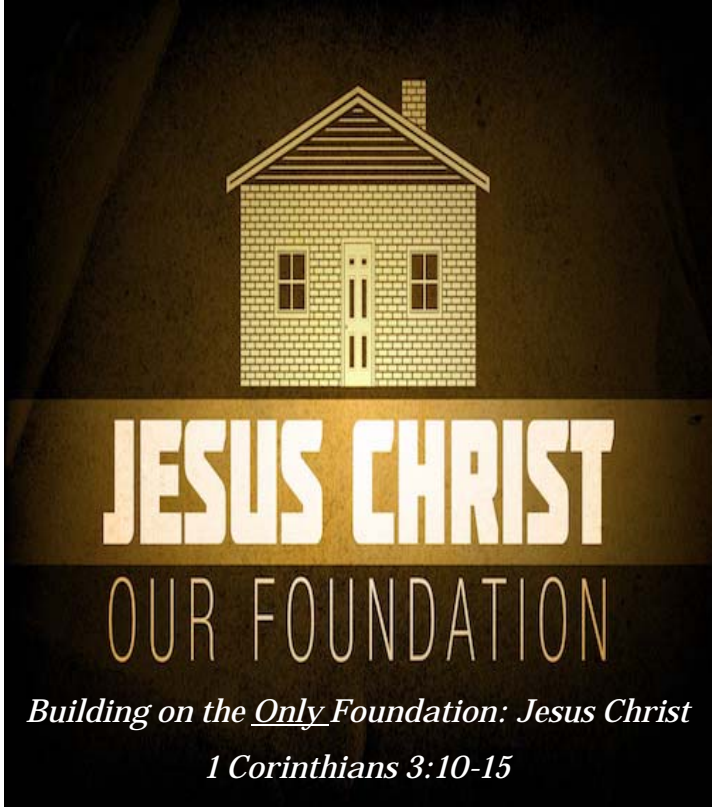


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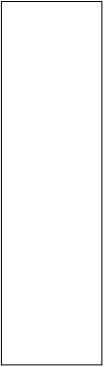
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**Mrs. Connie Holland**  
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**Birthday's & Anniversaries for Our Pastor's and Wives**

**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
- 17 Rev. David Anderson,  
W. Bladenboro
- 21 Mrs. Angela Barden
- 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
- 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



*Rev. Thomas McClusky, Pastor  
& wife, Chelsea  
Delco First Baptist*

*Rev. David Anderson, Pastor  
& wife, Kathryn  
West Bladenboro Baptist*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PASTORS & CHURCHES**

**GROUP IV**

- Abbottsburg  
Rev. Boyd Britt
- Clarkton, First  
Rev. Mark Miller
- New Center  
Rev. Kevin Kinlaw
- Shady Grove  
Rev. Jimmy Strole
- Good News  
Rev. Larry Hayes

**GROUP V**

- Bladenboro, First  
Rev. Charles Hester
- Galeed  
Rev. Warren Hill
- Grace  
Rev. Arthur Smith
- Peace  
Rev. Buddy Cain
- West Bladenboro  
Rev. David Anderson

**GROUP VI**

- Butters  
Rev. Anthony Rich
- Hickory Grove  
Rev. Bruce Miller
- Northside  
Rev. Ricky Donaldson
- Richardson  
Rev. Darin Andrews
- Zion Hill  
Rev. Chris Hefner



**Continue Praying for these Churches Without Pastors or Interims . . .**

Love Grove



**Gifts to Budget (Jan - Sept.)**

Abbottsburg:	\$ 1,269.20
Beards Chapel:	\$ 2,000.00
Bethel:	\$ 3,680.00
Bladenboro, First:	\$ 3,375.00
Briar Branch:	\$ 900.00
Butters:	\$ 1,500.00
Center Road:	\$ 4932.36
Christ Community:	\$ 800.00
Clarkton, First:	\$ 3,224.39
Council:	\$ 900.00
Cypress Creek:	\$ 1,387.89
Delco, First:	\$ 1,135.87
Dublin First:	\$ 7,500.00
Elizabethtown:	\$ 7,875.00
Faith:	\$ 0.00
Friendship:	\$ 1,838.00
Galeed:	\$ 7,500.00
Good News:	\$ 0.00
Grace:	\$ 0.00
Hickory Grove:	\$ 2,475.00
Lisbon:	\$ 358.58
Love Grove:	\$ 0.00
New Center:	\$ 3,500.00
Northside:	\$ 1,859.76
Open Door Min:	\$ 360.06
Peace:	\$ 0.00
Renacer:	\$ 69.45
Richardson:	\$ 1,000.00
Riverside:	\$ 3,702.46
Sandy Grove:	\$ 4,050.00
Second Chance:	\$ 175.00
Shady Grove:	\$ 5,000.00
Suggs Grove:	\$ 3,000.00
Tar Heel:	\$11,844.99
Union Grove:	\$ 1,710.00
West Bladenboro:	\$ 1,575.00
White Lake:	\$ 1,442.00
White Oak:	\$ 1,950.00
Whites Creek:	\$ 1,399.70
Zion Hill:	\$ 2,000.00
Misc.:	\$ 1.00
Budget Gifts to Date:	\$ 97,290.71
Budget Needs to Date:	\$ 103,430.61
Behind Budget Needs:	\$ - 6,139.90

**Christ Community Baptist Church**  
4761 NC Highway 53 W, White Oak, NC 28399

**Annual Fish Fry**  
**October 14 from 11am to 2pm**



Meal Includes:  
Fish, Hush Puppies,  
Coleslaw, Boiled Potatoes  
a slice of pound cake  
\$ 7.00

**Fifth Sunday Singspiration**  
**October 29, 2017**

**5:00pm**

Featuring:

**"The Grandpa Bluegrass Gospel Band"**

Talented Vocalist from the various Churches  
will begin the worship followed by  
The Grandpa Bluegrass Gospel Band!

We invite you to come join us  
as we praise and worship our Lord and Savior

Make a *Joyful* noise unto the *Lord*  
Psalm 98:4

**\* No Admission Charge \***  
Love Offering In Appreciation for  
The Grandpa Bluegrass Gospel Band!

**White Oak Recreation Center**  
9578 NC Hwy 53 West, White Oak, NC 28399



All Youth Invited to

# 5TH QUARTER

## October 6, 2017

at Dublin First Baptist Church

Immediately following East & West  
Bladen High School Football Games



**Second Chance Community Church**  
**"Sharing the Love of Christ"**  
**Tuesday, October 17th & Thursday, October 19th**  
**11:30am – 1:00pm**

1 John 3:16-18

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

These two Ministries will begin Oct. 17th with hopes that more churches will get involved.

It will be a great time not only to feed those in need, but to share the Good News.

If you or your church would like to get involved, please contact Jerry Hood 910-850-2460

### WMU Red Box Prison Ministry

**Deadline for Donations: Thursday, Oct. 26th - 4:00pm**

**Drop Off: Bladen Baptist Association**

**Bars of Soap (4-5oz bars)**

*Thank You for your donations!!*



**CWJC - Christian Women's Job Corps**

*The CWJC is a Christian-Based Organization that empowers women to be overcomers.*

*We encourage, support, guide and celebrate together in Christ.*

*If your Women's Group would like to hold an event, host a meeting or get involved with the CWJC, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Carter*

**Upcoming Church Events . . .**

**Hickory Grove Baptist Church Revival**

*6414 Center Road, Bladenboro*

**Sunday, October 1st 11:00am & 6:30pm**

**Monday - Wednesday,**

**October 2nd - 4th 7:00pm**



**Royce E. Williams, Revivalist-Evangelist**

God is calling us to a special time of seeking his face, and hearing his Word, so that the Holy Spirit can touch our hearts, convict us of our sin, call us the repentance, rekindle our passion for Jesus and make us better Christian followers and witnesses.

We are asking you to join us in seeking Revival.  
Please pray for these revival meetings.

**To God be the Glory!**

**Upcoming Church Events . . .**

**Beards Chapel Church Homecoming**

Sunday, October 1, 2016

**Zion Hill Baptist Church Homecoming**

Sunday, October 7, 2016

**Sandy Grove Baptist Church Revival**

Sunday, October 8th - 11:00am & 6:30pm

Monday - Wednesday, October 9th - 11th at 7:00pm

*Guest Speaker: Pastor Michael Boarts*

*Baptist State Convention of North Carolina*

**Friendship Baptist Church Revival**

Sunday, October 15th - 11:00am & 6:30pm

Monday - Wednesday, October 16th - 18th at 7:30pm

*Guest Speaker: Rev. David Foster*

*Director of Missions, Bladen Baptist Association*

**White Lake Baptist Church Homecoming**

*7585 Hwy. 41E. White Lake, NC.*

**October 15, 2017**

We would like to invite everyone to join us during our annual Homecoming Service at 11:00am.

**Message by: Rev. Lonnie Varnam**

Followed by:

Covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall.

Please come join us for a wonderful day of worship and fellowship!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SAVE THE DATE . . .**

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

**Monday, October 23, 2017**

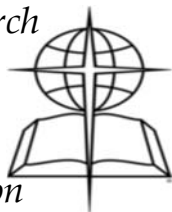
*White Oak Baptist Church*

*5:45 Dinner*

*(Pastors & Spouses)*

*6:30pm*

*Pre-Session Registration*



**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

*New Center Baptist*

*3:00pm*

*Afternoon Session*

*7:00pm*

*Evening Session*

*“Building On The Only Foundation: Jesus Christ”  
1 Corinthians 3:10-15*

*Begin Making Preparations to Attend !!*

**2017 North Carolina Pastors Conference**

**“Return To Me”**

**November 6th - 7th**

**Koury Convention Center, Greensboro**

God has sufficiently gifted His church with His power to advance the kingdom. This year’s N.C. Baptist Pastors’ Conference will focus on the power of the Almighty God. Guest speakers will draw from God’s Word to focus on God’s power in our prayer life, witnessing, home & family life, youth ministry and preaching.



**Bladen Baptist Association**

**Christmas Open House**

**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

**Monday, December 4, 2017**

*Light Refreshments Provided*

**FROM THE DOM . . .**

WOW! What a busy first quarter I have had as your Director of Missions. The first month, I unpacked some boxes and shelved most of the books in my office. There are still boxes sitting in the corner left to unpack. We have started cleaning up and organizing the association office. Several of the walls have been painted. New blinds were hung. Connie reorganized her office. It is now much more inviting. I like the new look. Also in the first month, I traveled to each church to take photos of the facilities. After taking pictures, I would stand at the front door of the sanctuary and pray. I prayed for the church’s vision. I prayed for the pastor and leadership team. I prayed that the church would see the lost and broken community and have a passion and desire to share Jesus with them. Finally, I prayed that the churches in our association would be able to work together to shine brighter in Bladen County.

These three months have been filled with meetings, meetings, and more meetings. And I have been grateful for every one of them. I have met with workers from DSS, HHS, County Commissioners, and law enforcement. I have been invited to join with Bladen Crisis, the Bladen Ministerial Advisory Board, and the Board of Directors for Southeast Carolina Crossroads. These meetings have focused on elderly abuse, addiction, crisis needs, the rising opioid epidemic, and reaching the county with the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are so many needs in our county. Fellow Christians, we have the only answer for transformation, his name is Jesus.

One of the greatest joys has been the awesome opportunity to preach in many of our churches. I cannot completely describe what a blessing it has been to meet many of you. Being able to worship God together has been very powerful. The presence of the Spirit of God has been evident. Beth and I have been made to feel very welcome. I have already experienced great victories. And, I have already experienced failure. Yet, in both, I say, “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” I continue to pray for you. And I ask you to continue to pray for God’s light to shine bright through us in Bladen County.

Rev. David Foster