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MOMENTS WITH YOUR INTERIM ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

A Praying Mother

The National Day of Prayer, Mothers' Day, and Memorial Day all take place during the month of May along with many other special days, such as birthdays and anniversaries. However, the focus on prayer, mothers, and those who gave their lives for our country caused me to think about my mother who went home to be with the Lord on January 30, 2023.

My mother was a prayer warrior, who would begin and end each day talking with the Lord. She was a very early riser and after she dressed for the day would spend time in Bible reading and prayer. When she laid down in her bed at night, she would pray herself to sleep.

Through the years, I have asked my mother many times to pray specifically for messages I had been asked to deliver, plus a variety of meetings and events in which I would be involved. She faithfully and fervently prayed for each request. She would often ask if I had the message ready to preach, or inquired if the event or meeting went well. I miss those prayers.

My mom died just two months before her 99th birthday. Before her passing, she still had a sound mind and reasonably good health. She loved her Lord and her family, and enjoyed spending time with Him and us.



**Happy
Birthday
Darlene
Townsend
May 2**

Mothers' Day will be different this year. I will miss getting to see her on this day, but I know she is with her Heavenly Father who loves and cares for her. One day I will see her again in that place called "Heaven."



Sunday, May 14, 2023

Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also (John 14:1-3 NKJV).

Dale (a grateful son)
Interim AMS



**The Caldwell Baptist Center will be closed
May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.**

The Caldwell Baptist Association has new email addresses.

Dale Fisher: ams@caldwellbaptist.org

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Associational Mission Strategist Search Team Report

The Caldwell Baptist AMS Search Team continues to review resumes and interview potential candidates. We devote time in each meeting to praying and asking the Lord for His wisdom and guidance. His guidance is so very crucial to the entire Team. We are so very blessed to sense and share a great spirit of unity and harmony within the Team!

We are eagerly anticipating the time when we can present a candidate to the Association! However, we do not want just a candidate; we want the man whom the Lord chooses as the next AMS in Caldwell Association!

Thank you for your continued prayers as we move forward in the process of searching for the candidate for AMS in Caldwell Association! You are very vital to the entire search process and your prayers mean so much to the Team!

We will continue to keep you updated and informed concerning the work of the AMS Team.

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.

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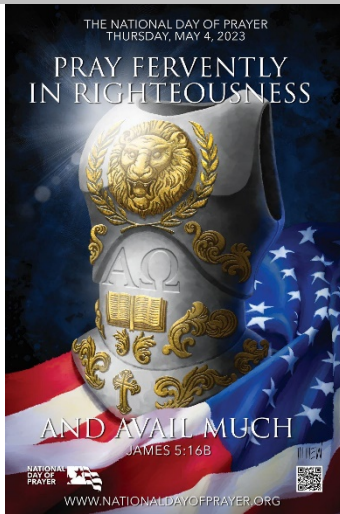
[JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

Ministers Conference May 3, 2023



The next Ministers Conference will be held on May 3 at 10:00 AM at the Caldwell Baptist Center. The program will be an inspirational message by Rev. Kyle Lloyd, Pastor of Dudley Shoals Baptist Church. A Dutch-treat lunch will be enjoyed by all interested persons at a nearby restaurant following the conference.

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

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



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.**

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](#).

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 March 2023

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

[Financial Report](#)

Church News

Homecoming service will be at Meadowbrook Baptist on Sunday, May 7 at 10:00AM. Former pastor, Donnie Solesbee, will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

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

Community News

Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief is collecting funds for the states that have been affected by the recent tornadoes. If you are interested in donating, please click on the [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.

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 Weekend Away at Ridgecrest Conference Center September 15-17. Early Bird Special is \$275 double occupancy and is due May 25. For more information contact Teresa Davis at 704-477-0002 or go to fragranceministries.org.

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](#).

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

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:

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 May - Truett Mother/Daughter Retreat](#)
[2023 June - Truett 70th Anniversary Celebration](#)
[2023 Summer Camps](#)
[We're Hiring](#)

Available Positions

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.

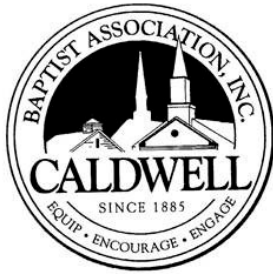
Friendship Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Children/Youth Minister. Please send resume to pastor@friendshipudson.org. For more information click on the [link](#).

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. 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.

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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