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## From Bro. Chuck's Desk:

#### **Greetings Caldwell Baptists!**

I love to share good news, don't you? We have had a lot of good news to celebrate lately, such as people surrendering their lives to Jesus Christ and gaining salvation in Him, people being baptized into a life with Christ and His church, and testimonies of how God has delivered some from the destructive consequences of sin and brought healing. God is doing some amazing things in His churches! The very word "gospel" means good news, especially referring to the good news of the saving power of Jesus Christ. Our celebration must be coupled with prayers of thanks and praise.

Here is something else to celebrate and pray about: In our Pastor's Conference today we were blessed to hear from one of our missionaries with the International Mission Board, "IMB" for short. Tim and Missy Bentley have been missionaries for approximately 25 years and Tim has recently retired from full-time service with the IMB, which means that his ministry role has changed, but they are still on mission. Tim shared several stories of how God is working in parts of the world where people not only do not have Bibles but it is also illegal to own a Bible. This fact seems somewhat strange to us Americans when we own several copies of God's word, even on our phones. Another fact that you may not have heard is, there are still many people groups in the world without a Bible translated into their own language. But the good news is, there are translators working to solve this problem right now.

The takeaways from these reports of what God is doing are:

- This knowledge requires something of us to listen to God's word and obey His Holy Spirit as He leads us to take action.
- We are obligated to pray for our missionaries and the organizations who translate and distribute Bibles. .
- We who are blessed to have, and freely study, God's word should ask God to show us how we might financially support the work of sharing God's word with the lost world.
- Ask God to show you how to go and make disciples. He may lead you to go. If you can't
  go yourself, He will show you ways that you can help send someone else. He may want
  you to do both!

Be joyful as you pray, go, and send,

Bro Chuck

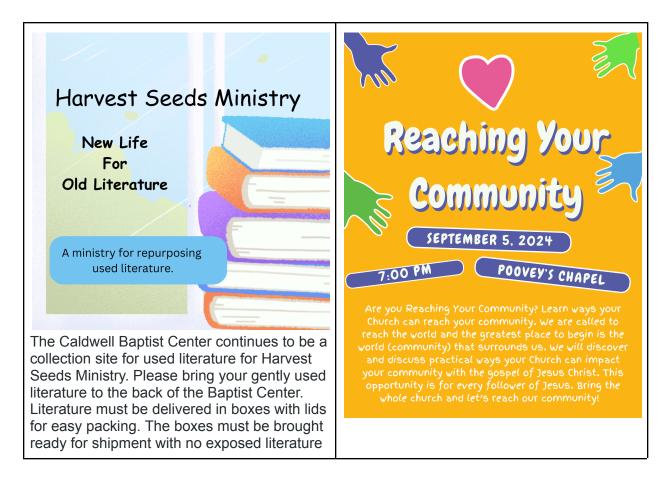
# Ministers Conference September 4, 2024

The next Ministers Conference will be held on September 4th at 10:00 AM at the Baptist Center. All ministers are welcome to attend. Thomas Smith will be the speaker.

## **Lunch & Learns**

**Thursday, August 15 (11:00 AM):** The Lunch and Learn will be at Mayflower in Lenoir. Lunch will be a Dutch Treat. Rev. Roger Parker will be the speaker. Please register by Friday, August 9. You can register by calling 828-758-4081, email office@caldwellbaptist.org or by clicking <a href="mailto:here">here</a>.

**Thursday, September (11:00 AM):** The Lunch and Learn will be at Golden Corral in Hickory. Lunch will be a Dutch Treat. Rev. Roger Parker will be the speaker. Please register by Friday, September 6. You can register by calling 828-758-4081, email office@caldwellbaptist.org or by clicking <a href="mailto:here">here</a>.



# See You At The Pole Rally

**Sunday, September 22 (4:00 - 7:00 PM)** at Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church. The rally will begin with hamburgers, hotdogs, and ice-cream. There will be fellowship along with volleyball games, followed by a time of prayer for our schools, students, and staff. Youth will be encouraged to attend the SYATP at their school on Wednesday, September 25. This rally is for students in grades 6-12. Be sure to encourage the youth in your church to attend this rally.

## **Coats For Caldwell**

**Sunday, September 29 (2:30 - 4:00 PM)**, this is our date to receive donations of new or gently used clean coats to share with needy people in Caldwell County. If you would like to help, bring the coats to the Caldwell Baptist Center garage. This is the only day coats will be received. The coats will be distributed before winter to people who need them.

# **Praise Sing**

Monday, September 30 (7:00 PM) at Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church Everyone is invited to attend this praise and worship service. Your church may participate with a choir, a praise team or a quartet, etc. The group must register by Monday, September 16 and will be placed in the order the registration is received. To register, please complete the form that was mailed to your church Music Director or to your Pastor. To register online, please click here.

# **Food For The Hungry**

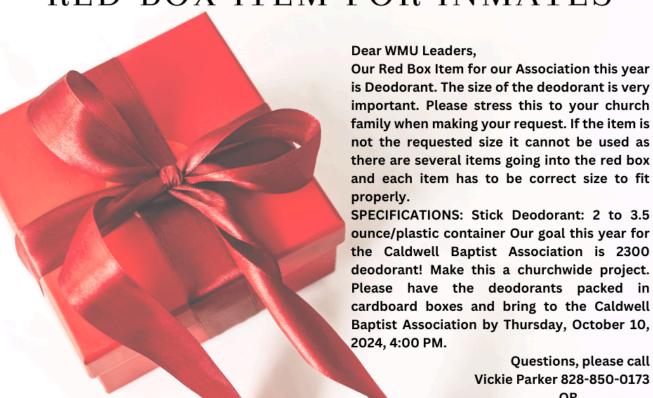
Sunday, October 13 (3:00 - 4:00 PM) will be the in-gathering for the Food for the Hungry. Please mark this date on your calendar and start making preparations to lead your church in collecting money, gift cards, food and supplies for the Food for the Hungry. On this Sunday, please drop off food, supplies, money and gifts cards at the Life Center of First Baptist Church of Hudson. Please attach the receipt to the gift cards so that we know how much the gift card is worth. Organizations that will receive the donations are Bethel Colony, Caldwell County Yokefellow, Lenoir Soup Kitchen, and South Caldwell Christian Ministries. Only store bought items will be accepted. Please do not bring homemade, damaged, or out-of-date food items. Please sort, count the items, and avoid the use of big boxes in transporting food and supplies. Please make checks payable to the Caldwell Baptist Association and designate on the check "Food for the Hungry".

# **Fall Gathering**

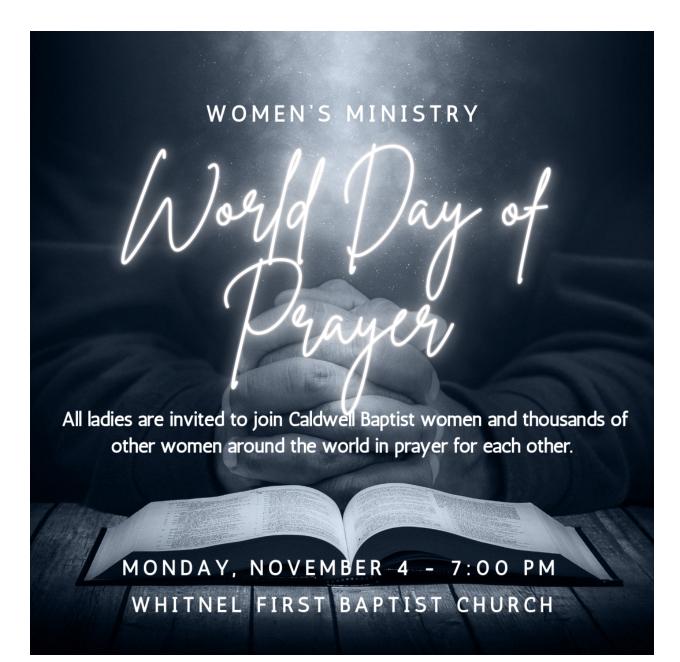
Thursday, October 24th (7:00 PM) at Crest View Baptist Church: All Caldwell Baptists are invited to the Fall Gathering.

## **WMU Information**

# 2024 CALDWELL BAPTIST RED BOX ITEM FOR INMATES



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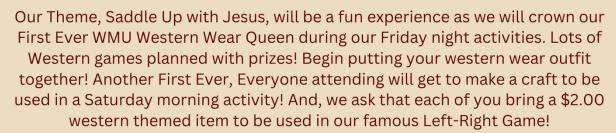




NOVEMBER 22-23, 2024

5:30PM ON FRIDAY - 12:00 (NOON) SATURDAY

#### RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER



Our Missionary Speakers are Matthew & Kristin Trick, they are serving the Lord Reaching the Unreached, and spreading the Gospel planting churches among unreached people groups in Brazil. We are also looking forward to being ushered into His presence during our music worship with Kendal Bray Clark!

#### **Cost: Lodging & Three Meals**

(Note: Friday dinner 5:30)

Single: \$163.00

Double: \$103.00 per person Triple: \$86.00 per person Quad: \$78.00 per person

Commuters: \$25.00 plus meals

### **RESERVATIONS & FULL PAYMENT** DUE:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

#### Reservations must include the following:

- 1. Number of rooms needed and the names of the guests in each room.
- 2. A mailing address or email address for each guest.
- 3. A phone number for each guest.
- 4. The age of the guest if under 18 years of age.
- 5. Total cost payable to the Caldwell Baptist Association.

**Contact Vickie Parker for any Questions or Concerns:** 828-850-0173

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# **August 2024 VBS Schedule**

College Avenue Baptist Church: Saturday, August 24

Theme: "By The Sea"
Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Ages: Kindergarten through 5th Grades

We will have a drawing for a girls and boys bicycle at the end of the day for all that attend.

All children will get a bag of school supplies.

Activities will be Bible stories, music, games, crafts, snacks, and a bouncy house.

## **Church News**

**New Life Baptist Church** would like to invite all men to share a meal with us on Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:00pm. We are beginning a Brotherhood Expansion Ministry that invites men of all denominations to get to know each other and share in the work of Christ. There will be a meal beginning at 6:00pm followed by music and a message. For more information, please contact Scott Helton at 828-850-3503 or email him at scotthelton@ymail.com . Please RSVP with the number attending.

Join **Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church** on the last Saturday of each month for their Food Pantry and Clothes Closet event. The event will begin at 10 AM and conclude at 11 AM. They will have a convenient drive-thru service for the food pantry, and once you have received your food, you are welcome to explore the clothes closet inside. This event is open to everyone, and if its your first time joining, kindly remember to bring a photo ID with your current address. The church is located a 2822 Pooveys Chapel Rd, Hudson, NC 28638.

Join **Union Grove Baptist Church** each month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for their "Bags of Blessings" Food Ministry Distribution. The event starts at 5:00 PM and lasts until 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! If it is your first time participating please bring a photo id with current address. The goal is to serve between 250-500 families.

For a list of available interim/supply ministers click on the link.

## **Community News**

**Saturday, September 21: The 2024 Caldwell Pregnancy Care Center Walk for Life:** The WALK for Life is a 1 mile walk around downtown Lenoir to show that our county stands for life. Check-in begins at 9am and the WALK begins at 10am. The WALK will begin and end at CPCC's Lenoir Office at 210 Ridge St., Lenoir NC 28645. Our Theme is Walk for Them Both - based on John 3:17.

- Fun for the whole family!
- Bounce houses
- Chick-Fil-A for lunch
- Prayer stations and other activities for non-walkers!
- T-Shirts are available for \$15 with pre-registration. Visit our website to pre-register.
- Our goal is to raise \$60,000 and have 600 walkers!
- We would love to have every church in the county represented.
- We still need Team Captains from our churches!
- For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.caldwellpregnancy.com/walkforlife">www.caldwellpregnancy.com/walkforlife</a>

#### Thursday, November 7: Veterans Stand Down

The Foothills Veterans Helping Veterans (FVHV), a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that has touched the lives of hundreds of veterans and their families, and has become known for its dedication to helping veterans in the foothills area of Western North Carolina. Veterans Stand-Down is a one-day event that allows veterans to come together in one location for camaraderie, food, clothing, medical, counseling, information and other essential services. Veterans are then provided access to community resources needed to rebuild their lives. This will also be an opportunity to meet spiritual needs in the lives of our veterans.

Ways your church can be involved:

- Take up a special offering on Sept. 15 or Sept. 22.
  - Checks from churches should be made out to the Caldwell Baptist Association with the notation "Winter Stand-Down."
  - Checks must be received at the Caldwell Baptist Center, P. O. Box 1555, Lenoir, NC 28645, by Wednesday, Sept. 25.
- Collect boxes of Little Debbie Snack Cakes of various kinds October 6-20.
  - Items must be received at the Baptist Center by Monday, October 21.
- Enlist volunteers from your church to help set up for the event on November 6 and/or facilitate the event on November 7.

Baptists on Mission are in need of large cargo trailers in any condition. If you have one that you would like to donate please call 919-459-5606.

Baptists on Mission invite churches to sign up for ServeNC. Click <a href="here">here</a> to get suggestions for how you can serve. Click <a href="here">here</a> to sign up. After you sign up you will receive an email telling you that you can order t-shirts and other materials. Every church can receive 3 FREE ServNC t-shirts. They ask that you reserve the week of August 3-10 to serve your community. For more information about the serving week click <a href="here">here</a>.



Click **here** for Yokefellow Emergency Assistance Guidelines

Click <a href="here">here</a> for upcoming Truett Conference Center Events.

Click **here** to connect with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Click <a href="here">here</a> for Available Positions in Caldwell County Churches.