

"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 FROM YOUR AMS

The Greatest Gift

What was the greatest Christmas gift you've ever been given? What made it so special? Jesus shares in John's gospel the greatest gift ever given to humanity.

"For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish,
but have eternal life." John 3:16 NASB

10 FACTS ABOUT THE GREATEST GIFT

1. For God– the greatest giver
2. So loved– the greatest reason
3. The world– the greatest number
4. That He gave– the greatest gift
5. His only Son– the greatest cost
6. That whoever– the greatest invitation
7. Believes in Him– the greatest condition
8. Should not perish– the greatest guarantee
9. But have everlasting– the greatest time
10. Life– the greatest possession



Sketch by Chuck Campbell, December 1984

*May God give us favor this Christmas season
to share the greatest gift ever given to humanity.*

In closing, I want to express my sincerest thanks for your continued support and collaboration in our association. It is a pleasure to serve as your missionary in this region. May God continue to bless you and your family and I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the Lord.

In Christ,
Chuck



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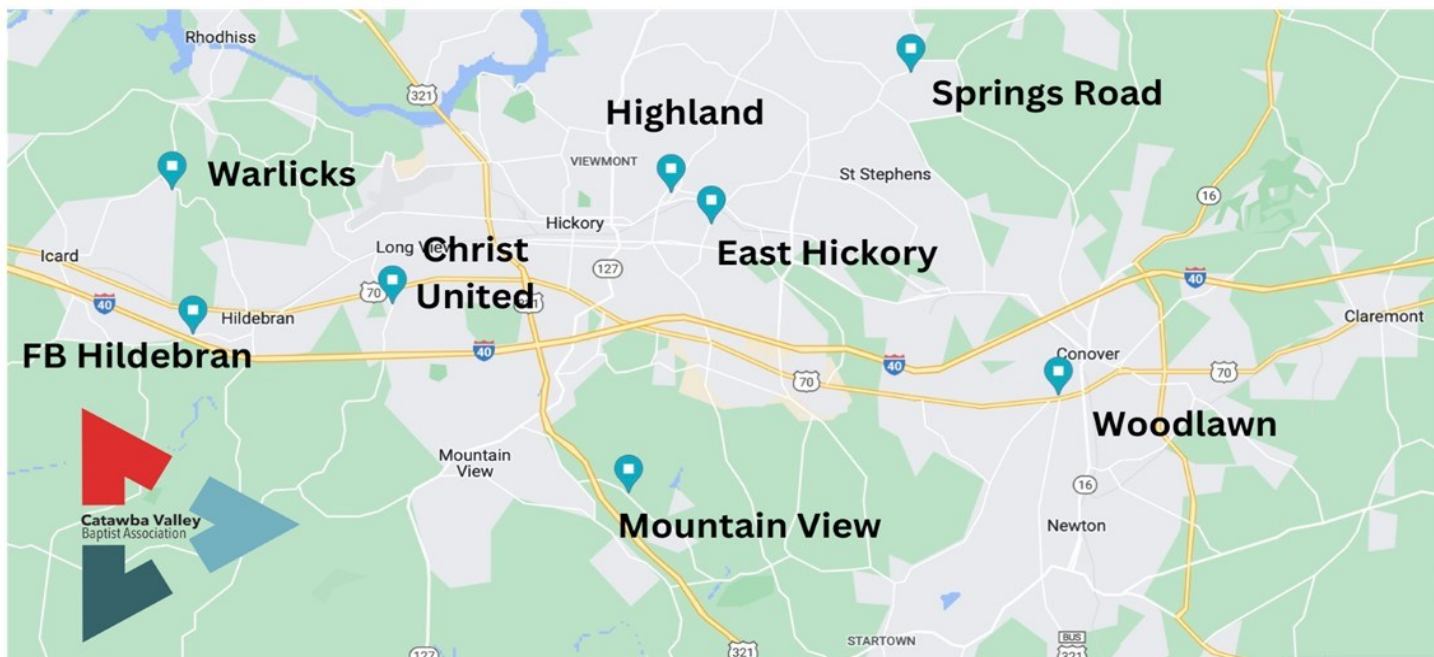
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CVBA Pastor Prayer Cohorts

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		

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



Thank you for Serving



PASTOR MARK SCHMITZ
East Hickory Baptist Church



PASTOR DAVID STIKELEATHER
Christ United Baptist Church

Thank you for serving on the Associational Leadership Team while also faithfully serving your churches. Your support and Godly character have blessed our association these past three years. We thank the Lord for you.



Please submit your church happenings for the

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

by Dec 20 to

lcampbell@catawaba-valleybaptistassociation.com

or

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



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Pastors' and Church Leaders' Conference

SERVENC Training **AND MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**



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



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

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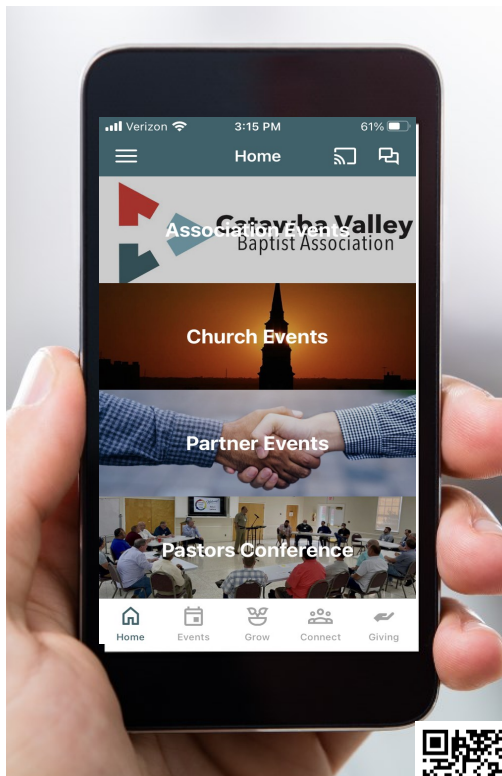
ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist Church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. Come learn more about this and additional mission projects available through Baptists on Mission. See the flyer in this publication to learn more about ServeNC.

CATAWBA VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Catawba Valley Baptist Foundation was started in 1971 to provide financial assistance for the education of qualified students entering full-time Christian service. If you are a member of a CVBA Church and would like to have an application for a scholarship or renew for another semester, and learn about the requirements of the scholarships, visit our website at

<https://www.catawbavalleybaptistassociation.com/scholarship>

December 15 is the deadline for this upcoming semester!



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For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NASB

It has been our joy to serve alongside you this year sharing about the birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Merry Christmas from your Associational Mission Strategist and Leadership Team.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

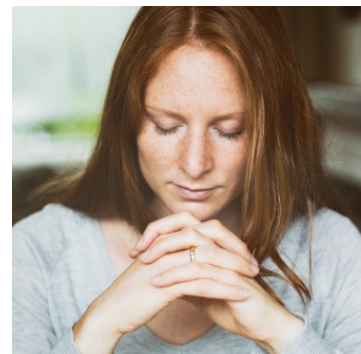
PRAYING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

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?

There are over 65,000 homes in our region and we have only adopted a little over 7,500. We need your help. Simply go to blesseveryhome.com or download the app on your phone or iPad and they will provide you with a free subscription. This movement can help you more effectively reach your neighbors for Christ by receiving their names and addresses along with prayer prompts. 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/light/?cust=7866> 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.

May the Lord bless you as you shine your light,
Chuck Campbell, Associational Mission Strategist



CHURCH NEWS

REBOUND
MISSSED OPPORTUNITIES & SECOND CHANCES
**OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
MENS CONFERENCE**
JANUARY 19-20, 2024
MATT DIBENEDETTO
JOHNNY HUNT
ELI REEFITT & JAKE WHISNANT
WITH CORNERSTONES COLLECTIVE
TICKETS & INFO @ 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.



CHURCH NEWS

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 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.

Woodlawn Baptist - in search of a full-time Lead Custodian. For more information contact the church office 828-464-6921 or email Lisa at lhefner@woodlawnbaptist.org.



LAKEVIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Way to the Manger

Friday, December 1 6:00-8:00 PM	Saturday, December 2 5:00-8:00 PM	Sunday, December 3 5:00-8:00 PM
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KENNY & CLAIRE
Christmas Tour 2023

Wednesday, December 13
6:30 PM
Sandy Ridge Baptist Church
3702 16th St NE
Hickory, NC
kennyandclaire.com/concerts



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

CHURCH NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS



TIM HAWKINS
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MARCH 24
CONOVER, NC
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FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY KLOVE

little light **Christian Books and Gifts**
3 N Main Street
Granite Falls NC

<https://www.littlelightchristianbooksandgifts.com/>

Check out Little Light's
Christmas Giveaway!

Rules for entry are on their facebook page in the link below. The winner of the random drawing on December 18 will receive *The Blind* DVD and a copy of *Duck Commander Devotional*.

<https://www.facebook.com/littlelightchristianbooks/videos/879001020239345/>

NC BAPTIST NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



SERVE NC
AUGUST 3-10, 2024

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

WHAT CAN YOUR CHURCH DO TO MEET THE NEEDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Serving your community can provide an excellent opportunity to share Jesus.

Pastors, sign your church up to commit to one week of being on mission together. If August 3-10 doesn't work for you, choose another. Let's make a huge impact serving in the foothills together. Visit [ServeNC.com](https://serveNC.com) to sign up and receive resources, tools and more. Your first 3 t-shirts are free! Have questions?

<https://ncbaptist.org/servenc-faq/>



**WEEK OF
PRAYER**
for
International
Missions
Dec 3-10



**Transitional
Interim**
Training

**MAR 11-12
2024**

<https://ncbaptist.org/events/transitional-interim-training/>

**STUDENT
MINISTRY**

STATE TOUR
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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Rocky Mount	9/28	Greensboro	11/6
Asheville	10/19	Wilmington	11/9
Raleigh	10/26	Charlotte	12/4

<https://ncbaptist.org/events/student-ministry-state-tour/>

[NCBAPTIST.ORG/STATETOUR](https://ncbaptist.org/statetour)

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The NC Baptist Foundation has four educational scholarships available for students. You may view the requirements and guidelines of those scholarships below. Applications for the scholarships will open up online January 1 and will end at the close of business on February 15 of each year. Close of business is 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

<https://www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships/>



ACCESS OUR PARTNERS THROUGH THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LOGO.