

The Informer

August 2011

Three Forks Baptist Association

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“Study to shew thyself approved unto god, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15

DAY OF PRAYER AUG 6th

Governor Rick Perry of Texas called for our nation to observe August 6th as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for America.

I intend to join thousands in a 24-hour fast from Friday evening until Saturday evening. Please join us and encourage your church to pray and fast on Saturday, August 6th. Dr. Barry Nealy

SUMMER SERVANTS

Several Mission teams have been or will be visiting our area this summer to help with the MANY incomplete projects in our area.

Groups from Gibson, Concord, Mt. Holly and Kingdom Builders served in July and a group from Greensboro will be serving the first week of August.



Kerr Memorial serving lunch at the Hospitality House to approximately 70 people.



Kingdom Builders installing a new floor for the Arnett Family.

BETHLEHEM AND BEYOND 2011 LAUNCH

Thursday, August 25th, 6:30PM at Three Forks Office

What wonderful participation we had last Christmas! Praise God! Come get info about how you and your church can participate this year. Team volunteers are needed for Nativity Tours, Caroling, Children's Activities, Advertising, Refreshments Town Parades, Decorating, Fund Raising, etc. God challenges us to lead others to heed the call, **“O Come Let Us Adore Him!”**

Questions? Call Donna Nealy at 264-4450.

Executive Committee Meeting

7PM, August 29th

Associational Office

Each Pastor and two elected delegates are asked to attend as we hear leadership reports, view our finances, discuss the Order of Business for our Semi-Annual Meeting in October and vote/discuss new ministry opportunities that we have been approached about.

We must have a quorum of 20 people to conduct business, so please make EVERY effort to come!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY... Beth Moore DVD Study

“HERE and NOW... THERE and THEN”

lecture on the Book of Revelation

Facilitator: Donna Nealy (light assignments involved)

When? Tuesdays, Sept 6th - Nov 15th, 6-8PM

Where? Associational Office, 513 Jefferson Rd, Boone, NC

Cost? Study Book is \$10 (includes tax & shipping)

Register? Deadline Aug 31st --- Call Anita at 828-264-4482

Mark your calendar now! Call soon...



WWJD?

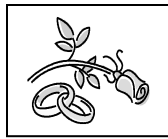
This is just one of the INCOMPLETE project requests we have at TFBA. The entire inside of the trailer looks like this! Water damage around lights & electrical outlets, sagging ceiling, falling cabinets! This family can't help but live in fear of fire, rain & the upcoming winter!

Calendar of Events for August

- 1st 9:30AM-10:30AM Pastors' Conference (*)
 6th 24 hour Day of Prayer & Fasting for America
 9th 6:30PM Gideon Pastor/Spouse Appreciation Dinner
 to be held at Mount Vernon Church
 13th 6:00PM Jail Ministry Training (*)
 14th 4:00PM Friend/Family Orientation (International
 Student Ministry) to be held at Perkinsville
 16th 6:00PM Properties & Grounds Committee meeting (*)
 17th 10:00AM Order of Business Committee meeting (*)
 19th & 20th "Hope House" Change Purse (*) (#)
 22nd 6PM NCBM Missions Celebration in Lenoir
 23rd 12:00PM Finance Committee meeting (*)
 23rd 6:30PM Missions Development Council meeting (*)
 25th 6:30PM Bethlehem & Beyond Launch (*)
 27th 8:30AM-2PM WMU Training & Christian Women's Job
 Corp at Rutherwood Baptist Church
 29th 7:00PM Executive Committee meeting (*)
 (*) indicates meeting to be held at Associational Office



August Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 st	Allan & Laura Perry	Pleasant Grove
4 th	Felicia Yarboro	Baptist Campus Minister's wife (ASU)
5 th	Donna Nealy	Director of Mission's wife (TFBA)
5 th	Ray & Jeannette Greene	Willow Valley
14 th	Herbert & Jean McCoy	Zion Hill
16 th	Anita Bradley	CCM Director (TFBA)
26 th	Mitzi London	Associate Pastor's wife, Howard's Creek
31 st	Sarah Midkiff	Minister of Missions & Sr. Adult's wife Mt. Vernon

Church Anniversaries:

Homer Murdock, South Fork, 1 year
 George Wright, Mount Calvary, 10 years
 Gary Watson, Tabernacle, 21 years

Church Milestones this Month:

Beech Valley 70 years; Gap Creek 169 years; Howard's Creek 129 years;
 Union 126 years; Zionville 175 years

Jail Ministry: Thursdays, 3:00PM

August 4 th	Dr. Gary Lawrence, Rutherwood
August 11 th	Rev. Kanoot Midkiff, Mount Vernon
August 18 th	Dr. David Luster, Greenway
August 25 th	Rev. Billy Norris, Stony Fork

Ongoing Opportunities, Ministries & Requests

Green Street Catering serves dinner at Alliance Bible Fellowship Thursday's from 5PM-6PM. Take-out meals are available from 3:30PM-5PM. Call Chastity Lesene at 278-2050 to place your order for dining in or taking out large quantities to deliver a meal to someone that is home-bound, struggling financially, has an illness, or could just use a blessing. The dinner is free.

Mowing at the Associational Office: August through October are available for adoption. Thank you to Rev. Gary Watson of Tabernacle Baptist Church for mowing several weekends now and to Mount Vernon Baptist Church for helping to fill in the ruts left from the trucks during the roofing project. If your church group can "adopt a month to mow" or even one weekend, please call the office at 828-264-4482 to schedule a time to volunteer.

Church Bulletin Board

Greenway: will host a *Gospel Jubilee*, 6PM, Saturday, August 6th. Groups include Paula May & Joyful Noise, One Voice, New Creations and the Homegoing Choir. Snacks/beverages available in the Family Life Center.

Howard's Creek: *Kitchen in a Box* for tornado victims. This is an ongoing project for Howard's Creek, but items will only be accepted at the Associational Office through the end of September. See our website or call Anita for a list of items to include.

Laurel Springs: will host a free community meal entitled "Food for the Soul" on Thursdays, August 4th and September 1st. This is an ongoing meal ministry with more dates to be announced later. Contact the church at 262-1330 for more details or information.

Mount Vernon: called Jason Powers as Minister of Youth. Jason and wife Jessica began serving in June. The Associational Ordination Committee met, questioned and examined Jason on July 24th, and the Council agreed to proceed with a recommendation to present him as a candidate for ordination.

Mount Vernon celebrates its **145th Homecoming Service** on Sunday, August 7th at 9AM and 10:30AM. Dinner to be held on the grounds at Noon with registration and fees required.

Sunday School Leadership Training, Sunday, August 14th, 5-7PM in the Worship Center of Mt. Vernon. This is for all Sunday School Leaders. Childcare provided if pre-registered by August 11th by calling 828-266-9700.

Heart to Heart Women's Enrichment Event "Farewell to Summer" will be held on Friday, August 26th with special guest Carol Davis from 106.9 FM "The Light". Call the church office at 828-266-9700 for more details or information for this or the Sunday School Training event.

Perkinsville: will begin DivorceCare on Sunday, August 28th, from 5:30 – 7PM. A 13 week, Bible based program for anyone separated, divorced or recovering from a divorce. Cost is \$15; childcare for children birth – kindergarten if pre-registration required 1 week prior. Call the church to register at 828-264-8605.

Pleasant Grove: The Ecuador team has returned and they are ready to share with any church or group about their trip. If you would like to schedule them, please contact Jackie Lawrence at 828-964-0408.

Stony Fork: has called Rev. Billy Norris as Pastor. Rev. Norris and wife Angie were voted in on July 24th!

Churches Searching for Pastors

Brushy Fork, (*Toby Oliver Interim Pastor*)
 Cove Creek, Mount Vernon
 Perkinsville, Poplar Grove
 Oak Grove (*Dr. Ken Craig, Supply*)

Christian Outreach Center

The COC is in desperate need of food items for the school backpack food program starting August 10th! They are also in need of school supply items to distribute Monday August 8th and 15th. PLEASE HELP IF POSSIBLE!

Purse Drive: Aug 19th, 5-8PM & Aug 20th, 9AM-noon at Associational Office. Bring in used or new purses for resell and help support the Hope House of Asheville that cares for girls under 18 who are victims of sex trafficking. You can donate purses OR shop for a new purse while here! Call Kelly at 264-7853 for details or information.

HOW TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING By: Dr. Barry Nealy

There must be something in prayer that changes the world. Not only do we have Bible passages proclaiming its power, but there are so many hymns that swell with its praise. Hymns like "Sweet Hour of Prayer," or the one that says, "If fellowship here with my Lord can be so inexplicably sweet, Oh, what will it be when His face I see; when 'round the white throne we meet? Oh, it is wonderful. It is marvelous and wonderful."

The Russian dissident writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn offers an interesting analysis of our society in his book A World Split Apart [p.196], "The West has finally achieved the rights of man, even to excess, but man's sense of responsibility to God and society has grown dimmer and dimmer... we have placed too much hope in politics and social reforms only to find out that we were being deprived of our most precious possession: our spiritual life." How do Christians keep their spiritual lives when others are losing theirs?

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. I Thessalonians 5:17

Get a Kingdom Dream for your life! Paul just completed his brief thoughts on comfort using the Parousia (the Second Coming of Christ). He told the church to "encourage one another and build each other up." Our source of encouragement is Christ & His plan for us. Prayer keeps us focused on God's plan & resources. God has not called us to fail. Col. 1:27 gives Paul's personal answer to discouragement--- Christ living in him. Galatians 2:20 tells how this works. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, but could not sell the idea to businessmen as practical. He financed it himself by improvements to the telegraph because he believed in its future advantage for humanity. Memorize these three words. Repeat and believe them. Abide in Christ as He commands in John 15:5 and your life will produce something that lasts for you, for others and for God's Eternal Kingdom. **Join thousands of others August 6th in prayer and fasting. Mark a time and a place for prayer and Bible study.** Set aside your Bible and keep a prayer notebook and pen in your place of prayer. Jesus prayed constantly; regularly at the Temple; in homes; with disciples; alone. His public anger was reserved for those who changed His Father's house from a "place of prayer" into a "den of thieves."

We plan to have coffee each morning. We even bought an automatic coffeemaker. We pour in the water and set the timer to begin making coffee before we get up. We like dark roast so we buy it special. I heard a former missionary to Brazil say recently that he'd been back in North Carolina 14 years and never missed drinking Brazilian coffee at home every morning. Can't we be that persistent in our prayer lives? As long as power runs through our lives we can do the works of "Him who sent us." Jesus was constantly in prayer. Paul was always referring to his prayers for the churches he founded. It functions like an electromagnet. Have you ever seen that large iron core hooked on a crane carrying scrap metal from a pile to a waiting boxcar? The iron core is impressive, but it doesn't do the work. It's only when the electric force surrounds that core that it becomes a magnet. Jesus living in me is that spiritual force. Christ said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men to Me."

Help! I Need Some Bodies By: Anita Bradley

There are many things to be done around the Office, and I know people are looking for opportunities to serve, right? We have been blessed with groups from out of town serving this summer, but we need to continue God's work YEAR ROUND.

For those who want to work indoors in the air conditioning our upstairs accommodations could use a thorough cleaning, our windows haven't been washed in ages, the library needs organizing, our storage closets purged of unnecessary materials, organizing the workroom, painting the conference room, touching up trim work, spot cleaning the carpet, updating office decor and recycling materials, publications and magazines that are outdated.

As for you outdoorsy folks who love the warmth of the sun and getting a little dirty, we have light and heavy construction projects, yardwork projects (mowing and weed-eating), outdoor painting, chainsaw projects (limb debris and firewood jobs), underpinning projects, ditch digging and roof repair projects. If you are a professional electrician or plumber, there are projects available for you. Everything from reinstalling electrical fans that are dangling from the ceiling, checking and inspecting wiring from fuse box to outlet source, and simple toilet and faucet repairs or replacements.

A Pastor of one of the group's that served here in July and I were discussing all the projects on our CCM list and how some had been referred LAST YEAR and were still waiting on help. Even though the list was long, many of those projects have been completed now, but that still doesn't help with the five or six urgent projects that must be completed before winter.

The Bible commands us in James 1:22 "*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves*". There is still time before the first snowflake lands here in the High Country to reach these desperate families and remedy their situations. We have been given a personal invitation into their homes to use our talents and skills to not only repair their homes, but mend their hearts.

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Other Announcements & Events

International Student Ministry Friend Family Orientation: is set for Aug 14th, 4:00PM at Perkinsville Baptist Church. Learn how to become a host family by involving them in family outings, home-cooked meals, and other special events. No housing is required. For more information contact Jonathan Yarboro at 264-7641 or visit <http://international.appstate.edu/outreach/icp>

North Carolina Baptist Men Missions Celebration for Region 7 will be held on Monday, August 22nd at Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir. A **FREE meal** will be served at 6PM but **ONLY FOR THOSE WHO REGISTER BY NOON ON AUGUST 15TH DEADLINE.** We plan to organize a group to go, so call Anita at the office to sign-up for the event, meal and carpooling from our office. You will not want to miss this exciting service of testimony and praise for the things that God is doing here in North Carolina. (We will need church vans for carpooling, so call Anita if you plan to go, and if we can use your van!)

June 2011 Financial Summary

Budget Needs:	\$ 17,608.18
Recd in June:	13,448.58
Under for Month:	(4,159.58)
Under Y T D:	(22,411.94)
Beg. Bal 6/1/11:	2,745.36
Church Receipts:	13,448.58
Deposits Credits:	565.00
Deposits Misc:	1,000.00
Exp for Month:	15,435.69
End Bal 6/30/11:	\$ 2,323.25



VBS Directors: Don't forget to send in your VBS report when your VBS is completed for our Annual Book of Reports and for the State Report!

A Look Ahead at Ministry Events & Information

International Commission Mission Trip to Santo Andre, Brazil will be taking place September 2nd – 11th. This is an evangelistic and discipleship ministry with the International Mission Board to work together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission. An application packet may be downloaded from the website at www.IC-World.org or contact Art Middleton at 704-488-9076 or by email at ArtM@IC-World.org for more info and details.

High Country Praise Festival, an annual event for Youth & College to share the Love of God through music and speakers, will be held Sunday, September 4th from 3:30PM-8PM at the Holmes Convocation Center of Appalachian State University. Music guests include: Seventh Day Slumber, Jonny Diaz, Josh Wilson with Neal Hatfield and Roman Gabriel scheduled as this year's speakers. For more info, contact David or Dawn Ward of The Son's Light Ministries at 828-264-2007.

Gardner-Webb Ministerial Education Day for our Association is Sunday, September 11th. If you would like to request a student speaker for your church, contact Teresa Davis at 704-406-4277 or email her at tdavis@gardner-webb.edu

Follow Me: A Women's Prayer & Evangelism Conference will be held September 16th & 17th at 1st Baptist Church, Charlotte. Contact Pam Blume at 828-265-0220 to reserve hotel space, but register for the event at www.ncbaptist.org/wpec

New Ministers' Wives Retreat will be held at Camp Mundo Vista in Asheboro, October 7th & 8th. Cost is \$30 and you must register by September 23rd.

All About Women Expo will be held Saturday, October 8th, from 9AM-5PM, at the Holmes Convocation Center on ASU Campus. Sponsored by Appalachian Regional Healthcare, this expo is designed to inspire, create and transform women's lives to want to "live" better. For more info or to volunteer to help at the Expo, contact Candy Jones at 828-268-8960.

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