

BRINGING CHURCHES TOGETHER TO IMPACT
LOSTNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES & TO THE
ENDS OF THE EARTH

Forerunner

“partnerships”
Philippians 1:3-6

160th Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 29 - 3:30pm
Little River Baptist Church



Special Worship Music provided by
North Greenville University
Campus Band



Sermon by Dr. Chris Schofield,
Awaken Ministry

Make plans now to attend the Annual Meeting, as 32 churches
join together for an informative meeting and an awesome evening of worship!

Associational & Denominational Reporting begins at 3:30pm

Dinner Served at 5:30pm

Worship & Annual Sermon at 6:15pm

All Pastors, Church Staff/Leaders, & Church Messengers are encouraged to attend.

Visitors are always welcome!



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TERRY'S THOUGHTS



In my continuing efforts to help educate our association concerning the value of being a part of the Transylvania Baptist Association (TBA), the following is September's submission authored primarily by another colleague of mine, Dr. Ray Gentry, who also happens to be the Executive Director of the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL) of which I am a part. In this issue Ray discusses the role of the Associational Missions Strategist (AMS).

I begin this issue with the question "What does the AMS actually do to add value to my church?" I have been asked that question many times before, and the answer is not that easy to explain. To help you understand what my role is and what I actually do for you, the following is an excerpt from an article Ray produced for this series: The AMS serves, among other things, as a Missions Strategist, a Minister to Ministers, and the overall Ministry Leader for the Association.

- As Missions Strategist, the AMS helps pastors and churches to know where new churches are needed and what kind of churches are needed – such as the need for new ethnic churches like Korean, Vietnamese, Hispanic, etc. It is easy for ethnic people groups to be overlooked in our own backyard. We hear about Unreached People Groups (UPGs) overseas, but we often don't hear about the UPGs in our own Jerusalem area who need the Lord. Others who may go unreached in our cities, towns, and counties include those who live in multi-housing communities such as mobile home parks and apartment complexes.
- As Minister to Ministers, the AMS offers needed encouragement, counsel, and coaching to pastors and church ministerial staff. Pastors need someone to talk to confidentially who is not a member of their church. The AMS also assists pastors and churches in times of conflict and crisis. He serves as a conduit of information and re-sourcing between the church and the state, as well as, national conventions. Most pastors cannot keep up with changes and the stream of new resources offered. The AMS stays abreast of these and keeps his pastors and church leaders informed about them.
- As Ministry Leader, the AMS provides wisdom, vision, guidance, and an overall "big picture" perspective to the association's Ministry Teams. The Ministry Teams provide ministry and resources in various areas such as Church Planting, Church Revitalization, Community Impact (otherwise known as evangelism/discipleship – my addition), and Leadership Development. The AMS works with each Team Leader to offer guidance, to coordinate scheduling of conferences and events, and to make sure each team effectively works toward accomplishing the mission and vision of the association's churches. Additionally, the AMS regularly visits the churches and often preaches in them. He trains deacons and consults with Pastor/Staff Search Teams/Committees and coordinates various fellowship meetings, such as roundtables (Pastor's Fellowships – my addition), Ministers of music, education, youth, etc. He may also coordinate Pastor's Conferences and other types of conferences during the year.

Ray concludes his submission with the following accurate statement: "Associations have been misunderstood and disparaged because of a lack of understanding about their purpose and role. When properly understood, effectively led, and appropriately utilized, the Baptist Association is an effective way of churches assisting churches in advancing the Gospel in their Jerusalem and beyond." With this excerpt Ray draws a good picture of what we AMSs actually do and how we do indeed add value to the churches.

I would add that there are a number of other unique issues that we assist with and do so with joy. The genuinely called AMS loves his association and will do whatever possible to support, lift up, and encourage the churches to be On Mission Together for the gospel's sake. Additionally, while the association is my sole source of income, it is important for you to know that I am your AMS not because it is a job, but rather because God has CALLED ME TO SERVE YOU and I do so with great joy and dedication. To continue to be able to offer you what we are able to provide depends solely on your giving to the association. In order for us to continue pouring into you, as well as, your churches with the recourses you need, we will all need to work together in our giving to make that happen. It is also important for you to understand that we receive no other funding except through the faithful gifts the churches of the TBA provide. Finally, I ask you to remember what I always say, when serving our churches, "I exist to serve You, you don't exist to serve me. Therefore, thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve!" Remember don't forget to check out the many important events, announcements, and reminders found throughout this newsletter. Additionally, remember I LOVE YOU and count it my greatest honor to serve You!

**Pray for our churches without Pastors:
Church at See Off, Pisgah Forest**

In His Grip,
Terry

Transylvania WMU is collecting 500 pairs of white ladies' socks for the Red Box Prison Ministry. **The socks must be solid white.**



Please bring donations to the Baptist Center by Monday, October 30.

It's Shoebox Time!

Project Leader Workshop & Free Boxes

Saturday, September 9 - 10:00am

Hendersonville Presbyterian Church - Fellowship Hall
699 North Grove Street, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792



A collection box for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox items is also located at the Baptist Center. Please feel free to stop by to add donations for the shoeboxes.

**Association Financial Summary
July 2023**

	Current	Year-to-Date
Blantyre	\$ 125.00	\$ 875.00
Blue Ridge	\$ 75.00	\$ 450.00
Boylston	\$ 391.24	\$ 2,457.98
Biltmore Brevard	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,500.00
Brevard First	\$ 1,517.04	\$ 9,451.33
Calvary	\$ 456.73	\$ 2,975.85
Carr's Hill	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
Carson's Creek	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00
Cathey's Creek	\$ 187.00	\$ 1,405.00
Cedar Mountain	\$ 366.00	\$ 3,424.00
Cherryfield	\$ 0	\$ 2,593.18
Church at Sapphire	\$ 0	\$ 1,860.00
Church at See Off	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cove Church	\$ 0	\$ 150.00
Dunn's Rock	\$ 1,988.98	\$ 6,308.54
East Fork	\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00
Enon	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Faith Missionary	\$ 0	\$ 1,358.00
Grace	\$ 253.03	\$ 1,996.31
Lake Toxaway	\$ 215.40	\$ 415.30
Little River	\$ 0	\$ 1,071.00
Middle Fork	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
Morningside	\$ 196.50	\$ 1,191.45
Mt. Moriah-Calvert	\$ 0	\$ 0
New Hope	\$ 0	\$ 100.00
North Toxaway	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00
Oak Grove	\$ 0	\$ 500.00
Pisgah Forest	\$ 329.34	\$ 2,377.04
Rocky Hill	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,800.00
Temple	\$ 131.25	\$ 918.75
Turkey Creek	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
Zion	\$ 0	\$ 1,603.43
Checking Interest	\$ 4.73	\$ 62.71
Total Receipts	\$ 9,137.24	\$56,144.87
Total Expenses	\$10,560.61	\$80,273.74

2023 Budget \$141,973.00
 Needed Monthly to Meet Budget \$11,831.00

Church News

Churches please send dates and info about Pastor Appreciation Events to the Baptist Center for the newsletter and website.

Blantyre - will celebrate Homecoming on Sept. 10 at 11am. Liberty Road Band will be guest music.

Boylston - will celebrate Homecoming on Sept. 17. Terry Stockman will be the guest speaker.

Brevard First - Jason Crabb & Mickey Bell will be in concert on Sept. 24 at 6pm. Tickets are available at Brevard First Baptist or www.jasoncrabb.com.

Calvary - has 171 metal chairs free to a good home. Please call Dana at 828-884-4726 if interested.

Carr's Hill - will celebrate Homecoming on Sept. 10 at 10:30am. Guest singers & members will provide worship music, and dinner will follow the service.

Carson's Creek - will celebrate Homecoming on Nov. 19.

Cathey's Creek - will celebrate Homecoming on Sept. 10.

Cedar Mountain - will be hosting GriefShare on Tuesdays at 6pm.

Enon - will celebrate Homecoming on Sept. 17.

Churches please submit info of upcoming events by the 20th of the month for publication in the next edition.

SAVE THE DATE!



Free wheelchair ramp construction trainings!


September 23 - 9:30-11:30am
 Thomasville, NC
 Skills training for adults & youth ages 13+, provided by NC Baptists on Mission & NCBAM. For more information and to register, please visit <https://baptistsonmission.org/Training/Construction-Training>



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Bethany Patrick Birthday (New Hope)</i>
3	4 Labor Day Baptist Center Closed <i>Samantha Reynolds Birthday (Little River)</i>	5	6	7 Western Area Conference at Broyhill <i>Burress Anniversary (Boylston)</i>	8	9
10	11 Patriot Day Weekly Prayer at TBA 6:30pm	12 Pastors Fellowship 6:00pm	13	14	15 <i>Plotts Anniversary (La Primera)</i>	16
NC Mountain State Fair Ministry - September 8-17						
17	18 Weekly Prayer at TBA 6:30pm	19	20	21 <i>Tommy Crocker Birthday (East Fork)</i>	22 <i>Rick Plotts Birthday (La Primera)</i>	23 <i>Donna Maynard Birthday (Brevard First)</i>
24	25 Weekly Prayer at TBA 6:30pm <i>Terry Stockman Birthday TBA</i>	26 <i>Mike Skinner Birthday (Enon)</i>	27 See You at the Pole Prayer <i>Edith Chappell Birthday (Middle Fork) Brad Snipes Birthday (Cove)</i>	28 Annual Congregation Profiles Due Date	29	30 Human Trafficking Symposium Brevard First 9:00am





WESTERN AREA
CONFERENCE
at Broyhill Home in Clyde

SHARING
HOPE
CHANGING
LIVES

THURSDAY,
SEPT. 7, 2023
AT 4:00 PM

YOU'RE INVITED
Come and celebrate the
lives of children and special
needs adults that are
forever changed!

- FREE BBQ MEAL
- LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC
- MEET THE CHILDREN

RSVP: Call 828.627.9254
or bchfamily.org/wac

A ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina




**IGNITING
THE HEARTS
OF MEN
CONFERENCE**

A ONE DAY EQUIPPING EVENT FOR MEN

September 9, 2023
Apex Baptist Church
Apex, NC

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS




Brett Clemmer John Tolson



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SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

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**by
faith**

N.C. BAPTIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women's Discipleship Conference
October 27-28
Caraway Conference Center

We will dig deep in Scripture to behold Christ. In doing so we will grow in clarity of the gospel, that our faith might be strengthened, and we might be like this Jesus to whom we look. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://ncbaptist.org/events/womens-discipleship-conference/>

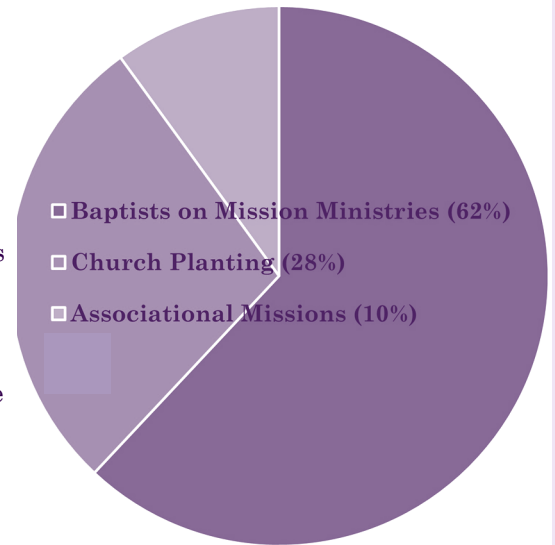


**“Relief for Today.
Hope for Tomorrow”**

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that brings relief to those in need, helps plant churches, and mobilizes NC Baptists for missions. By giving to the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO), NC Baptists are able to fuel missions efforts that extend across North Carolina and around the world. Your gift provides relief for today and hope for tomorrow to those who need it most.

<https://ncbaptist.org/north-carolina-missions-offering/give/>

2023 Goal – 2.5 Million



Mobile Medical/Dental Opportunity

I wanted to pass along a new way that we have seen our health screening and dental units used lately. Perhaps your churches will feel led to give this a shot.

About a month ago, the health screening unit was at a Hispanic flea market in Charlotte on Saturday and saw 51 people in one day. They could have seen many more. This is the most that the unit has ever been served in one day. They were able to have spiritual conversations with every patient, all of whom identified as Catholic.

This past Sunday the dental unit was at a flea market in Smithfield and saw 43 patients and had 9 people make professions of faith. I know it could be controversial to do this on Sunday and miss corporate worship, but I was overwhelmed to visit the sponsoring church that morning for an early service and then drop by the dental bus.

What hit me is that we often set the buses up at churches and ask those in need to come to us. There is certainly nothing wrong with that. That can draw people to the church property and allow members of the church to begin developing a relationship with new people groups. But why not take the buses to where the people already are? I was told that about 10,000 people pass through the Brightleaf Flea Market on a Sunday. Before 1pm we can assume that every one of them is unconnected with a church family and possibly far from Christ.

In His Service,
Paul Langston, Missions Mobilization Consultant
NC Baptists on Mission
August 22, 2023



For more information, and to reserve one of the medical buses for your event, please call 1-800-395-5102 or visit <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Medical-and-Dental>



Hawaii Wildfires

In early August 2023, a series of wildfires broke out in Hawaii, predominantly on the island of Maui. Please continue to pray!

John and Gay Williams, the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief co-directors, have represented Hawaii Pacific Baptists on Maui since early Friday morning, August 11. Kahului Baptist Church in Central Maui (Pastor Jay Haynes) is doing a fantastic job distributing supplies from their location. Besides distributing essential items and care from the church building. Other Maui County Baptist Churches are also involved in the efforts. Pray for these pastors and church leaders.



NC Baptists On Mission has already sent \$50,000 to Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief and plans to send more funds and volunteers if that door opens.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hawaii-Wildfires>



Haywood County Flooding

Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief continues to respond to help those in need in Haywood and surrounding counties where Tropical Storm Fred damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes. Please pray for these families and churches in these communities. We are rebuilding damaged homes and working to help families get back in their homes. Teams are being housed at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton

where we have a site coordinator. While there is a particular need for licensed electricians and plumbers, volunteers of all skill levels are needed.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/haywood>

Emergency Food Assistance for Haiti

If you have been following the news lately, you are aware that gang violence has been rampant over the past months and there is a worsening humanitarian crisis in Haiti. We have not felt comfortable sending teams for quite a while because of the very real possibility of kidnapping. After the earthquake of 2010, Baptists on Mission was able to work with a strong group of Haitian believers to meet medical and housing needs. We built hundreds of temporary shelters and volunteers provided medical clinics for thousands of patients. Rene Romil, one of the men who worked with the construction teams, has been able to start several churches and schools. We have an opportunity to offer hope to children who are starving in Haiti through his ministry in Saintard for \$1 per person per day. While the crisis in Haiti may go on for a significant period of time, we want to respond now. You can make a one-time gift at the link below with 100% going to provide food for children in Haiti. Romil can feed up to 200 people per day at the school in Saintard plus send meal kits including rice, beans, and vegetables home with the children. Every \$1 given at the link below provides a meal!



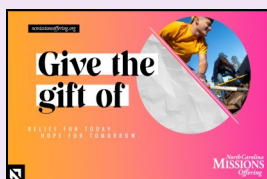
<https://baptistsonmission.org/Donate>



Ukraine Crisis

Right now, we are sending volunteers to assist displaced refugees and we are keeping a list of potential volunteers who have a passport and would be willing to go and assist in relief efforts. One of the greatest needs right now is monetary donations to provide food, medical supplies, hygiene items and other essential supplies.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/ukraine-crisis>



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA
MISSIONS OFFERING.

Brevard's
Center for Women
Dedicates New Sonogram



On Hand for the Dedication (L to R):

- Seth Brown, Convention Relations, Baptist State Convention of NC
- Brian Upshaw, Associate Executive Director/ Treasurer, Baptist State Convention of NC
- Meghan LaRose, Director, Center for Women
- Liz Flemming, Nurse Manager, Center for Women
- Carlotta White, Placement Coordinator, Psalm 139 Project, Ethics & Religious Liberties Commission of the SBC
- Terry Stockman, Mission Strategist, Transylvania Baptist Association
- Jeff Maynard, Pastor, Brevard First Baptist Church



**17th Annual Life & Hope Banquet
for The Women's Center
Thursday, September 21 - 6:30pm
Brevard First Baptist Church**



Please RSVP by September 13 by calling 828-885-7885 or emailing cpccare@comporium.net. Guest speaker is Author/Speaker/Actress Lauren Roman, bringing a dynamic message of transformation and abundant life in Christ.

**Update from
Harvest Seeds Ministry**



**“Helping to Provide the ‘Printed Seeds’ of the
Gospel to the Ends of the Earth”**

We are so blessed in our churches, where we have leaders that teach and encourage our young people to memorize Scripture! We have our own Bibles to preach, teach, and study from. Most of us were given our own Bibles at an early age by parents or grandparents, for us to read, study, and carry to church. So many people arounds the world would love to be able to have access to their own Bible, but because of availability or the cost, do not! This is why it is so important for us to do all we can in donating Bibles to send to different countries. All Christian materials are important for us to send, but Bibles are still the most needed and asked for. On May 13th we had a pallet loading, in which we had a total of 55 pallets (3,169 boxes) of Christian materials, 1 walking cane, 20 regular walkers, 2 rollator walkers, 6 sets of crutches, and 10 wheelchairs. Turner Trucking brought two of their 53-foot trailers for us to load pallets on, and Putnam Distributors loaned us a forklift, pallet jack, and two of their trucks. We are so blessed with these two trucking companies who serve God through their time, equipment, and employees for Harvest Seeds Ministry. Harvest Seeds has also been blessed this summer to have mission teams that have come to the Shelby Mission Camp.

From Kenya: Thanks once again for the materials. The Lord is using them to touch lives. Our Ministry Training Center young pastors too our Sunday kids and our evangelism team to an outreach at a village 4 kilometers from here, called Magenge. The kids and our trainees were the main ministers. The kids were given an opportunity to share their faith in Christ. Since we received the materials, we've been training several groups in evangelism including the kids. In the morning hours, they would evangelize to people one on one by the roadside or anywhere they could find people. Every group of about three kids had an adult watching over them. Then in the evening, they would sing, share memory verses, pray for people after one of them had finished preaching. We had 76 documented decisions for Christ. At night, our Ministry Training Center students would show the Jesus film and pray for people. We invited those who gave their lives to Christ to church, and 6 people came on foot. Our team has been doing follow up, through calls and visits, but many people are challenged by the distance - it's a bit far. They've asked us to plant a church there for them. We will be going there weekly for home fellowship in a home.

The mission was very tough, and there was very stiff opposition. The team set up a platform for evening open air evangelism. A man who owned a liquor store opposed them vehemently, threatening to burn or destroy it at night. He almost chased people away the first day. The area administrator tried to intervene but still he said the crusade is destroying his business. The following day, through prayers and persistence, the Lord touched his heart and he brought bottled drinking water from his liquor store and gave to the team. Then he offered us his electricity for free. The team saw God at work in him, and it was like a dream. They couldn't believe the same man who opposed them a day ago was supporting and sponsoring the Gospel. That's the power of God at work!

From Malawi: Easter Monday Bible outreach. I would like to give God the glory for today's Bible outreach. Our youth team knocked on over 800 houses today with copies of Bibles. We had many salvation testimonies and great joy and even disbelief that a Bible can be given to them for free. It was such a joy to see the smiles and appreciation from the families who received Bibles as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Thanks to Love Packages for your continued partnership with us in sharing the Gospel through Bibles and literature.

**We are still collecting Bibles and used Christian literature.
Please bring donations to the Baptist Center, where they will
be sorted and sent to the collection site in Shelby, NC.**



HYGIENE KITS:

Prepare 2 men's kits for each women's kit made. Please use clear two-gallon plastic bags, and label with "MALE" or "FEMALE". DO NOT include mouthwash or aftershave. DO NOT use trial sizes.

Men's Kit: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, deodorant, comb, shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, Gospel message tract.

Women's Kit: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, women's shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, Gospel message tract.

"JESUS LOVES YOU" TEDDY BEARS:

Call or visit the Baptist Center for the pattern. Please make bears carefully following the pattern instructions. DO NOT use buttons, craft eyes, or any other small parts which may be removed and swallowed.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BREAK TENT:

- 8- and 12- ounce Styrofoam Cups
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Instant Lemonade Mix

OTHER ITEMS FOR FAIR WORKERS:

- Blankets & Towels (full size, new or gently used)
- Jackets (Men's & Women's, new or gently used)
- Socks
- Work Shoes/Tennis shoes

MONETARY DONATIONS:

Please make checks payable to Transylvania Baptist Association with "Fair Ministry" on the memo line.

Send checks to the Baptist Center at
675 Hendersonville Hwy.
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

**Please bring all items to the Baptist Center by
Tuesday, September 5.**

Pray for the Unreached

“Ask me and I will give the nations to you as an inheritance.” Psalm 2:8

Region 8 - Southeast Asia

The Church & The Gospel

For the past few decades, the church has been experiencing phenomenal growth in Southeast Asia. At the same time, several factors, including other religions, bring serious spiritual obstacles to the spread of the gospel. Buddhism is common to the countries in this region, while in several countries, notably Indonesia and Malaysia, Islam is predominant. In addition, many people groups practice ancestor worship and animism. Widespread poverty further complicates the task of reaching people with the Christian message.



Unreached People Groups

More than 1,800 people groups dwell in this region. Of these, 707 are still unreached with an effective gospel witness. Many of these groups have populations in the millions. Among these are the Burmese of Myanmar, the people of Vietnam, and the Thai people.

Group Focus: The Burmese People

Historically the Burmese are descendants of people from the hill country of Tibet. Their language, Bama, is derived from Sino-Tibetan roots. While the Burmese dwell in many countries in Southeast Asia, they dominate Myanmar. They historically have persecuted and oppressed other ethnic groups within the country. A Burmese junta rules the country. The modern history of Myanmar has been one of violence, conflict, and civil unrest. Most Burmese follow the Buddhist religion, though it is often mixed with more primitive animistic practices. Burmese homes generally have altars honoring both the Buddha and the spirits. Of the more than 31 million Burmese people, just a very small percentage follows any type of Christianity, with only about .08% being evangelical Christian. Pray for these people who are bound by both cultural tradition and spiritual darkness.



Prayer Points for Central Asia

- Ask God for continued unity within church planting movements. These movements have been the catalyst for most church growth in Southeast Asia.
- Pray that Christian workers can overcome discouragement, often resulting from the poverty and persecution that exists in the region.
- Pray that Christian workers in impoverished and isolated areas will find creative means to gain support, such as through agriculture or small businesses.
- According to national workers, a primary means for evangelism among the unreached is through answered prayers. Pray that God will continue to work powerfully in this way.
- Pray that indigenous Christians will find new ways to show care for people's needs in unreached communities, such as starting schools, digging wells for clean water, or distributing food to the poor.

Courtesy joshuaproject.net



DISCIPLE CONCERT

PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023,
AT 7:00 PM FOR A FREE DISCIPLE CONCERT AT

Ridgecrest Conference Center

1 Ridgecrest Dr. Black Mountain, NC 28711

CHECK out DISCIPLE here on their webpage:

<https://disciplerocks.com/>



What: Disciple Concert

When: **Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:00 pm**

Where: Ridgecrest Conference Center

Who: Everyone is invited!

FREE! FREE! FREE!

- *This concert is totally FREE to attend, so bring your friends, your youth group, your church, your family, and anyone else who loves Disciple music or wants to hear what they are about! You will have an unforgettable night and be blessed! Hear some of their new album *Skeleton Psalms* and some of their most popular songs too!!*

FREE CONCERT!!

**FREE
Parking!**

This year's Appalachian Christmas backpack collection will be **Saturday, Nov 4 from 9AM-12 noon at Calvary Baptist Church**. Here in Transylvania, we have a goal of **500 backpacks for this year**. Please prayerfully consider helping us meet that goal. Each backpack will be used for Christmas for the children and youth of Appalachia. Remember **we are not collecting shoes this year**. If your church is unable to prepare complete backpacks, we ask that you help us with **supplemental supplies for the backpack processing** at Shelby Mission Camp. You may **bring these supplies to the Baptist Center anytime or to Calvary Baptist on Nov 4**. These extra supplies include **children's socks, winter hats, gloves, full size toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, shampoo, washcloths, hair brushes, small quality toys, thermoses, manicure sets, jewelry, wallets, etc.** If you have questions, you may contact Kathie Aiken at 828-553-8785. Thank you for making a gospel difference in a child's life this Christmas!



2023 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptists on Mission, seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through Appalachian Christmas Outreach in 2023.

GOAL and COLLECTION DATE:

The statewide goal is to collect 21,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need in late November and December of 2023. The state-wide collection day for 2023 is **Saturday, November 4** from 9am to noon. Thirty plus collection sites will be set up across the state for churches to bring their backpacks to. Specific sites will be listed on the Baptists On Mission website in September. We encourage churches to begin collecting and filling the packs early – and throughout the year.

AGE GROUPING and LABELING:

Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groupings are 4-7, 8-10; 11-14; and 15-17 Due to labels falling off in previous years, we have gone to a ribbon system for labeling the backpacks. A royal blue (or similar) ribbon will indicate a boy's backpack. A pink ribbon will indicate a girl's backpack. In addition, a yellow ribbon will indicate that the backpack is for ages 4-7, a green ribbon for ages 8-10, a red ribbon for ages 11-14; and a white ribbon for ages 15-17.

Please prepare each backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used. Please include items from each category listed to the right. Please do not neglect to put in a Bible! This may be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love.

ITEMS TO COLLECT

Each zippered backpack should include:

- 1) **ITEMS OF NEW WARM CLOTHING** including a winter cap, gloves, 2-3 socks, and scarf
- 2) **METAL POP-TOP CANS OF FOOD (3-4 cans)** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit
- 3) **At least one or two NEW, AGE-APPROPRIATE TOYS** Examples: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, Slinky, card games, Legos, other (*no toy weapons, please!*) For older youth category, substitute appropriate item for toy. No pocketknives! (*See website for suggestions.*)
- 4) **HYGIENE ITEMS** including toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush /comb, full-sized shampoo toothpaste, deodorant (*please fit these items into a one-gallon Ziploc bag so they will not leak.*)
- 5) **FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt – and no peanut products please due to allergies*)
- 6) **A CHILDREN'S or YOUTH BIBLE** (*no particular version is required*) *This is the most important thing that goes into the pack! Please include!*
- 7) **A COPY OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY** (*downloadable and printable pdf found on website*)

For more information contact



Mark Abernathy
mabernathy@ncbaptist.org
919-459-5607

More information and specific details available on our ACO webpage at:

www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

"Your participation will mean so much and may make an eternal difference in a child's life!"



Igniting a Faith-Based Response to Sexual Exploitation

A symposium to bring awareness of sexual exploitation and trafficking, through the lens of faith, to ignite a passionate response against trafficking in WNC.

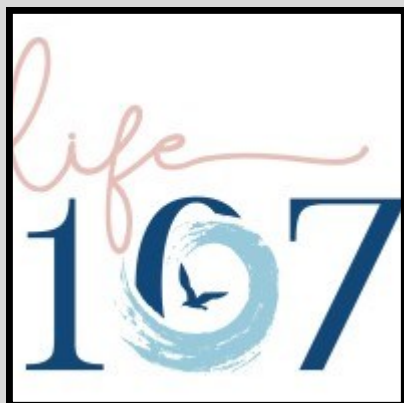
**Saturday, September 30
9am to 2:30pm
Brevard First Baptist Church**

Trafficking and other forms of sexual exploitation impact lives in Western North Carolina, and the faith-based community has an exceptional call to respond. The 2023 Kingdom Response Symposium is a half-day event for those in the faith community to understand trafficking and sexual exploitation, and passionately respond.

Life 107, in partnership with Transylvania Baptist Association, is providing this powerful and FREE symposium to bring awareness of sexual exploitation and trafficking, through the lens of faith, and ignite a passionate, effective response to trafficking in Western North Carolina. Participants will experience insight about trafficking victimization, pornography and its relation to human trafficking, and the multiple forms of sexual exploitation. Trainings will be delivered by Joe Farris, "Dropping the Stones" leader and Demetria Gilliam-Williams, Life 107 Executive Director. We will finalize the day with an insightful panel discussion including local pastors, law enforcement, a trafficked survivor, representatives from the Baptist State Convention of NC and Transylvania Baptist Association, as well as Life 107 Board Members, who fight the sex trade industry in WNC.

Bring your neighbors, congregation, small group, or your women's/men's group, and be equipped to respond with compassion and grace to trafficking and exploitation.

For more information, please visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or [Life107.org](https://www.life107.org). Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/641468297947>





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