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Rev. R. Dale Fisher  
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### MOMENTS WITH YOUR MISSION STRATEGIST

#### Grateful for the Caldwell Baptist Association

On April 1, 1986 I began serving as the Director of Missions for the Caldwell Baptist Association. Three days after I began my duties, I celebrated my thirty-fourth birthday. On April 4, 2022, I will reach the age of seventy. For over half of my life, it has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve this wonderful family of churches.

In 1972, at the age of twenty, the Lord called me into the Gospel Ministry. Therefore, next year will be my fiftieth year in the ministry. At that time, thirty-six of those fifty years will have been spent serving the Caldwell Baptist Association. Considering my age and the many years of ministry, it is time for someone else to assume the position I have held for three and half decades. Therefore, I announced my plan to retire on April 30, 2022 to the messengers during their Fall Gathering/Annual Corporate Meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021, which they kindly accepted.

The Association's Personnel Policies require an announcement of at least ninety days when an employee plans to retire, but I have chosen, due to



**Daylight  
Savings Time  
Ends  
November 7**

my lengthy tenure, to give a longer notice in order to give plenty of time to organize and begin the search for a new leader. Since the Administrative Team and the Volunteer Enlistment Team have assigned duties to begin the search, I shared this decision in early October with them so that they could bring necessary recommendations to the messengers during the Fall Gathering, which they did.

I look forward to serving you for another six months. Hopefully by that time, the Executive Director Search Team will be well down the path to finding my successor. I encourage you to pray for the search team as they begin seeking God's will in regards to a new leader. Also, pray for the officers, associational teams, and our ministry assistant as they will assume additional responsibilities during this time of transition.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the Caldwell Baptist Association. I truly appreciate the tremendous cooperation and support that you have given me through these many years. It has been a great blessing to serve as the Executive Director of the Caldwell Baptist Association, Incorporated and as the Associational Mission Strategist to the member churches.

It is my hope and prayer that great days are ahead for the Caldwell Baptist Association. This family of churches will always have a very special place in my heart. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve you during what will be thirty-six years when I retire.

- Dale

**Executive Director Search Team  
Caldwell Baptist Association, Inc.**

**Rev. Stuart White**, Team Leader (Member of Whitnel First Baptist Church and Interim Pastor, Yadkin Baptist Church)

**Rev. Stephen Owen** (Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church and President of Caldwell Baptist Association\*)

**Rev. Jay Worsley** (Pastor of Granite Falls First Baptist Church)

**Mr. Jeff Roland** (Banker and Member of Crest View Baptist Church)

**Mrs. Miranda Denning** (School Counselor and Member of Lakeview Baptist Church)

**\*Vice-President Michael LaBrose** will serve when the president is unable to do so. (Insurance Agent, County Commissioner, and Minister of Music, Fellowship Baptist Church)



The Caldwell Baptist Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25-26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

## **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.

## **World Day of Prayer November 1, 2021**



The World Day of Prayer will take place on Monday, November 1 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Clover Baptist Church, 100 Pinewood Rd, Granite Falls. All women, whether affiliated with WMU or not, are invited to attend. Prayer for Caldwell County, the United States, and other nations along with stories of courageous women will be featured. *Sisters by Grace* will provide special music.

Please note that temperature checks will be given, masks are required, and social distancing will be practiced.

## WMU Retreat Must Register by November 1



The WMU Retreat will be held November 19-20 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Lodging, meetings and special music will be in Rhododendron. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday, November 19 at 5:30 PM and ends with lunch at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 20.

Cost per person is \$135 for single, \$86 for double, \$72 for triple, and \$66 for quad. Campus usage fee for commuters is \$12 plus meals. Reservations and full payment must be mailed to the Caldwell Baptist Center, PO Box 1555, Lenoir, NC 28645 no later than Monday, 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 and phone number for each guest.

Everyone bring your most unique Christmas sweater for a contest on Friday night and bring a \$1 unwrapped Christmas ornament for an ornament exchange fun time.

Please note that there will be COVID guidelines in place. Everyone is required to bring a face covering and maintain distancing practices. Please be aware that Ridgecrest will not be operating guest shuttle services.

## Ministers Conference Wednesday, November 3, 2021



The next Ministers Conference will be November 3 at 10:00 AM at the **Harris Chapel Baptist Church**. The conference is for pastors, staff ministers, retired ministers, and all other interested people. The program will be "Sharpening Tools for Ministry," led by Rev. Ashley Crouse, Pastor of New Vision Baptist Fellowship and Rev. James Todd, Pastor of Mulberry Baptist Church.

## Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach November 6, 2021



The Association is working with Lakeview Baptist Church and NC Baptists on Mission to help with the 2021 Appalachian Coalfields Ministry. The statewide goal is to collect 18,000 backpacks to be distributed to Appalachian children in late November and December this year. Please take your items to Lakeview Baptist Church in Lenoir on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Click on the [link](#) for more information.

## Church Profile Must be entered online by November 15



Church Profiles must be entered online by November 15. If you need Darlene to key in your information, please send your completed paper form to Darlene as soon as possible. If you key your information in, please advise Darlene via [email](#) or call 758-4081 to let her know it has been completed.

## Pray Together, Go Together. Scattered Prayer Walk or Drive



### 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/z1mwxah1tqznr/> and sign up now.

## 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 - September 2021

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

[Financial Report](#)

## Church News

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

There will be a Fall Festival at Buffalo Cove Community Park on Saturday, November 6 from 1:00-5:00 PM. In the event of inclement weather, it will be held at Buffalo Cove Baptist

Church Fellowship Hall. Featured will be family fun, food, games, candy and fellowship. Everyone is invited to attend.

Miller Hill Baptist Church, Lenoir has a new email address. It is [millerch1230@yahoo.com](mailto:millerch1230@yahoo.com).

## Community News

The NC Minister Wives Conference will be held on November 8 from 9:00-11:45 AM at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The speaker will be Roxie Gardner and the worship leader Penny Davis. Click [here](#) to register.

Baptists on Mission is hosting a Region 7 Men's Worship Rally on Monday, November 22 at Baptist Home Church in North Wilkesboro. All men are invited to an evening of fellowship that will include supper, followed by a time of worship, testimony, spiritual encouragement, missions, and prayer. Meal begins at 6:15 PM and the program is from 7:00-8:30. Cost is \$5 per man. Register and pay online by clicking [here](#).

"Here & Now" is a missions experience for college students and young adults. It will be held on January 3-5, 2022 at Charity Rebuild Center, Rose Hill, NC. The cost is \$35 and includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, sweatshirt and Disaster Relief certification/training. For additional information and to register click on the [link](#) or contact Rick Trexler at 919-917-4419 or email [ricktrex@gmail.com](mailto:ricktrex@gmail.com).

Hope4NC is a free, confidential, state-wide program funded by FEMA and NCDHHS, currently helping people affected by the impact of the COVID crisis. There is a 24/7 Helpline offering emotional support and referrals to local services. Call or text "hope" to 1-855-587-3463. Available is 1-to-1 Counseling & Support by accessing the Helpline or contact directly [peter.tamm@rhanet.org](mailto:peter.tamm@rhanet.org) or call 828-348-2641.

Samaritan's Purse is now hiring seasonal workers. First and second shifts are available from mid-November to mid-December at their Operation Christmas Child regional shoebox processing centers. Click on the [link](#) to apply.

Foothills Service Project is looking for individuals over 60 years old in Caldwell County that need an access ramp, porch or deck repairs, life chair, grab bars or hand held shower. They are also in desperate need of volunteer groups to help with these projects. They will be happy to do a presentation for a church, a group or an organization. You can reach them at 828-879-8400 or via [email](#).

Would you like to know more about Truett Conference Center & Camp located in Hayesville, NC? If so, click on this [link](#). They have some upcoming events that you may be interested in. Click on the following links for more information.

[Truett Man Camp](#)  
[Father Son Event](#)  
[Winter Youth Retreat](#)

## Available Positions

Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Hudson, NC, is seeking a pastor. Please send resumes to Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 859, Hudson, NC 28638. Resumes will be received until January 31, 2022.

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.

Concord Baptist Church in Granite Falls is in need of a pianist in their Worship Band. The worship music is blended of all styles with a strong emphasis on contemporary music. Christian testimony is significant. It is a paid ministry position. Contact Rev. Jimmy Preachers, Minister of Music & Worship at 828-396-1914, or 828-446-2233 or [email](#) him your interest and resume.

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 of Worship and Student Ministry. Click on the [link](#) to submit a resume. For more information about the position click [here](#) or go to the church [website](#).

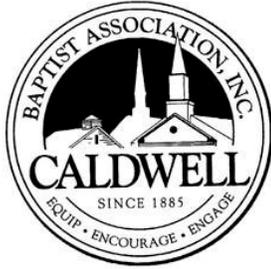
Oak Grove Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro is seeking a full-time pastor. Click on the [link](#) for more information concerning this position and requirements for submitting a resume.

El Bethel Baptist Church in Morganton is seeking a part-time youth director. Click on the [link](#) to send a resume. For more information click [here](#).

First Baptist Church of Hildebran is seeking a full-time pastor. Resumes can be sent to church at PO Box 220, Hildebran, NC 28637 or email [ministry@fbchildebran.com](mailto:ministry@fbchildebran.com). For more information click [here](#).

First Baptist Church of Hildebran is seeking a part-time Music Director. Resumes can be sent to the church at PO Box 220, Hildebran, NC 28637 or email [ministry@fbchildebran.com](mailto:ministry@fbchildebran.com). For more information click [here](#).

First Baptist Church of Hildebran is seeking a pianist. Resumes can be sent to the church at PO Box 220, Hildebran, NC 28637 or email [ministry@fbchildebran.com](mailto:ministry@fbchildebran.com). For more information click [here](#).



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