

# “That they may be ONE”

## CATAWBA VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

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I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. John 17:23

## AN ENCOURAGING WORD

Associational Churches,

Are you the type of person that likes to set goals for the New Year? According to Statista Poll, the most popular New Year's priorities for 2024 are for a healthier lifestyle and improved finances. While these are both significant goals, as Christ followers our priorities for the New Year are on reaching our neighbors for Christ! A great start is to sign up for our **ServeNC** Training on January the 8th at Springs Road Baptist Church @ 2:00pm led by Paul Langston with the BSCNC. This training is part of a state wide emphasis that will take place in August but can be applied any day of the year. For more information, see the poster in this publication. Paul will also share about missional opportunities throughout the world through Baptists on Mission. I look forward to seeing you on January 8 as we learn more ways to fulfill the mandate of Jesus to love our neighbors.

Below you will find 10 simple ways you can begin to serve your community that can build bridges to sharing the gospel. Your church knows your community best. What unique challenges is your neighborhood facing? Where can your church step in and serve? Here are some ideas to get you started as you plan to **ServeNC**:

1. Offer free snow shoveling, grass cutting, or landscaping services.
2. Collect school supplies for children in need.
3. Volunteer at your local pregnancy center.
4. Build wheelchair ramps for those with disabilities.
5. Deliver lunches to the homeless.
6. Deliver homemade baked goods to public service workers.
7. Host a free yard sale in your or your church's neighborhood.
8. Check and install fire alarms in homes.
9. Host a community health fair.
10. Serve at a local food bank.



Click <https://subspla.sh/84sng3f> to sign up for this training and thank you for your continued prayers and support for your association in 2024.

Your Associational Mission Strategist,  
Chuck



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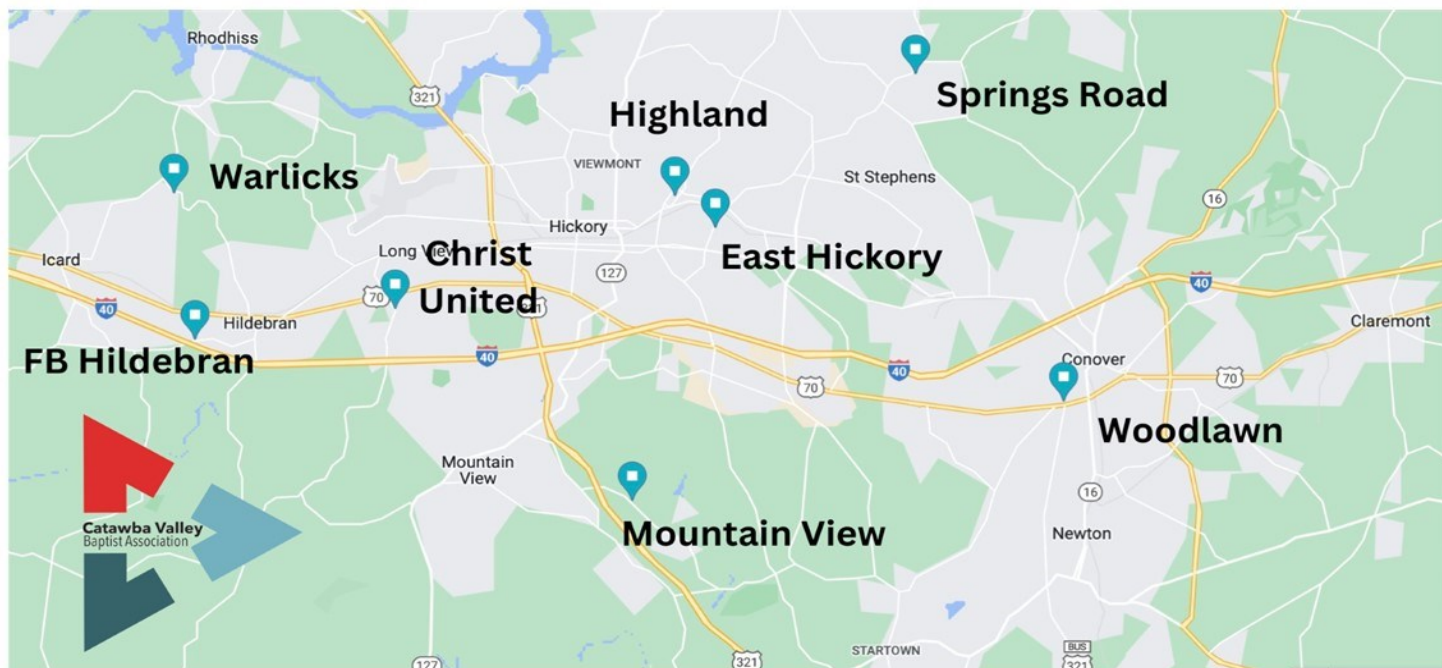
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## CVBA Pastor Prayer Cohorts

A time of prayer and fellowship every Wednesday @8:30am

**PASTORS AND ASSOCIATE PASTORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AS MANY PRAYER MEETINGS AS YOU CAN, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN YOUR VICINITY.**

Jan 3 Christ United

Feb 7 Warlicks

Mar 6 East Hickory

Jan 10 East Hickory

Feb 14 Mountain View

Mar 13 FB Hildebran

Jan 17 FB Hildebran

Feb 21 Woodlawn

Mar 20 Highland

Jan 24 Highland

Feb 28 Christ United

Mar 27 Springs Road

Jan 31 Springs Road

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**Springs Road**—3580 Springs Road NE, Hickory

**Warlicks**—2684 Warlicks Church Road, Connelly Springs

**Mountain View**—4266 River Road, Hickory

**Woodlawn**—430 7th Street Place SW, Conover  
(white house located next to Family Life Center)

**Christ United**—1131 33rd Street SW, Hickory

**East Hickory**—130 16th Street SE, Hickory

**First Baptist Hildebran**—8831 Old NC Hwy 10,  
Hildebran

**Highland**—828 9th Avenue NE, Hickory



# Welcome to the Leadership Team



PASTOR SCOTT FRADY  
West Hickory Baptist Church



PASTOR JOHN MORRISON  
Christ the King

**Scott Frady** – Scott grew up in Charlotte, NC. He was saved at age 15 and went to Columbia Bible College and Seminary where he earned a B.A. in Bible and a Masters degree in New Testament studies. He completed a Doctor of Educational Ministry through the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2021. Scott taught in an international school in China from 1994-1997. He taught Bible to public school students for six years in Spartanburg, SC while also serving as a part-time Youth Pastor. In 2005, Scott moved to Hickory to serve as pastor at West Hickory Baptist Church. Scott has been married to his wife Cindy since 1992. They have four children: Jeremy, Joy, Sara, and Timothy. Cindy is a gifted teacher of children, a discipler of women, and a great blessing to the entire church.

**John Morrison** – John serves as one of the pastors of Christ the King Church, a new church plant in Hickory. He is married to Dori, and they have two elementary school age kids, Jack and Caroline. John and Dori are native North Carolinians. Dori grew up in Hickory and John in Elkin. They graduated together from the University of North Carolina. Before coming to Hickory, John served as the Pastor of Theological Training at Lakewood Baptist Church in Gainesville, GA where he focused on discipleship, equipping people for ministry, and overseeing Lakewood's COR3:6 Church Planting Network. He earned both his MDiv and PhD from Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY.

Thank you for serving on the Associational Leadership Team for 2024-2026. We are grateful for your dedication not only to the association but also to your churches. We thank the Lord for you.



Please submit your church happenings for the  
**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

by January 22 to

[lcampbell@catawabavalleybaptistassociation.com](mailto:lcampbell@catawabavalleybaptistassociation.com)

or

share them on our website under  
"Connect" then "Let Us Know"



SCAN TO  
"LET US  
KNOW"





Pastors' and Church Leaders' Conference

# SERVE NC Training

AND MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Paul Langston, Speaker  
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina  
and Baptists on Mission



Monday, January 8, 2024 2pm-3pm  
Springs Road Baptist Church  
3580 Springs Road NE, Hickory

<https://subspla.sh/84sng3f/>

ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist Church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. Come learn more about this and additional mission projects available through Baptists on Mission.

# SPRING '24 BIENNIAL MEETING

## Reaching **Together**

Thursday, April 25 6pm

First Baptist Hildebran

<https://subspla.sh/qm5dw96/>

**Register  
Early**

Guest Speaker, Brian Upshaw  
Baptist State Convention of NC  
Associate EDT & Director, Ministry Strategies Group



### *Our Most Heartfelt Condolences To*

Sylvia in the passing of her husband, Pastor Miguel Abdala  
-Iglesia Bautista Highland Mission-

&

Jean in the passing of her husband, Pastor Dennis Richards, Sr.  
-First Baptist Claremont-

*Please continue to pray for Silvia, Jean and their families*  
as they mourn their beloved husband/father  
and for the churches they have faithfully ministered to.

## PRAYING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

Pastors, Leaders, and Church Members,

Our vision is to see **every** home in the Catawba Valley Associational area being prayed for. Will you be this Light for your neighbors?

Simply go to [blesseveryhome.com](https://blesseveryhome.com) or download the app on your phone or iPad and they will provide you with a free subscription. It's just that easy and it's free! It is recommended that individuals who sign up to become Lights connect to their respective churches and your association. In doing so, the progress of these Lights will be included in the numbers on our association's dashboard. Existing Lights, too, can join our association directly with the following link <https://app.blesseveryhome.com/> or the QR code.



After signing up, simply go to settings and add your church and the association. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Welcome New Leaders

**Ed Braswell**  
Associate/Youth  
Pastor  
**First Baptist  
Hildebran**

&

**Stephanie McDaniel**  
Part-Time  
Youth Director  
**Providence  
Baptist Church**

&

**Hudson Myers**  
Pastor of Worship  
and Families  
**West Hickory  
Baptist Church**

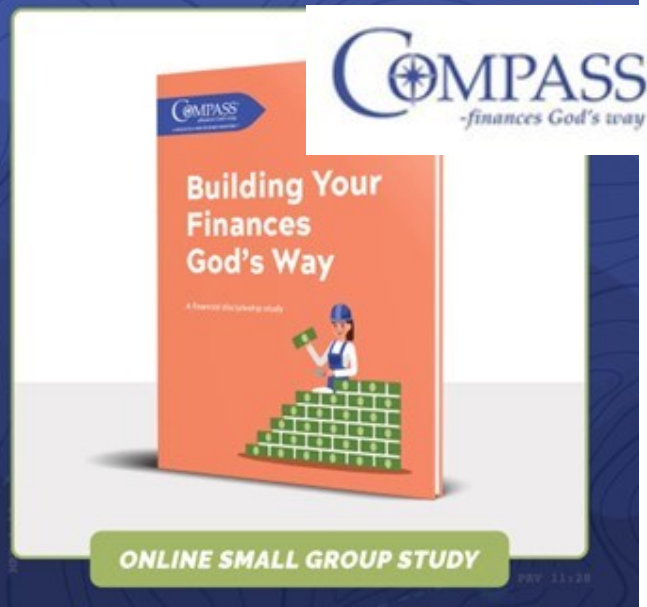
Rom 12:4-5 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Compass – finances God's way is a global non-profit ministry with the vision to see everyone, everywhere faithfully living by God's financial principles in every area of their lives.

Jeff Steelman, Executive Director for Compass in North Carolina, will be starting an in-person class at First Baptist Church of Newton beginning in February, and could do the same for your group as well. If your group isn't all in one area, Jeff can arrange to do a zoom study!

Contact Jeff today at 828-320-9260 or [jeff.steelman@compass1.org](mailto:jeff.steelman@compass1.org)

[compass1.org](http://compass1.org)

The poster for the REBOUND OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH MENS CONFERENCE features a basketball in the word "REBOUND". Below the title, it says "MISSED OPPORTUNITIES & SECOND CHANCES". The dates "JANUARY 19-20, 2024" are prominently displayed. The poster includes photos of Matt DiBenedetto, Johnny Hunt, and Eli Reefit & Jake Whisnant. A QR code is located at the bottom right. The text "TICKETS & INFO @ WWW.OXFORDBAPTIST.COM/REBOUND" is at the bottom.

**REBOUND**  
MISSED OPPORTUNITIES & SECOND CHANCES  
**OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH  
MENS CONFERENCE**  
**JANUARY 19-20, 2024**  
**JOHNNY HUNT**  
**MATT DIBENEDETTO**  
TICKETS & INFO @ [WWW.OXFORDBAPTIST.COM/REBOUND](http://WWW.OXFORDBAPTIST.COM/REBOUND)



## RA RACETRACK

Providence Baptist Church would like to donate a "regulation" track to one of our associational churches.

The track is in great condition, however, the electrical timing component will need to be replaced. If you're interested, please email Mark Punch at [mpunch13@yahoo.com](mailto:mpunch13@yahoo.com).





# GOD HAS REBUILT HIS CHURCH

A Dedication of their new Sanctuary will be held at

## Providence Baptist Church

7618 Providence Church Road, Hickory

Sunday, January 28 at 10:30am

PREACHING • MUSIC • PRAYER • MEAL

"This is a work that has been 5 years in the process. Not only has God rebuilt our church physically, He has been doing a work spiritually as well. All I can do is say to God be the glory!"

-Quote from Pastor Chris Dale



DENNIS SWANBERG

SANDY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH,  
HICKORY, NC

\$10.00

General  
Admission

Tickets Go on Sale:  
Monday, January 24th  
Church Office or  
Online - [srbconline.net](http://srbconline.net)

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 22  
2024

7:30PM

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

*The Swan*



**TIM HAWKINS**

**LIVE IN CONCERT 2024**

**MARCH 24**  
GONOVER, NC  
TRI-CITY  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY K-LOVE

## MINISTRY OPENINGS

**Central Baptist** - in search of a Minister to Families and Young Couples. This is a part-time position. Email resume' to [rdoc102880@aol.com](mailto:rdoc102880@aol.com) or mail to Central Baptist Church, 201 US Hwy 70 E, Hildebran, NC 28637 Attn: Family Ministry Search Committee.

**First Baptist Hickory** - in search of a Minister to Children and their Families. For more information visit [hickoryfbc.org](http://hickoryfbc.org).

**Woodlawn Baptist** - in search of a full-time Lead Custodian. For more information contact the church office 828-464-6921 or email Lisa at [lherner@woodlawnbaptist.org](mailto:lherner@woodlawnbaptist.org).

## CHURCH NEWS

**FREE** **SPANISH CLASSES**

Christ United Baptist Church  
1131 33rd St SW, Hickory, NC 28602

**Thursday**  
**7:00pm to 8:30pm**

Come and learn with us!  *Classes start October 19*

**More Information: (828) 838-1300**

**ESL COURSES** 

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

Wednesdays 6:30pm  
**Central Baptist Church**  
201 Highway 70 E, Hildebran

For more information, contact the church office at 327-9683

## LOCAL MINISTRY NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SANCTITY OF LIFE 5K**



**"We run in the cold so they can grow old"**

### Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley & Foster Hope Catawba Valley

**RACE STARTS**  
January 20 8am  
Hickory Christian Academy

Registration \$30 by Jan 19 at  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Hickory/SanctityofLife5K>

Registration at Day of Race \$35

Free Long Sleeve Shirts  
to first 150 registrants

Questions? Call David Palmberg at  
828-244-8367 or email  
[dpalmberg@charter.net](mailto:dpalmberg@charter.net)





## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Help ease the cost of your education by applying for one of the five scholarships offered by Provision Financial Resources. Learn more about the requirements by visiting our website.

APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 1, 2024



### BULLARD FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

- Be committed to preparing for full-time Christian ministry.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist church.

### LUTHER H. BUTLER SCHOLARSHIP

- Be a full-time student at one of six NC Baptist Universities.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist church.

### MARTHA WATSON SCHOLARSHIP

- Be a full-time student at any institution of higher education.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist church.

### MILDRED FRANCES THOMAS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Be a music major with an interest in piano and/or organ.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist church.

### NELL J. CLARY SCHOLARSHIP

- Be a full-time student at any institution of higher education.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist Church



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