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MOMENTS WITH YOUR INTERIM ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

Jesus Told Them to Rejoice

The word “rejoice” means to feel or express great joy or delight in something that has happened. People rejoice over good news, whether expected or unexpected. The birth of a child, a promotion at work, a special gift, or a win by one’s favorite team can cause people to rejoice. Joyful satisfaction in something reported or received is a great blessing.

The Lord Jesus told some women to “rejoice” when He encountered them (Matthew 28:9). Why did He say that to them? Because He was alive! Jesus had been crucified two days earlier and His dead body had been placed in a tomb. Since that happened on a Friday, no additional preparation could be done to His body until the Sabbath passed (Luke 23:56). It was now Sunday, the first day of the week, and certain women went to the tomb of Jesus, hoping to further preserve His body with spices which they had prepared (Luke 24:1).

As the women made their way to the tomb “they said among themselves, ‘Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?’” (Mark 16:3 NKJV). Upon their arrival at the tomb, they were surprised to discover that the very large stone had already been rolled away. As they entered the

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**Happy
Birthday
Dale Fisher
April 4**

tomb, they could not find the body of Jesus. They were confused and troubled, which gave way to fear as heavenly beings asked “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” (Luke 24:5). So, as the women left the tomb to go tell the other disciples what had happened, they encountered the risen Lord who told them to “rejoice.”

Christians all over the world can rejoice on this coming Easter Sunday (April 9, 2023) and every other day, because Jesus has risen from the dead. He paid the price for our sin with His pure blood, and then on the third day, rose victoriously from the tomb. He is alive, providing eternal life for all believe in Him. The Bible says, as recorded in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Have you experienced this gift from God? In Ephesians 2:8-9 the Bible says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Say “yes” to Jesus, then “rejoice” that your sins have been forgiven, and your eternal destiny is a home with Him in heaven. (See John 14:1-6).

Dale
Interim AMS

The Caldwell Baptist Association has new email addresses.

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**The Caldwell Baptist Center will be closed
April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday.**

Associational Mission Strategist Search Team Report

The Caldwell Baptist AMS Search Team is currently reviewing resumes and looking forward to interviewing potential candidates. We continue to prayerfully seek the leadership and direction of the Holy Spirit.

We are very grateful that Rev. Dale Fisher is serving as the Interim AMS of Caldwell Association! His service is a blessing in so many ways, especially to the AMS Search Team!

The Team is thankful for your continued prayers as we continue with the process of searching for the candidate for AMS in Caldwell Association! It is a blessing to know that you care and are remembering us in your prayers!

We will continue to keep you updated and informed concerning the work of the AMS Team. We certainly will be pleased when we are able to present a candidate for your consideration!

Stuart White
AMS Search Team Leader

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](#) [JOB APPLICATION](#)

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Ministers Conference April 5, 2022



The next Ministers Conference will be held on April 5 at 10:00 AM at the Caldwell Baptist Center. The program will be "The Mission of Horizons School" presented by Mr. Gwyn Roop, Principle at Horizons Elementary Alternative School. A Dutch-treat lunch will be enjoyed by all interested persons at a nearby restaurant following the conference.

Senior Adult Lunch & Learns April 6, May 18, June 22, 2023



Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Miller Hill Baptist Church - 1230 Virginia St, SW, Lenoir
Cost: Free (Compliments of Miller Hill Church)
Bible Study Leader: Dr. Steve Parker, Interim Pastor
Register by Friday, March 31 (Call 758-4081)

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM

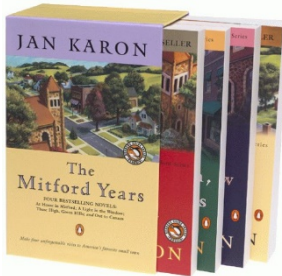
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, Lenoir
Cost: Dutch-treat
Bible Study Leader: Rev. Steve Hedgecock, Pastor of
First Baptist Church Whitnel
Register by Thursday, May 11 (Call 758-4081)

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)

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

Church Librarians Tour The Mitford Museum April 13, 2023



Church librarians, affiliated with the Caldwell Baptist Association, are invited to The Mitford Museum located at the HUB in Hudson on Thursday, April 13. Please arrive no later than 9:45 AM and gather as a group before entering the museum. There is an entry fee and the Caldwell Baptist Association will pay your fee for you. There is a gift shop, called Happy Endings Bookstore, featuring exclusive Mitford gifts, so come prepared should you choose to make a purchase.

Church Secretaries Luncheon April 20, 2023



Church secretaries, affiliated with the Caldwell Baptist Association, are invited to the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant on Thursday, April 20 at 11:30 AM. You will be honored with a small gift and a meal, compliments of the Caldwell Baptist Association. All the many ways you promote associational events in your church are deeply appreciated. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 13 by calling the Baptist Center at 758-4081 or by [email](#). Hope to see you on the 20th.

Darlene

WMU Meeting and Banquet April 25, 2023



The 108th annual WMU Meeting and the 25th annual Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 PM at the Life Center of FBC Hudson. The guest speaker will be Allison Markwood and special music will be provided by "One Voice". The meal will be catered by Pertz Cafe at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Please register and pay by Thursday, April 20. The Mission Spotlight will be Amorem (Hospice). For more information about the meeting and a list of items needed by Amorem click on the [link](#).

Spring Associational Gathering April 27, 2023



Messengers to the Caldwell Baptist Association will meet at the Life Center of First Baptist Church of Hudson on April 27 at 6:30 PM for a catered meal and program. Rev. Dale Fisher, Interim Associational Mission Strategist, will be the speaker. Your attendance as a messenger will be greatly appreciated.

Disaster Relief Training April 29, 2023



Disasters will not wait, and
neither can we. We
desperately need more
feeding volunteers to help us.
Please join our team and
become a Disaster Volunteer.



Go to baptistonmission.org and register to attend training April 29 at Highland Park Baptist Church in Mt. Airy. Help us feed people in Jesus' name. If you meet their needs, they will listen to the gospel. For more information call Terry Barnes 828-320-2362

Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup Ingathering April 30, 2023

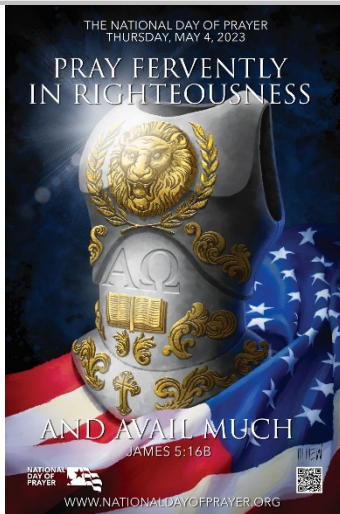


Help provide three meals everyday.



Thank you for collecting food, supplies and gift cards for the annual Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup. Click on the [link](#) for a list of needed items. The Caldwell Baptist Center will receive these items one day only...Sunday, April 30 from 2:30 - 4:00 PM at the garage behind the Baptist Center on 208 NuWay Circle, Lenoir.

National Day of Prayer May 4, 2023



The 72nd Annual National Day of Prayer will take place on Thursday, May 4 from 12:00-12:30 PM. The theme is "Pray Fervently In Righteousness And Avail Much" taken from James 5:16B. Please join in prayer with your friends and neighbors at one of the following locations.

- Lenoir Downtown Plaza with the rain location First Baptist Church Lenoir Sanctuary
- Gamewell Town Hall at the gazebo area with the rain location in the council chambers
- First Baptist Church Hudson at the picnic shelter with the rain location in the sanctuary
- First Baptist Church Granite Falls front yard area with the rain location in the fellowship building

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. 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 March 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

A highlight of Holy Week, the Tenebrae service is a service of shadows and growing darkness, preparing the believer for the joy of the resurrection of Jesus. College Avenue Baptist Church will celebrate a Tenebrae service on Good Friday evening, April 7, at 7:00 pm. For more information click on the [link](#).

Dudley Shoals Baptist Church will host a Outdoorsman's Banquet on Friday, April 7 from 5:30-9:00 PM. For more information click on the [link](#).

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

Community News

The Baptist Missions Conference "Living on Mission" will be held on April 14-15 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Registration deadline is April 6. For more information and to register click on the [link](#).

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is encouraging churches to sign up for Fill The Tank - Baptism Sunday on April 16. For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

"Ignite!" is the theme of the WMU NC Missions Conference and 132nd Annual Meeting. It will be held on April 28-29 at Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro. For more information click on this [link](#).

Baptists on Mission will sponsor a "Men's Outdoor Weekend" May 5-6 at Camp Caraway. Cost is \$90 per person and includes Friday night lodging and three meals on Saturday. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Fragrance Ministries presents "A Women's Night Out Event" at Pleasant City Church in Shelby on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$20.00. Guest speaker will be Sharon Jaynes with special music by the PCC Praise Team. For more information or to register go to fragranceministries.org.

Baptist Children's Homes One Day Saturday Missions Day is back. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:00 AM. Projects from 9:00 to noon, then lunch will be served. Optional tours available after lunch. Dates and locations follows:

April 15: Cameron Boys Camp, Cameron

May 6: Camp Duncan, Aberdeen

May 13: Kennedy Home, Kinston

May 20: Odum Home, Pembroke

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

[2023 April - Truett Father & Daughter Campout](#)

[2023 May - Truett Mother/Daughter Retreat](#)

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

[2023 Summer Camps](#)

[We're Hiring](#)

Available Positions

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.

Baton Baptist Church is seeking a full-time pastor. Resumes will be accepted through March 2023. All inquiries or resumes need to be sent to batonbaptistchurch@gmail.com.

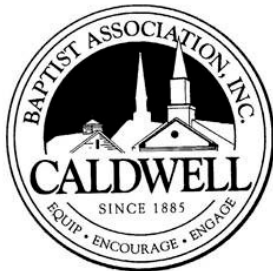
Friendship Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Children/Youth Minister. Please send resume to pastor@friendshiphudson.org. For more information click on the [link](#).

Clover Baptist Church is seeking a Senior Pastor. Resumes may be emailed to 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.

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.

Mt. Elam Baptist Church in Roseboro, NC is in search of a full-time youth pastor. Please click on the [link](#) for more information and how to apply.



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