

The Blade

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And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25



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

BLADEN

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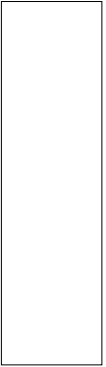
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Birthday's & Anniversaries for Our Pastor's and Wives

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Mrs. Lee Anne Bryan - Briar Branch
9 Rev. Scott Conner - Riverside
11 Mrs. Lori Barrow - Whites Creek
13 Mrs. Diffy Lewis - White Oak

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

none

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

none



MAY BIRTHDAYS

11 Rev. Buddy Cain - Peace
11 Rev. Darin Andrews - Richardson
13 Mrs. Mary Coley
27 Mrs. Brenda Jackson
31 Rev. Gary McMillan - Friendship

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

16 Rev. Jimmy & Bertha Strole
Shady Grove
18 Rev.. Tommy & Denise Hunsinger
Center Road
22 Rev. Dwight & Connie Holland
Second Chance
23 Rev. Arthur & Pat Smith
Grace
26 Rev. Scott & Aneva Conner
Riverside

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

7 Rev. Richard Smith - 1995
Cypress Creek

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 Mrs. Connie Holland
BBA / Second Chance
13 Mrs. Beth Andrews - Richardson
18 Mrs. Kay Martin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

21 Rev. Jerry & Vicky Fisher
Christ Community
24 Rev. Ricky & Robin Donaldson
Northside
24 Rev. Bill & Hilary Cooper
Sandy Grove
30 Rev. Charles & Dot Hester
Bladenboro First

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 Rev. Jerry Fisher - 2016
Christ Community
6 Rev. Darin Andrews - 2007
Richardson
25 Rev. Randy Andrews - 2008
Open Door
27 Rev. Arthur Smith - 2007 - Grace

Welcome

Butters Baptist

Rev. Charleston Guyton & Tammy

Tar Heel Baptist

Rev. Thomas Puryear & Wanda

White Lake Baptist

Rev. Carey Horrell & Rebekah

Please Pray for Our Pastors, Wives and Our Churches:

Abbotsburg Baptist:

Rev. Boyd Britt

Beards Chapel:

Rev. Barry Helms & Wanda

***Bethel Baptist: (Seeking Pastor)**

Rev. Warren Hill & Deanna

***Bladenboro First: (Seeking Pastor)**

Rev. Charles Hester & Dot

Briar Branch:

Rev. Carlton Bryan & Lee Anne

Butters Baptist:

Rev. Charleston Guyton & Tammy

***Center Road: (Seeking Pastor)**

Christ Community:

Rev. Jerry Fisher & Vicky

Clarkton First:

Rev. Mark Miller & Patty

Council Baptist:

Rev. Jack Miller & Shirley

Cypress Creek:

Rev. Richard Smith & Patricia

First Baptist Church Delco:

Rev. Thomas McCluskey & Chelsea

***Dublin First: (Seeking Pastor)**

Rev. Randy White, Interim Speaker

***Elizabethtown Baptist: (Seeking Pastor)**

Rev. Charles Royal, Interim

***Faith Baptist: (Seeking Pastor)**

Rev. Gary McMillan & Faye

Friendship Missionary:

Rev. Gary McMillan & Faye

Galeed Baptist: (Seeking Pastor)

Dr. Mack Roberts & Ella Rae

Good News:

Rev. Larry Hayes & Libby

Grace Baptist:

Rev. Arthur Smith & Pat

Greater Vision:

Rev. Elvin Meares & Kathy

Hickory Grove:

Rev. Bruce Miller & Leslie

Lisbon Baptist:

Rev. Mark Creech & Missy

***Love Grove: (Seeking Pastor)**

Mr. Wayne Lee & Ann

New Center:

Rev. Kevin Kinlaw & Jane

Northside Baptist:

Rev. Ricky Donaldson & Robin

Open Door Ministry:

Rev. Randy Andrews & Lisa

Iglesia Bautista Renacer:

Rev. Cipriano Moreno & Petra

Richardson Baptist:

Rev. Darrin Andrews & Beth

Riverside Baptist:

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 Baptist:

Rev. Thomas E. Puryear & Wanda

The Lake Church:

Rev. Cameron McGill & Tiffany

Union Grove:

Rev. Raeford Carter & Gail

West Bladenboro:

Rev. David Anderson & Kathryn

White Lake:

Rev. Carey Horrell & Rebekah

White Oak:

Rev. Danny Lewis & Diffy

Whites Creek:

Rev. Kincy Barrow & Lori

Zion Hill:

Rev. Chris Hefner & Kristin

MOST NEEDED ITEMS: (in bold)

- * **Canned Fruits**
- * **Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, napkins)**
- * **Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray and wipes, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)**
- * **Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)**
- * **Laundry Detergent**
- * Bottled Water
- * Dry Cereal
- * Spaghetti Sauce
- * Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- * Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- * Pancake Mix and Syrup
- * Soups (All types & condensed)
- * Sugar (Granulated & Brown)
- * Flour
- * Stevia and Splenda
- * Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- * Apple Sauce
- * Fruit Pie Filling (Cherry, Peach)
- * Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
- * Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- * Canned Sweet Potatoes, Yams
- * Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken -packed in water)
- * Stuffing Mix
- * Gravy Mixes
- * Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper (all types)
- * Pickles (Sweet & Dill)
- * Refried Beans
- * Hot Chocolate Mix

- * Snack Foods with & without sugar (Fruit-Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)
- * Health Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix)
- * Individual Cookie Packs
- * Jello
- * PopTarts
- * Rice
- * Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne)
- * Muffin Mixes
- * Bisquick Mix
- * Kidney Beans
- * Baked Beans
- * Pickle Relish
- * Cranberry Sauce
- * Mac & Cheese
- * Corn Meal
- * Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- * Potatoes
- * Hush Puppy Mix
- * Peanut Butter
- * Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is their favorite)
- * Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- * Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs
- * Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Worcestershire, Soy, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet & Sour)
- * Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- * Dishwashing detergents
- * Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)
- * Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans
- * Foil and Plastic Wrap
- * SOS Pads
- * Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- * Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- * Hand Lotion

- * Shampoo / Conditioner
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Body Wash / Soap

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- * Brownie & Cookie Mix
- * Canned Vegetables
- * Individual Chef Boyardee cups
- * Nutritional bars
- * Hot Dog Chili
- * Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- * Coffee Creamer
- * Sweetened Condensed Milk
- * Evaporated Milk
- * Dehydrated Food (powdered milk & eggs, dehydrated meals)
- * Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)
- * French Fried Onions
- * Honey
- * Ketchup / Mustard
- * Oatmeal
- * Parmesan Cheese
- * Puddings, Pudding Cups
- * Salsa
- * Vinegar
- * Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware, Dixie Cups)
- * Copy/Printer Paper
- * Trash Bags (large & small)
- * Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes)
- * Band Aids
- * Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide
- * Anti-bacterial ointment
- * Razors
- * Razors
- * Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel
- * Dental Floss
- * Hair brushes / Combs
- * Deodorant
- * Tooth Paste / Toothbrushes

- * Diapers (all sizes)
- * Baby Wipes
- * Bug Repellent
- * Wasp / Hornet Spray
- * Sunblock 30+
- * Batteries (AA , AAA and D)
- * Disposable Gloves (Non-Latex ONLY)
- * Heavy Duty Soap (Fast Orange)

**Gift Cards are appreciated
For buying perishables and items
not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart,
Sam's Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes,
Ingles, Piggly Wiggly)**

**We can use all size cans.
(family size)**

Some locations prefer #10 cans

Please check for expired food dates.



**** Last Day for Drop OFF
at the
Bladen Baptist Association
Thursday, April 25
by 4:00pm**

NC Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup ...

The Baptist Children's Homes Annual Food Roundup is held every year in the month of April.

Packing Boxes are available at the BBA and can be picked up Monday thru Thursday 9am to 4pm.

The **Final date to drop off food** at the Bladen Baptist Association is **Thursday, April 25th**
**Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received.
(Wal-Mart, Sam's Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly)



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****Please check food for expired dates.**

**Items needed are listed on reverse side of this sheet
For more information go to www.bchfamily.org/foodroundup

collecting a MILE of PENNIES

Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina



Collecting a Mile of Pennies is a fun way
VBS and Sunday School children of any age
can make a difference in the loves of other children!

1 mile = 84,440 pennies = \$844.40

Collect a Mile of Pennies for your
VBS missions offering.

For resources visit: www.bchkids.org

THE CROSS

Saturday
April 20th
2:00pm

Location:
Farmers Market
Elizabethtown

*A Live Dramatization of the
Crucifixion and Resurrection
of Jesus Christ*

Presented by: Local Churches
within the Community



CWJC YARD SALE

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:00am – 1:00 pm

Location: Bladen Baptist Association

If you have items that you would like to donate for the yard sale, they can be dropped off Thursday, April 4 from 10:00am -4:00pm and Friday, April 5 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm

WMU Annual Conference

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 7:00pm

Location: Dublin First Baptist Church

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Tammy Weeks

Please encourage everyone (Men & Women) from your church to attend!!



2019 NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat

The Journey

July 8th - July 10th

Caraway Conference Center, Sophia NC

Online Registration:

www.ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw



Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 8:30am to 12:00 noon

Elizabethtown Baptist Church

1800W. Broad St. Elizabethtown NC

Register online: <https://ncbaptist.org/event-inside-out/>

Upcoming Church Events ...

Sandy Grove Baptist Church:

- Revival: Guest Speaker: Rev. Warren Hill

Sunday, April 7th 11am & 7pm

Monday – Wednesday 7pm

- Easter Egg Hunt / Spring Festival, April 20 from 3-5pm

- Harvester's Quartet in Concert June 2 at 6:30pm

- VBS - June 24-28 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

The Lake Church & Christian Camp:

- Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 20 (10:00-2:00)

- Public Service Appreciation Day / Memorial Day Weekend

8:32am - Patriotic Worship

2:00pm - Water Activities, Games & More

5:00pm - Hot Dog Cookout

6:00pm - Waterfront Concert

Gifts to Budget (Jan - March)

Abbottsburg:	\$ 591.00
Beards Chapel:	\$ 0.00
Bethel:	\$ 920.00
Bladenboro, First:	\$ 1875.00
Briar Branch:	\$ 300.00
Butters:	\$ 1000.00
Center Road:	\$ 1623.76
Christ Community:	\$ 0.00
Clarkton, First:	\$ 1087.66
Council:	\$ 300.00
Cypress Creek:	\$ 0.00
Delco, First:	\$ 422.48
Dublin First:	\$ 1875.00
Elizabethtown:	\$ 0.00
Faith:	\$ 0.00
Friendship:	\$ 573.00
Galeed:	\$ 2250.00
Good News:	\$ 0.00
Grace:	\$ 0.00
Greater Vision:	\$ 0.00
Hickory Grove:	\$ 825.00
Lisbon:	\$ 0.00
Love Grove:	\$ 0.00
New Center:	\$ 0.00
Northside:	\$ 826.56
Open Door Min:	\$ 80.00
Renacer:	\$ 0.00
Richardson:	\$ 1000.00
Riverside:	\$ 1384.70
Sandy Grove:	\$ 1350.00
Second Chance:	\$ 0.00
Shady Grove:	\$ 4000.00
Suggs Grove:	\$ 900.00
Tar Heel:	\$ 3488.96
The Lake Church	\$ 0.00
Union Grove	\$ 0.00
West Bladenboro:	\$ 600.00
White Lake:	\$ 642.45
White Oak:	\$ 650.00
Whites Creek:	\$ 713.77
Zion Hill:	\$ 750.00
Misc.:	\$ 1347.50
Budget Gifts to Date:	\$ 30,376.84
Budget Needs to Date:	\$ 38,531.58
Behind Budget Needs:	\$ -8,154.74

The Executive Committee Meeting

of the
Bladen Baptist Association
will meet

Tuesday, April 24th
7:30 PM

Suggs Grove
Baptist Church

Located at:

16618 NC Hwy 53W
Fayetteville NC

Every Pastor & Executive
Committee member
are encouraged to attend.

Together
we make a
Family

DEADLINE

to drop off for the
Baptist Children's
Home

food roundup 

Thursday, April 25
4:00 PM

Rev. David Foster, DOM

Hurricane Florence left much damage and depression as it slowly traveled across our area. Homes were flooded and damaged from falling trees and rising waters. Over the past few weeks I have met homeowners and have stepped into their brokenness. Just last week I stood in the living room of a mobile home and listened to the homeowner tell her story. Her voice broke and tears flowed down her cheeks as she shared her struggles and the current situation. She is looking for help to rebuild and restore her home.

REBUILD and RESTORE. Those are good words for the homeowners facing challenges. And, those are good words for those in the family of God. Several of the kings of Judah worked diligently to rebuild and restore the "house of God" and the worship of God. Many times over the years when the "people did what was right in their own eyes," the Temple of God was neglected and often pillaged by foreign nations. The people had to recognize their brokenness before restoration could take place.

REBUILD and RESTORE. Those are good words for me! There are parts of my life that need rebuilding and restoration. Thinking of these words reminds me of **Psalm 51**. It begins, "*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*" Now listen to verse 2, "*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*" David is open about his sin and realizes that he has sinned against God. David confessed that he has "*done what is evil in your sight.*"

When David was open about his brokenness (sin) before God. Listen to the words he uses that describes the process of restoration: "*Purge.*" "*Wash me.*" "*Hide your face from my sins.*" "*Blot out all my iniquities.*" Are you broken?

The answer is yes! The real question is, do you recognize your brokenness? Most do not. Most in our churches feel "just fine." Here's the attitude of most, "Now _____, They're broken! Have you heard the latest?" What we need to see more of in our church leadership and membership is humility. Here is how David says it, "*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*" We need to recognize our brokenness before God, and that we have sinned against Him, and Him only. We must confess our sin and cry out for God to purge us, cleanse us, wash us. This requires humility. Here is the end result: Rebuilt and Restored. "*Restore to me the joy of salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*"

NOW, DOESN'T THAT SOUND GOOD?