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### MOMENTS WITH YOUR INTERIM ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

#### Associational Mission Strategist

In 2018, a new title for Director of Missions, along with many other titles used by associations for their associational leader, was unanimously approved by nearly 250 members attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL). This action took place in Dallas, Texas on June 10-11, 2018 upon recommendation of an Associational Study Team, which had been commissioned by the SBCAL during its annual meeting in 2017, held in Phoenix, Arizona. The new title was one of many recommendations made at the meeting in 2018, including seventeen proficiencies to define the competence or skills needed to be an associational leader.

The new recommended title is “**Associational Mission Strategist.**” Even though this is a nonbinding recommendation, it has been widely endorsed by denominational entities, associations, and churches across the Southern Baptist Convention over the past five years.

It is important to understand what the three words of this title or descriptor mean. The word “associational” refers to the member churches that make up a local Baptist association. These are churches that have voluntarily chosen to work together to advance the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even though each church is autonomous, the associational leader should be focused on helping each congregation to be successful in being the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The word “mission” is intentionally singular because it refers to the one Great Commission given to the church by Christ as found in Matthew 28:18-20. The mission of a local association is to help churches in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The word “strategist” deals with the overall work the associational leader does to assist member churches. This word applies to the individual as well as the corporate work the associational leader does to assist one or all of the churches. It involves formulating and implementing plans, as well as mobilizing resources, to carry out actions that advance the work of God’s Kingdom. This requires much prayer in order to plan and do those things that will glorify our great God.

The Caldwell Baptist Association uses two titles for its leader. The AMS title is used for the work done with the churches, while the term “Executive Director” is used to do the business of the non-profit corporation. However, the primary title is Associational Mission Strategist or AMS.

The Associational Mission Strategist Search Team has worked well together to find my successor. Their journey has been long, but very determined to seek out the person they believe God wants to lead this great association of churches in the days ahead. Now, it is time for the messengers to the association to consider the team’s recommendation.

Please take advantage of the floating opportunity to “Meet and Greet” Chuck and Martha Jo Bounds, to be held at the Baptist Center on this coming Thursday evening, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Then, come to a called meeting of the messengers to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Fellowship Baptist Church to vote on calling Chuck Bounds as the next Associational Mission Strategist.

Please remember that a quorum of a least fifty messengers must be present at a gathering or called meeting as required by the association’s bylaws to conduct the business of the Association. The meeting should not last long, because the vote on the AMS recommendation will be the only item of business, but it is a tremendously important item of business. So, I encourage you to be present if you are a messenger to the Caldwell Baptist Association.

Dale, Interim AMS

**The Caldwell Baptist Association has new email addresses.**

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## **Associational Mission Strategist Search Team Report**

During the Summer Gathering of Messengers at Concord Baptist Church on Thursday evening, July 27 2023, The AMS Search Team presented Rev. Charles (Chuck) Bounds as our unanimous nominee for the next Associational Mission Strategist for Caldwell Baptist Association. We shared bio informational material at the meeting and are sending the information by the postal service as well as by email to every pastor, church leader, and messenger in Caldwell Association. The form has bio information about Brother Chuck, a brief overview of how the team got to this point, plans for personal meetings with associational personnel, church leaders, and messengers, as well as a proposed financial package shared by the Associational Administrative Team.

On Thursday *August 3, 2023* we have a “floating” meet and greet of Brother Chuck and his wife Martha Jo planned at the associational office between the hours of 6 PM and 8 PM. We hope you will be able to come by the associational office to meet Chuck. The AMS Team wants you to meet him prior to the time for a vote if you can do so at all!

The Team has requested and President Mike Labrose has called a special meeting of the messengers on *Tuesday, August 15 at Fellowship Baptist Church at 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting on a call of Brother Chuck* as our next Associational Mission Strategist. We do ask that you make a special effort to be present for this meeting. Based on the by-laws of the association at least fifty (50) messengers present at the meeting is required for a quorum in order to conduct business. We certainly hope there is a much larger representation than fifty messengers at this special meeting! Also, a seventy-five (75) percent affirmative vote of messengers present and voting is required to extend the call to the new AMS. The vote will be by ballot.

The AMS Search Team appreciates your prayerful support as we have sought to follow the leadership of the Lord in our task. We are unanimous in our sense of direction of the Lord in recommending Brother Chuck Bounds for this position! He shared with us that he also senses the leadership of the Holy Spirit to this position pending the vote.

We ask that the messengers pray and seek the Lord's guidance as they come to vote on the call of *Brother Chuck on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7:00 PM at Fellowship Baptist Church*. May the Lord bless you with Divine guidance! Also, may the Lord richly bless The Caldwell Baptist Association and every member church!

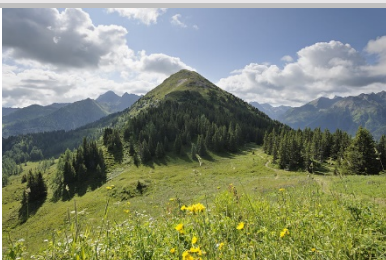
AMS Search Team  
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## Ministers Conference August 2, 2023



The next Ministers Conference will be held on August 2 at 10:00 AM at the Caldwell Baptist Center. The program will be provided by Dr. Bo Wagner, Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Mooresboro, NC. A Dutch-treat lunch will be enjoyed by all interested persons at a nearby restaurant following the conference.

## Ministers & Wives Evening Fellowship August 7, 2023



This August fellowship is for all ministers and wives...pastors, interim pastors, staff ministers and retired ministers. It will be held on Monday, August 7 at 6:30 PM at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Raymond/Debbie Spann at 1468 George Hayes Road, Boone. The fellowship includes a program led by Rev. James Wilfong, Pastor of Highways to Hedges and a complimentary meal prepared by Rev. James Todd. Please register by Thursday, August 3 by calling 758-4081 or via [email](#).

## Pastoral Leadership Conference October 9-11, 2023 Caraway Conference Center, Sophia, NC Must Register by August 8

The Caldwell Baptist Pastoral Leadership Conference will begin on Monday, October 9 at 4:00 pm, and conclude on Wednesday, October 11 at 12:30 pm at Caraway Conference Center, Sophia, NC. This conference is for pastors, interim pastors, church staff ministers, and retired ministers affiliated with the Caldwell Baptist Association. The theme for the conference will be "Personal Worship: Our Relationship to God in Worship" and will be led by Rev. Ron Burgett, Rev. Alan Norrod, and Rev. Ashley Crouse. The night sessions will consist of worshipful music.

**Reservation and deposit needed by Tuesday, August 8, 2023.** The cost is \$248.00 per person single room and \$218.00 per person double room. The cost includes two nights lodging, six meals, and program. Please register by sending a deposit of \$25.00 or the full amount along with your name, room preference (single or double), a roommate name if requesting a double room no later than Tuesday, August 8, 2023. If sending a deposit, balance is due by September 25, 2023. Checks should be made payable and sent along with the requested information to the Caldwell Baptist Association, PO Box 1555, Lenoir, NC 28645 or hand delivered to the Caldwell Baptist Center, 208 Nuway Circle, Lenoir.

## Senior Adult Lunch & Learns

August, September, October, November 2023  
There will not be a Lunch & Learn in December.



Please register  
by the date  
listed so the  
churches and  
restaurants can  
plan for the  
correct number  
of meals.

### Thursday, August 17 at 11:00 AM

Union Grove Church, 1808 Union Grove Rd, Lenoir  
Cost: Free (Compliments of Union Grove Church)  
Bible Study Leader: Rev. Jeff Lambert, Director of  
Ministry, Union Grove Church  
Register by Thursday, **August 10** (Call 758-4081)

### Thursday, September 14 at 11:00 AM

Dodge City Steakhouse, 954 Blowing Rock Blvd, Lenoir  
Cost: Dutch-treat  
Bible Study Leader: Mr. Logan Rash, Associate Pastor  
Youth & Family Ministry, Dudley Shoals Church  
Register by Thursday, **September 7** (Call 758-4081)

### Thursday, October 19 at 11:00 AM

Buffalo Cove Church, 6356 Buffalo Cove Rd, Lenoir  
Cost: Free (Compliments of Buffalo Cove Church)  
Bible Study Leader: Rev. Jim Phillips, Pastor, Buffalo  
Cove Church  
Register by Thursday, **October 12** (Call 758-4081)

### Thursday, November 16 at 11:00 AM

Southern Crossroads Diner, 129 Wilkesboro Blvd. Lenoir  
Cost: Dutch-treat  
Bible Study Leader: Rev. Ashley Crouse, Pastor, New  
Vision Fellowship  
Register by Thursday, **November 9** (Call 758-4081)

**Please share this with the  
Senior Adults in your church.**

## Media Library Book Swap

September 11, 2023



Church Librarians are invited to bring discarded or duplicate books for a Book Swap on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Caldwell Baptist Center, 208 Nuway Circle, NE, Lenoir. Please bring finger foods and the association will provide the drinks. Last year we had a great time at Hudson First Baptist Church for our first Book Swap so hope you can attend this one.

## The VERY Important Church Budget (How to Avoid the IRS Crosshairs) September 12, 2023



Harris Chapel Baptist Church will be hosting this church budgeting seminar on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM. It is for treasurers, bookkeepers, finance committee members, pastors, and anyone who deals with finances in the church. Seminar leaders will be Bethany Scott and Claren Crisp with J&D Tax Service, Hudson. There is no charge, but please register by Tuesday, September 5, 2022 by calling 758-4081 or via [email](#).

## Coats for Caldwell September 17, 2023



The Associational Mission Mobilization Team sponsors an annual “Coats for Caldwell” Ingathering Day 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 garage behind the Caldwell Baptist Center on Sunday, September 17 from 2:30-4:00 PM. This is the only day coats will be received. The coats will be distributed before winter to people who need them.

## Retired Ministers & Wives Trip Farmer's Market, Asheville September 18, 2023



Retired ministers and wives will enjoy a trip to the Farmer's Market in Asheville on Monday, September 18. Please meet at the Caldwell Baptist Center at 9:00 AM and you will travel by church bus. Lunch will be provided by the Caldwell Baptist Association at the Moose Cafe. Must register by Friday, September 8 by calling 758-4081 or via [email](#). The bus has a 25 passenger capacity so please register early.

## **WMU Red Box Item Due Thursday, September 21, 2023**



Hope you are busy collecting the item for the WMU Red Boxes for this year. The item being collected by the Caldwell Baptist Association is Chapstick (original size). The due date at the Baptist Center is Thursday, September 21 (a month earlier than usual). Please bring the Chapstick in a cardboard box and the name of the church and number of items written on the box lid. Please do not bring the Chapstick in plastic bags, shopping bags, or plastic containers. Thank you.

## **WMU Church Leaders Training Dudley Shoals Baptist Church, Granite Falls September 23, 2023**

WMU NC is committed to helping leaders feel equipped to lead in their churches and communities. ABOUND is their annual leadership training focused on encouraging and equipping leaders to live out their specific ministry callings within their churches and communities.

Leaders hear from trained speakers and a wide variety of workshop sessions are available, from WMU age-level mission groups to spiritual development sessions. It's a time for leaders to network and fellowship with one another, gain fresh ideas, and receive new resources.

This training will take place at Dudley Shoals Baptist Church in Granite Falls on Saturday, September 23 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00 and includes a copy of the 2023-2024 Missions Leader Planning Guide. Please click on the [link](#) for more information and to register.

## **See You at the Pole Rally September 24, 2023**



The See You at the Pole (SYATP) Rally will be different this year. It will be held at Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, September 24 from 4:00-7:00 pm. 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 27. This rally is for students in grades 6-12. Be sure to encourage the youth in your church to attend this rally.

## Praise Sing September 25, 2023



Union Grove Baptist Church will host Praise Sing on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 PM. 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 11 and will be placed in the order the registration is received.

## Mission Friends Fall Fun Day October 7, 2023 Must Register by September 28



This fun day will be Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 10:30AM - 12:30 PM at Whitnel First Baptist Church, 1201 Connelly Springs Road, Lenoir. It is for all children ages 3 - Kindergarten. They do not have to be a member of a Mission Friends group to attend. There will be Bible stories, crafts, games and pizza for lunch. Please **register by Thursday, September 28** by calling the Baptist Center at 758-4081 or by [email](#). Please give the name of the church and the number of children attending. We want to have a big turnout so be sure and share this in your church.

## Food For the Hungry October 8, 2023



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 Sunday, October 8 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, 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".



## Raking For Missions Mid October - Mid December



This is a local mission project sponsored by the Associational Baptist Men's Team. Churches are encouraged to choose a date and time within the two-month period (Mid-October – Mid-December) to rake leaves in their neighborhood. Each church is responsible for making arrangements with homeowners to be on their property and to rake their leaves. This will be an opportunity to share the Gospel as appropriate, pray with the homeowners, and to share information about your church. Please report to the associational office the number of homes your church serviced during this mission project.

## World Day of Prayer November 6, 2023



The World Day of Prayer will be held Monday, November 6 at 7:00 PM at Mount Zion Baptist Church. All ladies, whether affiliated with Baptist Women or not, are invited to join us and thousands of other women around the world in prayer for each other. The church is located at 1787 Cahah Mountain Rd, Hudson.

## WMU Retreat November 17-18, 2023 Must register by October 26

The WMU Retreat will be held November 17-18 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. The theme will be "Resting in Jesus". All activities will be in the same building. You do not need to be a member of WMU to attend.

Cost per person is \$154 for single, \$97 for double, \$81 for triple, and \$73 for quad. Campus usage fee for commuters is \$25 plus meals. **Reservations and full payment must be mailed to the Caldwell Baptist Association, PO Box 1555, Lenoir, NC 28645 no later than Thursday, October 26.** Reservations must include number of rooms needed and names of guests in each room. The age of the guest, if under 18 years, is also needed. Please provide mailing or email address for each guest.

Retreat speaker will be Debbie Presnell. After a 30 year career in higher education, Debbie is now a Christian author, national speaker and Bible study teacher. Kendal Bray Clark, Music Director at Crest View Baptist Church, will be back with us this year as the music & worship leader.

The Friday night fun activity will be a "Slumber Party". For a bedtime game, everyone please bring an inexpensive (no more than \$2.00) stuffed animal. You will be given time before the games begin to change into your favorite pajamas.

## Harvest Seeds Ministry



The Caldwell Baptist Center continues to be a collection site for used literature for Harvest Seeds Ministry. Please bring your gently used literature to the back of the Baptist Center during the hours of 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30-4:30pm Monday-Friday. Literature must be delivered in boxes with lids for easy packing. The boxes must be brought ready for shipment with no exposed literature.

## Caldwell Baptist Association Financial Report July 2023

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

[Financial Report](#)

## Church News

Quintell Hill, BSCNC current president, will be preaching at Day 3 Church in Granite Falls at their Bible Conference August 6-9. On Sunday, August 6 the services begin at 9:00am, 10:30am and 6:30pm. Services begin at 6:30pm Monday, August 7 through Wednesday, August 9.

College Avenue Baptist Church will have a Back to School Blowout event on Sunday, August 20, 2023, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Children grades Kindergarten thru fifth grade will receive a bag filled with school supplies. Children must be present to receive a bag. There will be inflatables, entertainment from the College Avenue Puppet Team, and refreshments. The church is located at 1201 College Avenue, SW, Lenoir, NC.

Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church is opening Pine Mountain Academy & Preschool in the upcoming school year 2023-2024. Preschool ages 2.5-5 years old. The Pine Mountain Academy K-8th Grade. We have open student & employment opportunities. Applications can be found on our website. [pinemtnacademy.com](http://pinemtnacademy.com)

For a list of available interim/supply ministers click on the [link](#).

## VBS News

Friendship Baptist Church, 4676 Horseshoe Bend Road, Hudson  
July 30-August 3, 6:00-8:35pm, Commencement: August 4, 6:00pm, Theme: Twists and Turns

## Community News

Click on the [link](#) for upcoming Unifour Christian Ministries events.

Baptists on Mission will hold a Region 7 Mission Rally on Thursday, August 24 at Greater Vision Baptist Church in Millers Creek. There will be worship, short testimonies, mission videos, and a prayer time for missions. A meal will be provided at no charge but reservations are necessary. Must register by August 18 by clicking on the [link](#). The meal will begin at 5:45 pm, followed by the program from 6:50 to 8:30 pm.

**Attn: Church Clerks and Secretaries:** The Baptist State Convention of NC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. We will cover both the standard and short ACP forms, along with the Digital Online form and the SBC Workspace. Thank you in advance for considering to be a part of this training event.

Topic: 2024 Church ACP Clerk Training

Time: Aug 24, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88604918084>

Meeting ID: 886 0491 8084

Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) is hosting their 62nd Annual Western Conference September 7 on the Broyhill Campus in Clyde. The celebration begins at 4:00pm with tours, a free meal, music and an inspirational program involving the children in care and management of BCH. All churches are invited to come and be a part of this fellowship.

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) will be having a fundraiser on September 9, 9am-4pm on the Mills Home Campus in Thomasville. This artisan event will feature North Carolina's finest crafters, food vendors, and live music. Click on the [link](#) to purchase tickets.

Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) will be having their Saturday One-Day Missions event in September. This is an opportunity for your church to help with projects at one of the BCH ministry locations. Dates and locations are listed below. Registration is from 8:30-9:00am. Projects are from 9:00 to noon with lunch served and optional tours available afterwards.

- September 16: Cameron Boys Camp, Cameron
- September 16: Kennedy Home, Kinston
- September 16: Odum Home, Pembroke
- September 23: Camp Duncan, Aberdeen
- September 23: Mills Home, Thomasville

Free wheelchair ramp construction training will be held on September 23 at NCBAM, 201-A Idol Street, Thomasville from 9:30-11:30 am. The training will be provided by Baptists on Mission and sponsored by NCBAM. To register click on the [link](#).

The North Carolina Baptist Ministry Assistants Conference will be held at Caraway Conference Center November 13-15. The theme is "Relax, Refresh, Renew". The guest

speaker will be Lori Jarvis and the worship leader Ashley Rouselle, both from Hudson First Baptist Church. For more information and to register click on the [link](#).

## Available Positions

Busy Bee Wee School at Day3 Church is seeking a preschool teacher. If you love being around children, teaching them about the Bible and watching them blossom, then Busy Bee Wee School might be for you. The position is 8am to 1pm Monday-Friday. If interested, please call 828-514-4626 or email [busybeeweeschool@gmail.com](mailto:busybeeweeschool@gmail.com).

Center Grove Baptist Church in Hudson is seeking a part-time Children and Youth Ministry Leader. Please [email](#) your resume and three references. For more information and a list of responsibilities click [here](#).

Lower Creek Baptist Church is searching for a part-time choir director. The position is five hours a week for practice and Sunday morning service. If interested, please contact the church office at 828-758-2315.

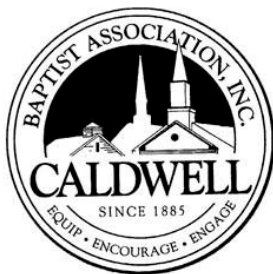
First Baptist Church of Lenoir currently has an open position for an afternoon care assistant teacher for their preschool. Hours would be from 12:00-5:30 PM. If interested contact Audrey Bentley at 754-2952 or [email](#).

Clover Baptist Church is seeking a Senior Pastor. Resumes may be emailed to [carol@cloverbaptistchurch.com](mailto:carol@cloverbaptistchurch.com) or mailed to Clover Baptist Church, Attn: Pastor Search Committee, 100 Pinewood Road, Granite Falls, NC 28630.

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Hudson is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor of Families, Youth, and Children. Please click on the [link](#) for more information and how to apply. Deadline to receive resumes is May 12, 2023.

Setzer Creek Baptist Church is in search of a full-time pastor. Please send resume to Setzer Creek Baptist Church, Search Committee, PO Box 449, Patterson, NC 28661.

Barnardville Baptist Church, Barnardville is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. To apply send your resume, salvation testimony, call to the ministry testimony, and cover letter to Barnardville Baptist Church, Pastoral Search Committee, PO Box 8, Barnardville, NC 28709.



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