

AUGUST 2023 Newsletter

“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

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE PRAYER?

I often ask believers how their prayer life is going. The answer to my question is often based on their definition of prayer. How would you define prayer?

Billy Graham shares “Prayer is spiritual communication between man and God, a two-way relationship in which man should not only talk to God but also listen to Him. Prayer to God is like a child’s conversation with his father.” (Graham, 2004)

Prayer is one of the most underused weapons in our spiritual arsenal. Paul encouraged the Ephesians to put on the armor of God to fight the spiritual battle, but he emphasized above all that prayer be made on all occasions (Ephesians 6:18). Jesus also reminded His followers to pray through His example of withdrawing to a quiet place. (e.g. Matthew 14:23). In many churches prayer has been relegated to a particular meeting or to a particular group of members. Prayer, however, is one of the six primary purposes of the church and as such, should be fundamental to **everything** that happens in the church.

I would like to share with you fifteen steps that could improve your prayer ministry in your church:

- 1 Select a prayer coordinator
- 2 Select a prayer team
- 3 Pastor presents a sermon series on prayer
- 4 Provide ongoing training on prayer
- 5 Develop prayer lists
- 6 Launch new prayer groups in D-groups, Sunday school, etc
- 7 Provide a prayer room
- 8 Refocus the Wednesday night prayer meeting
- 9 Schedule a prayer time during services
- 10 Lead your church to establish regular prayer walks/drives
- 11 Plan a mission trip that includes prayer
- 12 Sign up for blesseveryhome.com
- 13 Become a Light in your community through prayer
- 14 Help your church to **Pray, Care, Share,** and **Disciple** their neighbors
- 15 Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)



I believe it is crucial that we begin to take an honest look at our vital signs of church health in order to be as effective as we can for the kingdom of God in the 21st century. My cry to God is that He would release His power by linking believers together in focused prayer for evangelization and discipleship. It is time to pray like we have never prayed before.

In Christ,
Chuck

Graham, B. (2004, June 1). *What is Prayer?* <https://billygraham.org/answer/what-is-prayer/>



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ASSOCIATION NEWS

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

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

FB Hildebran May 3	Woodlawn June 7	Highland July 5	Woodlawn Aug 2
Highland July 12	Christ United Aug 9		
Spring Lake Aug 16	East Hickory Aug 16		
Warlicks May 24	FB Hildebran June 28	Mountain View July 26	FB Hildebran Aug 23
Mountain View May 31			Highland Aug 30

JOIN US, ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT OF OUR WEEKLY SUMMER SCHEDULE

Woodlawn— We will meet in the small, white house which is next to the Christian Life Center, just a few yards down the street from the main sanctuary. For easy directions, plug the address into your google maps or GPS: 430 7th Street Place SW, Conover.

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

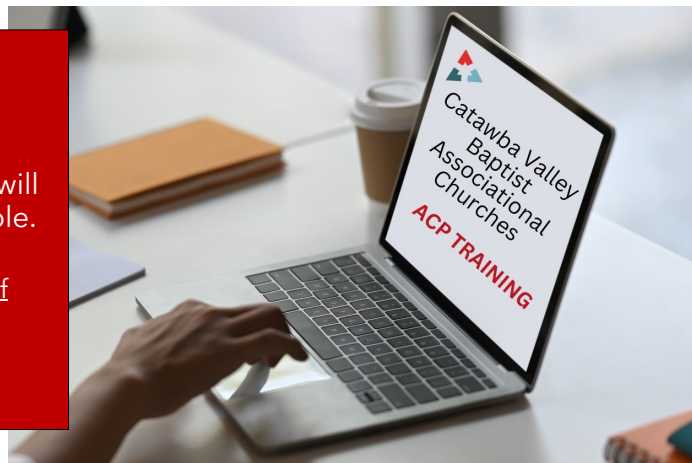


ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS

Annual Church Profile (ACP) information will be sent out this month. Training is available. Visit the link below

<https://vimeo.com/747332698/4be13587cf>

ACP Training for Church Clerks
is provided by NC Baptists.



CVBA EVANGELISM & OUTREACH GRANT



Member churches have the opportunity to receive a grant up to \$200 to be used toward expenses for Evangelistic and Outreach Events sponsored by your church. We want to help you reach your community for Christ. For more information and to download an application, visit our website through the link below.

<https://www.catawbavalleybaptistassociation.com/evangelistic-outreach-trailer-grant>

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS



Please submit your church happenings for the **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER** by Aug 24 to

lcampbell@catawabavalleybaptistassociation.com

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

DOES YOUR SUMMER EVENT NEED AN **OUTREACH TRAILER?**

(AVAILABLE TO OUR MEMBER CHURCHES ONLY)

This **Evangelistic Outreach Trailer** is stocked with a

- popcorn machine,
- cotton candy machine,
- sno-cone machine,
- generator, and more.

To reserve the EOT for your event, visit our website and click "Resources" then "Evangelistic Outreach Trailer"



Appalachian Coalfields Ministry

The ACM, sponsored by Baptists on Mission, seeks to meet physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. During Christmas they meet these needs through the Appalachian Christmas Outreach 2023 with Backpacks filled with toys, Bibles, food, school supplies and toiletries for children. The statewide goal is to collect 21,000 backpacks. The collection for our association is

Saturday, Nov. 4, 9am-noon at Highlands Baptist Church, 828 9th Avenue NE in Hickory.

If you have questions, please contact Terry Short at 828-446-0980 or ryshome@aol.com.

To learn more about this amazing ministry, visit the link below or scan the QR code to the right.



<https://baptistsonmission.org/Appalachian-Christmas-Outreach>

Associational WMU/Women's Ministry News

At the CVBA WMU/Women's Ministry Team Meeting on May 20, we unanimously changed the By-laws to a Leadership Team style of leading the organization. The members of the Leadership Team will meet to plan events, projects, etc. for the Associational WMU/WM, with each Team Member serving for 2 years. The goal for this team is to rotate often, so that we constantly have a fresh vision and so that we will be represented by churches from all parts of our association. It is our hope that with this change, your WMU—or Women's Ministry—will join with the churches across the association to share the Good News, not only in the Catawba Valley, but ultimately around the world. We could always use 1 or 2 more on the team. Our current team consists of Janet Jordan and Jeanie Minor (co-leaders), Becky Smith, Lorie Propst, Carla Mauney, and Valera Gregory. If you would like to be part of the team, contact the association (contact information on front page). In next month's newsletter, we will have all the details regarding the Red Box Ministry and how your church could help minister to the incarcerated women in North Carolina.

BLESS EVERY HOME



Today **Bless Every Home** gives you the tools to become a LIGHT FOR CHRIST in your neighborhood. **Bless Every Home** provides what you need to get to know your neighbors by name so that you can begin to build relationships with them. You will even receive optional daily reminder emails with a prayer prompt and 5 neighbors to pray for that day. This can be accessed on your computer or on a phone app and best of all, it's free. It is my hope that every church in our association will answer this challenge to pray for their neighbors. You can sign up individually with the QR code to the right or the link below. Then you can connect to your church if they have an account, as well as to the association. If you have any questions, please contact us at the association.

<https://blesseveryhome.com/>



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RESOURCES

THE BIBLE IN MANY LANGUAGES

Going on a foreign mission trip this summer or want to share the gospel with a neighbor that doesn't speak English? Check out the link below from Baptists on Mission for resources including:

- ONLINE AND PRINTED BIBLES IN 4,000 LANGUAGES
- TRACTS IN 26 LANGUAGES
- JESUS FILM PROJECT IN OVER 2,066 LANGUAGES (FREE ONLINE)
- AND MUCH MORE

<https://baptistsonmission.org/resources/where-to-find-bibles>



2023 North Carolina Baptist Foundation SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT

Grants are only for NC Baptist entities affiliated with the BSC of NC. The deadline to submit a grant application is August 15 at 5pm. A submission must be made for only one project per year. Visit the link below or the QR code to the right to apply or you can email the Foundation to llwilliams@ncbaptistfoundation.org



<https://www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/special-project-grants/>

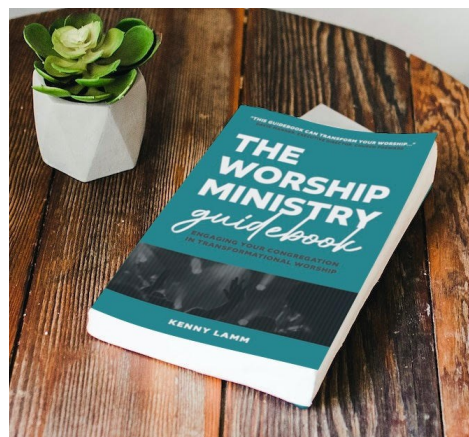


THE WORSHIP MINISTRY GUIDEBOOK: *Engaging your Congregation in Transformational Worship*

I want to alert you to a resource that I am so excited about getting into the hands of worship leaders/teams in all our NC Baptist churches. I have put into book form much of the worship leader training that has been in development for the last 20 years.

Click [HERE](#) for the order form for NC Baptist churches to use for a discounted price.

I believe this book can be a game changer for many churches as they get a better understanding of how to engage a congregation in worship. It is a very practical book that has lots of how-tos. If you have a church with a bi-vocational worship leader without any training for leading a worship ministry, this will be a great start for them. If you have a seasoned worship leader that needs help connecting with their congregation, or bringing several generations together in worship, this is a book they need.



For more information, visit <https://worshipministryguidebook.com/>



- Kenny Lamm,
Worship Ministry Strategist
NC Baptists

STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD

Need a great tool to help you
share the gospel?
Visit the link below for 5 free booklets from the
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

<https://lp.billygraham.org/steps-to-peace-resource/>

These would make a great
addition to your food ministry!

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Evangelistic Association



NC HUNGER FUND

Baptist State Convention of NC



The **North Carolina Hunger Fund** allows churches to buy and distribute food and support hunger relief organizations and efforts in your community. By filling an empty stomach, you can bring a hungry neighbor one step closer to Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. North Carolina Baptist churches can apply for hunger funds annually.

Applications are due Dec. 31 each year.

For more information contact
Penny Cozadd at (800) 395-5102 x5618
or pcozadd@ncbaptist.org.

The following associational churches maintain a

FOOD MINISTRY.

Please consider supporting them in prayer, financially, or by donating non-perishable food items.

FOOD PANTRY/BLESSING BOX ON CHURCH PROPERTY

Calvary Baptist Church
201 South Main Avenue, Newton
828-464-1631

New Life Baptist Fellowship Church
1854 Shady Lane, Newton
828-994-4127

Springs Road Baptist Church
3580 Springs Road NE, Hickory
828-256-5340

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Woodlawn Baptist Church
610 Conover Blvd. West, Conover
828-464-6921

- Pick up dates Aug 10 & 24, Sept 14 & 28, Oct 12 & 26,
Nov. 9 (additional food handed out on this day), Dec 14 & 28
- Pick up time: 3:30 – 5:30 pm



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**Saturday, August 5, 2023
9am - 12pm
Christian Life Center**

Woodlawn Baptist Church
440 7th Street Place SW
Conover, NC 28613
wbcnc.org



VAN FOR SALE
2005 Ford Passenger Van
E350 HD Extended
11 passenger capacity
Mileage: 80,000 approx.
Good Condition
Contact - Cheryl Center at
Covenant Baptist Church of Conover at
covenantcares89@gmail.com



Is your church activities and outreach events missing in our newsletter? Want to share your happenings with us? You can call us, email us, or share your information on our website at <https://www.catawbavalleybaptistassociation.com/let-us-know>

LET'S GET THE "WORD" OUT!
(JESUS)



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For more information or for tickets visit <https://www.tcbbc.org/>

CHURCH NEWS—Ministry Openings

Central Baptist - in search of a Minister to Families and Young Couples. This is a full-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.

First Baptist Hildebran - in search of a part-time Minister to Students. For more information visit their website <https://www.fbchildebran.com/jobs.html> . Email resume' to ministry@fbchildebran.com.

West Hickory - in search of a biblically-qualified man to serve as full-time Pastor of Worship & Families. For more info: westhickorybaptist.org/staff-opening/.

First Baptist Church of Icard - in search of a part-time custodian working 10 hours a week. Pay starts at \$14.30 per hour. Preference given to applicants with experience and who can work part of the weekly hours on Saturdays. Send resume to church@fbicard.org or send a message through Facebook at www.Facebook.com/fbicard.

New Life Baptist Fellowship - in search of an Administrative Assistant. The position is for 20 hours per week. If interested call Pastor Jeff Kautz at the church at 828-994-4127 or email your resume to pastor@nlbfcnewton.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS



FaithFest2023

PEOPLE. PRAISE. PROCLAIM.

September 16, North Wilkesboro

Featuring Chris Tomlin, Cece Winans, Cain, Katy Nichole, and More

For more information and tickets
<https://faithfestnc.com/>



PARTNERSHIPS



NC BAPTIST NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

NCBMA North Carolina Baptist Ministry Assistants **2023 CONFERENCE**



November 13-15 Caraway Conference Center

For more information or to register visit the link below

<https://www.ncbaptistsecretaries.com/conference>



Region 8 NC Missions Rally 2023 – Shelby
Monday, August 21, 5:45pm–8:30 pm

Elizabeth Baptist Church 301 N Post Rd Shelby NC 28152

Registration closes August 10 Questions? Call Melanie Crawford at 919-459-5596

These rallies are held all across the state to highlight the variety of opportunities for NC Baptists. Featured will be worship, testimony, a mission video, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for men, women, and youth.

For more information and to register:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/region-rallies/region-8-nc-missions-rally-2023---shelby/6411>

COUNSELING MINISTRIES

SOULCARE

SoulCareNC Counseling is a non-profit ministry of East Hickory Church
Dr. Mark and Sandi Schmitz
Phone: 828.409.1286
Email: mschmitz@soulcarenc.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/soulcarenc>



If you need help and are seeking counsel that is dependent on the Word of God and the Spirit of God so as to promote transforming life change SoulCareNC Counseling is here to help you.



A professional Christian counseling, education and training non-profit organization committed to address the spiritual, psychological and educational needs of individuals, families & churches—to the glory of God!

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