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#### From Bro. Chuck's Desk

Hello Caldwell Baptists! It is great to finally be here! Thank you all for welcoming Martha Jo and me with such friendly and genuine expressions of love and acceptance. I want to take this opportunity to give thanks. First of all, thanks to our Lord and Heavenly Father for bringing us here to join with you in the ministry of the gospel. Thank you to the AMS search team who served so faithfully over the past couple of years. They gave of their time and energy to the Lord in this work, and their main priorities were that they would be led by the Holy Spirit, and that the Lord would be glorified. Thank you to Brother Dale Fisher and Darlene Townsend for their many years of selfless dedication to the work of the association. Thank you to Mount Zion Baptist Church for the gracious offering of the use of their parsonage as a temporary home for Martha Jo and myself.

\*\* Matthew 28:18-20 \*\*

Caldwell Baptist Association, you are a wonderful example of the body of Christ working together in the exciting work of the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. We can accomplish far more kingdom work when we join hands, heads, and hearts. I recently read an article about the pulling power of draft horses. The article said that one of these giants can pull up to 8,000 pounds, but two of them pulling together have the potential to pull up to three times the weight that a single horse can pull alone. The principle of working together is really easy to understand, plus we have the added advantage of

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the power of God with us in the work. I'm excited about the possibilities. I hope you are!

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

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



### **Exciting Announcement: Our New Associational Mission Strategist!**

Dear Members and Friends of the Caldwell Baptist Association,

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with you all. After an extensive search and selection process, we are excited to welcome our new Associational Mission Strategist, Rev. Chuck Bounds and his wife, Martha Jo, to the Caldwell Baptist Association family!

As our Associational Mission Strategist, Rev. Chuck Bounds will play a pivotal role in guiding us towards our shared vision. He will work closely with our member churches, committees, and volunteers to foster collaboration, support local ministries, and strengthen the bonds of our association. With God's guidance, we are confident that together we will continue to fulfill the Great Commission. We invite all of you to join us in celebrating this new beginning. During the Fall Gathering of the Messengers on October 26 at Friendship Baptist Church, we will share in the installation of Rev. Chuck Bounds.

We are filled with hope and excitement for the future as we embark on this new adventure with Rev. Chuck Bounds and his wife Martha Jo. Let's continue to work together, united in our mission to spread God's love, faith, and compassion throughout the Caldwell Baptist Association.

Blessings  
Miranda Denning, Member  
AMS Search Team

## Ministers Conference October 4, 2023



The next Ministers Conference will be held on October 4 at 10:00 AM at Harris Chapel Baptist Church. The program will be a worship service followed by a meal provided by the church. Please register by Tuesday September 26th by Phone (828) 758-4081, [email](#), or [ONLINE](#).

## Senior Adult Lunch & Learns 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, 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 or  
Register [ONLINE](#)

### 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 or  
Register [ONLINE](#)

Please share this with the  
Senior Adults in your church.

## 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 calling the Baptist Center at 758-4081, by [email](#) or [online](#) 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 Cahaj 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 August 2023

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

[Financial Report](#)

## Church News

College Avenue Baptist Church will host a community breakfast and Worship Service on Sunday, October 8, 2023. The free breakfast begins at 9:00 AM with the worship service following. The Puppet ministry will sing a song during the worship service. Church members and our community neighbors and friends are invited to attend. The church is located at 1201 College Avenue, SW, Lenoir, NC. For more information, contact the church office at 828-754-6482 Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Mulberry Baptist Church is hosting a fall revival Sunday, October 15 through Wednesday, October 18. Rev. James Wilfong will bring the message Sunday at 6:00PM and Monday at 7:00PM. Rev. Steve Parker will bring the message Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, November 4th from 9:00-12:00 Lakeview Baptist Church will be collecting bookbags for the Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach. If you have any questions, please refer to the Baptist on Missions [website](#) or call Miranda Denning at (828) 394-9713.

A church has been gifted twelve gallons of hand sanitizer, manufactured by Neptune Wellness Solutions. If your church is interested in any of this hand sanitizer, please contact the Caldwell Baptist Association at 828-758-4081 or [email](#).

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 participation 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

Baptist Men on Mission are inviting all men to an evening of fellowship that will include supper, followed by a time of worship, testimony, spiritual encouragement, missions, and prayer. Join others from Region 7 as we pursue being the men God created us to be! These rallies provide a time of meaningful worship and great fellowship, as well as inspiration to strengthen ministry to men in the local church. Meal begins at 6:15 pm. Program is from 7:00-8:30 pm. Cost is \$5 per man, and helps cover the cost of the meal. Every man and his pastor is encouraged to attend! Registration is required. Register and pay [online](#) - or - call Melanie Crawford at the Baptist on Mission Office at 919-459-5607 and provide a credit card. We hope to see you and your men there!

The Lenoir Senior Center's Songbirds are seeking new members. This group sings at area nursing homes every Tuesday morning September-May. If you are interested in joining this group, please call the Senior Center at (828) 758-2883.

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

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

Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina is hosting a youth retreat at Ridgecrest October 20-22. It will be for boys and girls grades 6th-12th. Registration is open until October 13, 2023. Click [here](#) for more information, and to register.

Kairos Prison Ministry will be having a training event for volunteers who would like to assist with this ministry. The date will be: October 14th at Concord Baptist Church, Granite Falls NC. For more information send an [email](#) or call 828-455-2901

The Virginia Church Library Association is having a fall conference, *Celebrating 65 years of VCLA* on Saturday October 21st in the Richmond area. For more details click [here](#).

For more information about Unifour Christian Ministries Events click [here](#).

Fragrance Ministries Women's Night Out November 2, 2023. It will be held at the LeGrand Center in Shelby NC. The speaker will be Kaitlyn Fielder. Lindy Bryson will lead the Praise and Worship. The event will include vendors, a meal, door prizes, and lots of fun! To order tickets click [here](#).

NCBAM will be selling Fraser Fir wreaths. All proceeds benefit Rampin' Up 2024. Order by November 3, and pick up November 28 at NCBAM in Thomasville. Click [here](#) to order.

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](#).

Church Renewal Journey, a ministry of NC Baptists on Mission, sponsors Awakening Weekends. These weekends help congregations to equip, commission, empower, and send by highlighting believers' faith and their hopes for their church. For more information click [here](#).

## Available Positions

Enon Baptist Church is seeking a full-time Senior Pastor. Candidate must be a master's graduate of an accredited seminary or divinity school; ordained and licensed as a Southern Baptist minister fully endorsing the Baptist Faith and Message; and have a minimum of six years experience as a Senior Pastor. Resumes to be mailed to Pastor Search Committee, Enon Baptist Church, PO Box 33, East Bend NC 27018 or emailed to [PastorSearch@enonbaptist.org](mailto:PastorSearch@enonbaptist.org).

Union Grove Baptist Church is seeking to fill their pianist position. If interested, please contact Mike Watson 828-302-6213 for a job description and additional information.

Mountain Grove is seeking a Senior Pastor. For more information click [here](#).

Samaritan's Purse is looking to hire 150+ seasonal workers for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. To apply and for more information click [here](#).

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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