Men Group. If you would like more information on how to organize a Brotherhood / Baptist Men's Group for your church, give me a call at 846-5631 or 982-3316.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Walters Associational Brotherhood Director





# Report by the Director of Missions

Our theme "Come Follow Me and I Will Make You Fishers of Men" is found in Matthew 4:19 of the Holy Bible. These words of Jesus Christ still ring true today. We, as Ashe Baptist and Southern Baptist Denomination, are doing our best to follow Jesus and becoming "Fishers of Men". In a world that is moving, like the ocean, we need to ride the waves that come our way and share Jesus to a lost world, to include America, that needs Him so desperately. There are over 20,000 Christian Denominations many with flawed theology. May I share with you that the "Kingdom of God" is not in trouble. Our boundaries are set by the Word of God and we cannot move beyond the Word in what we do. The Word leads us to rock the boat at times but not sink it.

As I look at leadership I think more about inspiration than control and more about influence than managing. A drop of water can make a difference if it is consistent every day quietly doing it's work. Joseph verses Pharaoh is an example in Acts 7:10 of lifestyle evangelism and how to follow the teachings of God which will lead to victory. So it is with leadership.

The Jesus Video Project came to a close by not only sending videos to all Ashe County residents but all residents in neighboring Alleghany County. We had a Jesus Video Crusade, then sent monies left over from this project to the Baptist State Convention to disburse to another county that was doing the Jesus Video and needed additional funding.

Ashe Really Cares continues to grow and has 15 ministers who give two hours each week to share Christ with every client that comes to visit us. Pat Miller is the Director and this year Mrs. Mattie Latham was hired to help for 20 hours a week. Over 25 volunteers are needed each week to bring in food and sort clothes to help folks who are homeless or only have one pair of shoes between the husband and wife. The need is great. Our poverty rate in Ashe county is up from last year and is now at 15%.

The Hispanic Mission is growing under the leadership of the new Interim Pastor, Rev. Santiago Reales. The Hispanic Committee and the Baptist State Convention are working together to secure a Co-Operative Funding Agreement to help with the expected expenses that will be realized as we grow. Rev. Reales is married and has two children and will soon be moving to Ashe County. His is originally from Colombia, South America. He does have all documentation that is necessary for us to pay him a salary and benefits.

The Troop Assistance Committee ended it's work after the troops came home without any fatalities. We appreciate all those who worked and prayed for the troops. We appreciate the troops serving to preserve our freedom and security.

Vacation Bible School Clinic led by Mrs. Vickie Young and her Team was the best clinic in the state. I appreciate all the hard work that went into the clinic so folks could be prepared more than ever before to win people to Christ.

The Hot Spot Sunday School Workshop led by the Sunday School Team from Lifeway and the Baptist State Convention, gave us the opportunity to be trained in the latest techniques and methods of teaching that is available. It was the best clinic in that area that we have seen for some time. Mr. Tim Church is our Sunday School Leader for the Association.

The Feasibility Committee did an excellent job in securing a new office for Ashe Baptist Association. Everyone is pleased with the location and the opportunity for Churches to research materials and history at their leisure. It belongs to the association and is for their use. Mr. Ralph Davis chaired this committee.

The following is a portion of the work that God has allowed me to do this year:

- Drove 11,250 Business miles
- \*Assisted Hispanic Church
- Assisted Ashe Really Cares
- \*Upgraded Office to present location
- Prepared 660 Minute Books Prepared 760 Newsletters each month
- \*Prepared 220 Book of Reports \*Provided pulpit supply when needed
- - Send E-Mails, cards and letters as needed \*Forwarded Church announcements to radio and papers
- Preached in Nursing Homes
- \*Conducted Radio Program on WKSK weekly
- Met with Associational Committees Supervised Associational Staff
- \*Assisted in revivals and presentations of ministry \*Provided over 705 hours counseling to individuals
- Shared "The Thought for Today" every 2 months on WKSK
- Conducted training sessions in county and out of county
- \* Represented the Faith Community at School Based Health Center, Smart Start Partnership for Children, Ashe County 4-H, Family Central, FEMA, Ashe Middle School, Ashe High School, and all three elementary schools.
- Attended Camp Caraway Summer Conference for DOM, Kentucky Bi-Vocational National Conference, Baptist State Convention meeting at Winston-Salem, New Minister Orientation in Cary, Food Bank Winston Salem, Appalachian Regional Ministry, Southern Baptist Annuity Tax Seminar, Hollifield Training Center, and Happy Time Show on WKSK.

Are we following Jesus and becoming fishers of men? Are we exactly where God wants us? How did we get to where we are now, from where we came? It is because we follow Jesus and His Holy Word. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Director of Missions, Associational Missionary and allowing me to be your friend. Without your help and the help of the Lord I can do nothing.

Many other committees and meetings (too numerous to mention) are also casting the net and becoming fishers of men. I hope and pray that this next church year will be a year of many souls coming to Christ as we work together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. David Blackburn Director of Missions / Associational Missionary Ashe Baptist Association





## Discipleship Training Report August 2005

Jesus says to us in Matthew 18:18-20 "...all power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Making Disciples is not a suggestion to Christians but a command.

Discipleship is all about becoming a "disciple" for Jesus Christ and growing to conform to "His" imagine. This does not happen automatically. It takes commitment. God's Holy Spirit leads each if us in a perfect plan for our lives as we commit to becoming His Disciple. Jesus actually does the work in our lives as we commit our way to Him.

Discipleship Training can be done by individuals as we study and learn from God or we can do discipleship in large or small groups. Discipleship Training can be done anytime and anywhere. It can occur on Sunday night, Wednesday night, during Sunday School or anytime that is set aside to grow in our Christian lives through a systematic study of God's Word as it applies to our lives.

Several tools are available to help us in this endeavor. There are several Discipleship books/studies available at the Associational Office for checkout. There is also a resource catalog that outlines all the materials available through Lifeway. These may be ordered by individuals or churches. Some of the training tools available are:

Experiencing God Fresh Encounter
The seven Laws of the Learner
Created to be God's Friend The Prayer of Jesus
The Mind of Christ Now That I'm a Christian
Making Love Last Forever God's Special Plan with Children

The most important thing for you as a church or individual is to decide what type of study is right for you, decide where God is working and join Him in His work. There is a special tool that is just for you.

If you need assistance in planning your discipleship training strategy or in finding a study that is right for you please let me know and I will be glad to assist in any way that I can. I am available to come to your church if you need my help.

Serving you in Christ,

Linda Blackburn, Discipleship

#### **Evangelism Report**

We know the mission of the Church is to share the message of salvation through the local church and around the world through missions. The Evangelism Committee works on the associational level with the churches to help share the message of salvation. The Bible tells us in Matthew 18:18-20 to go teach, baptize, and that He is always with you, even to the end of the world. This is not an option but a command. As we end another associational year and begin a new one, we ask that the efforts of the Evangelism Committee might be brought to the Lord in prayer for guidance and new directions this committee should undertake.

We look forward to working with the churches in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa Dean Church, Chairman Evangelism Committee

#### **Hispanic Committee Report**

The past year has been a transitional year for the Hispanic Mission, Cristo El Salvador. Rev. Jesus Padilla resigned as pastor of the Mission due to the inability to obtain legal immigration status. He has been here in the US on a visitation VISA. Jesus did a wonderful job working with the Ashe Baptist Association and the Hispanic Community. We appreciate all of his hard work and dedication.

An important part of the transition has been the Hispanic Committee working with Mr. Larry Phillips, of the NC Baptist State Convention, to find a new pastor for the Hispanic Mission. We are very excited that we have been able to hire Rev. Santiago Reales as the new interim pastor for "Cristo El Salvador."

The Hispanic Mission is growing under the leadership of Rev. Reales. The Hispanic Committee and the Baptist State Convention are working together to secure a Cooperative Funding Agreement to help with the expected expenses that will be realized as we grow. Rev. Reales is married and has two children and will soon be moving to Ashe County. He is originally from Columbia, South America. He does have all documentation that is necessary for us to pay him a

We, the Hispanic Committee, are excited about the future plans God has for the Hispanic Mission, Cristo El Salvador.

Respectfully Submitted,

salary and benefits.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman, Chairman Hispanic Committee

## Hispanic Views By: Rev. Santiago Reales

The members of the Latino mission are very thankful for the supporting that Ashe Baptist Association is doing with the Latino ministry. The mission is formed by five families, which are the starting group of the new church and some temporary visitors. Also, the mission has outlined a covenant membership for all the people interested in being part of the church. It will help us to keep a healthy church. Our focus for rest of the year is relationships. We need to work in relationships with the Latino community in order to open new doors for communicating the love of God and an effective Gospel.

Let me share with you a part of the article "America's Bible Belt Doesn't Fit Anymore" by Dr. Albert Reyes<sup>1</sup>. He says: "In 1519, Hernan Córtes reorganized Aztec Tribal units into what he called Pueblos. The pueblos were new units of socialization that were sanctioned by the ruler Córtes. To belong to the pueblo, you had to do two things: speak Spanish, not the Aztec dialect: Practice the Catholic religion and not the Aztec Religion. If you spoke Spanish and practice Roman Catholicism, you could be part of the Pueblo or group/community. If you did not, you were left out of the group and out in the cold. You were prevented from having economic advantages. Basically you did not survive. Being part of the pueblo or cultural group meant you spoke Spanish and are Catholic. After 500 years, to be Hispanic still means you speak Spanish and are catholic in any communities, including this country. When we ask someone to come to faith in Christ and to join our church, we are asking them to do something that involves more than just an intellectual decision or even a faith decision. We are asking them to redefine their identity." The identity focused in Christ is the foundation of our Baptist faith. Thus the Latino missionary work becomes important for this community that each day is growing more and more in this country. For this reason we ask you your prayers for this community in Ashe County because we have a huge challenge into the Hispanic culture.

In addition, we would to let the churches know that we have every Sunday a family Bible study at 9:45 a.m. and our worship celebration service is at 11:00 a.m. If you have any Hispanic contact ministry in your church let them know that Ashe Baptist Association has a Latino mission for their community. Any information you can contact me.

Thank you for your prayers and your support. God bless you

**Santiago Reales** Interim Pastor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dr. Albert Reyes is president of the Baptist University of the America in San Antonio, Texas, and former president of the Texas Baptist State Convention.

#### Feasibility Committee

On behalf of the Feasibility Committee, we are proud to report that God has blessed the efforts and support of the Association as the move to a new office has been completed. We are also glad to report that the transition has been smooth and the office is operating to the glory of God. As was felt by the committee, the location of such an office would enhance the outreach of Ashe Baptist and also make visiting and using the facility more accessible for Ashe Baptist Associational Churches and those in our area who are needing helpful information. The Midway Baptist Church has been very helpful with making the facility available and through all the churches help and support, the office stands out in the community as something all of us should be proud. To God be the glory!

Let all of us be encouraged to make use of the office for resource help for your church, conference room for your meetings, help with supplies for your church or just to stop in and explore all the information available.

Respectfully Submitted, Ralph Davis

#### **Troop Assistance Committee**

The Troop Assistance Committee did an outstanding job this past year of helping the families of our local troops by getting the Churches of Ashe Baptist Association involved. They formed an outreach effort to the Troop families in need of material items as well as prayed regularly for them. The Committee also helped with a Christmas party for the families and the Armory before Christmas 2004. The biggest success of the Committee was "Operation Welcome Home" for the 1450<sup>th</sup> Transportation Unit. The Committee worked with the VFW, DAV, and Family Support Group to give the Troops of the 1450<sup>th</sup> a prime rib dinner at the Armory on April 30, 2005. The meal was wonderful and it was a great time to talk with the troops and thank them for the sacrifices they made during their deployment to Iraq.

The Committee would like to thank all of the Churches in the Association as well as other churches who supported this Committee that enabled them to reach their goals of making it a little easier on the families during the absence of their loved ones.

May God continue to bless this Association in the next year and through seeking His guidance may more ways be revealed to us on how we can serve Him!

Thanks for allowing me to serve on this Committee and may God Bless!

Mr. Bill Carter, Chairman Troop Assistance Committee



#### Historian report 2004-2005

This year's report comes from the Minutes of the 30th Annual Session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association held with New River Missionary Baptist Church, September 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1916. Moderator for the Association was Prof. J.C. Goodman, J.W. Duncan served as the Clerk and Treasurer. The Ashe Association met in it's 30th annual session with New River Baptist Church at 11:00 AM, and the proceedings were

as follows: The introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. W.J. Banks, Text, Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

They adjourned for 1 hour.

Tuesday Evening session began September 5th at 1:00 PM. The association met according to appointment and was called to order by the Moderator, Prof. J.C. Goodman. Prayer by Rev. W.R. Bradshaw. The roll of churches was called by the Moderator; 29 letters were handed in from respective churches. On motion officers' election proceeded. On motion Rev. W. R. Bradshaw cast the vote of the Association for Prof. J.C. Goodman of Beaver Creek, NC, for Moderator and J.W. Duncan of Beaver Creek, NC, as Clerk and Treasurer. The Moderator called for new churches, whereupon Valley Home, and West Jefferson presented letters and were received into the body. Tuckerdale handed in a letter and a committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Revs: C.M. Cope, W.J. Banks, and P.H. Haire to investigate conditions, relative to the dissolution of Windfall church. At the Wednesday morning session, September 6, 1916 it was reported as follows: We your Committee appointed to investigate the contention between Windfall Church and the new Church at Tuckerdale beg to submit the following report: We find that the Windfall church was legally dissolved and Tuckerdale church legally organized and is eligible to membership in this body. Submitted by W.J. Banks, & P.H. Haire. A move to receive Tuckerdale church into this body and the motion carried.

With the inclusion of Tuckerdale, Valley Home and West Jefferson the Association was made up of 34 Churches with a total membership of 2,184 members, of which 847 were males and 1,337 were females. The 30th annual session was adjourned on Thursday September 7, 1916 they adjourned to meet the following year at the Jefferson Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. P.H. Haire closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Trish L. Church Associational Historian

## Moderator Report 2004-2005

Another year as your moderator has come to an end. It has been purely enjoyable serving as your moderator. I look forward to serving you another year. I have met a lot of unique people, learned a great deal about what is going on outside the church, yet still within the family, and had the opportunity to serve, to some small extent, the Lord, who did it all for me.



We are blessed to be a part of Ashe Baptist Association.. Our Association is growing and moving forward for the Lord! We have had 2 churches to make application to become a part of our Association. We have moved into a new office on the Mount Jefferson Road, we completed the Jesus Video Project by sending videos to all of the homes in Alleghany County in December 2004.

Many things have been accomplished in our association of which the most impressive to me has been the increase in the desire to support each other's efforts to magnify the Lord. A perfect example of this was the unbelievable response from all churches in Ashe County on sponsoring the Jesus Video Project. Praise God for the opportunity to participate in such events!

May God continue to bless the Christ-like efforts of the Ashe Baptist Association. With God's love Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Allen Huffman Moderator, Ashe Baptist Association



This year we have some ideas! Beginning in September, every third Sunday we'll be hosting a student worship service at the Ashe County Youth Council building. The coordinators for these events are Darryl Giles, David Blackburn, Travis Hash,

and Alan Ambrose. If you would like more information please contact any of these men. We have already begun meeting with a core group of kids and adults from Friendship, Warrensville, and Bald Mountain Baptist Churches. Our worship service consists of live music, relevant teaching, and relationship building activities and prizes.

This year we have talked about purchasing some laser tag equipment and keeping it stored at the Associational Office to be checked out. Other ideas on the table are being considered as well. We have talked about hosting a web site just for youth of our county, as well as T-shirts to help form some identity among our kids. School surveys are perhaps another way that we can reach the kids in our area. Any other ideas are welcome for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Alan Ambrose, Chairman Association Youth Committee

# **Church Music** 2004-2005

The Associational Music has been great this year! In addition to the Adult Choir we were blessed to begin a Children's & Youth Associational Choir. I have truly enjoyed working with all of these folks and I

appreciate all of the churches of the Ashe Baptist Association for inviting us in to your churches and allowing us to share with your congregations. The adult choir has performed at several revivals and the youth and children's choirs have sung in a couple different churches. I want to encourage you to continue to support this awesome ministry. I encourage the choirs to continue to grow and serve the Lord through their musical gifts; you make this ministry exciting! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Associational Music Leader. God Bless!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wayne Osborne

#### Ashe Missionary Baptist Association Sunday School 2004-2005

"You can go to church, but to be a part of the church, you need to be in Sunday School."
That statement is from the Sunday School department of one of the largest Baptist churches in North Carolina. That church understands the vitality an active Sunday School brings to the church life of individuals. Its where friendships are not only made, but nurtured. Its where ministries are formed and carried out. And probably of utmost importance, its where a working knowledge of God's word is developed to the point of sustaining godly habits in our daily life. Applications gained in Sunday School energize and equip the individual church member for additional responsibilities and challenges of serving as a dynamic church worker.

Sadly many churches experience Sunday School attendance at a rate of barely half the worship service attendance. Its unlikely that worshipers who fail to make Sunday School attendance a priority will find time elsewhere in their schedule for other Bible study opportunities or personal devotional time. The results today are obvious in the lack of general Biblical knowledge of events and characters of the Bible and the tremendous truths they convey. The tremendous learning potential available within Sunday School curriculum is simply not be accessed. Too many Christians are venturing out into the world today with a lack of ammunition, that being a basic knowledge of God's word.

Some of the responsibility for correcting this situation rests upon Sunday School teachers. It is the job of the teacher to prepare lessons that are not only grounded in God's word, but presented in a format that gains attention and makes contemporary application of the lesson to daily challenges faced by learners. In other words, our goal is to teach for transformation.

To that end the Ashe Baptist Association held a Sunday School training workshop on May 3, 2005 at Bald Mountain Baptist Church sponsored and staffed by the State Baptist Convention. The HOT Spot Workshop focused on Holistic Outreach Training. Holistic means creating a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts. A holistic teaching approach draws on a number of sources and methods in order to convey the truth of the lesson being taught. This workshop was open to churches not only from the Ashe Association but Three Forks (Watauga) and Alleghany as well. Attendance was strong and the cost of enrollment for those attending from Ashe was covered by the Association. Training of this caliber is seldom offered this close to home and we offer our thanks to our Director of Missions for making this happen.

We realize that there is more involved in teaching Sunday School than simply preparing and presenting a lesson each week. It is work that is to be approached as a ministry opportunity. All teachers are encouraged to take advantage of training workshops as they become available. As sufficient interest develops, arrangements can be made to take groups from the Association to training facilities such as Camp Carraway. Let the Associational office know of your interest in these opportunities.

Stay in God's word. Also take advantage of the multitude of teaching resources available in your Lifeway kits and at <a href="www.lifeway.org">www.lifeway.org</a> on the net. Above all pray that we all will develop and sustain a hunger and thirst for Biblical truth.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Tim Church, Director Associational Sunday School

#### Resolution for Rev. Bill Ballou from the Ashe Baptist Association

Whereas, William Cecil Ballou, known to his family and his many friends and acquaintances as "Bill," has faithfully served his Lord, his nation and his county for many decades; and

Whereas, Bill Ballou, at the age of 18 entered the service of his nation, joining the U.S. Army, serving honorably in the European Theater; and

Whereas, in the Battle of the Bulge, Bill Ballou and members of his company helped slow the German advance by their courageous resistance, even though surrounded and without supplies; and

Whereas, Bill Ballou suffered as a prisoner of the Germans for a period of over three months, emerging from Stalag 4B in Muhlberg Scahen requiring a lengthy period of recuperation; and

Whereas, returning to his Ashe County home, Bill Ballou married his childhood sweetheart, Opal Lyalls, on August 21, 1945; and

Whereas, from this union came four children, seven grandchildren and a growing number of great-grandchildren, all of them good and honorable citizens of this nation; and

Whereas, after working for Western Electric for a period of years in Winston-Salem, Bill Ballou undertook training at barber and beautician school and, in 1958, returned to open his own business in Ashe County; and

Whereas, God called Bill Ballou to his gospel ministry, and he was licensed to preach the gospel by First Baptist Church (now Fletcher Memorial) in Jefferson in 1963; and

Whereas, in answer to that call, Bill Ballou sold his business and returned to school at Fruitland Baptist Institute, and was called as pastor to First Baptist Church of Jefferson, serving there four years, during which time the church added over 163 members; and

Whereas, Bill Ballou then, in 1968, answered God's call to become Director of Missions of the Ashe Baptist Association, a position he fulfilled faithfully and with outstanding dedication until 1991; and

Whereas, having completed his service as director, Bill Ballou returned to the pastoral ministry, serving at Big Flatts, Healing Springs and Pleasant Valley Baptist churches; and

Whereas, Bill Ballou has shared his deep, abiding faith in God and the saving power of Jesus Christ with thousands of people in Ashe County and elsewhere; and

Whereas, he has witnessed to the love of Christ through counseling, by baptizing thousands of converts, by joining many couples in holy matrimony and by comforting countless families in times of loss; and

Whereas, Bill Ballou has shared his God-given talent for singing with all who would hear, recording several albums and often singing "Beulah Land" at funerals; and

Whereas, Bill Ballou has, in all things, faithfully represented the cause of Christ and the Baptist faith;

Therefore, we, the Ashe Baptist Association, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2005 as Rev. Bill Ballou Day, and wish to him many more years of service to our community and it churches.

# VBS 2005: Ramblin' Road Trip - Which Way Do I Go?

I want to thank God for the wonderful VBS year 2005 has been. Our VBS clinic was held April 4, 2005. We were blessed with a very successful VBS clinic at Friendship Baptist this year. The VBS team was very well-prepared and we had great attendance. As we prepared travel agents to lead their ramblers on a road trip across the United States, we also prepared them to lead them on the most important journey of their life...the way to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

From all reports, Ashe Baptist Association churches had great Vacation Bible Schools! Whether they were on the "road trip", in the "construction zone", on the "Serengeti", or at "the beach", our VBS workers worked very hard to share God's word and love with others. That is the main thing. That is what makes Ashe Baptist Association VBS leaders so very special!

I want to thank the Associational VBS team for all their work. This team is very talented and dedicated and do their very best to serve you. I am very blessed to serve with these individuals. You all are very special to me! And thanks go again to Friendship Baptist Church and their ladies for being such gracious hosts for our VBS clinic.

Our VBS scripture this year was: Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Psalm 25:4-5. Show me! Teach me! Guide me! This should be our prayer every day. Please remember your VBS team is here to help you each year!

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Young
Associational VBS Director

**Road Trip** 

## VBS 2005: Rambling' Road Trip Which Way Do I Go?

VBS Motto: Show me! Teach Me! Guide Me!

VBS Scripture: Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Psalm 25:4 - 5 (KJV)

#### 2005 VBS Team Members

VBS Clinic Age Group	Teacher	Home Church	
Younger/Middle Preschool	Teshia Dillard	Laurel Knob	
Older Preschool	Nancy Watson	Trinity	
Younger Children	Shelby Roten	Friendly Grove	
Older Children	Sheila Blevins	Friendly Grove	
Youth	Rev. Alan Ambrose	Bald Mountain	
Adults	Tim Church	Friendship	
Missions	Linda Ball	Friendship .	
VBS Directors	Vickie Young	Pleasant Home	

#### 2005 VBS Report

VBS information has been received from the churches listed below. We would like to have a completed report from each church in the Association.

Church Name	Total Enrollment	Decisions for Christ	VBS Mission Offering
Apple Grove	52	0 ~	\$587.50
Bald Mountain	272	3	\$424.00
Fletcher Memorial	91	0	\$210.50
Friendly Grove	100	3	\$227.00
Friendship	226	12	\$257.47
Laurel Knob	53	0	\$ 65.00
New River	108	10	\$613.00
Obids	44	0	\$158.38
Old Fields	77	0	\$156.00
Phoenix	87	0	\$340.00
Pleasant Home	44	0 .	\$121.00
Round Knob	30	5 .	\$255.00

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 7, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on October 7, 2004, at Phoenix Baptist Church. A total of 20 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman. Following prayer led by Rev. Lawrence Goodman, a congregational hymn was led by Rev. Rick Miller. The welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Ray Minton. He shared from Phillippians 3:9-14 and asked that we remember his wife in prayer as she has been recently diagnosed with cancer.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the July Executive Committee meeting, as well as the annual meeting of August 20-21, 2004. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by DOM in the absence of Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. The DOM advised everyone that Trish has been recently diagnosed with breast cancer and would be undergoing treatment and asked that everyone remember her in prayer. Regarding the treasurer's report, the DOM advised that the office will be installing a DSL computer line at an increase of only \$14.00/month. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read.

DOM Blackburn then recognized two individual churches for their giving to the Lottie Moon offering by the International Mission Board. Midway Baptist Church was recognized as the top giving church, with Rev. Steve Leashomb accepting the certificate. Liberty Grove was recognized as well for the top giving church per capita, with Rev. John Elledge accepting the certificate.

Mr. Danny Jacob, Director of Hospice, and Mrs. Sandy Sims, Lead Social Worker for Hospice, gave a presentation on the hospice program. They provided handouts outlining the Hospice Program and the services available. They explained that Hospice is a part of the Appalachian District Health Department serving Ashe, Alleghany, and Watauga counties. They emphasized that hospice is about living and quality of life. They said that anyone can make a referral to hospice, but that a doctor would need to certify to the need. Hospice is for comfort as opposed to cure. Staff members work with families to resolve any issues and can work with families up to 3 months after death of the family member. They need volunteers and volunteer chaplains, and also offer Camp Sunshine for children of hospice families. They advised they are available to speak to churches about the program.

Mr. Paul Serina, Director of the Ashe County Youth Council, presented information on the center and what it can provide for county youth. He also quoted John 14:33 and stated that he feels the youth center is his ministry. He hopes that it can be used as an outreach for all the churches, as it is a faith-based operation. He wants to expand services to include middle school students, too. He wants to visit churches and hopes more churches will use the facility but admits he will also need donations and volunteers.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. She thanked all the churches for their support. She said the ARC is growing every day and that they have been in their current location for almost a year. She reminded everyone that the ARC video presentation is available in VHS and DVD format and if needed, see the DOM or Pat. They recently held a volunteer dinner and 40 were in attendance and the cost was paid by a special donor. She said the center could not operate without the volunteers. She said there is still a need for volunteers to open the center Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 3 – 5 p.m., as Pat is only a 30 hour employee. She said one volunteer has been working in the community and they now have soft drinks from a local company and produce donated from Food Lion. They are in need of someone to pick up the produce each morning. The food from Second Harvest is still low, but she said that white barrels have been placed at Food Lion, Ingles, and Lowes, and that hopefully this will help meet the need for food. She has added some storage space at the facility. They are always in continued need of prayer. They prepared 632 boxes of food serving 1593 people with 24 new clients. She told of a 20-year old man who has mild retardation and a seizure disorder, who needed help and who would be hungry without the ARC. She also said that Jesus videos are still available from the ARC and need to be distributed throughout the community.

DOM Blackburn next gave an update on the Feasibility Study. He said the committee is still at work on this and they have looked at possible sites. He asked for prayers on this issue and said he will keep the churches informed.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave an update for the Hispanic Committee. He said since they have been unable to get papers for Jesus Padilla, they will seek a pastor who already has the necessary papers to allow him to minister to the Hispanic Baptist Mission. They plan to meet with Larry Phillips of the Baptist State Convention on October 18, and hope he can make a recommendation.

Moderator Huffman called for discussion of old business. There being no old business, new business included discussion of the "In Honor" designation for the 2004 Minutes. The DOM advised that a recommendation of Rev. Billy Joe Blevins had been made to him in honor of his 31 years of service as pastor at Bristol Baptist Church. Rev. Rick Miller made the motion to accept, and Rev. Lawrence Goodman, seconded. Motion carried. The DOM asked Tom Holman to see the family about the biographical information for the minutes. Also,

meeting sites were needed for the Executive Committee meetings for 2005. The sites will be as follows: January at Midway; April at Bald Mountain; July at New River; and October at Liberty Grove.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rev. Steve Leashomb and seconded by Bobby Hamby to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING "Called Meeting" November 11, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for a called meeting on November 11, 2004, at Midway Baptist Church. A total of 18 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman. A congregational hymn was led by Bob Neaves. The welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Steve Leashomb. He shared that 2 years ago Midway began to look at expansion and the need for more parking. A house with one acre of land next to the church became available and the church was able to purchase it. He feels this is God's plan for its use and led prayer asking for guidance in this decision.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches

The Feasibility Committee report was presented by Ralph Davis, Chairman of the committee. The committee presented notes and points of interest relating to the Ashe Baptist Association partnering with Midway Baptist Church to rent the Midway house for use as an office at a cost of \$500 per month. The county building inspector has recommended several changes be made to the building, at a cost of approximately \$10,000 that would be the responsibility of the association. Mr. Davis said he has looked at several other properties to purchase that were priced \$400,000 and above. Someone asked about an option to purchase being granted now, but Rev. Leashomb said that would not be granted at this time. The association will have first right of refusal to purchase if they are interested in the future. The title to the property will remain with Midway church. The lease would be a 5-year renewable lease with an agreement to look at the provisions in 2 years. The DOM also spoke to the lease. He said that the parsonage has been appraised at \$185,000 and if it is sold, interest would be approximately \$600/month if funds were placed in a CD. DOM Blackburn also spoke to his concerns when it was found that funds would be needed for renovation. He quoted Exodus 14:9 where Moses was leading the Israelites. This gave DOM peace, as he felt as God wanted the Israelites to go forward, so He wants the association to move forward. The DOM said the association has \$35,000 in their account with which to pay for repairs, but feels the churches and individuals will help to cover the needed renovation. Midway's concern was not to sell to a private individual as they want to control the building. Much discussion followed. It was stated that although the lease will be written for 5 years and the association wants to move out in 3 years, there should not be a problem as Midway is not making any profit on this lease. It was also mentioned that in two years when the lease is revisited, there may be a "cost of living" increase in rent, or the rent amount could possibly go down. The

usefulness of this building compared to what is currently available at the parsonage was discussed; including better road access in winter, more parking, more space available allowing for confidential counseling; and a basement is available for storage. Parking includes 2 handicapped spaces and 4 other spaces. Midway plans to take out grass separating buildings and have agreed to the use of their parking lot for overflow needs.

After further discussion, the motion was made to accept this recommendation of the feasibility committee by the committee. The motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 6, 2005

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on January 6, 2005, at Midway Baptist Church. A total of 22 churches were represented.

• The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman. Following a congregational hymn led by Rev. Wayne Osborne, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Steve LeaShomb. He shared from 1 Kings 17:1-9 about God's provision.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the October Executive Committee meeting, as well as the "called" meeting of November 11, 2004. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Rev. Lawrence Goodman and a second from Bill Carter.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by DOM in the absence of Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. The DOM advised everyone that Trish has been undergoing cancer treatment and asked that everyone remember her in prayer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read with motion of DOM and a second from Rev. Lawrence Goodman.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. She thanked all the churches for their support. She said we serve an awesome God and this is shown in what the ARC is able to do every day. They prepared 687 boxes of food serving 1,698 people with 27 new clients. They had also given out 8 Bibles and done 3 church referrals. Four church groups had visited the ARC and brought food. Three school classes had food and toy drives during the holidays and she feels this is very important for children to learn early about sharing with others. Four churches and two individuals had adopted families for Christmas and bought gifts. The New River Seniors had taken names of ARC clients and bought gifts for 12 elderly people. The ARC has also helped two families whose homes had recently burnt. They help those referred by ASHE as there are many needs in starting over to avoid abusive situations. Pat said that Glen South of Obids Church is an ARC volunteer who has had knee surgery and will be unable to help for some time. She asked for someone to help pick up food at Food Lion on Wednesday and also at Lowes Food, too. She also said that Jesus videos are still available from the ARC and need to be distributed throughout the community and that the ARC video and DVD are available for showing in churches. Pat said she and DOM will visit Hale Missions in Elizabethton, TN, January 18, to get more information and ideas about the ARC ministry. Pat also said the ARC needs help with referrals. She said it would help if the church would research the need prior to referral to ease the work on ARC personnel. She said she appreciates everyone's prayers and all the volunteers.

Debbie Smith with Ashe Youth Connection (AYC) spoke about her program. She said the AYC has been in Ashe county since 1992 and serves children from 6 years to 19 years of age. She said January is National Mentoring Month and encouraged any one interested in volunteering. There are currently 18 youth on a waiting list. She said most volunteers are female and most you are male. Debbie said she is available to speak to any church groups or individuals. If 4 or more volunteers from any one church are interested, she will conduct the 6 hour training program at their church or in a home.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave an update for the Hispanic Committee. He said the last Sunday in December had been Rev. Jesus Padilla's last Sunday at the mission. He was not asked to step down for any other reason than the inability to secure the necessary legal papers and that he had stepped down. He had been serving unpaid the last few months, so the association gave him a gift of \$800, the SBC gave him \$800 and Bald Mountain Church gave him \$500. Larry Phillips of the Baptist State Convention has been interim pastor for the past two months and will help find prospective pastors. He is serving on his own time with no reimbursement so Rev. Goodman made a motion to pay Larry \$100/week to help cover expenses. Bill Carter seconded the motion and motion carried. Lawrence asked for continued prayers on this matter and hopes that a new pastor will be found within the next 2 – 3 months.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman presented the application of Faith Fellowship and Harvest Ministries for admission into the Ashe Baptist Association. The church would be under the watchcare of the association for one year. Rev. Goodman made the motion to accept and Rev. Steve LeaShomb seconded. The motion carried.

DOM, David Blackburn, gave an update on the new office. They moved in last Saturday and said the interior work is 99.9% complete. The exterior work is 70% complete. The handicapped ramp needs to be completed, as well as some paving work. The DOM said he is very thankful for Steve Leashomb and his work as well as everyone else who has helped with the work. He mentioned that the current budget would remain the same except that a new line item would be shown to keep expenses on the new office. The Association would pay all expenses at the new office. He also mentioned that Elliott Osowitt is on a mission trip for Tsunami relief through NC Baptist Men. He said Pat Miller gave away 200 coats in one day at the ARC. He stated that he supports Debbie Smith in her work with the AYC and appreciated her coming. He also asked that we remember Linda Blackburn in prayer as she will be undergoing surgery Friday at 12:30.

Vickie Young, Associational VBS Director, provided some information regarding the upcoming Vacation Bible School curriculum and reminded everyone that the VBS Clinic would be help Monday, April 4, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church.

Moderator Huffman called for discussion of old business. There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 7, 2005

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on April 7, 2005, at Bald Mountain Baptist Church. A total of 23 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman. Following a congregational hymn led by Rev. David Jones and his wife, Nan with accompaniment by Rev. Gary Shelton, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Lawrence Goodman. He shared from 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 about three judgements in the court of public opinion, self opinion, and God's opinion. He counseled everyone to live each day in remembrance of these courts. After inviting everyone to stay for refreshments after the meeting, he the congregation in prayer.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the January Executive Committee meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Bill Carter, and a second from Charles Severt.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. She thanked everyone for their prayers during her recent illness. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read with a motion from Rev. Lawrence Goodman, and a second from Rev. Steve Leashomb.

DOM, Rev. David Blackburn, presented his report, leading off with showing the video, "The Call" about mission service. He plans to show the video at the annual meeting and said that the DVD is also available to churches. Next, he announced the HOT SPOT training information. This is a state-wide Sunday School training to be held Monday, May 9, 2005, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Bald Mountain Baptist Church. Handouts were included in the agenda for everyone to take back to their churches and make available to their congregation. There is a cost of \$7.00 per person, but if churches or individuals are unable to afford this, the Association will pay the fee. The DOM also shared that the plumbing in the parsonage had been replaced. The roof needs to be replaced as well. He presented two bids for the work. The lowest bid of \$5.570 was presented by Jimmy Lewis which includes removing the old roof, adding new felt and a ridge vent and new shingles. The other bid was for \$5,600 and was presented by Sam Miller. DOM Blackburn also advised that he feels the association should look at establishing an endowment fund. The association could start the endowment with a deposit of \$1,000 or another amount and then others could donate through estates, etc. A committee would be designated to oversee the use of funds, which could possibly be used to help a seminary student or a pastor's widow. The funds would not be used for maintenance of the association. DOM plans to have someone from the Baptist State Convention address this issue at the annual meeting.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. She thanked all the churches for their support. She said there are a lot of hurting people in Ashe county. They have begun seeing Oldham clients who have received early layoffs. They have also seen new clients due to illness. They prepared 698 boxes of food serving 1.548 people with 60 new clients. They had also given out Bibles and done 15 church referrals. One person committed their life to Christ. They are looking at getting some large print Bibles for the elderly and she asked that if anyone had a source for these to please contact her. She said Souper Bowl Sunday brought in a lot of canned goods and some funds for the ARC. She has spoken at several churches and has been able to show the ARC video. She said she and David, DOM, are both available to speak at churches or for other groups. She said their recent trip to Second Harvest Food Bank was good and the van did not suffer any breakdowns. In March, several pastors began volunteering at the ARC in 2 hour shifts. Monday through Friday each week. The pastors meet with clients for prayer and any ministry that may be needed. She said they still need volunteers to stock shelves and to clean in the afternoons or evenings. She appreciates all the prayers for the ARC and those pastors who are serving.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave an update for the Hispanic Committee. He introduced Rev. Santiago Reales who will be voted on April 24, 2005, as interim pastor. Rev. Goodman said the attendance is growing and the offering is increasing, as well. Rev. Reales introduced himself and said he and his wife, Elaine and sons, Benjamin, 4 years old, and Matthew, 16 months old, are happy to be serving in Ashe county. They are from Columbia but have been serving in the area for 3 ½ years.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman also presented the application of New Beginning Baptist Church for admission into the Ashe Baptist Association. The church would be under the watchcare of the association for one year.

Mrs. Frances Blevins, the Associational WMU Director, presented information about Creation Celebration to be held Saturday, April 23, 2005, at the Family Central Cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. She provided a handout on the event in the agenda. They will have "discovery stations" set up for children to explore the joy of God's creation. There will also be contests and nature displays. They are targeting children from kindergarten through sixth grade and need teenagers to help with the displays. They also need adult chaperones and would appreciate donations of "natural" snacks and refreshments. Any leftover food supplies will be donated to the ARC. Volunteers need to arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. and will be provided with breakfast. She also announced that WMU training will be provided in May and asked for prayer for WMU and Brotherhood.

Mr. Bill Carter, Troop Assistance Committee representative, gave an update on the 1450<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company's return. He said they did return home and he thanked everyone for adopting them and their families while they served. He announced that the VFW and DAV are planning a prime rib dinner for the soldiers and their familes at the National Guard Armory April 30, 2005. He estimated they would be serving approximately 200 meals. He asked that churches donate, possibly through love offerings, and that the Association pay any remaining expense for the meal. Churches should send funds to the associational office by April 27, 2005. Mr. Carter also challenged pastors to go and visit the soldiers and try to get them into church.

Mr. Terry Hartzog presented the Nominating Committee's report for Associational Key Leaders for 2005-2006. These leaders included the following: Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young; Youth Director, Rev. Alan Ambrose; Brotherhood Director, Mr. Fred Walters; Discipleship Training Director, Mrs. Linda Blackburn; Evangelism Chairperson, Ms. Willa Dean Church; Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman; Music Director, Rev. Wayne Osborne; Seminary Extension Director, Rev. Jack Pugh; WMU Director, Mrs. Frances Blevins; Sunday School Director, Mr. Tim Church; Deacon Ministry Director, Rev. Allen Huffman.

Moderator Huffman called for discussion of old business. There being none, he asked for any new business. New business included the New Beginning Baptist Church application. This was accepted by acclimation. The next item was the new roof needed at the parsonage. A motion was made by Rev. Rick Miller and seconded by Bill Carter to approve the lowest bid for the work. Motion carried. The Troop Assistance Committee request was considered. It was agreed that the churches would donate and the association will pay the balance of the cost. The nominating committee's recommendation for key leaders was accepted.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Fred Walters with a second from Bill Carter to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 7, 2005

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on July 7, 2005, at New River Baptist Church. A total of 18 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman. Following a congregational hymn led by Mrs. Terri Shatley, the welcome and devotion was given by Walter Pugh. He shared from Luke 12:34 - 48. After the devotion, he led the congregation in prayer.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the April Executive Committee meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Bill Carter, and a second from Johnny Goodman.

Moderator Huffman introduced two new pastors in the association: Rev. Chris Cox at Big Flatts Baptist Church and Rev. Rick Miller at North Beaver Baptist Church.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read with a motion from Terry Hartzog, and a second from Rev. Steve Leashomb.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Jodi Grubb and Ms. Sara Nelson providing information on an inclusive playground for Ashe County, Project PLAY (Parks and Leisure for All Youth). They provided a handout and a video presentation on this effort. Mrs. Grubb works with disabled children at Ashe County Middle School and described the need for an inclusive playground that is wheelchair accessible and that will be used by all children that will be built at West Jefferson Park. The total cost is \$120,000 and they have raised \$50,000 thus far. They have applied for some grant funds, but are asking churches to help. Ms. Nelson blessed us with singing the song, "Because You Loved Me."

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. She shared her thoughts about the bread of life and how the ARC was meeting the physical and spiritual needs of clients. She thanked all the churches for their support. She said there are a lot of hurting people in Ashe County. They still have 15 pastors volunteering at the ARC and have had 3 souls saved and have made several church referrals. They have shown the DVD at some churches and she advised they are available to speak to churches and other groups. They prepared 578 boxes of food serving 1,460 people with 60 new clients. Over the last 3 months they had 50 new clients, the most since they began. These are mainly due to Oldham layoffs and transfers into the county. Their food supply is good now with the USDA food supply. The snacks food available from Second

Harvest Food Bank is down, but the post offices did a food drive that helped them greatly. She also has 3 new volunteers and some youth volunteers. She shared about a client that visited the center yesterday, a pregnant 20-year-old girl and her boyfriend who had moved here from Wilkes for work and who were living in their car. She said the HUD housing assistance program has a 6 month waiting list and the homeless shelters were full. She asked that everyone remember these and other needs at the ARC in prayer.

DOM, Rev. David Blackburn, gave the Hispanic update in the absence of Rev. Santiago Reales and Rev. Lawrence Goodman. He said that Rev. Reales has been preaching at the Hispanic mission since the first of year and has been interim pastor for 1 month. He said the Hispanic mission has a \$30,000 budget with \$14,000 from Ashe Baptist Association, \$6,000 from Baptist State Convention funding that will be presented for approval during new business, and \$10,000 from a partnership with Sparta First Baptist Church. The partnership would require that he preach Sunday morning service in Ashe County and a Sunday evening service in Sparta, and that he spend 20 hours per week in Ashe County and 20 hours per week in Alleghany county. He will be required to move to Ashe County by this winter. The Hispanic mission committee is to meet soon and the recommendation will probably be that he be moved up to pastor with office space at the Ashe Baptist Associational office. He stated that the Hispanic mission is contributing financially to the association and that if current giving was maintained they would give \$8,000 this year. When asked about Jesus Padilla, the DOM said he did not know his status. He is not living in the house on Badger Street in Jefferson, NC.

DOM, Rev. David Blackburn presented his report, announcing the upcoming annual meeting (August 19 at Phoenix Baptist and August 20 at Beaver Creek Baptist) as well as a need for churches to host the meetings for 2006. He reminded everyone to turn in their annual church profile and any reports for the annual meeting's book of reports by July 18. He advised that a new roof had been put on the parsonage and that the new office was working well. He stated that an anonymous donor was providing the lawn mowing and landscaping and he expressed his gratitude for that. He asked that churches consider increasing their giving in light of the increased cost of rent. He also recognized the pastors present who were volunteering at the ARC and thanked Mrs. Grubb and Ms. Nelson for their presentation.

Moderator Huffman called for discussion of old business. There being none, he asked for any new business. New business included the Ministry Partnership agreement with Baptist State Convention for Hispanic Work. This is a recommendation from committee and motion carried. The next item was the installation of David Phillips as Music Director to replace Rev. Wayne Osborne. This is a recommendation from committee and motion carried. A motion was made by Rev. Rick Miller and seconded by Rev. Steve Leashomb to make a donation of \$500.00 to Project PLAY. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Walter Pugh with a second from Bill Carter to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 19, 2005

Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman, called the one hundred nineteenth annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 19, 2005, at the Phoenix Baptist Church

The congregation was led in a congregational hymn. Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Ray Minton, pastor of Phoenix Baptist Church. He read from Ephesians 4 and spoke of unity within the association.

Next, Moderator Huffman, turned to organizational matters including rules of order and the seating of the messengers who were asked to stand and be recognized and the adoption of the order of business. Motion was made by Lawrence Goodman, seconded by Johnny Goodman, to adopt the order of business. Motion carried.

((Visitors were recognized, including: Rev. Tim Lolly of Baptist Children's Homes, Dr., Lester Evans of the Baptist State Convention, and Rev. Paul Mullen of NC Baptist Hospital. New pastors coming into the association since the last annual meeting were recognized: Rev.))

Moderator Huffman next referred the congregation to page 13 of the Book of Reports noting-Committees appointed annually by the Moderator. Appointed were Fred Walters, Jerry South and Charles King to the Resolutions Committee. Appointed to the Preacher/Place Committee were Lois Bare, Harold Riddle, and Rev. Rick Miller.

Next in the order of business was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. At least 100 persons were present representing the following 39 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Buffalo, Calvary, Clifton, Faith Fellowship Mission, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Landmark, Liberty Grove, Little Helton, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New Beginning Mission, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Old Fields, Orion, Peak Valley, Phoenix, Pine Swamp, Pleasant Home, Pleasant Valley, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, Welcome Home, and the Hispanic Baptist Mission.

Next Mrs. Maude Calhoun presented the history of Phoenix Baptist Church. Then the congregation was led in song.

Moderator Huffman next introduced Rev. Keith Elledge, pastor of Round Knob Baptist Church, who presented the evening message from Proverbs 27, citing James, 1 John, and Acts 1, speaking of positive things and the Lord's return. He also recognized DOM Blackburn and his wife, Linda, for what they mean to our association. Following the message, the congregation sang "What A Day That Will Be".

Next on the agenda were various items of miscellaneous business. Moderator Huffman presented the organizational officers and administrative committees as detailed in the minute book, with one change. Rev. Gordon Rawls, not Larry Powers, will fill the

position of "3 YR Pastor #2" on the administrative committee, Committee on New Churches. Motion was made by Rick Miller to accept the recommendations for organizational officers, seconded by Steve Leashomb, and the motion carried. Motion was made by Wayne Jones to accept the recommendations for administrative committees, with the change, seconded by Steve Viers, and the motion carried. The recommendations were approved.

Mrs. Trish Church, Treasurer, next presented the treasurer's report as presented on page 14 in the book of reports. Trish also thanked everyone for their support during her battle with breast cancer and praised God for her recovery. Moderator Huffman then recognized Mr. Bob Neaves, Chairman of the Budget Committee, who recognized the finance committee members and expressed appreciation to them and to the churches for their support of the Association. Voting on the budget was deferred to the Saturday morning session at its noted place on the agenda.

Reports of institutions and agencies were next on the agenda. Rev. Todd Edmiston of Fruitland Bible Institute presented his report. He read Luke 5:1-11 and encouraged everyone to remember Fruitland if they were called to preach. He gave everyone an invitation to visit the campus.

Rev. Paul Mullen, representing NC Baptist Hospital, next presented information on the services provided by Baptist Hospital through donations provided through cooperative program giving and the Mother's Day offering. He asked that if anyone needs help with Baptist Hospital services, to please call him or our DOM.

Mr. Doug Jones of Campbell University spoke regarding Christian Higher Education. He recognized Kyoko Combs, daughter of Rev. Allen Combs, who will be a sophomore this year at Campbell. He thanked everyone for giving through the Cooperative Program.

Rev. Tim Lolly, representative of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH), presented information on the BCH. He said that there were over 1,500 children in care now. He shared that "Joy Cove Ministries", the home for adults with developmental disabilities in Watauga County, has cleared the land and will begin the foundations soon. He said many mission opportunities are available for churches and individuals. He thanked everyone for another successful food drive this year.

Mr. David Webb, representative of the Baptist Foundation, presented information on the foundation. He offered that information and counsel is available in Christian estate principles, including wise estate planning to help churches, associations, and agencies.

Rev. Gayle Brown, Western Area Representative, Baptist Retirement Homes (BRH) of NC, gave the report for Baptist Retirement Homes of NC. He asked those who were in attendance who were 80-years-old and older to stand and stated that this is the fastest growing population in NC. With longer lives, come increased needs and there are over 700 people in care in the 5 NC facilities. Funds go to nursing care and assisted living needs from the February offering and the equipment of the program.

Next was a special report presented by Dr. Lester Evans, Western Area Representative, Baptist State Convention of NC. Dr. Evans shared that Dr. Royston had retired, they were looking for a new director, and Dr. George Ballard is the Acting Director through the November annual convention. He then spoke on "change" and how change effects work in the church and associations.

Next, Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, referred everyone to his report on pages 22-23 in the book of reports. He presented a very moving video, "The Call."

The congregation sang a hymn and then special music was provided by Rev. Gary Shelton, Pastor of New Covenant Church, and his daughters.

Rev. David Jones next presented the annual message from Matthew 9:35-38. He said that with loss of jobs, drug abuse, and other problems in Ashe county, people need Jesus. Troubles have always birthed a turn to God and truth. He stated that the field are white for harvest – the darker the days, the whiter the harvest. If each person would lead one to Christ, it would change the county. He encouraged everyone to love the unloved and unlovable like Jesus did.

Following the sermon, Rev. Ray Minton led the blessing and the meeting was adjourned for the evening meal, prepared by the ladies of Phoenix Baptist Church.

Following the delicious meal, the meeting was reconvened by the moderator for the evening session, Brother Joe Brown, vice-moderator. Rev. Steve Viers, pastor of Wagoner Baptist Church, led the congregation in prayer and presented scripture. The special singing was provided by the associational choir, led by David Phillips. The congregation then sang a hymn.

Next, Rev. Gordon Rawls, pastor of Friendly Grove Baptist Church, presented the missions sermon.

Following the sermon, Rev. Jeff Dollar presented the benediction and the meeting was adjourned to reconvene the following morning at Beaver Creek Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION BEAVER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Saturday, August 20, 2005

Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman, called the one hundred nineteenth annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 20, 2005, at Beaver Creek Baptist Church.

The congregation was then led in a congregational hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus." Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Johnny Goodman, pastor of Beaver Creek Baptist Church. He read from Galatians 6 and spoke about bearing one another's burdens. He encouraged everyone to restore and pray for each other and our churches.

Next Moderator Huffman shared that in yesterday's session, 39 churches were represented, including the 3 missions. Next was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. Approximately 100 persons were present representing the following 35 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Buffalo, Calvary, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Landmark, Laurel Knob, Liberty Grove, Little Helton, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New Beginning Mission, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Old Fields, Orion, Peak Valley, Pleasant Home, Pleasant Valley, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, Welcome Home, and the Hispanic Baptist Mission.

Next Mr. Ricky Goodman presented the history of Beaver Creek Baptist Church.

Next, the Mission Reports were given. Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) director gave her report. She thanked DOM Blackburn, Mrs. Mattie Latham, the pastors and others who support the ARC. She said 2,807 food boxes were prepared, serving 7,071 individuals. She said the ARC received 23,264 pounds of food from 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank and 33,150 pounds of food from local grocery stores. Since March, 2005, pastors have volunteered at the ARC daily to counsel and pray with clients. Three people have been saved. She hopes to have another pastor training soon. She related a story about a couple living in their car at Walmart, meaning there are homeless people in Ashe county, too. She encouraged everyone to share with their churches how thankful the ARC is for their support.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave the report from the committee on new churches. There are currently two missions who have applied for membership in the association: New Beginnings Fellowship, Rev. Allen Combs, pastor; and Faith Fellowship, Rev. Elliott Osowitt, pastor. The committee recommends that the association place both churches under the watch care of the association for one year. DOM Blackburn commented that both pastors had attended the BSC meeting for pastors of new churches

and that the BSC will send funds each month for rent on their respective buildings for 2 years. The motion carried.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman presented the Hispanic Ministry report. He shared the history of the Hispanic Mission. He asked Rev. Santiago Reales, Interim Pastor for the Hispanic Mission to share his report. Rev. Reales thanked the association for its support and help. He said there are five families who are members now. He said his goal is to improve relationships in the community. He asked that everyone pray for the mission. Rev. Goodman shared that the BSC has approved \$6,000 for the mission and that they will begin receiving funds when Rev. Reales is elected pastor in the near future.

Mrs. Frances Blevins, WMU Director, gave her report. She read 1 Cor. 13:1-3 and showed a t-shirt that her daughter had received at a Christian meeting. The shirt said "Forgive my hypocrisy if you have to read my shirt to know I'm a Christian." She said we have to examine our lives and show we're Christians to everyone.

Mr. Fred Walters gave the Brotherhood report. He encouraged everyone to reflect on the use of our time. He stated that the most important thing is God's work and asked that each church prayerfully consider forming a Brotherhood.

DOM Blackburn gave the Troop Assistance Committee report in the absence of Brother Billy Carter. He thanked the churches for their support of the soldiers and families of the National Guard during their deployment. The association sponsored a prime rib supper for the soldiers and their families upon their return and gave everyone a Jesus video and a Bible.

Special music was presented by the group, The Landmarks, from Landmark Baptist Church. The music was very spiritual and appreciated by all.

Moderator Huffman introduced the speaker for the message, Rev. Mace Johnson, pastor of Orion Baptist Church. Rev. Johnson shared a sermon, "Getting Dressed for Today", from Colossians 3:8-14. He spoke of destructive attitudes we need to "put off" every day in order to show Jesus and how to translate our beliefs into living. We must grow in the image of Christ and "put on" Christianity to show others the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Next, Moderator Huffman recognized new pastors to the association, including Rev. Jim Belcher at Glendale Springs Baptist Church. Moderator Huffman then presented the Moderator's report. He thanked everyone for their support and the Lord for the opportunity to serve.

Next, Linda Blackburn gave the report for Discipleship Training. She thanked everyone for work being done in churches. She stressed the importance of discipling our members and offered her help to churches.

David Phillips gave the report on Church Music. He thanked all members and supporters of the associational choir and announced they are available for performances. He asked that anyone who is interested in joining the choir or in vocal training contact the associational office.

Mr. Tim Church gave the Sunday School report. He issued a challenge for Sunday School: In these days of blogs and blackberries and other technology we must not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is more important than family or work and Sunday School teachers need to find ways to catch up with these times. Teachers need (1) a love for the Bible and a deep desire to see it transform others; (2) to develop personal knowledge of those in their class and to fellowship; and (3) the ability to help students take truth and make it apply to daily situations. He ended with the statement that if you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space.

Trish Church gave the report of the Historian. She said that the old minute books are available at the new associational office and are much more accessible now for churches who may want to do research. She read from ABA minutes of 1916.

Rev. Johnny Goodman gave the report of the Baptist Campground and encouraged use of the campground by our churches. He said that the small picnic shelter needs a new roof and asked if a group was interested in helping with the repairs, please contact the Associational office. There is a need for a new piano, either through donation or purchase at a reasonable price.

A congregational hymn was sung, "Victory in Jesus," led by David Phillips.

Miss Willa Dean Church gave the report on Evangelism and shared that they are in prayer for guidance and new directions the committee should undertake.

Rev. Allen Ambrose gave the Youth Council Report and shared a story that related to the unknowing abandonment of our young people. He said that every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday night, hosts youth at the Youth Center in West Jefferson and invited churches to bring their youth groups. He also shared that they are planning a web site.

Vickie Young gave the Vacation Bible School (VBS) report. She said that churches are doing a great job with VBS and a great VBS clinic was held at Friendship Church in April, 2005. She thanked all the VBS Team members, DOM Blackburn, Trish Church, and Friendship Baptist Church for their help and support. She encouraged directors to turn in their reports each year. She also advised the theme for 2006 is "Arctic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage."

Mr. Jim Lambert gave the Christian Action League report and asked that churches keep upcoming challenges, including a NC lottery, in their prayers.

Mr. Ralph Davis gave the report on the Gideons International. He read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. The Gideons spoke in 90 Ashe county churches. He requested prayer for the work of the Gideons. DOM Blackburn shared the testimony of a friend whose son was in Iraq and carried a Gideon Bible. The soldier said the gun saved his life, but the Bible saved his soul.

Mr. Ralph Davis gave the report on the Feasibility Study. He said that the new office has been very good for the association by increasing visibility to the county and by providing better access to resources. He thanked Midway Baptist for their help. It was noted that the offering would be for the rent on the new office. Moderator Huffman asked Rev. Rick Miller to ask the blessing on this offering.

The congregation was led in a hymn and an offering was taken for the rent on the office.

The business session began with adoption of the associational budget as presented. The motion carried.

Other business included Rev. Charlie McCoy's request to have a "Bill Ballou Day" to honor the former DOM, who served for 22 years, and his wife, Opal. A motion was made by Lawrence Goodman and seconded by Wayne Jones, to form a committee to plan a supper and recognition, including an opportunity for churches to financially recognize him. Motion carried. Lawrence Goodman will chair this committee and other members will be DOM Blackburn, Rev. Allen Combs, Rev. Carl Witherspoon, Mrs. Lois Bare, and Mrs. Lucille Hagin, Rev. Ballou's sister.

Lawrence Goodman made a motion that a plaque be placed at the campground to recognize the donor of 10 acres to the campground. Johnny Goodman seconded the motion and the motion carried. DOM Blackburn and Johnny Goodman will follow-up on this.

Lawrence Goodman asked about the association providing information about the endowment through the Baptist Foundation. DOM Blackburn will arrange an informational meeting.

DOM Blackburn asked the association to consider two requests. First, he is asking permission to move out of the parsonage. Due to IRS guidelines, he will be renting a home until 2006, but he and Linda have sold their farm and have purchased a house. Improvements made to the parsonage include a new roof, septic system, and plumbing. He thinks funds spent on house upkeep would be better spent on missions. Wayne Jones made the motion, Rick Miller seconded, and the motion carried. Second, DOM Blackburn asked that the association form a parsonage committee to bring before the October Executive Committee meeting their recommendation on selling the parsonage. This committee must decide the process of selling the house and other dynamics including tax laws, our non-profit status, and how to be the best stewards of the

funds. A motion was made by Kenny Greene that the properties committee should serve in this capacity. Charles Severt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

DOM Blackburn said there were no resolutions committee recommendations.

Mrs. Lois Bare gave the report of the Time/Place Preacher Committee. The recommendation is that next year's annual meeting will be held Friday, August 18, 2006, at Friendly Grove Baptist Church and Saturday, August 19, 2006, at Bristol Baptist Church. She said that speakers for the annual message would be announced later. Johnny Goodman seconded the motion of the committee and the motion carried.

DOM Blackburn announced that the offering received for office rent was \$548.

Vickie Young announced that the minutes will be presented for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for October, 2005.

Rev. Wayne Jones led the memorial service. A moment of silence was observed and a prayer was offered.

Following the service, Rev. Johnny Goodman gave the benediction and blessing on the food. The meeting was adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Beaver Creek Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three Persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
- 2. We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
- 4. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus to be practiced only by believers in their spiritual order.
- 6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.
- 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Glory.
- 8. We believe in a separate resurrection and judgment, both for the righteous, and unrighteous dead.
- We believe that the existence of the righteous and the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain worship, ordinances, discipleship and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor; and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation; and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word

Addendum I - ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963)

Baptists are a people who profess a living faith. This faith is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday and today and forever." Therefore the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is Jesus Christ whose will is revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

A living faith must experience a growing understanding of truth and must be continually interpreted and related to the needs of each new generation. Through out their history Baptist bodies, both large and small, have issued statements of faith, which comprise a consensus of their beliefs. Such statements have never been regarded as complete, infallible statements of faith, nor as official creeds carrying mandatory authority. Thus this generation of Southern Baptists is in historic succession of intent and purpose as it endeavors to state for its time and theological climate those articles of the Christian faith, which are most surely held among us.

Baptists emphasize the soul's competency before God, freedom in religion, and the priesthood of the believer. However, this emphasis should not be interpreted to mean that there is an absence of certain doctrines that Baptists believe, cherish, and with which they have been and are now closely identified.

It is the purpose of this statement of faith and message to set forth certain teachings, which we believe.

#### THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to many. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. In has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Ex. 24:4; Deut. 4:1-2; 17:19; Josh. 8:34; Psalm 19:7-10; 119: 11, 89; 105; 140. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

Isa. 34:16; 40:8; Jer. 15:16; 36; Matt. 5:17-18; 22-29; Luke 21:33, 44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16 ff; 17:11; Rom. 15:4; 16: 25-26; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2; 4:12; I Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

#### GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us a Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

#### GOD THE FATHER

God as Father reigns with providential care over his universe, His creatures and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purpose of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise, God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Gen. 1:1, 2:7; Ex. 3:14, 6:2-3, 15:11ff, 20:1ff; Lev. 22:2; Deut. 6:4, 32:6; I Chron. 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isa. 43:3, 15, 64:8; Jer. 10:10, 17:3; Matt. 6:9 ff, 7:11, 23:9, 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24, 5:26, 14:6-13, 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Rom. 8:14-15; I Cor. 8:6; Gal. 4:6: Eph. 4:6: Col. 1:15; I Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:6, 12:9; I Peter 1:17; I John 5:7.

#### GOD THE SON

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ he was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely yet without sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where he is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man and whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Gen. 18:1 ff; Psalm 2:7ff, 110:1ff; Isa. 7:14; 53; Matt. 1:18-23; 3:17, 8:29, 11:27, 14:33, 16:16, 27, 17:5, 27, 28: 1-6,19; Mark 1:1, 3:11; Luke 1:35, 4:41, 22:70, 24:46; John 1:1-18, 29, 10:30, 38, 11:25-27, 12:44-50, 14:7-11, 16:15-16, 28, 17:1-5, 21-22, 20:1-20, 28; Acts 1:9, 2:22-24, 7:55-56, 9:4-5, 20; Rom. 1:3-4, 3:23-26, 5:6-21, 8:1-3, 34, 10:4; I Cor. 1:30, 2:2, 8:6, 15:1-8, 24-28; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:20, 3:11, 4:7-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-22, 2:9; I Thes. 4:14-18; I Tim. 2:5-6, 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 1:1-3, 4:14-15, 7:14-28, 9:12-15, 24-24, 12:2, 13:8; I Peter 2:21-25, 3: 22; I John 1:7-9, 3:2, 4:14-15, 5:9; II John 7-9; Rev. 1:13-16, 5:9-14, 12:10-11, 13:8, 19: 16.

#### GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believers unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believers into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Gen. 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalm 51:11; 139:7ff; Isa. 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matt. 1:18, 3:16, 4:1, 12:28-32, 28:19; Mark 1:10, 12, Luke 1:35, 4:1, 18-19, 11:13, 12:12, 24-49; John 4:24, 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-14; Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 38, 4:31, 5:3, 6:3, 7:55, 8:17, 39, 10:44, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6; 19:1-6; Rom. 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; I Cor. 2:10-14, 3:16, 12:3-11; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18; I Thes. 5:19; I Tim. 3:16, 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:14, 3:16; Heb. 9:8, 14; 2 Peter 1:21; I John 4:13, 5:6-7; Rev. 1: 10, 22:17.

#### MEN

Man was created by the special act of God, in his own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Gen. 1:26-30, 2:5,7, 18-22, 3:6-9; Psalm 1; 8:3-6, 32:1-5, 51:5; Isa. 6:5; Jer. 17:5; Matt. 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Rom. 1:19, 32, 3:10-18, 23, 5:6, 12, 19, 6:6, 7:14-18; I Cor.

1:21-31, 15:19, 21-22; Eph. 2:1-22, 3:9-11.

#### SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by thee Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer into a relationship for peace and favor with God.

B. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

C. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Gen. 3:15; Ex. 3:14-17, 6:2-8; Matt. 1:21, 4:17, 16:21-26, 27:22 to 28:6; Luke 1:68-69, 2: 28-32; John 1:11-14, 29, 3:3-21, 36, 5:24, 10:9, 28-29, 15:1-16, 17:17; Acts 2:21, 4:12, 15:11, 16:30-31, 17:30-31, 20:32; Rom. 1:16-19, 2:4, 3:23-25, 4:3ff, 5:8-10, 6:1-23, 8:1-18, 29-39, 10:9-10, 13, 13:11-14; I Cor. 1:18, 30, 6:19-20, 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Gal. 2:20, 3:13, 5:22-25, 6:15; Eph. 1:7, '2:8-22, 4:11-16; Phil. 2:12-13; Col. 1:9-22, 3:1ff; I Thes. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 2:1-3, 5:8-9, 9:24-28, 11:1-12:8, 14; James 2:14-16; I Peter 1:2-23; I John, 1:6 to 2:11; Rev. 3:21, 21:1 to 22:5.

#### GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-8; I Sam. 8:4-7, 19-22; Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 31:31ff; Matt. 16:18-19, 21:28-45, 24:22, 31, 25:34; Luke 1:68-79, 2:29-32, 19:41-44, 24:44-48; John 1:12-14, 3:16, 5:24, 6:44-45, 65, 10:27-29, 15:16, 17:6, 12, 17-18; Acts 20:32; Rom. 5:9-10, 8:28-39, 10: 12-15, 11:5-7, 26-36; I Cor. 1:1-2, 15:24-28; Eph. 1:4-23, 2:1-10, 3:1-11; Col. 1:12-14; 2 Thes. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:12, 2:10, 19; Heb. 11:39-12:2; I Peter 1:2-5, 13, 2:4-10; I John 1:7-9, 2:19, 3:2

# THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, and privileges invested in them by His word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation members are equally responsible. Its Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all ages.

Matt. 16:15-19, 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42, 47, 5:11-14, 6:3-6, 13:1-3, 14:23,27, 15:1-30, 16:5, 20:28; Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2, 3:16, 5:4-5,7:17, 9:13-14; 12; Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:8-11, 21, 5:22-32; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:1-15, 4:14; I Peter 5:1-4; Rev. 2-3, 21:2-3.

### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience, obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. Symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified and risen Savior the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and in the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privilege of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

# BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER (continued)

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matt. 3:13-17, 26:26-30, 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11, 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22, 22:19-20, John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42, 8: 35-39, 16:30-33, 20:7; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 10:16, 21, 11:23-29; Col. 2:12

## THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employment, work of necessity and mercy only being excepted.

Ex. 20:8-11; Matt. 12:1-12, 28:1 ff, Mark 2:27-28, 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3, 33-36; John 4:21-24, 20:1, 19-28; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Col. 2:16, 3:16; Rev. 1:10.

#### THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike, commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Gen. 1:1; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Matt. 3:2, 4:8-10, 23, 12:25-28, 13:1-52, 25:31-46, 26:29; Mark 1:14-15, 9:1; Luke 4: 43, 8:1, 9:2, 12:31-32, 17:20-21, 23:42; John 3:3, 18-36; Acts 1:6-7, 17:22-31; Rom. 5:17, 8:19; I Cor. 15:24-28; Col. 1:13; Heb. 11:10,16, 12:28; I Peter 2:4-10, 4:13; Rev. 1:6.9, 5:10, 11:15, 21-22

### **LAST THINGS**

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isa. 2:4, 11:9; Matt. 16:27, 18: 8-9, 19: 28, 24:27, 30, 36, 44, 25:31-46, 26:64; Mark 8:38, 9:43-48; Lk. 12:40, 48, 16:19-26, 17:22-37, 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11, 17:31; Rom. 14:10; I Cor. 4:5, 15:24-28, 35-58; 2 Cor. 5:10: Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 1:5; 3:4; I Thes. 4:14-18, 5:1ff, 2 Thes. 1:7ff; 2; I, Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff, I John 2:28, 3:2; Jude 14; Rev. 1:18, 3:11, 20:1 to 22:13.

#### **EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary efforts on the part of all, rest upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and are expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Isa. 6:1-8; Matt. 9:37-38, 10:5-15, 13:18-30, 37-43, 16:19, 22:9-10, 24:14, 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18, 24:46-53; John 14:11-12, 15:7-8, 16, 17:15, 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40, 10:42-48, 13:2-3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph.3:1-11; I Thes. 1:8; 2

Tim. 4:5; Heb. 2:1-3, 11:39 to 12:2; I Peter 2:4-10; Rev. 22:17

### **EDUCATION**

The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher on a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the preeminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deut. 4:1, 5, 9, 14, 6:1-10, 31:12-13; Neh. 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalm 19:7 ff, 119:11; Prov. 3:13 ff, 4:1-10, 8:1-7, 11, 15:14; Ecc. 7:19; Matt. 5:2, 7:24 ff, 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; I Cor. 1:18-31; Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 4:8; Col. 2:3, 8-9; I Tim. 1:3-7; 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17; Heb. 5:12 to 6:3; James 1:5, 3:17

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30-32; Deut. 8:18; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 6:1-4, 19-21, 23:23, 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42, 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47, 5:1-11, 17:24-25; Rom. 6:6-22, 12:1-2; I Cor. 4:1-2, 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9, 12:15; Phil. 4:10-19; I Peter 1:18-19

#### COOPERATION

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Ex. 17:12, 18:17 ff; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4, 2:68-69, 5:14-15; Neh. 4; 8: 1-5; Matt. 10: 5-15, 20:1-16, 22:1-10, 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1 ff; Acts 1:13-14, 2:1 ff, 4: 31-37, 13:2-3, 15: 1-35; I Cor. 1:10-17, 3:5-15; 12; 2 Cor. 8-9; Gal. 1:6-10; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 1:15-18

#### THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The Christian should oppose in the Spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice. He should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless and the sick. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under he sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Ex. 20:3-17; Lev. 6:2-5; Deut. 10:12, 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zech. 8:16; Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48, 22:36-40, 25:35; Mark 1:29-34, 2:3 ff, 10:21; Luke 4:18-21, 10:27-37, 20-25; John 15:12, 17:15; Rom. 12-14; I Cor. 5:9-10, 6:1-7, 7:20-24, 10:23 to 11:1; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:12-17; I Thes. 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27, 2:8

### .PEACE AND WAR

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war. The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love.

Isa. 2:4; Matt. 5:9, 38-48, 6:33, 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Rom. 12:18-19, 13: 1-7, 14:19: Heb. 12:14; James 4:1-2

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and prop-agate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Gen. 1:27, 2:7; Matt. 6:6-7, 24, 16:26, 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Rom. 6:1-2, 13:1-7; Gal. 5:1, 13; Phil. 3:20; I Tim. 2:1-2; James 4:12; I Peter 2:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-19

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving, propagating, and making articulate the principles of our faith and to the end that this body of cooperating churches may be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the accepted tenets of associations of Missionary Baptist Churches, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual church, and in order to set forth the relationship of this body to other Baptist bodies, we do adopt and establish this Constitution.

# Article I - Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall consist of all Missionary Baptist Churches in Ashe County, and communities closely adjacent thereto, of like faith and practice, who wish to affiliate with this Association and are loyal to the faith and practice of the Missionary Baptist Denomination.

Section 3. The membership of this body shall be the pastor and three (3) messengers from each church. A letter certifying their appointment and giving the statistics of the membership and work of the church shall be sent to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

Section 4.Any church reported to be irregular in faith or practice may be investigated by order of the Association and such action taken, as may be decided by the Association.

Section 5.The Association shall be sole judge of its membership and may receive churches according to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Any church in the Association, which fails to cooperate with the Association for two consecutive years, shall be contacted by the Executive Committee to ascertain the wishes and desires of the church relative to its continuance in the Association. A Cooperating church should be defined as one which sends a report (church letter) to the annual session, is represented (by messengers) at the annual session, represented (by Executive Committee members) at the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings, contributes to the financial program of the Association, and is in general sympathy with the purposes of the Association. The Association recognizes that any affiliated church has the right to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

# Article II - Purpose

Section 1.The purpose of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches of the Association in devising and promoting measures and programs for the spread of the gospel in our bounds and in all the world, in compliance with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

# Article III - Annual Church Letters (Annual Church Profile)

Section 1.The churches shall report annually statistical and general information upon a printed form furnished by the Associational office. The printed form shall be furnished to the church at least six weeks before the convening of an annual session of the Association and returned to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

# Article IV - Officers and their Duties

Section 1.The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Missionary, and the heads of such organizations as are set up and approved by the Association. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person, at the discretion of the body.

Section 2.It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association (Vice-Moderator in his absence or disability) to preside over the annual sessions and all special sessions, including the meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve the order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall name the committees and representatives of Institutions and agencies described in Sections 5, 6, and 8 of Article V of the Constitution at the opening of the annual session. He shall be elected for a one-year term, and he cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term.

Section 3.The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Executive committee meetings, annual meetings, and make such available to the body and the Associational Missionary for printing and distribution.

Section 4.The treasurer shall have charge of all Associational funds as the Association may direct and make a report of receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting.

- Section 5. (1) The Associational Missionary shall be elected upon a recommendation of the Committee on Missions, and by a vote of the Association at a regular scheduled meeting. The relationship between the Association and its Associational Missionary may be terminated following a reasonable notice of not less than 30 days.
- (2) The Associational Missionary shall promote the work and witness of the Association and denomination, cooperating with the churches, their pastors and officers and Associational committees and organizations.
  - A. He shall be responsible for planning, promoting and executing the ministry of the Association in cooperation with the Committee on Missions.
  - B. He shall make an annual report to the Association at the August meeting

# Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

- C. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Association, serving in an advisory and/or resource capacity.
- D. He shall seek to visit each church in the Association in order to:
- (1) Enrich Christian fellowship among churches.
- (2) Encourage and strengthen the ministry of the churches.
- (3) Enhance the cooperative relationship between the churches and the Association
- E. He shall, when necessary, conduct surveys or inquiries, in order to determine specific needs for ministry with the area of the Association.
- F. He shall, upon request, provide a list of qualified persons who may be considered by churches seeking pastors.
- G. He shall have full administrative responsibility for all personnel employed by the Association.
- H. Strengthen Program Organizations
- (1) Promote evangelism and church growth through total church organizations. Provide needed helps to enable churches to become better equipped in areas of church ministry.
- I. Promote Missions
- (1) Encourage and lead in mission commitment of member churches utilizing Bold Mission Thrust Plans, by creating awareness to mission opportunities, new work, and by assisting in the development of church mission development programs, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, chaplaincy ministries, interfaith witness and special mission ministries.
- (2) Give high priority to reaching the many unreached Hispanics through existing churches and in new work.
- J. Develop Leadership
- (1) Encourage and provide support for development and improvement in areas of church, ministry, dealing with crisis times, leadership, and supervision skills, etc. Approaches will include family ministry, seminary extensions, workshops and conferences for church secretaries, church clerks (Uniform Church Letter), non-salaried and salaried leaders, music workshops, pastors' retreats, and ethnic leadership development.
- K. Nurture Fellowship
- (1) Nurture fellowship among member churches.
- (2) The Associational Missionary is entitled to two weeks vacation annually. Upon completion of five years service, the Associational Missionary shall be entitled to three weeks annual vacation, and after ten years, four weeks annual vacation. Vacation is to be taken within the calendar year, and it is not accumulative.
- (3) Should there occur at any time a grievance on the part of the Association of the Associational Missionary, either party may consult with the Moderator and Chairman of the Missions Committee.

#### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

Section 6. The officers of the other organizations within the Association shall be nominated by their respective organizations and their names furnished, and presented to the Association for action at each annual session.

Section 7. The officers designated in Section 1, the Associational Missionary excepted, shall be elected at the morning session of the first day of the annual meeting and shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting, at which they are elected, and serve until the close of the next session.

### Article V - Committees and Their Duties

Section 1.The committees of the Association shall be: Executive Committee, Committee on New Churches, Program Committee,

Committee on Place and Preacher, Resolutions Committee, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, and such other committees as the Association may designate and name at any annual session. All committee members will serve for a period of three (3) years. Initially each committee will, with the consent of each member, designate which committee member will serve the three- (3) year, two (2) year, and one (1) year term. After the completion of a term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to the committee until after the lapse of one year.

Section 2. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of one lay member of all churches, the pastors of such churches, and the officers of the Association, as listed under Section 1 of Article IV. Twelve members of this committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice of such meeting has been mailed, or otherwise given to all members of the committee at least three days prior to the proposed meeting. Members of this committee shall be elected by the churches annually.

Section 3. The Committee on Organized Churches shall consist of the Moderator, ex officio, three pastors, and three lay-persons. This committee shall be responsible for receiving letters of application for membership into the Association by organized Missionary Baptist Churches. This committee's responsibility shall be to communicate to applying churches the requirements of a cooperating church, as herein defined in Article I, section 5, paragraph 2 of the Ashe Baptist Association Constitution. Applying churches, upon recommendation of this committee, shall, with approval of the messengers at the annual session, serve one year under watch care of the Association. This committee shall work with this church during this period and then make final recommendations at the next annual meeting.

Section 4.The Program Committee shall consist of five members who shall prepare an order of business for the annual meeting, including the designating of persons to make reports as to the various objects supported by the Churches of the Association. The Associational office shall prepare copies of the same for distribution to those attending the annual sessions of the Association.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 5.The Committee on Place and Preacher shall consist of three members, who may be appointed by the Moderator, with consent of the Association. At each annual session, this Committee shall recommend to the Association a place, or places, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Association, and shall designate a minister to deliver the Associational sermon and an alternate.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator. This Committee shall prepare and submit to the Association such resolutions, as it may consider pertinent and proper for the good of the body.

Section 7.The Nominating Committee shall name a Nominating Committee of five (5) members who shall bring to the second Executive Committee of the calendar year, (which is normally in April), for election of the following nominations: Clerk, Youth Director, Brotherhood Director, Discipleship Training Director, Evangelism Chairperson, Moderator, Music Director, Seminary Extension Director, Sunday School Director, and others who are invited to receive training at the Key Leadership Conference by the Baptist State Convention, (which is normally in May).

This Committee shall also present at the annual meeting for election all of the other committee members which are covered herein. Organizational heads will be named by their respective organizations and presented to the Nominating Committee at least two weeks before their nominations are presented to the Executive Committee at their second meeting, (which is normally in April).

If the organizations do not present their respective organizational heads two weeks prior to the April Executive Committee, then the Nominating Committee will select those needed and present their names to the second Executive Committee meeting (normally in April). The chairman of the Nominating Committee will contact these organizational heads before making these selections to be sure they have not already selected someone.

All other nominations shall be presented and elected on the first day of the annual meeting of the Association. All nominations at the Executive Committee meeting and the annual meeting are subject to additional nominations from the floor, and the expressed will of the Association.

Section 8. The Moderator is authorized and directed to appoint suitable persons at each session to prepare and present to the next session reports on the various subjects and causes customary to be presented and to notify such persons in due time before the meeting of the Association. (Refer to Article IV, Section 2.)

Section 9.The Board of Directors of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp shall consist of nine members who shall initially be chosen three (3) for one year, three (3) for two years, and three (3) for three years.

Of the said members, three shall be active pastors in the Association. After the completion of one term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to this board until after the lapse of one year. No more than one member of this board shall be chosen from any one church of the Association. The treasurer of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp, (who shall serve in addition to the nine member Board of Directors), shall be elected by the Board of Directors on an indefinite basis. He/she shall have voting privileges, as do other members.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to cooperate with the officials, pastors, and Executive Committee of the Association in promoting and advancing the development and operation of the camp; to supervise and direct the work of the camp; and to make a report to the Association at each annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in this organization shall be filled in accordance with the provision of Section 7 thereof.

Section 10. The Mission Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) of which shall be heads of the following organizations: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, WMU and Church Music. The names of these five (5) shall be submitted to the Associational Nominating Committee by their respective organizations and voted on by the full body on the first day of the annual meeting. The other two (2) members shall be active pastors in the Association and they shall be named by the Associational Nominating Committee. They too shall be elected along with the organizational heads. Should any of the before mentioned organizations fail to submit the name of a person nominated by themselves to serve as head of that organization, then the Associational Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating that person.

These seven (7) people shall constitute the Associational Missionary Search Committee, when such a need arises. This Committee shall work with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of the Association and lead and assist in determining need for beginning new missions stations and organizing new churches. The Moderator and Associational Missionary shall be ex officio members of this committee.

Section 11. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom must be ordained ministers, meeting the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:1-7, and who are members of cooperating churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. The Chairman, at his discretion, may invite the pastor of a candidate to sit with the committee. Churches of the Association desiring to ordain a preacher to the Gospel ministry, and desiring to use the services of the Ordination Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association, shall use the following procedure.

- 1. The Church in conference shall vote to ask the Ordination Committee to examine the candidate and so notify the chairman.
- 2. The candidate shall meet the following conditions before ordination:
  - (a) Hold membership in a cooperating Missionary Baptist church.
  - (b) Shall have held a license to preach, issued by a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church for not less than six months.
- 3. The chairman shall set a suitable time and place, notifying the members, for the examination.
- The candidate shall be examined as to his conversion, call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs, and attitude toward our denomination and its programs.
- The Committee Chairman shall notify the church of its recommendations and they may proceed with the ordination.

Section 12. The Evangelism Committee, composed of 5 members, shall promote the work of Evangelism in the churches and the Association in cooperation with the State Department of Evangelism. All plans and programs are to be subject to the approval of the Association, or its Executive Committee.

# Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

- Section 13. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members, of which the first named shall serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive, examine and make recommendations to the Association on all proposed amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws.
- Section 14. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Properties Committee, which shall consist of three members, and shall have the responsibility of recommending the purchase of necessary property, and the construction of necessary buildings. This Committee shall recommend any repairs and improvements needed on Associational property beyond normal repair. All recommendations are subject to approval by the Executive Committee between sessions or the full-body session.
- Section 15. The Committee on Finance, composed of five (5) members and the treasurer, shall study the Association's financial needs for an adequate program, prepare and present a budget to the Association for the following year, devise and develop plans for securing the cooperation of churches in providing funds to meet the budget. The treasurer will submit a complete financial report at the annual meeting in August.
- Section 16. The Committee on Youth shall be composed of at least nine (9) members, three (3) of whom shall be ministers. The Chairman, also called "Youth Director," shall be selected from within their own ranks. The Committee shall be concerned with ways of relating youth to the churches of the Association and shall lead the Churches and Association to plan programs and activities that will meet their needs.
- Section 17. The Seminary Extension Committee, composed of five (5) members, shall work with the chairman of the Committee to plan, promote and implement the offering of such courses of study as will meet the needs of pastors and lay-persons in the areas of Biblical studies, historical theology, Baptist life, church administration, Christian education, and pastoral training.
- Section 18. There shall be five (5) trustees of the Association. They shall handle all legal matters of the Association under the direction of the said Association. Trustees shall be elected for an indefinite term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Association.
- Section 19. The Associational Historian, in his/her sole discretion, shall collect facts of interest to the Association and the cooperating churches, and shall make a report to each annual session of the Association. In addition, he/she shall contact hosting churches of the annual meeting and request a brief history of each church for publication in the Book of Reports and the Associational Annual.

# Article VI Meetings and Reports

- Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual meeting convening in the month of August of each year, at such time and place as may be designated or authorized by the previous session.
- Section 2. Each organization within the Association shall make a written report to the Association at each annual meeting.
- Section 3. A special session of the Association may be called by the Moderator with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Associational Executive Committee shall meet quarterly.

# Article VII Order of Religious Exercises

- Section 1. At the annual meeting the Associational Sermon shall be delivered as herein before provided.
- Section 2. In addition to the Associational Sermon, the Program Committee shall designate a minister to deliver at least one other sermon each day the Association is in session and all business shall be suspended while such sermons are being delivered. No sermon shall be scheduled so as to conflict or interfere with the business sessions of the Association or the presentation of reports to the Association.

# Article VIII Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and voting on the second day, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day, or that notice of such amendment shall have been given during the previous annual session.

# CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

# 2004/2005

- 1. Congregation Summary
- 2. Sunday School Enrollment
- 3. Discipleship Training
- 4. General Financial
- 5. Missions Financial
- 6. Congregation and Member
- 7. Music Ministry

# **Important Note:**

No Congregational Profile Reports were received from Highlands Community Mission, Trinity & Prosperity Churches.

Therefore, some of the data is excluded from these reports.

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Glendale Springs	Ö	\$420	\$6,673		\$530	\$155	\$300	89,900	\$18,07
Grassy Creek	C	\$2,985	\$1,955	\$200	\$275	\$275	\$1,402	\$6,483	\$13,575
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Phoenix	C	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$2,144	\$781	80	0\$	\$6,375
Pilot Mountain	C	80	\$573	80	80	80	80	80	\$573
Pine Swamp	C	80	\$200	8500	. 80	80	80	0\$	8200
Pleasant Home	C	\$553	\$1,658	\$553	8806	\$1,500	80	80	\$5,070
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Warrensville	O.	\$2,400	\$3,000		\$1,175	\$485	\$950	\$109,302	\$119,526
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Ashe Missionary Baptist Association

Congregational & Member Information

Legend: 1--Membership, 2-Resident Membership, 4-Other Aadditions, 5-New Member Training, 6-Year organized, 7-Year pastor came, 8-location, 9-AM worship att., 10-Church Mission Started, 11--Church type missions operating, 12-Lost / Unchurched, 13-Assoc. Mission on % basis, 14-Intercessory prayer, 15-Race Ethnical group

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# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association Music Ministry Info

Legend: 21-Total music ministry enroillment, 21a-Preschool 3-5, 21b-Children 6-11, 21c-Youth 12-17, 21d-Adult Choir 18-up, 21e-Other music groups

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Mr. Jerry Powers, 2003-2004 Associational Moderator



Revs: David Grinnell & Nathan Caparolie & Paul Mullen



The Associational Choir



Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Goodman





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# ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

# **Ashe Missionary Baptist Association**



Meeting on Friday, August 18, 2006 Host Church, Friendly Grove Baptist Church

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# ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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REV. JEFF DOLLAR ANNUAL MEETING MESSAGE

The 2005-2006 Minute Book for the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated

# In Memory of Reverend and Mrs. (A. Ray & Mabel Jean) Minton

The minutes of the 2006 annual meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the Reverend and Mrs. Albert Ray Minton. During the years of his ministry, Pastor Ray Minton served churches in Watauga County, and for the last thirty years of his life, in Ashe County. The Reverend Minton served the following Ashe & Watauga County churches as pastor: Willow Valley, Midway Baptist Church, Old Fields Baptist Church, South Fork Baptist Church, and Phoenix Baptist Church. He served over 77 other churches as interim pastor, revival or supply preacher. Pastor Minton was active in the Three Forks and Ashe Baptist Associations. In addition, he served in the Christian Action League of Ashe County. Both he and Mrs. Minton were avid Relay for Life supporters. He dedicated his life to mission causes and his family will treasure the legacy of generosity he lived.

Albert Ray Minton was born to the Reverend and Mrs. (Mary) Grady Minton. He attended Cove Creek High School where he met Mabel Jean Danner. Following a tour of duty in Korea, Ray Minton returned home to marry Mabel Jean. The Mintons were married for more than fifty years. Their life together honored God, exhibited generosity to missions and displayed an unswerving commitment to the work of the Lord in the local church.

Ray Minton attended Appalachian State Teacher's College, graduating in 1958 to become an educator. Many will remember him as teacher and coach. Later, Mr. Minton went to work for the Blue Ridge Shoe Company, where he rose to the level of Plant Manager. In 1970, while serving as Choir Director and Deacon at Brushy Fork Baptist Church, Ray Minton answered the call to preach. During the years that followed, while serving churches bivocationally, he worked many different jobs to support his family. Ray was a teacher, school bus driver, a referee, a gas station attendant, rural mail carrier and worked seasonally with daughter, Jeana and son-in-law, Dwight at Furches Evergreens.

Mabel Jean Danner Minton was Ray's partner in life and ministry. A graduate of Cleveland Business School, Mrs. Minton worked for Boone Chevrolet, Appalachian State University, and Watauga Saving and Loan before moving to Ashe County and retiring from Centura Bank in West Jefferson. While generally quiet and behind the scenes, she sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, worked in the mission organizations, and cared for their family. Her small stature earned her the nickname "Shortie" in high school, but her presence was gigantic to all those who knew and loved her. Ray and Mabel Jean raised three girls who grew up to love and serve the Lord. They married Christian boys and are all very active in their churches. Ray and Mabel Jean Minton had eight grandchildren and one grandsonin law whom they loved with all their heart. The grandchildren will forever treasure times of games, vacations, tractor and bicycle rides, reading, play dough, playing Barbie dolls, fishing and short excursions on mountain tops.

Throughout his ministry, Ray Minton kept a journal that included every church he served as pastor, interim pastor, evangelist, or guest preacher. In this book, entitled "My Ministry," he recorded each time he officiated at a wedding, funeral, baptism, ordination, and every time he read through the Bible. The churches and individuals in this book, along with his wife and girls and their families, were his testimony to a life lived for Christ Jesus and the people he touched.

While pastoring at Phoenix Baptist Church, Mr. Minton's wife, Mabel Jean went to be with our Lord. On January 18, 2006, just seventeen weeks following the death of his dear wife, the Reverend A. Ray Minton died. The dear members of Phoenix Baptist loved Preacher Ray & Mrs. Mabel Jean. They, along with other dear friends sustained us while as we said "goodbye" to our dear Daddy & Mama. Both of our parents died in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, anticipating a great reunion with each other and our Lord. They clung to the fulfillment of every promise God ever made. We know their prayer for you is that you would receive and proclaim that same hope so that others may also anticipate the full measure of God's redemptive grace.

Preacher Ray would say to us all, "Stay the course & finish the race".

With sincere thanks and in loving memory,

Daughters Debbie Danner, Jeana Furches and Kristy Aldridge

Rev. & Mrs. Ray Minton



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The 2005-2006 Minutes for the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated



# In Honor of Mr. Charles Severt

Mr. Charles Severt is a member of Friendly Grove Baptist Church. He was saved April 13, 1974, while attending a revival at Friendly Grove. He joined the church April 14, 1974 and was baptized by Rev. Herbert McCoy who was serving as pastor. He was ordained as a deacon December 28, 1980. As well as being a deacon he has served in many capacities at Friendly Grove including Adult Couples Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Director, Trustee, Deacon Chair and in his words "wherever he is needed." Charles, known to many as "Charlie", married the former Miss. Marie Roten in 1960. They have 2 daughters, Patricia and Katrina, and one grandson, Ethan Hurley. Charlie loves spending time with his family and his church family as well as riding his Harley Davidson with riding partner, Marie.

Friendly Grove appointed Charlie as their Executive Committee representative in 1976. During that 30 years he can proudly say he was only absent from 2 of those meetings, which has been a lot of meetings. In previous years the Executive Committee met monthly whereas now we meet on a quarterly basis. Many changes have occurred over those 30 years. He recalls a time when the Association was selling bricks for \$1.00 donation in honor and in memory of folks to help build the Associational Parsonage. He later served on the Feasibility Committee to move the Associational Office out of the parsonage and into the new office at the Midway Baptist Church location. This move he feels has been another step forward in our progress of serving the Lord. He recalls another time in which the Executive Committee had to take up an offering in order to purchase postage for the Associational office to do mailouts. Charlie states that he found it a privilege to serve alongside three Godly Associational Missionaries, Rev. Bill Ballou, Rev. Jack Pugh and currently Rev. David Blackburn. There have been times when going to the Executive Committee meetings were tough because of decisions that had to be made. While other times going to Executive Committee Meetings and Annual Meetings are often like attending revival with the Spirit being so alive and sweet. It is a joy to serve alongside brothers and sisters in Christ doing the work God has called us to do as an Association of Churches. Being a member of the Executive Board is only one of the ways that Charlie has served in our Association. He has served on numerous committees throughout the years including Nominating Committee, New Church Committee, Feasibility Committee, and the Constitution and Bylaws as well as others. He notes that the Association seems stronger and more unified than he has ever seen it before.

April 2006, was the last Executive Committee meeting that Charlie served as the Representative for Friendly Grove Baptist Church as he has passed his torch to another member. He wants to encourage all churches to appoint an Executive Committee member if they do not have one and encourage all churches to be a part of these meetings. To all Executive Committee Members he encourages you to go back to your church and share with them all that is happening in our Association—lots of exciting work is going on and we need to share and encourage others to be involved in the work of the Lord.

Submitted by: Trish Church, member Friendly Grove Baptist Church

#### IN MEMORIAL

# MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2005/2006

**Bald Mountain Baptist** Mr. Les Brady Mr. Ralph Ratner Mr. Gwyn Bowers **Beaver Creek Baptist** Mrs. Virginia Weaver Mrs. Delma Goodman Big Flatts Baptist Mrs. Dorothy Bumgarner Blue Ridge Baptist Ms. Lucille Watson **Bristol Baptist** Mr. Lewis Honevcutt Mrs. Hazel Rhodes Mr. Montana Arizoca **Buffalo Baptist** Calvary Baptist Ms. Julia Ruth Jones Fletcher Memorial Baptist Mrs. Ruby Ballou Mrs. Joyce Bauguess Mrs. Marie Brown Mrs. Doris Woodruff Friendly Grove Baptist Mrs. Nellie Harless Friendship Baptist Mrs. Elsie Marsh Mrs. Pauline K. Walters Glendale Springs Missionary Mr. Carl Marsh Mrs. Bree Dolinger Mr. William L. Stenson **Healing Springs Baptist** Mr. Garland Baldwin Liberty Grove Baptist Mrs. Virginia Triplett Parsons Little Helton Baptist Mr. Lee Debord Midway Baptist Ms. Hallie Hanlin Mr. Pete Medley **New River Baptist** Mr. Guy Brown Mrs. Ruby Arnold Mrs. Merle Brown Mr. James Pugh North Beaver Baptist Mr. Alan Severt Mr. Clyde Harless Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Ms. Inez Blevins Mr. Burl Hartzog, Deacon **Old Fields Baptist** 

Mr. Denver Cheek

#### IN MEMORIAL

# MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2005/2006

Orion Baptist

Mrs. Cordie Bare

**Phoenix Baptist** 

Mrs. Mabel Jean Minton

Rev. Ray Minton Mrs. Ruby Barker Mr. Bobby Blevins

Round Knob Baptist

Mrs. Jessie Smith

Warrensville Baptist

Mrs. Marie Blevins Mr. David Blevins

**Welcome Home** 

Mr. Earl Goodman

Note: The 2004-2005 memorials had Maude Goss of the Tuckerdale Baptist Church as a deceased member which is incorrect the information should read as:

**Tuckerdale Baptist** 

Mrs. Margaret Goss (12-2-04)

#### Friendly Grove Baptist Church History 1945-2006

Why did our community build or want to build a church? Because of God's presence in the hearts of Christian people. It was made known that there was a great need for a church in our community.

Before 1945 anyone in the community had to go to West Jefferson to other churches several miles away and walk to get there. It was difficult to get to church services when it was raining and during the winter months.

It is impossible to determine who first suggested a church in our community but it seems that the idea organized at a prayer meeting in the yard of Mr. & Mrs. Kay Hardin on March 11, 1945. At the same time two preachers in the community became concerned about the need for a church in our community. Rev. G.A. Hamby and Rev. Harvey Phillips were holding revival at Stony Fork and they came to West Jefferson and talked to Mr. Ballard Harless. Mr. Harless showed them an envelope on which he had written a list of 74 names in our community which would be affected by building a church. Planted in the minds and hearts of the people in our community by God and born in a prayer meeting our church got it's strong spiritual start.

The prayer meeting continued meeting moving from home to home. In July 1945, a tent meeting was started by Rev. G.A. Hamby who was assisted by Rev. Harvey Phillips. The tent was not very far from where the original sanctuary was to be built and on the land where Rev. M.D. Hart's house now stands. The revival lasted three weeks and there were 42 professions of faith.

A council of seven men from other Baptist churches was called together on July 21, 1945 to organize our church. Our church was organized with twenty charter members. Out of the twenty we still have one charter member with us, Mrs. Ethel Burchett. There were 37 who joined as candidates for baptism or by letter on July 22, 1945.

Rev. G.A. Hamby was elected the first pastor. He is also the one who gave us our name.. He was overwhelmed but the friendliness of the people in the community. He then gave us the name Friendly Grove Baptist Church. The first clerk was Mrs. Kay Hardin and the first treasurer was Mrs. Kay Hardin. The first deacons were made up of three men, two who were deacons in other churches and one to be ordained. Mr. Ballard Harless and Mr. Wiley Harless came to our church as deacons and Mr. H.M. Wyatt was ordained. The next step was to build the church building so a building committee was chosen. Kay Hardin, Dave Harless, H.M. Wyatt, S.E. Wyatt ad Ballard Harless were chosen to serve.

Our church was very poor financially but we'began to take pledges of \$25-\$50. That may not sound like much now but it was a fortune then. It seemed that God's blessings came from every direction to our project. Men from other communities began to donate time and money. Until the sanctuary was built Sunday school was held in Mr. S.E. Wyatt's barn.

September 2, 1945 Friendly Grove Baptist Church held the first Sunday morning service in the church.

The Sunday school program was organized on a Thursday night, September 6, 1945. It seemed as if we now had every department organized. We had Sunday school every Sunday and preaching service once a month.

Our growth began and we added new members every month. We elected our first janitor in January 1946. We couldn't afford to pay him and Mr. Ed Taylor volunteered his service. In 1946 the Pastor, Rev. G.A. Hamby suggested that the Baptist Training Union be started. Which was organized in the Association by Miss. Virginia Dare Teague in May 1941. We also joined the Ashe Baptist Association. In the year 1946 our record showed that the pastor's salary was \$600.

Rev/ Hamby resigned in 1947 and Rev. M.D. Hart assumed his duties as pastor in April 1947. In April 1947 under the direction of M.D. Hart and Mattie Parsons, Associational WMU Director, our WMU was organized. The ladies chose Virginia Dare as their name, in honor of Virginia Dare Teague, former WMU Associational Director. There were 10 members and Bessie Hodgson was chosen as president.

Our church was in the up-swing because we now had the ability to pay our janitor a little; of course it was only \$10 per month. Our church, even as small as we were, had a hand in moving Wake Forest University to Winston-Salem. Our help was in the amount of \$300 which was to be paid over a five year period. In 1955 we did away with our stoves and installed a central heating system. In 1955 the men of the church organized a Brotherhood. In 1957 the basement was made into Sunday school rooms and carpet was put down the isle. Progress was made under each pastor both on construction of our building and on the construction of our spiritual church.

Between the years of 1960 and 1965 we began and completed our educational building at the cost of approximately \$20,000. In addition to our educational building, new members were added yearly. Our next big step was taken in June 1970 when the church took out a loan from the bank to purchase the home of Bailey Barker for use as a parsonage.

In March 1971 the church decided to put a kitchen in the basement to use as a fellowship hall. In July 1972 wall to wall carpet was place in the auditorium. It was decided that a new piano would be purchased in March of 1971. We had two old pianos that were in bad shape and we decided to sell one of them. In 1977 the church voted to write a constitution and by-laws. The constitution was adopted on December 11, 1977. In 1978 the brotherhood wanted to purchase a new bell. It was decided to let the brotherhood choose a committee to get a new bell. In February 1978 we decided to put a sound system in the church.

In December 1978 the church voted to have the Building and Grounds Committee have plans drawn up for a new sanctuary. It was to be built on the lower side of the existing sanctuary. In July 1981 the church voted to build the new sanctuary. Sunday morning, August 16, 1981, after worship service a ground breaking for the new sanctuary was held, we moved into the new sanctuary on Sunday, March 2, 1982.

During 1985 and 1986 chimes were placed in the church and a new church sign with a place for the bell was built. On August 21, 1988 the church appointed a committee to check the feasibility of moving the fellowship hall into the old sanctuary. Sunday, March 5, 1989 the church voted to put the new fellowship hall in the old sanctuary.

In 1995 we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church. We continue to grow and change at Friendly Grove and are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for the body of believers here at Friendly Grove. We haven't done any major renovations to our church building but since 2000 we have added a retaining wall on the Educational Building with a crawl space underneath. We have remained strong supporters of the Ashe Baptist Association and participate in mission activities throughout each year. Our goal is to train up our children in missions and educate our adults as we reach the lost and refresh the saints. Remaining faithful to the Great Commission our Lord has given us is our focus. (Matthew 28:19-20)

We lost a very dear member of our church this year; Mrs. Nellie Harless was died at the age of 99. Ms. Nellie saw our church go through a lot of changes throughout her life and loved her church family dearly. Even though Ms. Nellie was spending her remaining days in a Nursing Home she was able to join us in worship service when we voted on our now current Pastor, Rev. Gordon Rawls in September 2004. Our members remain faithful to the cause of Christ and we are strong in our beliefs and adhere to the Baptist Faith and Message.

The following men have served as pastor of Friendly Grove Baptist Church since it began. There have also been some interim pastors during this time.

G.A. Hamby
M.D. Hart
Edgar Cole
W.E. Burchette
W.T. Brackett
Lawrence Goodman
Herbert McCoy
Dupree Gowan
Steve Goss
Richard Baird
Phillip Billings
Charles Edwards
Jay Jones
Jerry Francis
Gordon Rawls

Friendly Grove Baptist Church 2006











#### **History of Bristol Baptist Church**

Bristol Baptist Church was established in 1988 about a mile from the little town of Jefferson on what is now known as the Ashe Park Road. The one room church was built on land donated by Wiley Wallace. The church building was also used for a school for many years.

In the early years, membership was small and the one room building was sufficient to accommodate those who attended. Church was held two days each month on Saturday and Sunday during the day. One revival was held each year, with all denominations coming together to worship. Sometimes these revivals lasted three weeks or more. Wooden benches were used to sit on.

Our church records show that the church rules were much stricter in the early days. People were brought before the church for things they had done that reflected bad examples to their church, neighbors, or community. They were required to make an open confession before the church and to God. Failure to do so meant being turned out. Often, after confession, they were put on probation for a number of months.

The spread of the gospel of Bristol Church came slowly until after the 1900's due to the ways and means of travel, and the few people living in small communities seemed to stay within their boundaries.

In the 1920's, the church was destroyed by fire and people began to look for a new place to build as a lot of the older people refused to rebuild the church on the place where the original church had burned down.

Mr. James (Jim) Pennington gave a plot of land within one half mile from the previous location. He asked that the grounds be dedicated to God before any building was erected. A dedication service was held on the ground site and a new church began. This building also contained one large room for worship services.

In the early 1950's, the church was growing in number and room had to be made for Sunday School classes. Remodeling began. Since that time, much remodeling has been done. We completed and moved into a beautiful new sanctuary in December 2004. We have plenty of Sunday School rooms in the old building, a full basement under the new sanctuary, and a separate fellowship building with a kitchen and full basement. Additional property has been purchased and paved parking surrounds the church.

Today, our attendance is around 180 for Sunday morning worship. In June 2006, Rev. Billy Joe Blevins will begin serving his 33<sup>rd</sup> year as our pastor.

### Roster of Pastors of Bristol Baptist Church

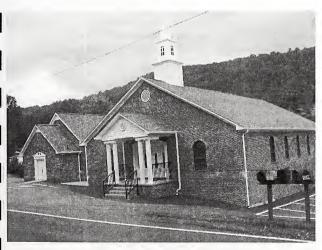
Rev. S. Blackburn	1888	Rev. I. M. Carter	1889-1892
Rev. John Riddle	1893-1896	Rev. S. Blackburn	1897
Rev. G. W. Eller	1898-1899	Rev. Elihue Tucker	1900
Rev. I. M. Carter	1901-1902	Rev. W. F. Barker	1903
Rev. J. F. Fletcher	1904	Rev. P H. Haire	1905-1907
Rev. T. J. Day	1908	Rev. R M. Burkett	1909-1910
Rev. W.A. Woodruff 1911-1912		Rev. R.M. Burkett	1913
Rev. R.M. Burkett	1915-1916	Rev. T. J. Day	1917-1921
Rev. J.M. Hamby	1922	Rev. W.E. Denny	1923
Rev. G.L. Denny	1924-1925	Rev. H.M. Winkler	1926
Rev. J.C. "Geter" Blevins 1927-1930		Rev. Arthur C. Ashley 1931-1936	
Rev. E.Z. Sexton	1937-1939	Rev. R.C. Ashley	1940-1950
Rev. W.E. Denny	1951-1956	Rev. Carl Haga	1957
Rev. W.E. Denny	1958	Rev. Herbert McCoy	1959-1960
Rev. Billy Joe Dixon	1961-1962	Rev. Earl Hartzog	1963-1966
Rev. Jack Pugh	1967	Rev. Earl Hartzog	1968-1972

Rev. Billy Joe Blevins 1973 - Present

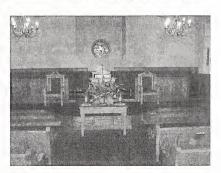
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# ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

American Bible Society
Baptist Children's Homes
Baptist Foundation
Baptist Hospital
Baptist Retirement Homes
Biblical Recorder
Christian Education
Foreign Missions
Home Missions
Pastor's Salary and Retirement
Southern Baptist Annuity
State Missions
Temperance and Public Morals

Mr. Bernard Bare
Mrs. JoAnne Goodman
Rev. Allen Huffman
Rev. Johnny Huffman
Mr. Robert D. Neaves
Rev. Steve Leashomb
Rev. Alan Ambrose
Dr. Jim Rash
Rev. Gordon Rawls
Rev. Tom Graybeal
Mr. Garner Blevins
Rev. Wayne Jones
Rev. Kershaw Getty

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY MODERATOR

RESOULUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Fred Walters - Chairman Mr. Jerry South Mr. Charles King

PREACHER/PLACE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lois Bare - Chairman Mr. Harold Riddle Rev. Rick Miller

#### RULES OF ORDER:

- 1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer
- 2. When the Moderator calls the house to order, every member shall at once, take his seat.
- When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and address the Moderator, and not proceed until he is recognized.
- 4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body.
- 5. It shall be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while any person is speaking.

#### ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCH ADDRESSES

**APPLE GROVE** 

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**BALD MOUNTAIN** 

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BEAVER CREEK

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**BIG FLATTS** 

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**BIG LAUREL** 

1467 Flatwoods Rd. Creston, NC 28615

BLUE RIDGE

269 Doe Meadows Drive West Jefferson, NC 28694

BRISTOL

1776 Old NC Highway 16 Jefferson, NC 28640

**BUFFALO** 

280 Perry Road West Jefferson NC 28694

CALVARY

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CLIFTON

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CRISTO EL SALVADOR

PO Box 850 Jefferson, NC 28640

**FARMERS MEMORIAL** 

808 Farmers Store Road Lansing, NC 24292

FLETCHER MEMORIAL

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444 Buck Mountain Road West Jefferson, NC 28694

FRIENDSHIP

P. O. Box 70 Jefferson, NC 28640

**GLENDALE SPRINGS** 

P. O. Box 115 West Jefferson, NC 28694

**GRASSY CREEK** 

420 Grassy Creek Road Grassy Creek, NC 28631

**HEALING SPRINGS** 

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HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY

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LANDMARK

P. O. 175 Jefferson, NC 28640

LAUREL KNOB

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LIBERTY GROVE

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LITTLE HELTON

277 Mulatto Mountain Road West Jefferson, NC 28694

MIDWAY

1670 Mt. Jefferson Road West Jefferson, NC 28694

MISSION HOME

PO Box 145 Fleetwood, NC 28626

MOUNT OLIVE

2134 Cranberry Springs Rd. Fleetwood, NC 28626

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NORTH BEAVER

3759 NC Highway 163 West Jefferson, NC 28694

OAK HILL

1222 Deep Ford Road Lansing, NC 28643

OBIDS

1325 Old Obids Road West Jefferson, NC 28694

OLD FIELDS

1964 Conley Cheek Road Fleetwood, NC 28626

ORION

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PEAK VALLEY

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PHOENIX

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PILOT MOUNTAIN

160 Winebarger Drive Boone, NC 28607

PINE SWAMP

3025 Phillips Gap Road West Jefferson, NC 28694 PLEASANT HOME

11028 NC Highway 16 N. Grassy Creek, NC 28631

PLEASANT VALLEY

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N/A

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WELCOME HOME

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		2005-2006		2005-2006		2006-2007
		Approved		Actual		Proposed
		Budget		Expenses		Budget
I.	EDUCATION AND PROMOTION	_		,		
	1. Sunday School	\$ 500.00	\$	0.00	\$	300.00
	Discipleship Training	150.00		162.17		200.00
	3. Brotherhood	150.00		150.00		150.00
	4. WMU	1,000.00		605.82		1,000.00
	5. Church Music	1,500.00		1,853.82		2,000.00
	6. Vacation Bible School	1,200.00		1,317.91		1,500.00
	7. Evangelism	150.00		1,765.00		1,000.00
	8. Association Youth	1,200.00		365.75		1,200.00
	9. Seminary Extension	500.00		0.00		100.00
	SUBTOT			6,220.47	-	7,450.00
		AL 0,550.00		0,220.47		7,450.00
II.	ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE					
	Office Equipment	1,000.00		1,819.99		1,000.00
	Printing and Supplies	5,500.00		5,315.55		5,500.00
	Postage/Mailing	2,500.00		2,760.88		3,000.00
	Associational Calendars	400.00		400.00		400.00
	5. Office Utilities	2,500.00		2,483.04		2,750.00
	6. Office Rent	6,000.00		6,500.00		6,000.00
	7. Office Repairs & Maintenance	1,000.00		1,886.09	_	1,000.00
	SUBTOT	AL 18,900.00		21,165.55		19,650.00
III.	SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES					
	Director of Missions					
	(a) SSI / Medicare	5,907.00		7,477.50		9,048.00
	(b) Retirement	2,400.00		2,400.00		2,400.00
	(c) Health Insurance	4,500.00		4,423.62		4,500.00
	(d) Utilities "50%"	1,750.00		1,309.73		1,750.00
	(e) Parsonage Housing Allowance	7,200.00		7,200.00		7,200.00
	(f) Parsonage Liability Insurance	475.00		475.00		475.00
	(g) Net wages	21,512.17		22,028.82		22.587.77
	(h) Accountable Reimbursement	5,000.00		5,687.06		6,500.00
	Office Assistant / Treasurer	15,581.37		15,592.08		21,796.32
	(a) Office Asst. / Treasurer Health Insurance					•
	(b) Office Asst. / Treasurer Annuity			2,324.02		2,412.00
	` '	1260.00		1,260.00		1260.00
	3. Clerk	500.00		399.00		500.00
	(a) Reimbursement for travel	100.00		100.00		100.00
	4. Employer Taxes	1,200.00		1,302.55		1,666.08
	5. Training	100.00		49.00		0.00
	6. Church Community Ministry Director	0.00	-	0.00	_	5900.00
	SUBTOT	AL 69,741.54		72,028.38		88,095.17
IV.	PARSONAGE					
	Insurance Premium	500.00		500.00		500.00
	Building Repair and Property Maintenance	2,500.00		626.58		1,000.00
	Utilities for Parsonage	3,000.00	_	1,309.74		1,000.00
	SUBTOT	AL 6,000.00		2,436.32		2,500.00
v.	MISCELLANEOUS	2,000.00	_	1,949.64	_	2,000.00
VI.	HISPANIC MINISTRY	14,000.00	_	12,376.81	_	14,000.00
VII.	ASHE REALLY CARES	7,500.00	_	1,065.72	_	2,500.00
VII.	BAPTIST CAMPGROUND	2,500.00	_	548.30	_	2,000.00
	тот	AL \$ 126,991.54	\$	117,791.19	\$	138,195.17

# Treasurer's Report for the Ashe Baptist Association 07/01/05 - 06/30/06

Income:	
On hand last report (July 1, 2005)	\$35,636.86
Income unassigned	\$1,111.75
Received	\$246,864.79
Balance On Hand & Received	\$283,613.40
Disbursements:	
ARC (offset by ARC funds transfers, BSC, & Churches)	\$32,927.96
Brotherhood	\$150.00
Campground	\$548.30
CCM (Offset by monthly Cooperative aggreement with NCBSC	\$4,339.13
Clerk	\$499.00
Convention Expense (offset anonymous donations)	\$407.03
Copperative Agreement w/ new churches	\$15,799.98
Director of Missions - Benefits & wages	\$51,001.73
Discipleship	\$162.17
Employee taxes	\$1,302.55
Evangelism	\$1,765.00
Hispanic Ministry (Offset by Hispanic offering, churches & cooperative agreement)	\$12,376.81
Hurricane Relief (Offset by designated funds)	\$53,897.23
Minute Books (Offset by Churches)	\$2,955.29
Miscellaneous	\$4,593.67
Music Department	\$1,853.82
NC Baptist Men (offset by designated funds for Hurricane relief)	\$16,705.09
Office Equipment	\$6,296.11
Office Rent	\$6,500.00
Office repairs & Maintenance	\$1,886.09
Parsonage Liability Insurance	\$500.00
Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	\$626.58
Postage / Mailing	\$2,760.88
Priniting & Supplies	\$839.43
Secretary / Treasurer Wages	\$15,592.08
Secretary / Treasurer Health Insurance	\$2,324.02
Secretary / Treasurer Annuity	\$1,260.00
Secretary Training	\$49.00
Utilities (Internet, Office phone, 1/2 Electric, & 1/2 Heating fuel)	\$3,792.78
Vacation Bible School	\$1,317.91
WMU	\$605.82
Youth	\$365.75
Total Disbursements	\$246,001.21

BALANCE ON HAND (June 30, 2006) \$37,612.19

## TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY CHURCHES

## JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006

CHURCH NAME	YE	AR TO DATE	CHURCH NAME	YEA	R TO DATE
APPLE GROVE	\$	100.00	MOUNT OLIVE	\$	900.00
BALD MOUNTAIN	\$	8,400.00	NEW RIVER	\$	3,716.36
BEAVER CREEK	\$	1,500.00	NORTH BEAVER	\$	2,150.00
BIG FLATTS	\$	600.00	OAK HILL	\$	600.00
BIG LAUREL	\$	385.00	OBIDS	\$	1,000.00
BLUE RIDGE	\$	700.00	OLD FIELDS	\$	1,375.00
BRISTOL	\$	2,143.88	ORION	\$	1,465.15
BUFFALO	\$	780.00	PEAK VALLEY	\$	100.00
CALVARY	\$	100.00	PHOENIX	\$	1,300.00
CLIFTON	\$	719.50	PILOT MOUNTAIN	\$	831.11
FARMER MEMORIAL	\$	-	PINE SWAMP	\$	200.00
FLECHER MEMORIAL	\$	12,913.56	PLEASANT HOME	\$	2,269.80
FRIENDLY GROVE	\$	3,100.08	PLEASANT VALLEY	\$	_
FRIENDSHIP	\$	8,996.64	PROSPERITY	\$	-
GLENDALE SPRINGS	\$	3,824.00	ROUND KNOB	\$	1,056.00
GRASSY CREEK	\$	2,035.98	TRINITY	\$	1,694.22
HEALING SPRINGS	\$	2,600.39	TUCKERDALE	\$	1,625.00
LANDMARK	\$	1,600.00	WAGONER	\$	900.00
LAUREL KNOB	\$	2,533.89	WARRENSVILLE	\$	3,150.00
LIBERTY GROVE	\$	2,500.00	WELCOME HOME	\$	1,758.01
LITTLE HELTON	\$	-	HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY	\$	-
MIDWAY	\$	4,000.00	HISPANIC MISSON	\$	8,140.15
MISSON HOME	\$	399.96	FAITH FELLOWSHIP	\$	1,296.14
			NEW BEGINNING	\$	264.00

Total \$ 95,723.82

# Associational Key Leader 2006-2007

These names are respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association in accordance with Article V: Section 7 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK MRS. VICKIE YOUNG

YOUTH DIRECTOR REV. DARYL GILES

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTOR MR. FRED WALTERS

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIRECTOR MRS. LINDA BLACKBURN

EVANGELISM CHAIRPERSON MS. WILLA DEAN CHURCH

MODERATOR MR. JERRY POWERS

MUSIC DIRECTOR MR. DAVID PHILLIPS

SEMINARY EXTENSION DIRECTOR REV. JACK PUGH

WMU DIRECTOR MRS. FRANCES BLEVINS

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR MR. TIM CHURCH

DEACON MINISTRY DIRECTOR MR. DANNY HODGES

The Executive Committee approved these names in April 2006.

# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR MR. JERRY POWERS

VICE-MODERATOR REV. RICK MILLER

TREASURER MRS.TRISH CHURCH

CLERK MRS. VICKIE YOUNG

### ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

### **COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES**

1 YR PASTOR #1 REV. LAWRENCE GOODMAN

2 YRS PASTOR #2 REV. GORDON RAWLS
2 YRS PASTOR #3 REV. ALLEN HUFFMAN
1 YR LAY-PERSON #1 REV.LONNIE JONES
1 YR LAY-PERSON #2 MR. CHARLES KING

2 YRS LAY-PERSON # 3 MR. EDD HARLESS

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1 YR MEMBER # 1 MRS. LINDA BALL
1 YR MEMBER # 2 REV. MACE JOHNSON
1 YR MEMBER # 3 MR. HAROLD RIDDLE

2 YRS MEMBER # 4 MRS. TRISH CHURCH
2 YRS MEMBER # 5 MRS. BRONDA FLLIOTT

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

3 YRS MEMBER # 1 MR. TERRY HARTZOG, Chairman
2 YRS MEMBER # 2 MR. DANNY HODGE
1 YR MEMBER # 3 MR. FRED WALTERS

1 YR MEMBER # 4 MRS. BARBARA MCCOY 1 YR MEMBER # 5 MRS MAXINE BROWN

#### ASSOCIATIONAL CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1 YR MEMBER #1 MR. WALTER PUGH 1 YR MEMBER #2 MISS. CAROLYN MILLER

2 YRS MEMBER #3 MR. EDD REED

2 YRS MEMBER # 4 MR. LUCIAN JORDAN
1 YR MEMBER # 5 MRS. ANN ELDRETH
2 YRS MEMBER # 6 MR. DAVID STIDHAMS

1 YR PASTOR # 1 REV. CHRIS GOODMAN 2 YRS PASTOR # 2 REV. JOHNNY GOODMAN

2 YRS PASTOR # 3 REV. DAVID JONES

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIRECTOR BROTHERHOOD DIRECTOR WMU DIRECTOR MUSIC DIRECTOR MODERATOR PASTOR #1

REV. JIM RASH PASTOR # 2 ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

ORDINATION COMMITTEE

3 YRS MINISTER # 1 1 YR MINISTER #2

1 YR MINISTER #3 1 YR MINISTER #4

2 YRS MINISTER #5

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** 

1 YR MFMBFR #1 2 YRS MEMBER # 2

2 YRS MEMBER # 3

2 YRS MEMBER #4

2 YRS MEMBER #5

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1 YR MEMBER # 1

1 YR MEMBER # 2

1 YR MEMBER #3

2 YRS MEMBER # 4

2 YRS MEMBER # 5

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1 YR MEMBER #1

2 YRS MEMBER # 2

2 YRS MEMBER #3

3 YRS MEMBER #4

3 YRS MEMBER #5

TREASURER

MR. TIM CHURCH

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MRS. FRANCES BLEVINS

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REV. DAVID BLACKBURN

REV. JOHN ELEDGE

REV. TOMMY GRAYBEAL

REV. CHARLES MCCOY

**REV. GARRETT MAHAFFEY** 

**REV. DAVID GRINNEL** 

**REV. LONNIE JONES** 

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MISS. WILLA DEAN CHURCH

REV. JACK PUGH

MR. CHARLES KING

DR. JIM RASH

MR. MAYNARD GOSS

MR.ALLEN NEAVES

REV. DEAN WATSON

1 YR MEMBER # 1

2 YRS MEMBER #2

2 YRS MEMBER #3

MR. ROBERT BROWN MR. TIM WATSON **REV. JOHNNY HUFFMAN** 

MR. BOB NEAVES, Chairman

MRS. KATHY BOWERS

MR. MARTIN LITTLE

MISS. CAROLYN MILLER REV. JOHNNY HUFFMAN

MRS. TRISH CHURCH

### ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE

2 YRS MEMBER # 1 1 YR MEMBER # 2

1 YR MEMBER #3 2 YRS MEMBER #4

2 YRS MEMBER # 5 3 YRS MEMBER #6

1 YR PASTOR # 1

1 YR PASTOR #2

3 YRS PASTOR #3

MRS. ALICA GILES

MR. TRAVIS HASH MR. JACKIE BLEVINS

REV. DARYL GILES, Chairman

MR. DANNY HODGES JR.

MRS. NAN JONES

REV. JOHN ELLEDGE REV. RICK MILLER

REV. ALAN AMBROSE.

#### SEMINARY EXTENSION COMMITTEE

1 YR MEMBER # 1

2 YRS MEMBER # 2 2 YRS MEMBER #3

3 YRS MEMBER #4

3 YRS MEMBER #5

REV. NATHAN CAPAROLIE

REV. JACK PUGH CHM.

**REV. LONNIE JONES** REV. DAVID GRINNELL

DR. JIM RASH

#### ASSOCIATIONAL TRUSTEES

MEMBER #1

MEMBER # 2 MEMBER #3

MEMBER #4

MEMBER #5

MR. GLENN MILLER MR. EDD HARLESS

MR. DEAN WITHERSPOON MR. RALPH DAVIS, Chairman

MR. BURL CARLTON

#### ASSOCIATIONAL HISTORIAN

MRS. TRISH CHURCH

### ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC COMMITTEE

1 YR MEMBER # 1

2 YRS MEMBER #2

3 YRS MEMBER #3

3 YRS MEMBER #4

1 YR MFMBFR # 5

MRS. ELAINE COX MRS. LINDA BALL MRS. TERRI SHATLEY

REV. JEREMY KILGORE

MR. DAVID PHILLIPS, Chairman

### ASSOCIATIONAL ARC COMMITTEE (Ashe Really Cares)

DIRECTOR

MEMBER #1

MEMBER # 2

MEMBER #3

MEMBER #4

MEMBER #5

MEMBER #6

MRS. PAT MILLER

REV. STEVE LEASHOMB

MS.MARY ALICE WITHERSPOON

MRS KATHY BOWER

MR. GLENN SOUTH

MR. ROBERT HAMBY MR.CHARLES MOORE

### ASSOCIATIONAL HISPANIC COMMITTEE

MEMBER # 1

MEMBER # 2

MEMBER #3

MEMBER # 4 MEMBER # 5

MEMBER#6

LINDA MILLER
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REV. LAWRENCE GOODMAN, Chairman
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REV STEVE LEASHOMB

# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association

### **Committee on New Churches**

The Committee on New Churches has met several times this year. We have been working with two new congregations: New Beginning and Faith Fellowship. Both of these congregations have been working with Pam Mungo of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention Church Planting Team. As you already know, both congregations are under the watch care of the Ashe Association. Faith Fellowship has been under the watch care of the Association since January 6, 2005 and New Beginning since April 7, 2005.

Our committee has met with the pastor of both churches several times to discuss their work, doctrine, and vision of these congregations. We have also met with some of the leaders of Faith Fellowship. We have sent representatives from our committee with our Director of Missions to worship with both congregations on a Sunday Morning.

Through prayer and consideration of all data collected, we, as a committee, make the following recommendation to the Association: 1) That we receive Faith Fellowship as a sister church in into the membership of the Ashe Baptist Association. 2) That we continue for the next year to keep New Beginning under the watch care of the Ashe Baptist Association and our committee will continue to work with them.

Respectfully Submitted,

# Ashe Baptist Campground Report 2005-2006

We like to take this time to thank all the people that help make our campground what we have to enjoy, from the churches that take time to mow the grounds to each that take time to clean up after they have used the campground.

We want thank Brother Tim Church of the Friendship Baptist Church for monitoring the water system to assure safe water for those that use the camp. Thanks go to Ronnie Hopkins of the Bald Mountain Baptist Church for the work He does as our treasurer for the camp. Special thanks go to all churches and people that financially support the campground so we can pay the bills.

Ms. Ann Eldreth of the Big Flatt's Baptist Church checks the camp after each use and cleans the Mattie Parsons Memorial Building if necessary and reports to the office of any damage or problems that may be found at the camp. Our thanks, to her for the time and special care in this area.

Jimmy Jordan helps with the maintenance at the camp, we are glad to have someone to help take care of the campground. There thing that needs to be kept up if the camp continues, so we need someone to supervise and see that the work get done. Thanks again to Brother Jimmy.

We have had many churches that have taken time to do small jobs, and some not so small that needed done. Thanks to all that help do these jobs. We have plans to do more things to the campground, upon the approvable of the Association. If you have a group or individual that would like to help do some work at the campground, please let one of the committee or David Blackburn know what you can do.

Many of our churches have visited the camp in the last year, and many outside the county. We hope that many more of the church will take time to visit the camp next year. Remember to book your church at the camp early while only the churches of Ashe Baptist are the only ones eligible.

Respectfully Submitted Rev. Johnny Goodman Chairman, Campground Committee

# Ashe Baptist Campground Financial Report 2005-2006

Contributions		<b>Expenses</b>			
Bald Mountain Baptist Church	\$600.00	Blue Ridge Electric	\$1,243.12		
Big Flatts Baptist Church	\$200.00	Skyline Telephone	\$ 380.87		
Big Laurel Baptist Church	\$ 10.00	Ann Eldreth	\$1,620.00		
Busby Reunion	\$ 118.00	Rose's Store	\$ 89.61		
Friendly Grove Baptist Church	\$250.00	Ashe Co. Builder Supply	\$2471.45		
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	\$180.00	Total Expenses	\$3,509.35		
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$350.00	Other Deposit: ABA Account			
Mission Home Baptist Church	\$150.00	Smith Reunion	\$ 100.00		
New River Baptist Church	\$700.00	Taylor Reunion	\$ 50.00		
North Beaver Baptist Church	\$150.00	Mozelle Brinegar Reunion	\$ 100.00		
Pleasant Home Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	Big Laurel Baptist Church	\$ 45.00		
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$100.00	Dig Laurer Daptist Church	\$ 43.00		
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	<u>\$300.00</u>				
Total received by Churches	\$3,558.00				

Total balance on hand June 30,2006 =\$2,800.59

Submitted by,

Ronnie Hopkins, Treasurer Ashe Baptist Campground 919 Black Bear Inn Rd. W. Jefferson, NC 28694 336-877-4420



### Ashe Really Cares Ashe Baptist Annual Report August 2006

Another year has past and it is once again a biessing to report to you about Ashe Really Cares. God has blessed many individuals through your compassion and faithful giving. We have seen many hurting people with a wide variety of needs. From the elderly to single moms and families who just seem to not be able to make ends meet. We have seen some that were homeless to those with financial burdens due to sickness. Through churches like yours along with individuals we were able to receive over 10,000 dollars to help 68 families with fuel assistance this past winter. With each situation that we are able to address the love of Christ is seen. That is why your mission seeks to help those in need.

We have had several pastors on board with the ARC for over a year now. They have been able to touch a lot of people, either by praying with them or just talking to each one. We have had (nine) individuals accept Christ into their hearts and that's what it is all about.

This past year we gave away 2,263 food boxes, which touched 6,917 individuals. We have a total of 185 new clients to come in for help. Our poundage of food from Second Harvest Food Bank was 27, 642. With what the grocery stores and churches along with individual given, we received approximately 97,035 pound of food this past year.

The ARC has volunteers who give of their time to help others. Without them the working of the ARC could not happen. We thank each person and each church that has a part in the ARC. God blesses those who help others. As we share the love of Christ with our clients please continue to pray that the ARC will make a difference in people's lives. Thank you for your prayers and love.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashe Really Cares Pat Miller



## Ashe Really Cares Financial Report July 1, 2005– June 30, 2006

Deposit to ARC			
Ashe County Ministerial	\$ 800.00	Other Deposits: ABA	
Beaver Creek Baptist Church	\$ 1,023.25	Friendly Grove Baptist Church	\$1,000
Beaver Creek Christian Church	\$ 91.00	Old Fields Baptist Church	\$ 375
Bethel Baptist Church	\$ 200.00	NC Baptist State Convention	\$ 3,000
Buffalo Baptist Church	\$ 347.00	Anonymous Donation	\$1,050
Blue Ridge Baptist Church	\$ 300.00	Three Forks Baptist Association	\$ 1,500
Clifton Baptist Church	\$ 350.00	TOTAL OTHER DONATIONS	\$6,925
First Baptist Church	\$ 1,000.00		
Friendship Baptist Church	\$ 1,300.00		
Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church	n \$ 1064.00		
Glendale Springs Baptist Church	\$ 5,900.00	Expenses	
Healing Springs Baptist Church	\$ 3,250.00	Bank Fees	\$517.75
Jefferson Methodist Church	\$ 500.00	Blue Ridge Electric for Clients	·
Landmark Baptist Church	\$ 150.00	Cleaning – Carpet	\$3,607.55 \$ 25.00
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$ 1,566.00	Food – ARC	
Little Helton Baptist Church	\$ 200.00	Heating Oil Clients	\$1,765.52 \$7,156.25
Liberty Grove Baptist Church	\$ 1128.00	Hotel Room	\$7,156.25 \$ 251.62
Midway Baptist Church	\$ 776.00	Kerosene	T
Mission Home Baptist Church	\$ 150.00	Misc. bills and expense	\$2,010.00
Mt. Jefferson Baptist Church	\$ 1,300.00		\$2,129.73
Mt. Olive Baptist Church	\$ 300.00	Med/Prescriptions Pat's Wages	\$ 409.25
National Board	\$ 1425.00	Phone ARC	\$20,000.00 \$ 238.07
New River Baptist Church	\$ 6027.00	Rent for ARC & Individuals	\$ 238.07 \$8,287.62
North Beaver Baptist Church	\$ 620.00	Stamps	\$ 39.00
Obids Baptist Church	\$ 1,925.00	Supplies	\$ 39.00 \$ 71.39
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	\$ 75.00	Van Insurance	
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$ 1,295.00		\$ 513.00
Smethport Baptist Church	\$ 650.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,705.77
Trinity Baptist Church	\$ 89.88		
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	\$ 1,122.25	NOTE: Midway Dantist Church de	t l
Wagoner Baptist Church	\$ 64.00	NOTE: Midway Baptist Church do	onated \$1,500
Warrensville Baptist Church	\$ 2842.10	in food purchases.	
Welcome Home Baptist Church	\$ 100.00	Acha Daelly Carea Dalamas an	. I I C/20/0C
Individuals and Businesses	\$10,189.43	Ashe Really Cares Balance on	
			\$8,244.46
TOTAL ARC DONATIONS	\$48, 120.49		

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Terri Shatley, Treasurer Ashe Really Cares

### **Annual Report for Sunday School 2006**

All teachers and directors are encouraged to take advantage of training opportunities made available on a regular basis at facilities such as Ridgecrest and Camp Caraway. Sessions remain open for this fall and it is not too late to register. For further information contact the Associational office or go on line at bscnc.org. Our Lifeway material continues to be among the best curriculum available and is presented in a number of formats that address the specific needs of many demographics, It is hoped that all teachers will work to stay informed regarding all the tools made available and select those that best fit the needs of your particular group.

Thanks be to God for Sunday School Teachers who.....

Feel "called of God" for their special place of service.
Have good study habits.
Practice daily Bible reading, prayer and devotional times.
Prepare for sessions with needs and learning styles of pupils in mind.
Understand the lost plight of persons without Christ.
Are growing in their Spiritual lives.
Are growing in witnessing and sharing skills.
Are concerned about guiding group Bible studies evangelistically.
Lead participants to grow in knowledge and service to Christ.
Pray specifically for lost Sunday School members and prospects.
Participate eagerly in training and skill development opportunities.

Support other team members with encouragement and prayer. Understand and implement Matthew 28:19-20 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Church, Sunday School Leader







### Report by the Director of Missions

Our theme this year is "Be still my soul-walking with God". Our scripture reference is Psalms 46:10. In following the Lord we must listen to His voice. Being still is a good thing when praying to God in heaven. Our attitude toward prayer must be elevated to include other folks and their spiritual life as well as our own. May we capture and fully use the spirit of wisdom, unveiling revelations, the knowing our purpose in life and be perfectly in tune with our God of heaven. As Ashe Baptist folks we must move forward in 2006-2007 by being sure of His presence, confident of His will for us, and have our life changed by the God we serve. A prayer environment is needed in the Ashe Baptist Association. Repentance is a not a bad thing. It is part of being still and listening to God. Be careful what you ask for God may give it to you! Pray one for another and lets focus on the Kingdoms work.

I am thankful to God and realize that He has blessed the Ashe Baptist Association last year and we are moving forward this year.

Ashe Really Cares continues to serve Ashe County with food, clothing, oil, rent money, love and Godly help. The Director Pat Miller and her assistant Mattie Latham continue to work above and beyond the call of duty. All of our volunteers (41 per week) assist in helping approximately 2,400 families during their time of need. This year a computer program assists us with record keeping. Pray for the workers and the clients as they reach toward the goal of being Christlike.

Ashe County Distaster Team helped the disaster areas in Mississippi and Lousiana with financially contributions of approximately \$54,000, with 7 tractor and trailer loads of needed items. Lots of prayer was offered and many churches have been to the Gulfcoast to help with the disaster, Diane Dixon our CCM Director headed this project and the Ashe Baptist Association had the priviledge to help Ashe County do the Lord's work Please pray for the victime as they recover from that disaster.

The Hispanic Mission is growing under the leadership of the new Rev. Danny Pardo. The Hispanic Committee and the Baptist State Convention are working together and have secured a Co-Operative Funding Agreement to help with the expected expenses that will be realized as we grow. Rev. Pardo is married and has one child. His is originally from Miami, Fl. His Mother and wife is from Ecquador and his Father is from Cuba. The mission is growing and is the stronger than it has ever been. Pray for the Hispanic and Latio population that they will discover the Christ of Bethleham.

Vacation Bible School Clinic led by Mrs.Vickie Young and her Team was the best clinic in the state. I appreciate all the hard work that went into the clinic so folks could be prepared more than ever before to win people to Christ.

Artice Edge was a big sucess! Pray for VBS that souls will be harvested for Christ.

**The Evangelism Conference** led by Miss Willa Dean Church and her team was a very big sucess. The Di Vinci Code piece, Rev. Neal Hatfield evangelism class and Miss Lori Calloway women's class left us wanting more . Thank you Midway for hosting and feeding us. See you next year! **Pray** for the lost that they will be saved.

The New Office is working out better than we could imagine. Location, location, location is perfect. We have more visitors that ever before including Ashe Baptist folks and strangers. Thank you Ashe Baptist for this wonderful facility to work in. If you have not been here, Trish Church our Office Assicstant and I invite you to come see your new office facility. Pray for each person who enters in that they will be blessed.

Church and Community Ministries/ Ministry Evangelism position has been added to the Ashe Baptist Association. Funding from an agreement with the Baptist State Convention has made this possible. Mrs. Diane Dixon is on board and is doing an excellent job. We are forunate to have her in this position. Pray for Diane as she serves God in this position.

The National Day of Prayer was a big sucess. It was held on the courthouse steps in Jefferson, NC Many activites transpired including The mayor, county commissioners, the judge who turned out court for the NDP, preachers, veterans and lots of the public attended a wonderful service which praised God. Dan MacMillian, county manager helped to make it an easy service. Praying for America and Ashe County was special to me. I hope we can do that next year in May on the NDP. Pray for folks in Ashe County that they may know Jesus as Saviour.

**Discipleship and WMU** teamed up for a great conference intitled "Morning Tea with the Girls and Me".Mrs. Linda Blackburn was the speaker for that session. Mrs. Francis Blevins spoke concerning WMU activities and goals for the coming year. This was well attended. **Pray** for WMU and Discipleship that it will continue to grow in the hearts and lives of belivers.

\*Assisted Hispanic Church

\*Upgraded Office to present location

\*Provided pulpit supply when needed

\*Met with Associational Committees

\*Forwarded Church announcements to radio and papers

\*Prepared 220 Book of Reports

\*Supervised Associational Staff

The following is a portion of the work that God has allowed me to do this year:

- \* Drove 12,231 Business miles
- \* Assisted Ashe Really Cares
- Prepared 660 Minute Books
- \* Prepared 770 Newsletters each month
- \* Send E-Mails, cards and letters as needed
- Conducted Radio Program on WKSK weekly
- \* Assisted in revivals and presentations of ministry
- \* Provided over 695 hours counseling to individuals
- \* Shared "The Thought for Today" every 2 months on WKSK
- \* Conducted training sessions in county and out of county
- \* Represented the Faith Community at School Based Health Center, Smart Start Partnership for Children, Ashe County 4-H, Family Central, FEMA, Ashe Middle School, Ashe High School, and all three elementary schools.
- \* Attended Camp Caraway Summer Conference for DOM, Southern Baptist Convention in Greensboro, NC.,Baptist State Convention meeting at Winston-Salem, Food Bank Winston Salem, and Happy Time Show on WKSK.

Together we number 7,000. Alone we number 1. **Pray** that we will serve Christ together doing what we cannot do alone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Director of Missions, Associational Missionary and allowing me to be your friend. Without your help and the help of the Lord I can do nothing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. David Blackburn Director of Missions /Associational Missionary Ashe Baptist Association

# Discipleship Training Report August 2006

Discipleship training is all about becoming a "disciple" of Jesus and growing to conform to His image. Conforming to the image of Jesus does not automatically happen. It takes commitment. The Holy Spirit directs each of us in a perfect plan for our lives as we commit to being a disciple. Jesus does the work in our lives as we yield to Him. The Spirit will lead us to tools that will help us grow in our Christian life. Using these tools or a specific plan of study is what we call Discipleship Training.

Discipleship Training can be done by individuals as we study and learn from God or it can be done in a small or large group setting. Discipleship Training can be done anywhere and at any time. It can occur on Sunday night, Wednesday night, during Sunday School or anytime that is set aside to grow in our Christian life through a systemic study of God's Word as it applies to our lives. From January through May I led a Beth Moore Bible study "To Live Is Christ" at the Associational Office each Tuesday at lunch. In the Fall plans are to offer another Beth Moore Bible focused on the book of Daniel.

Several Discipleship materials are available at the Associational Office to be used by churches or individual groups in need of Discipleship tools. There are also lots of resources available from LifeWay. A resource catalog listing all that is available is also at the Office. Come by and check these out.

The most important thing for you as an individual or as a church group is to decide what type of study is right for you. To do this, decide where God is working and join Him in His work. There is a special Discipleship plan just right for you.

This past year Ashe Baptist had 13 churches reporting Discipleship Training with 478 participants. There is probably much more Discipleship Training happening that is not being reported. Be sure and report those times of study and numbers participating. If I can be of any assistance please let me know. I would love to help you design a plan for Discipleship and assist in finding the right materials for you.

Serving you	in	Christ,
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Linda Blackburn

### Evangelism Report 2005-2006

We know the mission of the church is to share the message of salvation through the local church and around the world through missions. The Evangelism Committee had a workshop in the Spring of 2006 with Neil Hatfield as the guest speaker. This event was held on Friday evening, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at Midway Baptist Church. On Saturday, April 1, Miss Lori Calloway did special music and spoke to the women's group; Dr. Charles Whipple gave a presentation on the Da Vinci Code. This workshop was well attended by several churches being represented. The Evangelism Committee looks forward to working with Churches of the Ashe Association in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss. Willa Dean Church Evangelism Chairperson

### WMU Report 2005-2006

2005-2006 wasn't one of the busiest years for Associational WMU but it was still very productive.

We have helped with local Disaster Relief efforts for victims of Katrina as well as helped to sponsor a group's mission trip to Mississippi. We had the opportunity to go to WMU training at Ridgecrest followed by a local women's conference focused on prayer, with Mrs. Linda Blackburn as our guest speaker. Through it all we have continued to put one foot in front of the other. The key here being **effort**.

"I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is still day; the night is coming when no one can work." John 9:4

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Frances Blevins WMU



**Hispanic Report** 

We thank the Lord, Ashe Baptist Missionary Association, and every one who has made these four months of our ministry in Cristo El Salvador at Bald Mountain Baptist Church so great and glorious.

Having my family with me, our mission Church, and obeying the Lords Commandment of Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen (Matthew 28:19-20) beginning in our wonderful county of Ashe.

The mission is formed of thirty members including children's, musicians, chorus, teachers, deacons and the Pastor with their families, and some temporary visitors.

Our vision is to worship the Lord of Lords in spirit and in truth, outreach the unsaved and lost souls in the county, and enlarge His kingdom.

I had a wonderful ordination service on July the ninth at Bald Mountain Baptist Church and where many ministers from the surrounding counties participated.

And our first baptism for a couple of new born Christians would be next month on August the  $13^{th}$ .

We need to work in relationships with the Latino community in order to open new doors for communicating the Love of God and an effective Gospel.

We have seen Gods will towards us and his love for all mankind. So, our desire for that matter is serving the Lord with all our hearts, might, strength, and loving our neighbor like ourselves.

In addition, we would to let the churches know that we have family Bible study every Sunday at 9:45a.m. and our worship celebration service is at 11:00a.m.

If you have any Hispanic contact ministry in your church let them know that Ashe Baptist Missionary Association has a Latino mission for their community.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.

We that you all on behalf of Cristo El Salvador for your prayers and support. God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Rev. Danny Pardo

### **Hispanic Committee Report 2005-2006**

The Hispanic Committee has been very busy the past year. If has been a year of transition for the Hispanic work in our association. We realized last fall that we would need to find a new pastor of the Hispanic Church. As always, God provided, we believe God gave us a fine young man to be our new Pastor.

The name of Danny Pardo was given to brother David Blackburn in late fall and over the next few months, our committee met with Rev. Pardo several times. After praying and sharing over a period of time, we believed that he was God's man for the church and he was presented to the church. He preached for several Sundays and was very well received.

Thus, we proceeded to call him as their pastor and on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the Association ordained Rev. Danny Pardo to the ministry.

The Committee believes that God has blessed us with a fine young man to be the leader of our Hispanic work in Ashe County. We expect to see great things in the years ahead- lives changed, growth-- both spiritual and numerical.

We have two requests to make of you today. The first is that you and your church would pray for Danny and the work that many could be reached with the Gospel. Second is that your church would support this work financially so that Brother Danny could be full time in this work. Remember the Hispanic people are dispersed throughout the county and he will have the responsibility of evangelizing and ministering all across the county—a big responsibility.

God has blessed! Now let us do our part—pray and give!

Lawrence Goodman, Chairman Hispanic Committee

### **Brotherhood Report 2005-2006**

This past year has been a very busy year for Baptist Men working in disaster relief. I want to thank all of you for your support of Baptist Men. Churches in our Association sent \$15,275 through the Associational Office to NC Baptist Men to support Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts in addition to those that sent monies directly to the State office. As well as supporting the NC Baptist Men we assisted the local Disaster Relief team that sent \$56,210.29 to aid in relief efforts for Katrina. We want to extend thanks to Mrs. Diane Dixon for leading the local Disaster relief team in their efforts.

This year we had several teams that have went down to the Gulf Coast to volunteer, including a couple of youth groups. We were able to help a couple of the teams financially through our Associational budget for Brotherhood & WMU. I had the opportunity to go to a couple of churches and talk with them about getting a Brotherhood started in their church. I would love to come to your church and share or help your brotherhood in anyway possible. Please feel free to give me a call at the Associational Office at 246-5631. I want to encourage you to get involved with your Brotherhood Team and help make a difference in the lives of others around us!

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Fred Walters Associational Brotherhood Director

### **Property Committee Report**

The Property Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association was activated for the purpose of selling the associational parsonage located on Dogwood Road in West Jefferson. Serving on that committee is Mr. Tim Watson, Mr. Robert Brown and Chairman Rev. Johnny Huffman. Several meeting have been held with the DOM and reports have been given to the Executive Committee as needed. The parsonage was available to Ashe Baptist Members as well as the public for 6 months prior to being placed in the hands of a realtor. Currently Active Realty has the property listed for sale at \$204,900. Mrs. Sherry Goodman is the broker and is a member of Midway Baptist Church. Folks are viewing the property but no bid has been received at this time. The DOM has until September 30, 2006 to vacate the parsonage. Monies from the sale will be used to either purchase the office building or place monies in a CD and use interest to pay the rent on the office building. The DOM is comfortable with the action taken by the association concerning the parsonage. Please be much in prayer for this process as we wait upon the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev, Johnny Huffman Property Committee

### **Christian Action Report**

#### 2005-2006

Alcohol, it's not for Ashe County. Give thanks to God for the victory against alcohol in Jefferson, North Carolina four years ago and for those who stood in the gap and that were faithful to the call. Because of the work of Citizens for a Drug Free Community and the voters who understood the problems inherent in the sale of alcohol. Ashe County will be a morally stronger and safer community for all of its citizens. Do you know that alcohol is the leading contributor to teen suicide, violent crime, child and spousal abuse and hundred of thousands of deaths yearly?

Ask your self these question: How much money would be required to replace a life taken in by an intoxicated driver or repair the damage to children by an abusive parent under the influence of alcohol?

Some would have you believe that an ocçasional drink is not harmful, but the truth is that 85% of all alcohol is consumed by 15% of the population, without the addict or problem drinker, the alcohol industry would go bankrupt.

The Ashe County chapter of the Christian Action League is a support organization which promotes an ongoing educational program to inform our citizens of the ethical and moral issues facing our community during these times. We urge Christians to voice their concern over the sale of beer and wine in our towns. IN THE FUTURE BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR A CALL TO VOTE FOR A LIQUOR STORE OR A-B-C. As many of you know there has already been some interest from one of our elected County Commissioner asking for a County Wide Vote.

WE WOULD INVITE ALL LIKE-MINDED CITIZENS TO JOIN US IN FURTHERING THESE GOALS AND IN PROMOTING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF CHRISTIAM VALUES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Lambert

# Resolution In Opposition To The Sales Of Beer And Wine In Restaurants of Jefferson, North Carolina

Whereas, the Ashe Baptist Association recognizes that the sales of beer and wine in restaurants of Jefferson would increase the number of accidents, deaths and family problems. Moreover, alcohol is a direct drain on our economy. For every dollar spent to purchase alcohol, \$21.00 dollars is spent to correct the damage caused by the consumption of this evil. God is calling the Christian to correct this evil, that's controlling our society, "If my people who are called by my name will live in total obedience's to God, He will heal our land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

Whereas, God created us to seek fulfillment from Him and not from beer or wine that will leave you broke, lonely and no treasures in Heaven (Matthew 6:20-21). Moses found greater fulfillment in God than he did in all the pleasures of Egypt (Hebrews 11:24-26).

Whereas, the infinite abyss that rest in life cannot be filled by beer or wine regardless of its increased availability. Only God can fill the gulf that exist in a person's life (John 14:6).

Whereas, the world has learned to seek fulfillment through the use of drugs, or in self-promotion, self-absorption and self-preservation, but God satisfies the Christian with the highest value; He gives us Himself.

Whereas, the consumption of alcohol is a sin, and sin gives the illusion of self-control, but the steering mechanism of life becomes disconnected because of this sin. Sin causes everyone to be out of control and to follow sinful lusts, and in the end; sin will have the last word. It's time for the Christian to leave their comfort zone and proclaim the blessings and the benefits of knowing God (Psalm 34:8-10).

Alcohol is deadly to the consumer, and the consumption of alcohol kills innocent people on our highways. Moreover, it takes billions of our tax dollars each year to correct the inequity caused by alcohol, while only taking in pennies in tax revenue.

Therefore, the Ashe Baptist Association submits a resolution in opposition to the sales and the increased availability of beer and wine sales in the city of Jefferson. Remember what Paul said in II Corinthians 10:4 ("For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to pulling down of strongholds.....").

Respectively Submitted, Resolution Committee



### Report by Mrs. Diane Dixon, CCM Director

The Bible teaches that prayer is vital to the Great Commission (John 17). It also teaches that lost people are blinded by Satan and do not understand God's love and purpose for their lives (2 Cor. 4:4). Christians should therefore pray evangelistically because the Bible mandates prayer's essential role in reaching people with the Good News of Christ. My hope is this our annual meeting we will have an atmosphere of prayer and that we will include praying for outreach and mission efforts.

I had the privilege to join your Associational Office in April 2006 as your Church Community Ministries individual. My position is funded by the Baptist State Convention of NC and through the efforts of North American Mission Board. My job as your CCM leader is to partnership with churches in our Association and the community to help do evangelistic outreach. I also want to be a resource person for you on mission projects and help you meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of people and ministries of Ashe County. The ministries we are covering with you will include Mission Partnerships, Education Link-ups, Care-giving Ministry, Spiritual Development and Evangelism Networks. We have an exciting opportunity to impact our community by answering His call, Tell His story and Change your world for Christ.

The National Day of Prayer was one of our first projects. It was held on the courthouse steps in Jefferson, NC. We had a lot of community involvement from ACHS Band and the ACHS ROTC as well as a live broadcast from WKSK. Our veterans and armed forces were there. It was a great celebration time as well as a time to prayer for all leaders of our country. It also let our county know that we as Christians still believe in the great power of prayer. We hope this will become an annual event for us.

We have had several Mission Projects available to churches and individuals in North Carolina and in the United States as well as other countries. In the Associational Office I have provide resource notebooks with opportunities for you to serve. Some of those include Appalachian Regional Ministry, Villages of Ashe, Ashe Really Cares, NC Baptist Men Projects, Hawaii, New Hope New York, Vermont and Wyoming. We also have Foreign Mission projects such as Armenia, Cuba, East Asia Honduras, Malaysia and more. We will be listing more local projects soon so I hope your church will consider being apart of the Ashe County Evangelistic projects. We have a lot of opportunity through Ashe Really Cares to serve our community as well.

**Evangelistic and Educational Link-ups** is one way we are trying to serve you and your church better. The North American Mission Board has provide training for me to share with you ways to impact your community around your church and ways to do outreach. We have many resources to help you in whatever your vision is for your church and we want to be a resource for you. I have already had the privilege of working with several churches by giving and sharing some of this information. I am here to help any of you that feel you could use this information in your outreach.

I will have more to share with you in the coming months. It is such a pleasure to serve you and work along side of you to reach our county for Christ. Please continue to pray for outreach and mission efforts.

- Pray for believers to answer Christ's call in the Great Commission (Psalm 2:8).
- Pray for congregations to prayerfully send witnesses out into the harvest fields (Acts 13:1-3).
- Pray for the Good News to spread rapidly among the lost through evangelism and mission efforts (1 Thess. 3:1).
- Pray for intercessors to be raised up and strive together in prayer for others that are on mission (Rom15: 30).

My hope is that each church will have a CCM contact person that I may contact to give updates that can be shared with your church as to opportunities for us to serve together. Please feel free to contact me at the Associational Office as to any way I may help you. I look forward to working with all of you to share Christ, volunteer in Missions, Send Missionaries, Impact our Community and Equip each other to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Diane Dixon Church Community Ministries / Ashe Baptist Association

Gideons International Jefferson Camp

The Gideons International, which was founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church. The sole purpose of the Gideons is to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gideons help to do this by providing personal testimony, personal work, and by placing the Bible-God's Holy Word- in hotels, hospitals, schools, and other institutions.

The Gideons International is a non profit organization. Every dollar contributed is used to make it possible for others to have their own copy of God's Word.

Annually, the Gideons International is placing and distributing more than 63,000,000 Scriptures worldwide. The association has more than 250,000 members that are located in 181 countries.

Here in Ashe County, the Jefferson Camp consists of 66 Gideons and 49 Auxiliary members. The Gideons presented their message in 70 churches this past year. We distributed over 3,600 Bibles and Testaments at various functions, such as Christmas In July Festival, Feast in the Fields program, the elementary schools, Wilkes Community College, motels, the hospital, nursing homes, and through other personal witnessing. God has really blessed our Camp and we thank every church and every individual that made it possible to be a part of this missionary effort. We also thank all of the members of the Associational Staff for the opportunity to share in this meeting.

Gerry Hazlewood, Secretary Jefferson Camp



### Historian Report 2005-2006

This year's report comes from the Minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association. This session was held with the Welcome Home Baptist Church on August 27, 28, & 29, of the year 1937. Professor J.C. Goodman

served as the Moderator, H.A. Eller served as the Vice-President, and W.A Campbell served as the Clerk & Treasurer. The Friday morning session's devotionals were lead in prayer by Rev. H.M. Winkler the introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. J.O. Spencer. The evening session began with prayer led by Rev. Rexford Campbell with the sermon delivered by Rev. J.F. Hodgam, adjourned by Rev. A.C. Ashley the Saturday session was opened by prayer by Rev. H.M. Winkler; the sermon was delivered by Rev. W.T. Whittington. The evening session devotional was led by Rev. W.R. Wyatt, Adjournment prayer by Rev. H.M. Winkler. In the Saturday afternoon session the report on Temperance was read and discussed by M.A. Addams, which reads as follows:

The problem of intemperance as applied to intoxicating beverages has been a hindrance to society ever since Noah was influenced and deceived by his sons. Men and women, boys and girls ever since have been deceived by intoxicating beverages.

We are taught in the word of God that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, intoxicating beverages deprive men and women from the Kingdom of Heaven and it behooves all of God's people to use all of their influence to put a stop to the manufacture and sale of such beverage. If we ever expect to have a temperate nation, we must build up a strong sentiment against temperance. This can be brought about only by Christian people governing well their own house and households and refraining from the use of all intoxicating liquors.

We should not blame the worldly people for the habit of intoxicating liquors. But we as Christian people are commanded to come from among the world and be a separate people. Therefore, if we have separated ourselves from the world, we should do all in our power to stamp out one of the greatest evils of our generation.

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Respectfully submitted, JESSE BARE, 1937 committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Trish L. Church Associational Historian

# Moderator Report 2005-2006

Another year as your moderator has come to an end. It has been truly enjoyable serving as your moderator for the past two years. I appreciate your confidence in me as you have provided this opportunity to serve Ashe Baptist as we go about the work for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Ashe Baptist Association is growing and moving forward for the Lord! I look forward to seeing what God has in store for the churches in the Association. As I reflect upon all that God has done through our churches over the past 2 years I stand amazed!

The spirit of unity has never been so evident in the Association as it is today. The churches are working together diligently to serve God through mission projects, Vacation Bible Schools, Youth events, and various community outreach projects. May God continue to bless the Christ-like efforts of the Ashe Baptist Association. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of God's work through cooperating churches working together to do what they cannot do alone.

With God's love Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Allen Huffman Moderator, Ashe Baptist Association

# VBS 2006: Arctic Edge Where Adventure Meets Courage

Once again, the Lord has blessed our association with wonderful Christians who work very hard for VBS. I want to thank God for the awesome VBS year 2006 has been. Our VBS clinic was held April 4, 2006. We were blessed with a very successful VBS clinic at Friendship Baptist Church, which included a performance by the Friendly Grove Baptist Church's youth worship team. The VBS team was very well-prepared and we had great attendance. As we prepared rangers and trailblazers to lead their XPOs (Xtreme Polar Outlanders = kids) on a trek north through Alaska to the Arctic region, we also prepared them to share that God can provide the courage they need to live in today's culture if they ask Him for it and believe He has the best plan for each of their lives.

From all reports, Ashe Baptist Association churches had great Vacation Bible Schools! Whether they went "Back to Bethlehem," were "Trading Places," or went to "Son Treasure Island," our VBS workers were dedicated to sharing God's word and love with others. That is the main thing. That is what makes Ashe Baptist Association VBS leaders so very special!

I want to thank the Associational VBS team for all their work. We had a few new faces this year and appreciate them for taking on the challenge, as we thank those who departed for all their service. This team is very talented and dedicated and do their very best to serve you. I am very blessed to serve with these individuals. You all are very special to me! And thanks go again to Friendship Baptist Church and their ladies for being such gracious hosts for our VBS clinic.

Our VBS scripture this year was: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9. Pray that God will give us courage to trust Him with everything in our lives. And please remember your VBS team is here to help you each year!

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Young
Associational VBS Director

## VBS 2006: Arctic Edge -

### Where Adventure Meets Courage

VBS Motto: Be strong! Be courageous! Follow Jesus!

VBS Scripture: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

### 2006 VBS Team Members

VBS Clinic Age Group	Teacher	Home Church	
Younger/Middle Preschool	Kim Ray	Bald Mountain	
Older Preschool	Nancy Watson	Trinity	
Younger Children	Shelby Roten	Friendly Grove	
Older Children	Sheila Blevins	Friendly Grove	
Youth	Nan Jones	Pleasant Home	
Adults	Tim Church	Friendship	
Missions	Linda Ball	Friendship	
VBS Directors	Vickie Young	Pleasant Home	

# 2006 VBS Report

VBS information has been received from the churches listed below. We would like to have a completed report from each church in the Association.

Church Name	Total Enrollment	Decisions for Christ	VBS Mission Offering
Bald Mountain	246	6	\$234.78
Beaver Creek	50	0	0
Big Flatts	54	0	\$100.00
Calvary	39	0	\$47.40
Fletcher	110	0	0
Friendly Grove	91	0	\$160.75
Friendship	214	4	\$293.59
Glendale	118	0	\$300,00+
Laurel Knob	26	0	\$25.00
Midway	122	0	\$310.00
Mission Home	62	0	\$331.29
New River	111	7	\$1,010.00
Obids	37	0	\$134.00
Pine Swamp	26	0	\$334.00
Pleasant Home	42	0	\$106.00
Round Knob	30	0	\$99.00
Wagoner	40	0	\$184.00
Welcome Home	140	0	0

### Temperance and Public Morals

"My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14 This was God's word to Solomon.

Jesus said, "I and My Father are one" hence Christians share the "My People" status with the Jewish people in Ashe County, North Carolina and the United States.

These are the only people who may petition God's will. They MUST humble themselves, pray, seek God's face and turn from their wicked ways. All four conditions must be met not two or three. Then God will hear, forgive and heal His people's land. Only God's people can affect the healing of their land. Which of the four criteria did "God's people" fail to meet when abortion was given the same status as a tonsillectomy in the early 1970's? What about last year, when we in North Carolina were given the opportunity to buy our lottery tickets at home? How many conditions will we meet as we prepare for the beer and wine referendum in the town of Jefferson on August 29<sup>th</sup>? The sole responsibility does not lie with the registered voters of the town of Jefferson.

If you have surgery, do you follow the surgeon's instructions in hopes of your incision healing? Does the condition of our land ever affect your humility, desires, prayer life and repentant attitude? Should it?

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Powers

### Youth Committee 2005-2006

Near the first of the Associational year in 2005 we, the Association Youth Committee, hosted a weekly youth service at the Ashe County Youth Council Building. We also purchased Bibles to be handed out to the youth at the SkateZone during their Youth evangelism nights.

Other church and organizations have hosted events to counter balance the lack of activity for our youth throughout the year.

Under the new leadership of Daryl Giles our new committee chairman, I am confident that the coming year our youth committee will have more activities to offer our churches. I do want to challenge our churches to put an emphasis on our youth as they are the church too! You may not feel called to lead or teach a youth Bible study but maybe God would have you to mentor a youth on a one on one basis. Our youth are in need of people to love them and share some time with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Alan Ambrose Chairman, Youth Committee





The Lord has blessed the Ashe County Associational Choir this past year. We currently have 45 choir members representing 18 different churches in our association. These dedicated members love to sing praises to the Lord and give of their time and musical talent unselfishly. We have been very active since the last Associational Meeting. This year the choir sang at twelve different revivals and one Pastor Ordination Service.

We try to limit our performances to one per week (usually on Monday night). If you would like to "book" the Associational Choir to sing at your church's revival, please contact Trish at the Association Office.

Please remember to pray for us as we share God's ministry through music.

In His Service,

David L. Phillips, Director Ashe County Associational Choir



### Report for 2006 Book of Reports

Office of GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

During the past year significant strides have been made to provide the very best service to employees of our churches and agencies who are active participants in the retirement plan, jointly administered by GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, and the Baptist Convention of NC, Inc., and to those who have purchased insurance products from GuideStone. Through a contractual agreement with Morningstar Associates, LLC, a registered investment advisor, retirement participants now have access online to a leading innovator in offering retirement advice. Specifically, Morningstar Retirement Manager offers objective, expert recommendations and resources to help participants make clear decisions about their retirement plans. Never before have we been able to offer this incredible service at no cost to our retirement participants.

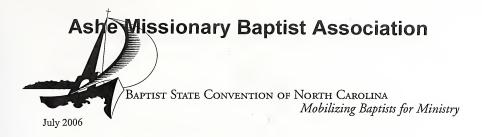
In the life and health areas enhancements continue to be made to provide additional flexibility in plan options, deductibles and competitive rates. Taking advantage of significant discounts through Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, medical plan rates have been stabilized. While over 40% of personal plan participants received a decrease in rates in 2005, over 57% of personal plan medical participants received a decrease in rates for 2006. Additionally, the two Medicare supplement plans offered to retirees also received rate decreases in 2006. The 31 day open enrollment period for new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary continues to be an attractive option for that target group.

During the past year the importance of the protection benefits (disability and survivor), which come free to those who are active participants in the Church Retirement Plan and who are serving an eligible church, was magnified with 100 participants receiving disability protection benefits and 40 families receiving survivor benefits because of that many deaths among our church employees. One widow, whose pastor/husband in his early 50's suffered a stroke and died within ten days, received a survivor benefit check in the amount of \$50,000 in addition to the money in his retirement account. The survivor check of \$50,000 came quickly (also tax free) and proved to be a "life saver" to this widow. As in previous years, the great challenge is to educate our church employees and key lay leaders in our churches about these great benefits **provided at no cost** to those church employees who meet the eligibility requirements.

Furthermore, we gladly cooperate with the Endowment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and one-time financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of June 30, we have 222 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines, receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Unfortunately, others could be assisted if we only knew who they were.

In conclusion, it is our strong desire to increase the level of retirement participation and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.northcarolinabaptists.org">www.northcarolinabaptists.org</a>, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at <a href="https://www.GuideStone.org">www.GuideStone.org</a>.

Johnny E. Ross GuideStone State Representative



Dear North Carolina Baptist Employees and Lay Leaders:

The 2006 SBC Compensation Study is complete and the results for North Carolina and the other 40 participating Baptist state conventions are available for your reference and use on our state convention web site. The survey data is made available with complete respect for the autonomy of the local church. Useable survey forms were returned this spring from 2,350 paid employees representing 651 North Carolina Baptist churches.

You may access the study by going to the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc. web site at the following address—www.northcarolinabaptists.org. Enclosed please find 2006 SBC Compensation Study (as it appears on the web site) with a brief explanation of the survey and the data which is available from the internet. A link to the study is on our home page, or you may locate the link to the study by clicking on Retirement Services under the menu icon entitled Church Ministries which is on the home page. As in previous years, you may "customize" the report for your church by creating a report giving averages for other churches meeting the same criteria as your church according to average Sunday morning attendance, resident church membership, and current annual budget. While this report is not a scientific study in the purest sense since we are simply reporting information tabulated from the returned survey forms, we believe the results provide reliable information for church leaders to use as one valuable resource in determining financial support levels for pastors and other church employees.

Finally, in previous years we have published a companion piece entitled, *How You Can Be a Responsible Employer of Your Ministers and Other Church Employees*, for your use along with the compensation study. Since the survey is available on the internet which provides so much more information along with the ability to "customize" the compensation information for each individual church, we have decided to save considerable time and financial resources by not giving you this information in print. Instead, we strongly encourage personnel committees, budget/finance committees, deacon bodies, etc. to use the brochure, *Planning Financial Support for Ministers and Other Church Employees*, along with this survey to ensure the appropriate structure and administration of compensation in the most equitable, tax efficient manner. You may request this free brochure from our office.

May God bless all your efforts to ensure all His servants are compensated fairly and equitably!!!

Sincerely,

my E. Ross

Enclosure



### BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

(July 2005-July 2006)

Many Voices, One Story... North Carolina Baptists attending the Baptist State Convention Tuesday evening, November 15, 2005, sat as the lights in the Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem dimmed. Messengers and guests arrived anticipating the night's report from Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). Every five years, the Institution presents a 30-minute expanded report, which many people view as the highlight of the convention.

The crowd present this night leaned forward as the first child stepped to the microphone to tell her story. Children and residents representing BCH's four campuses, wilderness camping program, group homes and developmental disabilities ministry filled the stage area. The 2005 meeting was BCH's opportunity to share the ministry through children's testimonies and songs while highlighting the Institution's 120th anniversary.

BCH president Michael C. Blackwell enthusiastically addressed the group declaring, "We are uniquely, proudly, passionately, and incurably a part of the North Carolina Baptist family."

To close the presentation, Broyhill Home resident Jennifer and developmental disabilities resident Marcie sang "Jesus Loves Me."

"These are God's miracle children...," Blackwell said. "I want you to see in those eyes the eyes of our God who loves children."

But the true pinnacle of the evening for one special child occurred away from the eyes of messengers.

"We were all saying goodbye when I looked down and saw Jennifer crying," said Lou Arnsdorff, Jennifer's child care worker. (Jennifer had just sung on stage.)

A tearful Jennifer told Arnsdorff, "I just want to ask Jesus into my heart." In a crowded hallway outside the auditorium, Jennifer accepted Christ as her Savior.

**Show you love...** This year's Baptist Children's Homes' offering theme, "Show You Love," represents the pivotal role individuals and churches play in the lives of hurting children.

North Carolina Baptists show their love through their prayer and financial support. It is only through this commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide offering goal is \$1,375,000. This represents a \$25,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2006 Offering Campaign.

Biography Unveiled... The biography of BCH president Michael C. Blackwell was published and officially unveiled to the public in April. Just Call Me Mickey: From Mill Village to Mills Home, The Journey of Michael C. Blackwell was written by the late Wint Capel, former editor of the Thomasville Times. The book chronicles Blackwell's life from his humble beginnings as a boy living in the mill village town of Gastonia to

becoming president of one of the largest private children's homes in the southeast United States.

New PMG members named... Baptist Children's Homes president Michael C. Blackwell announced several key administrative appointments in June. Nancy McNeill was named BCH's Executive Vice President (EVP) of Operations overseeing the statewide Institution's day-to-day operations. Jim Edminson was appointed as BCH's Institutional Director for Communications directing the agency's statewide communications. Shane Nixon has been named BCH's Institutional Director of Information Services directing BCH's technology services and broadening his role of service. McNeill, Edminson and Nixon will serve on Blackwell's President's Management Group (PMG).

Former resident, BCH child care worker, and administrative office manager Jennifer Shore was appointed Executive Assistant to the President and longtime staff member Ron Richardson was named Manager, Institutional Support Services.

**Dedicated to the Glory of God.** . Baptist Children's Homes set its sights towards the future expanding its services to children and families.

- The Alverta Bolick Home in Asheville was dedicated in May. The facility is home to developmentally disabled adults in the Asheville area.
- The campaign to build two similar facilities for special needs adults in the Sanford community began in August 2005.
- A state-of-the-art education center in Kinston was dedicated in July. The new Reverend Kenneth E. Haigler & William "Bill" Overcash Education Center offers an on-campus school to residents at BCH's Kennedy Home.
- The Winifred Lindsay and Three Forks Homes for developmentally disabled adults were dedicated August 27 in Boone.
- Groundbreaking for DDM homes in Sanford and Asheboro will take place September 10 and October 14 respectively.

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PROUDLY SERVING OLDER ADULTS SINCE 1951



"Praise the Lord ... forget not all of His benefits ... crowns thee with love and compassion ... knows our frame ... mercy is everlasting to everlasting," Psalm 103.

"Praise the Lord ..." Sunday after Sunday for over seventy years a high percentage of our residents have sung, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow..." Because of your generosity the hymn of gratitude they learned in their youth continues to ring in their hearts.

"... forget not all his benefits" God uses His people to provide beautiful, secure, comfortable places to live where physical, mental and spiritual needs are met with quality care.

"...crowns with love and compassion" He sends those with a heart for service to give themselves in ministry to His aging saints with love, compassion, and respect.

"mercy is from everlasting to everlasting." The generosity of North Carolina Baptists assures care for a lifetime while the ministry of the four Baptist pastors who serve as chaplains gives assurance of the "everlasting arms."

Thank you for your partnership with Baptist Retirement Homes in helping Psalm 103 resound as the song of praise for over 700 Older Adults statewide. More than 40% of these Aging Saints have at least a portion of their care made possible by gifts that come from Baptist churches across North Carolina.

Brookridge Retirement Community 1199 Hayes Forest Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27106 (336) 759-1044

Hamilton Baptist Home 301 Railroad Street Hamilton, NC 27840 (252) 798-5901

The Taylor House 319 Palmer Street Albemarle, NC 28001 (704) 982-4217

Western North Carolina Baptist Home 213 Richmond Hill Drive Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 254-9675

The Blanton Center 1912 Bethabara Rd. Winston-Salem, NC 27106 (336)725-0202 OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

FACT SHEET

### WHAT IS BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES?

Founded in 1951, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated (BRH) is one of North Carolina's most respected providers of long-term care. With five retirement communities across the state, BRH provides all levels of care for Older Adults, including special programming and care for Older Adults with dementia related disorders like Alzheimer's Disease. BRH also owns and operates a home health program that provides certified nursing and therapy services to homebound individuals. Baptist Retirement Homes is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

### ARE RESIDENTS OF BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES PRIMARILY BAPTISTS?

At the Brookridge Community, 60% of the resident population is Baptist. About 80% of the resident population of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home is Baptist. Approximately 50% of the residents at The Gardens of Taylor Glen are Baptist. The Taylor House and the Hamilton Baptist Home are primarily composed of Baptist residential populations.

# WHAT IS THE COST OF SERVICES? ARE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT PAY?

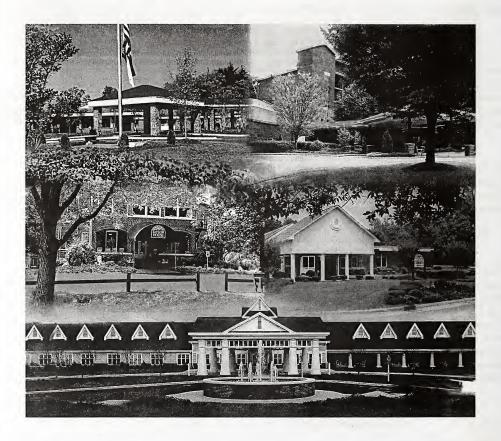
Fees vary according to communities and the level of care chosen or required by residents. A full schedule of fees for each community is available upon request. There are no entrance fees associated with any of the health-related facilities at the Brookridge and Western North Carolina communities and the Hamilton Baptist Home and Taylor House. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House are among the few not-for-profit, church-related, long-term care communities in North Carolina with no financial requirements for admission. Contributions received from the Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and from local Baptist churches across the state are used exclusively to help BRH provide care for those Older Adults in either assisted living or nursing care at the Brookridge and Western North Carolina communities and the Hamilton Baptist Home and the Taylor House.

# Does The Baptist State Convention Of North Carolina Support Baptist Retirement Homes?

Baptist Retirement Homes is affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina but is a separate and distinct corporate entity. Messengers of the churches that compose the Baptist State Convention elect BRH Board members. In 2002, funds received from the Convention Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and local Baptist churches totaled approximately \$1.5 million. All of those monies are being used to support Older Adults living in assisted living or nursing care who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the care they both need and deserve.

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# BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES COMMUNITIES

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Council on Christian Higher Education Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Report to Associations 2006

Appreciate the Past, Celebrate the Present, Anticipate the Future

Across the years Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, and Wingate Universities and Mars Hill College have emphasized that all Christians are called to ministry whatever their vocation. Each of the schools has in the past and continues to assist students in understanding how they can live out their calling and faith in the world.

Each of the schools also places a high priority on educating persons for vocational ministry and missions. In 2005 there were 495 Ministerial Students in our North Carolina Baptist universities and college.

Thanks to your support for Christian Higher Education the Baptist State Convention provided financial aid to <u>551</u> North Carolina Baptist students in the amount of \$1,176,551 in 2005. These students received an average of \$2,135.

Without your assistance many of these deserving students would not have been able to attend a Baptist college or university. Thank you Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate for providing education with a Christian mission. And thank you Baptist churches for supporting North Carolina Baptist students. Together you are honoring your heritage as you impact the world for good and for God.

Jesse J. Croom, President
Talmage Williams, Interim Executive Director
Council on Christian Higher Education, PO Box 1107, Cary, 27512-1107
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ANNUAL REPORT Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute July, 2005 – June, 2006

"I have never liked school before." A student made that statement in an interview with a staff member at Fruitland. Why should the student now like school? He had responded to a call to ministry and had found a school that would help him prepare through a balanced approach, blending the academic with the inspirational and the practical. In a recent letter, a graduate said of a course he took, "My vocabulary cannot describe and time would never allow me to stress the importance of this class." Such statements are a sampling of the positive response from students and alumni.

The campus at Fruitland was the site of a Baptist high school beginning around 1899. Local Baptists began the school and later formed a partnership with the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board) of the Southern Baptist Convention. A combination of circumstances caused the high school to close after graduation in 1936. Laura Sullinger, who was a member of the faculty and administration of the school, on her departure said, "I believe that God will raise up another Christian school on this campus some day." Her words proved to be prophetic.

The campus at Fruitland was purchased by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in the early 1940's as a site for a conference center. The campus was renovated and used for summer conferences for several years. Meanwhile, North Carolina Baptists began to see the need for providing training for pastors who were already serving without much formal training and for those who were answering the call to ministry later in life. James Carter Pipes, who worked with the convention as an area missionary, began to organize some "preachers' schools" on a short-term schedule.

A personal visit became the catalyst for the actual beginning of Fruitland as a Bible institute. Dr. J. C. Canipe was the pastor of First Baptist Church of Boone, North Carolina. He learned that a fellow pastor in the area, Vilas Minton, was sick and needing some help. Dr. Canipe took a supply of groceries to the Minton family. He and Pastor Minton became friends. Later, Pastor Minton asked whether Dr. Canipe would start some classes for himself and some other pastors who had not had the opportunity for formal preparation for the ministry. Dr. Canipe began some classes in the facilities of the First Baptist Church. Several pastors from the surrounding area joined the local pastors in attending these classes. Dr. Canipe was invited by the Baptist State Convention to move these classes to the Fruitland campus and the Bible institute began in 1946. The Summer Quarter of 2006 will complete sixty years of this ministry.

Fruitland continues to serve students with unique needs. Our student body is diverse in ages, ethnic and national backgrounds, academic achievement, and spiritual development. The common characteristics of these students are faith in Christ, an experience of a call to ministry, and a sense of need for basic academic, spiritual, and practical preparation.

Presently, Fruitland offers an associate degree in religion/church ministries involving two years of study. The degree requires either high school graduation or the G. E. D. and the completion of one-hundred and twenty-five quarter hours of academic credit. During the 2005-2006 year the cumulative, non-duplicated enrollment was 268. Graduates who do well academically at Fruitland are prepared to continue their academic preparation in other schools, often with distinction. A number of other schools offer transfer credits for the work done at Fruitland. A professor of English in a Baptist university to which one of our graduates had transferred called the student to his office for a consultation. He asked the student, "Do Fruitland students have a copy of my test?" The student assured his teacher that no copy of his test was available to him or any other Fruitland graduate. Then the teacher asked, "How do you explain the fact that you have made the highest score anyone has ever made on this test?" The student replied by calling the name of one of our English professors.

Numerous similar achievements could be recounted. Further instances could be given of effective ministries in which our graduates are involved. One instance is the fact that a graduate of Fruitland is now serving as president of the Baptist State Convention.

Several special events took place on our campus during the year. In May, Founders' Days were held with Dr. Gray Allison of Memphis, Tennessee, and Dr. Johnny Hunt of Woodstock, Georiga, as visiting speakers. In October we had our annual Alumni Day and Preaching Week. Evanglist Bill Stafford was the visiting speaker. In the Women's Retreat in October, Alice Lowrie of Lubbock, Texas, was the speaker. Once again in the Fall Quarter, Dr. D.L. Lowrie, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, was a visiting professor. Also, seminars in evangelism were conducted in November by the staff of the Baptist State Convention. On March 31, 2006 we had thirteen Hispanic students receive a Certificate of Christian Service in a special graduation where the speaker was Larry Phillips of the Baptist State Convention staff.

Dr. Kenneth Ridings serves as the seventh president of Fruitland. Plans are under way to expand the chapel. This project has already been approved and working plans are under preparation. The expansion will provide space for graduations to be held on the campus. For several years it has been necessary to conduct graduations in the facilities of local churches. This project will also involve installing a new roof on the classroom-chapel building, which is an essential maintenance item.

Fruitland continues to fulfill a commitment to be "true to God's Word and loyal to His purpose." Our campus, just east of Hendersonville, North Carolina, is beautiful in every season of the year. Groups from churches are welcome to schedule a visit which would include a visit in our chapel, a tour, and a meal in our cafeteria. To schedule a visit contact Todd Edmiston, Director of Campus Services, by e-mail at <a href="mailto:services@fruitland.edu">services@fruitland.edu</a> or call 828-685-8886. Our web site may be accessed at <a href="mailto:www.fruitland.edu">www.fruitland.edu</a>.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for establishing and continuing to support the ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. By doing so you strengthen a kingdom enterprise.

# 2006 Report to the Association North Carolina Baptist Hospital

BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS: A SHARED MISSION OF SERVICE

Since 1923, when the first patient was admitted to Baptist Hospital, our mission has been to extend the healing ministry of Christ. We are strongly committed to excellence in caring for our patients. Every day for every patient, we seek to combine the latest science of modern medicine with the art of human compassion in the name of Christ's love. Our mission, consistent with our Baptist heritage, is a sacred privilege: "to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God."

### HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

### Medical Care Among the Nation's Best

- We continue to be ranked among the top 50 hospitals in America by U.S News and World Report.
- Our Comprehensive Cancer Center is ranked among the top centers in the nation for cancer care.
- Our Heart Center is designated a Cardiac Center of Excellence by Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.C.
- Our neurosurgeons are among the nation's leaders in developing treatments for diseases
  affecting the brain and spine.
- Our Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Units provide the highest level of specialized care.
- We are in the top 2 percent in patient satisfaction among our peers in the United States.

### Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH ON-CALL • at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

### THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE: EXTENDING THE MINISTRY OF CHURCHES

We are privileged to be partners in ministry with North Carolina Baptists. Through the support of cooperative giving, we are able to provide compassionate and life-changing ministry to thousands of hurting people every year. We are grateful to be on mission for N.C. Baptists, fulfilling our purpose — "to provide ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ." All of our ministries find their focus and heart in this mission.

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers extend the mission of churches through pastoral counseling ministries to people whose lives have been shattered by emotional pain.

- 25,000 client visits will be made in 2006, with ministers being the largest referral source.
- Our statewide network of 20 CareNet centers across N.C. is among the largest in the nation.
- Thanks to N.C. Baptists, no one is turned away for lack of resources.
- "We could never say thank you enough to CareNet for helping our daughter find healing from the darkness of depression." N.C. Baptist pastor

The Center for Congregational Health is strengthening the ministry of churches through highly skilled, Christ-centered consultation services and leadership development programs.

 Consultants help nearly 25 churches per month with strategic planning, team development and reconciliation ministries.

2006 Report to the Associations - North Carolina Baptist Hospital

• 400 ministers and church leaders per year receive expert leadership training.

• Interim ministry training has been provided to over 1,800 clergy, with 82% of churches reporting improved spiritual health after their service.

 "Our church has a greater sense of hope, direction, and confidence thanks to our interim minister from the Center for Congregational Health."

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Department is providing compassionate ministry to our patients, families and staff and life-changing training for clergy.

• 56,396 ministry contacts were made in FY 2005, an increase of 13%.

- 42 ministers and seminary students completed our Clinical Pastoral Education training programs in 2005, one of the largest accredited centers in America.
- Our chaplains will lead 260 worship services at the Medical Center in 2006.
- "The training at Baptist Hospital put life back into my faith." Baptist minister

### THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: EXTENDING CARE TO THE "LEAST OF THESE"

Thanks to the compassion and generosity of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering reached a record high of \$664,744 in 2005! Every dollar of every gift lifts the anxious burden of hospital bills for our patients in serious financial need. Having no where to turn for help, Christ reaches out to them through you. Their lives are changed by the power of gratitude.

"I could never say thank you enough for the help of the Mother's Day Offering. I've faced some hard times and was so worried about my hospital bill. This gift blessed me so much and strengthened my walk with Christ."

"I was so overwhelmed by this gift that I couldn't help but cry tears of joy. I never thought I'd be in a situation like this, needing help and not knowing where to turn. I praise God for people who reach out to help. Please thank them with all my heart."

"The Minister's Subsidy was a tremendous blessing to our family." – NC Baptist minister

N.C. Baptist ministers and their families benefit from a subsidy of up to 25% on hospital bills for care they receive at Baptist Hospital. The subsidy is provided by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund with help from the Mother's Day Offering as needed. \$76,875 was provided in FY 2006.

### CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Serving our patients and their families, providing them with medical expertise marked by excellence and compassion, is a sacred trust. We are committed to being the best among the best of health care providers. We are sincerely grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in this mission of Christ's healing love.

Respectfully submitted,

Len B. Preslar, Jr.

President North Carolina Baptist Hospital

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### NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL MINISTRIES TO MINISTERS

NCBH provides several services to N.C. Baptist ministers and their families as a partner in missions:

### o Ministers Subsidy (please see Report to the Associations)

A subsidy of up to 25% on Baptist Hospital bills is provided to ministers (and their dependents) serving N.C. Baptist churches, Associational Missionaries in N.C., Baptist missionaries, and retired Baptist ministers living in N.C. This subsidy provided \$76,785 in FY 2006.

### o Assistance with Medical Appointments

Those needing assistance with medical appointments at NCBH are welcome to call Rev. Paul Mullen at Church and Community Relations (336-716-3027).

### o Help with Hospital Bills

Those who have hospital bills at NCBH and are struggling because of financial need are also welcome to call.

### Ministers Care Plan

A partnership between Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers and the Baptist State Convention of N.C. makes low cost, professional counseling available to full-time ministers and their families serving N.C. Baptist churches. The BSC provides \$45 per session (20 sessions per year), the minister pays \$20 per session, and CareNet subsidizes the remaining cost. When ministers go to approved counseling centers outside the CareNet system, they may pay slightly more.

### o Seminars for Pastors' Conferences

We provide practical seminars for ministers' meetings at no cost. Programs include:

- o The Art of Pastoral Listening: Tuning in with Head, Heart and Spirit
- o The Power of Faith in the Healing Process
- O Speaking to Unspeakable Pain: The Minister as Crisis Counselor
- Pastoral Care in a Prozac World: Ministering to Those Burdened by Stress, Anxiety, and Depression
- 0 The Driven Life: Finding Freedom from the Slavery of Addiction

### Training for Church Leaders

Practical training for deacons and other leaders are available on hospital visitation skills, grief ministry, and lay versions of the pastors' seminars.

# Ashe Missippany Raptist Association

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

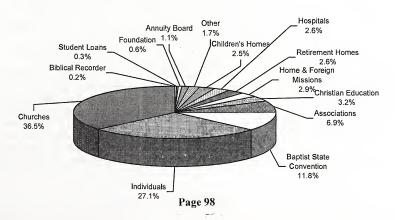
During 2005, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 12 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$1.8 million and received \$7.1 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$1.5 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$10.6 million in contributions during 2005 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2005, the Foundation held \$136.1 million under management.

During 2005, our distributions totaled \$7.8 million, with charity receiving \$5.7 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2.1 million. During the 85-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$29.1 million has been distributed to individuals and \$53.3 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$82.4 million.

Nancy V. Hunter, Chair, Board of Directors M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

# The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. 2005 Distributions



### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 6, 2005

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on October 6, 2005, at Liberty Grove Baptist Church. A total of 20 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Moderator Brother Joe Brown. Following a congregational hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. John Elledge. He shared that when conducting business of association and in working in our churches, we should have the goal that God's will is done. We should keep ourselves in check and stay devoted and be serious about the Lord. He encouraged pastors to be mindful of God's standards when in the pulpit and to go to reach those who seem unreachable.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the July 7 Executive Committee meeting as well as the minutes from the annual meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Rev. Wayne Jones, and a second from Bill Carter.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read with a motion from Bobby Hamby, and a second from Toy Campbell.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. She thanked all the churches for their support. They still have 4 pastors volunteering at the ARC and need more to serve. If others are interested in serving, let Pat know and she will schedule training. She said clients are encouraged that pastors are there. There has been an increase in clients in the last quarter. They prepared 600 boxes of food serving 1,500 people with 51 new clients. They have had 3 families from the New Orleans area. Money was given by Three Forks and set aside for these families. Their food supply is good now. She said there is a concern with winter weather due to the high cost of heating oil.. The ARC normally gets FEMA funds but these may be in jeopardy due to the Katrina relief effort. The committee decided to set aside funds for this need. They are asking each congregation to help others in the community, especially the elderly and those on fixed incomes. Also churches or individuals can designate funds at the ARC to be used for fuel oil. The ARC will again help with the interagency children's Christmas project coat drive, where they gave out 214 coats last year. They still need volunteers to help sort clothes and to help at the ARC in the evenings from 3 - 5. She asked that everyone remember these and other needs at the ARC in prayer.

Mrs. Diane Dixon gave the Ashe County Disaster Relief report. This effort started out in a small prayer meeting and grew to include several denominations and to collect over \$50,000. Approximately \$42,000 has been spent so far with an average of \$3,000 per trip expense for each truck. Six tractor trailer loads have been sent from Ashe with one more to go, probably to Lake Charles, Texas. She asked that everyone thank the churches for support. DOM Blackburn added that we will be switching from sending supplies to sending teams to help. Teams are planning to go from Bald Mountain, Phoenix, Friendship, and Warrensville churches. Trish has listing of trips planned. Laurel Knob Church wants to rebuild a house in the Katrina hit area and there are 4 churches that need to be rebuilt in Hammond. DOM thanked everyone and Diane for her work.

Rev. Johnny Huffman presented the Property Committee report regarding the parsonage. He thanked the members of the committee, including Robert Brown, Tim Watson, and DOM Blackburn. The committee met 9/19/05 and made the following decisions for recommendation to the Executive Committee: They prefer to sell the parsonage to a member of the Association; sealed bids will be the method of selling and can be picked up at Associational office; the starting bid will be \$192,000 and the parsonage will be sold to the highest bidder; in the event of a tie, the high bidders will have one week to re-bid by sealed bid; bidding will close and bids will be opened at the Associational office on January 31, 2006 at noon. It was noted that the new owner cannot take possession until September 30, 2006, and money from the sale will be used for the new office only and placed in an account to pay rent or to purchase office building.

DOM, Rev. David Blackburn, presented a certificate from the 2004 Lottie Moon Christmas offering to Don Smith of Pleasant Home Baptist Church for the top per capita giving church. Bald Mountain Church received the top giving church certificate and the certificate will be presented at a later date. DOM thanked all churches for missions giving and for support of the association.

Vice-Moderator Brown called for discussion of old business. DOM asked that everyone share with churches and members the information regarding the parsonage. It was noted that the acreage totals .4 acre and the minimum bid can be advertised. With the recommendation coming from a committee, the motion carried.

There being no further old business, Vice-Moderator Brown asked for any new business. New business included a resolution honoring Rev. Bill Ballou in the minute book. Mr. Fred Walters made a motion to approve this, Charles Severt seconded, and motion carried. The next item of new business included the selection of the locations for the four executive committee meetings for 2006. The churches and meetings selected included January, 2006, at Bristol; April, 2006, at Healing Springs; July, 2006, at Mt. Olive; and October, 2006, at Tuckerdale. Rev. Wayne Jones made the motion to accept these dates and locations, Walter Pugh seconded, and the motion carried. In Honor of nominations are needed for the 2004-2005 minute book. Rev. Rick Miller made a motion

to nominate Rev. Lawrence Goodman for this, Bill Carter seconded, and motion carried. In Memory of nominations are needed, as well. Mrs. Ray Minton, who recently passed away, was mentioned and Rev. John Elledge made a motion to nominate her for the 2006-2007 minute book. Rev. Jack Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried. Rev. Kermit Goodman and Rev. Jim Ketner were nominated for the 2004-2005 minute book. Rev. Jack Miller made the motion, Bill Carter seconded, and the motion carried.

In other business, Rev. Jim Rash announced that Laurel Knob was trying to raise \$20,000 to build a house in Mississippi and has the information concerning this effort if others are interested in helping. Charles Severt mentioned the support of the association by the churches and all the work the association is able to do. This continuing support is very important.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bill Carter with a second from Rev. Wayne Jones to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 5, 2006

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on January 5, 2006, at Bristol Baptist Church. A total of 21 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman. Following a congregational hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Brother Tom Holman in the absence of Rev. Billy Joe Blevins, who recently underwent surgery and was unable to attend. He shared special music and asked that everyone remember Rev. Blevins in prayer.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the October 6, 2005, Executive Committee meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Bobby Hamby and a second from Walter Pugh.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read with a motion from Bill Carter and a second Charles Severt.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. She said that December had been their busiest month. They prepared 570 boxes of food serving 1,524 people with 40 new clients. The ARC participates in the Interagency Christmas project by having a coat drive. They gave out 265 coats in one day with the special help of Elaine Bentley and DOM Blackburn. They also served 21 elderly individuals and 54 children by finding churches and individuals to "adopt" them for Christmas. These were people who "fell through the cracks" of the other programs. She thanked all those who helped provide these gifts. She said the elderly seemed to especially appreciate their gifts as they were surprised to be remembered. Pat said that a Westwood School kindergarten class had purchased some gifts for children who visit the ARC and the school was doing a food drive each month for the ARC. The ARC has funds set aside to help with fuel oil assistance, but are trying to reserve funds. They are asking each congregation to help others in the community, especially the elderly and those on fixed incomes. Also churches or individuals can designate funds at the ARC to be used for fuel oil. Their food supply is good now. Food Lion and Lowes have been providing food donated by individuals through the "Friends Feeding Friends" program in each store during the holidays. Lowes is fairly new in support of the ARC and Pat appreciates that. There are 4 pastors serving at the ARC now and the DOM held training yesterday for the new members. There have been 3 people saved since they began in March. An anonymous donor gave \$5,000 to the ARC and they have requested NC Hunger funds and FEMA funds for the next quarter. The van was vandalized during the Christmas holidays with windows, mirrors, and lights broken out. The DOM requested prayer for the individuals responsible. Pat reminded

everyone that Super Bowl Sunday is coming up February 5, which is a food drive where members bring a can of soup and \$1 for donation to the ARC. She said they had held an appreciation dinner for the volunteers and had 41 in attendance. Pat and the DOM gave a presentation about the ARC at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Winston-Salem, NC. Pat asked everyone to remember the ARC in prayer as some of the work can be discouraging, although rewarding.

The DOM gave the Property Committee report in the absence of Rev. Johnny Huffman. No bids have been received on the parsonage so far, but time frame goes through the end of January. If no bids are received, it will be placed with a realtor. He said the new office is now one year old and is working well. The DOM thanked everyone for their support and those who sent Christmas gifts to him and Linda. He recognized new ministers and new lay persons in attendance. He announced that the minute books are completed and thanked Trish and Diane Dixon for their hard work. The DOM said that for the first time since he became DOM, only 2 churches are without pastors and he asked everyone to pray for them. He announced that Monday, January 23, at Winner's Circle, Dr. Kenneth Ridings from Fruitland Bible Institute will speak at a dutch treat breakfast. Dr. Ridings is conducting winter revival at Friendship Baptist Church. The DOM advised that Terry Hartzog with the nominating committee was presenting Dean Witherspoon, a member at Midway Baptist Church, to replace his father. Lloyd Witherspoon as Trustee for the association. Lloyd is no longer able to serve due to health problems. The DOM also reported that health insurance increases (approximately \$25/month) were needed for his and Trish's coverage.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave the Hispanic committee report. He introduced Rev. Danny Pardo, who has been speaking at the Hispanic mission. Rev. Goodman advised that approximately a year ago, Rev. Jesus Padilla had left the mission, as citizenship papers could not be secured. Larry Phillips served for three months until Rev. Reales was thought to be the new pastor. However, he did not want to move from Sparta. In November, the DOM from Three Forks Association advised that Rev. Pardo was someone they might be interested in to serve as pastor of the Hispanic mission. The committee has met with Rev. Pardo several times and he has spoken four Sunday so far. On January 22, 2006, Larry Phillips will be at the mission with Rev. Pardo to have a meal with the mission and ask for comments. Rev. Pardo may be elected as interim or pastor as members see fit. Rev. Goodman asked that everyone stay in prayer about this. Rev. Pardo will be full-time or bivocational dependent upon funding. If he is elected pastor, Rev. Pardo will have to be licensed and ordained. As the executive committee only meets quarterly, the committee is asking permission to be given authority, along with the ordination committe, to conduct the ordination with Bald Mountain Church. Rev. Pardo is a member of Beech Valley Baptist Church in Watauga. He is an American citizen from Miami, Florida. He is 27 years old, is married with a 7 week old son. His wife and son are in Equador but are coming here to live. He grew up in an Assembly of God church. He has been involved in mission work and church starts. Moderator Huffman made request of congregation. A motion was made to give this authority to the Hispanic committee and the ordination committee by John Burke, with a second from Rev. Jack Miller. The motion carried. It was noted that the Hispanic mission is doing well, with an

average offering of \$130/week and an average attendance of 20.

Rev. Jack Pugh, representing the Evangelism committee, announced an evangelism conference to be held March 31 and April 1 at Midway Baptist Church with speakers Rev. Neil Hatfield, of Uplands Reach, and Lori Calloway, of Uplands Reach and Bald Mountain Baptist Church.

Moderator Huffman called for discussion of old business. There being none, he asked for any new business. New business included the Trustee change presented by the nominating committee. A motion was made by Bill Carter, with a second by Rev. Steve Leashomb, to accept this change. The motion carried. Another item was the health insurance increase for the DOM and Trish. A motion was made by Rev. Jack Pugh, with a second from Rev. Dan Little, to make this change. The motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Walter Pugh with a second from Bill Carter to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 6, 2006

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on April 6, 2006, at Healing Springs Baptist Church. A total of 20 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman. Following a congregational hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Jack Pugh. He shared scripture from 1 Corinthians 15.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the January 5, 2006, Executive Committee meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Rev. Jack Pugh and a second from Bob Hamby.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by DOM Blackburn in the absence of Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read with a motion from Rev. Dan Little and a second from Rev. Wayne Jones.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. They prepared 602 boxes of food serving 1,602 people with 43 new clients. The ARC food supply is good now. They received 2,800 cans of food and \$1,400.00 from Souper Bowl Sunday donations. Pat assured everyone that all donations are appreciated. They have been visited by 4 school classes and she uses this opportunity to share, but is careful about her message with the school children. They also received donations from a food drive by Curves. They received \$10,245.00 in winter fuel assistance funds and were able to help 68 families. She asked that everyone remember Pete Medley's family in prayer as he helped in this effort and had recently passed away. Pat said FEMA funds have been cut so they will be able to help fewer families with rent and other expenses. The rent the ARC has to pay will increase from \$5.00 to \$5.35/square foot. Pat shared that they have trained 18 ministers and 5 are currently active in helping at the center. Since March, 2005, she has only had 3 individuals who didn't want to speak to a minister, but has had 7 people saved. Each of these are provided with a Bible and a Beginning Steps, A Growth Guide For New Believers book. Pat and DOM Blackburn continue to do outreach and networking through participation in meetings and forums. The ARC was also able to help 2 families who had been burned out of their homes. Pat asked for prayer that the ARC will seek God's will.

The DOM gave the Property Committee report in the absence of Rev. Johnny Huffman. No bids were received on the parsonage and the property has been listed with Sherry Goodman, a realtor with Active Realty. Sherry has indicated there has been some interest in the property. The DOM will continue to live there until September, but will

start to move into their new home within the next month.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mr. Terry Hartzog. He presented a list of Associational Key Leaders for 2006 - 2007 which included the following: Associational Clerk – Mrs. Vickie Young; Youth Director - Rev. Darryl Giles; Brotherhood Director – Mr. Fred Walters; Discipleship Training Director – Mrs. Linda Blackburn; Evangelism Chairperson – Miss. Willa Dean Church; Moderator – Mr. Jerry Powers; Music Director – Mr. David Phillips; Seminary Extension Director - Rev. Jack Pugh; WMU Director – Mrs. Frances Blevins; Sunday School Director – Mr. Tim Church; and Deacon Ministry Director – Mr. Danny Hodges. This being presented from committee required no second. Motion carried.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave the Hispanic committee report. He began by announcing that the NC Baptist Men's Dental Bus will be at Bald Mountain Baptist Church April 29, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and April 30, 2006, from 1:00 - 5:00. This event is targeted for the Hispanic population but anyone in need of dental care can be seen. Anyone receiving services will be asked to pay a \$5 donation, but not if cannot afford to pay. He said Rev. Danny Pardo, while licensed by Bald Mountain, has been holding services at the Hispanic Mission since the first of April, 2006. Bald Mountain and the Association will ordain him in May, 2006. Attendance at the Hispanic Mission has been approximately 25 - 32 people through the winter months. Rev. Pardo seems well accepted and plans to be in the Associational office each Wednesday.

DOM Blackburn gave the DOM report. He shared that the evangelism conference held recently at Midway Baptist Church was a success and thanked the church and Pastor Steve Leashomb for their support. The VBS clinic had been held April 4, 2006, at Friendship Baptist Church and Round Knob Baptist Church won the church award for VBS. The DOM gave an update on the Baptist Children's Homes Camp Joy project and said they are in need of \$50,000,00 and are seeking donations. He also announced there was a special called meeting of the Baptist State Convention next week and a van will be leaving at 9:45 from Midway Baptist Church for those who would like to attend. He then showed a NC Baptist State Convention video, "Leading the Way," about winning a million people to Christ in 2006 and baptizing outside and another about the National Day of Prayer to be held May 4, 2006. The DOM also requested a tax adjustment to his salary to help avoid any future unexpected income tax liability as was the case for his 2005 tax return. He also requested approval of a Church Community Missions (CCM) position for the association. This would be a resource person for our local churches as well as a leader for various mission projects. There were 15 of these positions across the state funded by the Baptist State Convention. The association would supply \$5,000.00 in funding with another \$2,000.00 of in-kind funding including office space, computer, etc for a total expense to the association of \$7,000. The balance of the salary would be supplied by the convention for a 10-year term.

Mrs. Diane Dixon gave a report on the plans for the National Day of Prayer. There will be a county wide prayer event at the local court house in honor of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, 2006, from 11:00 - 12:00 noon. Radio staion WKSK

will be broadcasting the event. Also, a special service will be held at Midway Baptist Church that evening at 7:00 p.m. Everyone was invited to attend.

Moderator Huffman called for discussion of old business. There being none, he asked for any new business. New business included approval of the CCM position. A motion was made by Rev. Gordon Rawls, with a second by Rev. Dan Little to approve the position. Motion carried. Another item was the requested income tax adjustment for the DOM position. A motion was made by Mr. Walter Pugh with a second by Rev. Wayne Jones, to approve the change. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rev. Dan Little with a second from Rev. Wayne Jones to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 13, 2006

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on July 13, 2006, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. A total of 18 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Powers. Following a congregational hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Clayborn Roten.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the April 6, 2006, Executive Committee meeting and the July 9, 2006, special meeting for the ordination of Rev. Danny Pardo. Moderator Powers stated minutes would be approved later in the meeting to give sufficient time for everyone to read them.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read with a second from Rev. Johnny Goodman. Motion carried.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. They prepared 578 boxes of food serving 1,500 people with 48 new clients. The ARC food supply is good now. They should receive a more equal supply of food from Second Harvest and TFAP funds due to a change in the way the food is distributed. Pastors are still involved and Pat shared that a pastor had prayed with a woman whose husband was sick and in the hospital recently and it was very much appreciated. And another was saved after a pastor witnessed to them. The postal service food drive was a success and the 3600 pounds of donations were split between the ARC and the council on aging. Pat reported that the work at Family Central on the community kitchen is to be completed by the end of the summer and they should get their storage space back, as well as having the parking lot paved. Pat is in the process of putting the client files on the computer which will make access and tracking much easier. The ARC is still waiting on the second part of the FEMA funding they are to receive this year and these funds are used to help pay client electricity bills and rent. The DOM has applied for a \$3,000 grant from the NC Hunger Fund. Pat was excited about two new prescription drug programs available in the county that will assist her clients, and one was found by the new CCM Director, Diane Dixon. Pat also thinks the new free medical clinic in Ashe county will be a very useful service. Pat asked everyone to lift the ARC up in prayer.

The DOM gave the Property Committee report in the absence of Rev. Johnny Huffman. The parsonage has been listed with Sherry Goodman with Active Realty with several people showing an interest. David and Linda plan to be moved out by Labor Day. This move will reduce utility bills substantially. The property has been listed at \$210,000.00 and the association has approved the sale as long as the net sales price is

\$192,000. Sherry has asked that the association reduce the sales price to \$204,900. The realtor normally gets a 6% commission, so will have to consider this when decision is made.

The DOM gave the CCM report in the absence of Diane Dixon, the CCM Director. Diane was unable to be there due to an unexpected death in the family and David asked that we remember Diane and the family in our prayers. He said he, Linda Blackburn, and Diane Dixon had just returned from a 3-day DOM and CCM conference at Camp Caraway. The DOM said that Diane is of great assistance to the association and shares office space with Rev. Danny Pardo in the library at the associational office.

The DOM next gave association updates. He said he and Linda Blackburn had been able to attend the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Greensboro, NC recently and that it was a good meeting. He said there were resolutions against alcohol, homosexuality, and abortion. He also shared that the DOM conference he attended this week was very beneficial and was based on prayer and its importance and power. He asked that we pray for the national and state leaders in the Southern Baptist and State Conventions. The DOM announced that the annual meeting of the association will be held Friday, August 18, 2006, at Friendly Grove Baptist Church and Saturday, August 19, 2006, at Bristol Baptist Church. He encouraged everyone to attend. He also said that churches are needed to host the 2007 annual meeting and anyone interested should contact Mrs. Lois Bare. The annual church profiles have just been provided to the churches and he asked that the pastors encourage their clerks to submit them by July 25, 2006, so they can be included in the book of reports. The DOM then made some introductions: Rev. Jerry Francis is the new pastor at Blue Ridge Baptist Church and Rev. Danny Pardo is the new pastor at the Hispanic Mission. Rev. Pardo's wife, Diana, and their young son, Matthew were introduced, as well. Also, it was announced that Rev. J.C. Darnell is now pastor at Oak Hill Baptist Church. He asked that we remember churches without pastors: Pleasant Valley and Glendale Springs.

Rev. Danny Pardo gave the Hispanic committee report. He said he has peace, hope, and faith in what God has in store for the mission and for Ashe County. He said attendance has been over 30, with many children and youth attending. His wife, Diana, teaches Sunday school for young people. They have also begun a Vacation Bible School. Rev. Pardo senses an excitement and involvement in his congregation. He thanked everyone for their support and for the wonderful ordination service. He said that recently two of his members had asked to be baptized and he has asked the DOM to show him places he can baptize, with plans to hold the baptism in August.

Mr. Jim Lambert next gave a report on the Ashe County Christian Action League. He announced that the vote to allow the sale of beer and wine in Jefferson was to be held August 27, 2006. The group is working to defeat this, but need the help of the association. Financial help is needed to help pay for advertisements, but volunteers are needed, as well. Help is needed to register voters, transport voters, hand out fliers, etc. They also need everyone to pray. Jefferson citizens must be registered by August 2, 2006, to be eligible to vote, so work must begin now. He invited everyone to the next

meeting scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2006, at 7:00 at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church in Jefferson. He reminded us that in the last vote, this was only defeated by five votes.

Rev. Johnny Goodman gave the campground report. The campground is used extensively throughout the summer months. Several churches help with mowing and maintenance, but other work is needed. The exterior needs to be painted and a church or individuals who are interested should contact the associational office. Midway Baptist has offered to pressure wash the exterior. Rev. Goodman said that a plaque will be presented to the individuals who donated the land for the campground, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hodgson. They have never been recognized, so a plaque will be presented to them and one will be placed at the campground.

Moderator Powers called for approval of the minutes. Moderator Powers questioned the rent payment for the ARC space at Family Central. The DOM shared that this amounted to almost \$10,000/year that he would like to put into buying a building, if possible, in the future. The location at Family Central is good, especially with the addition of the community kitchen that will allow more freezer space and storage. With a second from Bill Carter, the motion carried.

Moderator Powers called for discussion of old business. There being none, he asked for any new business. New business included lowering the sales price of the parsonage. However, Moderator Powers stated that at the reduced price of \$204,900, the \$192,000 to be netted the association would still be met, so there was no need for approval of this figure. The DOM asked that the association consider transferring \$1,000.00 from association funds into the Ashe County Christian Action League fund. Rev. Jack Pugh made this motion, Rev. Johnny Goodman seconded, and the motion carried. Rev. Johnny Goodman asked that the association give permission to the campground committee to pursue construction of a prayer garden and amphitheatre at the campground. The committee thinks this would be of benefit to groups and individuals using the campground and would be placed on unused land. The DOM said there may be a family or individuals who would make a donation to construct in return for naming each in honor or memory of someone. The committee will report back to the association before any funds are spent or substantial decisions are made. As a motion coming from a committee, a second was needed and provided by Rev. David Jones. The motion carried. Trish Church mentioned that an article had appeared in this week's Mountain Times newspaper about the association and she encouraged everyone to read the article.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rev. Wayne Jones with a second from Rev. Johnny Goodman to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Special Conference ORDINATION SERVICE FOR REV. DANNY PARDO July 9, 2006

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association along with other church members and guest met for a special ordination service for Rev. Danny Pardo on July 9, 2006, at Bald Mountain Baptist Church. Several pastors, deacons and visitors were represented.

The meeting began with a welcome from Rev. Lawrence Goodman. Following a congregational hymn, the Hispanic Mission Choir and Associational Choir performed a time of special music. It was a wonderful start to the service. Opening prayer was by Rev. Bill Warren of Willow Valley Church, Rev. Danny Pardo's pastor. Rev. Warren gave some wonderful moving statements concerning Danny and his family prior to the prayer.

Rev. David Blackburn called Church into conference. The appointing of Moderator and Clerk was next on the agenda. Director of Missions, Rev. Blackburn, will serve as Moderator and Diane Dixon will serve as Associational Clerk in absence of Vickie Young.

Mr. Bob Neaves of North Beaver gave report of Examination. Approval of examination was made by Rev. Lawrence Goodman and second by Bill Warren to continue with ordination with congregation approval. Congregation made approval.

Charge to the candidate was given Rev. Steve LeaShomb of Midway. Pastor Steve gave a challenge from 2Timothy 4:1-5. Rev. Steve gave four points:

- 1) Always Preach God's Word
- 2) Always Be Ready to Carry the Message
- 3) There will be hardships
- 4) Stay True to the Word "Preach the Word"

Rev. Steve LeaShomb also in statements referred to Proverbs 3:5,6 and encouraged Rev. Danny Pardo to thoroughly claim its message and to preach the word, not about the word. "Preach the Word with conviction to pierce the heart of conviction. Let God's word preach the word not Danny Pardo." Paul said to Timothy "Love your people". Our charge to you is to "Preach the Word" and make full the proof of your ministry.

Pastor LeaShomb: Danny do you accept this challenge?

Danny Pardo: Yes

Pastor LeaShomb: Do you accept Christ to be all?

Danny Pardo: Yes

Pastor LeaShomb: Will you let the Holy Spirit be your guide?

Danny Pardo: Yes

Pastor LeaShomb: Carry out the full potential and may God Richly Bless you and your family.

Rev. Larry Phillips, (BSCNC), gave ordination Sermon. Rev. Phillips spoke in both Spanish and English. He commented that his native tongue was English but his heart speaks in Spanish. Rev Phillips gave a challenge to the HIspanic Church not to be so involved in church as an agency of activity but to really concentrate on what God is about. Two principals to share:

- 1) Our charge is to make disciples and do the great commission. Be a church focused upon His Kingdom. Kingdom focused believers in Him. The real command is more about making them than going. Make disciples where we are!
- 2) Ephesians 4 gives you the examples of unity, the church body, and the pastor equipping the saints. The church, the people need one another – We Are All the Same. The real challenge is to lift up one another/God believes in You do as He ask.

Call was given to council together and the candidate was ask to kneel before the congregation and the council will form a circle around him at the altar. Ordination Prayer was given by Rev. David Grinnell of Friendship Baptist was given prior to the laying on of hands. Emotional time for Rev. Danny and his wife as each one came by and prayed with them or gave words of encouragement from the ordaining council.

Motion was made by Rev. Steve LeaShomb and second by Daniel Trivette to receive the candidate back into the Church as an Ordained Minister. The motion carried. Rev. Allen Huffman (Osborn Memorial) gave presentation of the Bible and Certificates. Rev. Danny was given a Bible both in English and in Spanish to use in his ministry and a token of memory of special service of today. Jerry Powers made the motion to adjourn conference and Jackie Blevins gave the second. Motion carried.

Rev. Danny Pardo and his wife, Diana gave emotional thanks to everyone and to God for being named Pastor in this place. Diana ask for continued pray for them and their family. Both gave a God Bless You to everyone.

A member of the Cristo El Salvador Church gave blessing for the food and time of fellowship.

Rev. David Blackburn thanked everyone for his or her part in the service with special thanks to guest Rev. Larry Phillips and to the Hispanic Interrupter, Amanda Chapuz of the Cristo El Salvador Church. Special thanks to Mrs. Linda Miller of the Mt. Olive Church for her organizing the food committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dixon Pro-tem Associational Clerk

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# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION FRIENDLY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 18, 2006

Moderator Jerry Powers, called the one hundred twentieth annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 18, 2006, at the Friendly Grove Baptist Church.

The congregation was led in a hymn by Mr. David Phillips. Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Gordon Rawls, pastor of Friendly Grove Baptist Church. He read from John 14: 1 - 2 and challenged the churches to look for new ways to make the gospel relevant.

Next, Moderator Powers turned to organizational matters including rules of order and the seating of the messengers who were asked to stand and be recognized and the adoption of the order of business with two additions. Motion was made by Rev. Gordon Rawls, seconded by Jackie Blevins, to adopt the order of business. Motion carried.

Visitors were recognized, including: James Best from Midway Baptist Church, Tom and Martha Vestal from Raleigh, NC, Thelma Phillips from Big Flatts Baptist Church, Jan Cochran from Phoenix Baptist Church, Joe Ashby from Warrensville Baptist Church, and Gaylen Wood from Mt. Jefferson Baptist Church. New pastors coming into the association since the last annual meeting were recognized: Rev. Clayborne Roten of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. Jeff Nave of Warrensville Baptist Church, Rev. Jerry Francis of Blue Ridge Baptist Church, and Rev. David Jones of Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

Next in the order of business was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. At least 100 persons were present representing the following 33 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Buffalo, Clifton, Faith Fellowship Mission, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Landmark, Liberty Grove, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Old Fields, Orion, Peak Valley, Phoenix, Pine Swamp, Pleasant Home, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, Welcome Home, and the Hispanic Baptist Mission.

Next Mrs. Peggy Harless presented the history of Friendly Grove Baptist Church. Then the congregation was led in song.

Moderator Powers next introduced Rev. Rick Miller, pastor of North Beaver Baptist Church, who presented the evening message from Matthew 16: 21-27, and urged everyone to be a powerful witness each day. Following the message, the congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

Moderator Powers next referred the congregation to pages 58 - 61 of the Book of

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Reports noting the organizational officers and associational administrative committees. The recommendations were approved. Additional new pastors introduced included Rev. Jeff Dollar of Phoenix Baptist Church and Rev. Danny Pardo of the Hispanic Baptist Mission.

Mrs. Trish Church, Treasurer, next presented the treasurer's report as presented on page 15 in the book of reports. Trish also shared the congregational summary from church letters on page 17 and the total income received by churches on page 18. Moderator Powers then recognized Mr. Bob Neaves, Chairman of the Budget Committee, who presented the proposed budget for 2006/2007 on page 16. He also recognized the finance committee members and expressed appreciation to them and to the churches for their support of the Association. Noted changes included: Increase of approximately \$11,000 in overall budget proposed; increase in Office Assistant/Treasurer salary due to position moving from a 30 hour/week to a 40 hour/week position; a 5% cost of living increase; and the addition of the CCM Director position that requires matching funds. Voting on the budget was deferred to the Saturday morning session at its noted place on the agenda.

Reports of institutions and agencies were next on the agenda. Rev. Lewis Smith, Western Area Development Director of Baptist Children's Homes of NC, presented his report. He read Mark 10:13-16 and spoke of the opportunities to positively impact children's lives. He reminded everyone of the Thanksgiving offering for Baptist Children's Homes and thanked everyone for their help and partnership with Baptist Children's Homes of NC.

Rev. Paul Mullen, representing NC Baptist Hospital, next presented information on the services provided by Baptist Hospital through donations provided through cooperative program giving and the Mother's Day offering. He asked that if anyone needs help with Baptist Hospital services, to please call him or our DOM.

Rev. Gordon Benson of Mars Hill College spoke regarding Christian Higher Education. He said he is new to the position but looks forward to the work. He thanked everyone for giving through the Cooperative Program.

Rev. Todd Edmiston, Director of Campus Services, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, shared scripture from Luke 10:38-42. He thanked the association for its support and invited anyone interested to visit the campus.

Rev. Gayle Brown, Western Area Representative, Baptist Retirement Homes (BRH) of NC, gave the report for Baptist Retirement Homes of NC. He said there are 5 Baptist retirement homes in NC with over 700 residents. Funds go to nursing care and assisted living needs from the February offering and the cooperative program. He thanked everyone for their support.

Rev. David Webb, representative of the Baptist Foundation, presented information on the foundation. He offered that information and counsel is available in

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Christian estate principles, including wise estate planning to help churches, associations, and agencies. They also manage endowments for churches in NC and paid over \$7.8 million over the past year.

Next, Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, referred everyone to his report on pages 24-25 in the book of reports. He presented two very moving videos: "In God We Still Trust," and "Let Freedom Ring," the National Day of Prayer presentation.

The next report was given by Pam Mungo with the Baptist State Convention of NC about Hispanic Ministries and Church Planting. She said there are 198 different language groups in NC but only 32 churches in other language groups. The largest group is the Hispanic group with a population in NC of almost a half million people. She encouraged everyone to be missionaries at home and stated there are still people who don't know who Jesus is.

Next was a special report presented by Dr. Ken Kessler, Associational Partnerships, Baptist State Convention of NC. Dr. Kessler stated that the health of God's kingdom starts with the local church and each individual as a disciple. There are 80 associations in NC and he said the future of the association depends on how we depend on God, how we meet needs, and how we build relationships. He encouraged the Ashe Baptist Association to be what God is calling us to be. A presentation was made to Friendship Baptist Church as the top giver in our association for cooperative giving.

A congregational hymn was followed by special music from Rev. Alen Ambrose and Chris Lyall, a Senior at Ashe County High School.

Rev. Jack Pugh next presented the annual message from Phillippians 2:1-11. He shared that when likemindedness comes, God's spirit will flow again. He closed by asking who would likemindedness look like? The answer is Jesus.

Following the sermon, Rev. Gordon Rawls led the blessing and the meeting was adjourned for the evening meal, prepared by the ladies of Friendly Grove Baptist Church.

Following the delicious meal, the meeting was reconvened by the moderator for the evening session, Rev. Rick Miller, vice-moderator. Rev. Jeff Nave, pastor of Warrensville Baptist Church, led the congregation in prayer and presented scripture.

Very special singing was provided by the associational choir, led by David Phillips. The congregation then sang a hymn.

Next, Rev. Dean Watson, pastor of Buffalo Baptist Church, presented the missions sermon. He shared scripture from Psalms 126:6 and spoke of our purpose of Christians and of the Great Commission. He challenged the churches to get back to doing what God wants...to return to basics and spread the word here at home.

Following the sermon, Mr. David Holman, Deacon of Friendly Grove Baptist Church presented the benediction and the meeting was adjourned to reconvene the following morning at Bristol Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION BRISTOL BAPTIST CHURCH Saturday, August 19, 2006

Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers, called the one hundred twentieth annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 19, 2006, at Bristol Baptist Church.

The morning began with a short video presentation from Baptist Children's Homes of NC. Then Moderator Powers reminded everyone of the rules of order and advised there were a few changes to the agenda. The congregation was then led in a congregational hymn, "Victory in Jesus." Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Billy Joe Blevins, pastor of Bristol Baptist Church. He read from Luke 21: 25 - 28 and encouraged everyone to be happy as our redemption draweth nigh. He thanked everyone for their prayers during his recent illness.

Next was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. Approximately 113 persons were present representing the following 37 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Buffalo, Clifton, Faith Fellowship and Harvest Mission, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Landmark, Laurel Knob, Liberty Grove, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Old Fields, Orion, Peak Valley, Phoenix, Pine Swamp, Pleasant Home, Pleasant Valley, Round Knob, Trinity, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, Welcome Home, and the Hispanic Baptist Mission.

Next Mrs. Wava Osborne presented the history of Bristol Baptist Church.

Next, the Mission Reports were given. Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director gave her report. She thanked DOM Blackburn, Mrs. Mattie Latham, the pastors and others who support the ARC. She said 2,263 food boxes were prepared, serving 6,917 individuals, with 185 new clients. She said the ARC received over 97,000 pounds of food and were able to help 68 families with fuel assistance. Fifteen pastors have been trained to minister at the ARC and several are volunteering now. The ARC has seen 9 people saved. The ARC also has 41 volunteers now and she prayed that the ARC will always be mindful of who they serve and why they are there. She encouraged everyone to share with their churches how thankful the ARC is for their support.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave the report from the committee on new churches. There are currently two missions who have applied for membership in the association: New Beginnings Fellowship, Rev. Allen Combs, pastor; and Faith Fellowship, Rev. Elliott Osowitt, pastor. The committee recommends that New Beginnings continues under the watch care of the association. Motion carried. The committee recommends that Faith Fellowship be adopted into association as a sister church. Motion carried. Rev. Osowitt of Faith Fellowship thanked the Ashe Baptist Association, the DOM Blackburn, and Trish Church for support and assistance.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman presented the Hispanic Ministry report. He suggested that the committee be expanded to include Rev. Danny Pardo and 2 farmers, builders, or others who employ Hispanics and are familiar with the Hispanic community. This motion was made by Lawrence Goodman, seconded by David Phillips, and the motion carried. Rev. Pardo and his wife spoke and shared their report. Rev. Pardo has been serving four months and stated the church has 30 members now, 2 teachers, 1 deacon, and a praise and worship leader. He thanked the association for their support.

Mrs. Frances Blevins, WMU Director, gave her report. She spoke about the Proverbs 31 woman and the need to serve the Lord, others, and also to humble ourselves. She said God will provide if we are closer to Him.

In the absence of Mr. Fred Walters, DOM Blackburn gave the Brotherhood report. He asked that each church prayerfully consider forming a Brotherhood.

Church and Community Missions (CCM) Director Mrs. Diane Dixon gave the CCM report. She referred to the challenges of yesterday's speakers and said she wants to add to the community missions work that the association is already doing. She stated that by answering His call, we could tell His story, and change our community. She also has a missions survey that she asked everyone to complete before they leave today.

Special music was presented by Pam Barlow and Maude Goodman, from Bristol Baptist Church. The music was very spiritual and appreciated by all.

Moderator Powers introduced the speaker for the message, Rev. Jeff Dollar, pastor of Phoenix Baptist Church. Rev. Dollar shared that he has been in the ministry for about a year and a pastor for 5 months. He read scripture from Rev. 2:1-5 and spoke about our first love. He challenged everyone to stay focused on Jesus and to keep our first love.

Next, in the absence of Rev. Allen Huffman, DOM Blackburn presented the Moderator's report.

Next, Linda Blackburn gave the report for Discipleship Training. She challenged churches to disciple members and to have a plan in place to help members grow closer to Jesus.

David Phillips gave the report on Church Music. He said they now have 40 members from 18 churches. He thanked all members and supporters of the associational choir and announced they are available for performances. He asked that anyone who is interested in joining the choir or in vocal training contact the associational office. He also announced that on April 23, 2007, Bald Mountain Baptist Church will be hosting a concert by the NC Baptist Singers and invited everyone to attend.

Dom Blackburn gave the Sunday School report in the absence of Mr. Tim

Church. He shared that Sunday school is a very important part of worship and study. He announced that material and resources are available for churches to view at the associational office.

Trish Church gave the report of the Historian. She thanked the association for the "family" she works with and read from ABA minutes of 1937.

Rev. Johnny Goodman gave the report of the Baptist Campground and shared plans for a prayer garden and amphitheatre. A long overdue presentation was made to Bernard and Elsie Hodgson by Rev. Johnny Goodman, Rev. Lawrence Goodman, and Rev. David Blackburn for the donation of the land for the campground.

As an addition to the agenda, a presentation was made by Michael Goodman about his business, Home Instead Senior Care Services. This is a Christian based compan that provides non-medical care for seniors.

A congregational hymn was sung, "Where He Leads Me," led by David Phillips.

Miss Willa Dean Church gave the report on Evangelism and asked that suggestions for the committee be shared with her or others on the committee.

Rev. Allen Ambrose gave the Youth Council Report and stated that students need the church. He spoke of the lack of adults involved in youth work, the reasons for it, and ways to become involved. He encouraged everyone to get involved and thanked Rev. Darryl Giles for taking on this position for the coming year.

As an addition to the agenda, Rev. Dwight Shepherd with High Country Youth Ministries spoke about their group and its history. Formed in May, 2006, they want to support local youth through God's love by helping churches. They held their first event August 5, a concert with over 300 in attendance. Four souls were saved and follow-up was done with referral to churches. He said more events are planned for the future.

Vickie Young gave the Vacation Bible School (VBS) report. She said that, as always, churches are doing a great job with VBS and a great VBS clinic was held at Friendship Church in April, 2006. She thanked all the VBS Team members, DOM Blackburn, Trish Church, and Friendship Baptist Church for their help and support. She encouraged directors to turn in their reports each year. She also advised the theme for 2007 is "Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made."

Mr. Jim Lambert gave the Christian Action League report and asked that churches help with the upcoming challenge of the alcohol vote in Jefferson, NC. On Sunday, August 27, a special service at 6:00 will be held at Fletcher Baptist Church in Jefferson, NC, with a prayer walk around the church, and churches are asked to suspend Sunday night services to attend.

Moderator Powers gave his report on Temperance and Public Morals, page 41 in

the book of reports. He also shared the Gideons report in the absence of Mr. Ralph Davis. Gideons International distributed 63 million scriptures worldwide in 183 countries. However, 90 million were requested. He stated that the money spent on Mother's Day would be enough to buy bibles for everyone in the world.

Rev. Johnny Huffman gave the Property Committee report from page 30 in the book of reports. The associational parsonage is still for sale and the broker is Sherry Goodman with Active Realty. The property is currently listed for sale at \$204,900. The DOM has until September 30, 2006, to vacate the property. Monies from the sale will be used to either purchase the office building or will be placed in a CD, with interest used to pay rent.

The congregation was led in a hymn and an offering was taken for Ashe Really Cares.

The business session began with adoption of the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Rev. Lawrence Goodman, with a second from Rev. Johnny Goodman. The motion carried.

Adoption of the associational budget as presented was next. The motion carried.

Other business included the dedication of the minutes. A recommendation has already been made that they be "in memory" of Rev. Ray Minton and his wife, but an "in honor" designation has not been made. It was recommended that this be done at the October, 2006, executive committee meeting.

Adoption of the resolution in opposition to the sales of beef and wine in restaurants in Jefferson, NC, was presented by the Resolution Committee. The motion carried.

Mrs. Lois Bare gave the report of the Time/Place Preacher Committee. The recommendation is that next year's annual meeting will be held Friday at Orion Baptist Church, with Orion and North Beaver Baptist Church hosting and Saturday at Landmark Baptist Church. She thanked both Friendly Grove and Bristol Baptist Churches for hosting this year.

DOM Blackburn announced that the offering received for the ARC was \$557.05.

The July 13, 2006, minutes of the Executive Committee meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Rev. Johnny Goodman, with a second from Mike Coulter. Motion carried.

The July 9, 2006, minutes from the ordination service for Rev. Danny Pardo were presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Rev. Steve Leashomb, with a second from Rev. David Jones. The motion carried. Vickie Young announced that the minutes of the annual meeting will be presented for approval at the next Executive

Committee meeting scheduled for October, 2006.

Rev. Clayborne Roten led the memorial service. A moment of silence was observed and a prayer was offered.

Following the service, Rev. Billy Joe Blevins gave the benediction and blessing on the food. The meeting was adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Bristol Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three Persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
- 2. We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
- 4. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus to be practiced only by believers in their spiritual order.
- 6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.
- 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Glory.
- 8. We believe in a separate resurrection and judgment, both for the righteous, and unrighteous dead.
- We believe that the existence of the righteous and the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain worship, ordinances, discipleship and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor; and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation; and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word

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Addendum I - ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963)

Baptists are a people who profess a living faith. This faith is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday and today and forever." Therefore the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is Jesus Christ whose will is revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

A living faith must experience a growing understanding of truth and must be continually interpreted and related to the needs of each new generation. Through out their history Baptist bodies, both large and small, have issued statements of faith, which comprise a consensus of their beliefs. Such statements have never been regarded as complete, infallible statements of faith, nor as official creeds carrying mandatory authority. Thus this generation of Southern Baptists is in historic succession of intent and purpose as it endeavors to state for its time and theological climate those articles of the Christian faith, which are most surely held among us.

Baptists emphasize the soul's competency before God, freedom in religion, and the priesthood of the believer. However, this emphasis should not be interpreted to mean that there is an absence of certain doctrines that Baptists believe, cherish, and with which they have been and are now closely identified.

It is the purpose of this statement of faith and message to set forth certain teachings, which we believe

### THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to many. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. In has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Ex. 24:4; Deut. 4:1-2; 17:19; Josh. 8:34; Psalm 19:7-10; 119: 11, 89; 105; 140. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

Isa. 34:16; 40:8; Jer. 15:16; 36; Matt. 5:17-18; 22-29; Luke 21:33, 44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16 ff; 17:11; Rom. 15:4; 16: 25-26; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2; 4:12; I Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

### GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us a Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

### GOD THE FATHER

God as Father reigns with providential care over his universe, His creatures and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purpose of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise, God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Gen. 1:1, 2:7; Ex. 3:14, 6:2-3, 15:11ff, 20:1ff; Lev. 22:2; Deut. 6:4, 32:6; I Chron. 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isa. 43:3, 15, 64:8; Jer. 10:10, 17:3; Matt. 6:9 ff, 7:11, 23:9, 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24, 5:26, 14:6-13, 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Rom. 8:14-15; I Cor. 8:6; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 4:6; Col. 1:15; I Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:6, 12:9; I Peter 1:17; I John 5:7.

### GOD THE SON

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ he was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely yet without sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where he is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man and whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Gen. 18:1 ff; Psalm 2:7ff, 110:1ff; Isa. 7:14; 53; Matt. 1:18-23; 3:17, 8:29, 11:27, 14:33, 16:16, 27, 17:5, 27, 28: 1-6,19; Mark 1:1, 3:11; Luke 1:35, 4:41, 22:70, 24:46; John 1:1-18, 29, 10:30, 38, 11:25-27, 12:44-50, 14:7-11, 16:15-16, 28, 17:1-5, 21-22, 20:1-20, 28; Acts 1:9, 2:22-24, 7:55-56, 9:4-5, 20; Rom. 1:3-4, 3:23-26, 5:6-21, 8:1-3, 34, 10:4; I Cor. 1:30, 2:2, 8:6, 15:1-8, 24-28; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:20, 3:11, 4:7-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-22, 2:9; I Thes. 4:14-18; I Tim. 2:5-6, 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 1:1-3, 4:14-15, 7:14-28, 9:12-15, 24-24, 12:2, 13:8; I Peter 2:21-25, 3: 22; I John 1:7-9, 3:2, 4:14-15, 5:9; II John 7-9; Rev. 1:13-16, 5:9-14, 12:10-11, 13:8, 19: 16.

### GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believers unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believers into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Gen. 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalm 51:11; 139:7ff; Isa. 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matt. 1:18, 3:16, 4:1, 12:28-32, 28:19; Mark 1:10, 12, Luke 1:35, 4:1, 18-19, 11:13, 12:12, 24-49; John 4:24, 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-14; Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 38, 4:31, 5:3, 6:3, 7:55, 8:17, 39, 10:44, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6-19:1-6; Rom. 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; I Cor. 2:10-14, 3:16, 12:3-11; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18; I Thes. 5:19; I Tim. 3:16, 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:14, 3:16; Heb. 9:8, 14; 2 Peter 1:21; I John 4:13, 5:6-7; Rev. 1: 10, 22:17.

### MEN

Man was created by the special act of God, in his own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Gen. 1:26-30, 2:5,7, 18-22, 3:6-9; Psalm 1; 8:3-6, 32:1-5, 51:5; Isa. 6:5; Jer. 17:5; Matt. 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Rom. 1:19, 32, 3:10-18, 23, 5:6, 12, 19, 6:6, 7:14-18; I Cor. 1:21-31, 15:19, 21-22; Eph. 2:1-22, 3:9-11.

### SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by thee Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ and Chri

B. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

C. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Gen. 3:15; Ex. 3:14-17, 6:2-8; Matt. 1:21, 4:17, 16:21-26, 27:22 to 28:6; Luke 1:68-69, 2: 28-32; John 1:11-14, 29, 3:3-21, 36, 5:24, 10:9, 28-29, 15:1-16, 17:17; Acts 2:21, 4:12, 15:11, 16:30-31, 17:30-31, 20:32; Rom. 1:16-19, 2:4, 3:23-25, 4:3ff, 5:8-10, 6:1-23, 8:1-18, 29-39, 10:9-10, 13, 13:11-14; I Cor. 1:18, 30, 6:19-20, 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Gal. 2:20, 3:13, 5:22-25, 6:15; Eph. 1:7, 2:8-22, 4:11-16; Phil. 2:12-13; Col. 1:9-22, 3:1ff; I Thes. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 2:1-3, 5:8-9, 9:24-28, 11:1-12:8, 14; James 2:14-16; I Peter 1:2-23; I John 1:6 to 2:11; Rev. 3:21, 21:1 to 22:5.

### **GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE**

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-8; I Sam. 8:4-7, 19-22; Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 31:31ff; Matt. 16:18-19, 21:28-45, 24:22, 31, 25:34; Luke 1:68-79, 2:29-32, 19:41-44, 24:44-48; John 1:12-14, 3:16, 5:24, 6:44-45, 65, 10:27-29, 15:16, 17:6, 12, 17-18; Acts 20:32; Rom. 5:9-10, 8:28-39, 10: 12-15, 11:5-7, 26-36; I Cor. 1;1-2, 15:24-28; Eph. 1:4-23, 2:1-10, 3:1-11; Col. 1:12-14; 2 Thes. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:12, 2:10, 19; Heb. 11:39-12:2; I Peter 1:2-5, 13, 2:4-10; I John 1:7-9, 2:19, 3:2

### THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, and privileges invested in them by His word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation members are equally responsible. Its Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all ages.

Matt. 16:15-19, 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42, 47, 5:11-14, 6:3-6, 13:1-3, 14:23,27, 15:1-30, 16:5, 20:28; Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2, 3:16, 5:4-5,7:17, 9:13-14; 12; Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:8-11, 21, 5:22-32; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:1-15, 4:14; I Peter 5:1-4; Rev. 2-3, 21:2-3.

### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience, obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. Symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified and risen Savior the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and in the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privilege of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER (continued)

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matt. 3:13-17, 26:26-30, 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11, 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22, 22:19-20, John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42, 8: 35-39, 16:30-33, 20:7; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 10:16, 21, 11:23-29; Col. 2:12

### THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employment, work of necessity and mercy only being excepted.

Ex. 20:8-11; Matt. 12:1-12, 28:1 ff, Mark 2:27-28, 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3, 33-36; John 4:21-24, 20:1, 19-28; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Col. 2:16, 3:16; Rev. 1:10.

### THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike, commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Gen. 1:1; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Matt. 3:2, 4:8-10, 23, 12:25-28, 13:1-52, 25:31-46, 26:29; Mark 1:14-15, 9:1; Luke 4: 43, 8:1, 9:2, 12:31-32, 17:20-21, 23:42; John 3:3, 18-36; Acts 1:6-7, 17:22-31; Rom. 5:17, 8:19; I Cor. 15:24-28; Col. 1:13; Heb. 11:10,16, 12:28; I Peter 2:4-10, 4:13; Rev. 1:6,9, 5:10, 11:15, 21-22

### LAST THINGS

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isa. 2:4, 11:9; Matt. 16:27, 18: 8-9, 19: 28, 24:27, 30, 36, 44, 25:31-46, 26:64; Mark 8:38, 9:43-48; Lk. 12:40, 48, 16:19-26, 17:22-37, 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11, 17:31; Rom. 14:10; I Cor. 4:5, 15:24-28, 35-58; 2 Cor. 5:10: Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 1:5; 3:4; I Thes. 4:14-18, 5:1ff, 2 Thes. 1:7ff; 2; I, Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff, I John 2:28, 3:2; Jude 14; Rev. 1:18, 3:11, 20:1 to 22:13.

### **EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary efforts on the part of all, rest upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and are expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Isa. 6:1-8; Matt. 9:37-38, 10:5-15, 13:18-30, 37-43, 16:19, 22:9-10, 24:14, 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18, 24:46-53; John 14:11-12, 15:7-8, 16, 17:15, 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40, 10:42-48, 13:2-3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph.3:1-11; I Thes. 1:8; 2 Tim. 4:5; Heb. 2:1-3, 11:39 to 12:2; I Peter 2:4-10; Rev. 22:17

### **EDUCATION**

The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher on a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the preeminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deut. 4:1, 5, 9, 14, 6:1-10, 31:12-13; Neh. 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalm 19:7 ff, 119:11; Prov. 3:13 ff, 4:1-10, 8:1-7, 11, 15:14; Ecc. 7:19; Matt. 5:2, 7:24 ff, 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; I Cor. 1:18-31; Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 4:8; Col. 2:3, 8-9; I Tim. 1:3-7; 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17; Heb. 5:12 to 6:3; James 1:5, 3:17

### **STEWARDSHIP**

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30-32; Deut. 8:18; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 6:1-4, 19-21, 23:23, 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42, 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47, 5:1-11, 17:24-25; Rom. 6:6-22, 12:1-2; I Cor. 4:1-2, 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9, 12:15; Phil. 4:10-19; I Peter 1:18-19

### COOPERATION

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Ex. 17:12, 18:17 ff; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4, 2:68-69, 5:14-15; Neh. 4; 8: 1-5; Matt. 10: 5-15, 20:1-16, 22:1-10, 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1 ff; Acts 1:13-14, 2:1 ff, 4: 31-37, 13:2-3, 15: 1-35; I Cor. 1:10-17, 3:5-15; 12; 2 Cor. 8-9; Gal. 1:6-10; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 1:15-18

### THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The Christian should oppose in the Spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice. He should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless and the sick. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under he sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Ex. 20:3-17; Lev. 6:2-5; Deut. 10:12, 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zech. 8:16; Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48, 22:36-40, 25:35; Mark 1:29-34, 2:3 ff, 10:21; Luke 4:18-21, 10:27-37, 20-25; John 15:12, 17:15; Rom. 12-14; I Cor. 5:9-10, 6:1-7, 7:20-24, 10:23 to 11:1; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:12-17; I Thes. 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27, 2:8

### PEACE AND WAR

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war. The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love.

Isa. 2:4; Matt. 5:9, 38-48, 6:33, 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Rom. 12:18-19, 13: 1-7, 14:19; Heb. 12:14; James 4:1-2

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and prop-agate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Gen. 1:27, 2:7; Matt. 6:6-7, 24, 16:26, 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Rom. 6:1-2, 13:1-7; Gal. 5:1, 13; Phil. 3:20; I Tim. 2:1-2; James 4:12; I Peter 2:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-19

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving, propagating, and making articulate the principles of our faith and to the end that this body of cooperating churches may be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the accepted tenets of associations of Missionary Baptist Churches, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual church, and in order to set forth the relationship of this body to other Baptist bodies, we do adopt and establish this Constitution.

### Article I - Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall consist of all Missionary Baptist Churches in Ashe County, and communities closely adjacent thereto, of like faith and practice, who wish to affiliate with this Association and are loyal to the faith and practice of the Missionary Baptist Denomination.

Section 3. The membership of this body shall be the pastor and three (3) messengers from each church. A letter certifying their appointment and giving the statistics of the membership and work of the church shall be sent to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

Section 4.Any church reported to be irregular in faith or practice may be investigated by order of the Association and such action taken, as may be decided by the Association.

Section 5.The Association shall be sole judge of its membership and may receive churches according to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Any church in the Association, which fails to cooperate with the Association for two consecutive years, shall be contacted by the Executive Committee to ascertain the wishes and desires of the church relative to its continuance in the Association. A Cooperating church should be defined as one which sends a report (church letter) to the annual session, is represented (by messengers) at the annual session, represented (by Executive Committee members) at the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings, contributes to the financial program of the Association, and is in general sympathy with the purposes of the Association. The Association recognizes that any affiliated church has the right to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

### Article II - Purpose

Section 1.The purpose of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches of the Association in devising and promoting measures and programs for the spread of the gospel in our bounds and in all the world, in compliance with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Article III - Annual Church Letters (Annual Church Profile)

Section 1.The churches shall report annually statistical and general information upon a printed form furnished by the Associational office. The printed form shall be furnished to the church at least six weeks before the convening of an annual session of the Association and returned to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

### Article IV - Officers and their Duties

Section 1.The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Missionary, and the heads of such organizations as are set up and approved by the Association. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person, at the discretion of the body.

Section 2.It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association (Vice-Moderator in his absence or disability) to preside over the annual sessions and all special sessions, including the meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve the order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall name the committees and representatives of Institutions and agencies described in Sections 5, 6, and 8 of Article V of the Constitution at the opening of the annual session. He shall be elected for a one-year term, and he cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term.

Section 3.The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Executive committee meetings, annual meetings, and make such available to the body and the Associational Missionary for printing and distribution.

Section 4.The treasurer shall have charge of all Associational funds as the Association may direct and make a report of receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting.

- Section 5. (1) The Associational Missionary shall be elected upon a recommendation of the Committee on Missions, and by a vote of the Association at a regular scheduled meeting. The relationship between the Association and its Associational Missionary may be terminated following a reasonable notice of not less than 30 days.
- (2) The Associational Missionary shall promote the work and witness of the Association and denomination, cooperating with the churches, their pastors and officers and Associational committees and organizations.
  - A. He shall be responsible for planning, promoting and executing the ministry of the Association in cooperation with the Committee on Missions.
  - B. He shall make an annual report to the Association at the August meeting

### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

- C. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Association, serving in an advisory and/or resource capacity.
- D. He shall seek to visit each church in the Association in order to:
- (1) Enrich Christian fellowship among churches.
- (2) Encourage and strengthen the ministry of the churches.
- (3) Enhance the cooperative relationship between the churches and the Association
- E. He shall, when necessary, conduct surveys or inquiries, in order to determine specific needs for ministry with the area of the Association.
- F. He shall, upon request, provide a list of qualified persons who may be considered by churches seeking pastors.
- G. He shall have full administrative responsibility for all personnel employed by the Association.

### H. Strengthen Program Organizations

 Promote evangelism and church growth through total church organizations. Provide needed helps to enable churches to become better equipped in areas of church ministry.

### I. Promote Missions

- (1) Encourage and lead in mission commitment of member churches utilizing Bold Mission Thrust Plans, by creating awareness to mission opportunities, new work, and by assisting in the development of church mission development programs, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, chaplaincy ministries, interfaith witness and special mission ministries.
- (2) Give high priority to reaching the many unreached Hispanics through existing churches and in new work.

### J. Develop Leadership

(1) Encourage and provide support for development and improvement in areas of church, ministry, dealing with crisis times, leadership, and supervision skills, etc. Approaches will include family ministry, seminary extensions, workshops and conferences for church secretaries, church clerks (Uniform Church Letter), non-salaried and salaried leaders, music workshops, pastors' retreats, and ethnic leadership development.

### K. Nurture Fellowship

- (1) Nurture fellowship among member churches.
- (2) The Associational Missionary is entitled to two weeks vacation annually. Upon completion of five years service, the Associational Missionary shall be entitled to three weeks annual vacation, and after ten years, four weeks annual vacation. Vacation is to be taken within the calendar year, and it is not accumulative.
- (3) Should there occur at any time a grievance on the part of the Association of the Associational Missionary, either party may consult with the Moderator and Chairman of the Missions Committee.

### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

Section 6. The officers of the other organizations within the Association shall be nominated by their respective organizations and their names furnished, and presented to the Association for action at each annual session.

Section 7. The officers designated in Section 1, the Associational Missionary excepted, shall be elected at the morning session of the first day of the annual meeting and shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting, at which they are elected, and serve until the close of the next session.

### Article V - Committees and Their Duties

Section 1.The committees of the Association shall be: Executive Committee, Committee on New Churches, Program Committee,

Committee on Place and Preacher, Resolutions Committee, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, and such other committees as the Association may designate and name at any annual session. All committee members will serve for a period of three (3) years. Initially each committee will, with the consent of each member, designate which committee member will serve the three- (3) year, two (2) year, and one (1) year term. After the completion of a term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to the committee until after the lapse of one year.

Section 2. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of one lay member of all churches, the pastors of such churches, and the officers of the Association, as listed under Section 1 of Article IV. Twelve members of this committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice of such meeting has been mailed, or otherwise given to all members of the committee at least three days prior to the proposed meeting. Members of this committee shall be elected by the churches annually.

Section 3. The Committee on Organized Churches shall consist of the Moderator, ex officio, three pastors, and three lay-persons. This committee shall be responsible for receiving letters of application for membership into the Association by organized Missionary Baptist Churches. This committee's responsibility shall be to communicate to applying churches the requirements of a cooperating church, as herein defined in Article I, section 5, paragraph 2 of the Ashe Baptist Association Constitution. Applying churches, upon recommendation of this committee, shall, with approval of the messengers at the annual session, serve one year under watch care of the Association. This committee shall work with this church during this period and then make final recommendations at the next annual meeting.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members who shall prepare an order of business for the annual meeting, including the designating of persons to make reports as to the various objects supported by the Churches of the Association. The Associational office shall prepare copies of the same for distribution to those attending the annual sessions of the Association.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 5.The Committee on Place and Preacher shall consist of three members, who may be appointed by the Moderator, with consent of the Association. At each annual session, this Committee shall recommend to the Association a place, or places, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Association, and shall designate a minister to deliver the Associational sermon and an alternate.

Section 6.The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator. This Committee shall prepare and submit to the Association such resolutions, as it may consider pertinent and proper for the good of the body.

Section 7.The Nominating Committee shall name a Nominating Committee of five (5) members who shall bring to the second Executive Committee of the calendar year, (which is normally in April), for election of the following nominations: Clerk, Youth Director, Brotherhood Director, Discipleship Training Director, Evangelism Chairperson, Moderator, Music Director, Seminary Extension Director, Sunday School Director, and others who are invited to receive training at the Key Leadership Conference by the Baptist State Convention, (which is normally in May).

This Committee shall also present at the annual meeting for election all of the other committee members which are covered herein. Organizational heads will be named by their respective organizations and presented to the Nominating Committee at least two weeks before their nominations are presented to the Executive Committee at their second meeting, (which is normally in April).

If the organizations do not present their respective organizational heads two weeks prior to the April Executive Committee, then the Nominating Committee will select those needed and present their names to the second Executive Committee meeting (normally in April). The chairman of the Nominating Committee will contact these organizational heads before making these selections to be sure they have not already selected someone.

All other nominations shall be presented and elected on the first day of the annual meeting of the Association. All nominations at the Executive Committee meeting and the annual meeting are subject to additional nominations from the floor, and the expressed will of the Association.

Section 8.The Moderator is authorized and directed to appoint suitable persons at each session to prepare and present to the next session reports on the various subjects and causes customary to be presented and to notify such persons in due time before the meeting of the Association. (Refer to Article IV, Section 2.)

Section 9.The Board of Directors of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp shall consist of nine members who shall initially be chosen three (3) for one year, three (3) for two years, and three (3) for three years.

Of the said members, three shall be active pastors in the Association. After the completion of one term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to this board until after the lapse of one year. No more than one member of this board shall be chosen from any one church of the Association. The treasurer of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp, (who shall serve in addition to the nine member Board of Directors), shall be elected by the Board of Directors on an indefinite basis. He/she shall have voting privileges, as do other members.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to cooperate with the officials, pastors, and Executive Committee of the Association in promoting and advancing the development and operation of the camp; to supervise and direct the work of the camp; and to make a report to the Association at each annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in this organization shall be filled in accordance with the provision of Section 7 thereof.

Section 10. The Mission Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) of which shall be heads of the following organizations: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, WMU and Church Music. The names of these five (5) shall be submitted to the Associational Nominating Committee by their respective organizations and voted on by the full body on the first day of the annual meeting. The other two (2) members shall be active pastors in the Association and they shall be named by the Associational Nominating Committee. They too shall be elected along with the organizational heads. Should any of the before mentioned organizations fail to submit the name of a person nominated by themselves to serve as head of that organization, then the Associational Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating that person.

These seven (7) people shall constitute the Associational Missionary Search Committee, when such a need arises. This Committee shall work with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of the Association and lead and assist in determining need for beginning new missions stations and organizing new churches. The Moderator and Associational Missionary shall be ex officio members of this committee.

Section 11. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom must be ordained ministers, meeting the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:1-7, and who are members of cooperating churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. The Chairman, at his discretion, may invite the pastor of a candidate to sit with the committee. Churches of the Association desiring to ordain a preacher to the Gospel ministry, and desiring to use the services of the Ordination Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association, shall use the following procedure.

- 1. The Church in conference shall vote to ask the Ordination Committee to examine the candidate and so notify the chairman.
- 2. The candidate shall meet the following conditions before ordination:
  - (a) Hold membership in a cooperating Missionary Baptist church.
  - (b) Shall have held a license to preach, issued by a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church for not less than six months.
- 3. The chairman shall set a suitable time and place, notifying the members, for the examination.
- 4. The candidate shall be examined as to his conversion, call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs, and attitude toward our denomination and its programs.
- 5. The Committee Chairman shall notify the church of its recommendations and they may proceed with the ordination.

Section 12. The Evangelism Committee, composed of 5 members, shall promote the work of Evangelism in the churches and the Association in cooperation with the State Department of Evangelism. All plans and programs are to be subject to the approval of the Association, or its Executive Committee.

### Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 13. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members, of which the first named shall serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive, examine and make recommendations to the Association on all proposed amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws.

Section 14. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Properties Committee, which shall consist of three members, and shall have the responsibility of recommending the purchase of necessary property, and the construction of necessary buildings. This Committee shall recommend any repairs and improvements needed on Associational property beyond normal repair. All recommendations are subject to approval by the Executive Committee between sessions or the full-body session.

Section 15. The Committee on Finance, composed of five (5) members and the treasurer, shall study the Association's financial needs for an adequate program, prepare and present a budget to the Association for the following year, devise and develop plans for securing the cooperation of churches in providing funds to meet the budget. The treasurer will submit a complete financial report at the annual meeting in August.

Section 16. The Committee on Youth shall be composed of at least nine (9) members, three (3) of whom shall be ministers. The Chairman, also called "Youth Director," shall be selected from within their own ranks. The Committee shall be concerned with ways of relating youth to the churches of the Association and shall lead the Churches and Association to plan programs and activities that will meet their needs.

Section 17. The Seminary Extension Committee, composed of five (5) members, shall work with the chairman of the Committee to plan, promote and implement the offering of such courses of study as will meet the needs of pastors and lay-persons in the areas of Biblical studies, historical theology, Baptist life, church administration, Christian education, and pastoral training.

Section 18. There shall be five (5) trustees of the Association. They shall handle all legal matters of the Association under the direction of the said Association. Trustees shall be elected for an indefinite term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Association.

Section 19. The Associational Historian, in his/her sole discretion, shall collect facts of interest to the Association and the cooperating churches, and shall make a report to each annual session of the Association. In addition, he/she shall contact hosting churches of the annual meeting and request a brief history of each church for publication in the Book of Reports and the Associational Annual.

### Article VI Meetings and Reports

- Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual meeting convening in the month of August of each year, at such time and place as may be designated or authorized by the previous session.
- Section 2. Each organization within the Association shall make a written report to the Association at each annual meeting.
- Section 3. A special session of the Association may be called by the Moderator with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Associational Executive Committee shall meet quarterly.

### Article VII Order of Religious Exercises

- Section 1. At the annual meeting the Associational Sermon shall be delivered as herein before provided.
- Section 2. In addition to the Associational Sermon, the Program Committee shall designate a minister to deliver at least one other sermon each day the Association is in session and all business shall be suspended while such sermons are being delivered. No sermon shall be scheduled so as to conflict or interfere with the business sessions of the Association or the presentation of reports to the Association.

### Article VIII Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and voting on the second day, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day, or that notice of such amendment shall have been given during the previous annual session.

### CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

2005/2006

- 1. Congregation Summary
- 2. Sunday School Enrollment
- 3. Discipleship Training
- 4. General Financial
- 5. Missions Financial
- 6. Baptismal Summary
- 7. Music Ministry

### **Important Note:**

No Congregational Profile Reports were received from Highlands Community Mission, Trinity & Farmers Memorial Churches.

Therefore, some of the data is excluded from these reports.

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Laurel Knob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty Grove	37	6	2	3	25	1	35	0	0	0	35	72
Little Helton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	42	4	3	3	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	42
Mission Home	31	1	2	2	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	31
Mount Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Beginnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Beaver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Obids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Fields	35	5	2	1	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	35
Orion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peak Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilot Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Swamp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Round Knob	8	0	0	0	7	1	0	် 0	0	0	0	8
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuckerdale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warrensville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welcome Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	8
Totals	378	29	39	52	234	24	103	8	12	ΟI	78	481

385,231	385,231	3,559,616	91,259	524,704	2,943,653		Total:
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	30000	33 043		3 023	19 010	Church	Wagoner
	575 000	51 655		5.200	46,455	Church	Tuckerdale
			NO REPORT FILED			Church	Trinity
	140,000	38,420			38,420	Church	Round Knob
	32,000	8,431		1,236	7,195	Church	Pleasant Valley
	250,000	50,377		16,377	34,000	Church	Pleasant Home
	280,000	28,694		6,611	22,083	Church	Pine Swamp
	271,400	14,681		892	13,789	Church	Pilot Mountain
	75,000	58,520		2,550	55,970	Church	Phoenix
		4,197		750	3,447	Church	Peak Valley
22,467	1,200,000	75,399		19,170	56,229	Church	Crion
	370,000	57,996	359	4,507	53,130	Church	Old Fields
	145,000	33,869		200	33,669	Church	Obids
	200,000	29,828			29,828	Church	Oak Hill
	325,000	55,153		393	54,760	Church	North Beaver
	325,000	121,618	71	5,999	115,548	Church	New River
			N/A			Church	New Beginnings
128,000	246,300					Church	Mount Clive
	121,600	65,356		2,080	63,276	Church	Mission Home
59,764	650,000	213,190	8,295	75,968	128,927	Church	Midway
	130,000	11,145		4,191	6,954	Church	Little Helton
	260,000	122,918			122,918	Church	Liberty Grove
	500,000	92,933	197	11,796	80,940	Church	Laurel Knob
	445,000	75,756	ì	25,239	50,517	Church	Landmark
			NO REPORT FILED			Mission	rightands Community
	302,000	55,790	3,302	8,100	44,388	Church	Highlands Community
	375,000	57,269	162	1,126	55,981	Church	Grassy Creek
	345,000	89,406			89,406	Church	Giendale Springs
	698,700	397,184		112,293	284,891	Church	Priendsnip
	1,100,000	76,358	552	220	75,586	Church	Friendly Grove
	1,200,000	262,001	7,751	37,560	216,690	Church	Fletcher Memorial
			NO REPORT FILED			Church	Farmers Memorial
94,000	130,000		60,884			Church	Faith Fellowship
		8,140			8,140	Mission	Cristo El Salvador
	447,000	61,420		9,005	52,415	Church	Clifton
	245,000	19,361			19,361	Church	Calvary
		52,000		5,000	47,000	Church	Buffalo
81,000	571,700	158,918	2,864	55,508	100,546	Church	Bristol
			N/A			Church	Blue Ridge
	75,000	19,631		2,684	16,947	Church	Big Laurel
	285,000	37,786	6,350	8,530	22,906	Church	Big Flatts
	210,000	53,000		5,000	48,000	Church	Beaver Creek
	5,700,000	659,358		38,135	621,223	Church	Bald Mountain
	33,000	14,974			14,974	Church	Apple Grove
CONGREGATION	PROPERTY	TOTAL RECEIPTS	OTHER	DESIGNATED	UNDESIGNATED	CHURCH / MISSION	CONGREGATION
			ncial	General Financial			

# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association Financial - Missions

Namo	) h h /M#: i o .			alicial - IVII	SICHS				
Apple Grove	Church	\$	\$100	State	Annie A.	Lottie M.	Other	Non SBC	TME
Bald Mountain	Church	\$16,800	\$9,000	\$972	\$4.112	\$8.019	\$19 952	\$27.736	\$2.50
Beaver Creek	Church	69	\$1,500	\$825	\$100	\$100	69 -	es -;	\$2.52
Big Flatts	Church	\$101	\$600	\$250	\$350	\$500	\$975	\$1,364	\$4.14
Big Laurel	Church	G	\$420	69	↔	↔	€9 .	<b>6</b>	\$42
Blue Ridge	Church	69	\$700	69	\$500	\$500	\$1,900	\$3,600	\$7,2
Bristol	Church	\$3,323	\$2,241	69	↔	\$800	69	\$50	\$6.4
Buffalo	Church	€	\$780	↔	\$700	\$650	\$300	မှာ ပို	\$2.4
Calvary	Church	€	\$100	↔	\$200	\$267	\$200	£9 <b>∢</b>	\$76
Clifton	Church	\$750	\$750	↔	\$300	\$300	69	£9 €	\$2.1
Cristo El Salvador	Mission	↔	€	↔	s ·	69	69 4	£9 €	÷,
Faith Fellowship	Church	\$2,969	\$1,204	↔	↔ .	<b>с</b> э •	\$1.500	\$1.500	\$7.1
Farmers Memorial	Church	€	€9	↔	€	69	69 T	es 1	<u>ب</u>
Fletcher Memorial	Church	\$17,360	\$18,478	\$1,546	\$5,199	\$5,862	\$288	\$16,475	\$65
Friendly Grove	Church	\$4,400	\$4,350	↔	\$2,321	\$1,553	\$5.081	€9 -	\$17
Friendship	Church	\$42,775	\$8,555	\$1,519	\$5,043	\$7,764	\$1,729	<b>⇔</b> +	\$67
Glendale Springs	Church	\$420	\$4,078	\$100	\$911	\$1,447	\$300	\$17,502	\$24.7
Grassy Creek	Church	\$3,258	\$2,216	\$200	\$275	\$275	\$1,000	\$5,215	\$12,4
Healing Springs	Church	\$2,458	\$2,458	\$1,476	\$228	\$426	\$3,304	\$1,200	\$11,5
rightands community	Mission	₩.	₩.	↔	69	€9	↔	↔	€9
Landmark	Church	. <del>(</del>	\$1,200	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$2,050	\$2,600	\$8,6
Liberty Grove	Church	\$1,487	\$2,584	\$1,224	en	\$6,179	₩	\$6,491	\$17,9
Little Helton	Church	69 T	eə (	\$138	<i>-</i> 9 €	, oc	A C.C.	90,200	\$1,2 2,7
Midway	Church	\$12,893	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$2,316	\$3,619	\$6,637	\$14.078	\$46.0
Mission Home	Church	\$2,000	\$400	↔	\$807	\$1,865	\$1,089	\$11,138	\$17.2
Mount Olive	Church	\$388	\$1,000	\$300	\$300	\$263	€9	ω.	\$2.2
New Beginnings	Church	49	\$288	\$336	€9	69	↔	↔	\$62
New River	Church	\$2,311	\$3,466	€9	\$500	\$500	\$7,128	\$9,623	\$23,5
North Beaver	Church	\$900	\$2,100	es	\$500	\$500	69	ь	\$4,0
Oak Hill	Church	€9	\$600	↔	↔	\$750	\$750	\$2,199	\$4,29
Oblas	Church	\$800	\$800	€	€	\$307	↔	\$3,000	\$4,9
Orion	Church	\$500	\$1,750	\$374	\$1,000	\$1,127	\$1,546	\$8,737	\$15,0
Peak Valley	Church	5 1 1 1	\$100	# OO'	\$100	\$1,500	°300	9	\$10,1
Phoenix	Church	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1.200	\$1.120	s 60	\$3 200	\$ 6.7°
Pilot Mountain	Church	↔	\$672	εs	↔	↔ '	↔ .	<del>69</del>	\$67
Pine Swamp	Church	G	\$1,480	€9	↔	↔	\$51	€	\$1,5
Pleasant Home	Church	\$757	\$2,270	\$757	\$815	\$1,000	↔	↔	\$5,59
Pleasant Valley	Church	₩	↔	69	€	€	↔	€9	€9
Trinity	Church	\$2,023	\$1,153	\$1,153	\$1,404	\$1,404	€9	€9	\$7,13
Tuckerdale	Church	\$7E0	3 ₩	9	) <del>(</del> 1	) (4)	• €9	49	₩.
Wagoner	Church	\$197	\$2,400	\$1,100	9	\$500	. €/I	\$5,650	\$10,4
Warrensville	Church	\$2.550	\$3.150	\$2,695	\$1 720	\$1 930	<del>-</del> - +	\$175 GE9	\$4,41
Welcome Home	Church	\$4,104	\$5,600	<del>с</del> я ;	မ	\$230	₩ (	\$87	\$10.0
Total		6122 424	CV8 803	\$24 675	\$33 DA6	ess 777	DE2 E24	3000	

Baptism Information

			Bantisms by	sm information					
CONGREGATION	Church/Mission	Total	0-5 6-8	8-8	911	12.17	18 20	30 50	3
Apple Grove	Church	2	0	0	0	0	0   0	1	4
Bald Mountain	Church	13	0	7	4	0	0	2	0
Beaver Creek	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Flatts	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Laurel	Church	2	0		1	0	0	0	0
Blue Ridge	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	Church	6	0	_	3	_	-	0	0
Buffalo	Church	ω	0	0	_	0	2	0	0
Calvary	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 6
Clifton	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cristo El Salvador	Mission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Fellowship	Church	3	0	0	0	0	0	ω	0
Farmers Memorial	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fletcher Memorial	Church	ω	0	2	0	0	0		0
Friendly Grove	Church	σ,	0	0	0	2	0	ω	0
Friendship	Church	15	0	2	0	8	_	4	0
Glendale Springs	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Healing Springs	Church	_	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Highlands Community	Mission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Landmark	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laurel Knob	Church	1	0	0	_	0	0	0	0
Liberty Grove	Church	с'n	0	0	2	0	0	2	_
Little Helton	Church	ω	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Midway	Church	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Mission Home	Church	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Mount Olive	Church	ယ	0	0	0	0	0	2	_
New Beginnings	Church	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
New River	Church	ω	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
North Beaver	Church	2	0	_	1	0	0	0	0
Oak Hill	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Obids	Church	_	0	0	0	0	0	_	0
Old Fields	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orion	Church	_	0	0	0	0	0	0	_
Peak Valley	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix,	Church	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Pilot Mountain	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Swamp	Church	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pleasant Home	Church	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Pleasant Valley	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Round Knob	Church	1	0	0	0	0	0	_	0
Trinity	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuckerdale	Church	5	0	0	2	2	0	_	0
Wagoner	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warrensville	Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welcome Home	Church	_	0	_	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		94	0	15	20	23	7	25	4

		Music I	Music Ministry Information	nation	į	
CONGREGATION	Church/Mission	Total enrolled	Preschool	6-11 enroll - 12-17 enroll	nroll Adult enroll	Other groups
Apple Grove,	Church	0	D	ı	١	0
Bald Mountain,	Church	115	ាភ	20 20	50	10
Beaver Creek	Church	32	7	4 3	18	0
Big Flatts	Church	8	2	5 0	_	0
Eig Laurei	Church	· c	,	· C	0	0
Blue Ridge	Church	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	Church	30	.0	4	26	0
Buffalo	Church	28	ö		20	4
Calvary	Church	0	0	0	0	0
Clifton	Church	50	2	. 3 10	35	0
Cristo El Salvador	Mission	ω	-1	00	2	0
Faith Fellowship	Church	<b>σ</b>	0	0	сл	0
Farmers Memorial	Church	0	0	0 0	0	0
Fletcher Memorial	Church	41	0	0 6	30	2
Friendly Grove	Church	27	2	10 0	15	0
Friendship	Church	54	0	11 8	30	υn
Glendale Springs	Church	65	თ	5 2	53	0
Grassy Creek	Church	25	0	5	15	0
Healing Springs	Church	24	0	6	15	0
rightands community	Mission	c	c	0	0	0
Landmark	Church	41	0	0 0	22	15
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Little Helton	Church	υ <i>[</i>	<b>ο</b> ι	2 C	л 5	0 0
Midway	Church	33	0	O ·	30	0 (
Mission Home	Church	23	0	0 0	23	0
Mount Olive	Church	15	0	0 0	15	0
New Beginnings	Church	12	_	<u>_</u>	9	0
New River	Church	30	ω	5 5	10	7
North Beaver	Church	15	0	0 0	15	0
Oak Hill	Church	10	0	0 0	10	0
Obids	Church	20	0	2 0	18	0
Old Fields	Church	23	_	3 1	18	0
Orion	Church	23	2	4 0	17	0
Peak Valley	Church	0	0	0 0	0	0
Phoenix	Church	27	ω	3 1	20	0
Pilot Mountain	Church	15	0	0 0	15	0
Pine Swamp	Church	18	0	0 3	15	0
Pleasant Home	Church	12	2	2 1	7	0
Pleasant Valley	Church	10	0	0 0	10	0
Round Knob	Church	10	0	1	œ	0
Trinity	Church	0	0	0 0	0	0
Tuckerdale	Church	0	0	0 0	0	0
Wagoner	Church	=======================================	0	0 0	⇉	0
Warrensville	Church	51	0	0 4	35	12
Welcome Home	Church	25	0	0 0	25	0
lotals		961	49	104 84	669	55



One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Session

"Kneeling at the Foot of the Cross
of Jesus Christ for 121 years" Ephesians 3:14



Empowering-Mobilizing-Creating Atmosphere for Ashe Baptist Churches

Friday, August 17, 2007 Hosted by Orion and North Beaver Baptist Church Saturday, August 18, 2007 Hosted by Landmark Baptist Church



### ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

### Ashe Missionary Baptist Association



Meeting on Friday, August 17, 2007 Host Churches, Orion Baptist Church & North Beaver Baptist Church

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### ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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REV. RON MCSWAIN CHOWAN UNIVERSITY

REV. GAYLE BROWN NC BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

REV. CHARLES FOX BAPTIST FOUNDATION

REV. WAYNE OAKES NC BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

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REV. MACK ARNOLD, JR. MISSION SERMON

REV. CHRIS COX ANNUAL MEETING MESSAGE

The 2006/2007 Minutes of the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated

### IN HONOR OF MR. RONNIE HOPKINS

Joseph Ronald (Ronnie) Hopkins was born in Ashe County on June 10, 1947 to Earl and Sylvia Hopkins.

Ronnie professed his faith in Christ at age 14, was baptized and joined Bald Mountain Baptist Church, where he has been a member since. He has held many positions at Bald Mountain including, Deacon, Treasurer as well as many others positions. Ronnie married the former, Mary Turner of Warrensville, they have one son, Derek, who now resides in Atlanta, GA. Ronnie loves the Lord, his Church and his family. He is a business man and one of his goals is to operate a Christian oriented business atmosphere for his employees and customers. He is loved and respected by many.

Ronnie is always willing to lend a helping hand to his church and



community that need a little assistance. He served on the Executive Board of the Ashe Baptist Association for several years. He served as the Treasurer for the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp for many years until 2007 when he asked to be retired from this position. The Association is very grateful to Ronnie for taking care of the Summer Camp finances over the past years. Thank you Ronnie!

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### IN MEMORY OF REV. TODD G EDMISTON

For those attending the 2007 Annual Meetings this year most noticed that one of our favorite speakers was not with us this year. Rev. Todd Edmisten, Vice President of Development for Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute has been a guest at our meetings for many years. Todd went to be with the Lord on February 2, 2007. He will be greatly missed but we rejoice to know that he is with our Lord and Savior whom he loved dearly.

He was a member of Mud Creek Baptist Church in Hendersonville, NC, where he was ordained to Ministry. The stories he shared at our annual meetings will live on for many of us. He had a special gift of sharing the gospel through his



R-L: Rev. Todd Edmisten, Jerry Powers, & Rev. Rick Miller

personal life experiences that brought many of us to laughter and tears. He will be remembered for his welcome introduction in which he would say, if you can't remember my name just remember, "My name is Todd, my Dad's name was Ed and I barely missed a ton when I was born — Todd Edmisten."

Respectfully submitted by the Ashe Baptist Associational Office

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### IN MEMORY OF MR. JAMES MACK GORE

James Mack Gore was born in Mouth of Wilson, Virginia on December 28, 1921 to Brennan McWayne Gore and Maggie Poe Gore. Mack was the oldest of 10 children. Mack grew up going to church and was saved when he was 16 and became a member of Little Wilson Baptist Church. Mack graduated from Virginia-Carolina High School in 1939.

Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941, Mack joined the United States Navy; he spent most of his duty during World War II on board the USS President Jackson in the South Pacific where he saw action in several major campaigns. Mack was honorably discharged from the Navy on December 19, 1945. Mack was very proud of the time he served his country.



When Mack returned home from the Navy his family had moved from Mouth of Wilson to the Chestnut Hill Community of Ashe County, North Carolina. Mack worked on the family farm when he returned home form the Navy. In 1946 Mack met and fell in love with Glenna Vaught. Mack and Glenna were married on November 9, 1946 in Alexandria, Virginia. Mack and Glenna raised two daughter, Joyce and Terri Lynn. Mack was a very devoted husband and father and brought his children up in a Godly home. He was a man of high moral character and with a wonderful love for the Lord. Mack also volunteered as a 4-H Leader in the community for a number of years. Mack worked on the farm that he and his father-in-law, Tom Vaught, acquired together in the Chestnut Hill Community raising cattle and tobacco and he also worked at Sprague Electric from where he retired in 1983.

Mack joined New River Baptist Church on July 14, 1963, (Rev. Roe Paisley was the pastor at this time) where he served as substitute Adult Sunday school teacher for many years. Mack was a dedicated member if New River Baptist Church for over 43 years. On January 5, 1974, Mack was ordained as a Deacon, which he served until he was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday morning January 7, 2007. (Rev. Wayne Jones is currently pastor)

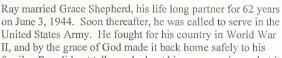
Mack was ready to meet the Lord and looking forward to it, he was heard saying one beautiful sunny Sunday after church "this would be a beautiful day to go home." Mack is very dearly missed by his family and friends and we all look forward to being reunited with him again one "beautiful day."

Respectfully submitted by the family of James Mack Gore

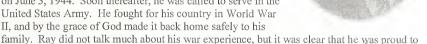
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### IN MEMORY OF REVEREND RAY R. HAM

Ray R. Ham was born on March 16, 1922 in Ashe County to Lester and Ressie Ham. He grew up in the Horse Creek Community and was one of six children. His experience of growing up during the Great Depression taught him the value of a dollar, which he tried to instill in his children and grandchildren. Even more important, he instilled in his family the unconditional love that our heavenly Father has for us, along with the plan of salvation which would prove to be worth more to us than anything else could ever be.



be a veteran.



Ray and Grace raised three children, Juanita, Luvenia, and Russell. Ray was very devoted to his family, and brought his children up to know right from wrong. The family attended Buffalo Baptist Church for many years, which was within walking distance of their home.

At the time that ray retired form Sprague Electric in 1983, he and Grace were members of the Warrensville Baptist Church. Rev. Jerry Burleson was the pastor. The Lord had been dealing with Ray for a long time about his call to preach the Word. Finally, at the end of a Sunday morning service, Ray announced his surrender to the call to preach. His greatest desire in this life was to live his life in a way that would be pleasing unto God. He strived everyday to do just that, and encouraged everyone that he came in contact with to do the same. He was ordained on October 20, 1985.

Ray was the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church located in West Jefferson for six years, and enjoyed many blessings during that time. After fulfilling his call there, he later followed the call to pastor Grassy Creek Baptist Church in the Grassy Creek Community for two years, which resulted in many blessings as well. It seemed like he continued to grow in spirit and knowledge everyday. His understanding of God's Word was immeasurable.

Along with his age and some health issues, Ray began to feel like he was no longer able to fulfill all of the duties that being a good pastor required. After retiring again, only this time from being a pastor, Ray visited many churches, attended revivals, and continued to share his testimony any time that he got the opportunity. He would have that same pleasant smile on is face each time he would tell about his salvation experience.

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IN MEMORY OF REVEREND RAY R. HAM (continued)

Ray and grace attended Mount Jefferson Baptist Church where Preacher David Brown was pastor. They were faithful members there, touching many lives. Ray loved the good old hymns and to be in the midst of a real spiritual service. He was never too bashful to say "Amen", but always reverent, taking the Lord's work very serious. He truly had a burden for lost souls, and would always share the plan of salvation in hopes to help lead someone to Christ, or to at least plant a seed.

As time went on, Ray and Grace found it better and easier to attend and serve in a church closer to home, which of course would be back at Buffalo Baptist Church where Reverend Dean Watson served as a pastor. Ray and Grace enjoyed the services there and it seemed that they always took a sweet spirit with them wherever they went to worship.

> And after all is said and done, Know that my last earnest prayer Is that my loved ones be ready, Some day to meet me there.

His loved ones are truly looking forward to that day!!!

Respectfully submitted by the family of Rev. Ray R. Ham

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### IN MEMORY OF MR. LOYD WITHERSPOON

Harvey Loyd Witherspoon was born to James Edward and Effie Burkett Witherspoon in Jefferson, NC, on April 14, 1915. He grew up in the Friendship Community and attended Friendship Baptist Church. From his childhood, church was an important part of his life, because his parents instilled their belief in God in their children.

On November 29,1936, Loyd married Verona Miller, a teacher at the Friendship school. They moved to the Mount Jefferson Community where they had purchased land. There was an old house on the property where they lived until they could build a house of their own. Together, they worked hard to clear and improve the land, and Loyd became a successful farmer.



In 1953, Rev. M. D. Hart, along with members of the Mt. Jefferson Community, were led to organize a new church in the area. Loyd was asked about the use of a small house on his property for church services until a building could be erected. He gave them the use of the house and Midway Baptist Church became a reality. Loyd and his family became members of Midway. He helped in the construction of the new church which was built by a number of volunteer workers. Some of the positions of the church in which he served were: deacon, treasurer, trustee, and van driver. He also served as a trustee for the Ashe Baptist Association.

Loyd believed in helping others both in the church and in the community. He always impressed upon his children the importance of God and His church.

### IN MEMORIAL

# MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2006-2007



Apple Grove	Ba	ptist
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Bald Mountain Baptist Big Flatts Baptist Blue Ridge Baptist Bristol Baptist

**Buffalo Missionary Baptist** 

Calvary Baptist Church Clifton Baptist

Fletcher Memorial Baptist

Friendly Grove Baptist

Friendship Baptist

Glendale Springs Baptist

Grassy Creek Baptist Healing Springs Baptist Landmark Baptist

Liberty Grove Baptist

Little Helton Baptist

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Mr. Bill Moser
Mr. Bill Bumgarner
Ms. Blanche Landreth
Mr. Jerry Johnson
Mrs. Ruby Barker
Mr. Jared F. Hart
Ms. Lenna Hodgson

Me. Lerina Trougson
Rev. Ray Ham
Mr. Larry Taylor
Ms. Opal Myers
Mr. Richard Jones
Mrs. Vivan Hartsoe
Mr. Ron Todd
Mr. Charles Holt

Ms. Maude McCoy Ms. Ola Mae Greer Ms. Irene Hash

Mr. Marvin "Mickey" Little Mr. Robert Jessup

Mr. Lawrence Burkett Ms. Carrie Hudler

Ms. Hazel M. Patterson Ms. Roxie Sheets Ms. Myrtle Chandler

Mr. J. B. Hudler

Mr. Lloyd Jack Testerman Mr. Danny Edward McClure Mrs. Ercelle Durham

Mrs. Pansy Fletcher
Mr. Herbert Greer
Mr. Clarence Parsons
Mr. Lee Debord

Ms. Winnie Davis

IN MEMORIAL

MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2006- 2007



Midway Baptist Mission Home Baptist

New River Baptist

Oak Hill Baptist Old Fields Baptist Orion Baptist

Peak Valley Baptist Phoenix Baptist

Pine Swamp Baptist Pleasant Home Baptist Round Knob Tuckerdale Baptist

Wagoner Warrensville

Welcome Home Baptist

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Ms. Eula M. Johnson
Ms. Eula Laurance
Ms. Ruth Blevins
Mr. Fitzhugh Hash
Mrs. Mae Seagraves
Mrs. Jean Eggers

Mr. James Mack Gore (Deacon)<sup>c</sup>
Ms. Eula Barker

Mrs. Mary Nell Hayes
Mr. Rufus Dishman, Jr.
Mrs. Geneva W. Vannoy
Mrs. Fredar Miller
Mr. Ronald Stewart
Mr. Walter Turner
Ms. Lena G. Waddell
Ms. Juanita Ashley Jarvis
Mr. Phillip "Phil" Miller
Mr. Delmar Hale
Mr. Walter Cox (Deacon)

Mr. Walter Cox (Deacon)
Mrs. Effie Miller Johnson
Mrs. Hettie Miller Darnell
Mr. Travis Vernon Brooks
Mrs. Clara Osborne Elliott
Mr. Jack Sheets

Mr. Jack Sneets
Ms. Lessie McNeill
Ms. Donna Jones
Mr. James "Pat" Sykes
Ms. Polly Patrick

### Landmark Baptist Church History

Through the years countless lives have been touched by the ministry of Landmark Baptist Church. Beginning in 1856, when the first church was established, and reaching down through many generations, Landmark has lived up to its name.

When Landmark Baptist Church was established in 1856 it consisted of members from Baptist Chapel and Mt. Pleasant Church. Landmark Baptist Church was originally called "The Old Landmark Church" and meetings were held in the old Silas Creek schoolhouse.

The Landmark Mission Baptist Church was organized in February of 1856 in the old Silas Creek School House. In the early years of the Church, the first place of worship was built. Prior to this time the meetings were held in the Old Silas Creek School House.

The members, feeling it would be better to own their place of worship, went to work to attain their goal of building a church. With undaunted courage and a faith in God, that never knows defeat, they went to work and in about two years had built a very comfortable place to worship. Being organized before the Civil War, it had to struggle hard for its existence but through faith in Christ, and the good work of its fine leaders, it came through without too much harm being done.

In the year 1911 work was begun on the present building, which is located on the Silas Creek Road. The old building was inadequate to accommodate the people who attended the meetings; therefore it was necessary to build a larger and better building. The church has made great progress over the last 50 years. In 1953, remodeling the church was begun. Later, in 1975, the church was remodeled providing additional educational space, restrooms and water.

In the 1980's a building fund was started to begin the plans for a Fellowship building. That building was completed in 1992, being dedicated to the memory of Rev. W.E. Denny and Rev. W.H. Caldwell.

May 23, 1999 hard hats were donned and members put shovel-to-earth to celebrate the groundbreaking services for the new addition and renovations. It was a beautiful sunny day for such a joyous occasion. Sunday services on August 15, 1999 were the last to be held in the building as it had stood for many years. On Wednesday, August 18, 1999 Landmark members moved their services from the church to the Fellowship Building preparing for the new church renovations. Members anxiously awaited the completion of the newly renovated Landmark. On December 19, 1999 Landmark members were very pleased when they arrived on that Sunday morning to their beautiful new church — their house of worship for the Lord. Some of the new renovations included a choir area, an additional Sunday School room, a pastor's office, stained cut glass windows illustrating the life of Christ, new light fixtures, a place for the piano and sound systems controls. A back entrance to the rooms upstairs and a second EXIT door. When spring arrived in 2000 the outside brick and final touches were completed on Landmark Baptist Church.

The Landmark Church has stood in the Silas Creek Community as a beacon light to the people for generations and we pray that God will bless the Landmark Baptist Church and that it will continue to be a Light House throughout many other generations to come, and all who will accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Since it's beginning in 1856, the church has been blessed in the fact that it has a good mixture of young, middle-aged and senior members, as well as a number of very young children. It has strived over the years to minister to each age group with particular emphasis on the strengthening spiritual growth of its young members. Landmark gives the Youth the opportunity to conduct the entire Sunday School and Worship Services each fifth Sunday.

In 2006 high winds brought down the weathered wooden cross that had stood atop the bell tower at Landmark for many years. On June 6, 2006 a new aluminum cross was mounted atop the bell tower replacing the wooden cross. The old fashioned bell is still rung by hand calling the worshiper to church every Sunday morning at Landmark Baptist Church.

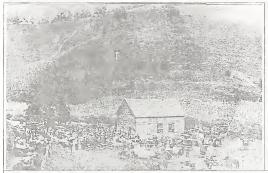
Landmark Baptist Church was established on the strong faith of the founding members, and a desire to see people come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The prayer is that it will always stay on that foundation, as it has in the past. The mission of Landmark Baptist Church is to follow the example as stated by Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." As shown throughout the years, regardless of worship strife and conflict, the church will continue to first and foremost follow God and seek his purpose in all things.

Landmark Baptist Church mission statement: We are the Body of Christ, receiving and growing in God's grace, embracing each other in Christian Love, reaching out in ministry to others.

Rev. Charles McCoy elected pastor at Landmark in July 2004 - Present.

Dated: June 2007

LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH THROUGH THE YEARS



Landmark Baptist Church back in the day of horse & buggy

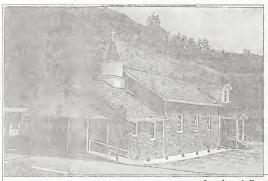


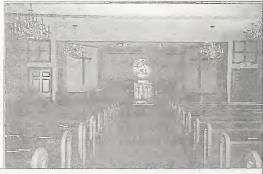
A baptism service behind Landmark Baptist Church





Landmark Baptist Church prior to last remodeling





Landmark Baptist Church 2007

# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association LANDWARK BAPTIST CHURCH 25-JUN-2007

	·	
	PASTORS	YEAR OF SERVICE
1	J. F. Fletcher	1887, 1888, 1889, 1890
2	Elihu Tucker	1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899,
2	Lilliu Fuckei	1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906
		1000, 1001, 1002, 1000, 1000, 1000
3	G. J. Henderson	1907, 1908
4	W. F. Barker	1909, 1910
	J. C. Blevins	1044 1040 1040 1044 1045
5	J. C. Bievins	1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915
6	Coy Blackburn	1916, 1917, 1918
	Goy Blackbarri	1010, 1017, 1010
7	W. Edgar Denny	1919, 1920, 1921
8	James D. Sexton	1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929
-	W.E.L. D	1000 1001 1000 1000 1001 1005 1000 1007 1000
9	W. Edgar Denny Born: 2-12-1888	1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938,
	Died: 11-16-1986	1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951
		1946, 1949, 1950, 1951
10	Roe Pasley	1952, 1953
11	Luther D. Shumate	1954, 1955, 1956
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. 12	A. P. Howell	1957, 1958, 1959, 1960
13	Buford L. Hash	1961, 1962
13	Duloid L. Hasii	1901, 1902
14	Lawrence Goodman	1963, 1964, 1965, 1966
15	Sam Testerman	1967, 1968, 1969, 1970
		3
16	Dan Tuell	, 1971, 1972
	NO REPORT	1973, 1974
	NO REPORT	1975, 1974
17	W. H. Caldwell	1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983,
	Born: 8-31-1906	1984, 1985
	<u>Died</u> : 7-21-1995	
18	David Testerman	1006 1007 1000 1000 1000 1001 1000 1000
10	David Testelliali	1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994,
		1000, 1000, 1007
19	Ronnie McMillan	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2-1-2004 last day
20	Charlie McCoy	July 2004, 2005, 2006, Present

# North Beaver Baptist Church Church History

God wonderfully blessed in a tent revival conducted by Rev. Harvey Phillips. At the close of the revival, a church was organized. Some who joined had been saved during the revival and others joined from neighboring churches. Rev. Harvey Phillips assisted us in organizing the church with J.C. Goodman acting as moderator.

Services were held twice each month with Sunday School every Sunday in an old store building owned by C.L. Winebarger. There were 26 charter members. They included Fannie Faw Sheets, D. Mills Goodman, Culie Pharr, Oscar Hurley, Rev. Harley Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Winebarger, Andy Phillips, Zora Winebarger, Mrs. Worth Miller, Ruby Lee Severt, Mrs. Julia Hurley, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Phipps, Mrs. Dollie Sheets, Mrs. Mae Dempsey Severt, Mrs. Mills Goodman, Mrs. Barnie Severt, Miss Bell McNeil, Fields Harless, Mrs. Nora Harless, Mr & Mrs. Arnold Johnson.

Rev. Levi Greene served as our first pastor of the new church, which was organized January 3, 1943. Rev. W.H. Caldwell was elected as the second pastor in 1945 and work was begun on a new church building on land owned by C.L. Winebarger, which he donated to the church. The first service was held in the church building on February 15, 1948, by the pastor, W.H. Caldwell, and the new church was named North Beaver Baptist Church. When Rev. Caldwell was called to a church in Wilkes County and moved to a new home in Wilkes County in 1950, Rev. Keene Roark was elected and served as pastor for about four years. Following Rev. Roark were Rev. Wiley Carroll, Rev. Paul Phipps (1958), Rev. John Goodman, Rev. Earl Hartzog, Rev. David Hartzog, Rev. Walter Day, Rev. Douglass Parsons, and Rev. Earl Hartzog. for a second time.

In 1972, Rev. Johnny Lee Goodman assumed his duties as pastor and the church grew in spirit and members. New Sunday School rooms were built. A well was dug. Conventional indoor plumbing was added to the physical comforts of the church building and carpet was installed throughout the church. Other improvements were made, including the installation of a hot air furnace. On August 9, 1975, North Beaver was host to the Ashe Baptist Association Annual Meeting.

Following the resignation of Rev. Johnny Goodman in December, 1978, Rev. David Blackburn was called as pastor that same month. He was ordained by Healing Springs Baptist Church, with the assistance of North Beaver Baptist Church. North Beaver was his first church and he served as pastor for eleven years. During his pastorate many improvements were made to the original sanctuary, such as new ceiling and stained glass windows, new church pews, new Baptist Hymnal and Bibles for each pew, insulation overhead, a bricked exterior and lighted church sign.

Three new Sunday School classes were started and a trailer was purchased to be used for Sunday School rooms. Soon, however, it was decided to build new Sunday School rooms. A storage building and picnic area was built. In 1985 a beautiful fellowship hall, Sunday School rooms, and a conventional kitchen were added to the existing building. The church grew in numbers, and for that we are thankful to the God who truly blessed us.

In April of 1990 Rev. Blackburn resigned and in November of the same year Rev. Wayne Jones accepted the pastorate. North Beaver experienced continued growth under Pastor Jones leadership and many improvements to the church were made. Following Rev. Jones at North Beaver as pastor was Rev. Kent Eller and Rev. John Crawford.

# North Beaver Baptist Church Church History (continued)

Rev. Rick Miller is our current pastor, he has been with us since May 2005. Our current deacon board consist of Bob Neaves, Glenn Miller, Scott Roten, Tim Roland, Karlton Yearick, Allen Neaves, David Stidhams, Terry Hartzog. Recent improvements and additions to the church facilities include the purchase of a new van, additional parking area and building improvements. In 2006 North Beaver Baptist Church launched our own website at www.northbeaver.org. The members of North Beaver are proud of what the Lord has done in and through our church and look to the future with faith in God and a desire to further the Kingdom of Christ in our community.



New Sign on Hwy 163 beside of church





Side view of Sanctuary & fellowship hall



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# Ashe Missionary Baptist Church

### Orion Baptist Church History

Realizing the need of a Baptist Church in this community, a meeting was held on December 19, 1911 and organized this church. A synopsis of the rules and articles of faith were given by Rev. George M. Reeves, acting Moderator of the body.

The following are members who counseled together in the organization: W. C. Absher from Shelter Baptist Church, W. M. Dillard, J. F. Dillard, and Mrs. Jennie Dillard from Bethel Baptist Church, Mrs. Dora Lambert from Friendship Baptist Church, and Miss Lucy Penn from Jefferson Baptist Church.

A motion was made that J. F. Dillard be elected Church Clerk, the motion was carried, and he served in this office until 1962. The following ministers were present: Rev. George M. Reeves, Rev. C. M. Cope, Rev. R. M. Burkett, Rev. D. S. Lee. The following Brothers were present: J. F. Walters, J. F. Blackburn from Bethel Baptist Church, Wiley Burkett and W. F. Williams from Friendship Baptist Church, Jesse Lyall and G. A. Lyall from Zion Hill Baptist Church.

The Church doors were opened and the following persons came forward and joined the Church: Katie Bowers, Ronnie Bare, Josie Dillard, Sallie Dillard, F. M. Bowers, Willie Bowers, Nannie Bowers, and Lena Bowers. On December 19, 1911 at the evening service, the sermon was delivered by Rev. C. M. Cope and the following joined the Church: Johnny Mullis, Ruth Mullis, Rhoda Sexton, Bertha Sexton, W. C. Smith, and Cora Bare.

On Wednesday, December 20, 1911 at 10:00 am, the following persons were baptized into the Fellowship of the Church: Sallie Dillard, Josie Dillard, Bertha Sexton, F. M. Bowers. Another sermon was delivered at 11:30 am by Rev. George M. Reeves. The Church doors were opened to receive new members. Hannah Severt, May Bate, Effie Sheets, Jesse Bare, Baxter Bowers, Callie Bare, W. J. Bare, E. D. Coldiron, Alice Bare, and Lee Lambert came forward and were received as candidates for baptism.

A new building was constructed in the spring of 1912. The first revival was conducted by Rev. George M. Reeves and Rev. C. M. Cope. According to the church minutes, twenty-five new members were added to the church. From these new members, the first Board of Deacons was elected. Rev. T. M. Hayes was elected pastor in 1913. Others serving as pastor were Rev. R. M. Burkett, Rev. Bitty Carlton, Rev. W. E. Denny, Rev. T. M. Hayes, Rev. E. Z. Sexton, who served for nineteen years, Rev. Paul Phipps, Rev. M. D. Hart, Rev. Smith Miller, Rev. Wesley Eldreth, Rev. Elwood Goodman, Rev. R. C. Ashley, Rev. David Brown, Rev. David Hartzog, Rev. W. E. Burchett, Rev. John Leek, Rev. Victor Church, and Rev. Rick Miller. The present pastor is Rev. Mace Johnson.

The present church facilities was expanded in 1974 and remodeled in 1987. A new fellowship hall was built and dedicated to the memory of Jones Dillard in 2006.

# Ashe Missionary Baptist Church

### Orion Baptist Church History

Orion Baptist Church at present has approximately 100 members on roll and conducts preaching and teaching services Sunday morning and evenings as well as Wednesday night Bible Study. Currently, we are praying and working to expand our outreach and ministry to our community and have adopted the theme "Telling a hurting world about our loving Savior."

Orion Baptist Church has a long and established history of caring and sharing through the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A warm and friendly fellowship awaits any who would be our honored guests at Orion Baptist Church.

### **Property Committee Report 2007**

The Property Committee has been active this year. We are glad to report that the Ashe Baptist Parsonage sold in April 2007 for \$170,000 to Charity Ballou, Rev. Bill Ballou's granddaughter. The finance committee split that money into two CDs of equal amounts. One at AF Bank and one at Yadkin Valley Bank. Interest from the CDs goes toward the cost of the office building. It can only be used for the office by order of the association. Currently the Ashe Baptist Office is being rented from Midway Baptist Church for \$500 a month. The association and its Executive Committee members have given permission at each stage of this project and appreciate the positive attitude of moving forward for the cause of Christ in the area of missions. We are glad a member of the Ballou family was able to purchase the parsonage since Rev. Bill Ballou and sister Opal lived there for 22 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Robert Brown Mr. Tim Watson

Rev. Johnny Huffman, Chairperson

Orion Baptist Church





Orion Baptist Church Sanctuary

Orion Baptist Church Sanctuary & Education Wing





Orion Baptist Church New Fellowship Hall





Dedication Service for the new fellowship hall at Orion Baptist Church in 2006

# ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

American Bible Society
Baptist Children's Homes
Baptist Foundation
Baptist Hospital
Baptist Retirement Homes
Biblical Recorder
Christian Education
Foreign Missions
Home Missions
Pastor's Salary and Retirement
Southern Baptist Annuity
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Rev. Darryl Giles
Dr. Jim Rash
Rev. Gordon Rawls
Rev. Tom Graybeal
Rev. Johnny Goodman
Rev. Wayne Jones
Mr. Jerry Powers

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RESOULUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Fred Walters - Chairman Mr. Charles Caudill Mr. Charles King

PREACHER/PLACE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lois Bare - Chairman Mr. Harold Riddle Rev. Rick Miller

#### RULES OF ORDER:

- 1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer
- When the Moderator calls the house to order, every member shall at once, take his seat.
- When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and address the Moderator, and not proceed until he is recognized.
- No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body.
- It shall be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while any person is speaking.

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2007-2008

	PROPOSED BUL	GET FOR 2007-20		
		2006-2007	2906-2007	211111-2111
		Approved	Actual	Proposity
		Budget	Expenses	duriges
I.	EDUCATION AND PROMOTION			
	1. Sunday School	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	
	2. Discipleship Training	200.00	118 56	2(8) (0.1)
	3. Brotherhood	150.00	50 00	T&0 U.0
	4. WMU	1,000.00	1.084.66	
	5. Church Music	2,000.00	2.088 38	2 000 00
	6, Vacation Bible School	1.500.00	951 74	1 500 00
	7. Evangelism	1,000.00	0.00	
	8. Association Youth	1,200.00	1.608.07	1,200.00
	SUBTOTAL	7,350.00	5,901 41	7,350 00
II.	ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE			
	Office Equipment	1,000.00	593.48	750 00
	Printing and Supplies	5,500.00	6,574.85	6.50(100
	3. Postage/Mailing	3,000.00	1,825 21	2,000 00
	Associational Calendars	400.00	233.95	300 00
	5. Office Utilities	2,750.00	2,471.93	2 750 00
	6. Office Rent	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	7. Office Repairs & Maintenance	1,000.00	252.23	500 00
	Office Insurance Premium	0.00	0.00	400 00
	SUBTOTAL	19,650.00	17,951.65	19,200 00
III.	SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES			•
	Director of Missions			
	(a) SSI / Medicare	9,048.00	9,629.97	9,048.00
	(b) Retirement	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400 00
	(c) Health Insurance	4,500.00	4,867.58	4,500.00
	(d) Utilities "50%"	1,750.00	1,888.69	1,750.00
	(e) Housing Allowance	7,200.00	7,200.00	7.200 00
	(f) Home Owners Insurance	475.00	475.00	475 00
	(g) Net wages	22,587.77	21 980.50	22,587.77
	(h) Accountable Reimbursement	6,500.00	4,209.54	6,500.00
	2. Offce Assistant / Treasurer	21,796.32	20,870.02	21.796.32
	(a) Office Asst. / Treasurer Health Insurance	2.412.00	2,476.87	2,412.00
	(b) Office Asst./ Treasurer Annuity	1260.00	1,260.00	1260.00
	3. Clerk	500.00	499.00	500.00
	(a) Reimbursement for travel	100.00	0.00	100.00
	4. Employer Taxes	1.666.08	1,371.79	1.666.08
	5. Training	0.00	86.57	0.00
	6. Church Community Ministry Director	5900.00	6,414 73	6350.00
	SUBTOTAL	88,095.17	85,630.26	88,545.17
IV.	PARSONAGE			
	Insurance Premium	500.00	519.00	
	Building Repair and Property Maintenance	1,000.00	441.64	0.00
	Utilities for Parsonage	1,000.00	610.32	_ 0 00
	SUBTOTAL		1,570.96	0.00
V.	MISCELLANEOUS	2,000.00	1,801.66	2.000 00
VI.	HISPANIC MINISTRY	14,000.00	16,698.81	14,000.00
VII.	ASHE REALLY CARES	2,500.00	1,430.19	3,000.00
VII.	BAPTIST CAMPGROUND	2,000.00	0.00	2,000 00
	TOTAL	\$ 138,095.17	\$ 132,786.60	\$ 136,095.17

<sup>\*\*</sup>Music was offset by designated donations to the Associational Chair

<sup>\*\*</sup>Youth account was offset by designated funds of \$228.66

All overages of the 2006-2007 budget were paid by anonymous donation/special fund
Line Item IV will be deleted since Sale of Parsonage - new line added to Associational Office for Option Insurance Premium

Treasurer's Report for the Ashe Baptist Association 07/01/06 - 06/30/07

Income:

On hand last report (July 1, 2006) Received	\$37,612.19 \$187,586.70
Balance On Hand & Received	\$225,198.89
Disbursements:	
ARC (offset by ARC funds transfers, BSC, & Churches)	\$32,377.15
Brotherhood	\$50.00
Campground	\$2,297.62
CCM (Offset by monthly Cooperative aggreement with NCBSC	\$17.648.18
Children's Christmas Project	\$1.674.50
Clerk	\$499.00
Convention Expense (offset anonymous donations)	\$2,356.67
Copperative Agreement w/ new churches	\$8,999.98
Director of Missions - Benefits & wages	\$52,651.28 \$637.18
Discipleship Employee taxes	\$3,212.94
Hispanic Ministry (Offset by Hispanic offering churches & cooperative agreement)	\$28,998.81
Christian Action League (Offset by designated funds)	\$2,320.88
Minute Books (Offset by Churches)	\$1,732.94
Miscellaneous	\$2,387.20
Music Department (offset by honorariums received)	\$2,088.38
National Day of Prayer Event	\$182.02
New Minister Orientation	\$300.30
Office Equipment	\$593.48
Office Rent	\$6,000.00
Office repairs & Maintenance	\$252.23
Parsonage Liability Insurance	\$576.00
Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	\$441.64
Postage / Mailing	\$1,825.21
Priniting & Supplies	\$6,613.37
Secretary / Treasurer Wages	\$20,870.02
Secretary / Treasurer Health Insurance	\$2,476.87
Secretary / Treasurer Annuity	\$1,260.00
Secretary Training	\$48.60
Utilities	\$3,082.25
Vacation Bible School	\$951.74 \$299.93
Vote No Campaign WMU	\$1,084.66
Youth	\$1,608 14
Total Disbursements	\$208,399.17

BALANCE ON HAND (June 30, 2007)

\$16,799.72

### TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY CHURCHES

JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

CHURCH NAME	YE	AR TO DATE	CHURCH NAME	YE	AR TO DATE
APPLE GROVE	\$	100.00	MOUNT OLIVE	\$	900 00
BALD MOUNTAIN	\$	8,800.00	NEW RIVER	S	3.602.35
BEAVER CREEK	\$	1,500.00	NORTH BEAVER	S	2,575.00
BIG FLATTS	\$	600.00	OAK HILL	\$	600.00
BIG LAUREL	\$	420.00	OBIDS	\$	800.00
BLUE RIDGE	\$	1,000.00	OLD FIELDS	\$	2,000.00
BRISTOL	\$	300.00	ORION .	\$	1,994.00
BUFFALO	\$	780.00	PEAK VALLEY	\$	-
CALVARY	S	200.00	PHOENIX	\$	1,200.00
CLIFTON	\$	437.50	PILOT MOUNTAIN	S	824.44
FAITH FELLOWSHIP	\$	1,999.49	PINE SWAMP	\$	200.00
FARMER MEMORIAL	\$	***	PLEASANT HOME	S	2,657.16
FLECHER MEMORIAL	\$	14,104.98	PLEASANT VALLEY	\$	-
FRIENDLY GROVE	\$	3,099.93	PROSPERITY	\$	-
FRIENDSHIP	\$	9,245.15	ROUND KNOB	\$	- 1,393.00
GLENDALE SPRINGS	\$	2,716.00	TRINITY	\$	1 259.86
GRASSY CREEK	\$	1,826.33	TUCKERDALE	\$	2,000.00
HEALING SPRINGS	\$	2,121.48	WAGONER	\$	825.00
LANDMARK	\$	1,600.00	WARRENSVILLE	\$	3,150.00
LAUREL KNOB	\$	2,681.41	WELCOME HOME	\$	1,780.30
LIBERTY GROVE	\$	2,500.00	HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY	\$	100.00
LITTLE HELTON	\$	250.00	HISPANIC MISSON	\$	12,700.57
MIDWAY	\$	3,000.00	NEW BEGINNING	S	192.00
MISSON HOME	\$	399 96			

Total \$ 100,435.91

# Letter from the Budget & Finance Committee to the Churches of Ashe Baptist Association

July 26, 2007

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ

We, the Finance Committee, have met to propose our upcoming 2007/2008 Associational Budget for the Annual Associational meeting on August 17 & 18.

God has blessed us with a successful year: Church participation has been good, the sale of the Associational Parsonage, and through a cooperative funding agreement with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina we have a full-time Hispanic Ministry and a Church & Community Ministry which is working out great! We praise God for all of the work being done through the various ministries of the Ashe Baptist Association of Churches.

We have however, not been able to meet the monetary amount needed to finance all areas of the budget. The line items include local missions programs, fixed operational expenses and staff salaries and benefits.

Our income has fell short by approximately \$5,000 per quarter due in part to not receiving anticipated anonymous donations and some cuts from the Hunger Funds of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Therefore, we will not be able to meet the same expenses for the coming year without making severe cuts in programs and staff.

Please consider this as you pray if you or your church can increase your contributions to the Ashe Baptist Association. An anonymous donation has been made to meet the first quarter deficit. The finance committee will then review and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for the remaining budget year if changes are needed. The finance committee is in agreement that additional budget cuts would be detrimental to our Associational Mission efforts. Pray with us that this budget amount can be met.

Sincerely,

Budget & Finance Committee

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Rev. David Blackburn, DOM

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

# Associational Key Leader 2007-2008

These names are respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association in accordance with Article V: Section 7 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

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The Executive Committee approved these names in April 2007.

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2 YRS PASTOR REV. GORDON RAWLS

1 YR PASTOR REV. WAYNE JONES 3 YRS LAY-PERSON REV. LONNIE JONES 3 YRS LAY-PERSON MR. CHARLES KING

1 YR LAY-PERSON MR. EDD HARLESS

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3 YRS MINISTER

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1 YR MINISTER

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3 YRS MEMBER

2 YR MEMBER

1 YR MEMBER

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3 YRS MEMBER

1 YR MEMBER

1 YR MEMBER

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2 YRS MEMBER

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3 YRS PASTOR

1 YR PASTOR

### ASSOCIATIONAL TRUSTEES

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ASSOCIATIONAL HISTORIAN

ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC COMMITTEE 3 YRS MEMBER

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1 YR MEMBER

DIRECTOR

3 YRS MEMBER

3 YRS MEMBER

2 YRS MEMBER

2 YRS MEMBER

2 YRS MEMBER

2 YRS MEMBER

TREASURER

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REV. STEVE LEASHOMB

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3 YRS MEMBER CCM Director MRS. DEBBIE COULTER MRS. DIANE DIXON

# RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 2006-2007

The Resolutions Committee has not had any activity this year. The committee had not had any official meetings and has no report to the association at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Fred Walters, Chairman

Mr. Charles King Mr. Charles Caudill

### CHURCH MUSIC

The Lord continues to bless the Ashe County Associational Choir. We currently have 56 choir members representing approximately 18 different churches in our association. These dedicated choir members love to sing praises to the Lord and give of their time and musical talent unselfishly. We have been very active since the last Associational Meeting. This year the choir sang at ten different revivals and one Relay for Life Fundraiser.

We try to limit our performances to one per week (usually on Monday night). If you would like to "book" the Associational Choir to sing at your church's revival, please contact Trish at the Association Office.

Please remember to pray for us as we share God's ministry through music.

In His Service.

David L. Phillips, Director Ashe County Associational Choir

### Committee On New Churches

The Committee on New Churches has not had a reason to meet this year. The only church we are working with is New Beginning. This church is still meeting, but has changed their location and is now meeting in the home of Pastor Alan Combs.

The church has not made any significant progress in the past year. Thus, the committee recommends that we continue to keep New Beginning under the watch care of the Ashe Baptist Association for the next year.

Submitted by:
Pastor Lawrence Goodman

### Ashe Baptist Campground Report

We like to take this time to thank all the people that help make our campground what we have to enjoy, from the churches that take time to mow the grounds. Thanks to each that take time to clean up after they have used the campground.

We want thank Brother Tim Church of the Friendship Baptist Church for monitoring the water system to assure safe water for those that use the camp. Thanks go to Ronnie Hopkins of the Bald Mountain Baptist Church for the work he has done as the treasurer for the camp, with regret we have accepted Ronnie resignation. Denis Houck of Midway Church has agreed to take the treasurer job. Special thanks go to all churches and people that financially support the campground so we can pay the bills.

Ms. Ann Eldreth of the Big Flatt's Baptist Church checks the camp after each use and cleans the Mattie Parsons Memorial Building if necessary and reports to the office of any damage or problems that may be found at the camp. Our thanks, to her for the time and special care in this area.

Jimmy Jordan helps with the maintenance at the camp, we are glad to have someone to help take care of the campground. There are thing that needs to be kept up if the camp continues, so we need someone to supervise and see that the work is done. Thanks again to Brother Jimmy and his family for all they do to help.

We have had many churches that have taken time to do small job, and some not so small that needed done. Coming soon is an Amphitheater and a Prayer Garden. The area is marked and some work was already begun. Thanks to all that help do all these jobs. We have plans to do more things to the campground, upon the approvable of the Association. If you have a group or individual that would like to help do some work at the campground, please let one of the committee or DOM David Blackburn know what you can do.

We would like to recognize some of the people that help with the work and donations, Walter Pugh and the Ashe County High School masonry class fixing the walk and pouring the cement, Jack Young for painting of the season on the walls in the basement. and drawing the plans for the pray garden and amphitheater. Elliott Osowitt and Faith Fellowship Church members for the beautiful hardwood floors. Debbie and Mike Coulter of Midway church painting the kitchen, also from Midway Andy Griffith helped get furniture donated, Pastor Gordan Rawls and Mrs. Shirley from Friendly Grove Church helped with cleaning, worked on old benches, gave some new one, also from the Friendly Grove, Kathy Helsel help with cleaning, Wayne Testerman of Mission Home church and Lawrence Goodman helped find the property line, Harold Davis Friendship church for hauling gravel. Sherry Matthews of Bald Mountain church for donation of mattress, Matthew Upso donated desk, chair, coffee table, lamp, and couch, Lisa Sturgill with " Project Challenge" help with cleanup out side and inside and the Ray Minton cabin, Morgan Miller of Friendly Grove painted the youth room, Special thanks go to Diane Dixon and DOM David Blackburn for all the work they do keeping thing going, and to all the churches & all the people that gave money to help. Thanks.

Many of our churches have visited the camp in the last year, and many outside the county. We hope that many more of the church will take time to visit the camp next year.

Remember to book your church at the camp early while only the churches of Ashe Baptist are the only ones eligible.

Respectfully Submitted Johnny Goodman Chairman, Campground Committee

### Evangelism Report 2006-7

We know the mission of the New Testament is to win the lost by sharing Christ. We know God's word is alive. What was recorded by inspired men of God, is still true today. Evangelism is a vital part of the local church.

The Evangelism Committee worked on the Di Vinci Code with Dr. Charles Wipple and a Rev. Neal Hatfield session along with Lori Calloway teaching the ladies held Midway Baptist Church and was well attended last year.

This year the Evangelism Committee has planned a "Prayer Retreat" for this fall on September 28th and 29th with Dr. Chris Schofield from the Baptist State Convention department of Mission Growth Evangelism specializing as a Prayer Consultant, Dr. Bob Lowman Associational Missionary from Metrolina Association near Charlotte, and Mrs. Tara Furman from Cary, NC author of "Intimacy with God, Your Daily Guide to Prayer". They will be leading in the Friday evening and Saturday Morning sessions. This retreat will be held at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church in Jefferson, NC. The survey taken at last years annual meeting indicated prayer information to be a top priority for us. We urge ministers as well as lay people to attend. If you are interested in learning about prayer, plan now to attend and mark your calendar.

Pray for the efforts of Evangelism Committee of Ashe Baptist Association in the coming year. May we share Christ with those around us.

Respectfully Submitted, Miss Willa Dean Church, Chairperson, Evangelism Committee

Ashe Baptist Campground Financial Report 2006-2007

Contributions		Contributions to Association de	signated for
Bald Mountain Baptist Church	\$600.00	the Ashe Baptist Campgi	ound
Big Flatts Baptist Church	\$200.00	Beaver Creek Baptist Church	\$ 200.00
Friendly grove Baptist Church	\$125.00	Big Laurel Baptist Church	\$ 60.00
Friendship Baptist Church	\$500.00	Bristol Baptist Church	\$ 50.00
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	\$300.00	Mission Home Baptist Church	\$ 150.00
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	Weaver Reunion (designated to purcha	ise new table for
Liberty Grove Baptist Church	\$700.00	the fellowship area)	\$ 100.00
New River Baptist Church	\$700.00	Weaver Reunion	\$ 75.00
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$100.00	Grassy Creek Baptist Church (designated for camp	
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	\$300.00	ground renovations)	\$ 500.00
Busby Reunion	\$150.00	Baptist Foundation (designated for renovation	
Skyline Telephone	\$ 58.41	projects)	\$1000.00
	\$3783.41	Ms. Marie Jordan (In Memory of Mr. Harold Jordan)	
			\$ 50.00
Expenses			\$2185.00
Blue Ridge Electric Membership	\$1866.66		
Skyline Telephone Membership	\$ 400.55		*
Ann Eldreth (Cleaning)	\$ 600.00		
Roses Store # 375	\$ 149.00		
Ashe Baptist Association	\$1000.00	Kart Tage	

\$4016.21

\$2,466.62

Respectfully submitted,

Balance on Hand 6/30/07

Ronnie Hopkins, Treasurer Ashe Baptist Campground





# Ashe Really Cares Ashe Baptist Annual Report August 2007

Matthew 25: 35-40 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer Him saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me.

Serving God is a privilege and to be able to serve Him through the Ashe Baptist Association is a Blessing. Thank you for caring about those in need within our community. Through your Christian love we are able to make a difference in peoples lives. We as God's children are His hands by loving and caring about others. When clients come in for help with whatever the need might be my prayer is that they will feel God's love and know that He is working within their life that day. The pastors who are serving at the ARC are meeting with clients and helping them by listening to their concerns. They are praying with people and sharing Christ. We have had several saved and reports that others have started attending church. God's word does not return to Him yoid.

We have been busy this past year serving God by giving away 2,504 foodboxes which served 7,166 individuals. We have had 132 new clients to come in for help. We have had food and money donations from churches, individuals and the community. Also food from the postal drive, Ashe County Library and Second Harvest Food Bank has helped the ARC survive. The poundage of food from the food bank was 24,100 pounds at a whole sale cost that would have been \$38,850.

We also were able to share what the ARC is doing with several churches and groups that came to the ARC for a hands on experience. Other projects we worked on was: 1) Helping 58 children have a better Christmas by giving out gifts that had been collected. 2) Helping about 25 older adults have gifts

at Christmas by working with another agency. 3) Helping youth volunteer at the ARC so they were able to get community service hours for school.
4) ARC had the annual inspection from Second Harvest Food Bank(which went good).

We have forty some volunteers that do different jobs to keep things moving at the ARC. We are thankful to those who give their time and talents by serving God. Without everyones involvement the ARC could not continue to serve our community. Thanks to each church and individual who support Ashe Really Cares through your prayers and your love. You are the ones who make this mission reach the needy and the lost. Please remember the ARC in your prayers, that those who walk through our doors will see Christ

Respectfully submitted

Pat Miller ARC Director

### Women's Missionary Union Report

Over all I think the WMU had a productive year. The fall of 2006 led way for our Mission Harvest Fair and although the weather was a bit nippy, we had a good turn out. This event was held at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church in Jefferson, NC under the changing leaves, a multitude of local and state missionaries came to share what the Lord was doing in many lives. Special Kids corner, singing in English and Spanish and refreshments made for a festive day.

In the Spring we held a Women's Conference at Friendship Baptist Church entitled "Abide". Special guest speaker was Trish Church and special music by Donna Pollard was icing on the cake. As a whole we were directed to do more than the regular everyday, but to "Abide" in the one who gives us strength.

Our new acronym is perfect for missions; "GPS", not global positioning system but God , people and self which is perfect for missions.

If we serve in this fashion how can we go wrong! Thanks ladies for all you do in WMU. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully Submitted, Mrs. Francis Blevins Associational WMU Director

Ashe Really Cares Financial Report July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

#### DEPOSITS TO ARC ACCOUNT

Anonymous	\$11142.00
Beaver Creek Baptist	\$895.60
Bethany United Methodist	\$75.00
Big Laurel Baptist	\$250.00
Blue Ridge Baptist	\$1200.00
Chestnut Hill Baptist	\$50.00
Fletcher Memorial Baptist	\$500.00
Friendship Baptist	\$1800.00
Glendale Springs Baptist	\$5600.00
Healing Springs Baptist	\$2750.00
Jefferson United Methodist	\$500.00
Laurel Knob Baptist	\$1238.11
Liberty Grove Baptist	\$1000.00
Midway Baptist	\$755.00
Mission Home Baptist	\$340.43
Mt. Jefferson Baptist	\$1500.00
Mt. Jefferson Nazarene	\$250.00
Mt. Olive Baptist	\$300.00
National Board	\$2955.50
New River Baptist	\$3352.35
North Beaver Baptist	\$1125.00
Obids Baptist	\$1500.00
Orion Baptist	\$147.00
Pine Swamp Baptist	\$718.00
Pleasant Home Baptist	\$100.00
Round Knob Baptist	\$1046.00
Smethport Baptist	\$550.00
Trinity Baptist	\$137.59
Tuckerdale Baptist	\$786.10
Wagoner Baptist	\$75.00
Warrensville Baptist	\$135.00

Total Income \$42,773.68

#### **EXPENSES**

Office Telephone	\$377.99
Volunteer Supper	\$705.50
Electric - Clients	\$2425.00
Bank Fees	\$5.00
Rent - Clients	\$1300.00
Food – ARC	51836.26
Gas – Van	580.00
Heating Oil - Clients	53875.59
ARC Van Insurance	5513.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
Office Supplies	\$53.21
Prescriptions - Clients	\$89,42
Ashe Baptist Association Reimb	5500.00
ARC Rent	\$9100.08
ARC Van Repairs	\$192.32
Room Rent - Homeless	\$178.78
Postage Stamps	\$41.00
Misc. Expenses	\$50.00
Wages (Director & Assistant)	\$25347.00

Total Expenses 546,695.15

Midway Baptist Church donated \$2680.53 in purchased food to ARC.

Deposits in Association account designated for ARC include:

Friendly Grove Baptist	5999.96
Old Fields Baptist	\$1000.00
Welcome Home Baptist	\$100.00





### Report by the Director of Missions

Our theme this year is "Kneeling at the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ for 121 years". Our scripture reference is Ephesians 3:14. I have been taught from my childhood and continue to believe that the foot of the cross is a good place to be. It is where I am most comfortable. Strength for the inner man comes through God's Holy Spirit dealing with us. Being rooted and grounded in love come from "Him" as well. We are where we are today because of folks like you and I that have not been a stranger to the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ. May we Ashe Baptist continue to long for more time with the King of Kings at the foot of "His" cross. That insures our future and gives us confidence for the present.

Ashe Really Cares continues to serve Ashe County with the love of Jesus. I am thankful for Mrs. Pat Miller, Director and Mrs. Mattie Latham her faithful assistant. Our 41 volunteers continue to get food, bar code it, stock it on the shelves, sort clothes, clean floors and the list goes on. Churches help us financially and we are very thankful for the money which comes in otherwise we could not have this ministry. Our Ministers continue to counsel with clients and help them spiritually. Thank you Ashe Really Cares for all you do at the foot of the cross.

The Hispanic Mission is growing under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and Rev. Danny Pardo. The Hispanic Committee, Ashe Baptist Association and the Baptist State Convention are working together and have secured a Co-Operative Funding Agreement to help with the expenses of 2007-2008. This partnership allows us to have this ministry in Ashe County. Brother Danny now lives in West Jefferson with his wife, Diana and their son Matthew. Average attendance each week is 45 and average offering is \$250 per week. The work is growing and we must continue to help as we can. They meet on Sunday and Wednesday at Bald Mountain Baptist Church old sanctuary and on Saturday evening at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church in Jefferson. Pray for the Hispanic and Latino population that they will discover how great it is to come to the cross of Jesus Christ.

Vacation Bible School Clinic led by Mrs. Vickie Young and her Team continues to be the best clinic in the state. I appreciate all the hard work that went into the clinic so folks could be prepared more than ever before to win people to Christ. Game Day Central Theme was a big success! One church who change to Lifeway literature and came to the clinic stated after their Bible School that if was the best Vacation Bible School in years.

They have baptized six precious souls. Pray for VBS that more souls than ever before will be harvested for Christ. Thank you VBS workers for all the hard work you do for Christ. May we meet our young people at the foot of the cross.

The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a "Prayer Conference" on September 28-29 at the Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church with Dr. Chris Scofield, from the Office of Prayer of the Baptist State Convention of NC, Dr. Bob Lowman, Jr. Associational Missionary from Metrolina Baptist Association and Mrs. Tara Furman from Cary, NC author of "Intimacy with God, Your daily guide to Prayer". We look forward to a Friday night session as well as a Saturday morning session of learning the latest on prayer. I hope you will plan on being there to support this conference. We are appreciative of the Di Vina Code session they provide for us last year with Dr. Charles Wipple, Rev. Neal Hatfied and Miss Lori Calloway. Prayer begins at the foot of the cross.

Church and Community Ministries/ Ministry Evangelism position continues to be a wonderful addition to Ashe Baptist Association. We appreciate all the hard work that Mrs. Diane Dixon does for the Lord Jesus Christ. She is working on the National Day of Prayer. Ashe Baptist Campground improvements, Children's Christmas Project, Fall Harvest Ministry held at Fletcher Memorial. furniture for the needy, and the list goes on. Our county is fortunate to have a person with talents and gifts for promoting the cause of Christ in lots of areas. Pray for Diane that God will lead her to reach more folks for Christ that strangers may come to know our Savior and join us at the "foot of the cross."

The 2nd Annual National Day of Prayer was a big success. It was held on the courthouse steps in Jefferson, NC. Many activities transpired, the county manager, county commissioners, preachers, veterans and lots of the school children and young folks, as well as the general public attended a wonderful service which praised God. Dan MacMillian, county manager helped to make it an easy service. Praying for America and Ashe County was special to me. I hope we can do that next year in May on the National Day of Prayer. Pray for folks in Ashe County that they may know Jesus as Savior.

Discipleship continues to make available lots of training materials for all churches. Mrs. Linda Blackburn continues to lead Beth Moore Studies on Thursdays at the Ashe Baptist Conference Room at 11:30AM. It is open to the public and was well attended this past year. Plans are to continue with this type of study and even start a men's study in the near future taught by the DOM and others.

WMU continues to do the work of Christ in Ashe Association as well as around the world. Mrs. Francis Blevins spoke concerning WMU activities and goals for the coming year at the Spring WMU Conference in Ashe County. This event was well attended. Pray for WMU that it will continue to grow in the hearts and lives of believers.

Our Association has lots of on going activities, too many to take time to cover. Please remember that support through the churches and individuals provide the financial means for us to be able to do missions at home in Ashe County and around the

world. I really feel missions begin at home and I challenge you to be directly involved in the work of Ashe Baptist Association.

The following is a portion of the work that God has allowed me to do this year:

- Drove 14,220 Business miles
- Assisted Ashe Really Cares
- Prepared 660 Minute Books
- Prepared 770 Newsletters each month
- Send E-Mails, cards and letters as needed
- \*Assisted Hispanic Church
- \* Assisted in sale of parsonage
- \*Prepared 220 Book of Reports
- \*Provided pulpit supply
- \*Forwarded Church
- announcements to radio and papers weekly \*Met with Associational
  - Conducted Radio Program on WKSK weekly
- Committees
- Assisted in revivals and presentations of ministry \*Supervised Associational Staff
- Provided over 705 hours counseling to individuals
- Shared "The Thought for Today" every 2 months on WKSK
- Conducted training sessions in county and out of county
- Represented the Faith Community at School Based Health Center, Smart Start Partnership for Children, Ashe County 4-H, Family Central, FEMA, Ashe Middle School, Ashe High School, and all three elementary schools
- Attended Camp Caraway Summer Conference for DOM, Southern Baptist Convention in San Antino, TX, Baptist State Convention meeting in Greensboro, Food Bank Winston Salem, and Happy Time Show on WKSK.

Together we number 7,000. Alone we number one. Pray that we will serve Christ together doing what we cannot do alone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Director of Missions / Associational Missionary and allowing me to be your friend. Without your help and the help of the Lord I can do nothing.

Respectfully Submitted.

Rev. David Blackburn

Director of Missions / Associational Missionary Ashe Baptist Association





### Ashe Baptist Association Discipleship Report 2007

Ashe Baptist has seen an increase in Discipleship training over the past year. Just about everywhere I go I hear conversations about how churches are discipling their members and community to grow in relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. People are beginning to be hungry for a relationship with Jesus that can only be sustained through studying God's Word seriously and intentionally. That is a large part of what discipleship is all about.

This past year I have lead ladies from several churches and diverse denominations in a Beth Moore Bible Study at the Associational Office during our lunch hour one day a week. We completed a study of Daniel and are now using as our study guide "Breaking Free". It is amazing how God is blessing the study of his Word with enormous growth in we ladies that attend. God is leading us to continue with "Believing God" as our next study. Keep a close look at the newsletter from the Association for time and place and come join us. Prayer has already begun about starting a men's discipleship Bible study for the Association soon. Discipleship Bible Study is intended to help Christians grow in their relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus and who does not need to do just that.

I believe that churches that have an intentional plan for discipling their members are churches that care about helping individuals develop an alive vibrant relationship with God. This is the one sure way of strengthening churches and bringing unity to the body of Christ. There are many wonderful study aides and many who are willing and able to assist with discipling your people. Please let me know if you need help in looking for discipleship materials that are right for your situation or if I can help you design a plan that will meet your needs.

I am excited about an Ashe Baptist Association that knows the Lord so personally that each one is leading others to know the Lord as well. I believe that discipleship must be a part of our lives for that to happen. If I can assist you in any way please let me know.

Sincerely, Linda Blackburn, Associational Discipleship Training Director

### Hispanic Report



Cree en el Señor Jesucristo, y serás salvo, tú y tu casa.

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. – Psalm 92:12-13

Cristo El Salvador is flourishing more than ever Praise God! This has been a wonderful year for us filled with gifts, surprises and great accomplishments like never before. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. We have The Great Commission of Jesus for our lives when He said. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey everything the Lord has commanded us for Ashe County.

Up to last month we had an average attendance of 45, when I was elected Pastor for Cristo El Salvador we had 8 (we've had a 500% growth in 1 year).  $\Lambda$  six months evaluation was held by our Director of Missions and me. Results – superior rating. All goals met concerning work of Hispanic Committee and Cristo El Salvador. My wife Diana has green card, is at work and expecting again. My son Mathew is doing fine. New Evangelistic service on Saturday night meetings at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church in Jefferson is going well.

We have a couple of new ministries begin recently: A youth director, a Sunday school teacher for toddlers and a new deacon was ordained. So far, 8 new believers were baptized and the Lord is adding to the church such as should be saved. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). Special Thanks of appreciation to the Ashe Baptist Association and the Baptist State Convention of NC for your partnership in our ministry, Bald Mountain and Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church for the use of their facility.

Respectfully Submitted.

Rev. Danny Pardo Pastor Cristo El Salvador Baptist Church

# Brotherhood Report 2006-2007

Looking at last year's Congregation Summary from the 2005-2006 Minutebook I see that out of the 44 churches and 2 mission churches in our Association we only have 11 churches with an organized Brotherhood/Baptist Men's Group. So therefore I feel lead to share with you what I read the other day in a Baptist Men's publication concerning the importance of a Men's Ministry within the church.

### Why Have a Men's Ministry?

- Men want their lives to be productive, to have real meaning and purpose
- Men represent a tremendous, greatly untapped resource to assist in changing and influencing our world for Christ
- · The needs of our world are great

### The Needs of Men Today

- Understanding. They want a church that helps them truly understand the Bible. They want a church that seeks to understand them.
- Meaningful Relationships. Most men feel lonely, isolated and disconnected. They would
  appreciate a church that brings them in contact with like-minded peers in a non-threatening
  setting
- Instruction for their kids. Millions of men want their kids to have positive Christian learning experiences.
- Solutions to life's challenges. Men want the church to provide practical, tangible solutions to the difficult problems they face daily. They want to know spiritual principles that make life "work," the church must answer the question that men are asking.
- Knowing Christ. Many unchurched men have given up on organized religion but not on God. They want to know God but don't know how.

#### Benefits of a Men's Ministry

- Reaches unreached men
- · Develops leaders
- Involves men in service
- Helps men grow in Christ
- Develops mentors
- Strengthens families

Men are Strategic! Why? Because if we can reach the man, the husband, the father, we can reach the family, the church, the community, the country, and the world for Christ!

If you would like to get a men's ministry started in your church please give me a call and I will be glad to help you get started. My home number is 982-3316 or you can call the Associational office at 246-5631. The Associational Office also has some informational material on hand for Men's Ministry as well as many mission opportunities available for the mission teams.

Respectfully submitted.

Mr. Fred Walters

### Operation Inasmuch - North Carolina

"...Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren. you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40

Operation Inasmuch is a focused one-day local missions event that effectively mobilizes individual congregations in a hands-on community outreach ministry. On April 19, 2008, there will be a state-wide event in cooperation with North Carolina Baptist Men. NCBM is seeking churches all over the state to participate in this event. Organizational information is available on the website: <a href="https://www.operationinasmuch.com">www.operationinasmuch.com</a>.

Operation Inasmuch has the potential to edify and transform congregations through building fellowship and facilitating brotherhood among the community. It also broadens a congregation's understanding of missions and enhances involvement in other mission causes. Members experience spiritual renewal and continued commitment to respond to the needs of others in their community.

All churches in the Ashe Baptist Association are challenged to get on board with this great ministry opportunity. If you and/or your church would like to be involved in this event, please contact me by e-mail or you may also contact the Associational Office. It is my personal experience with this ministry that affirms my desire to see our county participate in what could be a tremendous tool of God to reach out and meet needs right here in our own community.

In His Kingdom Service, Darryl Giles, Associational Operation Inasmuch Director darryl\_3d@vahoo.com 982-2080



### Report by Mrs. Diane Dixon, CCM Director

It is a privilege to work at your Associational Office as your Community Ministries individual. My position is funded by the Baptist State Convention of NC and through the efforts of North American Mission Board as well as the Association. My job as your CCM leader is to partnership with churches in our Association and the community to help do evangelistic outreach. I also want to be a resource person for you on mission projects and help you meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of people and ministries of Ashe County as well as outside of the State. This past year has been a building of relationships within the community and several projects to improve our outreach potential.

The ministries we are covering with you will include:

Mission Partnerships Education Link-ups

Care-giving Ministry Spiritual Development and Evangelism We have an exciting opportunity to impact our community by answering His call, Tell His story and Change the world for Christ.

We have had a busy year and have together accomplished several projects as well as beginning new ones. After last year's annual meeting we took a look at our survey results and developed a plan of action to do the things your were interested in accomplishing. Let's take a look back and see what projects we were involved in this year.

### Mission Harvest on October 14th

Sponsored by WMU and ABA this event was an outdoor event for people to learn about missions and how they can be involved in them. Our team leader was Mrs. Frances Blevins. We had volunteers and atmosphere of an outdoor fair. It was a cold and windy day but it was a wonderful time to share and we had lots of food available for folks to enjoy. We thank Frances for her hard work and all those who took part in the day.

### Campground Mission Project:

This mission project is to improve our existing campground by making necessary improvements to the building and sleep areas. We have seen a great improvement in the Mattie Parsons Building and we thank all the churches for their work this past year. We have a wonderful painted scene of the seasons by Jack Young that is a must to see! The campground outdoor area looks much better with the new sidewalk, which our Ashe County High School students did under direction of Walter Pugh. Plans are under way with the amphitheater and a prayer garden. We hope this will enhance the worship and training experience at the campground. We have had a lot of volunteers and helpers and we are grateful for everyone's help and look forward to more improvements to be made.

Youth event "Strength Team" was here in November and we saw many come to Christ as well as many rededications. The team provided fun and excitement for our youth while sharing the gospel. The group was also welcomed into our local schools. It took a lot of planning and time for this event as well as volunteers. Darryl Giles was our team leader for this event and we thank Darryl and his youth for their outstanding leadership. We also want to thank the many volunteers it took and the churches as well as individuals that helped financially to make this event a success.

### Children's Christmas Project:

The NC Cooperative Extension was no longer the lead agency in this much needed project. In order to not lose this valued project we teamed up with other churches and agencies of Ashe County to help in this need. We were able to serve approximately 260 children this past Christmas. Plans are underway this year for the 2007 Christmas season. If your church would like to help in this effort please contact our office with a number of children you would like to sponsor or you may make a donation to Ashe County Christmas Project and send it to our Association Office. We are doing gifts between \$25 - \$100 depending on age of Child. This is a great project to be involved with and great time to share Jesus with others.

### Vote No Campaigns:

The Association has partnered with the Christian Action League to work both in Jefferson to defeat the sale of alcohol and in West Jefferson to defeat an ABC store. We thank all those who helped with letters, brochures and calls to ask folks to vote no. Unfortunately we were not able to get enough folks out to vote against these issues. Both were passed. We encourage everyone to still take a stand against these issues whenever possible. We again appreciate all whom volunteered to help us in this vote no campaign

### Caraway Leadership Conference:

As your CCM Director I attended both winter and summer conferences in order to learn and train more to help our churches and community all I can. We get information from our State and get to meet others who I can learn a lot from about Kingdom work and how to do a better job for you.

### VBS Workshop:

This past year Trish and I had the privilege of helping with the Associational VBS Clinic. We enjoyed being with other teachers and learning from each other. VBS is such a great mission work for a church to do and a wonderful outreach for families. We thank all of our churches that worked on having VBS this year. What a blessing it is to our youth and children as well as those that work in VBS! Thank you for this mission.

### Partnership with Project Challenge:

Lisa Sturgill works with troubled teens to get their community service done while working off service hours. She has offered the students to help us with various projects and they have currently been working on the Campground. If you know of other activities these youth could do please let us know.

The National Day of Prayer was one of our first projects. It was held on the courthouse steps in Jefferson, NC. We had a lot of community involvement from ACHS Band, ACHS Chorus, Westwood Elementary Chorus and the ACHS JR. ROTC as well as a live

broadcast from WKSK. We also had Cori Little who gave a prayer in respect to the Virginia Tech Students and their families dealing with grief. Our veterans and armed forces were there to honor those alive and those that have given the ultimate sacrifice. It was a great celebration time as well as a time to pray for all leaders of our country. It also let our county know that we as Christians still believe in the great power of prayer. We hope to continue to try to improve this annual event. We thank all those who helped, had a part and came to the National Day of Prayer.

Upcoming Projects:

Prayer Conference/Retreat: September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars because three wonderful leaders are coming to help us focus more on prayer and watch God move! It is an event you just can't miss. Here is a little information about our leaders for this retreat:

Bob Lowman is currently serving as the Director of Missions in the Metrolina Association. Before he began serving as the Associational Missionary, he was the Executive Director of the Metrolina Prayer Network, which was founded under the leadership of Bob and Mary Lance Sisk of Charlotte twelve years ago. The network is a multi-denominational, multi-racial ministry which exists to encourage, inform, and unite Charlotte area Christians and churches in prayer for revival and spiritual awakening.

Tara Furman lives in Cary, North Carolina with her husband and two children. She has been active in a local Bible study for more than twelve years, serving as a women's small group leader and children's teacher. Tara led the Prayer Ministry at her church and has led summer Bible studies in her home and community.

Feeling overwhelmed with all of her prayer needs, the Lord inspired her to begin her own prayer journal. "Intimacy with God, Your Daily Guide to Prayer", is her first published prayer journal.

Dr. J. Chris Schofield serves on staff with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and is Director of The Office of Prayer for Evangelization and Spiritual Awakening. The Office of Prayer for Evangelization and Spiritual Awakening assists churches, associations and state entities in the development of prayer strategies, ministries, networks and conferences that focus on global evangelization and awakening. Prior to coming to North Carolina, Dr. Schofield served with the North American Mission Board, SBC, as Manager of the Prayer Evangelism Unit from 1997-2004. His heart's desire is to equip and encourage believers and churches to walk with Jesus in a life of prayer toward global evangelization and awakening.

Dr. Schofield also enjoys an itinerant preaching and teaching ministry, which includes Prayer Revivals. Prayer Conferences, and Evangelism Training. He has pastored two churches full-time and often serves as an adjunct Professor in our SBC Seminaries.

He and his wife, Tamee, have four children: Heidi, Hannah, Haley, and Hilary and they reside in Wake Forest, NC.

ROCK (Reaching Others Christ Knows): A new campaign for this year to reach our community for Christ because we know He knows those who need Him. You are going to want to be apart of this campaign.

Ministry Action Resource Guide: This is a guide created by the Association to be used as a tool for those churches and individuals who are committed to follow the example of Jesus in ministering to people. There are all sorts of mission opportunities and guides to help you find a volunteer project to support.

My hope is that each church will have a CCM contact person that I may contact to give updates that can be shared with your church as to opportunities for us to serve together. Please feel free to contact me at the Associational Office as to any way I may help you. I look forward to working with all of you to share Christ, volunteer in Missions, Send Missionaries, Impact our Community and Equip each other to serve.

Respectfully Submitted: Mrs. Diane Dixon, Church Community Ministries/Ashe Baptist

### The Gideons International

### Jefferson Camp

The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States of America. A board of distinguished Christian laymen, international in makeup, supervises the worldwide Gideon ministry, ensuring an efficient, economical operation.

The association has more than 250,000 members, located in more than 180 countries of the world. They are united in carrying out the same program using the same methods to accomplish the one objective of *winning others to Christ*.

The emergence of more than 2,000,000 readers in the world each week creates an unprecedented need for reading material. This offers a challenge to Christians to supply the tremendous void by making available God's Word. This is a primary function of The Gideons, placing and distributing Bibles and New Testaments in the human traffic lanes and streams of national life. Gideons as laymen, stand shoulder to shoulder as "missionaries" of local churches and their pastors in going to the four corners of the world to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ashe County Camp of Gideons International consists of 64 Gideons and 49 Auxiliary members. This past year, the local camp was able to present the Gideon report in 85 churches. Over 3,700 scriptures in the form of either Testaments or Bibles were placed in local hotels, the hospital, the elementary schools, Wilkes Community College, doctor offices, nursing homes, the Christmas in July Festival, Feast in the Fields, and through personal witnessing. We are thankful for the partnership we have with the churches of Ashe County who year after year support the Gideons in providing more and more funds to purchase God's Word to distribute locally, across our nation, and around the world. The evidence of the effectiveness of this ministry is demonstrated time and time again as we receive testimonics from around the globe of souls being saved and lives changed.

Again we are thankful for the churches that support the Gideons as we continue to spread the precious SEED. We are most pleased to be able again this year to share our report at the Associational Meeting.

Danny Bowman, Secretary

Jefferson Camp of The Gideons International

# Historian Report 2006-2007

This year's history comes from the 1962 Ashe Missionary Baptist Association minutebook. The Seventy-sixth Annual session was held at Warrensville Baptist Church and Friendly Grove Baptist Church on August 16 & 17, 1962. George West served as the Moderator, Rev. R.C. Ashley served as the Vice-Moderator, Mr. McDaniel Harless served as the Clerk and Treasurer, and Rev. Audley B. Frazier served as Superintendent of Missions.

The following is the Report on Public Morals that was submitted by Rev. II. M. Winkler We are living in a day when public morals are at an all time low. We have only to read the newspapers, turn on the television, look at the billboards along the highways or listen to the conversation round us to realize how far down the hill in decent Christian living our nation and the world had fallen. There was a time when alcoholic beverages was our major concern but times have changed until not only is liquor our arch enemy but narcotics, sex, and self indulgence in vice and crime have taken leading rolls. The Apostle Paul said, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:12) He who professes to know God, but is not engaged in this conflict is deceiving his own heart. It's time we as Christian leaders realize that we are at war with satan's mightiest forces and that we have a job to do.

The Christian life is not a vacation but a vocation. We have not been called to retirement but to conflict. We are not spectators but soldiers.

The Christian life is a personal conflict. "We wrestle." We are not nursemaids but soldiers of the Cross. We cannot wear our uniform just on Sunday. We must come to grips with organized crime and wickedness daily if our young people of today rise above the moral laxity of this day Sad to say, but we are in another conflict, "flesh and blood." Denominations fight one another, churches against one another and pastors against pastors. Is it any wonder that the world has lost faith in Christianity? We are neglecting prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit and inducting into evangelistic efforts a promotional program, entertainment, names and organizations. We blow a lot of trumpets but the walls of Jericho remain standing. Instead of feeding our people with God's Word and giving them a better way of life we succeed only in tickling them to death with some of our shenanigans in the pulpit, while the morals of our people drop lower and lower with each report and spiritual wickedness reaches from the gutters of skid row to presidential suites and royal palaces.

As soldiers of the cross we have failed God and the world through not applying our teachings and doctrines to our own personal life. As Christian leaders we are under authority from God from whom we get all our orders. I believe those orders of the day are — CHRISTIANS AWAKE — PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD. WE ARE STILL MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Trish Church Historian

# Moderator Report 2006-2007

Well, here comes my last year of serving as your moderator again. I don't remember how many times I have gone through the last year, nor do I know how many times I have taken my last breathe but for the grace of God. Our existence, our circumstances and our longevity are dependent on the will of God. Apart from God there is nothing, a reality that puts everything in perspective.

I've enjoyed serving over these past years and thank you for the opportunity. The retirement benefits are out of this world; unearned, paid for in advance and free for acceptance. Who wouldn't want to work for my Boss! He provides the proficiency and

expects only willingness.

Our Association has experienced a bit of a financial deficiency over the past several months. Some of the churches are increasing their contributions, some cuts are being made by the staff and God will bring the ends together. As we seek His will and submit to His direction, blessings will follow. The adversary is ever present, alone we are vulnerable but in the will of our Lord we are unstoppable.

Respectfully submitted.

Mr. Jerry Powers Moderator

### Temperance & Morals Report 2006-2007

When I think of temperance and morals the name Coy Privette comes to my mind. He has stood for Christian values fro many years. As we have known all along. Coy is a man subject to the same temptations as we all are, but what was revealed by the news media recently has really made us aware of all men's human nature. There is plenty of blame to be pointed out. Coy, if the allegations are true, apparently allowed his fellowship with His Lord to falter. Is that all there is to it or should we share the blame.

Providing we prayed for Coy everyday, knowing Satan would have loved to knock the Props out from under this man, we can rest easy knowing we did our share. Well I didn't nor have I been diligent about remembering you as I should. Who might be the next ambassador of Christianity to take a fall and who might share in that responsibility?

Respectfully submitted.

Mr. Jerry Powers

### DAILY NEWS FROM GAME DAY CENTRAL

# The VBS Sports Page

2007 was another great year for VBS! I have heard from several churches that they think this was the best year ever for their VBS and from all reports, I believe this is true!

The Lifeway VBS theme for 2007 was Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made. Our clinic was held April 3, 2007, at Friendship Baptist. Sports are a major influence in our lives whether we are participants or spectators. All kids struggle with who they are and what they want to become. They both need and want heroes. Kids see in heroes what they yearn to see in themselves: the ability to overcome weakness, fear, or insecurity, and to be brave, courageous, and kind. Kids can learn to be true heroes - heroes that follow God's truths! In the Bible stores for 2007. God used ordinary people who were willing to follow His teaching to accomplish His purposes.

These ordinary people were true heroes and our athletes (a.k.a. students) got to know them this year in VBS. And lives were changed!

Other churches may have held VBS "By the Sea of Galilee," on a "Jungle Jaunt," or they may have "Take(n) the Plunge," for Jesus. Whatever the curriculum, as long as there is relevant. applicable Bible teaching. God will work! And I appreciate all the work of each and every VBS worker this year. The VBS directors are the leaders and are very important, but so are teachers, assistants. snack/meal providers, van drivers, etc. And pastors. your VBS teams need your support! VBS is usually a church's largest outreach event and there are always opportunities for follow-up with prospects for Sunday school and other church services.

The work of your associational VBS team was awesome! They worked very hard and words cannot express how much I appreciate them! As always, we had a few new faces this year and I look forward to working with everyone next year. The 2008 theme is "Outrigger Island - Livina God's Unshakeable Truth." so get ready to catch a wave and learn to trust in Jesus!

I want to also thank some very special supporters of our VBS clinic: our Director of Missions, Rev. David Blackburn; his Administrative Assistant, Trish Church; and Friendship Baptist Church for hosting our clinic again. Ashe Baptist Association VBS workers are my heroes!!

Thank you!

God bless you. Vickie Young Assoc, VBS Director

# VBS 2007: Game Day Central Where Heroes Are Made

VBS Cheer: Run, run, run the race!

Keep, keep the pace! Run the race! Keep the pace! Keep your eyes on Jesus!

VBS Scripture: "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

#### HEAD COACHES

Younger/Middle Preschool	Kim Rav	Bald Mountain
Older Preschool	Nancy Watson	Trinity
Younger Children	Sara Stone	Bald Mountain
Older Children	Diane Dixon and Trish Church	Friendly Grove
Youth	Nan Jones	Pleasant Home
Adults	Tim Church	Friendship
Missions	Shannon Scott	Friendship
Crafts	Beth Barton	Friendship
VBS Directors	Vickie Young	Pleasant Home

#### 2007 VBS Report

VBS information has been received from the churches listed below. We would like to have a completed report from each church in the Association.

Church Name	Total Enrollment	Decisions for Christ	VBS Mission Offering
Bald Mountain	261	18	\$611.00
Calvary	26	0	N/A
Cristo El Salvador	26	2	N/A
Fletcher Memorial	122	5	N/A
Friendly Grove	105	5	\$340.00
Friendship	206	14	\$183.00
Glendale Springs	120	0	\$320.00
Grassy Creek	60	0	\$637.55
Laurel Knob	38	0	\$38.00
Midway	133	13	\$527.00
Mission Home	52	0	\$191.00
New River	130	3	\$1,050.00
Obids	35	0	\$80.51
Old Fields	60	0	\$156.90
Pine Swamp	37	0	\$259.00
Pleasant Home	42	0	\$106.00
Round Knob	39	0	\$156.83
Trinity	125	11	\$218.00
Wagoner	52	0	\$143.50
Welcome Home	140	0	N/A

### Youth Committee Report

God has been working in many ways reaching out to the students of Ashe County-He allowed us to cooperate with a great number of churches who supported several events this year. Let me take this opportunity to thank all churches and individuals who worked so hard to make these events successful. God deserves all the glory and credit for everything that was accomplished, but I want to express my sincerest appreciation for your willingness to serve and give of your time and your finances.

Mike Hagen's Strength Team impacted our county in a mighty way November 15th - 19th, 2006. There were 256 people who made some kind of decision for Christ during this event. The Strength Team members served our churches and our community. They effectively reached out to our students during school assemblies, teaching character building skills in each of our county's public schools. Each evening service was filled with exciting feats of strength coupled with presentations of the Gospel that surpassed the displays of physical power. Thanks again to all who served on the various teams required to make this event possible. God blessed us with an awesome turn-out each night, and sufficient workers to get the job done. Our churches worked together as one body, and as a result Jesus Christ was made known to all who attended.

As a follow-up outreach event, all children and youth of the county were invited a night of free skating at Skate Zone of West Jefferson, January 18, 2007. Evangelist David Soesbee, of Touch Ministries, delivered a message and even more students responded in some way. Free Bibles and DVD's were distributed, and Contemporary Christian Music CD's were made available at cost. Great impact has been made through all different kinds of media. Getting Christ-centered items into the hands of students has been effective in increasing their knowledge of God's word and their church attendance as well. Another similar event took place one February 22<sup>nd</sup> with well over 100 students in attendance.

We enjoyed a "School's Out Celebration" at Cardinal Lanes Bowling Alley Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Church attending students were encouraged to invite unchurched friends, along with friends who were not saved. There was live music by the Youth Praise Band from Friendship Baptist Church. Drawings were held for prizes and Bibles were given out.

It is my hope that next year will result in even more opportunities for churches to come along side one another to reach this young generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to show them through our love that it really is "Good News". I am honored at the privilege to serve, and humbled at the task at hand. Only with God's divine help can we do anything. Let us pray that we will stay focused on Him at all times.

In His Kingdom Service, Darryl Giles, Chairman Associational Youth Committee

### Report for 2007 Book of Reports

Office of GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC. Inc.

The GuideStone Team has been extremely busy during this past year to ensure prompt and accurate delivery of information related to retirement, insurance, staff compensation, tax issues, etc. that impact dramatically the care of persons who serve on church staff here in North Carolina. We celebrated the retirement of Amy Strickland as Administrative Specialist on our team and welcomed Betty Pleasant to that ministry position after a number of years in the convention's administrative offices. We are very grateful for the ministry of these ladies in assisting church staff and key church leaders.

On January 2, 2007, Guidestone Financial Resources, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention headquartered in Dallas, Texas, introduced a new family of funds, My Destination Funds, which are date targeted to a retirement participant's projected retirement date at some point in the future. For those participants who choose to invest using these funds the hassle of keeping up with an appropriate asset allocation as the participant grows older is now removed. These funds are professionally managed and the asset allocation is adjusted automatically as the participant ages. This is a "great and wondrous" development since many church staff are focused primarily on ministry to people rather than managing their retirement account. Furthermore, the retirement funds at GuideStone exceeded their respective mutual fund peer universe median as measured by Lipper rankings during this past year.

The successful transition to a single provider for medical insurance for the GuideStone medical plans reaped great rewards as 57% of Personal Plan participants received no rate increase of a reduction in premiums. This is a "great and wonderful" thing for those who are covered with GuideStone medical insurance. Life and disability coverage continues to be tweaked to meet the needs of our church employees. Beginning with the 2007 fall semester all students enrolled at one of the Southern Baptist seminaries (we have Southeastern Seminary in North Carolina) will be covered with \$10,000 of life insurance at no cost to the student and the 31 day of open enrollment from matriculation for new students continues to be very attractive.

The Church Retirement Plan is a major emphasis of the GuideStone team. We are working hard to educate church staff and key church leaders to the best retirement plan on the market today for employees of our Baptist churches. On April 1 of this year annual church budget eligibility requirements for the Mission/Church Assistance Fund were dramatically adjusted from the previous requirement of less than \$40,000 per year to less than \$75,000 per year. Many of our church pastors will now qualify to receive \$50 per month for a five year period, but they must be active participants in the church retirement plan to receive this "great and wonderful" benefit.

Finally, we gladly promote the Endowment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and onetime financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of March 31, we had 204 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines and are receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Please assist us in identifying those persons who might qualify for this assistance.

In closing, it is our strong desire to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.ncbaptist.org">www.ncbaptist.org</a>, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the new and redesigned GuideStone Web site at <a href="https://www.GuideStone.org">www.GuideStone.org</a>.

Johnny E. Ross



### BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA (July 2006-July 2007)

Oak Ranch added to ministry. . . Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) entered into a relationship with Oak Ranch, a residential program for at-risk boys, to manage the facility. Located on the Lee-Harnett County line near Broadway, Oak Ranch features two existing cottages, administrative buildings and an eight-horse equine therapy component.

"This is a historic event," said BCH President Michael C. Blackwell. "Baptist Children's Homes and Oak Ranch share a vision to provide hope and healing to children. This is a natural merger, and we look into the future with great hope and tremendous expectation."

Plans are in place to accept boys into care at Oak Ranch beginning in October, 2007, but the property and Oak Ranch's distinctive equine therapy program are already being utilized by BCH residents and staff members from the institution's statewide locations.

New Program Helps Children With Intensive Challenges...BCH's new Level III program outreaches to children who are struggling to overcome a greater degree of emotional and behavioral issues. The service is designed to provide a highly structured and supervised residential environment that is responsive to the need for intensive, active therapeutic treatment and interventions.

Currently, BCH offers Level III child care services at Kennedy Home in Kinston and Moody Home in Franklin.

Developmental Disabilities Ministry Continues To Grow...On August 27, 2006, members of the Three Forks association, BCH staff and other supporters gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Zionville

The Three Forks Home is named in honor of the association for gifting the original Camp Joy property for the new homes. Lindsay Home is named in memory of Winifred B. Lindsay who donated a lead gift of \$400,000. Churches, businesses, organizations and other community friends helped raise funds to build the homes. The new DDM homes are a part of Joy Cove Ministries serving families in Watauga County and the surrounding community.

BCH held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 10, 2006 to celebrate the expansion of its Developmental Disabilities Ministry to Sanford. BCH recently began building the two group homes to serve special needs adults in the Lee County area.

The Sanford based ministry has been tapped Willett Ministries. Jane Willett-Cromer, a resident of Gulf and mother of a developmentally disabled adult, gave three and a half acres of land for the Sanford-based homes to BCH in the memory of her husband Howard.

BCH and Cross Road Retirement Community in Asheboro hosted a "Laying the Foundation" ceremony on October 14, 2006. The ceremony celebrated the construction of BCH's new DDM group home. The group home is located on the Cross Road Retirement Community campus which is owned by Cross Road Baptist Church. It will be called "The Asheboro Home," and dedication ceremonies are scheduled for August 26, 2007.

The 3,000 square-foot facility offers a residence for six developmentally disabled adult women and will serve families in Randolph County and the surrounding community. The home was built in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). BCH will operate the home, providing the services and the staff.

Baptists Touch BCH Through Technology...Children in BCH's care greeted Messengers at the 2006 annual session of the Baptist State Convention at the Greensboro Coliseum through the power of technology. Using a web camera link, five children at Mills Home in Thomasville carried on live, real-time conversations with convention attendees and thanked them for their love and support. Mills Home children answered questions and gave "high fives" to Messengers who viewed them on a large, flat panel display screen.

New Website Introduced...BCH also introduced the redesigned BCH Family (www.bchfamily.org) website during the November convention. The new website offers streamlined navigation making it easy to find information about BCH's statewide services and a variety of ways to support the ministry. New features include online journals and photo galleries from the ministries locations around the state.

Charity & Children Marks 120 Years...Charity & Children (C&C) marked its 120th anniversary in 2007. Throughout its history, it has been a strong voice speaking for Baptist Children's Homes conveying news, information, and children's success stories. The free publication is mailed to as many as 62,000 subscribers a month, with estimated readership in excess of 170,000 per issue.

Seven year C&C editor Jim Edminson introduced a new look for the paper in January utilizing concisely written stories, the use of vivid, large photos, ample white space, and contemporary artwork to make the publication more approachable to readers.

The BCH news publication is produced each month by its publisher and BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, Edminson, and Blake Ragsdale who was named Managing Editor in late 2006.

BCH Named One Of Triad's "Best Places To Work"... BCH was a finalist in the Triad Business Journal's annual "Best Places to Work" competition. The institution finished in the elite four of the "charitable nonprofits" category. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, accompanied by members of his President's Management Group, accepted the award at a ceremony in High Point.

BCH's state administration offices, Mills Home residential campus and Weekday Education facilities in Thomasville, and group homes for developmentally disabled adults in Winston-Salem comprise BCH's Triad area services.

### Ashe Missionary Baptist Association 2007 Annual Report

Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina to the Baptist Churches

# Our Partners in Caring

At Baptist Retirement Homes not only are physical needs met but spiritual needs as well. At our Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, at the Gardens of Taylor Glen in Concord, at The Taylor House in Albemarle, and at the Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton our Baptist chaplains serve as faithful reminders that "God is our refuge and strength."

In addition to regular worship services and Bible studies, personal visits with the chaplain enrich the lives of the residents.

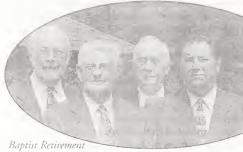
Because of your partnership with us — Baptist Retirement Homes provides a full range of services to Older Adults including independent living, assisted living and nursing care as well as special programming for those with dementia-related disorders such as Alzheimer's Disease.

Because of your partnership with us - Baptist Retirement Homes is a leader in giving care to Older Adults who lack sufficient financial resources to pay the full cost of the care they need and deserve. Sixty percent of our nursing care residents receive financial assistance and thirty-five percent of our assisted living care residents receive

assistance. This care is made possible by gifts from our Baptist churches. In 2006, funds received from North Carolina Baptists totaled

approximately \$1.4 million.

Because of your partnership with us - Our commitment for the years ahead is to continue to bring the highest level of care to as many Older Adults as we possibly can — both those with financial resources and those who need financial assistance. We are counting on our Baptist churches to "... not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifice God is pleased." Hehrems 13.16.



Because of your partnership with us - Baptist Retirement Homes is now serving more than 700 Older Adults in our five locations across

> More Questions? Call the Baptist Elder Care Network • 1-800-887-7410

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### ANNUAL REPORT Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute July,2006-June 2007

Students at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute are here basically because they have received a call from God to serve him. Many of them are older. One student, after hearing other students talking about running from God, said, "If these professors don't let up, I am going to run some more". He graduated from Fruitland with an Associates degree. He recently received his Bachelor's degree from another school. We have students who come to Fruitland without a High School diploma. They get a G. E. D and finish Fruitland. Many of them have completed Master's degrees and even Doctorates.

Christian education has been going on here at Fruitland since 1899. The campus was purchased by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in the early 1940's as a site for a conference center. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute actually began on this campus in 1946.

A personal visit became the catalyst for the actual beginning of Fruitland as a Bible Institute. Dr. J. C. Canipe was the pastor of First Baptist Church of Boone. North Carolina. He learned that a fellow pastor in the area. Vilas Minton, was sick and needing some help. Dr. Canipe took a supply of groceries to the Minton family. He and Pastor Minton became friends. Later. Pastor Minton asked whether Dr. Canipe would start some classes for him and other pastors who had not had the opportunity for formal preparation for ministry. Dr. Canipe began some classes in the facilities of the First Baptist Church. Several pastors from the surrounding area joined the local pastors in attending these classes. Dr. Canipe was invited by the Baptist State Convention to move these classes to the Fruitland campus and the Bible institute began. We completed sixty years of service in 2006.

Fruitland continues to serve students with unique needs. Our student body is diverse in ages, ethnic and national backgrounds, academic achievement, and spiritual development. The common characteristics of these students are faith in Christ, and experience of a call to ministry, and a sense of need for basic academic, spiritual, and practical preparation.

Presently, Fruitland offers an associate degree in religion/church ministries involving two years of study. The degree requires either high school graduation or the G. E. D. and the completion of one-hundred and twenty-five quarter hours of academic credit. During the 2006-2007 year the cumulative, non-duplicated enrollment was 267. Many students go on to other institutions and graduate with honors.

Once again this year many special events took place. We had Founder's Days with Dr. Gray Allison of Memphis, Tennessee and Dr. Herb Reavis of Jacksonville, Florida. In October we had our annual Alumni Day and Preaching Week. Dr. D. L. Lowrie, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock. Texas, was a visiting professor. His wife. Alice. spoke for the annual Women's Retreat led by Mrs. Ann Ridings.

Dr. Kenneth Ridings continues to serve as President of Fruitland. The expansion of the chapel is well under way. Hopes are high that it will be ready for graduation in December. Fruitland continues to fulfill a commitment to be "true to God's Word and loyal to His purpose." We invite you to come and visit the campus just east of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Groups from churches can arrange a tour and a meal in our cafeteria. Contact Ken Houston, Director of Campus Services, by e-mail at services a fruitland.edu or call 828-685-8886. Our web site may be accessed at www.fruitland.edu.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for establishing and continuing to support the ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. By doing so you strengthen a kingdom enterprise.

# Ashe Missionary Rantist Association 2007 Report to the Associations North Carolina Baptist Hospital



### A MISSION OF HEALING

In 1923, Baptist Hospital began as a "missionary enterprise" of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. In the Bible, healing is God's work of restoring well-being and wholeness – body, mind and spirit – to one who is broken. In 2007, our mission of healing is reaching thousands of hurting people, combining the leading edge of medicine with the grace of compassion. As God's servants, we consider our mission to be a great privilege and responsibility.

### HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

A Leading Provider of Medical Care in the United States

- We are ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News and World Report (2006), and one of the top 50 hospitals (of over 6,000) since 1993.
- "The Best Doctors in America" (2005) includes 149 physicians from the Medical Center. Less than 10% of U.S. hospitals have doctors listed in this ranking.
- Our Comprehensive Cancer Center, a national leader in cancer care and research, is home to 13 cancer specialists listed among "America's Top Doctors for Cancer 2006."
- Our Heart Center is an internationally recognized leader in state-of-the-art cardiac treatment and research.
- Our patient satisfaction scores are among the nation's best, in the top 3 percent compared to our peers (Press Ganey and Associates).

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with one of our physicians or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH ON-CALL® at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255. Our web site is www.wfubmc.edu.

# THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE: MISSION PARTNERS WITH N'ORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

As partners with North Carolina Baptists, we are fulfilling our mission of "providing ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ." We are very grateful for the support of Cooperative Program Missions Giving, allowing us to broaden the healing reach of Christ through three vital ministries.

CareNet's Pastoral Counseling Centers provide compassionate, highly skilled, faith-integrated counseling to hurting individuals, couples and families.

- Our statewide network of 19 counseling centers extends the ministry of churches.
- Among the largest pastoral counseling ministries in the nation, Care Net will provide 27,000 hours of counseling in 2007.
- Thanks to the support of N.C. Baptists, counseling is provided at a reasonable cost and subsidized for clients who need assistance. No one is turned away due to lack of resources to pay.
- "My CareNet counselor saved my life, walking along beside me, never giving up on me, and telling me God would never leave me."

### 2007 Report to the Associations - North Carolina Baptist Hospital

The Center for Congregational Health is helping churches grow stronger through ministries of expert consultation and education.

 We serve approximately 25 churches per month with long range planning, strategies to energize congregations, and conflict reconciliation.

 600 ministers and church leaders per year receive leadership training in a variety of educational events.

Since 1992, we have trained over 1,800 clergy for interim ministry.

 "I'm very grateful for the excellent training and practical guidance I received to help the church through difficult times."

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Department provides compassionate spiritual care to our patients and families and specialized pastoral care training for ministers.

• 54,015 ministry contacts were made in 2006.

• 66 ministers received training in 2006 through our Clinical Pastoral Education programs.

 Worship services for patients, families and staff are held every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in our Davis Memorial Chapel.

"My training at Baptist Hospital was life-changing and I'm so thankful."

### THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: CARE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST'S LOVE

Thanks to the Christ-centered compassion of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering received \$708,600 in 2006, exceeding the generosity of any previous year. Every dollar of every gift helps patients in serious financial need pay hospital bills for care received at Baptist. Having too much to qualify for government assistance, but not enough to pay bills they are responsible for, they feel the hand of God lifting their burdens.

"I thank North Carolina Baptists with all my heart for helping families like mine in times of need. We were so worried about my hospital bill and struggling under the burden. We are extremely relieved and grateful. I have said many prayers of thanks to God for helping us."

"We are very, very thankful for the Mother's Day Offering. We were so frightened by all the medical bills we didn't know how to pay. This gift was a miracle from God and made the biggest difference in our lives."

"We are so relieved and grateful for the minister's subsidy at Baptist Hospital."- N.C. Baptist pastor

The minister's subsidy covers up to 25% of the hospital bills of ministers (and their dependents) serving N.C. Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. \$76,785 was provided in 2006, made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund and the Mother's Day Offering.

### CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Every day at Baptist Hospital our founding mission of healing is being advanced, from the expertise of modern medicine and technology to the grace of compassion and simple kindness. We are committed to being one of the best hospitals in the nation. We are humbled to see God's healing mercy at work through the care we seek to provide. On behalf of our staff, thank you for being partners with us in this sacred mission of hope.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donny C. Lambeth
Interim President
Chief Operating Officer
North Carolina Baptist Hospital



# THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

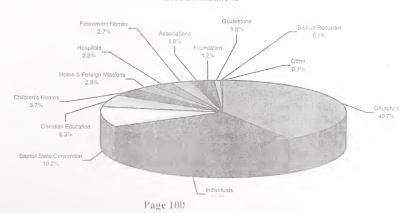
During 2006, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$2.6 million and received \$6.5 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Over \$2.6 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$11.7 million in contributions during 2006 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2006, the Foundation held \$153.1 million under management.

During 2006, our distributions totaled \$8.4 million, with charity receiving \$5.9 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2.5 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$31.6 million has been distributed to individuals and \$59.2 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$90.8 million.

C. V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

#### The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. 2006 Distributions



### Your Cooperative Program, 2007

Throughout 2007 your Cooperative Program continued to be the best way for North Carolina Baptists to work together and cooperatively support a global, nationwide and statewide program of missions, evangelism and ministry.

No other program will send a Christian dollar to as many places or touch as many lives for God's Kingdom!

The 2007 Cooperative Program budget is for \$37,786,000. It is only when we work together as Baptists and consolidate our missions dollars into a single unified budget that we can support major ministries and missions projects needed to share the gospel with a

Our Cooperative Program supports thousands of missionaries, ministry specialists and many types of work, yet it operates quite simply.

Here's how:

Each November when North Carolina Baptists hold their annual meeting, they adopt a Cooperative Program budget, currently in two-year cycles. That budget determines what work we support together and how much.

During the year congregations of all sizes, located across the state, send in their Cooperative Program checks to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary . There the accountants divide up the money according to the budget and send it on its way to the many ministries we support.

That's why we say we give through the Cooperative Program, not to it!

The Cooperative Program is a channel, the way we divide up money among Baptist causes we support: it is not a destination.

This is how we as North Carolina Baptists support five colleges and a Bible institute, a major children's home, missions work across North America and around the world, plus a newspaper and a foundation.

Your Cooperative Program also supports the staff of your Baptist State Convention. This staff -- your state missionaries -- help hundreds of churches like yours each year in many kinds of work, from prayer ministry and church outreach programs to Sunday School and music, to discipleship training, insurance and retirement programs for church staffs, among others.

Your Cooperative Program also provides hefty support to Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men, augmenting the support you and other North Carolina Baptists provide these important organizations through the North Carolina Missions Offering.

### Bright outlook

Consider that more than 1,500 churches increased their Cooperative Program giving amount for 2006 over 2005. That means more than a third of the convention's churches have voted with their pocketbooks for the 1-3-6 Challenge!

What's that? It's a challenge to every church to increase its Cooperative Program giving by 1 percent of its undesignated receipts over three years. If all convention churches will do so, it will produce \$6 million a year in additional funds for the convention's vast program of work!

Biltmore Baptist church in Arden , led all convention churches on increasing Cooperative Program giving -- in 2006 the church gave \$92,216 more than in 2005!

And consider the example of Peninsula Baptist Church, Mooresville.

This amazing 1.300-member congregation led all convention churches in total giving -- and set a record in the process! Peninsula's members contributed a record \$422,607 through the Cooperative Program during 2006.

This was the first time in recent history that a single church gave more than 1 percent of the convention's total budget, which is \$37.7 million in 2007!

But that wasn't all.

Peninsula also placed second in the amount of increase given through the Cooperative Program -- \$69.341 more than in 2005, second only to Biltmore.

Further, Peninsula gave 26.8 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program, making it fourth in percentage giving among convention churches.

Some churches with much larger budgets than Peninsula's have the potential for joining the "1% Fellowship" but they do not come close to matching Peninsula's percentage of giving.

"Peninsula Baptist in Mooresville is an exceptional church with a great heart for missions." said Milton A. Hollifield Jr., executive director-treasurer of the convention.

#### All Sizes!

Peninsula presents a stirring lesson in missions support for congregations that are much larger.

But there are many North Carolina Baptist churches with fewer members which excel in missions giving.

For example, consider Westview Baptist Church in Shelby, led by pastor Steve Ellis. Westview led the convention in total Cooperative Program giving in 2006 among churches with fewer than 400 members.

Westview's 399 members gave \$54,012 through the Cooperative Program, which was almost 20 percent of their undesignated receipts. That percentage was the third highest for Cooperative Program giving among churches with fewer than 400 members.

Poplar Grove Baptist Church in Boone led the convention in the percentage of undesignated receipts given through the Cooperative Program. This 101-member church led by pastor Brian Davis gave slightly more than 20 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program.

Consider Oak Forest Baptist Church in Fletcher, led by senior pastor Matthew Williamson. This 294-member congregation gave just over \$9,400 through the Cooperative Program in 2005, nothing in 2006, but then \$15,350 in 2006, the biggest increase of any church with fewer than 400 members.

Such reports show that churches of all sizes can participate in one of the world's largest programs of Christian missions!

An ad series in the Biblical Recorder during 2007 featured some of the churches which made increases in Cooperative Program giving. The pastors of these churches were happy to promote their church's missions support record in this public forum.

Mud Creek Baptist Church, a Hendersonville church led by pastor Greg Mathis, was increasing its Cooperative Program by 6 percent over a three-year period.

Hopewell Baptist Church in Monroe doubled its Cooperative Program giving for 2007 and committed to increase it more for 2008, reported pastor Lee Pigg. In Raleigh,

Trinity Baptist Church, led by pastor Jeff Roberts, increased its Cooperative Program giving by more than \$28,000 for 2006.

Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church, located in the town of the same name, increased its Cooperative Program giving by more than \$25,000 and was one of the top overall contributors. Chris Conner is pastor.

These are just a few of the churches which boldly responded to the 1-3-6 Challenge and went beyond. Again, that challenge is for every church to increase its giving through the Cooperative Program by 1 percent of its undesignated receipts over three years. If all the convention-affiliated churches will do so, it would result in an additional \$6 million a year for missions causes we Baptists hold dear.

But there's a prior challenge. That challenge is for more North Carolina Baptists to learn about the amazing variety and depth of missions, evangelism and ministry they support through their Cooperative Program.

We have had the Cooperative Program since 1925. It has served Baptists so well, that if we woke up tomorrow and did not have it, we would rush to recreate the same thing! It is work supporting and worth supporting more.

Giving will skyrocket when all North Carolina Baptists realize there's no other method which will send a Christian dollar to more places or touch more lives for God's Kingdom, than a dollar given through the Cooperative Program.

### Ashe Pregnancy Care Center Annual Report For the Ashe Baptist Association

Roger Newton., Executive Director 111 North Main Street PO Box 1572 Jefferson, NC 28640 846-4100

Mission Statement: Ashe Pregnancy Care Center promotes the sonctity and preservation of the life of the unborn by sharing the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ and by promoting a Biblical lifestyle.

#### Board of Directors

Debbie Richardson, Chairperson Melissa Goodman, CPA, Treasurer Nathan Caparolie, Pastor Tammy Gardner, A. S. H. E. Carol Phillips, Community Rep. Patty Barker, Secretary Sherry Cox, AMH Tarren Pruitt, RN Jonathan Jordan, Attorney

The last year has been an exciting year of changes and accomplishments for the Ashe Pregnancy Care Center. At the end of 2006, the center received a new director, Rev. Roger Newton. Roger and his wife, Debbie, have been active in the Baptist Association for many years. Debbie served on the original founding board of the Crisis Pregnancy Center and both were trained as counselors in the first training session. This ministry has always been dear to their hearts, so it has been with great joy that Roger has become director and Debbie volunteers as well as supporting his ministry.

One of the first actions of the new director was to work with the board in refocusing the mission and tasks of the pregnancy center to center on the preservation of the unborn and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a result, the thrift shop was closed, the pregnancy center building was given a facelift, and various ongoing changes were and are being made. One major undertaking is increasing the number and training of volunteers. The North American Mission Board came to Ashe County in February, and trained the board of directors plus a number of volunteers. Committed, Christian volunteers continue to be a major need for the center. Another concern addressed was increasing the support and networking with local churches in this ministry. This is an ongoing effort by the pregnancy center's staff and board. The Ashe County churches are and should continue to be the major source of funding for the pregnancy center.

In addition to monetary support, APCC is in need of all sizes of diapers, baby clothing up to 3yrs, of age, and baby items like strollers, walkers, cribs, bassinettes, high chairs, and toys.

Our Annual Walk for Life will be October 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope that all the Ashe Baptist churches will all have teams. Call the center for more information, if needed. Don't forget the Sanctity of Life Sunday in January. Also, we have baby bottles available for collecting change in Sunday School classrooms, businesses, and individuals homes in support of this ministry.

The Ashe Pregnancy Care Center (APCC) will be holding its first annual "In Memory Of" event to memorialize the innocent aborted victims of Roe vs. Wade. January 22, 2008 is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that court ruling. All churches in our community are invited to participate by sponsoring a special church fundraising event

and/or holiday event between now and the first of December. This could be something such as a concert, singing, yard sale, dinner, breakfast, carnival, fun day, poor man's supper, barbeque, car wash, or other activity to help with much-needed funding for the APCC. We would ask that your event be completed so that funds could be received at the APCC by approximately the first week in January.

Please note again that we always are in need of "in-kind" contributions such as diapers, baby wipes, baby wash, lotion and shampoo, miscellaneous baby items for gift bags, and Wal-mart cards (\$5 increments). We are always in prayer for compassionate volunteers, so call us if the Lord is leading that way! As a \$01(c)(3), tax exempt organization, the APCC can also provide a tax receipt upon request for any individuals wishing to make a direct contribution. We would gladly be available to speak to your church, church group or civic group to tell you more about our mission. Just call Roger Newton at the Center to discuss ways we can help each other! The number is 336/846-4100.

Thank you so much for considering ways to help us as we continue to minister to mothers, fathers and their precious children.

Thank you for your support, Roger Newton, Executive Director and the APCC Board

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### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 5, 2006

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on October 5, 2006, at Healing Springs Baptist Church. A total of 21 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Powers. Following a congregational hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Jack Pugh.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the August 18, 2006, and August 19, 2006, Annual Meeting. Moderator Powers stated minutes would be approved later in the meeting to give sufficient time for everyone to read them.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. There being no additions or corrections, the report was approved as read with a motion from Rev. Gordon Rawls and a second from Rev. Jerry Frances. Motion carried.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. They prepared 568 boxes of food serving 1,652 people with 43 new clients. The ARC food supply is good now as several schools and groups have held food drives for the ARC. The school supply drive was a success, too. They visited several churches in the past few months and are available to speak to any church or group that is interested. Pastors are still involved and 4 more have been trained, including Rev. Danny Pardo who will be a welcome addition in helping to serve Hispanic clients, Pat reported that the work at Family Central on the community kitchen is to be completed soon they should get their storage space back, as well as having the parking lot paved. Pat said that the need for ARC may increase as B&B Swimwear has announced it is closing. Also, with cold weather coming, they will see a need in heating assistance funding. Last year, they were able to help 68 families with \$10,000. The ARC has no money in this fund as yet and Pat asked that donations be noted for fuel assistance in the memo section of checks. The ARC guidelines are to help the elderly first, then single parents with children, then other families. She encouraged churches to look at needs in their own communities. Pat also voiced a prayer concern for an unsaved client who has been diagnosed with mouth cancer. Pat asked everyone to lift up the ARC in prayer, that their assistance would not be a handout, but a hand up.

The DOM gave the Property Committee report in the absence of Rev. Johnny Huffman. The DOM has moved out of the parsonage and is living in Beaver Creek. He and Linda are having an open house Saturday, October 7, 2006, from 1 - 3. The parsonage is listed with Sherry Goodman with Active Realty through December, 2006. They may wait to renew the contract until after the January Executive Committee meeting. The association wanted \$194,000 for the property and the realtor has it listed at

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\$204,900. There have been no offers yet. Someone has been hired to mow yard through this year and there is heating oil, so may be enough to cover through the winter.

The DOM next gave his report. He announced that Bald Mountain Baptist Church was the top giver to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The top per capita giver was Round Knob Baptist Church. The top percentage giver in the association was Friendship Baptist Church. The DOM then recognized Rev. Jeff Nave, the new pastor at Warrensville Baptist Church. The DOM discussed the Hispanic Committee and the recommendation that Rev. Danny Pardo go to full time minister. The DOM said that the Baptist State Convention has approved this increase and will double their giving to double Rev. Pardo's salary. The DOM noted that the Hispanic church is paying most of his salary now at part time. This will be a \$6,000 increase for the association and the Hispanic church. Rev. Pardo plans to sell his house and move to Ashe county. Rev. Pardo started full time this week on the DOM's recommendation.

Rev. Danny Pardo gave the Hispanic committee report. He said two new believers were baptized in August and three more are soon to be baptized. Rev. Pardo had visited the Hispanic family in Boone that had lost three daughters in a house fire and they are to visit the church this Sunday. They are offering ESL classes on Wednesdays at 6:00 and Rev. Pardo's wife is learning English. Rev. Pardo has the possibility of a buyer for his house and may move here by next month.

Mary Whittington with Ashe Services for Aging (ASA) gave a report on the services offered. Ashe Services for Aging began in 1977 and now have 200 employees. Of these 200 employees, approximately 160 are Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA's) who serve 170 clients who, without this help, would have to enter nursing homes. They have 31 clients in the adult day care and 34 children in their day care center. They have a newly renovated exercise room that serves approximately 100 people each day. They normally have 40 for congregate nutrition and approximately 80 seniors receive home delivered meals. ASA is looking to expand their services. In recognition of World Hunger Awareness Month, ASA wants to connect with communities to improve means of helping address the hunger issue in Ashe county and are looking to partner with churches in this effort.

The youth committee report was presented by Rev. David Grinnell in the absence of Rev. Darrell Giles. The youth committee has been working very hard on the Strength team event coming to Ashe county in November. They have received permission to have assemblies in all schools and will have evening events Wednesday - Sunday nights. November 15 - 19, at Mountain View School (Wednesday night) and at Family Central Thursday - Sunday. The cost is over \$7.000, and asking every church to give. An account has been set up at AF Bank - Strength Team of Ashe - for donations. The committee is in need of financial help and also in other areas. The response has been disappointing so far and asked that all churches consider supporting this event.

Next, a video presentation on Angel Food Minsitries that is done by Oakwood Baptist Church in Wilkesboro was introduced by Rev. Jack Pugh as one of his members

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had brought it to his attention.

The WMU report was presented by Frances Blevins. She spoke about missions and the work that is done in the association and announced the Missions Harvest Celebration planned for October 14, 2006, at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church. A planning meeting is set for Monday, October 9, at the associational office at 7:00.

Diane Pennell gave a report on Ashe Home Care, Inc. They provide Medicaid funded care that will pay for 60 hours per month and provide assistance with bathing, medicine, groceries, and doctor appointments. The clients have to have a medical condition to qualify for care.

Diane Dixon. Church Community Missionary for the association, gave her report. She provided a listing of current Missions opportunities in the association including the Mission Harvest Celebration set for October 14, 2006; the campground mission project focusing on improvements at the campground, including the use of \$1,000 grant that the committee has received from North Carolina Baptist Foundation: the Strength Team event coming in November: a missions trip planned by Pheonix Baptist Church to War, WV, prior to Thanksgiving; and the children's Christmas project that the churches are coordinating this year. She also shared that 95% of people in church congregations will die without sharing Christ with anyone. She encouraged each church to ask themselves the following question: if your church ceased to exist, how many people within 10 miles of your church would notice?

Moderator Powers called for discussion of old business. Places for the 2007 Executive Committee meetings are needed. Volunteers responded and the schedule will be as follows: January - Midway Baptist: April - Pleasant Home Baptist: July - New River Baptist; and October - Bald Mountain Baptist. There being no further old business, he asked for any new business. New business included a motion to increase Rev. Pardo, pastor for the Hispanic mission, to full time. This came from the Hispanic committee and approved by association. The "In Honor" for the minute books was discussed. A recommendation of Mr. Charles Severt who has served as representative of Friendly Grove Baptist Church at Executive Committee meetings for the last 20 years was made. The recommendation was unanimous; motion carried. The "In Memory" dedications will include both Rev. Ray Minton and his wife. Mabel Jean Minton. Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting was requested. A motion was made by Danny Hodges with a second from Jackie Blevins, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rev. Jack Pugh with a second from Rev. David Jones to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 4, 2007

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on January 4, 2007, at Midway Baptist Church. A total of 21 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Powers. Following a song by Charles Moore, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Steve Leashomb. He read from 2 Timothy 3 and encouraged everyone to stand up as we face new challenges in 2007.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the October 5, 2006. Moderator Powers stated minutes would be approved later in the meeting to give sufficient time for everyone to read them.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. The treasurer's report would be approved later in the meeting to give sufficient time for everyone to read them. It was noted that the past two quarters, the association has been in the negative by approximately \$5,000 each quarter.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. They prepared 563 boxes of food serving 1,814 people with 34 new clients. The ARC food supply is good now as several schools and groups have held food drives for the ARC through the holidays. Lowes Foods sponsored a program called "Friends Feeding Friends" where people could purchase a bag of food while shopping to be given to the ARC. Approximately 7,000 pounds of food was donated. Ashe County Middle School donated over 1,000 cans and Mountain View Elementary donated over 900 cans, Westwood Elementary brought third grade classes to the ARC each day for a week which helps with outreach. Also, Ashe County Library offered forgiveness for overdue fees in return for donations of canned food and these were given to the ARC. The Second Harvest food supply has been low. The ARC worked with the CCM in providing Christmas gifts for 54 children who weren't on the Children's Christmas Project list. Also, 18 of the ARC's senior clients were served through the Star Project. They are still waiting to hear on the \$3,000 NC Hunger Fund Grant that the DOM applied for, Pat and the DOM will soon attend a meeting about the FEMA funds that are used to pay utilities and rent for clients. Funds are still needed for heating assistance. Last year, 170 names were on the list and they were only able to help 68. So far, there are 7 families helped so far, but it has been a mild heating season so far. Pat asked that churchs look within their congregation and communities to serve those families they can serve. If donations are made for the heating assistance fund, please notate in the memo line. Pat thanked everyone for their prayers for the ARC and thanked the pastors who continue to serve. She said clients sometimes visit and request to meet with a pastor so this is very helpful.

The DOM gave the Property Committee report in the absence of Rev. Johnny Huffman. The parsonage has been on the market for some time and the listing agreement has expired. The DOM recommended that we not list the property again, but try to market the parsonage on our own. This would also eliminate the 6% commission that a realtor would receive. The parsonage was appraised in May, 2004, at \$185,000 and includes .44 acres with a 2.557 square foot living area. If the association chooses to do so, they could put up a sign, "For Sale By Owner" and try to sell it.

The DOM next gave his report. He introduced the new pastor at Glendale Springs, Rev. Amos Combs and the new pastor at Fletcher, Rev. Art Eaton. The DOM announced that Faith Fellowship has purchased the Victory Christian Fellowship building. He also said that through the Children's Christmas project, they were able to serve 250 children and he thanked the churches for their support of this project. The DOM said that 230 decisions for Christ had been made during the Strength Team meetings and that several events are planned to follow up with these individuals. The Skate Zone in Beaver Creek will be open with free admission Thursday, January 18, 2007, from 7 - 9. Later, a movie, "Facing the Giants" will be shone at one of the bigger churches, possibly Bald Mountain Baptist Church, on February 2, 2007. He thanked the pastors for their support during the recent "Christmas" issue with the Ashe county school board and administration regarding Christian references to Christmas. He thanked Rev. Lawrence Goodman for spearheading this action. The DOM apologized for not having the calendars and minute books ready at this meeting, but said they are ready to be printed and they will be ready by the end of January. The DOM thanked the association staff for their work: Mattie Latham, Pat Miller, Trish Church, Rev. Danny Pardo, and Diane Dixon. He also thanked the churches for their support, prayers, and the special gifts given to him and Linda at Christmas. He invited everyone to the 2007 Ministerial Tax Issues and financial training to be presented by the NCBSC at Bald Mountain Baptist on Thursday, February 22, 2007, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending, please call the associational office and they will forward the projected attendance. The DOM also asked churches to prayerfully consider additional giving to the association as led, due to the past two "negative balance" quarters. He knows God will provide and knows the churches are giving, but asked for prayer about this issue.

Rev. Danny Pardo gave the Hispanic committee report. He thanked everyone for making the church possible and Rev. Lawrence Goodman for the use of the church at Bald Mountain. Danny and his family moved during the Christmas holidays and have an apartment in West Jefferson. Their Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's services were wonderful. He has started a new Bible study called "Knowing the Bible". There are some illiteracy issues in the Hispanic community, but he is teaching the basics of the Bible. Rev. Pardo shared that his father-in-law and mother-in-law are visiting from Equador and then his father-in-law spoke while Rev. Pardo translated. They will be visiting through next month, and if anyone would like to have his father-in-law speak at their church. Rev. Pardo would translate.

Diane Dixon, Church Community Missionary for the association, gave her report. She thanked the churches for supporting her this year. She then shared some statistics

that show "religion is increasing, but morality is decreasing" and urged everyone to set personal, spiritual, and ministry goals for this new year. She shared several mission opportunities available now and asked churches to help and to partner together. Upcoming ministries include campground improvements, a senior festival, prayer conference, and the "Vote No" campaign against liquor by the drink and an ABC store in West Jefferson. She also wants to set up a library in the associational office and has some ladies who will stock it and set it up, but needs some shelves built or donated and asked that if anyone with those skills is interested in helping, to let her know.

Moderator Powers called for discussion of old business. The minutes for October 5, 2006, were approved with a motion by Rev. Lawrence Goodman and a second from Rev. Art Eaton. Motion carried. Approval of the Treasurer's report was made by a motion from Rev. Jerry Francis and a second from Rev. Gordon Rawls. The motion carried.

Moderator Powers called for discussion of new business. An increase in the insurance for the DOM and the Treasurer/Secretary position needed authorization. There will be an increase in the cost of both policies. A motion was made by Rev. Steven Leashomb and seconded by Rev. Lawrence Goodman to authorize this increase. The motion carried. The parsonage plan of action was discussed. A motion was made by Rev. Gordon Rawls and seconded by Rev. Danny Pardo not to renew the listing agreement with the realtor. The motion carried. The DOM reminded everyone that the most recent appraisal was for \$185,000, but a new roof and septic system had been installed since that appraisal. He also said the funds from the sale of the parsonage are to go toward office expenses, whether to purchase an office or to be invested with the Baptist Foundation for use of the interest to pay rent. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Rev. Lawrence Goodman and seconded by Rev. Danny Pardo to place a for sale sign at the parsonage with the wording "reduced price" and a sales price of \$185,000. The motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rev. Lawrence Goodman with a second from Rev. Johnny Goodman to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED MEETING February 6, 2007

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for a called meeting on February 6, 2007, at Grassy Creek Baptist Church. A total of 12 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Powers, who then dispensed with the congregational hymn. The welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Johnny Huffman. He read from Galatians 4 and spoke about how we should live our lives and take care of our time.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches.

Rev. Johnny Huffman, Chairperson of the Property Committee presented the report. An offer has been received on the parsonage and due to time constraints, a full meeting of the committee could not be held. As Chairperson, Rev. Huffman recommends that the offer be accepted(\$170,000). The offer is for less than the appraised value of the house, but in light of the time it has already been on the market, this offer should be considered. A motion was made by Rev. Johnny Huffman with a second by Rev. Steve Leashomb that the parsonage be sold. The DOM shared that the offer has been made by Charity Ballou, Rev. Bill Ballou's grand-daughter.. The financing is being sought and they plan to open a daycare facility in part of the house. Charity has fond memories of the home and it would mean a lot to the Ballou family. The parsonage has been cleaned recently so it is ready to sell. If approved, the finance committee would be tasked with determining what to do with the sales proceeds, whether to use funds for rent or pursue purchasing the office. It has already been determined that the funds will be used for the office only so this will free up more money for missions. It was pointed out that the buyer was not a client of the realtor who had property listed for sale, so no funds will be due the realtor at closing. After discussion, the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Walter Pugh. The meeting was closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 5, 2007

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on April 5, 2007, at Pleasant Home Baptist Church. A total of 19 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Director of Missions David Blackburn in the absence of Moderator Jerry Powers. Following a congressional hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. David Jones. He read from Isaiah 53.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the January, 2007, executive committee meeting as well as the minutes from the February 6, 2007 "called" meeting. The January meeting minutes were approved with a 2nd from Bill Carter. The "called" meeting minutes were approved with a 2nd from Rev. Gordon Rawls. Motions carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. It was noted that the association is again "in the negative" but not as far this quarter. The report was approved with a 2nd from Rev. Johnny Goodman. Motion carried.

Committee reports began with Mark Parker, the Hickory Crawdads Representative. Brother Mark was a former youth pastor. The Crawdads are a minor league team of the Pittsburgh Pirates and the organization wants to work more with church groups. He provided group organizer kits to those interested and encouraged the churches to remember the games provide an opportunity for fellowship with children as well as adults.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. They prepared 616 boxes of food serving 1.643 people with 45 new clients. The ARC food supply is low now. The food bank's classification guidelines are now based on the number of clients served, so the ARC is receiving less food now. God has placed a plan on Pat's heart that she would like everyone to share with the churches. She said that if each member of our churches would bring a canned food item each week - 4 cans/month/person - there would never be a shortage of food at the ARC. She asked that we share this with our church members. The ARC received a good supply of soup from the Souper Bowl Sunday collection and said that 3 churches had gotten together to clean and stock shelves the Saturday before the Souper Bowl. She asked that any churches who would like to volunteer to do this to please let her know. The ARC was chosen to receive 1.000 pounds of turkey by the food bank and Marvin Ferguson and his wife and daughter had picked it up. The construction has been completed at Family Central and the ARC has a small storage area now. The fuel assistance funds were good this year and 33 families were helped. The ARC worked with BROC and the Council on Aging to meet the needs. She thanked the churches for this donation. The ARC did receive a

\$3,000 Hunger Fund grant that is to be used as needed and a \$3,061 FEMA grant to be used for rent and utilities. Second Harvest will be doing an inspection in either May or June. The DOM has trained another pastor to serve at the ARC and she thanked those pastors as they are meeting a great need. There is still a need for afternoon volunteers on Monday, Thursday, and Friday and the ARC needs a vacuum cleaner. She thanked everyone for their support of the ARC.

The Hispanic Mission update was postponed until the arrival of Rev. Danny Pardo.

Diane Dixon, Church Community Missionary for the association, gave her report. She thanked the churches for supporting her this year. She shared that the campground belongs to us all and is in need of attention. They need groups to paint and clean and do other work. She announced that Thursday, May 3, has been designated the National Day of Prayer. Permission has been given to have a ceremony at the Ashe county courthouse at 11:00. It will be a patriotic ceremony but also a time to share our faith. A prayer conference was an identified need on the survey completed last year and is tentatively scheduled for sometime in September. She then shared from her devotion this week. It said that we are twice God's...He made us and then he bought us.

Rev. Johnny Goodman gave the Campground committee report. He said several projects are going on now. New hardwood flooring has been installed in the kitchen and the downstairs area has been updated for a fellowship area. Funds are needed to confinue improvements, as well as volunteers. He presented for approval the plans for the amphitheater and prayer garden. The DOM thanked Walter Pugh for the drawings and the work he and his students have done at the campground.

Brother Fred Walters gave the nomination committee report. The Seminary Extension position has been held by Rev. Jack Pugh but he has had no interest and there was no volunteer for it so will leave the position blank. It will take a constitution change to do away with the position. The Sunday School position will be held by Rev. Lawrence Goodman.

DOM Blackburn gave the Hispanic Mission report as Rev. Pardo did not arrive. A service is being held on Saturday nights at Fletcher Memorial and on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights at Bald Mountain. ESL classes are being taught at Fletcher Memorial. Rev. Pardo has been in two trainings and attended the Baptist State Convention meeting. His son has been in the hospital recently but is doing better now.

The DOM next gave his report. He thanked his stafff for all the work they do. He thanked those who worked in the VBS clinic and encouraged churches to emphasize evangelism at VBS. The National Day of Prayer ceremony promises to be a great event as the schools have been contacted for involvement, as well as the VFW. The parsonage was sold for \$170,000 and the sales proceeds have been placed in two CD's at AF Bank and Yadkin Valley Bank. It was necessary to have two as the FDIC only insures up to \$100,000. The interest will be used toward office rent expenses. Midway Baptist does

not want to sell the office at this time. He thanked churches for support but asked them to pray about additional giving. He mentioned that the building of the amphitheater will only be done as funds are available.

DOM Blackburn called for discussion of old business. There being none, a discussion of new business was called for. The motion from the campground committee was considered. Work is to be done as funds and volunteers will allow. Motion carried. The key leaders from the nominating committee was considered. The change to the Seminary Extension position will be included. The motion carried with a 2nd by Rev. Johnny Goodman. Rev. Jack Pugh said the ARC is in need of a new van. He asked that this prayerfully be considered. Brother Fred Walters will talk to AEV about a trade-in or other options available. DOM Blackburn recognized a new pastor to the association...Rev. Keith Wagoner at Pleasant Valley.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Fred Walters with a second from Rev. Wayne Jones to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 12, 2007

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on July 12, 2007, at New River Baptist Church. A total of 23 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Powers. Following a congressional hymn led by Billy Carter, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Wayne Jones. He read from Hosea and compared America to Israel. He challenged everyone to return to God, both as individuals and as a nation.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the April, 2007, executive committee meeting to be voted on later in the business portion of the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. It was noted that the association is again "in the negative" this quarter, although the churches have given slightly more this year than last. The report will be voted in later in the business portion of the meeting, however, it was noted that the budget and finance committee will be meeting soon to look at cuts that can be made in the budget for next year.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. They prepared 585 boxes of food serving 1,749 people with 41 new clients. She thanked the pastors who volunteer at the ARC as they are touching lives there. She said that churches have had several clients referred to them from the ARC and 2 clients were saved this quarter. An inspection of the ARC that was conducted this week went well and it was found that they are eligible for additional food due to the number of clients served. Pat thanked the volunteers for their service. She said the lease at Family Central was up for renewal recently and the rent did not go up. ARC funding is low partly due to not receiving the NC Hunger fund money next quarter. She thanked everyone for their support of the ARC.

Rev. Danny Pardo gave the Hispanic Mission report. He said things are going well as they will be having their 2nd baptism on July 22, baptizing 4, which is twice the number baptized last year. He will perform his first wedding ceremony in September and will provide pre-marital counseling to the couple. Danny's wife, Diana, has her green card now and shared that they are expecting another baby. Rev. Pardo will be on a mission trip to Ecuador in August. Their VBS went well and the small group Bible studies are engoing. Two directional signs have been ordered for Cristo El Salvador to be placed at Beaver Creek School Road and Golf Course Road. The average attendance has increased to 45 and many are getting to know Christ. He thanked everyone for their support.

Diane Dixon, Church Community Missionary for the association, gave her report. She thanked the churches for supporting missions. She shared that there will be a prayer conference September 28 and 29 with several speakers and encouraged everyone to look for more details coming soon. She said there are some urgent ministry needs in the association including new mattresses for the campground at a price of \$65 each; supplies for the book bag ministry for ARC families; and donations of Pop-Tarts for a new ministry opportunity with the Ashe Campus of Wilkes Community College students. Another event planned for the near future is a Senior Day Out to visit the Billy Graham Library. She then shared a story of a rural association and what they were able to do once they got "on mission" and challenged the association to do the same.

The DOM next gave his report. He shared that he and Linda and several others from the association attended the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, TX and it was a very spirit-filled event. Southern Baptists are 16.3 million strong and are baptizing a new believer every 38 seconds. But there is more work to be done. He, Linda, and the CCM attended a conference recently at Caraway, as well. He reminded everyone that the annual meeting is to be held Friday, August 17, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at Orion Baptist Church, hosted jointly by Orion and North Beaver and Saturday, August 18, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at Landmark Baptist Church. He also announced that Mt. Olive and Glendale Springs have volunteered to host the 2008 meetings. The DOM shared that now that the balance on hand was under \$20,000, he was concerned about the finances enough that he and the associational staff will be meeting to see where cuts can be made. Then he will share this with the finance committee and will present it at the annual meeting.

Rev. Johnny Goodman shared that funds are available through Guidestone for a pastor's annuity to churches with annual budgets of less than \$75,000. They will pay \$50/month into the annuity account which provides retirement, life insurance, and disability insurance for 5 years in an effort to encourage churches to budget 10% of salary for this. This is available even if the church is already paying into the account. If churches are interested, see him or the DOM. He also shared that the campground needs a couple loads of dirt to backfill around the new walkway. He also said that Ronnie Hopkins has resigned as treasurer of the campground committee and Dennis Houck has agreed to take the position. There is also a need for a plumber to look at some work to be done on the water system at the campground. And Rev. Roger Newton had advised that the Pregnancy Care Center is in need of baby items such as cribs, bassinets, and strollers.

Moderator Powers called for discussion of old business. There being none, a discussion of new business was called for. The minutes were approved with a motion by Rev. Johnny Goodman and a 2nd by Bill Carter. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Rev. Johnny Goodman and a 2nd by Rev. Art Eaton. Moderator Powers recommended that a letter be sent to Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute to express our sympathy for the loss of Rev. Todd Edmiston. Rev. Edmiston will be missed at our annual meeting this year. DOM Blackburn advised that they have been contacted but have not responded as to whether another speaker will be available. Moderator Powers also suggested that the pastor's annuity information be included in the next Ashe Baptist newsletter and encouraged the churches to take advantage of this for

their pastors. He shared that he believes the Lord will bless us with what we need to take care of what we are responsible for. A motion was made to accept Dennis Houck as Ronnie Hopkins' replacement as campground committee treasurer by Rev. Johnny Goodman with a 2nd by Billy Carter. Motion carried. DOM Blackburn thanked Ronnie Hopkins for his many year of service and will send a letter of appreciation saying the same.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION ORION AND NORTH BEAVER BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 17, 2007

Moderator Jerry Powers called the one hundred twenty-first annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 17, 2007, at the Orion Baptist Church.

The congregation was led in a hymn by Mr. David Phillips. Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Mace Johnson, pastor of Orion Baptist Church. He read from the 23rd Psalm. Rev. Rick Miller, pastor of North Beaver Baptist Church, led the congregation in prayer.

Next, Moderator Powers turned to organizational matters including rules of order and the seating of the messengers who were asked to stand and be recognized and the adoption of the order of business. Motion was made by David Phillips, seconded by Rev. Danny Pardo, to adopt the order of business. Motion carried.

Visitors and new pastors were recognized, including: Tom Vestal, Amos Combs, Scott Day, and Art Eaton. The committee appointments made annually by the Moderator were presented and Jerry Powers, Moderator, made a motion to accept these appointments. Rev. Wayne Jones seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next in the order of business was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. At least 100 persons were present representing the following 35 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Clifton. Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Landmark, Laurel Knob, Liberty Grove, Little Helton, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Old Fields, Orion, Peak Valley, Phoenix, Pilot Mountain, Pine Swamp, Pleasant Flome, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, Welcome Home, and the Hispanic Baptist Mission.

Next Mrs. Ann Vannoy presented the history of Orion Baptist Church and Mrs. Vickie Hurley presented the history of North Beaver Baptist Church. Then the congregation was led in song.

Moderator Powers next introduced Rev. Jack Miller, pastor of Old Fields Baptist Church, who presented the evening message from Acts 2:41 - 47. He encouraged churches to follow these examples and God will add to the church daily. Following the message, the congregation sang "There's Power in the Blood."

Moderator Powers next referred the congregation to pages 16 - 19 of the Book of Reports noting the organizational officers and associational administrative committees. The recommendations were approved.

Mrs. Trish Church, Treasurer, next presented the treasurer's report as presented on

page 26 in the book of reports. Trish also shared the congregational summary from church letters on page 76, the total income received by churches on page 28 and the letter from the budget and finance committee on page 27. She also thanked the Association for allowing her to live of her call as the Administrative Assistant and as Treasurer. Moderator Powers then recognized Mr. Bob Neaves, Chairman of the Budget Committee. who presented the proposed budget for 2007/2008 on page 25. He also recognized the finance committee members and expressed appreciation to them and to the churches for their support of the Association. He shared the committee's concerned voiced in the letter from page 27. Last year's income fell short approximately \$5,000/quarter from meeting the proposed budget. It was noted that expenses came in under budget but projected income from a Hunger Fund grant and from a historic donor were not received. The committee has presented a budget for the year, but is proposing amending this budget, if necessary, at the October Executive Committee meeting as follows: either cutting the Administrative Assistant/Treasurer position back to 30 hours/week from the current 40 hours/week and reducing staff salaries and benefits by 5% or by keeping the Administrative Assistant/Treasurer position at 40 hours/week and reducing salaries and benefits by 10% across the board. An anonymous donation of \$3,500 has been made for the current quarter so there should be no problem this quarter. Mr. Neaves noted that the shortfall was approximately \$250/week and he encouraged the churches to consider giving more. He then opened up the floor for comments and questions. Rev. Steve LeaShomb questioned making a first quarter budget when most churches have an annual budget already set that would normally go through 12/2007. He was concerned churches may not be able to increase giving in this timeframe. Mr. Neaves advised that the shortfall is approximately \$240/week, which divided between 10 churches would only be \$24/week. David Phillips asked about the shortfall in funds to cover social security and medicare for the DOM, and DOM Blackburn agreed but was adamant that the association will not go in the red again. The question was asked how you could anticipate an anonymous donation and DOM Blackburn advised that it had been given in the past. Mr. Neaves asked that churches pray about additional giving. Voting on the budget was deferred to the Saturday morning session at its noted place on the agenda.

Reports of institutions and agencies were next on the agenda. Rev. Paul Mullen, representing NC Baptist Hospital, next presented information on the services provided by Baptist Hospital through donations provided through cooperative program giving and the Mother's Day offering. He asked that if anyone needs help with Baptist Hospital services, to please call him or our DOM.

Mr. Ron McSwain of Chowan University spoke regarding Christian Higher Education. He thanked everyone for giving through the Cooperative Program.

Rev. Gayle Brown, Western Area Representative. Baptist Retirement Homes (BRH) of NC, gave the report for Baptist Retirement Homes of NC. Rev. Brown read excerpts from a book by Tom Brokaw, "The Greatest Generation Speaks." He said there are 5 Baptist retirement homes in NC with over 700 residents. Funds go to nursing care and assisted living needs from the February offering and the cooperative program. He thanked everyone for their support and said Ashe Baptist Association churches have

given over \$4,000 to the Baptist Retirement Homes. .

Rev. Charles Fox, representative of the Baptist Foundation, presented information on the foundation. Rev. Fox advised that the Western Area Representative Brother David Webb and his wife are on a mission trip to Nicuragua. Rev. Fox referenced the report and expressed appreciation to the Ashe Baptist Association churches. He said they were able to provide funds for the Ashe County Alternative School and the Ashe Baptist Campground. He advised they also have funds on hand to help young people in our Baptist churches go to school and that applications were on their web site.

Rev. Lewis Smith, Western Area Development Director of Baptist Children's Homes of NC, presented his report. He invited everyone to visit the Broyhill Children's Home in Haywood County on September 6, 2007, for tours and a barbecue meal. He also asked everyone to remember the Thanksgiving offering for Baptist Children's Homes. Rev. Smith presented a role play as he gave his report as John Hanes Mills, the founder of Baptist Children's Homes in NC. He thanked everyone for their help and partnership with Baptist Children's Homes of NC.

Next, Moderator Powers asked that the congregation sing a hymn in memory of Rev. Todd Edmiston of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute who passed away last year.

Next, Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, referred everyone to his report on pages 36-38 in the book of reports. He emphasized the theme this year, "Kneeling at the foot of the cross for 121 years," comes from Ephesians 3:14. He also mentioned a new strategy for the association, R.O.C.K. which stands for Reaching Others Christ Knows and related that 34% of Americans are unchurched. There is work to be done.

The next report was given by Rev. Wayne Oakes with Pastoral Ministries, Baptist State Convention of NC. Rev. Oakes advised there is an online sharing system for pastor search committees that is available and that has helped 5200 ministers and 3700 churches. He provided the results of a survey done in NC concerning causes of forced terminations for 2006. He advised NC tied with the Texas convention at 125 terminations in 2006. Rev. Oakes thinks there may be 3 times that number that occurs. The top 3 reasons for forced terminations in 2006 and are usually the top 3 reaons each year are: 1) control issues; 2) pastor's leadership style is too strong; and 3) poor people skills on the part of the pastor. There is a concern that Baptists are known for how we fight and hurt each other, not how we love each other and that needs to change. Scripture from Matthew 18:15 teaches that we are to go to the offender but churches have adopted a more secular model in handling conflict. Biblical principles and practices should be applied.

A congregational hymn was followed by special music from Rev. Mack Arnold, Jr

DOM David Blackburn presented two certificates from the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church for the most money collected for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2006 and for the most

money collected per capita.

Rev. Art Eaton next presented the annual message from 1 Samuel 17:19 - 21, 2 Cor. 5, and Leviticus 20:24. He challenged churches to remember the cause of Christ and to continue to preach the message of the great commission and to make disciples. Even with all the problems in this world, this should be the cry of the 21st century church. We must contend for the faith. He reminded everyone that believers plus Jesus equals victory.

Following the sermon, Rev. Mace Johnson led the blessing and the meeting was adjourned for the evening meal, prepared by the ladies of Orion and North Beaver Baptist Churches.

Following the delicious meal, the meeting was reconvened by the moderator for the evening session, Rev. Rick Miller, vice-moderator. Rev. Jack Pugh, pastor of Healing Springs Baptist Church, led the congregation in prayer and presented scripture.

Very special singing was provided by the associational choir, led by David Phillips. The congregation then sang a hymn.

Next, Rev. Mack Arnold, Jr., former pastor of Clifton Baptist Church, presented the missions sermon. He shared scripture from Matthew 24:15 on a topic of "Are we really on a mission from God"?

Following the sermon, Mr. Bob Neaves of North Beaver Baptist Church presented the benediction and the meeting was adjourned to reconvene the following morning at Landmark Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH Saturday, August 18, 2007

Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers, called the one hundred twenty-first annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 18, 2007, at Landmark Baptist Church.

Moderator Powers reminded everyone of the rules of order and asked everyone to sign the attendance sheets that were passed around. The congregation was then led in a congregational hymn. Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Charlie McCoy, pastor of Landmark Baptist Church. He read from Psalms 1:1-3 and praised God for conversion through Jesus Christ.

Next was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. Approximately 100 persons were present representing the following 34 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Landmark, Laurel Knob, Liberty Grove, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, Oak Hill, Obids, Old Fields, Orion, Peak Valley, Phoenix, Pine Swamp, Pleasant Home, Pleasant Valley, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, Welcome Home, and the Hispanic Baptist Mission.

Next Mrs. Audrey Dancy presented the history of Landmark Baptist Church.

Next, the Mission Reports were given. Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director gave her report. She thanked DOM Blackburn, Mrs. Mattie Latham, the pastors and others who support the ARC. She said the ARC helps senior citizens who have to pay for medicine, single parents providing for their children, those who are facing loss of income, and those who have lost their homes to fire. The pastors are so important to ARC because some clients come as much for the counsel and fellowship as they do for the food and clothing. She encouraged everyone to share with their churches how thankful the ARC is for their support and asked them to pray for the staff, the volunteers, and the clients.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave the report from the committee on new churches. New Beginnings Fellowship, Rev. Allen Combs, pastor is the only church they are working with at this time. Due to health issues, the church has been moved to the pastor's home. The committee recommends they remain under the watch care of the association. Motion carried. Rev. Goodman commented on his time serving at Landmark Baptist Church and shared that Brother Denny had given him counsel as this was Rev. Goodman's first church. Rev. Goodman recommended that new pastors find someone, possibly a former pastor, to counsel them.

Rev. Danny Pardo presented the Hispanic Ministry report. This is Rev. Pardo's

second annual meeting. New families have been added and are being ministered to as God knows how to touch people's lives. He thanked the association for their support.

Mrs. Frances Blevins. WMU Director, gave her report. She shared a quote by Edwin Burke: The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. She shared scripture relating to our service (Romans 12:1); serving as one body (Acts 2:44-46); and the vision for the church (Luke 5:4 - 8).

In the absence of Mr. Fred Walters, DOM Blackburn gave the Brotherhood report. He said there are 11 Brotherhoods represented on annual church profile but there are probably more than that, they are just not officially organized. With the R.O.C.K. strategy, hope to have some Baptist Men's meetings.

Church and Community Missions (CCM) Director Mrs. Diane Dixon gave the CCM report. She mentioned several upcoming events including a prayer retreat planned for September and a Seniors trip to the Billy Graham Library planned for October. She also gave more information on the R.O.C.K. campaign planned for the coming year.

Special music was presented by The Landmarks. The music was very spiritual and appreciated by all.

Moderator Powers introduced the speaker for the message, Rev. Chris Cox, pastor of Big Flatts Baptist Church. Rev. Cox shared about times God had provided when his son was being treated for cerebral palsy. He also shared from Luke 10:38-42 about Mary and Martha and how we need to get back to the feet of Jesus. He related that the association's financial questions may be a time of trial to test and strengthen our faith.

Next, Moderator Powers presented the Moderator's report. He has enjoyed his service as it was a blessing.

Next, Linda Blackburn gave the report for Discipleship Training. She shared scripture from Joshua 1:8 regarding the importance of meditating on God's word. With 7,029 total membership and only 827 members involved in a discipleship program, we have a long way to go.

David Phillips gave the report on Church Music. He shared scripture from Psalms 81:1. He also said that the associational choir had voted not to use the \$2,000 set aside for them in the associational budget in an effort to help the financial concerns of the association.

DOM Blackburn gave the Sunday School report in the absence of Mr. Tim Church. Tim will be stepping down as Sunday School Director and Rev. Lawrence Goodman has agreed to take the position. Rev. Goodman challenged all pastors to support and believe in Sunday school. If you must choose, he would rather you go to Sunday school than worship service. Pastors are responsible for Sunday school.

Trish Church gave the report of the Historian. She read from ABA minutes of 1962.

Rev. Johnny Goodman gave the report of the Baptist Campground on pages 22 - 23. He also shared about the retirement annuity payment through church missions that is available for churches with a budget of less than \$75,000. He asked those needing more information to see him or the DOM.

A special IMB report was given by Miss Anna Goodman of Laurel Knob Baptist Church. She has served as a missionary in India through the Journeyman program for 2 years. This program allows college students to serve and is supported through the Cooperative Program. They were in India after the tsunami and saw 5,000 decisions for Christ, 1,000 baptisms, and 200 house churches established. She gave a video presentation and asked that everyone continue to pray for missionaries and those they serve.

A congregational hymn was sung led by David Phillips.

Miss Willa Dean Church gave the report on Evangelism and asked that suggestions for the committee be shared with her or others on the committee. She mentioned the upcoming prayer retreat and asked everyone to announce it at their church.

Rev. Darrell Giles gave the Youth Council Report and asked the question "Who loves Jesus?" We are to feed His lambs. The youth committee is discouraged that too few churches take part in youth ministry. We must get our youth excited. One statistic says that 85% of churched young people leave the church after graduating high school. He is concerned that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. We must get back to the basics. Rev. Giles also presented information on Operation Inasmuch that is planned for April 19, 2008. This is a one-day local missions event that mobilizes congregations in a hands-on community outreach ministry. More information can be found in his report on page 47.

Vickie Young gave the Vacation Bible School (VBS) report which can be found on pages 44 - 45. She said that, as always, churches are doing a great job with VBS and a great VBS clinic was held at Friendship Church in April, 2007. She thanked all the VBS Team members, DOM Blackburn, Trish Church, and Friendship Baptist Church for their help and support. She encouraged directors to turn in their reports each year. She also advised the theme for 2008 is "Outrigger Island - Living God's Unshakeable Truth." The VBS team is planning on attending the Lifeway training in January.

Mr. Charles Caudill gave a report on the Gideon's International. He thanked the churches for hosting Gideon speakers. He presented testimony from Pakistan and said that 68 million bibles were placed last year.

Rev. Johnny Huffman gave the Property Committee report from page 8 in the book of reports. He thanked the members of the committee as well as the associational

staff for help in preparing his report.

Moderator Powers gave his report on Temperance and Public Morals, page 43 in the book of reports.

Next, Rev. Roger Newton gave a report on the Ashe Pregnancy Care Center which was included on pages 60-61 in the book of reports. He shared figures from the NC Department of Human Services for 2001 - 2005 which included 17 infant deaths in NC. When Rev. Newton worked with Hospice, there wasn't much he could do to prevent those deaths. However, there were 28 abortions in Ashe county in 2004 and most could have been prevented. He announced that the annual walk for life is planned for October 6, 2007, and he encouraged churches to form teams and walk in this event.

The congregation was led in a hymn and an offering was taken for the associational budget.

The business session began with adoption of the associational budget for 3 months, to be examined by the Executive Committee and possibly adjusted in October. Coming from committee, no motion or second needed. The motion carried.

Other business included the dedication of the minutes. DOM Blackburn made a motion that the minutes be dedicated in honor of Ronnie Hopkins from Bald Mountain Baptist Church for his service as Ashe Baptist Campground Treasurer. Rev. Lawrence Goodman seconded and motion carried. Moderator Powers made a motion that the minutes be in memory of Rev. Todd Edmiston of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. Rev. Charlie McCoy seconded the motion and motion carried. Other requests will be considered at the October Executive Committee meeting.

No resolutions were presented by the Resolution Committee.

DOM Blackburn gave the report of the Time/Place Preacher Committee, in the absence of Mrs. Lois Bare. The recommendation is that next year's annual meeting will be held Friday at Mt. Olive Baptist Church and Saturday at Glendale Springs Baptist Church. Motion carried.

Vickie Young announced that the minutes of the July Executive Committee meeting and those of the annual meeting will be presented for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for October, 2007.

Rev. Wayne Jones led the memorial service. A moment of silence was observed and a prayer was offered.

Following the service, Rev. Charlie McCoy gave the benediction and blessing on the food. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Rev. Lawrence Goodman and a second from Rev. Wayne Jones. The motion carried and a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Landmark Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

#### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

- 1 We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three Persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
- 2 We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3 We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
- 4. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus to be practiced only by believers in their spiritual order.
- 6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.
- 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Glory.
- 8. We believe in a separate resurrection and judgment, both for the righteous, and unrighteous dead.
- We believe that the existence of the righteous and the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain worship, ordinances, discipleship and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor; and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation; and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word

Addendum I - ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963)

Baptists are a people who profess a living faith. This faith is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday and today and forever." Therefore the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is Jesus Christ whose will is revealed in

the Holy Scriptures.

A living faith must experience a growing understanding of truth and must be continually interpreted and related to the needs of each new generation. Through out their history Baptist bodies, both large and small, have issued statements of faith, which comprise a consensus of their beliefs. Such statements have never been regarded as complete, infallible statements of faith, nor as official creeds carrying mandatory authority. Thus this generation of Southern Baptists is in historic succession of intent and purpose as it endeavors to state for its time and theological climate those articles of the Christian faith, which are most surely held among us.

Baptists emphasize the soul's competency before God, freedom in religion, and the priesthood of the believer. However, this emphasis should not be interpreted to mean that there is an absence of certain doctrines that Baptists believe, cherish, and with

which they have been and are now closely identified.

It is the purpose of this statement of faith and message to set forth certain teachings, which we believe.

#### THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to many. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. In has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Ex. 24:4; Deut. 4:1-2; 17:19; Josh. 8:34; Psalm 19:7-10; 119: 11, 89; 105; 140. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

Isa. 34:16; 40:8; Jer. 15:16; 36; Matt. 5:17-18; 22-29; Luke 21:33, 44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16 ff; 17:11; Rom. 15:4; 16: 25-26; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2;

4:12; I Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us a Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

#### GOD THE FATHER

God as Father reigns with providential care over his universe, His creatures and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purpose of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise, God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Gen. 1:1, 2:7; Ex. 3:14, 6:2-3, 15:11ff, 20:1ff; Lev. 22:2; Deut. 6:4, 32:6; I Chron. 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isa. 43:3, 15, 64:8; Jer. 10:10, 17:3; Matt. 6:9 ff, 7:11, 23:9, 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24, 5:26, 14:6-13, 17:1-3; Acts 1:7; Rom. 8:14-15; I Cor. 8:6; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 4:6; Col. 1:15; I Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:6, 12:9; I Peter 1:17; I John 5:7.

#### GOD THE SON

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ he was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely yet without sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where he is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man and whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Gen. 18:1 ff; Psalm 2:7ff, 110:1ff; Isa. 7:14; 53; Matt. 1:18-23; 3:17, 8:29, 11:27, 14:33, 16:16, 27, 17:5, 27, 28: 1-6,19; Mark 1:1, 3:11; Luke 1:35, 4:41, 22:70, 24:46; John 1:1-18, 29, 10:30, 38, 11:25-27, 12:44-50, 14:7-11, 16:15-16, 28, 17:1-5, 21-22, 20:1-20, 28; Acts 1:9, 2:22-24, 7:55-56, 9:4-5, 20; Rom. 1:3-4, 3:23-26, 5:6-21, 8:1-3, 34, 10:4; I Cor. 1:30, 2:2, 8:6, 15:1-8, 24-28; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:20, 3:11, 4:7-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-22, 2:9; I Thes. 4:14-18; I Tim. 2:5-6, 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 1:1-3, 4:14-15, 7:14-28, 9:12-15, 24-24, 12:2, 13:8; I Peter 2:21-25, 3: 22; I John 1:7-9, 3:2, 4:14-15, 5:9; II John 7-9; Rev. 1:13-16, 5:9-14, 12:10-11, 13:8, 19: 16.

#### GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believers unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believers into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Gen. 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalm 51:11; 139:7ff; Isa. 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matt. 1:18, 3:16, 4:1, 12:28-32, 28:19; Mark 1:10, 12, Luke 1:35, 4:1, 18-19, 11:13, 12:12, 24-49; John 4:24, 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-14; Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 38, 4:31, 5:3, 6:3, 7:55, 8:17, 39, 10:44, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6, 19:1-6; Rom. 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; I Cor. 2:10-14, 3:16, 12:3-11; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18; I Thes. 5:19; I Tim. 3:16, 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:14, 3:16; Heb. 9:8, 14; 2 Peter 1:21; I John 4:13, 5:6-7; Rev. 1: 10, 22:17.

#### MEN

Man was created by the special act of God, in his own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Gen. 1:26-30, 2:5,7, 18-22, 3:6-9; Psalm 1; 8:3-6, 32:1-5, 51:5; Isa. 6:5; Jer. 17:5; Matt. 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Rom. 1:19, 32, 3:10-18, 23, 5:6, 12, 19, 6:6, 7:14-18; I Cor.

1:21-31, 15:19, 21-22; Eph. 2:1-22, 3:9-11.

#### SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by thee Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer into a relationship for peace and favor with God.

B. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

C. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Gen. 3:15; Ex. 3:14-17, 6:2-8; Matt. 1:21, 4:17, 16:21-26, 27:22 to 28:6; Luke 1:68-69, 2: 28-32; John 1:11-14, 29, 3:3-21, 36, 5:24, 10:9, 28-29, 15:1-16, 17:17; Acts 2:21, 4:12, 15:11, 16:30-31, 17:30-31, 20:32; Rom. 1:16-19, 2:4, 3:23-25, 4:3ff, 5:8-10, 6:1-23, 8:1-18, 29-39, 10:9-10, 13, 13:11-14; I Cor. 1:18, 30, 6:19-20, 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Gal. 2:20, 3:13, 5:22-25, 6:15; Eph. 1:7, 2:8-22, 4:11-16; Phil. 2:12-13; Col. 1:9-22, 3:1ff; I Thes. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 2:1-3, 5:8-9, 9:24-28, 11:1-12:8, 14; James 2:14-16; I Peter 1:2-23; I John 1:6 to 2:11; Rev. 3:21, 21:1 to 22:5.

#### GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-8; I Sam. 8:4-7, 19-22; Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 31:31ff; Matt. 16:18-19, 21:28-45, 24:22, 31, 25:34; Luke 1:68-79, 2:29-32, 19:41-44, 24:44-48; John 1:12-14, 3:16, 5:24, 6:44-45, 65, 10:27-29, 15:16, 17:6, 12, 17-18; Acts 20:32; Rom. 5:9-10, 8:28-39, 10: 12-15, 11:5-7, 26-36; I Cor. 1:1-2, 15:24-28; Eph. 1:4-23, 2:1-10, 3:1-11; Col. 1:12-14; 2 Thes. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:12, 2:10, 19; Heb. 11:39-12:2; I Peter 1:2-5, 13, 2:4-10; I John 1:7-9, 2:19, 3:2

#### THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, and privileges invested in them by His word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation members are equally responsible. Its Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all ages.

Matt. 16:15-19, 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42, 47, 5:11-14, 6:3-6, 13:1-3, 14:23,27, 15:1-30, 16:5, 20:28; Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2, 3:16, 5:4-5,7:17, 9:13-14; 12; Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:8-11, 21, 5:22-32; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:1-15, 4:14; I Peter 5:1-4; Rev. 2-3, 21:2-3.

#### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience, obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. Symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified and risen Savior the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and in the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privilege of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER (continued)

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matt. 3:13-17, 26:26-30, 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11, 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22, 22:19-20, John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42, 8: 35-39, 16:30-33, 20:7; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 10:16, 21, 11:23-

29; Col. 2:12

#### THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employment, work of necessity and mercy only being excepted.

Ex. 20:8-11; Matt. 12:1-12, 28:1 ff, Mark 2:27-28, 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3, 33-36; John

4:21-24, 20:1, 19-28; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Col. 2:16, 3:16; Rev. 1:10.

#### THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike, commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Gen. 1:1; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Matt. 3:2, 4:8-10, 23, 12:25-28, 13:1-52, 25:31-46, 26:29; Mark 1:14-15, 9:1; Luke 4: 43, 8:1, 9:2, 12:31-32, 17:20-21, 23:42; John 3:3, 18-36; Acts 1:6-7, 17:22-31; Rom. 5:17, 8:19; I Cor. 15:24-28; Col. 1:13; Heb. 11:10,16,

12:28; I Peter 2:4-10, 4:13; Rev. 1:6,9, 5:10, 11:15, 21-22

#### LAST THINGS

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isa. 2:4, 11:9; Matt. 16:27, 18: 8-9, 19: 28, 24:27, 30, 36, 44, 25:31-46, 26:64; Mark 8:38, 9:43-48; Lk. 12:40, 48, 16:19-26, 17:22-37, 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11, 17:31; Rom. 14:10; I Cor. 4:5, 15:24-28, 35-58; 2 Cor. 5:10: Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 1:5; 3:4; I Thes. 4:14-18, 5:1ff, 2 Thes. 1:7ff; 2; I, Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff, I John 2:28, 3:2; Jüde 14; Rev. 1:18, 3:11, 20:1 to 22:13.

#### **EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary efforts on the part of all, rest upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and are expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Isa. 6:1-8; Matt. 9:37-38, 10:5-15, 13:18-30, 37-43, 16:19, 22:9-10, 24:14, 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18, 24:46-53; John 14:11-12, 15:7-8, 16, 17:15, 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40, 10:42-48, 13:2-3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph.3:1-11; I Thes. 1:8; 2 Tim. 4:5; Heb. 2:1-3, 11:39 to 12:2; I Peter 2:4-10; Rev. 22:17

#### EDUCATION

The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher on a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the preeminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deut. 4:1, 5, 9, 14, 6:1-10, 31:12-13; Neh. 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalm 19:7 ff, 119:11; Prov. 3:13 ff, 4:1-10, 8:1-7, 11, 15:14; Ecc. 7:19; Matt. 5:2, 7:24 ff, 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; I Cor. 1:18-31; Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 4:8; Col. 2:3, 8-9; I Tim. 1:3-7; 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17; Heb. 5:12 to 6:3; James 1:5, 3:17

#### STEWARDSHIP

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30-32; Deut. 8:18; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 6:1-4, 19-21, 23:23, 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42, 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47, 5:1-11, 17:24-25; Rom. 6:6-22, 12:1-2; I Cor. 4:1-2, 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9, 12:15; Phil. 4:10-19; I Peter 1:18-19

#### COOPERATION

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Ex. 17:12, 18:17 ff; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4, 2:68-69, 5:14-15; Neh. 4; 8: 1-5; Matt. 10: 5-15, 20:1-16, 22:1-10, 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1 ff; Acts 1:13-14, 2:1 ff, 4: 31-37, 13:2-3, 15: 1-35; I Cor. 1:10-17, 3:5-15; 12; 2 Cor. 8-9; Gal. 1:6-10; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 1:15-18

#### THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The Christian should oppose in the Spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice. He should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless and the sick. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under he sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Ex. 20:3-17; Lev. 6:2-5; Deut. 10:12, 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zech. 8:16, Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48, 22:36-40, 25:35; Mark 1:29-34, 2:3 ff, 10:21; Luke 4:18-21, 10:27-37, 20-25; John 15:12, 17:15; Rom. 12-14; I Cor. 5:9-10, 6:1-7, 7:20-24, 10:23 to 11:1; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:12-17; I Thes. 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27, 2:8

#### PEACE AND WAR

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war. The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love.

Isa. 2:4; Matt. 5:9, 38-48, 6:33, 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Rom. 12:18-19, 13: 1-7, 14:19; Heb. 12:14; James 4:1-2

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and prop-agate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Gen. 1:27, 2:7; Matt. 6:6-7, 24, 16:26, 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Rom. 6:1-2, 13:1-7; Gal. 5:1, 13; Phil. 3:20; I Tim. 2:1-2; James 4:12; I Peter 2:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-19

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving, propagating, and making articulate the principles of our faith and to the end that this body of cooperating churches may be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the accepted tenets of associations of Missionary Baptist Churches, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual church, and in order to set forth the relationship of this body to other Baptist bodies, we do adopt and establish this Constitution.

#### Article I - Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall consist of all Missionary Baptist Churches in Ashe County, and communities closely adjacent thereto, of like faith and practice, who wish to affiliate with this Association and are loyal to the faith and practice of the Missionary Baptist Denomination.

Section 3. The membership of this body shall be the pastor and three (3) messengers from each church. A letter certifying their appointment and giving the statistics of the membership and work of the church shall be sent to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

Section 4.Any church reported to be irregular in faith or practice may be investigated by order of the Association and such action taken, as may be decided by the Association.

Section 5.The Association shall be sole judge of its membership and may receive churches according to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Any church in the Association, which fails to cooperate with the Association for two consecutive years, shall be contacted by the Executive Committee to ascertain the wishes and desires of the church relative to its continuance in the Association. A Cooperating church should be defined as one which sends a report (church letter) to the annual session, is represented (by messengers) at the annual session, represented (by Executive Committee members) at the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings, contributes to the financial program of the Association, and is in general sympathy with the purposes of the Association. The Association recognizes that any affiliated church has the right to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

### Article II - Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches of the Association in devising and promoting measures and programs for the spread of the gospel in our bounds and in all the world, in compliance with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

# Article III - Annual Church Letters (Annual Church Profile)

Section 1.The churches shall report annually statistical and general information upon a printed form furnished by the Associational office. The printed form shall be furnished to the church at least six weeks before the convening of an annual session of the Association and returned to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

#### Article IV - Officers and their Duties

Section 1.The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Missionary, and the heads of such organizations as are set up and approved by the Association. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person, at the discretion of the body.

Section 2.It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association (Vice-Moderator in his absence or disability) to preside over the annual sessions and all special sessions, including the meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve the order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall name the committees and representatives of Institutions and agencies described in Sections 5, 6, and 8 of Article V of the Constitution at the opening of the annual session. He shall be elected for a one-year term, and he cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term.

Section 3. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Executive committee meetings, annual meetings, and make such available to the body and the Associational Missionary for printing and distribution.

Section 4. The treasurer shall have charge of all Associational funds as the Association may direct and make a report of receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting.

- Section 5. (1) The Associational Missionary shall be elected upon a recommendation of the Committee on Missions, and by a vote of the Association at a regular scheduled meeting. The relationship between the Association and its Associational Missionary may be terminated following a reasonable notice of not less than 30 days.
- (2) The Associational Missionary shall promote the work and witness of the Association and denomination, cooperating with the churches, their pastors and officers and Associational committees and organizations.
  - A. He shall be responsible for planning, promoting and executing the ministry of the Association in cooperation with the Committee on Missions
  - B. He shall make an annual report to the Association at the August meeting

#### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

- C. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Association, serving in an advisory and/or resource capacity.
- D. He shall seek to visit each church in the Association in older to:
- (1) Enrich Christian fellowship among churches.
- (2) Encourage and strengthen the ministry of the churches.
- (3) Enhance the cooperative relationship between the churches and the Association
- E. He shall, when necessary, conduct surveys or inquiries, in order to determine specific needs for ministry with the area of the Association.
- F. He shall, upon request, provide a list of qualified persons who may be considered by churches seeking pastors.
- G. He shall have full administrative responsibility for all personnel employed by the Association.
- H. Strengthen Program Organizations
- (1) Promote evangelism and church growth through total church organizations. Provide needed helps to enable churches to become better equipped in areas of church ministry.
- I. Promote Missions
- (1) Encourage and lead in mission commitment of member churches utilizing Bold Mission Thrust Plans, by creating awareness to mission opportunities, new work, and by assisting in the development of church mission development programs, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, chaplaincy ministries, interfaith witness and special mission ministries.
- (2) Give high priority to reaching the many unreached Hispanics through existing churches and in new work.
- J. Develop Leadership
- (1) Encourage and provide support for development and improvement in areas of church, ministry, dealing with crisis times, leadership, and supervision skills, etc. Approaches will include family ministry, seminary extensions, workshops and conferences for church secretaries, church clerks (Uniform Church Letter), non-salaried and salaried leaders, music workshops, pastors' retreats, and ethnic leadership development.
- K. Nurture Fellowship
- (1) Nurture fellowship among member churches.
- (2) The Associational Missionary is entitled to two weeks vacation annually. Upon completion of five years service, the Associational Missionary shall be entitled to three weeks annual vacation, and after ten years, four weeks annual vacation. Vacation is to be taken within the calendar year, and it is not accumulative.
- (3) Should there occur at any time a grievance on the part of the Association of the Associational Missionary, either party may consult with the Moderator and Chairman of the Missions Committee.

#### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

Section 6. The officers of the other organizations within the Association shall be nominated by their respective organizations and their names furnished, and presented to the Association for action at each annual session.

Section 7. The officers designated in Section 1, the Associational Missionary excepted, shall be elected at the morning session of the first day of the annual meeting and shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting, at which they are elected, and serve until the close of the next session.

#### Article V - Committees and Their Duties

Section 1.The committees of the Association shall be: Executive Committee, Committee on New Churches, Program Committee,

Committee on Place and Preacher, Resolutions Committee, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, and such other committees as the Association may designate and name at any annual session. All committee members will serve for a period of three (3) years. Initially each committee will, with the consent of each member, designate which committee member will serve the three- (3) year, two (2) year, and one (1) year term. After the completion of a term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to the committee until after the lapse of one year.

Section 2. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of one lay member of all churches, the pastors of such churches, and the officers of the Association, as listed under Section 1 of Article IV. Twelve members of this committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice of such meeting has been mailed, or otherwise given to all members of the committee at least three days prior to the proposed meeting. Members of this committee shall be elected by the churches annually.

Section 3. The Committee on Organized Churches shall consist of the Moderator, ex officio, three pastors, and three lay-persons. This committee shall be responsible for receiving letters of application for membership into the Association by organized Missionary Baptist Churches. This committee's responsibility shall be to communicate to applying churches the requirements of a cooperating church, as herein defined in Article I, section 5, paragraph 2 of the Ashe Baptist Association Constitution. Applying churches, upon recommendation of this committee, shall, with approval of the messengers at the annual session, serve one year under watch care of the Association. This committee shall work with this church during this period and then make final recommendations at the next annual meeting.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members who shall prepare an order of business for the annual meeting, including the designating of persons to make reports as to the various objects supported by the Churches of the Association. The Associational office shall prepare copies of the same for distribution to those attending the annual sessions of the Association.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 5.The Committee on Place and Preacher shall consist of three members, who may be appointed by the Moderator, with consent of the Association. At each annual session, this Committee shall recommend to the Association a place, or places, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Association, and shall designate a minister to deliver the Associational sermon and an alternate.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator. This Committee shall prepare and submit to the Association such resolutions, as it may consider pertinent and proper for the good of the body.

Section 7.The Nominating Committee shall name a Nominating Committee of five (5) members who shall bring to the second Executive Committee of the calendar year. (which is normally in April), for election of the following nominations: Clerk, Youth Director, Brotherhood Director, Discipleship Training Director, Evangelism Chairperson, Moderator, Music Director, Seminary Extension Director, Sunday School Director, and others who are invited to receive training at the Key Leadership Conference by the Baptist State Convention, (which is normally in May).

This Committee shall also present at the annual meeting for election all of the other committee members which are covered herein. Organizational heads will be named by their respective organizations and presented to the Nominating Committee at least two weeks before their nominations are presented to the Executive Committee at their

second meeting, (which is normally in April).

If the organizations do not present their respective organizational heads two weeks prior to the April Executive Committee, then the Nominating Committee will select those needed and present their names to the second Executive Committee meeting (normally in April). The chairman of the Nominating Committee will contact these organizational heads before making these selections to be sure they have not already selected someone.

All other nominations shall be presented and elected on the first day of the annual meeting of the Association. All nominations at the Executive Committee meeting and the annual meeting are subject to additional nominations from the floor, and the expressed will of the Association.

Section 8.The Moderator is authorized and directed to appoint suitable persons at each session to prepare and present to the next session reports on the various subjects and causes customary to be presented and to notify such persons in due time before the meeting of the Association. (Refer to Article IV, Section 2.)

Section 9. The Board of Directors of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp shall consist of nine members who shall initially be chosen three (3) for one year, three (3) for two years, and three (3) for three years.

Of the said members, three shall be active pastors in the Association. After the completion of one term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to this board until after the lapse of one year. No more than one member of this board shall be chosen from any one church of the Association. The treasurer of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp, (who shall serve in addition to the nine member Board of Directors), shall be elected by the Board of Directors on an indefinite basis. He/she shall have voting privileges, as do other members.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to cooperate with the officials, pastors, and Executive Committee of the Association in promoting and advancing the development and operation of the camp; to supervise and direct the work of the camp; and to make a report to the Association at each annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in this organization shall be filled in accordance with the provision of Section 7 thereof.

Section 10. The Mission Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) of which shall be heads of the following organizations: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, WMU and Church Music. The names of these five (5) shall be submitted to the Associational Nominating Committee by their respective organizations and voted on by the full body on the first day of the annual meeting. The other two (2) members shall be active pastors in the Association and they shall be named by the Associational Nominating Committee. They too shall be elected along with the organizational heads. Should any of the before mentioned organizations fail to submit the name of a person nominated by themselves to serve as head of that organization, then the Associational Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating that person.

These seven (7) people shall constitute the Associational Missionary Search Committee, when such a need arises. This Committee shall work with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of the Association and lead and assist in determining need for beginning new missions stations and organizing new churches. The Moderator and Associational Missionary shall be ex officio members of this committee.

Section 11. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom must be ordained ministers, meeting the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:1-7, and who are members of cooperating churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. The Chairman, at his discretion, may invite the pastor of a candidate to sit with the committee. Churches of the Association desiring to ordain a preacher to the Gospel ministry, and desiring to use the services of the Ordination Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association, shall use the following procedure.

- The Church in conference shall vote to ask the Ordination Committee to examine the candidate and so notify the chairman.
- 2. The candidate shall meet the following conditions before ordination:
  - (a) Hold membership in a cooperating Missionary Baptist church.
  - (b) Shall have held a license to preach, issued by a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church for not less than six months.
- 3. The chairman shall set a suitable time and place, notifying the members, for the examination.
- The candidate shall be examined as to his conversion, call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs, and attitude toward our denomination and its programs.
- The Committee Chairman shall notify the church of its recommendations and they may proceed with the ordination.

Section 12. The Evangelism Committee, composed of 5 members, shall promote the work of Evangelism in the churches and the Association in cooperation with the State Department of Evangelism. All plans and programs are to be subject to the approval of the Association, or its Executive Committee.

#### Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

- Section 13. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members, of which the first named shall serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive, examine and make recommendations to the Association on all proposed amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws.
- Section 14. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Properties Committee, which shall consist of three members, and shall have the responsibility of recommending the purchase of necessary property, and the construction of necessary buildings. This Committee shall recommend any repairs and improvements needed on Associational property beyond normal repair. All recommendations are subject to approval by the Executive Committee between sessions or the full-body session.
- Section 15. The Committee on Finance, composed of five (5) members and the treasurer, shall study the Association's financial needs for an adequate program, prepare and present a budget to the Association for the following year, devise and develop plans for securing the cooperation of churches in providing funds to meet the budget. The treasurer will submit a complete financial report at the annual meeting in August.
- Section 16. The Committee on Youth shall be composed of at least nine (9) members, three (3) of whom shall be ministers. The Chairman, also called "Youth Director," shall be selected from within their own ranks. The Committee shall be concerned with ways of relating youth to the churches of the Association and shall lead the Churches and Association to plan programs and activities that will meet their needs.
- Section 17. The Seminary Extension Committee, composed of five (5) members, shall work with the chairman of the Committee to plan, promote and implement the offering of such courses of study as will meet the needs of pastors and lay-persons in the areas of Biblical studies, historical theology, Baptist life, church administration, Christian education, and pastoral training.
- Section 18. There shall be five (5) trustees of the Association. They shall handle all legal matters of the Association under the direction of the said Association. Trustees shall be elected for an indefinite term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Association.
- Section 19. The Associational Historian, in his/her sole discretion, shall collect facts of interest to the Association and the cooperating churches, and shall make a report to each annual session of the Association. In addition, he/she shall contact hosting churches of the annual meeting and request a brief history of each church for publication in the Book of Reports and the Associational Annual.

#### Article VI Meetings and Reports

- Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual meeting convening in the month of August of each year, at such time and place as may be designated or authorized by the previous session.
- Section 2. Each organization within the Association shall make a written report to the Association at each annual meeting.
- Section 3. A special session of the Association may be called by the Moderator with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Associational Executive Committee shall meet quarterly.

#### Article VII Order of Religious Exercises

- Section 1. At the annual meeting the Associational Sermon shall be delivered as herein before provided.
- Section 2. In addition to the Associational Sermon, the Program Committee shall designate a minister to deliver at least one other sermon each day the Association is in session and all business shall be suspended while such sermons are being delivered. No sermon shall be scheduled so as to conflict or interfere with the business sessions of the Association or the presentation of reports to the Association.

#### Article VIII Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and voting on the second day, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day, or that notice of such amendment shall have been given during the previous annual session.

### CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION 2006/2007

- 1. Congregation Summary
- 2. Sunday School Enrollment
- 3. Discipleship Training
- 4. General Financial
- 5. Baptism Information
- 6. Music Ministry

### Important Note:

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Bald Mountain	Church	\$18,000	\$10,200	\$1,850	\$3,800	\$6.967	S	\$31,665	\$72,482
Beaver Creek	Church	S	\$1.870	\$900	\$100	\$100	60	\$755	\$3,725
Big Flatts	Church	\$167	\$600	\$250	\$350	\$500	\$500	€/5	\$2,367
Big Laurel	Church	6/9	\$480	69	S	Ю	s	\$2,400	\$2,830
Blue Ridge	Church	S	\$1,200	69	\$500	\$500	69	\$3,700	\$5,900
Bristol	Church	\$3,833	\$300	69	S	\$1,125	S	\$472	\$5,730
Buffalo	Church	(s)	69	(A)	w	w	(A)	65	4/3
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Friendly Grove	Church	\$2,400	\$4,350	(A)	\$1.508	\$2,224	\$3,201	\$2,550	\$16.233
Friendship	Church	\$48.813	\$8,762	\$339	\$3,325	\$5,300	\$1,774	6/3	\$68,313
Glendale Springs	Church	\$420	\$3,916	\$100	\$1 133	\$558	\$300	\$11,290	\$17,717
Srassy Creek	Church	\$2,922	\$2,006	\$200	\$275	\$275	69	\$10,168	\$15,846
Healing Springs	Church	\$2,316	\$2.316	\$1,390	\$333	\$265	\$3,931	\$1,887	\$12,438
andmark	Church	S	\$1,200	\$744	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$400	\$4,410	\$8,954
aurel Knob	Church	\$1,583	\$2,731	\$1,304	6/3	\$6.375	49	\$5,453	\$17,451
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Little Helton	Church	\$120	673	И	w	6/9	S	S	\$120
Midway	Church	\$13,309	\$3,000	\$3.745	\$2,065	\$4,374	\$2,601	\$13,754	\$42,848
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North Beaver	Church	\$900	\$2,100	S	\$500	8500	\$900	\$4,100	\$9,000
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rinity	Church	\$1,278	\$1.278	(A)	co	\$25	\$2,638	\$6.440	\$11,650
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One Hundred Twenty-Second Annual Session

"Keeping The Battle for Jesus Christ Moving Forward"

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Empowering-Mobilizing-Creating Atmosphere for Ashe Baptist Churches

Friday, August 15, 2008 Hosted by Mount Olive Baptist Church Saturday, August 16, 2008 Hosted by Glendale Springs Baptist Church



### ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

### **Ashe Missionary Baptist Association**



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### A Special Thanks

Rev. David Blackburn, Director Of Missions and Mrs. Trish Church, Administrative Assistant, would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make this minute book possible.

God bless you all!

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### In Memoriam Rev. J. Gordon & Shirley M. Rawls

It is clear that the hand of the Lord is active in preparing persons for service in His Kingdom. The evidence of such activity in the lives of His people has been so strong since the death of our parents, Gordon & Shirley Rawls. They lived their lives to honor the Lord and to love their fellow man. Since Mom and Dad continuously gave of themselves to advance the Kingdom of God, the following has been submitted to the glory of God and in memory of Mom and Dad.

Dad was born on May 5, 1944 to Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie M. Rawls in the small town of Williamston, NC. He was the second child to Johnnie & Selma as the first child was a girl, Martha. He was raised in a home where he was taught to love the Lord with his life. His family owned and operated a retail furniture store in Williamston and he eventually became part owner of the family business. He graduated from Williamston High School in 1962 and was on his way to college. He used to tell the story about how he and mom met while he was a student at Campbell College in Buies Creek, NC. He eventually withdrew from college and never earned a college degree. He returned to Williamston to further his career in retail furniture.

He often spoke of his call to ministry coming when he was a teenager. He would share his "running" from the call into ministry and how he wanted to bargain with the Lord. "I told the Lord I would serve as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, R.A. leader, choir member but not preaching!" This "bargaining" came to an end when, in 1983, he and his mother decided to sell the family business after continuing the business for ten years following the death of his father. Mom would tell the story that he came home from work and said, "Well, we are selling the store and I am going to seminary." By this point, there were four children in the house; John, 13; Sarah, 11; Andrew 2 1/2; Adam, 8 weeks.

He and Mom made the life-changing decision and Dad went to seminary. He enrolled at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC and graduated in 1985 with an Associate of Divinity degree. He held second-highest grade-point average in his graduating class. When speaking of his seminary days, he often did so with a smile and a wink as he would be gone all week to class and return for the weekend. He would work a building supply in Williamston on Saturdays and hoped to have a place to preach on Sunday mornings. The "dependable" income from the building supply was \$28 per week. The faithful prayers and anonymous gifts from God's people would serve as the balance needed for our family to survive while Dad was in seminary. It was the faith of our parents during these days, and so many other days like them, which has served as a powerful example to us, their children, and to many others who have heard the stories over the years.

Dad served as full-time pastor to four churches during his ministry. We went to Ross Baptist Church in Windsor, NC in January, 1985. Dad served as pastor at Ross during his last semester at Southeastern Seminary. We moved to Deep Gap in 1988 to serve Laurel Springs Baptist Church. Laurel Springs would be his longest pastorate as we were in Deep Gap until February, 2000. In October, 2000, dad assumed the pastorate at Bethany Baptist Church in Mountain City, TN. It was while serving Bethany that he contracted the West Nile virus and was hospitalized for close to two weeks in critical condition. He was not able to return to the pulpit for six months. Mom and Dad moved from Mountain City in the spring of 2003. For the next 18 months, Dad would not be serving as a pastor but continued to minister. He took a job at Sim's Furniture in Boone while waiting on the next assignment from the Lord. On Easter Sunday, 2004, the Lord opened the next door to their ministry at Friendly Grove Baptist Church in West Jefferson. Dad filled the pulpit for close to six months before becoming pastor of the church in

October, 2004. Both Mom and Dad felt that Friendly Grove would be where they would close the chapter of their lives in full-time vocational ministry.

Our mother, Shirley, was an amazing woman. She was born July 8, 1944 to Mr. & Mrs. Elmer L. Moon of Baltimore, Maryland. She was the third of six children to Elmer & Ruth. She had an older sister, Virginia; older brother, Roy, who passed away in 1992; younger sister, Carol; younger brother, Frank; and the youngest was an adopted child, Phyllis, who passed away in 2002. Mom grew up in a home where faith was also of importance. She would often reminisce about her days in youth group. She grew up in the Methodist Church and Dad would often joke with her about how it was he who "showed her the light" which led to her membership at Memorial Baptist Church in Williamston, NC with Dad.

She graduated from Western High School in Baltimore in 1962 and worked at Johns-Hopkins Hospital upon graduation. She told the story of how she was working at the hospital when the news broke of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. She and her sister, Carol, went to Washington to walk through the rotunda of the United States Capitol Building to see the flag-draped casket of the deceased President. She stood in line for hours and said the line was completely silent. She led a fascinating life as a young woman and met dad while visiting one of her high school girlfriends who was a student at Campbell College. There was a student picnic that weekend and dad was the assigned "chauffer" for Mom and her friend. She said he kept looking in the mirror at her as she sat in the back seat of his car while he drove them around campus. He fell in love with her that weekend and went to visit her within a few weeks. It was during this visit to Baltimore, "the third time he laid eyes on her," as she would say, that dad asked her to marry him. Little did either one of them know about the journey that would then ensue. They were married on August 23, 1964 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mom moved to Williamston with Dad after the wedding and she would hold various jobs to help pay the \$50 monthly rent for their apartment. She joined his church, joined him in life and soon would join him in raising a family. There was a lengthy period of time when Mom was a "stay-at-home" mom and would provide child care for families in the community and teach ceramics at the local Community College. She began working for Appalachian State University in 1993 and retired in 2006. She looked forward to retirement as she wanted to give herself more to the ministry at Friendly Grove. She went with Dad into his ministry and saw her role as carrying equal importance as his role as pastor. She would visit the hospitals with him. She taught classes on how to make Chrismons for use in the church during the season of Advent. She supported him in all things. She stood by him when no one else would. She was with him on the "mountain tops and in the valleys." Through the highs and lows, they loved one another to their deaths. The ministry they shared was cut short on February 8, 2008 as they were in a fatal head-on motor-vehicle accident. Mom was killed on impact and Dad lived for eleven days until dving from his injuries on February 19.

Rarely have I known of two people who had such impact on their surrounding world. There were many people who came through the receiving lines for them following their deaths that would make statements such as, "I remember when your parents were with me during the darkest time of my life," and even, "I would not be a Christian today if it were not for your parents." Their lives were defined in how they lived for the Lord. It was the unquestionable call of God that pushed them forward in life. Never have we been so impacted by the lives that knew the ministry of Mom and Dad. Time will continue to show the advancements Mom and Dad made for the Kingdom of God. These advancements will likely not be fully seen in this world but we know Mom and Dad are receiving their rewards today.

Submitted by Andrew S. Rawls on behalf of the children of Rev. J. Gordon & Shirley Rawls; John, Sarah, Andrew and Adam

Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Rawls





Far left: Mrs. Shirley Rawls w/ ladies of Friendly Grove



Left: Mrs. Shirley Rawls at Missions Fair



2nd from Left Rev. Gordon Rawls



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The 2007 / 2008 Minutes of the Ashe Baptist Association is dedicated IN MEMORY OF REV. DAVID L. LAMBERT

Rev. David l. Lambert July 24, 1954—June 7, 2008



Rev. David L. Lambert was born July 24, 1954 to Bill and Blanche Lambert in West Jefferson, NC. David went to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on June 7, 2008.

David accept Christ as His personal Savior on June 20, 2008 at Calvary Baptist Church in West Jefferson. A few years later he answered the call to preach and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel on November 19, 1983. Rev. Bill Ballou, Director of Missions at that time, Rev. Herb Paranak, & Rev. Carl Witherspoon served in the ordination process of Brother David. David served as the interim pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in West Jefferson from 1983-1984, then as pastor from 1984-1985. He later joined Friendship Baptist Church and served as a pulpit supply Preacher for the Ashe Baptist Association.

David was always an advocate for the Christian Action League of Ashe County and a strong supporter of the Ashe Baptist Association. He will be missed by many here on earth but we rejoice knowing he is with our Heavenly Father.

### IN MEMORIAL

### MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2007-2008



Bald Mountain Mr. Rex Slagle

Mr. Allen Walton Mr. Val Phipps

Beaver Creek Mrs. Rosa Lee Ashley

Big Flatts Mrs. Leccia Lambert

Blue Ridge Mrs. Louise Hepler

Ms. Blanche Landreth

Buffalo Mrs. Mozelle Harless

Clifton Mr. Joe Pennington Virgie Jones

Mr. Lee Barker

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Fletcher Memorial Mr. Donald Miller

Ms. Leona Black Ms. Velma Blackburn Mrs. Lenna Ruth Stuart Mr. Henry Hartsoe

Friendly Grove Mrs. Pearl Woodie

Mrs. Shirley Rawls Rev. Gordon Rawls Mr. Bruce Hash

Friendship Mr. William E. Walters

Mr. Robert "Butch" Barton (Deacon)

Mrs. Fay Bare Day Rev. David Lee Lambert

Grassy Creek Mr. Ray Kelly

Mr. Dewey Cox

Landmark Mrs. Eula Mae Harris Sullins

Liberty Grove Mrs. Louise Greene Houck

Mrs. Sadie Ford Church

Mr. Jack Norris

### IN MEMORIAL

### MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2007-2008



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Mission Home Mr. Raymond V. Elliott

New River Mrs. Maxine Roupe

Oak Hill Ms. Ethel Miller

Old Fields Mrs. Edith King

Orion Mrs. Ella S. Lambert

Pleasant Home Mrs. Pauline Walters

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Mrs. Sue Weaver

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Mr. Steven "Steve" Dunn Mrs. Danford Sheets Taylor

Warrensville Mrs. Kathleen Little

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Welcome Home Ms. Frances Ballard

Ms. Libby W. Glenn

Mt. Olive Baptist Church History

Mt. Olive Baptist Church was organized in 1941. The church was begun primarily due to the vision of Mr. Andrew Surber, who lived in the Oval Community. At that time members of the community walked to church. They were walking a good distance to either Bethel Baptist or Mission Home Baptist Church. Many times they might go to both, walking to one for the morning service and the other for the evening service. Often they would attend revival meetings at both churches. Andrew Surber saw the need to have a church in the Oval Community so that the people would not have to travel so far to attend church services. He was very persistent in trying to get it started. He was not in good health and felt an urgency to see it come to reality before he died.

The first members began meeting sometime in 1941 in the old Oval School House, which was located on what is now the Dick Phillips Road. They met there for a short time and then moved to what was then Mr. Jim Phillips' Store building, across the road near the school building. This building was also the Oval Post Office. Meetings were held in the upstairs of this building until the new church building was completed. According to the Ashe Associational minutes, there were fifteen charter members. These members were:

Mr. Andrew Surber and Eliza Surber

Mr. Martin Surber and Hazel Surber

Mr. Jim Surber and Lessie Surber

Mr. Lester Surber and Virginia Surber

Mr. Henry Miller and Janette Miller

Mr. Joe Miller (Uncle Joe Miller to those in the community)

Rev. Spencer Goodman and Grace Goodman

Jean Goodman

**Dorothy Goodman** 

The name for the church was originally "The Mount of Olives". It was named by a respected community member, Mr. George Spalding. The name was decided to be shortened to "Mt. Olive".

Before Mr. Surber's death, he figured the cost and what would be needed to build the church building. He was unable to read or write, but he had worked for the railroad and was very good with figures. He wanted to see the church building started. It is told he had said many times about the spot on which the church now stands, "That sure would be a good spot for a church."

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The land that Mt. Olive now stands on was donated by two brothers who were also two of the charter members. Mr Henry Miller donated one half and Mr. Joe Miller donated half.

The building that is now Mt. Olive was built by Mr. Surber's sons, Martin and Jim and others in the community. Lumber was donated by sawmillers in the area. The sill of the church building was taken from the old Oval School building that had been torn down, which means wood from the original meeting place is now part of the foundation for the present-day building. It took longer than originally planned to complete the building. It was being built at the end of the depression and money was very scarce. Ladies of the church held a contest to raise donations to help finish the church. A new Bible was the prize. Some of the ladies wrote to family members away from here and got donations to help out.

The building has undergone changes through the years, from tar paper in the beginning, to weatherboard, then Sunday School rooms added when Rev. Roe Paisley was pastor. The building was later bricked. Then in 1985 a covered picnic shelter was built in memory of Jeff Brown, a young member who was suddenly killed in a car accident. The picnic shelter was enclosed in the late 80's to make a fellowship hall. Membership of the church grew further and an addition to the sanctuary and fellowship hall as well as new Sunday School rooms were added in 2003/2004. More land was donated for cemetery extension and for an extra parking lot by Mr. Donnie Winebarger and Mr. Blaine Winebarger, respectively. The latest addition is the choir loft that was added in 2006.

Mt. Olive has been served by the following men as pastors through the years: Rev. Spencer Goodman, Rev. Levi Greene, Rev. E.Z. Sexton, Rev. Roe Paisley, Rev. Elwood Goodman, Rev. H.M. Winkler, Rev. George Teague, Rev. Kermit Goodman, Rev. Earl Sheets Sr.. Rev. Robert Patrick, Rev. W.T. Brackette, Rev. Everette Little, Rev. Gwyn Blackburn, Rev. Gary Watson, Rev. Charles McCoy, Rev. Chris Goodman, and presently, Rev. Claybern Roten.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church is excited to be helping fulfill the Great Commission and the congregation welcomes all who would help!

Submitted by,

Mrs. Pam Dillard Member Mount Olive Baptist Church

### **Mount Olive Baptist Church 2008**



Mt. Olive Baptist Church organized in 1941.



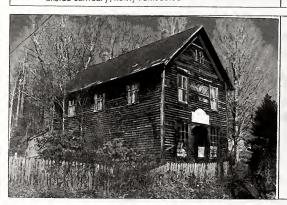
Mt. Olive outside view of fellowship hall addition.



Inside santuary, newly remodeled in 2003/2004



Mt. Olive Baptist Church in the late 1980's





### GLENDALE SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY



Our history is best told by the following words taken directly from the record books of the church:

"A revival meeting was held at the school house beginning March 14, 1914. There being much interest manifested by the brethren and community at large, it was deemed expedient to organize a church. On March 19, 1914, a body of ten members constituted a Missionary Baptist Church, with full power to transact any and all business that any other church of the same faith has. On Sunday, March 22, 1914, after a continuation of eight days during which time thirty-five, souls professed faith in Christ and forty-one joined the church."

The members constructed a church building and meetings were held there until the early 1960's. During construction of the new brick building, the congregation met at the Glendale School building. In the years to follow, the church added Sunday School rooms and enlarged the sanctuary. In 1990 a fellowship hall was completed. Continued growth and support from the church family allowed the church to purchase the adjoining property and do a major renovation of the sanctuary in 1993.

The church has been blessed with many great men of God called to pastor our church. E.Z. Sexton, Wesley Eldreth, Finley Miller, and Garland Hutton were some of the early ministers. Rev. Paul Phipps served as our pastor for seventeen years. The next minister was Joe Riley Blevins, followed by Brian Eades, and Jerry Winkler. Rev. Keith Elledge served as our pastor for 12 years, he brought a message of love and caring while not compromising the Word of God. The next minister was Rev. Jim Belcher and current pastor is Rev. Amos Combs who has been with us for the past two years.

God has richly blessed us during the past ninety-four years. We give Him the praise and glory for it all. Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church will continue to provide a place of worship for the community. We will lift our voices in songs of praise, our hands in worship, and our hearts in

thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Charles Moore, Deacon



ONE HUNDRED TWENTY- SECOND ANNUAL SESSION MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 15, 2008

2:00	Call to Order	Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller
	Congregational Hymn #372 "Onward Christian Sold Welcome / Devotion / Prayer	or, North Beaver Baptist Church liers" Mr. David Phillips Rev. Claybern Roten Pastor, Mount Olive Baptist Church
2:15	Organization Seating of Messengers Adoption of Order of Business Recognition of Visitors Recognition of New pastors Committee Appointments  (See "Rules of Order, page 15]	ge 15) Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller
2:30	History of Mount Olive Baptist Church	ociational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young Mrs. Pam Dillard ber of Mount Olive Baptist Church
	Congregational Hymn # 229 "Battle Hym	Mr. David Phillips
2:45	Message Alternate	Rev. John Elledge Pastor, Liberty Grove Baptist Rev. Steve Viers Pastor, Wagoner Baptist Church
	Congregational Hymn # 400 "Hold the Fort"	Mr. David Phillips
3:20	Miscellaneous Business Election of Organizational Officers Election of Administrative Committees Treasurer's Report	Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller  Mrs. Trish Church
	Budget Report	Mr. Bob Neaves
3:50	Reports Institutions Agencies 10 minutes each (See "Rules of Order", page 15)	Missions
3:50 4:00 4:10 4:20 4:30	NC Baptist Hospital Christian Higher Education (Mars Hill College) Baptist Retirement Homes of NC Biblical Recorder NC Baptist Children's' Homes of NC	Rev. Paul Mullen Dr. Gordon Benson Rev. Bill Stillerman Mr. Norman Jameson Rev. Lewis Smith Western Area Representative
4:40	Director of Missions  DOM / Associational Mi	Rev. David Blackburn ssionary Ashe Baptist Association

### ONE HUNDRED TWENTY- SECOND ANNUAL SESSION MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 15, 2008

4:50 S	pecial	Re	po	rt
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Rev. Lester Evans Associational Partnership Western Area, Baptist State Convention of NC

5:10 Congregational Hymn

# 145 "Rescue the Perishing"

Mr. David Phillips

Special Music 5:15

Rev. Alan Ambrose Rev. Michael Carter

5:25

Annual Message / Associational Sermon

Pastor, Orion Baptist Church Dr. Dennis Love Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church

Alternate

6:00 Adjourn for evening meal, blessing

Rev. Claybern Roten Pastor, Mount Olive Baptist Church

**Moderator for Evening Session** 

Mr. Jerry Powers

Deacon, Bald Mountain Baptist Church

7:00 Scripture and Praver

Rev. Lawrence Goodman Pastor, Bald Mountain Baptist Church

7:05 Special Singing Associational Choir

7:35 Congregational Hymn # 120 "Victory in Jesus"

Mr. David Phillips

7:40 Mission Sermon

Rev. Darryl Giles Youth Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church

Alternate

Rev. Lonnie Carpenter Pastor, Pleasant Home Baptist Church

8:00 Benediction

Rev. Claybern Roten Pastor, Mount Olive Baptist Church

Special thanks to Mount Olive Baptist Churches for hosting And to the ladies for a delicious meal!

> The morning session begins at 9:00 a.m. hosted by Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY- SECOND ANNUAL SESSION GLENDALE SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Saturday Morning, August 16, 2008

9:00 Call to order Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller Pastor, North Beaver Baptist Church

9:05 Welcome / Devotion / Prayer Rev. Amos Combs
Pastor, Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church

9:15 Roll Call of the Churches Mrs. Vickie Young Associational Clerk

9:20 History of Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church Deacon, Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church
Mr. Charles Moore Deacon, Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church

9:25 Mission Reports
5 minutes each (See "Rules of Order", page 15)

ARC Mrs. Pat Miller
Hispanic Ministry Rev. Danny Pardo
WMU (Women's Missionary Union) Mrs. Frances Blevins
Brotherhood Mr. Fred Walters
Church and Community Missions Mrs. Diane Dixon

10:00 Special Music

Audience of One, Mr. Ernie Brown
Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church
Rev. Jeff Nave
Pastor, Warrensville Baptist Church

Alternate Rev. Charlie McCoy
Pastor, Landmark Baptist Church

10:35 Reports (Local & Associational) 5 minutes each

Moderator's reportRev. Rick MillerDiscipleship TrainingMrs. Linda BlackburnChurch MusicMr. David PhillipsSunday SchoolRev. Lawrence GoodmanHistorianMrs. Trish ChurchBaptist CampgroundRev. Johnny Goodman

11:10 Congregational Hymn # 333 "I'll Fly Away" Mr. David Phillips

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY- SECOND ANNUAL SESSION GLENDALE SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Saturday Morning, August 16, 2008

11:15 Reports (See "Rules of Order, page 15) 5 Minutes each

(Local & Associational)

Evangelism Youth

Vacation Bible School Gideon's International Temperance and Morals Ashe Pregnancy Care Center Presentations

Miss. Willa Dean Church Rev. Darryl Giles Mrs. Vickie Young Mr. Charles Caudill Mr. Jerry Powers Rev. Roger Newton DOM David Blackburn

11:55 Congregational Hymn & Offering #393 "When we all get to Heaven" Mr. David Phillips (Offering to Tuckerdale Baptist Church Building Fund)

12:00 Business Session

12:05 Memorial Service

Rev. Rick Miller

Adoption of Associational Budget Other business

Resolutions Committee

Mr. Fred Walters Report of Time / Place Preacher Committee (Fletcher Memorial- Friday / Friendship-Saturday) Mrs. Lois Bare Mrs. Vickie Young

Approval of Minutes

Rev. Wayne Jones Pastor, New River Baptist Church

12:10 Benediction & blessing on food

Rev. Amos Combs Pastor, Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church

Lunch will be served by Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist

Special thanks to the ladies of Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church for the delicious meal. Also thank you to Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church for hosting and thanks to everyone who attended today's meeting.

### ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

American Bible Society
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Baptist Foundation
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Baptist Retirement Homes
Biblical Recorder
Christian Education
Foreign Missions
Home Missions
Pastor's Salary and Retirement
Southern Baptist Annuity
State Missions
Temperance and Public Morals

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Rev. Tom Graybeal
Rev. Johnny Goodman
Rev. Wayne Jones
Mr. Jerry Powers

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PREACHER/PLACE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lois Bare - Chairman Mr. Harold Riddle Rev. Michael Carter

### RULES OF ORDER:

- 1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer
- 2. When the Moderator calls the house to order, every member shall at once, take his seat.
- 3. When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and address the Moderator, and not proceed until he is recognized.
- No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body.
- It shall be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while any person is speaking.

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	FROPOSED BODG	ET FOR 2000-20	003			
		2007-2008		2007-2008		2008-2009
		Approved		Actual		Proposed
		Budget		Expenses		Budget
I.	EDUCATION AND PROMOTION					
	1. Sunday School	\$ 300.00	\$	597.79	\$	300.00
	Discipleship Training	200.00		0.00	•	200.00
	3. Brotherhood	150.00		0.00		150.00
	4. WMU	1,000.00		525.69		1,000.00
	5. Church Music	2,000.00		2.94		2,000.00
	6. Vacation Bible School	1,500.00		1,314.07		1,500.00
	7. Evangelism	1,000.00		666.43		1,000.00
	8. Association Youth	1,200.00	-	800.00	-	1,200.00
	. SUBTOTAL	7,350.00		3,906.92		7,350.00
II.	ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE					
	Office Equipment	750.00		624.97		750.00
	Printing and Supplies	6,500.00		5,330.18		6,500.00
	Postage/Mailing	2,000.00		1,822.28		2,000.00
	Associational Calendars	300.00		240.55		300.00
	5. Office Utilities	2,750.00		2,676.38		3,000.00
	6. Office Rent	6,000.00		5,500.00		6,000.00
	7. Office Repairs & Maintenance	500.00		863.69		500.00
	8. Office Insurance premium	400.00		500.00		500.00
	SUBTOTAL	19,200.00	-	17,058.05	-	19,550.00
***		10,200.00		17,000.00		10,000.00
III.	SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES					
	1. Director of Missions	0.040.00		0.040.00		
	(a) SSI / Medicare	9,048.00		9,048.00		9,048.00
	(b) Retirement	2,400.00		2,400.00		2,400.00
	(c) Health Insurance	4,500.00		6,368.03		6,400.00
	(d) Utilities "50%"	1,750.00		1,525.42		1,750.00
	(e) Housing Allowance	7,200.00		7,200.00		7,200.00
	(f) Home Owners Insurance	475.00		475.00		475.00
	(g) Net wages	22,587.77		22,588.46		22,588.00
	(h) Accountable Reimbursement	6,500.00		4,588.06		6,500.00
	Offce Assistant / Treasurer	·21,796.32		21,377.13		21,796.00
	(a) Office Asst. / Treasurer Health Insurance	2,412.00		2,819.09		2,820.00
	(b) Office Asst./ Treasurer Annuity	1260.00		1,260.00		1260.00
	3. Clerk	500.00		450.00		500.00
	(a) Reimbursement for travel	100.00		50.00		100.00
	Employer Taxes for Secretary	1,666.08		1,597.54		1,666.00
	5. Training	0.00		48.60		100.00
	Church Community Ministry Director	6350.00		7,195.78		7650.00
	SUBTOTAL	88,545.17	-	88,991.11	-	92,253.00
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٧.	MISCELLANEOUS	2,000.00		1,941.95	-	2,000.00
VI.	HISPANIC MINISTRY	14,000.00		17,466.59		14,000.00
VII.	ASHE REALLY CARES	3,000.00	-	0.00	_	3,000.00
VII.	BAPTIST CAMPGROUND	2,000.00		1,124.81	_	2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 136,095.17	\$	131,306.57	\$	140,153.00

# **Ashe Missionary Baptist Church**

## **Treasurer Report 2008**

Income: On hand last report (July 1, 2007) Received Balance on Hand & Received	\$16,799.72 <u>\$213,445.45</u> <b>\$230,245.17</b>
Disbursements: ARC (offset by ARC funds transfers, BSC, & Churches) Bank Fees ' Calendars Campground (Offset by designated funds) CCM (Offset by monthly Cooperative agreement with NCBSC) Children's Christmas Project Clerk Convention Expense (offset by anonymous donations) Director of Missions – Benefits & wages Discipleship (offset by reimburse Monies) Employer taxes Evangelism Hispanic Ministry (Offset by Hispanic offering, churches, & cooperative agreement) Minute book Expense (offset by designated funds) Miscellaneous Music Department (offset by honorariums) National Day of Prayer Event New Minister Orientation Office Equipment Office Rent Office Repairs & Maintenance Office Rest Office Repairs & Maintenance Office Utilities Postage / Mailing Printing & Supplies Reimburse Monies Secretary Wages & Benefits Secretary Training Sunday School (offset by designated funds) Vacation Bible School (offset by credits) WMU Youth  Total Disbursements	\$33,580.69 \$240.55 \$3,204.81 \$17,260.12 \$11,913.93 \$500.00 \$1,329.86 \$54,192.97 \$548.80 \$1,597.54 \$666.43 \$31,946.59 \$1,830.25 \$1,558.26 \$227.94 \$95.13 \$152.01 \$1,312.75 \$500.00 \$5,500.00 \$63.69 \$2,676.38 \$1,822.28 \$5,330.18 \$670.93 \$25,456.22 \$48.60 \$1,297.79 \$1,467.01 \$525.69 \$800.00 \$209,141.06
BALANCE ON HAND (June 30, 2008)	\$21,104.11

## TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY CHURCHES

JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

CHURCH NAME	YEAR TO DATE		CHURCH NAME		YEAR TO DATE	
APPLE GROVE	\$	100.00	MOUNT OLIVE	\$	900.00	
BALD MOUNTAIN	\$	11,600.00	NEW RIVER	\$	3,588.11	
BEAVER CREEK	\$	1,500.00	NORTH BEAVER	\$	2,900.00	
BIG FLATTS	\$	600.00	OAK HILL	\$	600.00	
BIG LAUREL	\$	350.00	OBIDS	\$	600.00	
BLUE RIDGE	\$	1,200.00	OLD FIELDS	\$	2,800.00	
BRISTOL	\$	1,837.53	ORION	\$	1,415.52	
BUFFALO	\$	780.00	PEAK VALLEY	\$	300.00	
CALVARY	\$	200.00	PHOENIX	\$	1,200.00	
CLIFTON	\$	375.00	PILOT MOUNTAIN	\$	781.05	
FAITH FELLOWSHIP	\$	1,354.61	PINE SWAMP	\$	200.00	
FARMER MEMORIAL	\$	-	PLEASANT HOME	\$	1,412.04	
FLECHER MEMORIAL	\$	16,127.53	PLEASANT VALLEY	\$	450.00	
FRIENDLY GROVE	\$	3,099.96	ROUND KNOB	\$	1,098.00	
FRIENDSHIP	\$	9,188.47	TRINITY	\$	1,012.12	
GLENDALE SPRINGS	\$	2,804.67	TUCKERDALE	\$	1,500.00	
GRASSY CREEK	\$	3,030.35	WAGONER	\$	550.00	
HEALING SPRINGS	\$	3,228.50	WARRENSVILLE	\$	4,700.00	
LANDMARK	\$	1,200.00	WELCOME HOME	\$	2,817.45	
LAUREL KNOB	\$	2,432.48	HISPANIC MISSON	\$	13,344.65	
LIBERTY GROVE	\$	2,500.00				
LITTLE HELTON	\$	250.00				
MIDWAY	\$	3,750.00				
MISSON HOME	\$	899.96				

Total \$ 110,578.00

# Associational Key Leader 2008 - 2009

These names are respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association in accordance with Article V: Section 7 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

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The Executive Committee approved these names in April 2008.

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1 YR PASTOR REV. JOHN ELLEDGE
3 YRS PASTOR REV. WAYNE JONES
2 YRS LAY-PERSON REV. LONNIE JONES
2 YRS LAY-PERSON MR. CHARLES KING
3 YRS LAY-PERSON MR. EDD HARLESS

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2 YRS MEMBER MRS. LINDA BALL
2 YRS MEMBER REV. JACK PUGH
2 YRS MEMBER MRS. LUCY HAGEN
1 YR MEMBER MRS. TRISH CHURCH
3 YRS MEMBER MRS. BRONDA ELLIOTT

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2 YRS MEMBER MS. MARIE JORDAN
1 YR MEMBER MR. BILL GENTRY
3 YRS MEMBER MR. DANNY HODGES

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2 YRS MINISTER

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1 YR MINISTER

3 YRS MINISTER

REV. DEAN WATSON

REV. CHARLES MCCOY

REV DAVID BLACKBURN

REV. GARRETT MAHAFFEY REV. JOHN ELEDGE

REV\_TOMMY GRAYBEAL

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1 YR MEMBER

3 YRS MEMBER

3 YRS MEMBER

3 YRS MEMBER

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2 YRS MEMBER

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2 YRS MEMBER

1 YR MEMBER

3 YRS MEMBER

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2 YRS MEMBER

1 YR MFMBER

3 YRS MEMBER

MR ROBERT BROWN

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2 YRS MEMBER

3 YRS MEMBER

3 YRS MEMBER

1 YR MEMBER

1 YR MEMBER

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2 YRS MEMBER MR. GLENN SOUTH

1 YR MEMBER REV. STEVE LEASHOMB

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CHURCH COMMUNITY MISSIONS COMMITTEE

2 YRS MEMBER

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REV. STEVE LEASHOMB

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MRS. DEBBIE COULTER

MRS. DIANE DIXON

# ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

#### CHURCH MUSIC

The Lord has continued to bless the Ashe County Associational Choir. We currently have 48 very active choir members representing over fifteen different churches in our association. These dedicated choir members love to sing praises to the Lord and give of their time and musical talents unselfishly. The choir has been very active since the last Associational Meeting by singing at the following churches: Beaver Creek Christian, Friendship Baptist, Friendly Grove Baptist, Pine Swamp Baptist, Glendale Springs Baptist, Bald Mountain Baptist, Midway Baptist, North Beaver Baptist, Round Knob Baptist (twice), Laurel Springs Baptist, Welcome Home Baptist, Blue Ridge Baptist, Orin Baptist, Healing Springs Baptist, Oak Hill Baptist.

We try to limit our performances to one per week (usually on Monday night). If you would like to "book" the Associational Choir to sing at your church's revival, please contact Trish at the Association Office or Myra Phillips at Bald Mountain Baptist Church.

Please remember to pray for us as we share God's ministry through music.

In His Service,

David L. Phillips, Director Ashe Baptist Associational Choir

#### Ashe Baptist Campground Report

We like to take this time to thank all the people that help make our campground what we have to enjoy, from the churches that take time to mow the grounds. Thanks to each that take time to clean up after they have used the campground.

We want thank Brother Tim Church of the Friendship Baptist Church for monitoring the water system to assure safe water for those that use the camp. Thanks go to Dennis Houck of Midway Baptist Church for the work He has done as the treasurer for the camp. Special thanks go to all churches and people that financially support the campground so we can pay the bills.

Johnathan Trivette of the Big Flatt's Baptist Church checks the camp after each use and cleans the Mattie Parsons Memorial Building if necessary and reports to the office of any damage or problems that may be found at the camp. Our thanks, to him for the time and special care in this area.

We have had many churches that have taken time to do small jobs, and some not so small that needed done. Thanks to all that help do these jobs. We have plans to do more things to the campground, upon the approvable of the Association. If you have a group or individual that would like to help do some work at the campground, please let one of the committee or DOM David Blackburn know what you can do. New signs have been erected and a reminder that the speed limit is 10 miles per hour on the campground road.

Thanks go to New River Baptist Church for the special work done on the Prayer

Garden and the Amphitheater. We had other groups that came to help do the work; some

came through Appalachian Regional Ministries. Friendly Grove Church VBS gave

money to put solar lighting at the prayer garden in memory of Rev. Gordon and Shirley Rawls. The Prayer Garden is 70% completed.

Many of our churches have visited the camp in the last year, and many outside the county. We hope that many more of the church will take time to visit the camp next year. Remember to book your church at the camp early by April 1 while only the churches of Ashe Baptist are the only ones eligible.

Respectfully Submitted

Johnny Goodman

Chairman, Campground Committee

Ashe Baptist Campground Financial Report 2007-2008

Contributions		Contributions to Association designated for
Bald Mountain Baptist Church	\$940.00	the Ashe Baptist Campground
Bethel Baptist Church	\$100.00	Ashe County Ford \$ 65.00
Big Flatts Baptist Church	\$200.00	Barker Reunion \$ 200.00
Big Laurel Baptist Church	\$75.00	Big Laurel Baptist Church \$ 15.00
Blue Ridge Baptist Church	\$130.00	Beaver Creek Baptist Church \$ 100.00
Bristol Baptist Church	\$50.00	Community Baptist Church \$ 110.00
Friendly grove Baptist Church	\$125.00	Friendly Grove Children in Action \$ 65.00
Friendship Baptist Church	\$541.65	Welcome Home Baptist Church \$ 25.00
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	\$180.00	\$ 580.00
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	
Liberty Grove Baptist Church	\$300.00	
Mission Home Baptist Church	\$150.00	
Mount Olive Baptist Church	\$200.00	
New River Baptist Church	\$700.00	
North Beaver Baptist Church	\$300.00	Beginning Balance \$2,148.98
Pleasant home Baptist Church	\$100.00	Donations + \$5,988.18
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$100.00	Expenses <u>- \$6,034.03</u>
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	\$300.00	Ending Balance \$2,103.13
BREMCO	\$88.89	
Pleasant Branch Baptist Church	\$40.00	
Glade Hill, VA	\$60.00	
Fred Young	\$65.00	
Sylvia Roark	\$50.00	
Vickie Gobble	\$200.00	
Tim Russell	\$500.00	
Unknown Source / cash	\$317.64	
	\$5,988.18	
Expenses		
Blue Ridge Electric Membership	\$2,059.57	
Skyline Telephone Membership	\$413.54	
Ann Eldreth (Cleaning)	\$1,440.00	
Roses Store # 375	\$330.38	
Heath Phipps (Repairs)	\$54.00	
Jonathan Trivette (Cleaning)	\$140.01	
Campground—Insurance	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
	\$6,034.03	

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Dennis Houck, Treasurer Ashe Baptist Campground

## Ashe Really Cares Annual Report 2008

At the end of another associational year we reflect upon the impact that Ashe Really Cares has had upon our county. Through your kindness and support we have touched a lot of individuals and families. Either with the food and clothing that you provide or by the help with electricity or heat assistance during the winter. The ARC deals with crisis situations that families find themselves in. When the ARC is able to help a family our prayer is that Christ will be lifted up and they can feel His hand at work in their life. This past associational year we were able to help 2,700 families to have extra food and clothing during though times. This touched about 7.233 individuals. Our number of clients continues to grow with the low economy. Not only did the ARC help families with their physical needs but most importantly their spiritual needs. We have given out Bibles to those who did not have one. We have also been able to do referrals to local churches for some of our clients. Our pastors have encouraged and prayed with individuals about their salvation. Seeds have been sown and lives have been touched. Your mission is sharing God's love to those that are in need.

The ARC has single parents with children, the elderly and families where someone has gotten laid off from a job come in seeking help. Right now we have several clients dealing with cancer. Sometimes our clients just need someone to talk to. The Bible teaches us to love others as Christ loves them.

We have been able to go and speak to several churches about what the ARC is all about and how your mission works. We thank all the churches and individuals who help the ARC to reach those in need and make their life a little better.

We have about 42 volunteers that help the ARC either by picking up food from the grocery stores, sorting clothing or stocking food shelves. The ARC could not be as effective without them.

Remember to pray that the ARC will continue to be a blessing to the county and be a mission where the lost can find Christ.



Respectfully submitted, Pat Miller, ARC Director

## Ashe Really Cares Financial Report July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

#### DEPOSITS TO ARC ACCOUNT

AEV	\$290.20
Anonymous	\$7,055.39
Beaver Creek Baptist	\$606.82
Beaver Creek Christian	\$500.00
Dianne Pennell	\$800.00
FEMA	\$3,061.00
Friendly Grove Baptist	\$742.00
Friendship Baptist	\$3,600.00
Glendale Springs Baptist	\$939.00
<b>Healing Springs Baptist</b>	\$3,000.00
Jefferson United Methodist	\$500.00
Laurel Knob Baptist	\$1,645.00
Liberty Grove Baptist	\$1,000.00
Misc. Deposits	\$2,065.70
Mt. Jefferson Baptist	\$1,650.00
Mt. Jefferson Nazarene	\$250.00
Mt. Olive Baptist	\$300.00
New River Baptist	\$3,427.34
North Beaver Baptist	\$900.00
Obids Baptist	\$1,500.00
Old Fields Baptist	\$1,480.28
Original Mt. Union Bapt. Assoc.	\$250.00
Patricia Jones	\$3,000.00
Pine Swamp Baptist	\$600.00
Round Knob Baptist	\$788.00
Silas Creek Baptist	\$240.00
Smethport Baptist	\$600.00
Tuckerdale Baptist	\$550.00
Wagoner Baptist	\$275.00
West Jefferson Methodist	\$500.00

**Total Income \$41,615.73** 

#### **EXPENSES**

Auto Expense/Auto Fuel	\$218.68
Auto Insurance on ARC Van	\$726.00
Client – Electric	\$950.00
Client - Fuel	\$6,050.27
Client - Prescriptions	\$84.62
Client – Rent Assistance	\$200.00
Client - Room Assistance	\$55.00
Fees	\$55.00
Food	\$2,267.82
Miscellaneous	\$925.34
Office Expense / Utilities	\$471.42
Reimbursements	\$39.50
Rent – ARC Facility	\$9,100.00
Stamps	\$42.00
Wages & salary (Pat & Mattie)	\$19,000.00

Total Expenses \$40,185.73

Midway Baptist Church donated \$2,736.00 in purchased food to ARC.

Deposits in Association account designated for ARC include:

designated for title include.		
Friendly Grove Baptist	\$999.96	
Old Fields Baptist	\$250.00	
Tuckerdale Baptist	\$50.00	
AEV	\$4,292.55	
BSCNC (World Hunger fund)	\$1,250.00	



## Associational Sunday School Report for 2007-2008

(II Timothy 2:15) "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." I believe that Sunday School (Bible Study) is one of the most important events of the church. The Bible is the word of God; His message is to us, about Himself and His instructions for life. The Bible shows God's marching orders for His army, the church. We must as Pastors and lay leaders revive our Sunday School programs to equip our people with the truth. Worship is important, but not at the expense of Sunday School. Thus, when the church is looking for ways to expand Worship, please do not reduce Bible Study time.

April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> we had an Associational Sunday School Training at Bald Mountain Baptist Church which was very successful. The Training was on "Building a REAL Sunday School" and was very well attended with 19 churches participating. From those 19 churches we had an attendance on Friday night of 96 and Saturday of 76. The team was put together with the help of the State Convention and was very good.

October 9, 6:30-9:00 PM at Bald Mountain Baptist Church, we will have our Fall Sunday School training on Outreach through the Sunday School. Brian Skeggs, one of our teachers from the April training will lead this training event. This training will be helpful for all Sunday School workers and for all Pastors. We encourage all Pastors and Sunday School Directors to bring all of your workers to this training. Let's make Sunday School the best it can be for the glory of our Lord.

Lawrence Goodman, Associational Sunday School Director





## **Brotherhood Report 2008**

Baptist Men, RAs, GAs, Women on Mission, we all are in service for the Lord especially in the area of helping others. The purpose of the North Carolina Baptist Men is to help Christians share the love of Jesus by praying, giving, going and becoming actively involved in missions with their time and talents. NCBM strives to make Christians aware of human needs and to provide opportunities to help meet those needs wherever they exist. The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthews 25:40 Operation Inasmuch- in Ashe Association was a big success this year and we look forward to it next year. Operation Inasmuch is a big one day Mission Blitz of your community. Imagine the excitement of 1/3 to 1/2 of your church members doing missions in your community on the same day! Imagine a big variety of projects and big variety of people experiencing Jesus' love in action across NC on the same day! Why do an OIAM? There are many people in your church who have never been involved in a mission project. This is a great way to get people involved in their first ever mission trip. Think of how it could change their life. Think of the people in your community who need Christians to touch their lives in Jesus' name. I would love to come to your church and share or help your Brotherhood Organization in anyway possible. Please feel free to give me a call at the Associational Office at 246-5631. I want to encourage you to get involved with your Brotherhood Team and help make a difference in the lives of others around us!

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Fred Walters Associational Brotherhood Director







## Report by Mrs. Diane Dixon, CCM Director

It is a privilege to work at your Associational Office as your Community Ministries individual. My position is funded by the Baptist State Convention of NC and through the efforts of North American Mission Board as well as the Association. My job as your CCM leader is to partnership with churches in our Association and the community to help do evangelistic outreach. I also want to be a resource person for you on mission projects and help you meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of people and ministries of Ashe County as well as outside of the State. This past year we have been fast paced and busy with campground improvements and working on our ROCK campaign as well as a host of other mission projects and opportunities.

The ministries we are covering with you will include:

Mission Partnerships Education Link-ups ROCK
Care-giving Ministry Spiritual Development and Evangelism

We have an exciting opportunity to impact our community through our ROCK campaign by reaching out in the following ways-

- 1. We have the county divided into four sections with church leaders in each section working with the various churches within that section.
- 2. The community- reaching in evangelistic in nature
- 3. Congregation- ministries that focus on church members
- 4. Committed- ministries that help people grow spiritually
- Commissioned- ministries that help those who've committed to be involved in missions.

If you have not had an opportunity to be involved in ROCK please contact Diane and we will get you in touch with a leader in your area. We need as many people as possible to be involved.

#### CCM year of review:

We have had a busy year and have together accomplished several projects as well as beginning new ones. I have listed a few of these for this report but there are to many to give time to all details. I hope this will give you an idea of what has been happening in the Associational work as far as CCM involvement.

#### Pop Tart Ministry

This was an effort to minister to the College Students at Wilkes Community College; our volunteers handed out pop tarts to students on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> as they came in. On each pop tart was a message of hope and encouragement. This was a great new partnership for us.

#### Our Associational Trips with our seniors:

This past year we have taken two trips with a wonderful group of folks that I love to travel with. In October, we traveled to the new Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. We enjoyed this so much that we are planning another trip this fall. In the spring we traveled to Mount Airy to visit Mayberry and had a great time remember the Andy Griffith Show. We always have a great time in food, fun and fellowship. We welcome you to go with us and experience an adventure!

#### **Campground Work and Improvements**

We have seen such a wonderful transformation of improvements to the campground. Brand new kitchen look, new paint jobs, landscaping improvements, new trails, and much more. This spring and summer we have seen our beginning plans for the prayer garden and amphitheater. Several of groups from our Association as well as Appalachian Regional Ministries have worked to make improvements as well as begin our prayer garden. We currently have a walkway in the shape of a cross with outdoor solar lighting in memory of Rev. Gordon and Shirley Rawls. We have two prayer benches. It is such a special place for mediation and prayer. They worked on trails and landscaping improvements. We would like to think all our volunteers and those who mow. If you have not been to the campground we encourage you to go. If you could help with various things at the campground please contact Diane or Rev. Johnny Goodman. We look so forward to how God will continue to bless and use this area of ministry!

#### Children's Christmas Project:

This project is almost a yearlong project but does get more involved in August. We begin planning for Christmas. Last year due to your generosity 465 children got to have a Christmas who otherwise would have nothing to open on Christmas. We thank all our agencies, schools, and churches working together for this purpose to help children. If you can volunteer, buy gifts for a child or purchase books please contact me at the Association. This is a wonderful way to give back to our community and celebrate the birth of Jesus at the same time.

#### Caraway Leadership Conference:

Attended Winter Conference and found all the exciting changes taking place for our North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Milton A. Hollifield spoke with us about his Christ-centered vision, which included the following seven pillars for ministry:

- 1. Practice Fervent Prayer
- 2. Promote Evangelism and Church Growth
- 3. Strengthen Existing Churches
- 4. Plant New Multiplication Churches
- 5. Increase Work with the International Community
- 6. Escalate Technology Improvements and Upgrade the Web Site
- 7. Reclaim The Younger Generation of Church Leaders

This goes right along with our vision for ROCK so we have incorporated these seven pillars in our ROCK program.

**Grant Writing-** I work on grants for December and January that we can possible apply for in the future. I am try to get us additional funding to help with projects. I hope in the future to be able to tap into more of this process it is something that takes time and connections to see results.

#### VBS Workshop and working in VBS:

This past year Trish and I had the privilege of helping with the Associational VBS Clinic. VBS is such a great mission work for a church to do and a wonderful outreach for families. I had the privilege to help in Friendly Grove's VBS this year and taught the children Bible Study. We thank all of our churches that worked on having VBS this year. What a blessing it is to our youth and children as well as those that work in VBS! Thank you for this mission.

#### Partnership with Project Challenge:

Lisa Sturgill works with troubled teens to get their community service done while working off service hours. She has offered the students to help us with various projects and they have currently been working on the Campground. If you know of other activities these youth could do please let us know.

The National Day of Prayer this was our second year to bring a dedication time of prayer for our nation. It was held on the courthouse steps in Jefferson, NC. We had a lot of community involvement from ACHS Band, ACHS Chorus, AC Middle School Chorus and the ACHS JR. ROTC as well as a live broadcast from WKSK. We also had Brittney Grubb and Amos Vannoy, Ashe County Drum Majors give a prayer for soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital. Our veterans and armed forces were there to honor those alive and those that have given the ultimate sacrifice. It was a great celebration time as well as a time to pray for all leaders of our country. It also let our county know that we as Christians still believe in the great power of prayer. We hope to continue to try to improve this annual event. We thank all those who helped, had a part and came to the National Day of Prayer.

#### Relationship Builders

I teach a group of young people ages 18-28 years of age in a "Through a Bible Series" and we meet once a week at the West Jefferson Coffee House. If you know some young adults that could use some fellowship with others as well as learn to build a stronger relationship with Christ please let me know. I would be glad to share with you or them what this group does for each other and others.

#### Other Comments

I currently serve on several community committee boards and do several presentations for ROCK a year as well as programs for women groups. If you need me to help with any event or mission opportunity please feel free to contact me.

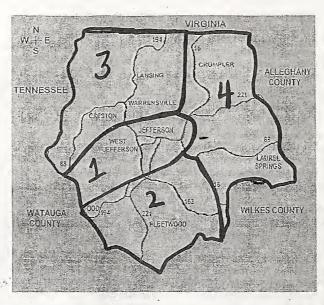
Upcoming Projects: Please look for events coming up in your newsletter!

"Let us work to have every believer sharing, every person hearing"

Respectfully Submitted: Mrs. Diane Dixon, Church Community Ministries/Ashe Baptist

## ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ashe County, My Home Town



Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Bristol	Big Flatts	Apple Grove	Glendale Springs
Beaver Creek	Laurel Knob	Buffalo	Grassy Creek
Calvary	Liberty Grove	Clifton	Healing Springs
Cristo El Salvador	Mission Home	Farmers Mem	orial
Faith Fellowship	Mount Olive	Landmark	Little Helton
Fletcher Memorial	Old Fields	Oak Hill	New River
Friendly Grove	Pilot Mountain	Peak Valley	
Friendship	Pine Swamp	Phoenix	Pleasant Home
Midway.	Trinity	Prosperity	Pleasant Valley
Orion	Bald Mountain	Tuckerdale	Wagoner
Round Knob	Blue Ridge North Beaver	Warrensville	Welcome Home

Obids





## Report by the Director of Missions

Our theme this year is "Keeping the Battle for Jesus Christ Moving Forward". Our scripture reference is from First Samuel Chapter 17. This is the story of David and Goliath. In verse 29 David ask "Is there not a cause?" It does not matter what the giant says, it matters what the Lord has to say! We must keep the battle moving forward against the devil and not let him have his way in our arena. We are an Army of God and we know there is a cause. That cause is the work of Jesus Christ. Praying in the altar and in private for forgiveness, direction, strength and wisdom keeps the battle moving forward. We cannot wear someone else's armor; we must have our own armor from God that He has given to each of us. A rubber band is effective only when it is stretched, a turtle gets nowhere unless he sticks his head out and a kite will rise against the wind, not with the wind. Ashe Baptist, I challenge you to "Keep the Battle for Jesus Christ Moving Forward". You and I must be a part of this battle!

Ashe Really Cares continues to serve Ashe County with the love of Jesus. We continue to be housed at Family Central. Our rent has gone up to \$900 a month. We need your support if we are to continue this needed ministry. Churches help us financially and we are very thankful for the money which comes in or other wise could not have this ministry. Our budget is listed in the Book of Reports. We are thankful for Mrs. Pat Miller our Director and Mrs. Mattie Latham her faithful assistant. Our 41 volunteers continue to get food, bar code it, stock it on the shelves, sort clothes, clean floors and the list goes on. Our Ministers continue to counsel with those who are clients and help them spiritually. Thank you Ashe Really Cares for all you do to help folks in need. They really do care!. They are in the battle.

The Hispanic Mission is growing under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and Rev. Danny Pardo. The Hispanic Committee, Ashe Baptist Association and the Baptist State Convention are working together and have secured a Co-Operative Funding Agreement to help with the expenses of 2008. This funding cycle from the Baptist State Convention will end in December 2008. This partnership allow us to have this ministry in our Ashe County. Cristo El Salvador meet on Saturday evenings, Sunday at 1:00 for Sunday School, at 2:00 for Worship and Thursday night services at 7:00pm at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church in Jefferson. They have moved from Bald Mountain Baptist Church in the hope to attract more attendees. Several Hispanic Families live in the Jefferson Community. Pray for the Hispanic and Latino population that they will discover how great it is to continue in the battle.

Vacation Bible School Clinic led by Mrs. Vickie Young and her Team continues to be the best clinic in the state. I appreciate all the hard work that went into the clinic so folks could be prepared more than ever before to win people to Christ. Outrigger Island, Living God's unshakeable truth theme was a big success! Many souls have been won to Christ because of faithful servants helping with VBS. Thank you VBS workers for all the hard work you do for Christ. May we continue the battle in all areas made available to us.

The Evangelism Committee hosted a "Prayer Conference" on September 28-29 at the Fletcher

Memorial Baptist Church with Dr. Chris Scofield, from the Office of Prayer of the Baptist State Convention of NC, Dr. Bob Lowman, Jr., Associational Missionary from Metrolina Baptist Association and Mrs. Tara Furman from Cary, NC author of "Intimacy with God, Your Daily Guide to Prayer". This committee is partnering with the CCM Committee to promote "ROCK" and continues to function. Evangelism is a big part of the **battle** that we must be diligent to continue.

Church and Community Ministries/ Ministry Evangelism (CCM) position continues to be a wonderful addition to Ashe Baptist Association. We appreciate all the hard work that Mrs. Diane Dixon does for the Lord Jesus Christ; working on the National Day of Prayer, Ashe Baptist Campground improvements, Children's Christmas Project, ROCK, trips for seniors and the list goes on. Our county is fortunate to have a person with her vision, talents and gifts to continue the battle for the cause of Christ in lots of areas. Pray for Diane as she serves with you and I.

The third Annual National Day of Prayer was another big success. It was held on the courthouse steps in Jefferson, NC. Many activities transpired. The county commissioners, preachers, veterans and lots of the School Children and young folk, as well as the public attended a wonderful service which praised God. Over 200 folk attended. Next year we would love to have more in attendance. Praying for America and Ashe County was special to me. Pray for folks in Ashe County that they may know Jesus as Savior. That is a big part of the battle.

**Discipleship** continues to make available lots of training materials for all churches. Mrs. Linda Blackburn continues to lead Beth Moore studies on Thursdays at the Ashe Baptist Conference Room on at 11:30AM. It is open to the public and was well attended this past year. Plans are to continue with this type of study Discipleship is strength to any Christian who is in the **battle**.

**Women's Missionary Union** continues to do the work of Christ in Ashe Association as well as around the world. Mrs. Francis Blevins our WMU leader held the Spring WMU Conference in Ashe County. Without dedicated women where would we be in the **battle** for Christ? **Pray** for WMU that it will continue to grow in the hearts and lives of believers.

**Sunday School Conference** was held this year under the direction of our Sunday School Leader, Rev. Lawrence Goodman and his team of pastors. We had classes for all age groups as well as pastors. This was the best informational conference and best attended conference in the past ten years, in my opinion. Phil Stone, Sunday School specialist from the Baptist State Convention helped us in many ways to make this a success. We look forward to a Fall Training in Sunday . Let us **battle** to increase numbers in Sunday School.

Ashe Baptist Campground is being used every week-end and some week days. The improvements are many to include; Prayer Garden, amphitheater, painting inside the Mattie Parson Memorial Building, shrubbery trim, walkways completed in the walking trails and many other improvements. It is a working process as we battle to serve the King of Kings.

**The Ashe Association** has lots of other activities on going too many to take time to mention today. Please remember that your support through the churches and individuals provide the financial means for us to be able to do missions at home in Ashe County and around the world. I really feel missions begin at home and I challenge you to be directly involved in the work of Ashe Baptist Association.

The following is a portion of the work that God has allowed me to do this year:

- \* Drove 15,843 Business miles
- \* Assisted Ashe Really Cares
- Prepared 600 Minute Books
- \* Prepared 780 Newsletters each month
- \* Send E-Mails, cards and letters as needed
- \*Assisted Hispanic Church
- \* Assisted in sale of parsonage
- \*Prepared 220 Book of Reports
- \*Provided pulpit supply when needed
- \*Forwarded Church announcements to radio and papers
- Conducted Radio Program on WKSK weekly \*Met with Associational Committees
- \* Assisted in revivals and presentations of ministry \*Supervised Associational Staff
- Provided over 755 hours counseling to individuals
- Shared "The Thought for Today" every 2 months on WKSK
- Conducted training sessions in county and out of county
- \* Represented the Faith Community at School Based Health Center, Smart Start Partnership for Children, Ashe County 4-H, Family Central, FEMA, Coalition for the homeless, Ashe Middle School, Ashe High School, and all three elementary schools.
- \* Attended Camp Caraway Summer Conference for DOM, Baptist State Convention meeting at Greensboro, Food Bank Winston Salem, and Happy Time Show on WKSK.

Together we number 7,000. Alone we number one. Pray that we will serve Christ together doing what we cannot do alone. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Director of Missions, Associational Missionary and allowing me to be your friend. Without your help and the help of the Lord I can do nothing. We are in the **battle** together!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. David Blackburn
Director of Missions /Associational Missionary Ashe Baptist Association





# Ashe Baptist Association Discipleship Report 2008

Discipleship is a hot topic in Christians' life these days. Just about everywhere I go I hear conversations about what Bible study different people are involved in. I believe that churches are getting the vision of the importance of discipling their members. Churches that have been discipling their members are becoming more intentional and deeper in their discipling. Developing a relationship with Jesus that can only be sustained through studying God's Word seriously and intentionally is the bases of discipleship. Not only are we called to discipleship personally but we are also called to be involved in discipling others.

This past year I have led ladies from several churches and diverse denominations in a Beth Moore Bible Study at the Associational Office during our lunch hour one day a week. We completed a Bible study, "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore. This is a study that leads us in a quest to find strongholds in our Christian lives and know how to allow Christ to set us free. It is amazing how God is blessing the study of his Word with enormous growth in ladies that attend. We also did "Believing God" another Beth Moore study. Keep a close look at the newsletter from the Association for time and place of our next Bible study and come join us. Prayer has already begun about starting a men's discipleship Bible study for the Association soon. Discipleship Bible Study is intended to help Christians grow in their relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who among us does not need to do just that.

I believe that churches that have an intentional plan for discipling their members are churches that care about helping individuals develop an alive vibrant relationship with God. This is the one sure way of strengthening churches and bringing unity to the body of Christ. There are many wonderful study aides and many who are willing and able to assist with discipling your people. Please let me know if you need help in looking for discipleship materials that are right for your situation or if I can help you design a plan that will meet your needs.

I am excited about an Ashe Baptist Association that knows the Lord so personally that each one is leading others to know the Lord as well. I believe that discipleship must be a part of our lives for that to happen. If I can assist you in any way please let me know.

Sincerely, Linda Blackburn, Associational Discipleship Training Director



## **Hispanic Report**



Cree en el Señor Jesucristo, y serás salvo, tú y tu casa.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

This year has been a time "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love"- Ephesians 4:12-16.

Our church family is growing; this year we had a new baby girl named Ilene. And our son Mathew is my ministry assistant, he's all over the pulpit, preaching and singing with me; they are a gift of God. In our mission's statement, we preach the Word and make disciples, for these several months I have been working with several couples encouraging those to re arrange their lives, six of them were baptized and two of them agreed for marriage on June 27, 2008. So far, we have made 440 evangelistic contacts, 460 cultivate, and 220 professions of Faith of Hispanic in Ashe County; some of them have gone back to their country and the rest are in preparation to be added to the church "such as should be saved". We have visitation at least twice a week or as needed, and testify Lord and savior at all times. Our brother Daniel, two brothers and two more members of the church, as bought several instruments and speakers, and now, they have formed a musical group with praise and worship for the glory of God, oh Lord! "Revive us again".

Special thanks to the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association, Baptist State Convention of NC., and the anonymous donors for all their prayers and support towards our Hispanic Baptist Mission. Our new services are Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:00P.M and Sundays at 2:00P.M. In Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Danny Pardo Pastor Cristo El Salvador Baptist Church

#### 2008 Historian Report

This year's Historian report comes from the minutes of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association. Glendale Springs Baptist Church hosted the Meetings held August 27, 28, 29 of the year 1953. Rev. W.E. Denny served as Moderator, Rev. H.M. Winkler as Vice-Moderator, Mr. McDaniel Harless as Clerk & Treasurer. Rev. E. J. Jenkins served as the Associational Missionary.

Midway Baptist Church was received into the Association on Thursday morning, August 27<sup>th</sup>. An interesting report was written on Temperance & Public Morals by Bill Burchette and reads as follows:

This is a report dealing with temperance and public morals. While I want to and plan to deal with the question of temperance I want to broaden the field a bit and deal with some other closely related areas of life to it. I shall discuss this subject under the following heads: The home, the liquor question, gambling, government and the church and its relation to these areas of life.

The basic unit in our society is the home. American people are becoming increasingly aware of the dangers that surround the homes of our land and the dangers that are apparent when in one year there are more than 600,000 divorces in this country. But the problem is deeper than that it has its foundation in hasty and ill advised marriages. Our children can help stem this tide in giving our young people a Christian interpretation of marriage, with the pastor, through an effort to properly relate the new home to the church through the church organizations and through he establishment of a family alter in each home.

One of the great threats to the home of America is the liquor traffic with all its evils. It is not my purpose to quote statistics in this report for most of us are aware of the extent of the consumption of alcoholic beverages in our country, but I should like to remind you that our country, while being legally dry is far from dry if the number of beer cans and other liquor containers seen along our highways is any indication of the amount of beer consumed. There is no place in the Christian life for drinking, making of intoxicants, or selling them. "There is", says Dr. Harold A Bosley, "a kind of ladder of degradation involved in what we sometimes brightly call "Social Drinking." The first step is occasional drinking, the second is habitual drinking, and the last is the inability to control one's self—or acute alcoholism."

Closely associated with this moral problem we have the problem of gambling in our state. It is a difficult evil to combat because so many church embers and members of responsible civic groups engage in it. They "insist on using gambling devices for pleasure and recreation and for raising funds with which to support desirable causes. These gambling and lottery devices have been declared illegal by the Justice Department, yet they are used openly at celebrations, carnivals, fairs, public gatherings without protest by the people and without hindrance by officers of the law" (NC Baptist Annual 1952). It is interesting to note that a visiting carnival to a community can provide a kind of entertainment that will shock the community and will earn for itself the reputation of being a gambling joint and yet remain without the pale of the law! The Christian citizens of the community should insist that any carnival or like form of entertainment be thoroughly investigated by any group sponsoring its appearance in a community and be required to observe proper standards of decency while there.

#### Historian Report (Continued)

Much has been said about having the right kind of public servants and I shall not dwell on the matter at any great length. I would simply call to your attention the fact that our public servants are elected by the people and if we are to have the right kind of public servants we must have the right kind of men seeking public office. We should, therefore, magnify the holding of public office as a trust and as the honor it is and urge men of personal integrity to offer themselves for places of service in the government. The church should be a prophetic voice "speaking the truth in love" on these and other matters that concern the public welfare. She should keep the thread of conscience tight at all times and sound no uncertain call. Respectfully submitted, Bill Burchette

It is amazing to me as Associational Historian to read the above words and realize this was only 55 years ago and how our county of Ashe and the State of North Carolina have changed in such a short time. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I urge you to let your voice be heard and one of the best ways to do so is to vote during all election processes!

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Trish Church

#### **Evangelism Report 2008**

We know the mission of the New Testament is to win the lost, by sharing what Christ has done on the cross at Calvary to save the world from sin. We know God's Word is alive and what was recorded by inspired men of God is still true today. We know evangelism should be the vital part of the local church.

Last September 2007, the Evangelism Committee planned a prayer retreat. Dr. Chris Schofield from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Dr. Bob Lowman, Associational Missionary from Charlotte, NC, and Mrs. Tara Furman from Cary, NC, were the speakers. This was a 2-day retreat that was held at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church.

Earlier this year the Evangelism Committee became involved with the Reaching Others Christ Knows (ROCK) program. We are currently working with the churches of the Ashe Association to reach out into communities to get people involved and under the influence of the gospel. There by getting more people into Churches. We encourage each Church of Ashe Association, to become involved with the ROCK program. We ask for prayer for God's blessing upon this program as its goal is to reach others for Christ. Pray for the efforts of the Evangelism Committee and the Ashe Association in the coming year. May we work together to share Christ with those around us.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa Dean Church Chairperson Evangelism Committee

#### Moderators Report -2008

We one again have come to that time of the year when we begin to reflect on the past twelve months of activity in our association and also look to the unseen future that our heavenly Father has laid before us. Whether we look back or ahead, one thing we will always see is the overwhelming evidence to the enabling grace and abiding love of our Lord Jesus Christ in the lives of His people. This past year we felt the grace of God as he comforted our broken hearts after the loss of Rev.Gordon and Shirley Rawls. We saw concern and support from the association and our community in response to the devastating fire at our sister church, Tuckerdale Baptist Church. Outreach efforts like Operation Inasmuch and R.O.C.K. promise to return a harvest of precious souls in the days to come. Week in and week out, faithful workers in our churches, committees and outreach projects like Ashe Really Cares and the Hispanic Church are reaching people with life changing message of Jesus Christ and at the same time the needs in their lives.

This past year as your moderator has been a growing and learning experience for me, as I learned procedures and work with the associational staff to conduct various meetings. I still have much to learn and I hope to do a better job for our Savior and you, my friends.

Great opportunities and great challenges lie ahead for our association in the upcoming year and great victories can be realized as we work together in His love and we trust the overcoming power of our God who "can do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we ask or think". May God bless you all as you serve our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In His Grace, Prayerfully submitted, Rev. Rick Miller, Moderator, Ashe Baptist Association

Vacation Bible School 2008

2008 was another great year for VBS in Ashe County. On Outrigger Island, Wave Riders (kids) were led on a great adventure as they explored the Hawaiian Islands and the heart-pounding thrill of the Pacific Surf. Outrigger canoe racing teams ride the waves with skill and speed. Their specialized canoes are fitted with lateral supports know as "outriggers". These supports give stability. The VBS 2008 theme, "Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakeable Truth" was chosen with stability in mind and the reality that today's kids don't know what to believe. With the crashing waves of modernday media, the unpredictable seas of daily family life, and the troubled waters of simply growing up, it is no wonder kids' belief systems can capsize before they even get started. We cannot change the world in which kids are growing up, but we can equip kids to navigate that world with the stabilizing truths that God is real, Jesus is His Son, Jesus is the only way to receive salvation, the Bible is God's Word, and ultimately, their actions show what they truly believe.

The Associational VBS team never ceases to amaze me with their talent and dedication. They work very hard to provide training and I appreciate them very much. We had a few new faces again this year along with our veteran workers and I hope you will join me in thanking them again for their service. These people are very important to me and to our association. Thank you! The VBS Directors and teams within our churches are to be praised, as well. As you can see from the report on the next page, much fruit was produced and I'm sure countless seeds were sown. Whether serving in God's Big Backyard, Cactus Canyon, Jerusalem's Marketplace, or Son Harvest, our VBS leaders are the best!! And God will bless them for their work.

As your Associational VBS Director, I want to thank some very special people who are always behind the scenes, helping to support you and your work in VBS. Director of Missions Rev. David Blackburn, and his Administrative Assistant, Trish Church, are extremely instrumental in coordinating our VBS clinic and team. Our association is blessed by their service. And Friendship Baptist Church hosts our clinic each year and their ladies always outdo themselves with their delicious refreshments. The VBS clinic would not be possible without these folks!

Our scripture passage this year was "Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth," Psalm 86:11. Know the truth! Speak the truth! Live the truth! Through Bible-centered VBS, you helped show wave riders that God is what they need to stay spiritually stable in a world that is filled with unpredictable tides of opinion and waves of change. I pray God will bless your efforts in follow-up and discipleship of those who were saved.

God bless you, Vickie Young, Associational VBS Director

## VBS 2008: Outrigger Island Living God's Unshakeable Truth

VBS Motto: Know the truth! Speak the truth! Live the truth!

VBS Scripture: Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear

thy name. Psalm 86:11 (KJV)

Teach me Your way, Lord, and I will live by Your truth. Psalm 86:11 (Holman CSB)

#### LEAD TOUR GUIDES

Preschool	Nancy Watson	Trinity
Younger Children	Kim Ray	Bald Mountain
Middle Children	Kathie Helsel	Friendly Grove
Older Children	Trish Church	Friendly Grove
Youth	Scott Day	Bald Mountain
Adults	Tim Church	Friendship
Missions	Shannon Scott	Friendship
Crafts	Annie Leashomb & Debbie Coulter	Midway
VBS Directors	Vickie Young	New River

#### Director of Missions - David Blackburn 246-5631

#### 2008 VBS Report

VBS information has been received from the churches listed below. We would like to have a completed report from each church in the Association.

Church Name	Total Enrollment	Decisions for Christ	VBS Mission Offering
Bald Mountain	358	15	\$1,391.00
Big Flatts	52	1	\$474.00
Calvary	28	0	n/a
Friendly Grove	101	4	\$313.59
Friendship	177	0	\$767.82
Glendale Springs	114	0	\$254.00
Grassy Creek	58	0	n/a
Laurel Knob	32	0	\$78.00
Midway	117	0	\$335.38
Mount Olive	105	6	\$725.00
New River	124	6	\$1,100.00
Obids	39	0	\$96.00
Orion	45	0	\$100.00
Pine Swamp	60	0	\$434.50 + 38 cans of food
Pleasant Home	28	0	\$82.00
Wagoner	38	0	\$155.16
Warrensville	176	11	\$1,000.00
Welcome Home	121	6	\$130.00

#### Youth Committee Report

The Bible is all about change. God is interested in changing us, His church, in order to change the world. Transformation, conversion, repentance, and sanctification are all words for change. God has given us the opportunity to impact, to make a difference, or change this world, for His glory. You and I and every other human being were created for that purpose and the Bible is clear that one of the main ways to accomplish this is by raising Godly children. Every Christian parent has the potential to change the world, to change the next generation, by bringing up a Godly child.

It certainly seems that everyone understands this but the church. Within the first week a child is born into a Mormon family the parents open a savings account to pay for that child to attend Brigham Young University, Muslim children by the age of twelve are expected to have the entire Koran memorized, and yes, like it or not, many of our very own children are being taught a humanistic worldview in our public schools. Abraham Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the classroom in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next."

For many years well known and respected men and women in the church have sounded the alarm, "Something is wrong, we're losing our young people!" We have more paid youth workers than any other time in history, yet we struggle to keep 12% of those who have spent their entire childhood in church. This is a serious problem for us to ignore. Jesus said, "Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt.17:5-6). What we do with our young people is important to God.

The question we need to ask is, "What is God's solution?" He hasn't changed. This may sound ridiculous coming from a Youth Pastor, but we don't need more Youth Pastor's. Neither do we need more famous ballplayers, musicians, or youth organizations to come in and do the job God has delegated to the father and the family. Now don't get me wrong, we need a strategy to reach the growing number of spiritual orphan's out there, but let me remind you that the children we're losing are our own. The very one's who have grew up in church. The Bible is clear that we as parents have a responsibility to teach our children a biblical worldview. I am not trying to offend, but I want to be honest, at this very moment Ashe Baptist Association churches are struggling with the consequences of neglecting this God-given responsibility. We urgently need to return to God's plan of equipping and building strong families in our churches. "Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). "Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children..." (Titus 2:2-4). Jesus said, "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher" (Luke

6:40). Who is teaching our children? Are we? Are you following God's plan for bringing up your children? A wise man once said, "A mistake does not become an error unless you ignore it." Is it possible? Could it be? Are we ignoring God's solution to this tremendous problem?

We did have a lot of positive things happen this year. I hope I don't come across as pessimistic, but I am very concerned our youth. December 7-8, 2007 we offered an Apologetics Conference with Alex McFarland from Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, NC. This was a very informative conference with plenty of resources available to help young people defend their faith. April 19-29, 2008 we were privileged to have speaker Adrian Despres at Bald Mtn. Baptist Church. Scott Day and those at Bald Mountain did a first class job with this youth event with many decisions being made. After Adrian spoke on Saturday morning the youth dispersed to participate in Operation-In- As- Much projects in the community.

Both of these events were money and time well spent and I am not suggesting we stop participating in such ministries, but I do believe we need to put more emphasis on the family and especially the father or head of household. Christian parents have the potential to change the world, to create a better future for their children, by raising Godly children. It is part of God's call on our lives as parents. How can we ignore it?

In Christ Alone
Darryl Giles, Chairman
Associational Youth Committee



Another year has come and gone. A lot of changes have occurred and I encourage you to continue in your efforts to work on God's mission field. Continue in prayer for one another and stay focused.

This year's State theme is "Living on the Edge", which is something women do on a daily basis in everyday life. It's a difficult balance, requiring self-control and discipline. Our physical bodies as well as our church body is strong, but yet it is weak, (Prov. 24:10) Often times our spiritual body expends a lot of energy trying to keep up with the physical which is why God gave us armor, let's put it on! (Prov. 24:3) Look to God for wisdom. I want to thank all the ladies who participated in the Ladies Annual meeting entitled, "There is A Way!" Special thanks to guest speaker Alecia Giles and to Friendship Baptist Church for hosting.

I want to invite and encourage all the ladies to join us this year in our 1st Annual WMU Prayer Retreat, "Returning to Holiness" on September 5th & 6th at the Ashe Baptist Campground. You will be receiving more detailed information soon on this event but go ahead and mark your calendars today – you don't want to miss this one! And lastly, for those women who have joined in our 50 day Prayer Triplet, thank you and God bless you. I pray God spoke to each of you and gives you strength and wisdom to follow through with any vision He may have shown you.

Forever God's Mission Friend,

Mrs. Frances Blevins, Associational WMU

Ashe Pregnancy Care Center 2008 Annual Report

In the 1980's and 1990's the number of abortions was greatly increasing because of the spread of abortion centers after the Roe v Wade decision. Simultaneously Ashe County was experiencing an unusually high number of teen-age pregnancies. Christians over the US were praying about what they could do. Many turned to politics and the courts to attempt to reverse the increasing number of murders of the unborn.

Others saw the need to care for the mothers and fathers who were experiencing crisis pregnancy and the need to teach Biblical abstinence until marriage thereby avoiding abortions. In Ashe County a group of pastors and leading laymen from various churches gathered together to form Ashe Crisis Pregnancy Center. In March 1995, the members of this group petitioned the state and ACPC became a 901c nonprofit. Gifts began to be given to support this important endeavor. With volunteer labor a very nice pregnancy center was established just off the "four lane" between Jefferson and West Jefferson. On April 4, 1995, advertisement was made for a director. Dorothy Witherspoon answered the call to be the first director. Ann Cook, the Watauga County Pregnancy Center Director trained about 20 counselors and APCC was in business. The list of contributing individuals is too great to name. Unfortunately Rove v Wade is still the law of the land and the need for a pregnancy care center is greater than ever in Ashe County. According to the NC State Health department, Ashe County has around 40 teen-age pregnancies each year. There are also around 30 abortions each year with most aborting mothers in their early 20's. That is the equivalent of two school classes!

With the support of our churches APCC is making a difference by teaching abstinence, counseling those who come in for free pregnancy tests and providing diapers and clothing to children born in crisis. We can not do it without YOU!

Thank you for your support!! Roger Newton Executive Director

## Report for 2008 Book of Reports

Office of the GuideStone Team of the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

The GuideStone Team of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina exists to educate and inform key lay leaders who are the decision makers in our churches, and to facilitate the delivery of important products and services to the employees of the more than 4,000 churches affiliated with our state convention. Specifically, we use a variety of delivery methods to enhance the procurement of the following for church employees: Insurance Products (Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Medical, Disability, Dental, and Long Term Care), Retirement Products (Church Retirement Plan, Traditional and Roth IRAs, Personal Investments, etc.), Compensation Planning for Church Employees, Tax Issues, etc. In addition, we work closely with GuideStone Financial Resources in Dallas to provide financial assistance to those elderly ministers and widows of ministers who live under financial duress and need ongoing and/or one time assistance through the Mission:Dignity Ministry which is the new term for the very successful Adopt an Annuitant Ministry.

To personalize the importance of our work please consider the following vignettes. First, consider Pastor A, who had emergency heart bypass surgery this year with no medical insurance. The overwhelming cost of this surgery has placed a tremendous financial burden on him and his family. Furthermore, this pastor was not an active participant in the church retirement plan until recently. With the state convention protection benefits that come with monthly contributions to the retirement plan this pastor, as a retirement participant, now has a survivor and disability benefit in place for himself and his family in case of a debilitating illness, accident or death. Since no underwriting is required to prove evidence of good health, this pastor, his family, and the church he is serving is now protected from another catastrophic event resulting in disability and/or death. In 2007 working with GuideStone we paid the following disability and survivor protection benefits to North Carolina church employees and/or their families: 111 Disability Benefits Totaling \$606,708.68 and 39 Survivor Benefits Totaling \$391,254.53. This is a powerful example of CARING by our state convention by providing these much needed financial resources for those in need.

Secondly, please note that all church planters who receive financial assistance from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are now required to be an active participant in the Church Retirement Plan. With this change in policy we have the assurance of protection for all of our church planters, their families, and the churches they are starting in case something happens to them. By **DARING** to move in this direction our state convention has provided a safety net for those who have stepped out in faith to begin much needed new churches in our state.

Thirdly, consider Pastor C, who has now retired because of poor health. During this past year we qualified him to begin receiving monthly financial assistance from GuideStone through the Mission:Dignity Ministry to supplement his paltry monthly income. In fact, his wife shared with me recently that they would be in deep financial trouble without that monthly financial assistance from GuideStone. As of June 30, 2008, we have 206 persons from North Carolina who are receiving financial assistance through Mission:Dignity. **SHARING** in this way fulfills the mandate of scripture to provide for those in need. Please assist us in identifying other persons who might qualify for this assistance.

Finally, we wish to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information and products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.ncbaptist.org">www.ncbaptist.org</a>, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at <a href="https://www.guideStone.org">www.guideStone.org</a>.

Johnny E. Ross GuideStone State Representative



#### BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

(July 2007-July 2008)

Kasey... The life Kasey lived was a sharp contrast from the life she was actually living at school where she was popular and a cheerleader. An abusive stepfather, a distant mother, and the responsibility of caring for her two younger brothers were too much for the young teen. Kasey moved in with her grandmother believing it would help. Instead, as she grew older, she acted out and made dangerous choices that put her at risk.

Kasey's grandmother knew about Baptist Children's Homes and made a call. The teenager now lives at BCH's Oak Ranch near Broadway, becoming the first girl ever admitted into the residential facility that had before only served boys. Today, she is one of seven girls in care.

Kasey likes living at the 755-acre ranch. She loves taking care of the horses. She is taking responsibility for her actions. Kasey is involved in theatre at the Harnett County school she attends. Recently, she played a fish in "Seussical the Musical," and she is a member of the school's photography club. Her favorite subject is English.

Kasey reads her Bible and says she prays a lot. "I am a Christian. I have given my heart to the Lord. I tell Him everything."

Kasey is only one of nearly 1,500 children who find hope and care each year at Baptist Children's Homes. Each one has a story. Each one is given an opportunity in the name of Jesus. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for remembering "the least of these."

President Blackwell Marks 25<sup>th</sup> Year... BCH president Michael C. Blackwell observed his 25<sup>th</sup> year overseeing the statewide child care Institution on July 1. Blackwell has led BCH to become family-focused and child-centered while never losing sight of the ministry's core Christian values. His accomplishments are too numerous to list here, but the reader is referred to the July 2008 Commemorative issue of Charity&Children for a complete summary. Complimentary copies are available by calling 1-800-476-3669, ext. 1211. Under Blackwell's leadership, BCH now operates facilities in 16 North Carolina cities.

New Transitional Service... BCH introduced a new residential service to specifically aid older children as they prepare for life as independent adults. Transitional living provides care, counseling, and life-skills education to older children in a less restricted residential setting. The service was created in response to the growing need in North Carolina to help transition children from residential care to productive and self-sufficient adult lives. In

January, Noel Home in Lenoir became BCH's first transitional living cottage followed by Huffman Cottage at Mills Home in Thomasville.

**Developmental Disabilities Ministry in Sanford...** On May 18, 2008, more than 300 supporters and BCH staff members gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Sanford. The Lanier Home and Mercer Home will provide residence for six special needs adult women and men respectively.

Food Roundup Reaches New High... The annual "Food Roundup" in April exceeded its goal, setting a new mark in the amounts of food, supplies, and gift cards given to BCH. North Carolina Baptists across the state, with the coordination of church leaders and association directors of missions, came together to deliver more than \$300,000 in donated items. Another high was set in the month of May when almost 3,000 volunteers and guests visited BCH facilities for work days and special events.

Mills Home Church Renovation... Renovation of the Mills Home Baptist Church in Thomasville was completed with the help of North Carolina Baptist volunteers and a generous estate gift. Church groups renovated the fellowship hall installing new carpet, recess lighting, and expanding and refurbishing the kitchen. Upstairs rooms were painted and new carpet and lighting were added.

**BCH Reaccredited...** BCH has been reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Family and Children (COA). Accreditation through COA means BCH meets the highest national standards and is delivering the best in quality services. BCH received its first accreditation in 1987. The institution has been accredited ever since.

Five Star Rating... Three BCH centers received five star ratings, the highest possible rating, from the North Carolina Division of Child Development. The on-site daycare at Care House in Lenoir, a group home providing care and education for single teenage mothers and their babies, received its license in May 2007. The Fleshman-Pratt Education Center for infants to three year olds and Robert Idol Child Development Center for three to five year olds received five star ratings last summer. Both centers are a part of BCH's Weekday Education program in Thomasville.

Truett Home... A special open house on February 3, 2008 celebrated the opening of the Truett Baptist Association Children's Home in Hayesville. The home represents one of the most unique relationships in North Carolina Baptist life as BCH provides residential child care services at the facility and Truett Association provides funding and leases the property. Truett Association and BCH have partnered to provide help to children and families living in Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties.

Girls Wilderness Camp... On May 20, 2008, President Blackwell made the long-awaited announcement of the establishment of a wilderness camping program for girls. With a major lead gift from the Haskell and Gay Duncan Foundation, BCH has begun fundraising efforts to build Phase One of the camp, which is located near Aberdeen in Moore County.

# ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



#### THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

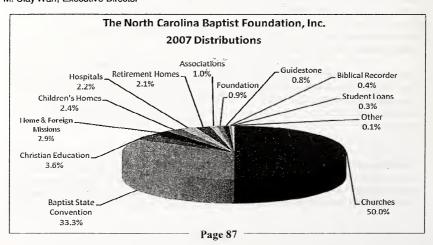
The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

Accomplishing this mission does indeed involve Caring, Sharing, and Daring. The Caring of the Foundation manifested itself in 2007 as individuals were assisted in establishing 35 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$1.8 million and received \$4.8 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Approximately \$445,000 from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received just over \$7 million in contributions during 2007 for Christian causes.

And, how is this for sharing? During 2007, our distributions totaled \$13.9 million, with charity receiving \$11.6 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2.3 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$33.9 million has been distributed to individuals and \$70.8 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$104.7 million.

The Daring is seen in our investing Kingdom money in such a way as to grow the assets while at the same time protecting the principal. To this end, the Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Citi Institutional Consulting, a division of Citigroup Global Markets, to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2007, the Foundation held \$156.9 million under management.

C. V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors M. Clay Warf, Executive Director



# 2008 Report to the Associations North Carolina Baptist Hospital



#### A MISSION OF HEALING, A PARTNERSHIP OF HOPE

When Jesus saw people suffering from illness, he was moved with compassion and extended healing hands of mercy. His care remains the same today, and he calls upon us to be instruments of God's love and hope to those who are hurting. We at Baptist Hospital are grateful to be partners with North Carolina Baptists in serving Christ and fulfilling our mission – "to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God."

#### NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

A National Leader in Medical Care

- We are ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News and World Report (2007).
- The "Best Doctors in America" (2007) includes 181 physicians from the Medical Center.
- Our Heart Center received a three-star rating (the highest) from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, reflecting the high quality of heart care and cardiac surgery.
- Our Comprehensive Cancer Center has been named a "Blue Distinction Center for Complex and Rare Cancers" by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.
- Our patient satisfaction ratings continue to be among the nation's best, in the top 1% compared to hospitals in our peer group.

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment with one of our physicians or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255. Our web site is www. wfubmc.edu.

#### THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE: EXTENDING THE MINISTRY OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

Our partnership with North Carolina Baptists extends the ministry of churches and enlarges our mission of "providing ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ." We are thankful for the support of Cooperative Program giving and the life-changing impact of what we accomplish together in God's Kingdom.

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers extend the ministry of churches through compassionate, faith-integrated counseling to thousands of hurting individuals, marriages and families.

- Over 28,000 hours of counseling will be provided in 2008, with ministers being among the largest referral sources.
- Our statewide network of 21 CareNet centers covers 80 counties in North Carolina.
- New ministries include services to military personnel and families to help them cope with the stress of combat and extended deployments; residencies to train the next generation of pastoral counselors; and education services to strengthen our care for churches.

The Center for Congregational Health enhances the ministry of churches through Christ-centered consultation and leadership development programs for clergy.

 Our consultants serve nearly 25 churches a month with ministries of conflict reconciliation, strategic visioning and planning, and team development.

## 2008 Report to the Associations - North Carolina Baptist Hospital

• Nearly 600 ministers and church leaders will be better equipped for service in 2008 through the Center's educational programs.

Over 2,000 ministers have been trained to serve churches through interim ministry.

• "Our church has come through a painful, divisive conflict to renewed hope and excitement for our future thanks to the Center for Congregational Health." – a Baptist deacon

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education department provides life-changing education for ministers and compassionate spiritual care for our patients, families and staff.

- "The pastoral education at Baptist was the best training I've ever had in my life." a Baptist minister
- "I could never say thank you enough to the chaplains for helping me through my husband's illness and death." – a patient's wife

62,215 ministry contacts were made by Baptist Hospital chaplains in 2007.

In 2008, 45 students will complete accredited units of training in Clinical Pastoral Education.

#### THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH PATIENTS IN NEED

Thanks to the generous compassion of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering received \$727,884 in 2007, a new record! Every dollar helps patients in financial need pay hospital bills for care received at Baptist, in the name of Jesus Christ and his love. These patients have no other means of assistance, having too much to qualify for government assistance but not enough to pay—their hospital bills. They feel the hand of God lifting their burdens through you, and their gratitude is life-changing.

"Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for paying my hospital bill at Baptist Hospital. I had just lost my job after working 30 years and didn't know what I would do. God answered my prayers through you. I know he guided you to help me and I praise him for you."

"My wife and I are thankful beyond words for this gift!" Our world changed after the accident. We were so worried about her hospital bill. The kindness of good Baptist people lifted our burden and helped her healing process. They strengthened our faith in God's care."

#### THE MINISTER'S SUBSIDY

The minister's subsidy covers up to 25% of the hospital bills of ministers (and their dependents) serving N.C. Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. \$85,151 was provided in 2007 to these ministers, made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund and the Mother's Day Offering.

#### CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

At Baptist Hospital, our mission of healing is a sacred privilege and responsibility. We bring the best care possible to those who entrust their lives to us, combining medical excellence and simple compassion for those we serve. We see God's healing power at work every day, and we are thankful. We are grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in the mission that God has given us.

Donny C. Lambeth

Interim President Chief Operating Officer North Carolina Baptist Hospital



# 2008 Annual Report Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina to the Baptist Churches



"Lord... you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places: surely I have a delightful inheritance." Psalm 16:5-6

Thank you, North Carolina Baptists!

Because of your generosity in 2007-2008, Baptist Retirement Homes will be able to provide more than \$2,000,000 in funding for benevolent care.

## Their lot has been made secure.

Forty percent of our residents are financially unable to pay the cost of the care they are receiving. Month after month, year after year, many of our Assisted Living and Nursing Care residents receive financial assistance from you. Furthermore, our promise to each of our residents is that care will last for as long as they live. The financial support of North Carolina Baptists helps Baptist Retirement Homes to keep this promise.

Their boundary lines have fallen in pleasant places.

At the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville ... at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem ... at The Taylor House in Albemarle ... and at the Gardens of Taylor Glen in Concord, beauty, security, comfort, and compassionate care are found in full measure.

## They have a delightful inheritance.

At each of the Homes, the ministry of a Baptist chaplain lifts the hearts of our residents. The enrichment and recreational activities at each Home make for an enjoyable lifestyle. Day after day the high quality of care that is given speaks of a loving Heavenly Father, helping to make life for our Aging Saints... *The Best of Times!* 

#### More Questions?

Call the Baptist Elder Care Network • 1-800-887-7410
A statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons. A free service provided by Baptist Retirement Homes.

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Biblical Recorder Associational Report 2007-08

# Biblical Recorder Helps You Embrace Change

If it is not apparent to you yet, it soon will be: change is not linear, but exponential. Change comes at you not in a straight, predictable line, but in a blistering curve upward and accelerating. Changes you anticipated in five-years jump on you overnight. Knowledge is your only preparation to engage change without getting bowled over and the Biblical Recorder arms you with the knowledge you need to know, now.

That theme, "Know Now" is behind our July update of the www.biblicalrecorder.org website. You will find in the *Recorder* rich resources in news, features, inspiration, Sunday school lessons, interpretive insights about issues, ideas about what others are doing and where to find ideas for your own—all things you need to handle accelerating change in your church and spiritual life.

The *Biblical Recorder* is not the final word in the undulating mix of ideas among North Carolina Baptists. Instead, the *Recorder* is a forum in which to share and learn what others are doing in missions, church, evangelism, physical and spiritual health, personal finances, ministry and theological topics. You will be able to contact the staff writer of any story and make comments on any story simply by clicking on the appropriate boxes at the end of each.

We will have a photo album online and we want to publish photos of your mission trips and special events. Send us 8-12 photos with identification of the event and we'll put them up for the world to see. Your Kingdom efforts, whether next door or in another nation, deserve a wide audience to help readers of the Recorder be inspired, informed and immediate.

Those of you so inclined can start your own blog, hosted at the *Recorder* site, where you will have some built in audience and traffic.

The online *Recorder* is updated daily and usually, several times daily. So come back often and stay in touch with the part of the Kingdom we call North Carolina Baptists.

The archives from 11 years of online news have been transferred to this site and are searchable by key words. So the *Recorder* is by far your best tool to find information about NC Baptist life.

The print version of the *Biblical Recorder* carries the most current and vital versions of the daily updates with colorful photos and staff change information. There will always be something in the print version that is not online and an individual subscription is just \$15 annually. Churches may subscribe in various group plans to save even more money.

The *Recorder* is a great place to advertise your church staff searches, and to peruse while you look for the right person to join your own staff.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, then in 1939 became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the BSC, and serves the full spectrum of its churches.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program Missions Giving contributions from churches, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the actual cost of production. You can receive a free three-month subscription for yourself and your friends. Contact:

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John Pond, Board Chair Norman Jameson, Editor

# ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 15, 2008

Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller, called the one hundred twenty-second annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 15, 2008, at the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

The congregation was led in a hymn by Mr. David Phillips. Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev. Claybern Roten, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church. He read from Luke 10. We rejoice when we see the work of the Lord being done. He thanked the Lord for his blessings.

Next, Moderator Miller turned to organizational matters including rules of order and the seating of the messengers who were asked to stand and be recognized and the adoption of the order of business. The order of business was adopted by acclimation.

Visitors and new pastors were recognized, including: Dennis Love from Friendship Baptist Church, Rex Eldreth from Friendly Grove Baptist Church, Kirby McNeil from Calvary Baptist Church, Tony foxx, a visiting pastor, as well as various speakers for the day. The committee appointments made annually by the Moderator were presented and were approved by acclimation.

Next in the order of business was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. At least 102 persons were present representing the following 36 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Blue Ridge, Bristol, Calvary, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Hispanic Baptist Mission, Landmark, Laurel Knob, Liberty Grove, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Old Fields, Orion, Peak Valley, Phoenix, Pine Swamp, Pleasant Home, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, and Welcome Home.

 $\,\,$  Next Mrs. Pam Dillard presented the history of Mount Olive Baptist Church. Then the congregation was led in song.

Moderator Miller next introduced Rev. John Elledge, pastor of Liberty Grove Baptist Church, who presented the evening message from 1 Samuel 17. He asked what was our cause today? We must be ready to proceed with the Great Commission. David's cause, is Christ's cause, is the church's cause. Following the message, the congregation sang.

Moderator Miller next referred the congregation to pages 11 - 14 of the Book of Reports noting the organizational officers and associational administrative committees. The recommendations were approved.

Mrs. Trish Church, Treasurer, next presented the treasurer's report as included on page 35 in the book of reports. She noted that the churches' giving had increased \$10,000 this year in response to association's financial situation.

Moderator Miller then recognized Mr. Bob Neaves, Chairman of the Budget Committee, who presented the proposed budget for 2008/2009 on page 34. He also recognized the finance committee members and expressed appreciation to them and to the churches for their support of the Association. He advised that they had monitored expenses and income by quarter last year but association is in better financial condition this year. The budget will "hold the line" this year, with no cost of living increase for staff. Voting on the budget was deferred to the Saturday morning session at its noted place on the agenda.

Reports of institutions and agencies were next on the agenda. Mr. Norman Jameson gave the report for the Biblical Recorder. The Recorder's goal is to build the community of NC Baptists and he provided subscription forms for a free 3-month subscription. He also said their web site if updated daily with news and information.

Dr. Gordon Benson of Mars Hill College spoke regarding Christian Higher Education. He thanked everyone for giving through the Cooperative Program. He said that Mars Hill is in its 152nd year with this year having the largest student body in the last 5 years with students from 29 different countries.

Rev. Stillerman gave the report for Baptist Retirement Homes of NC. He said 40% of residents cannot pay all living expenses so the Baptist retirement homes can help them. He thanked everyone for their support.

Rev. Paul Mullen, representing NC Baptist Hospital, next presented information on the services provided by Baptist Hospital through donations provided through cooperative program giving and the Mother's Day offering. He asked that if anyone needs help with Baptist Hospital services, to please call him or our DOM.

Rev. Lewis Smith, Western Area Development Director of Baptist Children's Homes of NC, presented his report which included a slide show of his fundraising trip to bicycle across western North Carolina. He began his trip in Ashe and thanked everyone for their support. He has raised \$50,000 and is almost at his goal. He thanked everyone for their help and partnership with Baptist Children's Homes of NC.

Next, Rev. David Blackburn, DOM, referred everyone to his report on pages 26 - 28 in the book of reports. He presented a powerpoint presentation, as well and thanked everyone for their support of the association.

The next report was given by Rev. Lester Evans, Western Area Missionary with Associational Partnerships, Baptist State Convention of NC. Rev. Evans works with churches and bivocational ministers. He said statistics show that 79% of NC population is not attending any religious services and that church growth has plateaued while the

population is up 10% each year. He said the 2006 annual church profiles showed that 74% of 44,000 churches have 199 or less in Sunday School. The median church has 51 or less in Sunday School. Every believer is a missionary and we must ask ourselves that if our church ceased to exist today, would our community miss it tomorrow? The problem with reaching is in our own hearts.

A congregational hymn was followed by special music from Rev. Alan Ambrose.

Rev. Michael Carter next presented the annual message from Numbers 20: 7 - 12 about listening to our commander. He warned churches that we are in battle in this world and that we must listen to our commander. He challenged churches to read our Bibles as the commander speaks to us through it, to be open to the Holy Spirit as God impresses things upon our heart, and to be willing to be used by God Almighty.

Following the sermon, Brother Rex Eldreth led the blessing and the meeting was adjourned for the evening meal, prepared by the ladies of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Following the delicious meal, the meeting was reconvened by the moderator, Rev. Rick Miller, for the evening session. Rev. Steve Viers, pastor of Wagoner Baptist Church, led the congregation in prayer and presented scripture.

Very special singing was provided by the associational choir, led by David Phillips. The congregation then sang a hymn.

Next, Rev. Darryl Giles, youth pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, presented the missions sermon. He shared scripture from 1 Samuel 17: 21 - 29 stating that God looks for an obedient heart and asked are we going to do things our way or God's way? He said that statistics show we are losing our church-raised young people by their 2nd year in college. We must fight back and obey God. He begged everyone to consider that our problems are a matter of reaping what we've sown. If we are serious about our young people, we must consider some changes: 1)How we view the family- we must equip our families and the churches must come alongside what is happening at home; 2) How we view children - they are a heritage from the Lord and we should want to fill our churches with them; and 3)How we view men - we haven't expected it, but men are called to lead at home and at church.

Following the sermon, Rev. Claybern Roten presented the benediction and the meeting was adjourned to reconvene the following morning at Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION GLENDALE SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Saturday, August 16, 2008

Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller, called the one hundred twenty-second annual session of the Ashe Baptist Association to order on August 16, 2008, at Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Moderator Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and the congregation was led in a congregational hymn by Mr. David Phillips. Following the congregational hymn, a welcome and devotion was led by Rev.Amos Combs, pastor of Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church. He read from 2 Corinthians 5:20 and said that we tend to forget that we are ambassadors for God during the daily battles of life. Ambassadors are not self-appointed but appointed by their leader and they do not represent their own interests and neither should we. We must seek God's kingdom in all things.

Moderator Miller reminded everyone of the Rules of Order on page 15 and announced that there were 205 people in attendance yesterday.

Next was the roll call of the churches by Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young. Approximately 117 persons were present representing the following 35 churches: Bald Mountain, Beaver Creek, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Bristol, Buffalo, Clifton, Fletcher Memorial, Friendly Grove, Friendship, Glendale Springs, Grassy Creek, Healing Springs, Hispanic Baptist Mission, Landmark, Laurel Knob, Liberty Grove, Midway, Mission Home, Mount Olive, New River, North Beaver, Obids, Old Fields, Orion, Peak Valley, Phoenix, Pine Swamp, Pleasant Home, Pleasant Valley, Round Knob, Tuckerdale, Wagoner, Warrensville, and Welcome Home.

Next Mr. Charles Moore presented the history of Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Next, the Mission Reports were given. Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director gave her report. She thanked DOM Blackburn, Mrs. Mattie Latham, the pastors and others who support the ARC. She said the ARC had served 2700 families reaching over 7,000 individuals over the past year, with a staff of 42 volunteers. The ARC is so different from other assistance available because they can talk about Jesus and give out bibles, meeting spiritual needs as well as physical needs. The food supply is low now and need is up as they have had 100 new clients since the first of the year. Recent plant closings have brought in additional clients as well. She encouraged everyone to share with their churches how thankful the ARC is for their support and asked them to pray for the staff, the volunteers, and the clients.

Rev. Danny Pardo presented the Hispanic Ministry report. Rev. Pardo thanked everyone for their support. He said that they have had 220 professions of faith in the Hispanic community and the church is growing.

Mrs. Frances Blevins, WMU Director, gave her report. She announced that there will be a 2-day women's prayer retreat at the campground on September 5 - 6, 2008, "Returning to Holiness". She then spoke about how God deals with us so deeply that He leaves an imprint on our lives. She encouraged everyone to continue to "talk the talk" but more importantly to "walk the walk".

In the absence of Mr. Fred Walters, DOM Blackburn gave the Brotherhood report. He said the Brotherhood is active in the association and lots of mission work going on. He then yielded some time to Dr. Dennis Love, pastor at Friendship Baptist Church, who gave information on Foothills Christian Bible College, located in Wilkes county. Classes are available for pastors and lay people, too. The 2009 vision for the school is to become a full-fledged accredited college.

Church and Community Missions (CCM) Director Mrs. Diane Dixon gave the CCM report. She said there is interest in establishing an associational prayer team and asked that surveys provided be completed. She also shared that R.O.C.K. (Reaching Others Christ Knows) was started 2 years ago and is still working. She provided several statistics in her presentation that indicated membership is not growing although there is improvement in some areas. She used an illustration of a pancake and a waffle. With syrup on a pancake, most of it runs off. That is like our work in the past where we are covering the county and keeping a little on top, but most of it running off. On the other hand, the waffle's divided sections make it more likely that the syrup will stay on the top. R.O.C.K. is a strategy to help address this in our county, by dividing the county in sections and addressing needs of each section. She also presented statistics regarding church attendance and the importance of men's leadership. She said we should humble ourselves and admit fault, pray, seek His face, and prepare for and expect God to do amazing things.

Special music was presented by Audience of One, from Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church. The music was very spiritual and appreciated by all.

Moderator Miller introduced the speaker for the message, Rev. Jeff Nave, pastor of Warrensville Baptist Church. Rev. Nave shared that we have giants in our lives and we must know what to do when we face them. He also read from Mark 10:17 - 21. He said if we take the cross out of the story, we have no story. We must love as Christ loves with no conditions and expecting nothing in return.

Next, Moderator Miller presented the Moderator's report. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and encouraged churches to attend the quarterly executive committe meetings throughout the year.

Next, Linda Blackburn gave the report for Discipleship Training. She shared scripture from 2 Cor. 5:17 and that to be a disciple we must spend time wth Jesus. She announced that the latest women's bible study will be "Walking By Faith," by Jennifer Rothschild and will begin September 4, 2008.

David Phillips gave the report on Church Music. He said he is blessed to serve as the Associational choir director and encourages churches to book them for revivals. They are also to sing at the Creation Event at Ashe County High School in October.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave the Sunday School report. Rev. Goodman announced there will be a Sunday School outreach meeting at Bald Mountain Baptist Church for all pastors and Sunday school workers on October 9, 2008, from 6:30 - 9:00. He challenged all pastors to support and believe in Sunday school. He said we must emphasize teaching the bible in order to take back our county.

Trish Church gave the report of the Historian. She read from ABA minutes of 1953.

DOM Blackburn gave the report of the Baptist Campground in the absence of Rev. Johnny Goodman. He encouraged everyone to visit the campground to see all the recent improvements. He thanked Tim Church who monitors the water system and advised that Johnathon Trivett is the new person responsible for checking the campground after each use. Additional work is needed at the campground and anyone interested can contact him or Diane Dixon.

A congregational hymn was led by David Phillips.

Miss Willa Dean Church gave the report on Evangelism. She said that the they are now involved with R.O.C.K. and she encouraged churches to become involved.

Rev. Darrell Giles gave the Youth Council Report and said he has noticed that men and fathers have been mentioned often in messages during this meeting. He challenged everyone to put more emphasis on what happens in the home. More information an be found in his report on page 42.

Vickie Young gave the Vacation Bible School (VBS) report which can be found on pages 38 - 39. She said that, as always, churches are doing a great job with VBS and a great VBS clinic was held at Friendship Church in April, 2008. She thanked all the VBS Team members, DOM Blackburn, Trish Church, and Friendship Baptist Church for their help and support. She encouraged directors to turn in their reports each year. She also advised the theme for 2009 is "Boomerang Express- It All Comes Back to Jesus." The VBS team is hoping toattend the Lifeway training in January. A delegate addressed the speaker regarding better coordination and scheduling of VBS in our churches in an effort to better share resources. The speaker agreed it might be something that could be looked at, but short of churches voluntarily scheduling their VBS over the summer months, it doesn't appear there is a solution. However, it was noted that churches do a good job of sharing resources.

Mr. Charles Caudill gave a report on the Gideon's International. He thanked the churches for hosting Gideon speakers. He presented testimony about a man who was

changed due to a Gideon bible he had while in prison and said that 70.7 million bibles were placed last year.

DOM Blackburn gave the report on Temperance and Public Morals in the absence of Jerry Powers. He noted that there is now a bar in downtown West Jefferson.

Next, Rev. Roger Newton gave a report on the Ashe Pregnancy Care Center. He said there is still a great need for the center's services. There are reported 25-30 abortions each year in Ashe county and 40 - 50 teen pregnancies. The center saw a dozen new clients last month from ages 14 - 40. He announced that the annual walk for life is planned for October 4, 2008, and he encouraged churches to form teams and walk in this event.

DOM Blackburn made several presentations and recognized the following churches: Orion Baptist Church for the top per capital giving for the 2007 Lottie Moon Christmas offering; Bald Mountain Baptist Church for the top giving in the association for the 2007 Lottie Moon Christmas offering; and Friendship Baptist Church for the top percentage giving in the association for the cooperative program.

The congregation was led in a hymn and an offering was taken for the Tuckerdale Baptist Church building fund.

The business session began with adoption of the associational budget. Coming from committee, no motion or second needed. The motion carried.

Rev. Johnny Huffman with the finance committee made a motion that the association conduct a feasibility study of purchasing a building to house the office and the ARC. Rev. Lawrence Goodman seconded the motion and the motion carried. The committee to conduct study will consist of Rev. Johnny Huffman and the property committe, including Robert Brown, Tim Watson, Rev. Jack Miller and Rex Eldreth.

Other business included the dedication of the minutes. DOM Blackburn made a motion that the minutes be dedicated in memory of Rev. Gordon and Shirley Rawls. Rex Eldreth seconded the motion and the motion carried. Other requests will be considered at the October Executive Committee meeting.

No resolutions were presented by the Resolution Committee.

Moderator Miller gave the report of the Time/Place Preacher Committee, in the absence of Mrs. Lois Bare. The recommendation is that next year's annual meeting will be held Friday at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church and Saturday at Friendship Baptist Church. Motion carried.

Vickie Young announced that the minutes of the July Executive Committee meeting and those of the annual meeting will be presented for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for October, 2008.

It was announced that the offering received for Tuckerdale Baptist Church building fund was \$722.00 and pastor, Rev. Julian Owen, thanked everyone for their support.

Rev. Wayne Jones led the memorial service. A moment of silence was observed and a prayer was offered.

Following the service, Rev. Amos Combs gave the benediction and blessing on the food. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Rev. Lawrence Goodman and a second from Rev. Wayne Jones. The motion carried and a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 4, 2007

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on October 4, 2007, at Bald Mountain Baptist Church. A total of 18 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Rick Miller. Following a congressional hymn led by Bob Neaves, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Scott Day. He read from Psalms 2 and shared that God is in control and His rule is eternal. He is concerned that statistics for Ashe county show that 85% of youth and 50% of total population are unchurched. This is a huge burden for him and other youth workers and he stressed a focus on strategic ministry.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the July, 2007, executive committee meeting and the annual meeting. Minutes were approved by acclimation.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by DOM Blackburn and Bob Neaves in the absence of Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. The financial condition of the association is unchanged although it was noted that 3 churches have increased their giving and it is hoped others will consider this, as well. The budget committee recommended extending the current budget for another quarter and looking at it again at the next Executive Committee meeting in January. They don't want to have to cut back on hours, salary, benefits, etc. There was some clarification of positions that the association actually pays for and some decisions will have to be made in 2008. The cooperative funding agreement for the Hispanic mission ends June, 2008, which funds Rev. Pardo's salary. The CCM position is funded 75% by the Baptist State Convention and the ARC is funded primarily from designated funds. The budget committee motion was approved. The treasurer's report was presented for approval and was approved by acclimation.

Committee reports began with Jim and Sue Taylor representing New Life Mobility, an organization that trains assistance dogs for disabled individuals. Bob Breland, a member of Midway Baptist Church, is awaiting his dog, Phoebe. Bob and Phoebe will be team 45 and awareness and funding is needed to insure that more teams can be established in the future.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. They prepared 620 boxes of food serving 1,184 people with 32 new clients. She thanked all those who volunteer at the ARC as they are touching lives there. She said food supply is good, including the TFAP or government food. A recent inspection went well and they have made presentations to several groups. They plan to participate in the children's Christmas project, helping with children who may "fall through the cracks" of the program. Last year they served 58 children. They also work with the senior citizen

Star program. She and the DOM and CCM will meet re: Second Harvest next week for grant writing assistance, etc. Their funding has been low as the \$3,000 NC Hunger Fund Grant was not received but they plan to reapply in January. The fund for heating assistance currently will provide for approximately 20 families at \$150 per family. The first winter they funded 68; the second, 20. She asked churches to tend to their community and consider donating to this fund. They currently have 40+ volunteers but can always use more, especially on Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons.

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Rev. Danny Pardo gave the Hispanic Mission report. He said things are going well at the Hispanic mission and he thanked Bald Mountain and Fletcher Baptist Churches for their support and facilities. They give out tracts with meeting information. Danny is now employed as an ESL tutor at Mountain View Elementary which is a good point of contact with parents of students he works with. He feels they are in the Lord's will. He said that two pastors who he met in Ecuador stayed with him and preached at the mission while they were visiting in NC. He thanked everyone for their support.

DOM Blackburn gave the Church Community Mission report in the absence of the CCM. The Children's Christmas project has increased to 360 children this year. If anyone is interested in helping, there will be a meeting on Monday, October 8, at noon at the Jefferson Methodist Church.

The DOM next made some announcements. He thanked Steve Leashomb from Midway for helping with the Pop Tart ministry at Wilkes Community College. He also said the senior trip to the Billy Graham Library is planned for Tuesday, October 9, and both buses are full. They have 18 more interested in going, but need 2 drivers to drive the vans. The prayer conference was a great success and he thanked Fletcher Church and Rev. Art Eaton for hosting the meeting. On November 5, there will be a Sunday school meeting for pastors and ministers at Bald Mountain at 7:00 with Phil Stone from BSC. They plan a meeting in the spring for all Sunday school workers. There are 7,000 Baptist church members in the association, but only 1,200 are in Sunday school. He encouraged pastors to attend the pastor's conference at Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro, on November 11 and 12. Also, the Baptist State Convention meeting on November 12, 13, and 14, at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Mrs. Kim Furches next presented a report on a new ministry she is providing at Bald Mountain Baptist Church. She will be providing Christian therapy for families in Ashe county. She shared information about her education and training. She will have an office at Bald Mountain.

Next, Rev. Daryl Giles gave a report on Operation Inasmuch. He asked the question, would you recognize Jesus if He knocked at your door? Operation Inasmuch is an effort to meet people's needs in cooperation with NC Baptist Men, on April 19, 2008. He said the world needs to see the church in unity doing something. The church will get excited about what the pastor is excited about. He showed a video and encouraged the churches to get involved.

Rev. Steve Viers gave a report on "A Home for Rosie." His church has taken on this project to provide a home for a 44-year-old disabled mother of two who was living in poor housing. A bank account has been set up and a 1991 mobile home has been purchased and moved to Ashe county. It needs some remodeling so volunteers and funds will be needed. They have raised \$12,000 so far and haven't needed fundraisers yet.

Rev. Roger Newton gave a report on the Ashe Pregnancy Center. He has been the director for 10 months now and is focusing more on stopping abortions. Saturday they will be having the Walk for Life, Baby Steps for Ashe. They need funds and he encouraged churches to bring teams for the walk. Building improvements are in process and they plan to provide more counseling. The CCM is now on their board of directors.

Moderator Miller called for discussion of old business. There being none, a discussion of new business was called for. The places for the Executive Committee meetings for 2008 were needed. Volunteers were provided for each meeting as follows: January – Midway; April – Healing Springs; July – New River; and October – Friendship. Jerry Powers made a motion to accept these meeting places, and Rev. Danny Pardo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Other business included dedication of the minute books. Suggestions included Ronnie Hopkins for "In Honor Of" and Rev. Todd Edmiston, Mack Gore, Lloyd Witherspoon, and Ray Hamm for "In Memory Of." A motion was made by Danny Hodges to accept these suggested names. Rev. Steve Viers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 10, 2008

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on January 10, 2008, at Midway Baptist Church. A total of 17 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jerry Powers. Following a song led by DOM David Blackburn, the welcome and devotion was given by Rev. Steve Leashomb. He read from Matthew 9:12-13 and Galatians 4:7 and shared that God did not wait until we were clean to love us, He loved us in our sin. His grace is a "come as you are" promise.

Moderator Powers then recognized a new pastor in the association: Lonnie Carpenter at Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the October, 2007, executive committee meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. It was noted that a correction was needed re: the date of the "balance on hand last report". It should read September 31, 2007, not December 31, 2007. It was further noted that the association was able to operate "in the black" this quarter and she especially thanked those churches who had increased their giving and the Lord for providing.

Committee reports began with Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, who presented the ARC report. They prepared 612 boxes of food serving 823 people. The ARC food supply is good now as several schools and groups have held food drives for the ARC through the holidays. The need for food may go up due to the Hunger Coalition of Boone no longer serving Ashe county residents. The DOM has applied for a NC Hunger Fund grant which is money that comes from the World Hunger Fund offering. AEV employees made a donation of \$4,000 to the ARC and an individual made an anonymous donation of \$3,000. The ARC's fuel assistance fund is in place and Pat explained the funding criteria as follows: elderly residents get first consideration, then single parents, then other families. They have funded several so far, not in any great amount, but it can help. She asked that churches look within their communities to meet needs, if possible. ARC food clients are served based on Second Harvest Food Bank guidelines which is 100% of the poverty line. Sometimes someone may be temporarily eligible for assistance due to job or health circumstances, but not everyone can be served. The ARC uses FEMA funds to help pay clients' electric or rent bills when necessary. A van has been donated to the ARC and it has been titled and tagged. It needs two new tires but they plan

to drive it for awhile to check its condition. If it does not meet the needs of the ARC, they may sell both vehicles and buy a new one. Family Central staff have advised that rent for the ARC will go from \$758/month to \$901/month beginning in July. This includes all utilities, but amounts to \$10,000/year and Pat is concerned that these are funds that could be used in providing services in Ashe county. She asked that everyone help seek the Lord's will in any decision about a change in location. The ARC is in need of some volunteers to staff the ARC in the afternoon and volunteers to help sort clothes. Or if there is someone not physically able to lift or sort but who could answer the telephone, allowing Pat to do more of that type of work, it would be appreciated. She thanked everyone for the support of the ARC and for all the volunteers and donations.

Rev. Danny Pardo gave the Hispanic committee report. He said that Cristo El Salvador had a good year in 2007 and they expect an even better one in 2008. He feels they are in the will of the Lord. His wife, Diana, is now a permanent resident with a social security card and a driver's permit and is expecting a baby girl next month. The church is doing well, making and training disciples. He thanked the association for the support of the Hispanic Mission.

Diane Dixon, Church Community Missionary for the association, gave her report. She thanked the churches for supporting her this year and for their support of the Ashe County Children's Christmas Project. Approximately 464 children were served and she said they could not have done it without the support of the churches in the association. Upcoming events include a R-O-C-K (Reaching-Others-Christ-Knows) meeting that is planned for Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss future plans in this program. Diane also shared that she is starting a Bible study for young singles and college age students called Search and Rescue Mission. Classes are planned for Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. starting Feb. 10th. She said that one ministry opportunity available is sponsorship of this class by purchasing the student books or supplying refreshments for them. A floating baby shower is planned for Rev. Danny and Diana Pardo on Sunday, January 27, 2008, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Ashe Baptist Association office. She also asked that everyone pray about a new home for the ARC.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman gave a Sunday School update report. He shared that approximately 18 churches were represented at the Sunday School planning meeting that was held where they decided to provide training on how to teach Sunday School. The training will be held April 4 - 5, 2008, which will consist of a model of a Sunday School class on Friday evening and then age break-out sessions on Saturday morning. The goal is life-changing Bible study. He shared that we don't understand how important Bible study is to our faith and that he would rather someone come for Sunday School than worship service if a choice has to be made.

The DOM next gave his report. He praised the Lord for all He's done. He

asked that we remember Orion, Clifton and Friendship churches as they seek a pastor. He thanked the churches for their support of the Children's Christmas project. He is inviting ministers who have never been to the minister orientation training at the Baptist State Convention to go March 26 - 27, and asked those interested in attending to call him. He thanked everyone for support of the camparound and asked that everyone remember the chairman. Rev. Johnny Goodman, in prayer while he recovers from a broken leg. The DOM said that the insurance for the campground was \$2,300 per year due to the liability involved. but they may try to look at other coverage or a donation for this expense. He thanked the Ashe County vocational students for work they are doing at the campground. He asked that everyone remember the ARC for donations to the Souper Bowl Sunday, scheduled for February 3. He thanked the associational staff for their work and announced that the minute books and calendars for the churches are ready for pickup. The DOM is working with the Homeless Coalition which is submitting their non-profit paperwork soon. He shared that Ashe county usually has approximately 20 homeless people any one time. He asked that everyone remember the VBS team as they go to Ridgecrest for training this weekend, January 11 - 12, 2008.

Rev. Roger Newton with the Ashe Pregnancy Center, spoke re: that ministry under other committee reports. Statistics show that 28 Ashe county women had abortions done in 2004. He shared that Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 20, 2008, and said speakers are available to present at churches. He invited everyone to visit the center to see the changes that have been made. The center is also selling calendars as a fundraiser and that he had some available if anyone was interested.

Moderator Powers called for discussion of old business. The minutes for October 4, 2007, were approved with a motion by Rev. Lawrence Goodman and a second from Rev. Gordon Rawls. Motion carried. Approval of the Treasurer's report with correction was made by a motion from Rev. Steve Leashomb and a second from Rev. Chris Cox. The motion carried.

Moderator Powers called for discussion of new business. An increase in the insurance for the DOM and the Treasurer/Secretary position needed authorization. There will be an increase in the cost of both policies. The premium for Trish will increase by \$40 and for David will increase \$150. A motion was made by Danny Hodges and seconded by Rev. Gordon Rawls to authorize this increase. The motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rev. Gordon Rawls with a second from Lonnie Carpenter to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie S. Young, Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 3, 2008

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on April 3, 2008, at Healing Springs Baptist Church. A total of 22 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller. Following a congregational hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Director of Missions (DOM) Rev. David Blackburn in the absence of host pastor Rev. Jack Pugh who had surgery this week and was unable to attend. The DOM introduced new pastors to the association, including Rev. Dwayne Tester from Clifton Baptist; Rev. Kirby McNeil from Calvary Baptist; and Rev. Michael Carter from Orion Baptist. DOM Blackburn read Matthew 27:1-8 and spoke of the tragedy of "what might have been." An example was Judas who was trusted so much that he was treasurer. The message is we have a work to do and don't want anyone to say "what might have been." We are all called to serve.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the January, 2008, executive committee meeting. The minutes were accepted for approval by acclimation.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. It was noted that the association was able to operate "in the black" \$7,523.55 this quarter. The treasurer's report was accepted for approval by acclimation.

Committee reports began with James Gardner with Canopy Creation Ministries and Answers in Genesis who presented the report on Creation Teaching. A "Creation Event" in conjunction with the Answers in Genesis organization is planned for October 4 - 6, 2008, at Ashe County High School. Mr. Gardner stated that the devil is doing today what he did 6,000 years ago causing people to question, doubt, and disbelieve God's word. This weekend "Back to Genesis" event is planned to educate Christians in the biblical message of creation, as well as to persuade those who are on the fringe. A "Creation Breakfast" is planned for April 26, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. at Midway Baptist Church and everyone is invited. This breakfast is an attempt to involve as many churches, leaders, and ministries as possible. Mr. Gardner asked for prayer for this event.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. They prepared 615 boxes of food serving 1,705 people, including 54 new clients which is a record. Pat says this is due to the economy and to the Hunger Coalition no longer providing assistance. The ARC food supply is good now as churches provided 2,600 cans of soup during Souper Bowl of Caring and they received a \$2,500 NC Hunger Fund grant. The ARC's fuel assistance fund provided \$5,561 of assistance to 42 families in 2007/2008 heating season. She announced that the rent on the ARC space at Family Central will go up from \$758/month to \$901/month beginning in July, a \$143/month increase. The ARC Board has met and are waiting on direction from God. They hope to

find a building that someone could provide rent-free so that rent money could be used in direct services to clients. She asked for prayer over this situation. They still need volunteers on most afternoons from 3 - 5, including volunteers to sort clothes on Wednesdays and Fridays.

In the absence of Rev. Lawrence Goodman, DOM Blackburn gave a Sunday School update report. The Sunday School training clinic will be held April 4 - 5, 2008, which will consist of a model of a Sunday School class on Friday evening at 6:30 and then age break-out sessions on Saturday morning at 9:00. The goal is life-changing Bible study. He encouraged everyone to attend this worthwhile training. DOM Blackburn also announced that the Associational VBS clinic will be held April 8, 2008, at Friendship Baptist Church.

Rev. Danny Pardo gave the Hispanic committee report. He said that Cristo El Salvador is having a good year so far in 2008. He added that he and Diana have a new baby girl, too. The church is doing well with average attendance and he thinks they will grow in the coming months. He plans to take part in the county's Week of the Young Child event and their mission is planning a children's festival in the yard at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church on April 26. He thanked the association for the support of the Hispanic Mission.

Diane Dixon, Church Community Missionary for the association, gave her report. She provided a handout that included her report and presented an abbreviated powerpoint presentation on R.O.C.K. She also announced the National Day of Prayer celebration set for May 1, 2008, at the Ashe County Courthouse and another Senior trip scheduled for May 22, 2008, to Mt. Airy, NC.

Rev. Scott Day gave a report on the Operation Inasmuch youth event scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2008, at 5:30 at Bald Mountain Baptist Church. Adrian Despres with Kingdom Building Ministries will speak on Friday night and then the youth will go into the community to help with numerous projects on Saturday. He encouraged all churches to get their youth involved.

In the absence of Rev. Darryl Giles, DOM Blackburn gave the youth committee report. He said the committee has met and plans are underway and churches will be notified of upcoming events. The DOM also asked that everyone remember the churches without pastors: Friendship and Friendly Grove.

Key leader nominations for 2008/2009 were presented by Fred Walters. The nominations are as follows: Associational Clerk, Mrs. Vickie Young; Youth Director, Rev. Darryl Giles; Brotherhood Director, Mr. Fred Walters; Discipleship Training Director, Mrs. Linda Blackburn; Evangelism Chairperson, Ms. Willa Dean Church; Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller; Music Director, Mr. David Phillips; WMU Director, Mrs. Frances Blevins; Sunday School Director, Rev. Lawrence Goodman; and Deacon Ministry Director, Mr. Danny Hodges, Sr.

Moderator Miller called for discussion of old business. There being none, Moderator Miller called for discussion of new business. A motion was presented by the Hispanic Committee to authorize a housing allowance for Rev. Pardo in the amount of \$10,000 for IRS purposes. Motion carried. The nominating committee had presented the key leaders for approval and the motion carried. The DOM expressed appreciation to Rev. Jeff Nave, Rev. John Elledge, and Rev. Steve Viers for attending the new minister orientation meeting recently and thanked Warrensville Baptist Church for providing their van for the trip. Billy Carter expressed appreciation to everyone for their support of Tuckerdale Baptist since the loss of their church to fire.

There being no further business, Moderator Miller closed the meeting with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 10, 2008

The executive committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its regular quarterly meeting on July 10, 2008, at New River Baptist Church. A total of 19 churches were represented.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Rick Miller. Following a congregational hymn, the welcome and devotion was given by Brother Walter Pugh in the absence of host pastor Rev. Wayne Jones who had surgery this week and was unable to attend. Brother Pugh read several scriptures including Proverbs 28:26 and Isaiah 50:10 and encouraged Christians not to worry about today's economic problems as God will provide. DOM David Blackburn led in prayer.

Moderator Miller recognized Rev. Ken Tan, Multicultural Leader with the Baptist State Convention and Rev. Dennis Love, the new pastor at Friendship Baptist Church.

Vickie Young, Associational Clerk, read the roll call of churches and presented for approval the minutes from the April 3, 2008, executive committee meeting. The minutes were accepted for approval by acclimation.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trish Church, Associational Secretary and Treasurer. Trish thanked everyone for their prayers and concern during the recent loss of her mother-in-law and shared that God had restored her faith while going through that trial. It was noted that the associational giving was down \$5,000 and total income was down \$19,000 this quarter. The treasurer's report was accepted for approval by acclimation.

Committee reports began with a report on multicultural ministries at the Baptist State Convention by Rev. Ken Tan, Multicultural Leader. Rev. Tan shared that 1 in 3 people are multi-ethnic. The Hispanic population in NC has risen from 56,000 in the 1980's to 506,000 in 2000. There are more than 3,000 mosques in NC. Of the 42,000 Southern Baptist Churches, only 11% are evangelistic. We need a theology of change and of urgency. He emphasized 3 points to do this: we need to be a people of prayer, a people of missions, and a people of the book. The Bible gives us the reason in the great commission. He said "all" means "all", not just people like us.

Rev. Danny Pardo gave the Hispanic committee report. Rev. Pardo said that God is at work. He said that he recently baptized 6 members in the New River. He also reported a couple who had lived together for 8 years recently married. He shared that Cristo El Salvador has relocated to Fletcher Baptist Church in Jefferson in hopes of reaching more of the Hispanic population. He thanked Bald Mountain for their great support through the years. Additional funding has been requested for Rev. Pardo's salary. He said it is a blessing to see the progess of the Hispanic ministry.

Diane Dixon, Church Community Missionary for the association, gave her report. She provided a handout that included her report and then introduced Rev. Tom Vestal who presented information on the R.O.C.K. work being done in his part of the county. Rev. Vestal encouraged others by sharing the following 3 points: the devil wants you to quit; don't mistake difficulty for the need for further preparation; and be faithful where you are.

Mrs. Pat Miller, Ashe Really Cares (ARC) Director, presented the ARC report. They prepared 685 boxes of food serving 1,820 people. They have served 98 new clients through June, largely due to job layoffs and higher gas prices. Their food supply is low now due to decreased donations at Second Harvest and local grocery stores, but God is in control. The ARC rent did go up in July to \$901/month. The ARC Board has found nothing available so have decided to remain at Family Central for now. They have sold the ARC van and a smaller van was donated. Volunteers are covering all days except Friday afternoons. Pat thanked the pastors who serve at the ARC and encouraged any pastors interested to contact the DOM or herself. She asked for a special prayer request for Mary Jones, an ARC volunteer who has leukemia and for the ARC clients.

DOM Blackburn gave his report. He thanked the churches for their support. He and the staff are busy preparing for the upcoming annual meeting and the theme will be taken from 1 Samuel 17:29.

Rev. Johnny Goodman gave a report on the campground. He said their are several projects ongoing and offered keys to the campground to any pastors who do not have them. He thanked the churches for work at the campground. Several ministry teams from outside the association have worked at the campground this summer. Friendly Grove is using their VBS offering to place a cross memorial in memory of Rev. Gordon and Mrs. Shirley Rawls. He stated 4 things that are needed: someone to move a stump; more washed stone for walkways; funds to place a gazebo in the prayer garden; and someone to build the amphitheater. Rev. Goodman thanked Diane Dixon, CCM, for her work at the campground and in coordinating projects and workers.

Rev. Scott Day gave a report on the Creation weekend planned for October 5 - 6, 2008, at Ashe County High School. He stressed that this is not only a youth event. The committee has great financial need and donations can be mailed to the associational office, with High Country Creation Weekend in the memo line. The next meeting is July 14 at Midway Baptist Church with a time for prayer.

Rev. Lawrence Goodman, gave a Sunday School update report. The Sunday School training clinic was very good and another training is planned for outreach in Sunday school. This meeting is set for October 9, 2008, from 6:30 - 9:00 at Bald Mountain Baptist Church.

Moderator Miller called for discussion of old business. There being none, Moderator Miller called for discussion of new business. DOM Blackburn encouraged churches to pray about hosting the 2009 annual meeting. Billy Carter made a motion to

collect a love offering at the end of each executive committee meeting for the ARC. The motion was seconded by Bob Neaves. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Moderator Miller closed the meeting with prayer around the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie S. Young Associational Clerk

### The Gideons International

### **Jefferson Camp**

The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States of America. A board of distinguished Christian Laymen, international in makeup, supervises the worldwide Gideon ministry, ensuring an efficient, economical operation.

Our focus from the beginning hasn't changed. Our sole purpose is winning men, women, boys and girls to Jesus Christ. Our goal is to plant the seed (God's Word) by placing and distributing Bibles and New Testaments in the human traffic lanes and streams of national life. Gideons as laymen, stand shoulder to shoulder as "missionaries" of local churches and their pastors in going to the four corners of the world to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ. Those churches that partner with Gideons International have a part in every salvation that is brought about by a Bible or Testament placed by Gideons. To God be the Glory.

Gideons International has more than 283,000 members in 187 countries of the world. They are united in carrying out the same program using the same methods to accomplish the one objective of winning others to Christ. We do this by publishing scriptures in 84 different languages.

The Ashe County Camp of Gideons International is made up of 66 Gideons and 52 Auxiliary members. This past year, the local camp was able to present the Gideon report in 86 churches. We placed scriptures in the form of Testaments or Bibles in local hotels, the hospital, the elementary school 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Wilkes Community College, doctor offices, nursing homes, the Christmas in July Festival, and through personal witnessing. We are so thankful for those churches of Ashe County who year after year support the Gideon ministry. Our very existence depends on you. Untold thousands have a copy of God's Word because of you. The evidence of the effectiveness of this ministry is demonstrated time and time again as we receive testimonies from around the globe of souls being saved and lives changed.

Again we thank you for your support by supplying us with Gideon members, funds and prayers so that we can continue spreading the seed (God's Word). We are pleased to be able again this year to share our report at the Ashe Baptist Associational Meeting.

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### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three Persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
- 2. We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
- 4. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus to be practiced only by believers in their spiritual order.
- 6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.
- 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Glory.
- 8. We believe in a separate resurrection and judgment, both for the righteous, and unrighteous dead.
- 9. We believe that the existence of the righteous and the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

### **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain worship, ordinances, discipleship and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor; and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation; and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word

Addendum I - ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963)

Baptists are a people who profess a living faith. This faith is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday and today and forever." Therefore the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is Jesus Christ whose will is revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

A living faith must experience a growing understanding of truth and must be continually interpreted and related to the needs of each new generation. Through out their history Baptist bodies, both large and small, have issued statements of faith, which comprise a consensus of their beliefs. Such statements have never been regarded as complete, infallible statements of faith, nor as official creeds carrying mandatory authority. Thus this generation of Southern Baptists is in historic succession of intent and purpose as it endeavors to state for its time and theological climate those articles of the Christian faith, which are most surely held among us.

Baptists emphasize the soul's competency before God, freedom in religion, and the priesthood of the believer. However, this emphasis should not be interpreted to mean that there is an absence of certain doctrines that Baptists believe, cherish, and with which they have been and are now closely identified.

It is the purpose of this statement of faith and message to set forth certain teachings, which we believe.

### THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to many. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. In has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Ex. 24:4; Deut. 4:1-2; 17:19; Josh. 8:34; Psalm 19:7-10; 119: 11, 89; 105; 140. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

Isa. 34:16; 40:8; Jer. 15:16; 36; Matt. 5:17-18; 22-29; Luke 21:33, 44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16 ff; 17:11; Rom. 15:4; 16: 25-26; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2; 4:12; I Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

### GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us a Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

### **GOD THE FATHER**

God as Father reigns with providential care over his universe, His creatures and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purpose of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise, God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Gen. 1:1, 2:7; Ex. 3:14, 6:2-3, 15:11ff, 20:1ff; Lev. 22:2; Deut. 6:4, 32:6; I Chron. 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isa. 43:3, 15, 64:8; Jer. 10:10, 17:3; Matt. 6:9 ff, 7:11, 23:9, 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24, 5:26, 14:6-13, 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Rom. 8:14-15; I Cor. 8:6; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 4:6; Col. 1:15; I Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:6, 12:9; I Peter 1:17; I John 5:7.

### **GOD THE SON**

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ he was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely yet without sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where he is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man and whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Gen. 18:1 ff; Psalm 2:7ff, 110:1ff; Isa. 7:14; 53; Matt. 1:18-23; 3:17, 8:29, 11:27, 14:33, 16:16, 27, 17:5, 27, 28: 1-6,19; Mark 1:1, 3:11; Luke 1:35, 4:41, 22:70, 24:46; John 1:1-18, 29, 10:30, 38, 11:25-27, 12:44-50, 14:7-11, 16:15-16, 28, 17:1-5, 21-22, 20:1-20, 28; Acts 1:9, 2:22-24, 7:55-56, 9:4-5, 20; Rom. 1:3-4, 3:23-26, 5:6-21, 8:1-3, 34, 10:4; I Cor. 1:30, 2:2, 8:6, 15:1-8, 24-28, 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:20, 3:11, 4:7-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-22, 2:9; I Thes. 4:14-18; I Tim. 2:5-6, 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 1:1-3, 4:14-15, 7:14-28, 9:12-15, 24-24, 12:2, 13:8; I Peter 2:21-25, 3: 22; I John 1:7-9, 3:2, 4:14-15, 5:9; II John 7-9; Rev. 1:13-16, 5:9-14, 12:10-11, 13:8, 19: 16.

### **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believers unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believers into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Gen. 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalm 51:11; 139:7ff; Isa. 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matt. 1:18, 3:16, 4:1, 12:28-32, 28:19; Mark 1:10, 12, Luke 1:35, 4:1, 18-19, 11:13, 12:12, 24-49; John 4:24, 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-14; Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 38, 4:31, 5:3, 6:3, 7:55, 8:17, 39, 10:44, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6, 19:1-6; Rom. 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; I Cor. 2:10-14, 3:16, 12:3-11; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18; I Thes. 5:19; I Tim. 3:16, 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:14, 3:16; Heb. 9:8, 14; 2 Peter 1:21; I John 4:13, 5:6-7; Rev. 1: 10, 22:17.

### MEN

Man was created by the special act of God, in his own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Gen. 1:26-30, 2:5,7, 18-22, 3:6-9; Psalm 1; 8:3-6, 32:1-5, 51:5; Isa. 6:5; Jer. 17:5; Matt. 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Rom. 1:19, 32, 3:10-18, 23, 5:6, 12, 19, 6:6, 7:14-18; I Cor.

1:21-31, 15:19, 21-22; Eph. 2:1-22, 3:9-11.

### SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration,

sanctification, and glorification.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by thee Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer into a relationship for peace and favor with God.

B. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

C. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Gen. 3:15; Ex. 3:14-17, 6:2-8; Matt. 1:21, 4:17, 16:21-26, 27:22 to 28:6; Luke 1:68-69, 2: 28-32; John 1:11-14, 29, 3:3-21, 36, 5:24, 10:9, 28-29, 15:1-16, 17:17; Acts 2:21, 4:12, 15:11, 16:30-31, 17:30-31, 20:32; Rom. 1:16-19, 2:4, 3:23-25, 4:3ff, 5:8-10, 6:1-23, 8:1-18, 29-39, 10:9-10, 13, 13:11-14; I Cor. 1:18, 30, 6:19-20, 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Gal. 2:20, 3:13, 5:22-25, 6:15; Eph. 1:7, 2:8-22, 4:11-16; Phil. 2:12-13; Col. 1:9-22, 3:1ff; I Thes. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 2:1-3, 5:8-9, 9:24-28, 11:1-12:8, 14; James 2:14-16; I Peter 1:2-23; I John 1:6 to 2:11; Rev. 3:21, 21:1 to 22:5.

### GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-8; I Sam. 8:4-7, 19-22; Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 31:31ff; Matt. 16:18-19, 21:28-45, 24:22, 31, 25:34; Luke 1:68-79, 2:29-32, 19:41-44, 24:44-48; John 1:12-14, 3:16, 5:24, 6:44-45, 65, 10:27-29, 15:16, 17:6, 12, 17-18; Acts 20:32; Rom. 5:9-10, 8:28-39, 10: 12-15, 11:5-7, 26-36; I Cor. 1:1-2, 15:24-28; Eph. 1:4-23, 2:1-10, 3:1-11; Col. 1:12-14; 2 Thes. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:12, 2:10, 19; Heb. 11:39-12:2; I Peter 1:2-5, 13, 2:4-10; I John 1:7-9, 2:19, 3:2

### THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, and privileges invested in them by His word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation members are equally responsible. Its Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all ages.

Matt. 16:15-19, 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42, 47, 5:11-14, 6:3-6, 13:1-3, 14:23,27, 15:1-30, 16:5, 20:28; Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2, 3:16, 5:4-5,7:17, 9:13-14; 12; Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:8-11, 21, 5:22-32; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:1-15, 4:14; I Peter 5:1-4; Rev. 2-3, 21:2-3.

### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience, obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. Symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified and risen Savior the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and in the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privilege of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER (continued)

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matt. 3:13-17, 26:26-30, 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11, 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22, 22:19-20, John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42, 8: 35-39, 16:30-33, 20:7; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 10:16, 21, 11:23-

29; Col. 2:12

### THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employment, work of necessity and mercy only being excepted.

Ex. 20:8-11; Matt. 12:1-12, 28:1 ff, Mark 2:27-28, 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3, 33-36; John

4:21-24, 20:1, 19-28; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Col. 2:16, 3:16; Rev. 1:10.

### THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike, commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Gen. 1:1; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Matt. 3:2, 4:8-10, 23, 12:25-28, 13:1-52, 25:31-46, 26:29; Mark 1:14-15, 9:1; Luke 4: 43, 8:1, 9:2, 12:31-32, 17:20-21, 23:42; John 3:3, 18-36; Acts 1:6-7, 17:22-31; Rom. 5:17, 8:19; I Cor. 15:24-28; Col. 1:13; Heb. 11:10,16,

12:28; I Peter 2:4-10, 4:13; Rev. 1:6,9, 5:10, 11:15, 21-22

### LAST THINGS

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isa. 2:4, 11:9; Matt. 16:27, 18: 8-9, 19: 28, 24:27, 30, 36, 44, 25:31-46, 26:64; Mark 8:38, 9:43-48; Lk. 12:40, 48, 16:19-26, 17:22-37, 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11, 17:31; Rom: 14:10; I Cor. 4:5, 15:24-28, 35-58; 2 Cor. 5:10: Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 1:5; 3:4; I Thes. 4:14-18, 5:1ff, 2 Thes. 1:7ff; 2; I, Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff, I John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Rev. 1:18, 3:11, 20:1 to 22:13.

### **EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary efforts on the part of all rest upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and are expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Isa. 6:1-8; Matt. 9:37-38, 10:5-15, 13:18-30, 37-43, 16:19. 22:9-10, 24:14, 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18, 24:46-53; John 14:11-12, 15:7-8, 16, 17:15, 20:21: Acts 1:8: 2: 8:26-40. 10:42-48. 13:2-3: Rom. 10:13-15: Eph.3:1-11: I Thes. 1:8: 2

Tim. 4:5: Heb. 2:1-3. 11:39 to 12:2: I Peter 2:4-10; Rev. 22:17

### **EDUCATION**

The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher on a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the preeminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deut. 4:1, 5, 9, 14, 6:1-10, 31:12-13; Neh. 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalm 19:7 ff, 119:11; Prov. 3:13 ff, 4:1-10, 8:1-7, 11, 15:14; Ecc. 7:19; Matt. 5:2, 7:24 ff, 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; I Cor. 1:18-31; Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 4:8; Col. 2:3, 8-9; I Tim. 1:3-7; 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17; Heb. 5:12 to 6:3; James 1:5, 3:17

### STEWARDSHIP

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30-32; Deut. 8:18; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 6:1-4, 19-21, 23:23, 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42, 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47, 5:1-11, 17:24-25; Rom. 6:6-22, 12:1-2; I Cor. 4:1-2, 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9, 12:15; Phil. 4:10-19; I Peter 1:18-19

### COOPERATION

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Ex. 17:12, 18:17 ff; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4, 2:68-69, 5:14-15; Neh. 4; 8: 1-5; Matt. 10: 5-15, 20:1-16, 22:1-10, 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1 ff; Acts 1:13-14, 2:1 ff, 4: 31-37, 13:2-3, 15: 1-35; I Cor. 1:10-17, 3:5-15; 12; 2 Cor. 8-9; Gal. 1:6-10; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 1:15-18

### THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The Christian should oppose in the Spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice. He should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless and the sick. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under he sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Ex. 20:3-17; Lev. 6:2-5; Deut. 10:12, 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zech. 8:16; Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48, 22:36-40, 25:35; Mark 1:29-34, 2:3 ff, 10:21; Luke 4:18-21, 10:27-37, 20-25; John 15:12, 17:15; Rom. 12-14; I Cor. 5:9-10, 6:1-7, 7:20-24, 10:23 to 11:1; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:12-17; I Thes. 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27, 2:8

### PEACE AND WAR

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war. The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love.

Isa. 2:4; Matt. 5:9, 38-48, 6:33, 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Rom. 12:18-19, 13: 1-7,

14:19; Heb. 12:14; James 4:1-2

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and prop-agate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Gen. 1:27, 2:7; Matt. 6:6-7, 24, 16:26, 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Rom. 6:1-2, 13:1-7; Gal. 5:1, 13; Phil. 3:20; I Tim. 2:1-2; James 4:12; I Peter 2:12-17, 3:11-17, 4:12-

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### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving, propagating, and making articulate the principles of our faith and to the end that this body of cooperating churches may be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the accepted tenets of associations of Missionary Baptist Churches, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual church, and in order to set forth the relationship of this body to other Baptist bodies, we do adopt and establish this Constitution.

### Article I - Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall consist of all Missionary Baptist Churches in Ashe County, and communities closely adjacent thereto, of like faith and practice, who wish to affiliate with this Association and are loyal to the faith and practice of the Missionary Baptist Denomination.

Section 3. The membership of this body shall be the pastor and three (3) messengers from each church. A letter certifying their appointment and giving the statistics of the membership and work of the church shall be sent to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

Section 4.Any church reported to be irregular in faith or practice may be investigated by order of the Association and such action taken, as may be decided by the Association.

Section 5. The Association shall be sole judge of its membership and may receive churches according to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Any church in the Association, which fails to cooperate with the Association for two consecutive years, shall be contacted by the Executive Committee to ascertain the wishes and desires of the church relative to its continuance in the Association. A Cooperating church should be defined as one which sends a report (church letter) to the annual session, is represented (by messengers) at the annual session, represented (by Executive Committee members) at the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings, contributes to the financial program of the Association, and is in general sympathy with the purposes of the Association. The Association recognizes that any affiliated church has the right to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

### Article II - Purpose

Section 1.The purpose of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches of the Association in devising and promoting measures and programs for the spread of the gospel in our bounds and in all the world, in compliance with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Article III - Annual Church Letters (Annual Church Profile)

Section 1. The churches shall report annually statistical and general information upon a printed form furnished by the Associational office. The printed form shall be furnished to the church at least six weeks before the convening of an annual session of the Association and returned to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

### Article IV - Officers and their Duties

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Missionary, and the heads of such organizations as are set up and approved by the Association. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person, at the discretion of the body.

Section 2.It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association (Vice-Moderator in his absence or disability) to preside over the annual sessions and all special sessions, including the meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve the order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall name the committees and representatives of Institutions and agencies described in Sections 5, 6, and 8 of Article V of the Constitution at the opening of the annual session. He shall be elected for a one-year term, and he cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term.

Section 3.The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Executive committee meetings, annual meetings, and make such available to the body and the Associational Missionary for printing and distribution.

Section 4.The treasurer shall have charge of all Associational funds as the Association may direct and make a report of receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting.

- Section 5. (1) The Associational Missionary shall be elected upon a recommendation of the Committee on Missions, and by a vote of the Association at a regular scheduled meeting. The relationship between the Association and its Associational Missionary may be terminated following a reasonable notice of not less than 30 days.
- (2) The Associational Missionary shall promote the work and witness of the Association and denomination, cooperating with the churches, their pastors and officers and Associational committees and organizations.
  - A. He shall be responsible for planning, promoting and executing the ministry of the Association in cooperation with the Committee on Missions.
  - B. He shall make an annual report to the Association at the August meeting

### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

- C. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Association, serving in an advisory and/or resource capacity.
- D. He shall seek to visit each church in the Association in order to:
- (1) Enrich Christian fellowship among churches.
- (2) Encourage and strengthen the ministry of the churches.
- (3) Enhance the cooperative relationship between the churches and the Association
- E. He shall, when necessary, conduct surveys or inquiries, in order to determine specific needs for ministry with the area of the Association.
- F. He shall, upon request, provide a list of qualified persons who may be considered by churches seeking pastors.
- G. He shall have full administrative responsibility for all personnel employed by the Association.
- H. Strengthen Program Organizations
- (1) Promote evangelism and church growth through total church organizations. Provide needed helps to enable churches to become better equipped in areas of church ministry.
- I. Promote Missions
- (1) Encourage and lead in mission commitment of member churches utilizing Bold Mission Thrust Plans, by creating awareness to mission opportunities, new work, and by assisting in the development of church mission development programs, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, chaplaincy ministries, interfaith witness and special mission ministries.
- (2) Give high priority to reaching the many unreached Hispanics through existing churches and in new work.
- J. Develop Leadership
- (1) Encourage and provide support for development and improvement in areas of church, ministry, dealing with crisis times, leadership, and supervision skills, etc. Approaches will include family ministry, seminary extensions, workshops and conferences for church secretaries, church clerks (Uniform Church Letter), non-salaried and salaried leaders, music workshops, pastors' retreats, and ethnic leadership development.
- K. Nurture Fellowship
- (1) Nurture fellowship among member churches.
- (2) The Associational Missionary is entitled to two weeks vacation annually. Upon completion of five years service, the Associational Missionary shall be entitled to three weeks annual vacation, and after ten years, four weeks annual vacation. Vacation is to be taken within the calendar year, and it is not accumulative.
- (3) Should there occur at any time a grievance on the part of the Association of the Associational Missionary, either party may consult with the Moderator and Chairman of the Missions Committee.

### Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

Section 6. The officers of the other organizations within the Association shall be nominated by their respective organizations and their names furnished, and presented to the Association for action at each annual session.

Section 7. The officers designated in Section 1, the Associational Missionary excepted, shall be elected at the morning session of the first day of the annual meeting and shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting, at which they are elected, and serve until the close of the next session.

### Article V - Committees and Their Duties

Section 1.The committees of the Association shall be: Executive Committee, Committee on New Churches, Program Committee,

Committee on Place and Preacher, Resolutions Committee, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, and such other committees as the Association may designate and name at any annual session. All committee members will serve for a period of three (3) years. Initially each committee will, with the consent of each member, designate which committee member will serve the three- (3) year, two (2) year, and one (1) year term. After the completion of a term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to the committee until after the lapse of one year.

Section 2. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of one lay member of all churches, the pastors of such churches, and the officers of the Association, as listed under Section 1 of Article IV. Twelve members of this committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice of such meeting has been mailed, or otherwise given to all members of the committee at least three days prior to the proposed meeting. Members of this committee shall be elected by the churches annually.

Section 3. The Committee on Organized Churches shall consist of the Moderator, ex officio, three pastors, and three lay-persons. This committee shall be responsible for receiving letters of application for membership into the Association by organized Missionary Baptist Churches. This committee's responsibility shall be to communicate to applying churches the requirements of a cooperating church, as herein defined in Article I, section 5, paragraph 2 of the Ashe Baptist Association Constitution. Applying churches, upon recommendation of this committee, shall, with approval of the messengers at the annual session, serve one year under watch care of the Association. This committee shall work with this church during this period and then make final recommendations at the next annual meeting.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members who shall prepare an order of business for the annual meeting, including the designating of persons to make reports as to the various objects supported by the Churches of the Association. The Associational office shall prepare copies of the same for distribution to those attending the annual sessions of the Association.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 5. The Committee on Place and Preacher shall consist of three members, who may be appointed by the Moderator, with consent of the Association. At each annual session, this Committee shall recommend to the Association a place, or places, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Association, and shall designate a minister to deliver the Associational sermon and an alternate.

Section 6.The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator. This Committee shall prepare and submit to the Association such resolutions, as it may consider pertinent and proper for the good of the body.

Section 7. The Nominating Committee shall name a Nominating Committee of five (5) members who shall bring to the second Executive Committee of the calendar year. (which is normally in April), for election of the following nominations: Clerk, Youth Director, Brotherhood Director, Discipleship Training Director, Evangelism Chairperson. Moderator, Music Director, Seminary Extension Director, Sunday School Director, and others who are invited to receive training at the Key Leadership Conference by the Baptist State Convention, (which is normally in May).

This Committee shall also present at the annual meeting for election all of the other committee members which are covered herein. Organizational heads will be named by their respective organizations and presented to the Nominating Committee at least two weeks before their nominations are presented to the Executive Committee at their

second meeting, (which is normally in April).

If the organizations do not present their respective organizational heads two weeks prior to the April Executive Committee, then the Nominating Committee will select those needed and present their names to the second Executive Committee meeting (normally in April). The chairman of the Nominating Committee will contact these organizational heads before making these selections to be sure they have not already selected someone.

All other nominations shall be presented and elected on the first day of the annual meeting of the Association. All nominations at the Executive Committee meeting and the annual meeting are subject to additional nominations from the floor, and the expressed will of the Association.

Section 8. The Moderator is authorized and directed to appoint suitable persons at each session to prepare and present to the next session reports on the various subjects and causes customary to be presented and to notify such persons in due time before the meeting of the Association. (Refer to Article IV, Section 2.)

Section 9. The Board of Directors of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp shall consist of nine members who shall initially be chosen three (3) for one year, three (3) for two

vears, and three (3) for three years.

Of the said members, three shall be active pastors in the Association. After the completion of one term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to this board until after the lapse of one year. No more than one member of this board shall be chosen from any one church of the Association. The treasurer of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp, (who shall serve in addition to the nine member Board of Directors), shall be elected by the Board of Directors on an indefinite basis. He/she shall have voting privileges, as do other members.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to cooperate with the officials, pastors, and Executive Committee of the Association in promoting and advancing the development and operation of the camp; to supervise and direct the work of the camp; and to make a report to the Association at each annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in this organization shall be filled in accordance with the provision of Section 7 thereof.

Section 10. The Mission Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) of which shall be heads of the following organizations: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, WMU and Church Music. The names of these five (5) shall be submitted to the Associational Nominating Committee by their respective organizations and voted on by the full body on the first day of the annual meeting. The other two (2) members shall be active pastors in the Association and they shall be named by the Associational Nominating Committee. They too shall be elected along with the organizational heads. Should any of the before mentioned organizations fail to submit the name of a person nominated by themselves to serve as head of that organization, then the Associational Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating that person.

These seven (7) people shall constitute the Associational Missionary Search Committee, when such a need arises. This Committee shall work with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of the Association and lead and assist in determining need for beginning new missions stations and organizing new churches. The Moderator and Associational Missionary shall be ex officio members of this committee.

Section 11. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom must be ordained ministers, meeting the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:1-7, and who are members of cooperating churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. The Chairman, at his discretion, may invite the pastor of a candidate to sit with the committee. Churches of the Association desiring to ordain a preacher to the Gospel ministry, and desiring to use the services of the Ordination Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association, shall use the following procedure.

- 1. The Church in conference shall vote to ask the
  - Ordination Committee to examine the candidate and so notify the chairman.
- 2. The candidate shall meet the following conditions before ordination:
  - (a) Hold membership in a cooperating Missionary Baptist church.
  - (b) Shall have held a license to preach, issued by a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church for not less than six months.
- 3. The chairman shall set a suitable time and place, notifying the members, for the examination.
- The candidate shall be examined as to his conversion, call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs, and attitude toward our denomination and its programs.
- 5. The Committee Chairman shall notify the church of its recommendations and they may proceed with the ordination.

Section 12. The Evangelism Committee, composed of 5 members, shall promote the work of Evangelism in the churches and the Association in cooperation with the State Department of Evangelism. All plans and programs are to be subject to the approval of the Association, or its Executive Committee.

### Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 13. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members, of which the first named shall serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive, examine and make recommendations to the Association on all proposed amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws.

Section 14. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Properties Committee, which shall consist of three members, and shall have the responsibility of recommending the purchase of necessary property, and the construction of necessary buildings. This Committee shall recommend any repairs and improvements needed on Associational property beyond normal repair. All recommendations are subject to approval by the Executive Committee between sessions or the full-body session.

Section 15. The Committee on Finance, composed of five (5) members and the treasurer, shall study the Association's financial needs for an adequate program, prepare and present a budget to the Association for the following year, devise and develop plans for securing the cooperation of churches in providing funds to meet the budget. The treasurer will submit a complete financial report at the annual meeting in August.

Section 16. The Committee on Youth shall be composed of at least nine (9) members, three (3) of whom shall be ministers. The Chairman, also called "Youth Director," shall be selected from within their own ranks. The Committee shall be concerned with ways of relating youth to the churches of the Association and shall lead the Churches and Association to plan programs and activities that will meet their needs.

Section 17. The Seminary Extension Committee, composed of five (5) members, shall work with the chairman of the Committee to plan, promote and implement the offering of such courses of study as will meet the needs of pastors and lay-persons in the areas of Biblical studies, historical theology, Baptist life, church administration, Christian education, and pastoral training.

Section 18. There shall be five (5) trustees of the Association. They shall handle all legal matters of the Association under the direction of the said Association. Trustees shall be elected for an indefinite term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Association.

Section 19. The Associational Historian, in his/her sole discretion, shall collect facts of interest to the Association and the cooperating churches, and shall make a report to each annual session of the Association. In addition, he/she shall contact hosting churches of the annual meeting and request a brief history of each church for publication in the Book of Reports and the Associational Annual.

### Article VI Meetings and Reports

- Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual meeting convening in the month of August of each year, at such time and place as may be designated or authorized by the previous session.
- Section 2. Each organization within the Association shall make a written report to the Association at each annual meeting.
- Section 3. A special session of the Association may be called by the Moderator with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Associational Executive Committee shall meet quarterly.

### Article VII Order of Religious Exercises

- Section 1. At the annual meeting the Associational Sermon shall be delivered as herein before provided.
- Section 2. In addition to the Associational Sermon, the Program Committee shall designate a minister to deliver at least one other sermon each day the Association is in session and all business shall be suspended while such sermons are being delivered. No sermon shall be scheduled so as to conflict or interfere with the business sessions of the Association or the presentation of reports to the Association.

### Article VIII

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and voting on the second day, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day, or that notice of such amendment shall have been given during the previous annual session.

### CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION 2007-2008

- 1. Congregation Summary
- 2. Sunday School Enrollment
- 3. Discipleship Training
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- 6. Baptism Information
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	Total		11	12-17	18+	Officers.	Total					Enroll
Apple Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bald Mountain	230	0	30	09	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	230
Beaver Creek	14	0	4	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Big Flatts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Laurel	20	က	е	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Blue Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Calvary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clifton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cristo El Salvador	12	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Faith Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farmers Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fletcher Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friendly Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friendship	110	9	15	15	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	110
Glendale Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grassy Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Healing Springs	25	0	2	3	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
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Little Helton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	64	18	3	3	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
Mission Home	20	0	4	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Mount Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Beaver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Obids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Fields	43	2	10	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Orion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peak Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilot Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Swamp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Home	20	4	-	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
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Big Laurel	5,785	6,636		12,421	75,000	
Blue Ridge	22,181			22,181		
Bristol	97,758	47,258	1,876	146,892	571,700	
Buffalo	40,000	8,000		48,000		
Calvary					245,000	
Clifton	45,798	2,945		48,743	447,000	
Cristo El Salvador	13,344			13,344		
Faith Fellowship					430,000	
Farmers Memorial						
Fletcher Memorial	278,640	115,727	620	394,987	1,203,400	
Friendly Grove	66,395	1,385	2,435	70,215	1,100,000	
Friendship	293,314	124,251		417,565	700,700	
Glendale Springs	116,831			116,831	345,000	
Grassy Creek	62,089	2,177	1,712	68,978	395,000	
Healing Springs	51,333	7,409	635	59,377	302,000	
Landmark	47,995	20,491	1,024	69,510		
Saurel Knob	77,141	10,916	6,706	94,763	603,000	
Biberty Grove	240,000			240,000	250,000	
Little Helton	7,913	9,400		17,313	130,000	
Midway	135,376	49,613	3,673	188,662	650,000	
Mission Home	36,657	6,824	4,750	48,231	121,600	
Mount Olive					246,000	115,273
New River	134,233	3,203	1,160	138,596	350,000	
North Beaver	61,638	200		62,138	325,000	
Oak Hill	31,533			31,533	200,000	
Obids	46,361	3,013		49,374	145,000	
Old Fields	47,808	6,408	919	55,135	370,000	
Orion	56,292	5,418		61,710	1,200,000	
Peak Valley	4,263			4,263		
Phoenix	61,962	2,141		64,103	750,000	
Pilot Mountain	16,061	606		16,970	271,400	
Pine Swamp	42,920	9,549		52,469	280,000	
Pleasant Home	19,929	539	1,917	22,385	300,000	
Pleasant Valley	9,930	3,300		13,230	58,000	
Round Knob	40,921			40,921	140,000	
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Tuckerdale	48,933	4,735	153	53,821	175,000	
Wagoner	21,802	1,171		22,973	225,000	
Warrensville	162,195	35,326	236	197,757	581,441	
Welcome Home	52,516	8,306	3,932	64,754	200,000	
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Blue Ridge	-	<del>-</del>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	9	0	-	4	0	0	0	-
Buffalo	-	0	0	<b>-</b>	0	0	0	0
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Old Fields	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Pilot Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Swamp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Beaver Creek	46	7	10	6	20	0
Big Flatts	0.	0	0	0	0	0
Big Laurel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blue Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	37	0	0	2	33	2
Buffalo	28	0	0	4	20	4
Calvary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clifton	88	80	11	o	09	0
Cristo El Salvador	2	0	0	2	က	0
aith Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0	0
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letcher Memorial	84	10	15	5	45	6
riendly Grove	14	0	0	0	æ	9
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Grassy Creek	24	-	5	က	15	0
lealing Springs	22	0	4	0	18	0
andmark	45	2	2	9	25	10
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iberty Grove	30	2	2	2	24	0
ittle Helton	0	0	0	0	0	0
lidway	28	0	0	0	28	0
fission Home	21	0	0	0	20	1
Mount Olive	1	0	0	0	11	0
lew River	40	က	9	5	22	4
North Beaver	∞	0	0	0	∞	0
Oak Hill	14	0	2	0	12	0
Obids	25	0	2	-	22	0
Old Fields	18	0	0	0	18	0
Orion	28	0	5	က	20	0
Peak Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix	27	0	4	0	23	0
Pilot Mountain	15	0	0	15	0	0
Pine Swamp	20	0	0	-	19	0
Pleasant Home	10	2	_	-	9	0
Pleasant Valley	10	0	0	0 +	10	0
Round Knob	6	0	0	0	6	0
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