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 Oakland  
 Olive Branch  
 Philadelphia  
 Pleasant Hill  
 Providence  
 Roanoke  
 Sandy Ridge  
 Sardis  
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Making Life for Older Adults the Best of Times:  
 "Keeping Up"  
 with the "Oldest Old"



Souper Bowl Sunday  
 February 3, 2019

North Carolina Offering  
 for Older Adults  
 February 3-10, 2019  
 Goal: \$600,000



Your congregation can contribute to a special "Souper Bowl" offering to help the homeless and hungry right here at home. The Union County Community Shelter greatly depends on the support they receive from this once-a-year fundraiser. Every dollar donated goes to the Union County Community Shelter.



Focus on WMU/Heck-Jones Offering & Week of Prayer  
 February 11-17, 2019



**Region 6  
 Missions Rally**  
**February 19, 2019**  
**First Baptist Kannapolis**  
**101 N. Main St.**

The rally will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. The rallies are for everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering.

A meal is provided for the NC Mission Rallies at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count. The cut-off date for reserving a meal for each Rally is one week prior to the event. To register, <https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/region-rallies/region-6-nc-missions-rally-2019--first-baptist-kannapolis/4120>. You can also register by phone by calling Tracey Ford at 919-459-5596.



**Union Baptist Association**  
**Sunday School Workshop**  
 with  
**Allan Taylor**  
 Lakeview Baptist Church  
 4602 Concord Highway  
 Monroe, NC  
 (\$50 fee per church)  
**Saturday, February 23, 2019**  
**8:30 am - 12:00 pm**  
 Bring Sunday School leaders and all other interested members  
 Please call 704-283-8383 to RSVP before Feb. 1



## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

**Dr. Eric D. Cook**

### The Mystery Revealed

In the third chapter of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul speaks about a mystery that in the past was not made known to the sons of men, but today has been revealed in Christ. This mystery, in a nut shell, was, “that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel” (Eph. 3:6). Paul states that he was given the mission of preaching, “among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ” (3:8). Paul was expressing that the Gospel of grace was available for all people. He then says, “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” Christ desires that we be strengthened in the inner man, that Christ would dwell richly in us through faith, that we would be anchored and unmovable because of His great love, and we would all comprehend the unsearchable riches of Christ, and that we would walk in deep intimacy with Him by the power of the Holy Spirit which indwells us. If the church embraced these truths and lived them out, the glory of the Lord would be increased in the earth and our community. These great benefits of the Gospel are offered to us as a direct result of the sacrifice of the Son of Promise. Jesus, the Christ has opened the life gate, and the waters of redemption and sanctification have spilled forth like a mighty wave. *And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.* Paul ends by stating very powerfully, “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen” (3:20-21).

Serving the King Together,

Eric

## WMU NEWS



### **Missions: It's not just a project; it's a way of life.**

One of the ministries operated by WMU is the Christian Women's Job Corps. Our goal is to equip women, in a Christian context, for life and employment. Throughout the United States thousands of women each year gain hope for their future from almost 200 registered CWJC sites.

We're fortunate to have one of these CWJC sites right here in the Union Baptist Association. Women in need are presented the Gospel message and attend classes on life and employment skills, Bible studies and activities. They also have the opportunity to work with a mentor.

We'd love to grow our program and be able to reach even more women. How can you help?

- Prayer. For the program, participants and volunteers.
- Become a volunteer. We have a board member position open and also need ladies to serve as mentors for the participants.
- Help support the program financially.

Our annual CWJC banquet, to advertise the program and recruit new participants, will be February 7, 2019 at the UBA. Our NC CWJC State Coordinator, Cara Lynn Vogel, will be the guest speaker. We need volunteers to staff the event, cakes for the dinner and financial support. If you, your small group or your church are able to help please let me know.

In His Service,  
Betsy Ross, WMU Director  
704-283-7313  
[betsyrossuniondistrict@gmail.com](mailto:betsyrossuniondistrict@gmail.com)



**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS®**  
a ministry of WMU®



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

5	Rev. John Miller	Pleasant Hill
10	Rev. George Gouge	Retired
10	Dr. Sam Roach	First Weddington
10	Mrs. John (Christy) Jenkins	Corinth
11	Mrs. Randy (Kathy) Davis	Bethel
12	Rev. Shad Hicks	Mt. Pleasant
13	Mrs. Sam (Alysia) Roach	First Weddington
15	Mrs. Jeremy (Misty) Hood	Ebenezer
17	Mrs. Lee (Michelle) Pigg	Hopewell
17	Mrs. Chris (Becky) Justice	Lee Park
18	Mrs. Eric (Anna) Cook	DOM's Wife
21	Mrs. David (Audrey) Richardson	Faulks
22	Mrs. Alan (Annette) Rushing	Foundation
27	Rev. Dustin Knight	Friendly
27	Mrs. Marty (Kenda) Griffin	New Hope

**ANNIVERSARIES**



6	Dr. & Mrs. Michael Whitson	First Indian Trail
8	Rev. & Mrs. Donnie Crump	Howie
13	Dr. & Mrs. Osco Gardin, Jr.	Elizabeth Missionary
22	Rev. & Mrs. George Gouge	Retired
23	Rev. & Mrs. Richard Poindexter	Supply
27	Rev. & Mrs. Dae Mun Yim	Korean Global Mission

**CHURCH FINANCIAL SEMINAR**

**February 28, 2019 6-8:30 pm**

**New Home Baptist Church  
1617 New Home Church Road  
Peachland NC 28133**

**Davis Blount, Consultant  
Compensation & Benefit Services, BSCNC**

**Topics include:**

Tax updates, compensation planning, church retirement plan, employer provided benefits, managing designated funds, reporting charitable giving and questions & answers.



We would like to extend a special **thank you** to our volunteers that helped with the preparation and mailing of the *UBA January Messenger*: **Ken and Brenda Dripps** from

**Shiloh Baptist Church.** If your group is interested in helping, please call the UBA office at 704-283-8383. Thank you for giving your time and making the day so enjoyable.

Please pray for the congregations of these churches as they seek God's help in finding new leaders:

**Centerview, Euto, Freedom Biker, Hamilton Cross Roads, Lakeview, Shiloh**



Include in your prayers the "Churches of the Week" and their leaders listed below:

Feb. 3-9	Antioch	Rev. Joey Query
Feb. 10-16	Austin Grove	Rev. Leon Whitley
Feb. 17-23	Benton Heights	Rev. Stephen Watkins
Feb. 24-March 2	Benton's Cross Roads	Dr. Chris Baucom



**Sunday School Workshop**

**Lakeview Baptist Church  
4602 Concord Highway  
Monroe, NC**

**February 23, 2019  
8:30 am -12:30 pm**

Allan Taylor is the Director of Sunday School & Church Education Ministry at Lifeway Christian Resources in Nashville, TN. He came to this position after serving three churches as Minister of Education:

Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN (1991-1993)  
London Bridge Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA (1993-1995)  
First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA (1995-2015)

Before surrendering to full-time Christian service, Allan was a high school football coach at Fulton High School in Knoxville.

Allan conducts many Sunday School and Leadership Conferences both nationally and internationally and mentors, instructs, and encourages Christian Educators and Sunday School leaders.

He has written two Sunday School books: *The Six Core Values of Sunday School* and *Sunday School in HD*.

He has also equipped thousands of Sunday School leaders through his three DVD training series: *Sunday School Done Right*, *Forward From Here*, and *Sunday School Matters*.

He and his wife, Linda, have been married 40 years and live in their hometown of Knoxville, TN. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Allan will be sharing two main presentations. The first topic is called "A Dozen Musts for a Strategic Sunday School" and the second will be a presentation on "Franchising the Sunday School." Allan always presents a wealth of information in his conferences. It will greatly benefit your church's Sunday School Ministry if you can have all of your Sunday School leaders at this meeting. Please let us know at the UBA Office if you plan to bring your workers to this event. We are asking for a \$50 contribution from each church to help defray the costs for this time of learning.

Donnie Gamble  
Sunday School Director, UBA



**Benton's Crossroads:** Our BBQ is Back and better than ever. On **Fri. Feb 1st**, you can enjoy hot off the grill pork BBQ and all the fixings for lunch or dinner. For **\$9 per plate**, you will receive a generous portion of **BBQ, Beans, Slaw, Bread, Desert, and a drink**. Serving starts at 10 am. What better way to kick off FOOTBALL'S biggest weekend. You can drive through and pick up your BBQ or, if you dine in, you will be provided free entertainment with live gospel music provided by "Southern Express" starting at 7 pm Friday night. Since the big game is that Sunday, you can even buy for your party a Tailgate Special. For \$40, you will receive enough BBQ, Beans, Slaw, Bread and Desert to easily feed 8 people. The supply of tailgate specials is limited, so you must call ahead to reserve yours and pick up the day of the BBQ Friday Feb 1st. If you just want to buy a whole cooked Boston Butt, you can do that as well. Call the church to place your order before the 1st at 704-753-1291 and reserve your BBQ today.

**Music for a Cure, Sat. March 2, 2019, 5 pm.** Featuring Southern express, Destination Bluegrass, Slope Valley Band, Hatley Family Band & Flowers Family Band. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Proceeds benefit Levine Cancer Center. For more info, call 704-242-2115.

**Ebenezer:** Our Student Ministry will sponsor a food drive for "Bookbags of Love" to benefit families at Porter Ridge Elementary during the month of January and will conclude on our Souper Bowl Day of Caring, Sunday, Feb. 2. For a list of suggested food items from the "Bookbags of Love" list, please contact Sarah Easter at [s.easter@meyebenezerbaptist.org](mailto:s.easter@meyebenezerbaptist.org) or 704-289-2632. We will also collect monetary donations for the "Feeding Children Everywhere" food-packing event, which will be held later in April, at our Souper Bowl Day of Caring soup and sandwich lunch on Sunday, Feb. 2. The Youth Souper Bowl Party will be Sunday, Feb. 2, at 6:00 pm. Invite your friends to watch the big game on the big screen, enjoy free food, and hear a Gospel presentation from NFL players during half-time!



Dear Christian Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart and the Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store for all the blessings

that were provided for 78 families that came through the Toy Store on Saturday, December 8, 2018. Through your prayers, faithful commitment and serving the Lord by purchasing toys and sending the monetary gifts, we were able to provide Christmas for 218 children. God has always provided just what we needed. Right down to each and every person that worked to help set up the toy store to the cleaning up and making sure the room was ready for the Sunday morning service of Invitation Church. We had 42 bicycles and numerous riding toys for the smaller children.

There are so many volunteers that gave of their time to work throughout the week as well as on Saturday, December 8. For those that provided snacks for the workers and parents, we truly appreciate everything you did. I, also, would like to give a BIG thank you to all of our churches who supported this ministry.

We enjoyed having the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Youth Group on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to help tag the toys and place on the tables. This day would not be possible without all the counselors that offered the plan of Salvation and provided a Bible to each parent that came through the store. We know God was there with us. Seven people made professions of faith. My prayer is for each one of these families to find a church family and allow God to be number one in their life.

All remaining toys were carried to Laurinburg, NC, by David & Kathy Fuss, to a church where our Disaster Relief teams have been helping to restore. The pastor was very appreciative.

I thank God for allowing us to use the UBA and have their support for such a wonderful mission project in Union County! With God, all things are possible! We have surely seen this in the past 12 years of the Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store.

Praying for another successful year in 2019.

Thank you everyone. May God bless you and your family in the New Year.

Ms. Teresa Polk  
Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store Director

**Heart to Heart**  
**Christian Women's Job Corps of Union County**  
will sponsor a  
***"Time of HOPE"***

This will be an exciting time of fellowship and dinner for women age 18 and older.

Union Baptist Association  
1744 Williams Road, Monroe NC 28110

**Thursday, February 7, 2019**  
**6:30-8:30 pm**

**NO Charge - Attendance by registration only!**  
**Call 704-283-8383 to register by February 1.**

**Guest Speaker: Cara Lynn Vogel**  
**Christian Women's Job Corps of NC, Inc.**

**Music, Door Prizes**  
Childcare for ages 10 and under with **RSVP**

# February

- 3 Souper Bowl of Caring  
3-10 NC Offering for Older Adults and Week of Prayer  
11-17 Focus on WMU/Heck-Jones Offering & Week of Prayer  
14 Valentine's Day  
18 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm  
23 Sunday School Conference with Allen Taylor  
Please RSVP before Friday, February 1, 2019.



- 3-10 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering & Week of Prayer for North American Missions  
9 UBA VBS Clinic 9-11 am Antioch Baptist  
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
17 UBA Bible Drill 3 pm UBA MRC  
18 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm UBA MRC  
30 Trip to Mills Baptist Children's Home, Thomasville NC

## STATE CONFERENCES

Contact the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102.

### **NC Youth Ministry Ski Retreat February 1-3, 2019**

**Winterplace Ski Resort, Beckley, WV  
[www.winterplace.com](http://www.winterplace.com)**

Make plans now to join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Youth Ministry Winter Ski Retreat. Hundreds of youth from the state will converge in Beckley, WV, for their annual Winter Retreat; a weekend packed with fun, fellowship and worship.

To register and receive pricing information, Contact Tim Wilson with Nexstep Travel, 800-275-2095 or 828-244-7814 or [tim@nexsteptravel.com](mailto:tim@nexsteptravel.com). Please let Tim know you are calling about the NC Baptist Ski Retreat. **Limited space is available, so make your reservations as soon as possible.**

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### **Spiritual Awakening February 9, 2019**

**Rocky Hock Baptist Church, Edenton, NC**

This conference will address the role of Scripture, repentance, judgment and prayer in spiritual awakening. Through seasons of worship, focused prayer, the preaching of God's Word and dialogue with speakers and leaders, participants will be challenged to return to their churches with a renewed passion to seek God for the next great revival and spiritual awakening in their community, North Carolina, America and beyond.

The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration and conference fee is \$30 per person and includes registration,

Chick-fil-A lunch, a book and prayer resources.

Call 252-221-4133 to register.

## (State Conferences Cont.)

### **Gospel Conversations Training**

Ever wanted to have a gospel conversation with someone but had no idea where to begin? Gospel Conversations training explains not only why but also how to have these conversations across various contexts.

You will learn what to do and say to share the good news of the gospel competently and confidently. This training includes a time for practice and follow-up processes for strategy and accountability. Every event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**February 9, 2019**

Brookwood Baptist Church, Jacksonville NC

**June 8, 2019**

First Baptist Church, Charlotte NC

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### **Disciple Making Conference**

**February 23, 2019**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Green Street Baptist Church  
High Point, NC**

Visit [www.disciplemakingconference.org](http://www.disciplemakingconference.org) for more information and to register.

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Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Administrative assistant to work 12 hours per week. Those interested in applying may submit their resume's by mailing them to 2528 Stack Road Monroe, North Carolina or by emailing them to [hicksjer209@aol.com](mailto:hicksjer209@aol.com). Deadline for submittal is by Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Baptist Children's Home Workday**



UBA is planning a workday to help Mills Baptist Children's home in Thomasville, NC on **Saturday, March 30, 2019.**

We need about 30

volunteers to do housework, yardwork, and a few specialty jobs like pressure washing and carpentry. We will also bring food and paper items. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in participating, please call the UBA office and get on our list so we can keep you informed as this project develops.

Dr. Henry Funderburk  
UBA Missions Trip Coordinator

**MONTHLY CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018**

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Antioch	250.00	3,000.00	Oak Grove	0.00	7,082.48
Austin Grove	354.17	4,250.04	Oakland	400.00	4,800.00
Benton Heights	0.00	1,000.00	Olive Branch	0.00	800.00
Benton's Cross Roads	366.67	4,035.68	Philadelphia	878.33	11,814.05
Bethel	0.00	3,500.00	Pleasant Hill	208.34	2,500.08
Calvary	0.00	9,197.23	Providence	0.00	0.00
Centerview	226.80	3,382.61	Roanoke	0.00	0.00
Central	0.00	600.00	Sandy Ridge	349.66	4,412.02
Christ	0.00	0.00	Sardis	471.72	6,446.86
Corinth	0.00	1,100.00	Secrest Grove	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	1,334.00	8,647.50
Ebenezer	473.50	5,114.15	Silver Star Cowboy	0.00	1,525.00
<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	0.00	540.00	Solid Rock	50.00	600.00
Elizabeth Missionary	100.00	1,200.00	South Monroe formerly Sunset Pk	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel	0.00	2,376.46	Trinity	0.00	3,000.00
Euto	0.00	20,802.12	Union	2,000.00	4,000.00
*Fairfield Community	0.00	0.00	Union Grove	0.00	1,500.00
Faith	0.00	0.00	Waxhaw	0.00	1,100.00
Faulks	0.00	1,200.00	Weddington First	1,320.20	13,900.14
Fellowship	0.00	600.00	West Monroe	513.00	4,440.00
Forest Hills	0.00	400.00	Westend	0.00	1,000.00
Foundation	0.00	0.00	Wingate	<u>239.00</u>	<u>2,890.00</u>
Freedom Biker	469.92	2,749.65	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,717.44</b>	<b>\$245,723.39</b>
Friendly	0.00	800.00	A complete financial statement is available upon request.		
GracePointe	0.00	2,000.00	* Denotes Mission/Watchcare Status		
Hamilton Cross Roads	150.00	900.00	Account Balances Dec. 31, 2018		
Hermon	715.00	8,580.00	Petty Cash	\$100.00	
Hopewell	0.00	6,000.00	BB&T Checking Account	\$1,993.18	
Howie	0.00	0.00	5th 3rd Checking Account	<u>\$33,528.32</u>	
Iglesia Camino	0.00	300.00	Total	\$35,621.50	
Indian Trail First	1,250.00	15,000.00			
Invitation	490.00	5,675.00			
King Memorial	0.00	0.00			
Korean Global Msn.	200.00	1,300.00			
Lakeview	0.00	5,000.00			
Lanes Creek	0.00	300.00			
Lee Park	0.00	5,000.00			
LifePoint Monroe	0.00	0.00			
Love	0.00	500.00			
Macedonia	237.74	3,129.59			
Marshville-First	0.00	2,500.00			
Mary Elizabeth	161.22	893.65			
Midway	0.00	2,932.11			
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00			
Monroe-First	0.00	816.68			
Mount Harmony	416.67	4,583.37			
Mountain Springs	867.00	10,400.00			
Mt. Moriah	224.50	2,452.11			
Mt. Olive	0.00	2,000.00			
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	7,533.82			
Mt. Zion	0.00	4,125.00			
New Covenant of Ind.Trail	0.00	0.00			
New Hope	0.00	6,295.99			
New Life	0.00	0.00			
*New Life Brazilian	0.00	0.00			
New Salem	0.00	1,200.00			

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# SENDING HOPE

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering &  
Week of Prayer  
March 3-10, 2019  
GOAL: \$70 million



AMAZING ENCOUNTERS  
WITH JESUS  
JOHN 20:31

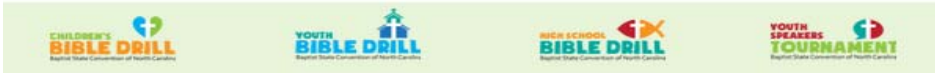
UBA VBS Clinic  
Saturday, March 9, 2019  
Antioch Baptist Church  
6223 Love Mill Road  
Monroe NC 28110



Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

UBA Bible Drill  
Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:00 pm  
UBA Missions Resource Center

Contact Teresa Parson if you plan to participate, [tmom2@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmom2@carolina.rr.com)



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