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Rev. R. Dale Fisher

### MOMENTS WITH YOUR INTERIM ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

#### A Life Changed Forever

On June 22, 1961 my life changed forever. It happened on a Thursday morning during the second week of Vacation Bible School at the Victory Baptist Church in Asheville. On that morning, Pastor Tom Young shared an evangelistic message with the older children and youth who attended that ten-day Bible school. As the invitation was given, all I could think about was Jesus and my need to have Him in my life. So, under conviction of the Holy Spirit with tears streaming down my face, I surrendered my life as a nine-year-old boy to Jesus Christ, who became my Lord and Savior that day.

Vacation Bible School continues to be a tremendous evangelistic outreach tool in the work of God's Kingdom. Today, there are few churches, if any, that have ten days of Bible school. Some churches do one-day schools, some offer weekend Bible schools, while others offer a whole week. Some churches provide sessions during morning hours, while most offer evening schools.

According to a blog by Melita Thomas on February 21, 2018, "VBS is more than just a week of fun. For many churches, it is the single most evangelistic outreach event of the year." "It's all about sharing the gospel and allowing the Holy Spirit to do His work." Even though themes and decorations enhance the excitement of VBS, please remember



**Sunday, June 18, 2023**

that the focus should be on God's Word and sharing it with those who attend.

A growing list of Vacation Bible Schools in member churches of the Caldwell Baptist Association is shown on our website ([www.caldwellbaptist.org](http://www.caldwellbaptist.org)), in our weekly "Church and Community News," plus the monthly "e-Caller." The purpose of the list, which shows the dates and themes, is to encourage readers to attend one or more of the schools and/or to pray for VBS. If you would like to add the VBS planned by your church, just send an email to Darlene at [office@caldwellbaptist.org](mailto:office@caldwellbaptist.org), giving the name of the church, plus the VBS dates, time, and theme.

Please join me in praying that lives will be changed forever as a result of the multiple Vacation Bible Schools that will be offered this summer. Also, pray for the workers who lead the various schools.

Dale,  
Interim Associational Mission Strategist (AMS)  
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**The Caldwell Baptist Association has new email addresses.**

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

The Caldwell Baptist AMS Search Team first wishes to thank you for your continued prayers as we move ahead with the task of seeking Divine Guidance and Wisdom as we seek the person who the Lord wants in Caldwell Association.

We have been blessed with some very good interviews with prospective AMS Candidates. We are planning follow-up interviews and trust the Lord for His direction. We continue to pray as a Team, and continue to be thrilled by the sense of unity within the Team!

As a Team we are confident that the Lord has a person in mind for the position; our desire is to find that individual. We are confident that in God's timing we will meet and be able to present a candidate to The Association.

Your continued prayers are very vital to us and we thank you for blessing us with the assurance of your prayer support! May the Lord richly bless you and all the churches of Caldwell Baptist Association!

Please be assured that we will keep you updated on the progress of the search process!

AMS Search Team  
Stuart White

## Position Available



The Ministry Assistant for the Caldwell Baptist Association will be retiring October 27 of this calendar year. Knowing the difficulty of finding qualified employees we are already working to fill this position with the hope that a person can be hired before the retirement, allowing the new person to shadow our current Ministry Assistant prior to October 27th. Our hope is that we can find a qualified person to fill this opening within our Caldwell Baptist Association. We are however, open to applicants from outside our county. Click on the links below for more information.

[JOB POSTING](#)

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[JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

## Breakfast Fellowship for Pastors and Deacons June 3, 2023



This breakfast fellowship is for all pastors and deacons (active and inactive) in member churches of the Caldwell Baptist Association. It will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 - 10:00 AM at New Vision Baptist Fellowship. The program will be "The Joy of Deacon Ministry" led by Rev. Ashley Crouse, Pastor of New Vision Church and Pastoral Leadership Team Leader for the Caldwell Baptist Association. The church is located at 4858 Grace Chapel Rd, Granite Falls. Reservations are needed. Each deacon chair is asked to call the Baptist Center (758-4081) or [email](#) by Friday, May 26 with the number planning to attend from their church.

## Media Library Book Fair June 5, 2023



Church Librarians, affiliated with the Caldwell Baptist Association, are invited to Leap of Faith Book Store in Lenoir for a Book Fair on Monday, June 5 at 6:00 PM. The Caldwell Baptist Association will provide each librarian with a gift card to be applied to a purchase. Leap of Faith will be providing refreshments and door prizes. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by Tuesday, May 30 by calling 758-4081 or [email](#).

## Ministers Conference June 7, 2023



The next Ministers Conference will be held on June 7 at 10:00 AM at the Caldwell Baptist Center. The program will be provided by Robin's Nest. A Dutch-treat lunch will be enjoyed by all interested persons at a nearby restaurant following the conference.

## Senior Adult Lunch & Learns June, July, August 2023



### Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Lower Creek Church, 633 Lower Creek Dr, Lenoir  
Cost: Free (Compliments of Lower Creek Church)  
Bible Study Leader: Rev. Roger Parker, Minister of Pastoral Care at Dudley Shoals Baptist Church  
Register by Thursday, June 15 (Call 758-4081)

### Thursday, July 13 at 11:00 AM

Southern Crossroads Diner, 129 Wilkesboro Blvd, Lenoir  
Cost: Dutch-treat  
Bible Study Leader: Rev. Ron Burgett, Pastor, Harris Chapel Baptist Church  
Register by Thursday, July 6 (Call 758-4081)

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

Union Grove Baptist 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)

**Please share this with the Senior Adults.**

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



It is time to start 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.

## 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 May 2023

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

[Financial Report](#)

## Church News

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

Hartland Baptist Church, 3730 Hartland Road, Morganton  
Saturday, June 3 - 9:00am-1:00pm, Theme: Pets Unleashed: Where Jesus Cares "Fur"  
You, Petting Zoo, Balloon Animals, Obstacle Course, Lunch

Temple Hill Baptist Church, 4409 Temple Hill Church Road, Granite Falls  
June 4-8, 6:00-9:00pm, Ages 2yrs-18yrs, Theme: Proclamation Safari Park, Food,  
Fellowship, Fun, Call 828-396-3553 for more information

Clover Baptist Church, 100 Pinewood Road, Granite Falls  
June 4-9, 6:00-8:30pm, Theme: Twists & Turns

First Baptist Church Granite Falls, 12 Crestview Street, Granite Falls  
June 11-15, 5:30-8:45pm, Meals served nightly, Theme: Twists & Turns

Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church, 2822 Pooveys Chapel Church Rd, Hudson  
June 11-16, 6:00-8:30pm, Supper served nightly, Theme: Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light,  
Ages 4 and up are welcome, Click the [link](#) to register.

Meadowbrook Baptist Church, 914 Meadowlane Drive, Lenoir  
June 14 - VBS Kickoff Party, 5:30-8:00pm with food and inflatables, June 15-16, 5:30-  
8:00pm with food each night & June 17, 10:00am-12:30pm lunch provided, June 18 -  
Commencement, 10:00-11:00am, Theme: Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God,  
Questions call 828-754-7656

North Catawba Baptist Church, 1596 N Catawba Church Avenue, Lenoir  
June 19-23, 6:00-8:30pm, Theme: Deep Sea Discovery: Dive into an underwater  
adventure and learn that God is with us wherever we go, 3 years of age through 12th  
grade, fellowship, crafts, food, Bible stories, and a meal will be provided

Grandview Park Baptist Church, 2539 Grandview Circle, NW, Lenoir  
June 23, 10:00am-4:00pm, June 24, 10:00am-6:00pm with commencement starting at  
6:00pm, Theme: Stompers and Choppers: Building Dino-sized Faith in God's Big Plan

Flemings chapel Baptist Church, 4430 Littlejohn Church Road, Lenoir  
June 23, 6:00-9:00pm with meal, June 24, 9:00am-3:00pm with breakfast and lunch,  
June 25 - Celebration during morning worship service, Theme: Twists and Turns,  
children 3-12 years old

Dudley Shoals Baptist Church, 1882 Dudley Shoals Road, Granite Falls  
June 23, 5:30-8:30 with a meal, June 24, 10:00am-3:00pm with lunch, June 25, 4:00pm  
with an outdoor party afterward, Theme: Make Waves, games, bounce houses,  
activities, food, and more, Register your child at this [link](#)

Dry Ponds Baptist Church, 5235 Union Church Road, Granite Falls  
June 25-30, 6:20-8:30pm, Theme: Keepers of the Kingdom, Dinner served at 5:30pm

Lower Creek Baptist Church, 633 Lower Creek Drive, NE, Lenoir  
June 26-30, 6:00-8:30pm, Theme: Twists & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game  
(Ps. 25:4)

Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1787 Cahah Mountain Road, Hudson  
July 9-13, 5:30-7:45pm, Theme: Twists & Turns



Hudson First Baptist Church, 345 Main Street, Hudson  
July 16-19, 6:00-8:30pm, Theme: Ready, Set, Move: Follow Jesus Here, There and Everywhere!, Ages Pre-Rising 6th Grade, Bible stories, games, crafts, food and fun, For more information and to Pre-register click on the [link](#).

Yadkin Baptist Church, 2044 Roby Martin Road, Patterson  
July 23-27, 6:00-8:00pm, Meals provided nightly, Theme: Keeper of the Kingdom: God gives us His armor to help us stand strong in the battle for truth, Ages 3 years to 5th grade, Click on the [link](#) to register

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

The NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat will be held at Caraway Conference Center July 10-12. The theme is "Where's Your Path Leading?" The speaker will be Jodi Aiken and the worship leader will be Leah Willis. For more information and to register click on the [link](#).

Fragrance Ministries is sponsoring a Women's Night Out featuring guest speaker, Holly Myers. The event will be held at the LeGrand Conference Center in Shelby, NC on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Please make note of the upcoming Women's Weekend Away at Ridgecrest Conference Center September 15-17. Early Bird Special is \$275 + tax, double occupancy and is due June 14th. \$100.00 Deposit to hold your spot. For more information contact Teresa Davis at 704-477-0002 or click [here](#).

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](#).

Truett Conference Center & Camp will be hosting the following events. Click on the links for more information.

[2023 June - Truett 70th Anniversary Celebration](#)

[2023 June Happiness Retreat](#)

[2023 Summer Camps](#)

[We're Hiring](#)

## 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).

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.

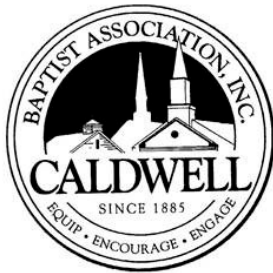
First Baptist Church of Lenoir currently has an open position for an afternoon care assistant teacher for their preschool. Hours would be from 12:00-5:30 PM. If interested contact Audrey Bentley at 754-2952 or [email](#).

First Baptist Church of Granite Falls is seeking a full-time Associate pastor of Students and Families. Please click on the [link](#) for more information and how to apply.

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.



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