

# The Blade

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January

## OUR CHURCHES:

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



*If you turn at my reproof,  
behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
Proverbs 1:23*

## BLADEN

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2019 North Carolina Baptist

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## Birthday's & Anniversaries for Our Pastor's and Wives



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Mrs. Bertha Strole, Shady Grove  
4 Rev. Richard Smith,  
Cypress Creek  
9 Rev. Leon Warren, Tar Heel  
15 Mrs. Wanda Helms,  
Beards Chapel  
21 Rev. Lonnie Varman, White Lake  
27 Mrs. Tiffany McGill,  
The Lake Church  
28 Mrs. Robin Donaldson, Northside

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Rev. & Mrs. David Foster, AMS  
Bladen Baptist Association  
10 Rev. & Mrs. Larry Hayes,  
Good News  
10 Rev. & Mrs. Walter Hayes,  
Suggs Grove  
17 Rev. & Mrs. Kincy Barrow,  
Whites Creek  
28 Rev. Tom & Kay Martin

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rev. Larry Hayes,  
Good News - 2001  
1 Rev. Jack Miller,  
Council - 2002

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Rev. Charles Hester,  
First Bladenboro  
10 Rev. Jerry Fisher,  
Christ Community  
13 Mrs. Faye McMillan,  
Friendship  
26 Mrs. Peggy Sue Hayes,  
Suggs Grove  
28 Rev. David Foster, BBA

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 25 Rev. & Mrs. Darin Andrews,  
Richardson



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Rev. Tom Martin  
16 Mrs. Shirley Miller, Council  
16 Rev. Barry Helms,  
Beards Chapel  
19 Rev. Bruce Miller,  
Hickory Grove  
24 Mrs. Pat Smith, Grace

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 31 Rev. & Mrs. Leon Warren  
Tar Heel

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 30 Rev. Kincy Barrow,  
Whites Creek - 2003

## 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)*

Dr. Randy White

### **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

### **Greater Vision:**

Rev. Elvin Meares & Kathy

### **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

### **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)*

Rev. Leon Warren & Lynn

### **The Lake Church:**

Rev. Cameron McGill & Tiffany

### **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



Baptist on Mission Dental Bus  
Dublin First Baptist Church  
Albert St. Dublin NC (off Hwy 87)  
Saturday, January 12, 2019

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**The Executive Committee Meeting** of the  
Bladen Baptist Association will be held at  
**Cypress Creek Baptist Church,**  
1321 Old Fayetteville Rd. Garland NC 28441  
**Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00**  
*Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.*



**VBS EXHIBIT**  
**January 24th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**Bladen Baptist Association Office**  
**Come out and get a jump start on**  
**Vacation Bible School!**

### **Baptist Men's Day (January 27th)**

The fourth Sunday in January is the designated day each year for Baptist Men's Day. Churches use this day to remind their entire congregation of the importance of Baptist Men's ministry within the church, community, and the world.

In 2019, the 85th observance of Baptist Men's Day falls on January 27. If this is not a convenient date for Baptist Men's Day in your church, please feel free to plan it for another Sunday.

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**Region 3 Mission Rally**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2019**  
Southview Baptist Church  
4089 Elk Road, Hope Mills NC

*In February 2019, NCBM will host a series of Regional Mission Rallies across the state. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for men, women and youth- everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend.*

*The meal will begin at 5:45pm, followed by the program from 6:50pm-8:30pm. If you are unable to attend the meal, you are welcome to attend the program itself.*

*You can register online at [ncbaptist.org](http://ncbaptist.org) or by phone by calling Tracey Ford at 919-459-5596*

Rev. Bruce Miller would like to encourage you to join him at the 2019 Disciple Making Conference. If you need more information, please contact Rev. Miller at bam2131am@gmail.com

**2019 Disciple Making Conference**  
**February 26, 2019**  
**Green Street Baptist Church**  
**303 N. Rotary Dr. High Point NC 27262-6972**

If you've been changed by Christ, it should lead to a life that's marked by being a disciple who makes disciples. Main sessions and over 40 breakout sessions will focus on how to be salt and light in a rapidly changing culture  
**\* Open to everyone \***



Doors Open at 8:30am

Conference hours:  
9:00am – 4:00pm

### 2019 Standard Mileage Rate

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2019, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

54.5 cents per mile for business miles driven

18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes

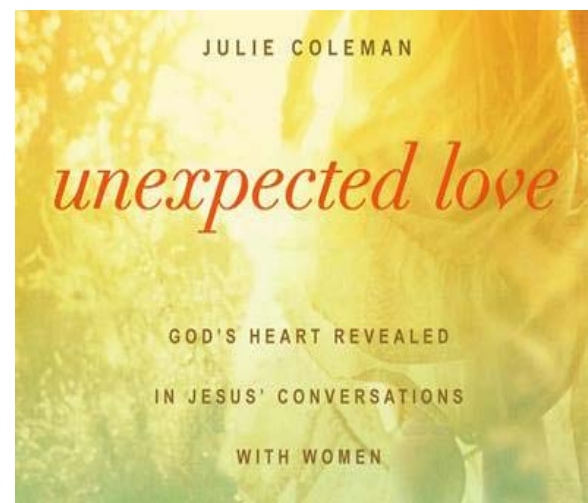
14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable Organizations



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

**Where:**  
**CWJC of Bladen**  
**509 S. Cypress St.**  
**When:**  
**Monday Evenings**  
**7:00pm**

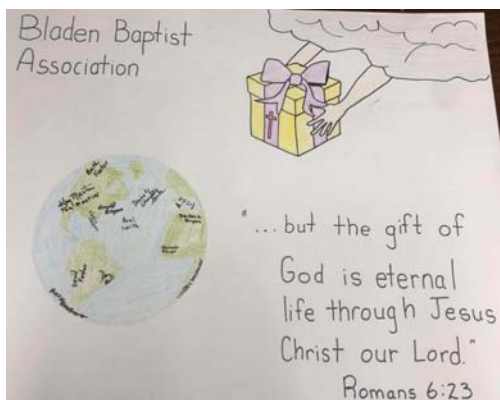
Ladies New Bible Study  
Beginning January 7, 2019  
(No Cost)



**\*A very Special Thank You to all who helped with the yard sale.**

## Appalachian Backpack Ministry in Mallory W. Virginia

*Thank You to everyone who filled backpacks,  
donated funds and prayed for our trip!*



## Letters Received from Children for their Backpacks

Thank you for the gifts you have give. The beanie and gloves will really keep me warm this winter season. The food is also very nice and thoughtful. And I really appreciated the Bible

*Sincerely, A.C.*

Thank you for all of the stuff you gave me. You gave me many useful things such as food and soap. It was very thoughtful of you.

*O.A.*

Thank you so much for giving us these items. The Bibles are so nice and we loved watching the song, skit and the story. We are truly grateful for all you have done for the school.

*M.W. & M. C.*

Thank you for the amazing gift! You are a blessing.

You gave me things to keep me occupied.

*Sincerely, K.T.*

Everything was so great! Thank you so much! We appreciate it.

I love everything! It'll keep me warm. It will also fed me.

*K.W.*

Thank you for this bookbag with all these gifts. It contained something to read and things to keep me warm. Also things to keep myself clean. Also thank you for Teaching us something about God and Jesus.

*Love, T.W.*

Thank you for teaching us about accepting Gods gift. You taught me about what it means to be in the presence of the Lord.

*M.W.*

**From the Desk of Rev. David Foster:**

There is a word that carries great meaning and importance for the Church of Jesus Christ as we seek to share the good news of God's love. That word is **PARTNERSHIP**. Paul, in each of his letters, mentions fellow servants by name who are working along side him for the sake of the gospel. It is evident that Paul realized something very important. That is, **we need each other**. The Church, the Body of Christ (whom Christ is the Head), must partner together for the purpose of the advancement of the gospel. If Paul saw the necessity of working together, do you think we should, as well?

Dear Bladen Baptist Association, we have partnered together for just that very purpose. As I write this message, there are 200 back packs in our BBA office that were provided by some churches of this Association (partnership) of churches. Each back pack will provide us the privilege of presenting the gospel to the one who will receive it. Each back pack has a copy of God's Word tucked inside. There the student will be able to read of God's love for them through His Son, Jesus, the Christ. Please know that this would not be possible without you and your partnership. I have to say, I am blown away by your response. I wish you could have seen, and heard, the joy each partner expressed as he/she brought the back pack(s) to the office. There was great excitement. Some spent several hours in the office sorting and labeling the back packs. Each one was unzipped, making sure it contained a Bible. That was a great effort. Some elementary students came and packed almost 20 back packs with items donated. When they finished, we had prayer for those who would receive the packs. They had hands-on experience of the partnership of the gospel. I can't think of any better training! Beth and I picked up 200 back pack from the Shelby Missions Camp to help us reach our goal of 382.

The week before Christmas (Saturday through Tuesday) fourteen members from three different churches traveled to Mallory, West Virginia. We partnered with Big Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Mallory. Pastor Perry Brown and his wife, Sheila, have served there for a few years.

The 400 back packs were given out to each student following a school wide assembly on Monday afternoon. During the assembly, we sang some Christmas songs and then shared the gospel in a simple, clear, powerful way. This gave us the opportunity to tell the students and faculty just how much God loves them.

I encourage you to keep the partnership alive as we pray together for the light of Christ to burn bright in the hearts of the people in Mallory.

**Needs for Southeastern Carolina Crossroads**

There are several items that are in great need. IF you or your congregation, women's group, or men's group can help, please do so....

- Toilet Paper - Paper Towels**
- 55 gal. & 13 gal. trash bags - 3 ring binders (one inch)**
- Cleaning Supplies - Hand Soap (bottles)**
- Copier Paper (8 1/2 x 11)**

Items can be dropped off at the  
Bladen Baptist Association

**Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30pm**

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**Baptist Children's Homes of  
NORTH CAROLINA**

*Sharing hope...changing lives*

**Little Things Make A Big Difference**

Did you know that last year over \$10,000 was collected just by recycling used ink cartridges?

Let's work together in Bladen County and double that

amount by doing something so simple;  
dropping off used ink cartridges.

*It takes very little time and effort  
and makes a big difference in many lives!!*

**Drop off used cartridges ....**

**Bladen Baptist Association**

**Monday – Thursday 9am – 4pm**

**Share this with everyone you know,**

**especially your local businesses!**

