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A Time to Remember

The month of May is a time to remember some special people and events. Throughout the Bible there are many references that point to remembering or calling back to mind important happenings. David wrote, "Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, O seed of Abraham His servant. You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!" (Psalm 105:5-6). When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper He said, "Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19b). God wanted Israel to remember their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Jesus wants His church to remember the tremendous sacrifice He made to set us free from the bondage of sin.

As we enter the month of May, I am reminded of your generosity to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. The Association's annual ingathering for the BCH "Food and Supply Round-up" was the last Sunday of April. Caldwell Baptists, plus a non-member church who just wanted to help, contributed 9,103 items of food and supplies this year. In addition, you gave \$3,580.00 in cash, checks, and gift cards, which will all be given to the Baptist Children's Homes in a few days. This was one of, if not the best, ingathering we have experienced since the Caldwell Baptist Center became a collection site for this annual event in 2007.



Darlene Townsend - May 2



Sunday, May 9



**Baptist Center closed on
May 31 for Memorial Day**

May is also a special time to remember our nation in prayer. On the first Thursday of this month each year, the nation is encouraged to pray for our country in what is known as the "National Day of Prayer." In another part of this issue of the e-Caller you will find information on the four locations in the county sponsored by the Caldwell Association. Our country is moving farther away from God; therefore, we need to pray for a great spiritual awakening in America. Join other Christians to pray for America on Thursday, May 6th.

As we think of our nation, let us also remember our mothers on "Mother's Day." Most mothers sacrifice much for their children, so let's honor them on their special day, or take a few moments to remember them if their time on this earth has passed. In addition to "Mother's Day," we need to remember "Memorial Day." This American holiday is observed on the last Monday of May each year as a time to honor the memory of the men and women who died while serving this country in the United States military.

This month also contains "Christian Home Week," which is a time to remember the value of Christ being Lord of our individual families. Too many homes are void of a Christian influence, and far too many children are growing up without a biblical understanding of the family. Let's pray for the families of America that they will become focused on Christ and His teachings.

It is also a month of anniversaries and birthdays. Just to mention a few: Darlene, our CBA Ministry Assistant, celebrates her birthday on May 2nd and my daughter, Ashley, celebrates her birthday on May 31st. My wife, Barbara, and I will celebrate 42 years of marriage on May 5th the same day that my pastor and CBA president, Stephen Owen, will celebrate his birthday.

Yes, May is a month to remember some special people and events. With that in mind, remember the words of David as found in Psalm 20:7: "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

Dale, Associational Mission Strategist

Pray Together, Go Together. Scattered Prayer Walk or Drive



Launched on January 9, 2021
in Caldwell County

Please register to pray!

A special prayer emphasis began on January 9, 2021 in the Caldwell Baptist Association. The purpose of the prayer emphasis, sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, is to focus attention on the lostness in the Tar Heel State. The Convention has identified 250 Pockets of Lostness in North Carolina. A pocket of lostness is where a high concentration of unchurched and unsaved people live. Three of the pockets are located in Caldwell County. Would you be willing to pray for your neighbors?

Here's what you do: (1) Sign up to pray at [Pray Together](#). This link will take you to a simple form where you can register to participate in the prayer effort. Please indicate "Unifour" for the area when you register. Then (2), go pray. Walk or drive through your neighborhood, saturating your neighbors in prayer, particularly those who do not know Christ. It is a very simple activity, but one that could have eternal results. If you cross paths with one or more neighbors, then as the Holy Spirit leads you, talk with them about the Lord. Do this "Scattered Prayer Walk or Drive" activity when it is convenient for you. You may wish to walk with your spouse or another family member or friend. Due to the virus, please keep the group of prayer walkers small.

Have you signed up? If not, go to
<https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/z1mwxahetqznc/> and sign up now.

Mother's Day Offering Week of Prayer: May 2-9, 2021

**Mother's Day
Offering**

Touching Lives with Hope
at Wake Forest Baptist Health
Week of Prayer ~ May 2-9



www.mothersdayoffering.org

Please make plans to give to the Mother's Day Offering for Wake Forest Baptist Health. Every dollar given helps people pay their medical bills. Those who are helped are hard-working people who are facing an overwhelming financial crisis. They do not qualify for government assistance or charity care - but do not have enough to pay their hospital bills. Through your assistance families have restored hope and draw closer to Christ in gratitude. For more information click on the [link](#). Thank you for your prayers and gifts.

Ministers Conference

Wednesday, May 5, 2021



The Ministers Conference will be held Wednesday, May 5 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall of Harris Chapel Baptist Church. The program will be an inspirational message by Rev. Stephen Hedgecock, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Whitnel. Thank you for wearing a mask and keeping your distance from others at this conference. The church is located at 1444 Cajah Mountain Road in Hudson.

**70th Annual National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 6, 2021, 12:00-12:30 PM**



**Theme: LORD pour out Your
LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY**

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Corinthians 3:17

**Please join with us in prayer at one of the four locations.
The locations have asked that we practice social distancing and wear a mask.**

LENOIR: Lenoir Downtown Plaza with rain location FBC Lenoir sanctuary
Prayer Leader: Dr. Terry Hunt

GAMEWELL: Gamewell Town Hall with rain location in the council chambers
Prayer Leader: Dr. Todd Smith

HUDSON: FBC Hudson with rain location in the sanctuary
Prayer Leader: Rev. Mack Jarvis

GRANITE FALLS: FBC Granite Falls with rain location in the fellowship building
Prayer Leader: Rev. Jay Worsley

**Music Leaders Picnic with Music
Saturday, June 5, 2021, 6:00 PM**



This picnic is for all music leaders (directors, musicians, musical groups, etc. in the member churches of the Caldwell Baptist Association. It will be held outside at Crest View Baptist church on Saturday, June 5 at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$7.00 per person and we suggest that the church cover the cost for your music leaders. The meal will be hotdogs with all the fixings, chips, dessert, and drinks.

After the meal we will gather in the sanctuary where we will enjoy music from the quartet, "Sinners Saved By Grace", along with some congregational singing. Please register by

Friday, May 28 by calling the Baptist Center at 758-4081 or email [Darlene](#). Please provide the name of the church and the names of the people attending. Checks should be mailed to the Caldwell Baptist Association, PO Box 1555, Lenoir, NC 28645 by May 28. We will observe social distancing and the church is not requiring masks but please feel free to wear one if that is your choice.

Harvest Seeds Ministry



The Caldwell Baptist Center continues to collect 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. 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 January - April 2021

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

[Financial Report](#)

Vacation Bible School Schedule



If you are planning to have Vacation Bible School this year please email [Darlene](#) with the name of your church, the dates and times of your VBS along with the theme you are using and this information will be posted on the association's website and in the e-Caller.

Union Grove Baptist Church, 1808 Union Grove Rd, Lenoir - June 6-11 - 6:00-9:00 PM - Destination Dig - For Ages 3 up to Adults. Registration Round-up will be June 6, 4:00-6:00 PM featuring sno-cones, homemade ice cream, face painting, horse rides, tractor rides, pedal cars, firetrucks, stuffed animals, hotdogs, chips, and drink. There will be many favorite inflatables returning including: a Pirate Obstacle Course, a Disney Cars Bouncy House, a 62' Monster Obstacle Course Bouncer with Slide, an Adrenaline Maze, a 39' Dual Lane Slide, and a 55' Obstacle Course. Family Night will be June 11, 6:00-9:00 with parents joining for the service and supper in the Fellowship Hall.

Church News

There is a church in need of 20 red hymnals called "Church Hymnal". Please contact the Baptist Center at 758-4081 if you have 20 you can donate.

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

Community News

Fort Caswell is needing older youth workers for the summer to work in housekeeping and food service. Must be available for the dates of May 24 - August 8. If interested or for more information click on the [link](#).

Care House, one of the Baptist Children's Homes, is needing volunteers to help with several needs. These include interior painting, mulch hauled and spread, gutter cleaning, pressure washing, and light handyman work. Please contact Jada Cable, House Manager, at 828-757-0700 or click on the [link](#) if you can help.

URGENT NEED: As you may know, NC Baptists on Mission Region 7 Disaster Relief has been tasked with being caretaker for one of our mass feeding kitchens. Carolina Prime Pet Food has been kind to store it in their warehouse for a couple of years. They now need that space and we will need to remove it by July. We are looking for another warehouse type building to store it in, where it will be safe from damage, theft and vandalism. Join us in prayer that God would provide a space, and share this need with others. If you know of a place or need more information call Terry Barnes at 828-320-2362.

Bethel Colony of Mercy Women's Campus: We are nearing our 2nd anniversary at the Women's Campus. We are blessed but we are still in need of volunteers who are willing to help out on a regular basis with office work, projects, fun time, etc. We have an application you can request if you are interested. Once again we are able to go out and share with churches about our ministry if you are interested. Contact Donna McCall at the campus. 828-754-3781 ext. 2

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation has Special Project Grants available for churches and entities affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Grant applications are due May 1 through August 16. For more information click [here](#).

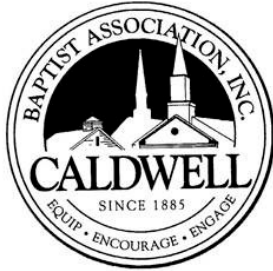
The 2021 NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat will be held on July 12-14 at Caraway Conference Center. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Baptists on Mission is sponsoring *Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference* on Saturday, September 11 at Lee Park Baptist Church in Monroe, NC. The is a one-day equipping event designed to help men develop a closer walk with Christ. Click [here](#) for more information, registration, and promotional material.

Available Positions

Mountain Grove Baptist Church of Granite Falls is seeking a part-time Director of Student Ministries (middle & high school). Click on the [link](#) to send a resume. For more information click [here](#).

First Baptist Church of Rhodhiss is seeking a part-time music minister. Resumes can be sent to the church at PO Box 29, Rhodhiss, NC 28667 or click on the [link](#) to send via email.



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