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CHRISTmas Greetings!!!!

It seems like just yesterday that we were enjoying the final days of summer, and now it is December!!! Time really is moving quickly!

As we prepare for this most special season of the year, may we remember the reason we celebrate. Christmas is about the birth of our Savior, who came from Heaven to be born in a lowly manger. God sent His Son to us because of His love for us!

I know that you and your family will be busy preparing for Christmas dinners, family get togethers, Church Cantatas, Christmas plays and Church services. May we not forget why we are celebrating.

A special THANKS to ALL of our Churches who have prayed for, contributed to, and have gone to help with the relief efforts in Western NC. Over 650 homes have been restored!!! The needs continue to be great and I know that folks from our Churches will continue to respond. We are the hands and feet of our Lord!

Recently, I was asked by a Pastor to fill in for him for the Wednesday night service. I wanted to use the topic that he was going to use that night. It was from Luke 2:7 about the "Inn Keeper." Even though the Inn Keeper is NOT specifically mentioned in the text, the scripture makes a reference by saying, "there was no room for them in the Inn." Throughout the years, the Inn Keeper has been ridiculed, given a bad name and reputation, but he DID provide temporary housing for Mary and Joseph, and the baby Jesus, in the manger (barn). This says to me that despite the circumstances, we can help those in need if we truly want to. I am thankful for the Inn Keeper's willingness to provide a safe place for our Savior to be born!

Our Churches have also responded so well to the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box collection. At least 4000 boxes have been received and delivered to the Collection sites throughout our three county area. The Appalachian Backpack Ministry is also a blessing to children in the Coal Field areas of NC and Virginia. Our Association packed and distributed over 350 backpacks, in addition to 150 Christmas Food Boxes.

We express our Thanks to Richmond Hill for hosting our 235th Annual Meeting recently. Over eighty folks representing twenty-one of our YBA Churches were present!!!

Continue to pray for Friendship Baptist as they search for a Pastor.

As always, do not hesitate to contact Brenda or me if we can be of any help to you or your Church!

Merry CHRISTmas!!!!

Dennis

YBA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The YBA office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th through Sunday, December 28th to celebrate the Christmas holidays with our families. We will reopen on Monday, December 29th to serve the Lord and our community of churches.

Pray for this Church Without a Pastor: FRIENDSHIP.

Forbush Baptist Church: We welcome Nathan and Morgann Trivette as our new Pastor.

Charity Baptist Church's Care (clothing) Closet will be open on the third Saturday of each month from 9am to 12pm.

Enon Baptist Church's Clothes Closet is open on the first Saturday of each month from 9am to 12pm.

Courtney Baptist Church will be selling assorted nuts (i.e., walnuts, pecans, peanuts). To place an order call (336) 463-2681.

YBA Annual Minister and Family Christmas Banquet will be Thursday, December 4th at 6:00pm at Forbush Baptist Church.

Charity Baptist Church will have their outdoor Christmas Drama on Saturday, December 13th. You can watch from your car. Times are 6, 7, and 8 pm.

Bear Creek's Drive thru Nativity will be Sunday, December 14th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Rain date will be December 21st.

The Starmount Show Choir will sing at Forbush Baptist at 10:00 a.m. on December 21st. There will be a Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 21st.

Rock Springs Baptist Church: The Christmas Supper will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to everyone attending and enjoying the meal. Please bring a dish to share.

Bethel Baptist Church News and Information:

Praise report - We packed 930 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child!

Some members of Bethel Baptist Church will travel to Pennington Gap, Virginia to distribute the backpacks and food boxes to area families on Saturday, December 6 as part of the Baptists on Mission Appalachian Christmas Outreach.

On Sunday, December 7, the youth will honor our senior citizens by serving lunch to them and sing Christmas carols.

Our prayer walkers and visitation teams will distribute fruit baskets to the widows, widowers, and shut-ins in December as we remember them during the Christmas season.

We will focus on the birth of Jesus at our Christmas program/cantata on Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 pm with a fellowship afterwards.



Birthdays

Greg McEwen, December 18th

Erin Williams, December 18th

Holly Money, December 23rd

Nathan Trivette, December 27th

Anniversary

Kenny & Tina Gooden, December 18th



Union Grove Baptist Church is looking for a part-time Worship Music Leader capable of leading the congregation in worship; directing the Praise Team; giving leadership to the musicians; directing the choir; conducting rehearsals for the praise team and choir. As well as, planning music for special services (Christmas, Easter and Revivals) and ability to develop and oversee the music budget. If interested, please contact Union Grove Baptist Church for more information by phone: (336) 361-5792 or email your resume to Union Grove Baptist Church at ugbcministry@gmail.com.

Deep Creek Baptist Church is looking for a Part-time Church Secretary. The work schedule is two days each week from 9am to 2pm. Duties include: production and distribution of the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter; record and distribute the phone tree messages; forwarding phoned-in benevolence requests to Deacons; taking applications for Fellowship hall rental; and keeping the calendar of church activities (usually from a quarterly planning meeting with the committee chairmen).

NOTE:

Job posting information can be emailed to the YBA office at yadkinbaptist@yadtel.net to be included in our Monthly newsletter. Additional job postings can be found on our website at yadkinbaptistassociation.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YADKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
October and Year to Date Ending December 31, 2025

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>		<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>
ARLINGTON	\$123.98	\$2,002.52	JONESVILLE		\$100.00
BEAR CREEK		\$4,800.00	MAPLEWOOD	\$350.00	\$3,500.00
BETHEL	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	MOUNTAIN VIEW	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
BOONVILLE		\$3,125.00	RICHMOND HILL	\$937.10	\$12,010.33
BREAD OF LIFE		\$1,200.00	ROCK SPRING	\$280.00	\$3,295.00
CHARITY		\$4,759.00	SANDY SPRINGS	\$600.00	\$2,400.00
COURTNEY		\$4,500.00	SHADY GROVE		\$4,050.00
DEEP CREEK		\$3,000.00	SOUTH OAK RIDGE	\$1,800.00	\$7,200.00
EAST BEND	\$134.00	\$670.00	SWAIMS		\$600.00
ENON		\$9,000.00	TRIPLE CROSS		\$300.00
FLAT ROCK	\$175.00	\$1,750.00	UNION GROVE		\$7,500.00
FORBUSH	\$169.99	\$1,894.78	WEST YADKIN		\$2,000.00
FRIENDSHIP	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	FBC YADKINVILLE	\$100.00	\$1,300.00
HSPNC CHURCH	\$628.18	\$2,361.65	ZION	\$125.00	\$1,125.00
HUNTSVILLE	\$525.00	\$2,100.00	TOTAL	\$6,473.25	\$91,793.28
			Other Revenue		\$4,191.87
2025 Budget (Church Contributions) - \$109,584			Total Revenue	\$6,473.25	\$95,985.15
Projected Contributions needed per month - \$9,132					

Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!



Charity Baptist Church Presents an Outdoor Christmas Drama

Saturday December 13th

3 SHOW TIMES
6 - 7 - 8PM

BEHOLD: A

**SAVIOR IS
BORN**

1500 Charity Baptist Church Rd.

Watch from your Car!

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY DEC. 14TH

Please bring a non-perishable food item donation for the Charity Care Closet program. We will collect them while you're in line to park.

Charitybcboonville.org



**COURTNEY BAPTIST CHURCH
WMU
HOLIDAY FUND RAISER**



**FANCY, FRESH, MAMMOTH, PECANS FROM THIS
YEAR'S CROP !**

NEW THIS YEAR WE ALSO HAVE WALNUTS !

**You can mix bags of Pecan halves or pieces with bags
of shelled Walnuts to get your best deal 2 for \$25.00**

**1 POUND BAG OF YOUR CHOICE
\$13.00 EACH or any 2 FOR \$25.00**

LIVE DRIVE THRU NATIVITY

December 12th, 13th & 14th

6-8pm



FREE ADMISSION

Donations of non-perishable items will be accepted for our
Food Box Ministry

EAST BEND BAPTIST CHURCH

112 Fairground Rd East Bend NC 27018

SHARE THE
**Joy &
Hope**
OF CHRISTMAS.

**From David Melber,
BCH CEO**



Last winter, one special moment made Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) feel like home. After a beautiful snowfall, the children at Mills Home bundled up and raced to the hills with their sleds. Their laughter echoed throughout the campus, filling my heart with warmth and joy. It was a time to make simple, beautiful memories. At BCH cottages and the many foster homes across the state, God is creating safe, Christ-centered homes where children heal, grow, and enjoy being children.

If we're blessed with snow this year, don't be surprised if I grab a sled and join them!

This joyful time was only possible because of the love and support that each child receives from our dedicated caregivers and generous friends like you. Children in our cottages and through our [EVERY CHILD](#) foster families experience homes filled with love, stability, and care. These faithful families walk beside each child, planting seeds of joy and hope and providing space for God's redemptive work to take root and flourish.

This Christmas, I invite you to be part of something extraordinary. Your gift can go twice as far thanks to a generous \$325,000 matching challenge—every dollar will be doubled. This is the perfect time for you to become a part of this beautiful story of redemption. Working together, we will see God write new chapters of hope and joy, creating beautiful memories in the lives of children and families who need it most.

Thank you for your heart to serve children and families in Jesus' name.

**Say YES to a
child today!**

EVERY *Child*





LOTTIE MOON

Lottie Moon—the namesake of Southern Baptists’ international missions offering—has become a legend. But in her time, Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. In fact, she was like today’s missionaries. She labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®?

In 1873, Lottie Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. She spent nearly 40 years sharing the gospel with love, courage, and unwavering faith.

Her letters home inspired churches to pray and give, leading to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Today, this offering supports missionaries and helps take the life-transforming message of Jesus to the nations.

Let’s honor her legacy by praying and giving so others can hear the hope of the gospel.

You can find resources to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in your church like banners, bulletin inserts, videos, children’s resources, and more at <https://www.imb.org/lmco-resources/>

THE DIGITAL
CHURCH SURVEY IS

QUICKER AND EASIER

THAN EVER!



ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

NCBAPTIST.ORG/ACP

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) is a church survey used to track ministry data. As your church completes the survey each year, you have access to data from prior years' submissions at SBC Workspace and ChurchPOP. New & Improved 2025 ACP

- The [digital form](#) is quicker & easier than ever!
- Save and return to the form as much as needed prior to submission.
- The digital form will only accept one submission per church.
- The submitted data for this reporting period is typically Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024 (But can also encompass your most recently completed church year). If you would still like to use NC Workspace to complete a more thorough survey, you can view an instructional video a vimeo.com/862172794.



We invite you to celebrate
75 years of ministry!

Our 2026 Week of Prayer and Offering for Older Adults is the perfect opportunity to support the work of ThriveMore and Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation.

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Please join us and others across the state as we celebrate the impact of 75 years of ministry to older adults.

- *Your prayers encourage our residents and staff.*
- *Your offerings ensure a loving home and promise of care.*
- *Your support of our work helps share the love of Christ.*
- *Your partnership helps make our work possible.*



There are three ways to get your resource materials:

1. Scan this QR code and order materials online:
2. Visit ThrivemoreNC.org/church-resources to download or order materials.
3. Contact Stephanie Moody Shaffer with your request: sshaffer@thrivemorenc.org or 919.413.4614



PLEASE ORDER YOUR MATERIALS SOON!

Feel free to contact me with any questions or to inquire about having a member of our team share at your church. We are grateful for you and your care for older adults in need!

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie M. Shaffer

Stephanie Moody Shaffer
Manager of Chaplaincy and Faith Relations

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES
FOUNDATION