



**Region 9
Baptist Men's Rally**
First Baptist Church
November 6, 2007

Begins with a **free** meal and followed by a program. All Baptist Men are invited Don't miss or forget this exciting event.



**Registration Required
by Oct. 28**



**Shield of Prayer for all
branches of our Law En-
forcement in Transylvania
County.**

We have over 120 names on our Prayer Shield now and nineteen churches who are praying for each of the individuals listed. If you haven't signed up yet, contact us at 877-3203 and say you want to be included in the **Shield of Prayer**—prayer effort. Rev. Willie Hendon is working on this through the Sheriff's Office in Brevard. We are adding more names as we collect them and need more churches to volunteer. **Nothing is required except to pray for one individual for a year.** We also have a list of their prayer requests. You will be sent a poster, a list of names and a prayer guide to use in your emphasis of **Prayer for these special servants who protect us each day.**

Special this Month

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- 5: Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 6: Baptist State Convention in Greensboro

**Samaritan's Purse
Details on Back of Calendar
Drop of Dates
November 12—16
8:30am—4:30 pm
8:30—8:00 pm on Wednesday**

Love+Give=Hope



BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES of North Carolina
2007 OFFERING
Week of Prayer: November 11-18

Each year, NC Baptists show their love and support for children by participating in the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes. The theme for 2007 is:

Love—Give—Hope

This is a "local, home mission". **BCH has speakers who are available to speak at your church. Call 800-476-3669 ext 1209 for help.**

- *Learn all you can about BCH
- *Pray for the children & BCH
- *Give generously to help those who are hurting.

**GIVE, SO THE
WORLD MAY HEAR...**

It's a simple story. Yet the most powerful ever told; the story of Jesus. Do you remember the first time you heard—and believed?



Lottie Moon

Now, imagine no one ever told you. How would your life be different? It's an eternal reality for the world's **1.6 Billion Souls with little or no access to the Gospel.**

Our emphasis this year is on Russia. There are multitudes starving for Christ in the former Soviet Union—and all over the world. It has 15 nations, 284.1 million people, 387 total people groups, and 9 people groups with no access to the Gospel.

GOAL FOR 2007

\$165,000,000

The first offering in 1888 was \$3,315.00
Register your church goal on line and receive a free gift: Go to: pastor.imb/goal to register. (free: an authentic Russian nesting doll or bookmark)



A VIEW FROM THE CENTER

The following is from a seven-year study by Thom Rainer and a research team at Southern Seminary. The study combines both old and new research, and includes surveys of more than 4,000 churches and interviews with more than 1,000 individuals.

Dr. Rainer gives us

“Nine Habits of Churches that Reach and Keep the Un-churched”

1. The Habit of intentionality

For a church to be successful it must intentionally try to reach the un-churched. 83% of all churches surveyed did not have an intentional plan for reaching the lost.

2. Habit of Cultural Awareness

Churches that want to reach out to the un-churched must be highly intentional. They must understand the culture but do not compromise with the culture.

It is vitally important to understand the most un-churched generation—those born between 1977 and 1994—called the “bridger generation.” Only 4% of this group are Christian. By comparison, 65% of the generation born before 1946 are Christians.

3. Habit of High Expectations

There is a direct correlation between how much is demanded of a new member and how long the new member stays active in the church. Churches that expect much receive much. Church that expect little receive little.

The average retention rate of new members in all churches (effective and ineffective) in America is 35%. New member classes are vital to keeping people in the church. If new member classes are offered, that percentage shoots up to 72%.

4. Habit of Clear Doctrine

People want to hear about doctrine on the front end. They will not make a commitment to a church if they are not told what the church believes from the start. This can be done in the form of a written document, or through new members classes, Sunday school lessons and sermons, etc.

5. Habit of Risk Taking

You must truly act on faith and do what seems to be risky in the light of the world’s eyes—or maybe in light of the church’s eyes—that other churches do not. 83% of senior pastors in effective churches could tell of a major task their church had undertaken.

6. Habit of Dynamic Small Groups

68% of the people in effective churches are involved in a healthy Sunday school. Healthy Sunday school programs are constantly looking beyond themselves. Unhealthy Sunday school programs are inward focused—they only care about themselves.

7. Habit of Effective Leadership

The pastor and the preaching were the most important factors in the un-churched returning.

Effective church pastors: Spend five hours a week involved in personal evangelism. Ineffective church pastors spent less than 10 minutes a week. Are good time managers. Have an average tenure of 10.3 years.

Delegate and give away ministry [assignments].

8. Habit of Effective Preaching

Effective church pastors spent an average of 20 hours a week on sermons— including the task itself.

Among ineffective churches, pastors spent an average of four hours. Expository preaching was the most dominant style in the survey.

9. Habit of Prayer

Churches that pray together and pray often keep their new members. New members must be called and told they are specifically being prayed for. 83% of the effective churches had corporate prayer ministries that were operational and emphasized.

Most often we have habits we need to break but after reading Dr. Rainer’s list I have some habits I need to start. May God bless you as you begin a new habit for the Kingdom of God.

Chuck

CHURCH NEWS

Carr's Hill: The Hilltoppers visited the Billy Graham Library. Baptized 5 and added 5 new members. The ladies prepared food for the WNC Fair, collected lotion for the Women's Prison ministry and made apple butter for the VA Center in Oteen. Set goal of 100 boxes for the OCC Ministry. Collected food/special items for Blanton Cottage at Broyhill Home in Clyde, NC. AWANA Kick-off Nov 4 from 2-4 pm with games, food, etc. AWANAs begin Nov. 7 with meal at 5:30 pm. Will participate in the Bill Glass Prison Ministry Nov. 1—3. Helen Baker showed her India Mission Trip slides to the children's classes. Celebrated Pastor Appreciation Month on 10/28 with cards, love offering and dinner. Rev. Rabb from the Bread of Life spoke on 10/28 in the evening service.

Cedar Mountain: Dr. Harlon & Robbie Ramsey, Lewis & Dicie Rider and Roger & Suzy Guffy will attend the NC Baptist State Conv. in Greensboro, Nov. 18: Dr. Kenneth Ridings will be guest speaker; Nov. 25: 6:30 pm Praise Service & Christmas Decoration, lighting and fellowship.

Cherryfield: Oct. 21: WOM did a World Hunger Meal with some having only rice and others bread & water. Oct. 21: Added two deacons. Nov. 3: The WOM will sponsor a meal and singing to benefit "House of Hope". The meal will start at 5:00 and "Live Oak" will perform at 6:30. Everyone is invited. Call Susan Reid at 862-3749 or 862-3967 for more info. The Golden Agers went on a "leaf looking trip" and had lunch out.

Enon: Oct. 14: Celebrated Pastor Appreciation day. Ordained two deacons. Messengers attended the TBA Annual Meetings. Baptized two on Oct. 21.

Faith: Rev. Vess McCall resigned as pastor on Sept. 30. His last service will be Oct. 28. Special Activities are planned for that day. (See back page) Oct. 31: Trunk or Treat for all ages.

Grace: The Children's Ministry will have two Rake 'N Run Days to help Senior Citizens on Nov. 3 and 10. A special Children's Worship is held on Sundays at 9:30 am. The High School Youth are working on a special study "Beautiful Messes." They will attend a "Judgment House on Oct. 28 and a benefit dinner & concert as a group on Nov. 3.

Morningside: Has called Mr. Billy Ragland as their Minister of Children and Youth. The church will begin special studies on Oct. 28 with Dr. Charles Campbell teaching Revelation; Mr. William Vaughan teaching NET Witnessing and Carolyn Eubanks teaching-Basic Baptist Beliefs. Little Cove Baptist will join with them for these studies.

New Hope: Gained one new member by letter. Observed World Hunger Day with a special Offering. Had a Gideon speaker, Mr. Danny Shook. Recognized Pastor and wife with gifts for Pastor Appreciation Day. Held "Trunk or Treat" for youth on Oct. 31 with a video,

games and food. Mission Project: Christmas gifts for the children at Gilbert Creek, West Virginia.

Pisgah Forest: Celebrated Homecoming on Oct. 14 with Dr. Charles Bass as guest speaker.

Rocky Hill: Has made several mission trips with other churches to the West Virginia Mission to deliver food, clothing, & school supplies to the children there. Dan & Julie Snyder went on a mission trip to Brazil. June: Rev. Brad Byrd led in Revival. Presented an Easter Cantata in May at Camp Greenville. It was their 40th year to do this. In July, the youth group bought school supplies for needy children and delivered them to the schools. May, 27 Rocky Hill began the summer church services at Faith Memorial Chapel with Rev. Alton Taylor speaking. In June, Meta Redding joined a church in Charlotte to fly to Brazil to hold a 2 week Bible School at the Mission House. Had 4 professions of faith during VBS. Aug. 26: Celebrated Homecoming with special music and lunch. Oct. 18-20: Held a Bible Study Retreat for some business men from Florence, SC. Rev. Brad Byrd led the retreat. Rev. Taylor and several men from the church attended. Oct. 20: Held another "Low-Country Shrimp Boil" with the proceeds going to missions. Mr. Joe Harris coordinated this.

PISGAH FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 2, 2007 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

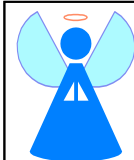
You are invited to come celebrate this holiday season with us. We will highlight a large collection of antique, unusual and modern nativities. Various groups of the church will decorate a festive hall of Christmas trees. Christmas music will be provided for a time of meditation in our beautifully decorated sanctuary. Homemade Christmas cookies, hot apple cider and coffee will be served in the library. The church is located at 494 Hendersonville Hwy in Pisgah Forest. Rev. Bobby Owings is pastor. Call 828-877-4223 for info.

THANK YOU!

Oops!!! Gladly Branch, Carr's Hill and Mount Moriah were left out of the people providing food for the WNC State Fair workers last month. Sorry.

Deadline for December Forerunner is November 21. We would love to have your Christmas Cantata or Special Programs schedule to share with everyone.

Due to the large amount of information we are getting, we reserve the right to exclude items that may be repetitive. Thanks for understanding.



ANGEL TREE MINISTRY
We are in need of someone who would be willing to coordinate the Angel Tree Ministry this year. Call 877-3203

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FORERUNNER

Baptist State Convention
November 12—14, 2007 in Greensboro, NC
Theme: Great and Wondrous Things
Pastor's Conf. Nov. 11 @ 6:00 pm
At Lawndale Baptist Church.
For more info: 1-800-395-5102 ext 5102

Baptist Women's World Day of
Prayer
November 5, 2007
Calvary Baptist Church
133 Osborne Rd., Brevard, NC 28712
Time: 7:00 pm
All church mission groups invited



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007
7:00 pm
OPEN ARMS TABERNACLE
(Behind Burger King in Brevard)
All churches invited



"The Center for Women"
(formerly C.A.R.E. Pregnancy Center)

TO HOST TWO EVENTS—

A "Come, Taste and See" Volunteer Brunch will be held on November 10 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Rogow Room at the Transylvania County Library. This is to introduce people who are interested in volunteering at the center but aren't sure what it entails, to the center. Come see what we're about with no obligation to commit. Call the center for your reservation @ 885-7885.

The Center for Women will host its third Annual 5K "Jingle Bell Run" on Dec. 1, 2007. Registration begins at 8:00 am in the First Baptist Church gym. The Race will begin at 9:00 am on Jordan St. next to the church. Families and walkers are welcome. The cost is \$15.00 prior to Nov. 29 and \$20.00 the day of the race. Registration forms are available at the Center or register on line at active.com. Call 885-7885 for information.

Wendy Kicklighter

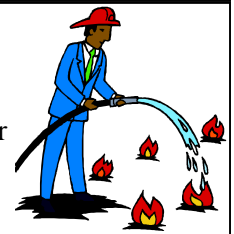


POWER POINT 101

Power Point 101 will be taught on November 8, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the Baptist Center. This class is limited to 10 so register early. The basis points of how to prepare a power point presentation will be demonstrated. Call 877-3203 to register.

LITTLE RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

All Senior Citizens are cordially invited to attend the Annual Little River Fire Dept. Fire Prevention Luncheon On November 13 at Little River Baptist Church. The luncheon is \$3.00 per person and the program will be from 10:00 am—2:00 pm with lunch served during that time. This is a fun filled event as well as an educational one and would be a great "outing" for your Senior Adult Groups. Call Don Merrill at 877-3989 for more information and to let him know how many are coming.



Don't miss this event!!



Broughton Hospital

Operation Christmas @ Broughton Hospital

Transylvania County had 41 admissions to Broughton this year. You can become involved by doing some or all of the following: Sponsors provide refreshments for ward Christmas parties; provide

Carols/Music for ward visitation or Chapel program, Donate to the "Cheer Fund" for special activities and specialty gifts; or become a Youth Christmas Sponsor. We have flyers and envelopes here at TBA if you would like to help. For more info. Call Joanne at 828-433-2143.

Rev. Vess McCall-Faith Baptist Church To Be Honored

Rev. Vess & Barbara McCall will be honored on Nov. 4 with a special Retirement and Thanksgiving Dinner. All of Faith's past and present members are invited to attend. Rev. McCall served for 17+ years as pastor at Faith.