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Associational Mission Strategist Search Team Update

The AMS Search Team is in the interview process of the search. We have experienced some very good interviews for which we are most grateful! We are grateful for the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in the entire process, but especially in the current phase. Before we meet with a potential candidate, we begin with prayer that the Lord will direct us as well as the person with whom we are meeting.

To this point our meetings have been through Zoom or Face Time, however, before we present a potential candidate, we will meet with him and his family in person. Your assistance through the surveys we did are of great help as we seek a man who meets the survey summary as nearly as possible.

Thank you for your prayer support as well as words of encouragement. We request your continued prayers as we move forward. Our desire is to present a proposed candidate to you for your approval, but our desire is to be confident of Divine guidance first.

We will continue to keep you updated regarding the progress of The AMS Search Team and we are looking forward to the time when we can announce to you that we have a person to present to you.

AMS Search Team
Stuart White



**The Caldwell Baptist Center will be closed
Monday, September 5 in observance
of Labor Day.**

North Carolina Missions Offering



The North Carolina Missions Offering is received the month of September and supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, church planting, missions camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. The theme for 2022 is "Relief for Today. Hope for Tomorrow." The offering goal is \$2.1 million. The theme verse is Romans 15:13, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Ministers Conference Wednesday, September 7, 2022



Ministers and wives (including pastors, interim pastors, staff ministers, and retired ministers) are invited to the September Ministers Conference to be held at Baton Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The church is located at 4491 Hickory Nut Ridge Rd, Hudson. The program will be a *Music and Worship Service* followed with lunch (hamburgers and hotdogs) provided by Baton Church.

Please register by Thursday, September 1, 2022
Call 758-4081 or [email](#)

Women's Ministry Event Saturday, September 10, 2022



All ladies are invited to this Women's Ministry event focusing on the theme "Who Am I in Christ?" It will be held at Union Grove Baptist Church on Saturday, September 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Please join us for a time of fellowship, inspiration, and refreshments (ice-cream and cookie bar). There is no cost, but for planning purposes,

please register by Thursday, September 1 by clicking on the [link](#) or call the Baptist Center at 758-4081.

The guest speaker will be Beth Greer, a gifted Bible teacher, speaker and worship leader. She is a native of South Carolina, grew up in Brazil where her parents served as Southern Baptist missionaries. She is married to Tom Greer, has two daughters, and lives in Lexington, South Carolina.

Senior Adult Lunch & Learn Tuesday, September 13, 2022



The next Senior Adult Lunch & Learn will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 11:00 AM at Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church, 2822 Poovey's Chapel Church Rd, Hudson. The Bible Study Leader will be Rev. Bud Jernigan, Retired Minister. The meal will be compliments of the church. Please register by Thursday, September 8 by calling 758-4081. Please share this information with the senior adults in your church.

Church Administration Seminar Tuesday, September 13, 2022



Crest View Baptist Church will be hosting a Church Administration Seminar on "Emergency Medical and Disaster Protocols for Churches" on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM. Seminar leaders will be Vic Misenheimer, Caldwell County Emergency Management Coordinator/Fire Investigator and Kevin Brown, Caldwell County Fire Marshal. There is no charge, but please register by Tuesday, September 6, 2022 by calling the Baptist Center at 758-4081 or click here to [email](#).

Coats for Caldwell 2022 Ingathering Day: Sunday, September 25 from 2:30-4:00 PM



People in Caldwell County need warm winter coats, but some individuals do not have the funds to get what they need. The Mission Mobilization Team of the Caldwell Baptist Association sponsors an annual "Coats for Caldwell" Ingathering Day to receive donations of new or clean gently used coats to share with needy people in the county.

If you would like to help, then bring your new or clean gently used coats to the garage behind the Caldwell Baptist Center **only** on Sunday, September 25th from 2:30-4:00 PM. A team of volunteers will be at the garage to assist you. The coats will then be distributed before winter to people who need them. Thank you for your help with this annual project.

Praise Sing 2022

Monday, September 26, 2022



Praise Sing will be held on Monday, September 26 at 7:00 PM at Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend this praise and worship service. Church choirs, praise teams, and quartets have been invited to participate. Please only one musical group per church. Must register by September 12th and groups will be placed in the order the registrations are received. Click on the [link](#) to get a registration form.

See You at the Pole Rally

Tuesday, September 27, 2022



The See You at the Pole (SYATP) Rally encourages students to get excited about attending the SYATP event at their schools. This student-led rally will be Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 PM at Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church. Please encourage the students in your church to come and bring a friend. We need some students to provide music, prayer, drama, creative movement, etc. For more information and to help lead in this rally, click on the [link](#). Must register by September 15, 2022.

Food for the Hungry

Sunday, October 9, 2022



Please mark October 9, 2022 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. We changed the name to Food for the Hungry since we will not be having a parade. On Sunday, October 9 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.

When you arrive at the Life Center you will be given an envelope to fill out the number of food/supply items, amount of money collected, and the total amount on the gift cards collected.

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". Organizations that will receive the donations are Bethel Colony, Caldwell County Yokefellow, Lenoir Soup Kitchen, and South Caldwell Christian Ministries. Volunteers will be needed to sort and count food and supplies on Monday, October 10, starting at 9:00 AM in the Life Center of FBC Hudson.

Some much needed food and supplies are as follows: paper products (napkins, paper towels, to go plates), boxed cereals, instant oatmeal and grits, juice boxes, canned and instant potatoes, white and brown sugar, pop top cans of fruit, cornbread mix, Bisquick, macaroni & cheese mix, rice (1 pound bag), pancake mix and syrup, and canned meats.

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.

WMU Red Box Item Due October 28, 2022



The item for Caldwell Baptists to collect for the WMU Red Box Ministry this year is soap. Each bar of soap must be the **4 to 5 ounce size**. This is the only size we can send so please do not bring any other size to the Baptist Center. Soap must be kept in the original packaging materials with price tags removed. Do not separate the bars of soap if

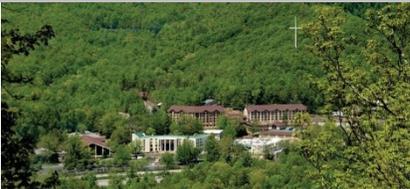
packaged together. Must deliver to the Baptist Center by October 28, 2022 in **cardboard boxes with lids** and the name of the church and number of bars of soap must be written on the box lid. Please do not bring the soap to the Baptist Center in plastic bags, shopping bags, or plastic containers.

World Day of Prayer November 7, 2022



The World Day of Prayer will be held Monday, November 7 at 7:00 PM at Lower Creek Baptist Church. The program for the Day of Prayer is translated into well over 80 languages so thousands upon thousands of Baptist women gather to pray for each other on that special day. 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.

WMU Retreat November 18-19, 2022



The WMU Retreat will be held November 18-19 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Cost per person is \$146 for single, \$92 for double, \$77 for triple, and \$69 for quad. Campus usage fee for commuters is \$12 plus meals. Reservations and full payment must be mailed to the Caldwell Baptist Association, PO Box 1555, Lenoir, NC 28645 no later than Tuesday, November 1. 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 Caroline Jones, a native of North Carolina. Combining personal experiences, story-telling humor and Biblical principles, Caroline has been a featured speaker from Alaska to the southern tip of South America. Her ability to paint word pictures and draw her listeners into the experiences she shares have her listeners laughing one minute and reaching for a tissue the next. She lives in Erwin, NC and loves sharing God's love and teachings with others.

Music and Worship Leader will be Kendal Bray, Music Director at Crest View Baptist Church. Her warm personality, love of the Lord, and musical abilities will inspire and encourage you in your worship experience at the retreat.

On Friday night there will be a first ever Parade of Nations! To make this the grandest parade ever we are asking all of you to dress as a woman or an icon from a foreign country! Be sure to make a small sign or banner with the name identifying your country. There will be prizes awarded for those voted as best dressed in our Parade of Nations!

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. Press the button beside the glass door to alert the staff that you have arrived. When you are gathering materials to donate and packing your boxes, please pack to make sure that the outside covers are flat and not curled, or missing on your materials. If your books are dusty please wipe them off. Do not send any materials that have mold or mildew on them because they have to be thrown away. Literature must be delivered in boxes with lids for easy packing. If the box has flaps, please make sure the flaps are not folded into the box. The boxes must be brought ready for shipment with no exposed literature.

Caldwell Baptist Association Financial Report August 2022

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

[Financial Report](#)

Church News

Lakeview Baptist Church will have their 3rd County-wide Sunday Funday Meet and Greet for youth on Sunday, October 2 at 12:30 PM. Please click on the [link](#) for more information. Mount Carmel Baptist Church will have revival October 30-November 2. Steven Dagenhart from Calvary Baptist Church in Taylorsville will be the speaker. On Sunday the service begins at 6:00 PM and Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 PM. There will be special singing and the Calvary Choir.

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

Community News

Baptist Children's Homes will hold their 61st Annual Western Area Conference on Thursday, September 8 at Broyhill Home in Clyde, NC. The conference begins at 4:00 PM with cottage tours, followed by a free barbecue supper from 4:45-5:45. After supper a program will feature children in care, special music, and an inspirational message from President/CEO, Dr. Michael C. Blackwell. All churches are invited to come. Make your reservation by calling 828-627-9254.

Baptist Children's Homes Friends of Children Mission Day will take place in September. This is a local, one-day missions opportunity for your church group to tackle projects at one of the Baptist Children's Homes. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:00 AM. Projects are from 9:00 to noon. Lunch is served and optional tours are available afterwards.

Dates and locations are below:

- September 10 Cameron Boys Camp, Cameron
- September 17 Odum Home, Pembroke
- September 17 Camp Duncan, Aberdeen
- September 17 Kennedy Home, Kinston
- September 24 Mills Home, Thomasville

The Baptist Foundation, Baptist Retirement Homes, and the Baptist State Convention of NC are conducting four seminars September 19-22, tailored for those who are contemplating and planning for retirement. The events will include a meal; therefore those interested in attending must register and pay \$10 per person in advance, with registration limited to the first 50 registrants per location. More information and to register can be found at [The Latter Years](#).

NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) has several events coming up in September and October. For more information on these events and to register click on the [link](#).

North Carolina Baptists on Missions is sponsoring Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Backpack Ministry again this year. The statewide goal is 19,000 and we would love for you to be a part of that. Letters were sent to all churches with details on items to be included in the backpacks.. You will be able to drop off backpacks at Lakeview Baptist Church Lenoir, NC on November 5th. If you have any questions, please go to their website at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco or contact Miranda Denning at 828-394-9713.

Click on the [link](#) to see the events for Unifour Christian Ministries for September- October.

Alexander Baptist Association is sponsoring a concert on October 8th at the Alexander Central Auditorium in Taylorsville at 7:00pm with a band called "I AM THEY". Tickets may be purchased at iamthey.com.

Truett Conference Center & Camp: Click on the links for further information.

- [Father & Son Warrior Weekend: October 7-9](#)
- [Senior Celebration: October 24-25](#)
- [Forged Man Camp: November 4-6](#)
- [Worship Leader Training: November 17-19](#)

Samaritan's Purse is hiring seasonal workers (November 21 through Mid-December) at the Boone OCC Processing Center. A paid 4-hour orientation prior to training is required. 40+ hours per week, Monday-Saturday (Thanksgiving Day off). Hourly pay rate of \$20 per

hour for customer service and warehouse workers. CDL truck drive pay and benefits to be discussed with individual. Click on the [link](#) to apply.

Attn: Pastors: "Replenish: A Retreat for Pastors and Their Families" will be held September 5-7 at NC Baptist Assembly Fort Caswell. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Attn: Church Secretaries: The NC Baptist Secretaries Conference will be held November 14-16 at Caraway Conference Center. For more information and to register click [here](#). Churches are encouraged to pay for their secretary to attend this conference.

Available Positions

Lakeview Baptist Church is seeking a full-time pastor. Please send resumes to Lakeview Baptist Church, % Pastor Search Committee, 325 Shasta Lane, Lenoir, NC 28645. Resumes will be accepted until August 31, 2022. For more information and to email your resume click on the [link](#).

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.

Lower Creek Baptist Church is seeking a part-time choir director for practice on Wednesday and to lead the choir in the worship service on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact the church office at 828-758-2315.

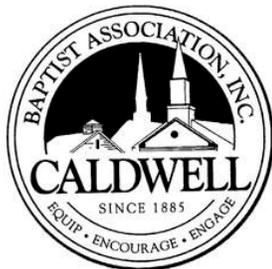
Clover Baptist Church, 100 Pinewood Rd, Granite Falls, NC 28630 is seeking a part-time Worship and Music Leader. For a job description click [here](#).

Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Hudson, NC, is seeking a pastor. Please send resumes to Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 859, Hudson, NC 28638.

Friendship Baptist Church, Hudson NC, is seeking an energetic interim children/Youth leader with potential for a permanent position (15-20 hours per week). Please [email](#) resumes.

Nelson's Chapel Baptist Church of Lenoir is seeking a part-time minister of children and youth. Resumes can be sent to the church at 4958 Kirby Mountain Rd, Lenoir or by email [here](#).

Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir is seeking a full time associate pastor. Click on the [link](#) to submit a resume. For more information about the position click [here](#) or go to the church [website](#).



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