

The Blade

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OUR CHURCHES:

Abbottsburg
Beard's Chapel
Bethel
Bladenboro, Frist
Baptist Church of
Briar Branch
Butters
Center Road
Christ Community
Clarkton, Frist
Baptist Church of
Delco, Frist
Baptist Church of
Council
Cypress Creek
Dublin, First Baptist
Elizabethtown
Faith
Friendship
Galeed
Good News
Grace
Hickory Grove
Lisbon
Love Grove
New Center
Northside
Open Door Min.
Peace
Renacer
Richardson
Riverside
Sandy Grove
Second Chance
Shady Grove
Suggs Grove
Tar Heel
Union Grove
West Bladenboro
White Lake
White Oak
Whites Creek
Zion Hill



We have this hope as an anchor for the
soul, firm and secure.

Hebrews 6:19a

What you will Find Inside:

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- * Financial Giving - Jan. - Sept.
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**Serving Christ . . .
TOGETHER**



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Organization
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Elizabethtown, NC
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Birthday's & Anniversaries for Our Pastor's and Wives

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mrs. Jackie Wilkins
- 3 Mrs. Patricia Smith,
Cypress Creek
- 7 Rev. Thomas McClusky, Delco
- 8 Mrs. Kathryn Anderson,
W. Bladenboro
- 13 Mrs. Beth Foster
- 29 Rev. Randy Andrews,
Open Door Ministries

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Rev. and Mrs. Richard Smith,
Cypress Creek

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rev. Cameron McGill,
Dublin First - 2000
- 14 Rev. Gary McMillan,
Friendship - 2009

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Rev. Jimmy Strole, Shady Grove
- 11 Dr. Mack Roberts
- 13 Mrs. Hilary Cooper, Sandy Grove
- 17 Rev. David Anderson,
W. Bladenboro
- 23 Rev. Carlton Bryan, Briar Branch

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Rev. and Mrs. Danny Lewis,
White Oak

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 30 Rev. Dwight Holland,
Second Chance Comm. - 2008



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Rev. Boyd Britt, Abbottsburg
- 6 Mrs. Vicki Fisher,
Christ Community
- 14 Rev. Jack Miller, Council
- 15 Mrs. Lynn Warren
- 21 Rev. Bill Cooper, Sandy Grove
- 24 Mrs. Libby Hayes, Good News
- 28 Rev. Ricky Donaldson, Northside
- 30 Rev. Arthur Smith, Grace
- 31 Rev. Walter Hayes

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rev. and Mrs. Barry Helms,
Beards Chapel
- 14 Rev. and Mrs. Jack Miller,
Council

**Continue Praying
for our churches
without Pastors
or Interims &
churches under Watch-**



Pray for Our Churches & Our Pastor's & Wives

Abbottsburg:

Rev. Boyd Britt

Beards Chapel:

Rev. Barry Helms & Wanda

Bethel: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Rev. Warren Hill & Deanna

Bladenboro, First: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Rev. Charles Hester & Dot

Briar Branch:

Rev. Carlton Bayan & LeeAnn

Butters: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Rev. DeWayne Lambeth & Kimberly

Center Road: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Christ Community:

Rev. Jerry Fisher & Vicky

Clarkton, First:

Rev. Mark Miller & Patti

Council:

Rev. Jack Miller & Shirley

Cypress Creek:

Rev. Richard Smith & Patricia

Delco, First:

Rev. Thomas McCluskey & Chelsea

Dublin First: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Elizabethtown: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Dr. Charles Royal

Faith: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Friendship:

Rev. Gary McMillan & Faye

Galeed: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Dr. Mack Roberts & Ella Rae

Good News:

Rev. Larry Hayes & Libby

Grace:

Rev. Arthur Smith & Pat

Hickory Grove:

Rev. Bruce Miller & Leslie

Lisbon:

Rev. Mark Creech & Missy

Love Grove: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Mr. Wayne Lee & Ann

New Center:

Rev. Kevin Kinlaw & Jane

Northside:

Rev. Ricky Donaldson & Robin

Open Door Min:

Rev. Randy Andrews & Lisa

Peace:

Rev. Buddy Cain

Renacer:

Rev. Cipriano Moreno & Petra

Richardson:

Rev. Darrin Andrews & Beth

Riverside:

Rev. Scott Conner & Aneva

Sandy Grove:

Rev. Bill Cooper & Hillary

Second Chance:

Rev. Dwight Holland & Connie

Shady Grove: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Rev. Jimmy Strole & Bertha

Suggs Grove:

Rev. Walter Hayes & Peggy

Tar Heel: *(Seeking Pastor)*

Union Grove:

Rev. Ray Carter & Gail

West Bladenboro:

Rev. David Anderson & Kathryn

White Lake:

Rev. Lonnie Varnam

White Oak:

Rev. Danny Lewis & Diffy

Whites Creek:

Rev. Kincy Barrow & Lori

Zion Hill:

Rev. Chris Hefner & Kristin

**These churches will be voted on
at the Annual Session:**

Greater Vision

Rev. Elvin Meares & Kathy

The Lake Church

Rev. Cameron McGill & Tiffany

*But they that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength; they shall mount up
with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

WMU Red Box Prison Ministry

Toothpaste (6oz-9oz tubes)

Deadline for Dropoff:

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 by 4:00pm

Bladen Baptist Association Office

Thank You to everyone for your donations!



CWJC

Christian Women's Job Corps

YARD SALE

Saturday, November 3, 2018

8:00am - 12:00 Noon

Bladen Baptist Association

CWJC will be taking donations for the Yard Sale

Thursday, November 1st - 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday, November 2nd - 5:00pm - 7:00 pm

Drop Off: CWJC House or Bladen Baptist Association

For More Information, Please Contact:

Mrs. Jennifer Carter

(910)734-9231 or (910)733-5497



Forgiveness

Sunday, November 11, 2018

6:00pm

Elizabethtown Baptist Church

Rebecca Nichols Alonzo

Rebecca is a speaker about betrayal and the power of forgiveness.

Her story has been featured on *Dr. Phil*, *The 700 Club*, *Lifestyle Magazine*, and *CNN*. She has been involved in ministry, including church plants, youth outreach, Bible studies and missions for over twenty years.

Rebecca's autobiography, *The Devil in Pew Number Seven*, is the amazing true saga of relentless persecution, one family's faith and courage in the face of it, and a daughter whose parents taught her that forgiveness is the language of Heaven. She attended Evangel University and is a graduate of Missouri State University.

Rebecca and her husband, along with their two children,

live in Franklin, Tennessee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SAVE THE DATE . . .

The One Hundred Twenty-Seventh
Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association

Monday, October 22, 2018

First Baptist Church of Bladenboro

500 South Main Street, Bladenboro

5:45pm Dinner (Pastors & Spouses)

6:30pm Pre-Session Registration



Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Elizabethtown Baptist Church

1800 West Broad Street, Elizabethtown

3:00pm Afternoon Session

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Evening Session

Theme:

“We are a vessel, formed by the hands of God”

Scripture:

Jeremiah 18:5

Begin Making Preparations to Attend !!

Gifts to Budget (Jan - Sept.)

Abbottsburg:	\$ 2,266.20	Love Grove:	\$ 915.00
Beards Chapel:	\$ 2,000.00	New Center:	\$ 0.00
Bethel:	\$ 3,680.00	Northside:	\$ 1,859.76
Bladenboro, First:	\$ 3,375.00	Open Door:	\$ 487.65
Briar Branch:	\$ 600.00	Peace:	\$ 0.00
Butters:	\$ 2,000.00	Renacer:	\$ 232.10
Center Road:	\$ 4,872.03	Richardson:	\$ 1,000.00
Christ Community:	\$ 0.00	Riverside:	\$ 1,607.07
Clarkton, First:	\$ 1,912.33	Sandy Grove:	\$ 3,150.00
Council:	\$ 800.00	Second Chance:	\$ 0.00
Cypress Creek:	\$ 830.33	Shady Grove:	\$ 4,000.00
Delco, First:	\$ 1,575.83	Suggs Grove:	\$ 2,700.00
Dublin First:	\$ 5,625.00	Tar Heel:	\$11,763.28
Elizabethtown:	\$ 6,775.00	The Lake Church:	\$ 2,400.00
Faith:	\$ 0.00	Union Grove:	\$ 0.00
Friendship:	\$ 2,119.00	West Bladenboro:	\$ 1,600.00
Galeed:	\$ 5,625.00	White Lake:	\$ 1,280.00
Good News:	\$ 0.00	White Oak:	\$ 1,950.00
Grace:	\$ 500.00	Whites Creek:	\$ 1,773.67
Hickory Grove:	\$ 2,475.00	Zion Hill:	\$ 2,250.00
Lisbon:	\$ 0.00	Misc.:	\$ 2,144.73

Budget Gifts to Date: \$ 88,143.98

Budget Needs to Date: \$ 112,160.16

Behind Budget Needs: \$ -24,016.18

Appalachian Christmas Backpack Mission Projects ...



Appalachian Christmas Backpack 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 all churches to respond to this need by providing a filled backpack.

*** Backpacks can be purchased for \$3 each and Bibles for \$7 each at the association office.**

*** Mission Trip Dates: December 15-18
(Saturday-Tuesday)**

*** Cost: To Be Determined
(working on keeping cost to a minimum)**

ITEMS TO COLLECT:

Each zippered school backpack should each include:

- 1) Small items of **NEW** clothing such as winter hats, gloves, socks, underwear, scarf, rolled t-shirts, etc.
- 2) **Small pop-top** canned food such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans)
- 3) At least one **NEW, age appropriate non-breakable** toy. Examples: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, Slinky, card games, Legos, other (**no toy weapons**)
- 4) Hygiene items including toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb, shampoo, deodorant (**please fit these items into a one gallon Ziploc bag**).
- 5) A children's or youth Bible (**can be purchased at the association office for \$7**)
- 6) Fresh, wrapped candy (**no chocolate and no peanut products** please due to allergies)

**Deadline to Dropoff Backpacks:
Monday, October 29, 2018
By: 4:00pm**

**"Thank You for helping us meet this great need.
Your gifts will mean so much and may make
an eternal difference in a child's life!"**



HANDS ON AFRICA - ORPHAN GOLD

Raw, Unfiltered, Organic Honey

A fund-raising strategy that helps two great causes.

Yours & Ours



When children reach the age to leave the orphanages, they are usually placed right back in the area in which they were removed from.

To continue educating and helping, Hands on Africa has turned to producing honey.

When you purchase a bottle of honey, you help with this cause as well as a local ministry in your community.

Purchase a bottle of Honey for \$10 each

\$5 goes to Hands on Africa and \$5 goes to Bladen Baptist Association to be used to help with ramps.

**Honey is available at the
Bladen Baptist Association Office
Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00**



Dear fellow servants,

Bladen County is now on the other side of Hurricane Florence. She came through with high winds and high water. She took her time moving through this area. At one time she was only moving 3 miles an hour. Now she is gone! We are now getting a closer view of the damage and devastation she left behind. There are many downed trees. Many homes were flooded. Some of those homes are a total loss. Businesses have taken a very hard hit. This is the second devastating hurricane to hit our area in two years. Some are wondering if we will ever recover. Well, that depends on our response.

There is a great lesson for us to apply to our lives during this time and it is found in Matthew 25:14-30. Remember, not only are we living on the other side of Florence, we, as the family of God, are living on the other side of the resurrection! Therefore, the power of God is within us. In this parable Jesus teaches that as servants we have been "entrusted" by the master, with his property. He gave it with an expectation that we would invest it, put it to use for his good. Two were faithful with what they had received. One was lazy, burying what he had been given. God has entrusted us with the property of the gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. He gave it with the expectation that we invest it. As we come together as a family of God in the cleanup efforts that are before us, we need to be a faithful servant. There will be some way for every person in our churches to step up and serve. There will be many ways for us to invest what God has given us. The question each of us must ask is: will I be found faithful in putting my talents to use for the good of his kingdom? I know I want to hear him say, "well done, good and faithful servant." how about you?

Rev. David Foster