

“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 OUR AMS

Dear Associational Churches,

Sam Rainer, President & Senior Consultant at Church Answers recently wrote an article for Pastors that highlights the importance of prayer. I also feel this article speaks to us as church members as well. May God give us favor as we strive to live this out in 2024.

10 Fresh Pastoral Prayers for the New Year

Before you launch your New Year ministry plan, begin with prayer. How might you pray to start the year?

- 1) **Passion for people, not numbers.** You should track your numbers and know your metrics. Yes, each number represents a person. I get it. But you don't shepherd numbers. If you struggle with caring more about numbers than people, now is an excellent time to take a new posture. Pray God gives you this passion.
- 2) **A filling of the Holy Spirit over comfort with nostalgia.** I have a deep love for the sanctuary room. Even when I'm alone, I still enjoy the comforting presence of the room. Nostalgia is a powerful emotion, but our prayers should be first for a filling of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) **Outward movement rather than an inward bent.** Pray your church has a desire to reach outward rather than inward. Ask God to give your church a wake-up call for evangelism.
- 4) **Compassion for the lonely.** Some people need more time alone, but isolation is never beneficial. Pray for those who are experiencing loneliness. Pray that your church shows compassion.
- 5) **New avenues for hospitality.** Many churches believe they are friendly, but too few demonstrate genuine hospitality. The problem is friendliness is often directed internally. Members are kind and pleasant with each other and overlook guests. You can be nice to someone without showing hospitality. Hospitality involves generosity and sacrifice with outsiders.
- 6) **Strength for the elderly.** Older generations come to church more frequently. Ask God to allow them to continue this pattern of faithfulness.
- 7) **Readiness for spiritual warfare.** The local church is the front line of ministry. In the battle against the spiritual forces of evil, the church is the trench. Christ's bride is dug in, charged up, and ready to die for the freedom of souls. While there is no beauty in warfare (spiritual or otherwise), the battling bride is a gorgeous organism.
- 8) **Sensitivity with guests.** Inevitably, the Holy Spirit will prompt people to show up for the first time. These guests could be desperate for spiritual guidance, longing for connection, or bringing a long list of questions for God. Pray for extra sensitivity with those who bravely approach your campus for the first time.
- 9) **Graciousness with doubt and questions.** A crisis will cause people to question their beliefs. Pray for graciousness for those seeking God, even during a season of doubt.
- 10) **Mental, spiritual, and emotional health for church leaders.** Pastors and other church leaders have faced many obstacles in the last few years. Ask God to provide ways for people to seek help and maintain health.

I am sure you are preparing for an excellent start to the year, but don't forget to pray! God's plan for the church always includes prayer.

By Sam Rainer, Posted Jan 3, 2024, <https://churchanswers.com/blog/ten-fresh-pastoral-prayers-for-the-new-year/>

As I pray this over our associational churches and its members, I am humbled by your passion and your love.

In Christ,
Chuck



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PASTORS' CONFERENCE

PRAY & GO



Monday, February 12, 2-3pm
Springs Road Baptist Church
3580 Springs Road NE, Hickory

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<https://subspla.sh/s2n8phk/>

Pastors and Associate Pastors are invited to attend this training by our AMS, Chuck Campbell. Come learn about this 30 day journey where

YOU CAN CREATE A PRAYER-CENTERED CULTURE IN YOUR CHURCH

that leads to outward focus and community impact. Join us as we walk through this tool written by Thom S. Rainer, and how you can utilize it in your church. The first 18 CVBA pastors who sign up and have not previously received PRAY & GO, will be given a free copy at the conference.

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 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.



Please submit your church happenings for the
MARCH NEWSLETTER

by February 22 to

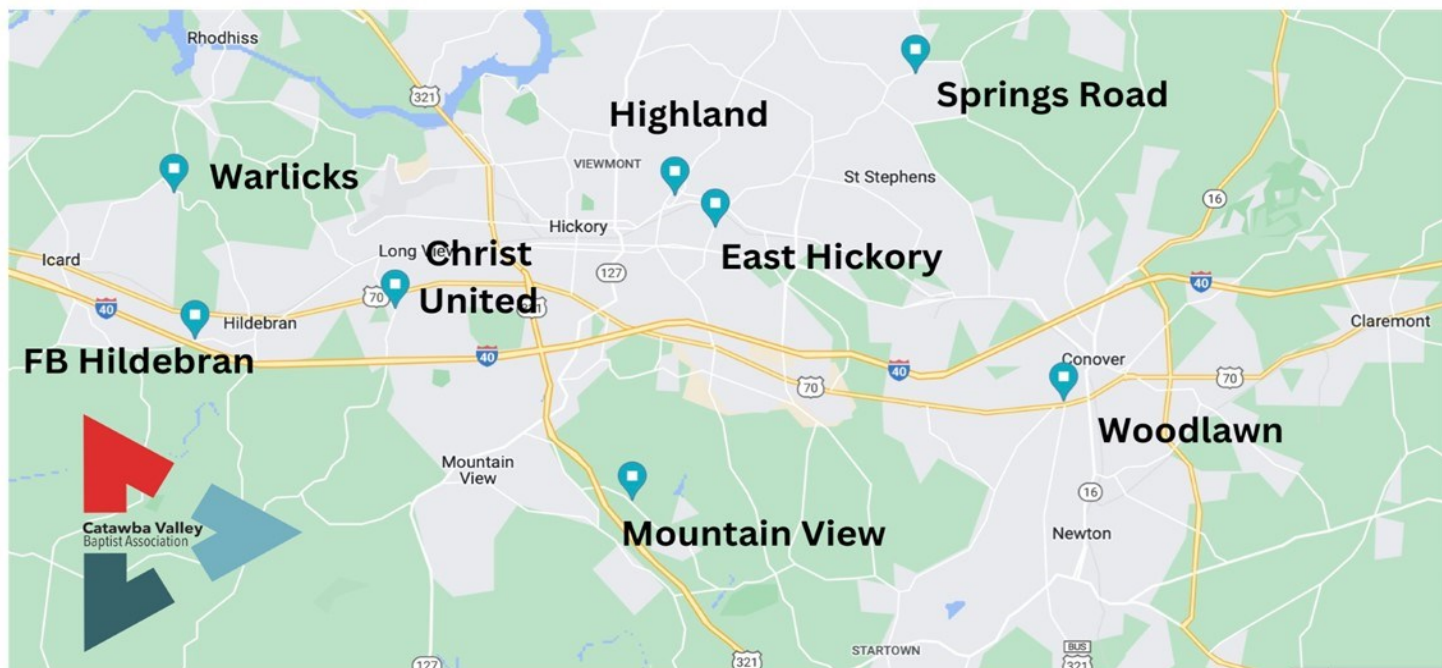
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CVBA Pastor Prayer Cohorts

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

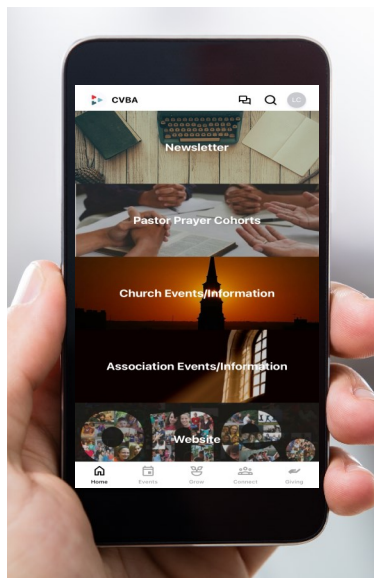
First Baptist Hildebran—8831 Old NC Hwy 10,
Hildebran

Highland—828 9th Avenue NE, Hickory



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PASTORS' CONFERENCE
March 11, 2-3pm
Springs Road Baptist Church

Get more information and register at
<https://subspla.sh/c7c3czh/>

SPRING '24 BIANNUAL MEETING

Reaching **TOGETHER**

Thursday, April 25 6pm
First Baptist Hildebran

Pastors &
Messengers-
click or scan
to register



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

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



Save the Dates



Pastors' Conference, PRAY & GO with Chuck Campbell
Monday, February 12, 2-3pm, Springs Road Baptist Church

BSCNC Discipleship-Making Conference, February 27, Charlotte

Pastors' Conference, KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY with Chuck Campbell
Monday, March 11, 2-3pm, Springs Road Baptist Church

Spring Biannual Meeting, REACHING TOGETHER, Guest Speaker-Brian Upshaw, NC Baptists
Thursday, April 25 @ 6pm, First Baptist Hildebran

Pastors' Conference, CHURCH FINANCES with Davis Blount, NC Baptists
Monday, May 13, 2-3pm, Springs Road Baptist Church

SBC Annual Meeting, June 9-12, Indianapolis

ServeNC, August 3-10 (in your community)

Pastors' Conference, PASTOR'S HEALTH with Sandy Marks, NC Baptists
Monday, September 23, 2-3pm, Springs Road Baptist Church

Fall Biannual Meeting, Guest Speaker-Todd Unzicker, NC Baptists
Sunday, October 13, 6-8pm, Tri-City Baptist Church

WMU Day of Prayer/International Mission Study
Saturday, November 2

BSCNC Annual Meeting, November 4-5

Pastors' Conference, DISCIPLESHIP TACTICS with Chuck Campbell
Monday, November 18, 2-3pm, Springs Road Baptist Church

Pastors' and Wives' Christmas Dinner TBA

Leadership Team Meetings will follow every Pastors' Conference at 3:30pm

CHURCH NEWS

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

THURSDAY

**FEBRUARY 22
2024**

7:30PM

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

The Swan





Life Action

Summit Conference

March 17-24

Woodlawn Baptist Church extends an invitation to their neighbors and other churches to join them for this amazing Life Action event. *"A Life Action event that walks believers down a pathway toward personal and family renewal so they can take kingdom action for Christ."* This is a **FREE** event and registration is **not** required. Visit our website www.wbcnc.org for additional information.



Congratulations

PASTOR JOEL FRYE

25TH ANNIVERSARY ON JANUARY 8
WITH OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH



PASTOR DOUG NAB

VOTED IN AS PASTOR
OF CATAWBA VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 NKJV

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

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ONLINE SMALL GROUP STUDY



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.

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

**NEW CHURCH MINISTRY
SPRINGS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

3580 Springs Road NE, Hickory
Duplex Behind Church

**GOOD, FREE
HOT LUNCH**



Every Wednesday 11:30-1:30
Beginning January 3rd at the Duplex

OUR MISSION:

To demonstrate the love of Christ by offering quality, free hot lunches to our neighbors in need through the colder months. The purpose of the meal is two-fold: One, to **feed the hungry**; and two, to know our neighbors and to engage them in **Gospel conversations**.

TIM HAWKINS

LIVE IN CONCERT 2024

SOLD OUT

MARCH 24
CONOVER, NC
TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY K-LOVE

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.



GriefShare is available at **Mountain View Baptist Church** on Wednesdays at 6pm. It is a 13-week program. Their most recent session began on January 10th but can be joined at any time. The program is for those who are struggling with loss of loved ones through death (not divorce). Sessions begin in August and January. If interested or if you have any questions, please call the church office at 294-2534.

PARTNERING NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Provision, formally NC Baptist Foundation, has four educational scholarships available for students. You may view the requirements and guidelines of those scholarships by visiting their website or scanning the QR code. Deadline for applications is February 15.



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

The logo for the Disciple-Making Conference, featuring a stylized blue and white geometric design above the words "DISCIPLE-MAKING" in large, bold, black capital letters, with "CONFERENCE" in white capital letters on a blue rectangular background below.

DISCIPLE-MAKING CONFERENCE

Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC
Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Many breakout sessions including

Assimilation:

Creating a Pathway for Discipleship

by Cory Smith, First Baptist Hildebran

<https://ncbaptist.org/events/2024-disciple-making-conference/>



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