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THE INFORMER



July—August—September—2022

**Three Forks Baptist  
Association Churches**

- Beech Valley
- Bethel
- Brushy Fork
- Clark's Creek
- Cool Springs
- Cove Creek
- Emmanuel
- First Baptist Boone
- First Baptist  
Blowing Rock
- Greenway
- Howard's Creek
- Laurel Fork
- Laurel Springs
- Meat Camp
- Middle Fork
- Mt. Calvary
- Mt. Vernon
- Oak Grove
- Perkinsville
- Pleasant Grove
- Poplar Grove
- Proffitt's Grove
- Rutherwood
- South Fork
- Stony Fork
- Tabernacle
- The Heart
- Three Forks  
Union
- Willow Valley
- Wilowdale
- Zion Hill

**High Country Impact is Back**

High Country Impact is a day when all of the churches of Three Forks Baptist Association are encouraged to participate in one or more service or outreach projects designed to make a difference and reach people in the High Country. We encourage our churches to use this day to reach people your church does not usually reach, and to serve people you don't usually serve.

This will be our fifth annual High Country Impact. In the past, churches have done a wide variety of events. There have been Family Fun Days, dinners and treats for police, first responders, and healthcare workers, wood cutting and delivering, ramps, yardwork, flowers delivered to nursing home residents, free water handed out, and much more.

Planning is already underway for this this event, which will take place on September 10. A Coordinator's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 31, and we invite each of our churches to designate a coordinator or coordinating team to send to this meeting. The coordinators will meet together and share ideas for this year's projects, and we have some great resources for the coordinator as well. If your church has already chosen a coordinator and/or a project, please let us know!



Much good has come from previous High Country Impact events, including opportunities to lead people to Christ, and we pray that this will continue this year. If your church needs ideas or help getting started with a High Country Impact project, please contact the Association office. We will be happy to assist you and your church!

**Spring Semi-Annual**

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Spring Semi-Annual. We had a total of approximately 75 messengers and guests.

**Fall Semi-Annual Save the Date**

Mark your calendars! The Fall Semi-Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25. The place and time are still to be determined, so keep reading your weekly update to find out more.

If you do not receive the weekly email update, and would like to, email office@3forksassoc.org to be added to the mailing list.

**THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
Phone: 828.264.4482 email: office@3forksassoc.org  
Visit us on the web: www.3forksassoc.org  
Office Hours: Mon-Thur. 8:30am-2:00pm

**Exodus 15:6**

Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

**Commodity Supplemental Food Program**

Three Forks Baptist Association, in partnership with Baptist Men and the USDA and NCDA are offering a free box of food to people who are aged 60 and above, live in Watauga County, and meet the income eligibility guidelines (see our website at <https://www.3forksassoc.org/latestnews> for the current income guidelines).

This program is an opportunity for your church to become involved in ministry to the senior members of your community. There are a few different ways your church can become involved.

1. Become a distribution site. Currently we have two distribution sites for these boxes, Howard's Creek and Greenway. There is a great need for a distribution site on the Western end of the county! This would be a great way to meet unchurched seniors in your community.
2. We have had several people withdraw from the program because they cannot pick up their box. If a church would like to take on the task of delivering boxes to those who cannot pick up, that would help to solve this need.
3. You can help sign people up for the program! After completing a brief civil right training, volunteers can go out into the community and assist eligible people in filling out their applications.

The NC Department of Agriculture is offering a training on Tuesday, July 19 at 1:00 pm. If you would be interested in attending this training to find out more about the CSFP program, please call us at 828-264-4482.

**College Ministry Grants**

For the past three years, Three Forks Baptist Association has made grants available to our churches who wish to be engaged in missions work on college campuses in the High Country, to include Appalachian State, Lees McRae, and Caldwell Community College.

Applications for grants from the fund may be made from July 1 until August 1 of this year, to the association's Finance Team. Churches may submit an application for only one project in any given year, with the application amount ranging between \$500 and \$2,000. Notification of awards will be made by August 15 of this year.

Guidelines for the grants, as well as a grant application, can be found on our website at [3forksassoc.org/college-mission-fund](http://3forksassoc.org/college-mission-fund). If you have questions regarding the types of projects allowed under these guidelines, or questions about the application process, please contact the Association office at [office@3forksassoc.org](mailto:office@3forksassoc.org) or call 828-264-4482.



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## On the Calendar

July 4—Office closed for Independence Day  
July 13—Bill Warren Prayer Time  
July 14—CSFP Distribution  
July 19—CSFP Training at Greenway—1:00 pm  
July 21—Pastor Revitalization Cohort  
July 25-30— Deep Impact Boone  
July 25—Pastor's Conference  
August 10—Bill Warren Prayer Time  
September 6—Office Closed for Labor Day  
September 10—High Country Impact  
September 14—Bill Warren Prayer Time  
September 20—Mission Team Meeting  
September 22—Executive Council Meeting  
October 25— Fall Semi-Annual Meeting

## SBC Calendar

July 3- Religious Liberty Sunday  
August 7- Send Relief Sunday  
September 17- Children's Missions Sunday

## Church Anniversaries

### July

1851—Bethel—171 years  
1851—Meat Camp—171 years  
1855—Laurel Fork—167 years  
1872—Poplar Grove—150 years  
1879—Mt. Calvary—143 years  
1887—Cool Springs—135 years  
1903—First Baptist Blowing Rock—119 years  
2003—The Heart—19 years

### August

1882—Howard's Creek—140 years  
1885—Union—137 years  
1941—Beech Valley—81 years

### September

1799—Cove Creek—223 years

## Vacation Bible School

**Oak Grove** | July 8-10 | Friday 5:30 - 8:30, Saturday 9:00 - 11:30, Sunday 11:00 - 12:00 | Hay Day |

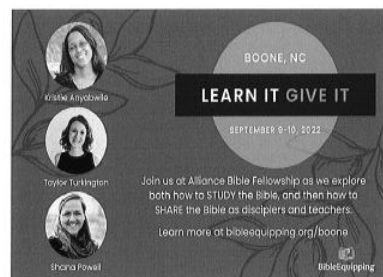
**Perkinsville** | July 10 - 14 | Narnia 2: Prince Caspian "Come to the Table" | Ages: 4 - 5th Grade

**Bethel** | July 10-13 | Jerusalem Marketplace | Ages: PK - 5th grade

If your church is hosting a July or August Vacation Bible School, let us know and we will add you to the list on our website.

## Learn It Live It—Alliance

### Learn it Give it Training - Sept. 9-10, 2022



#### Learn it Give it Training Event - Sept. 9-10, 2022

WHEN | Friday, September 9, 2022 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Saturday, September 10, 2022 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

WHERE | Alliance Bible Fellowship 1035 North Carolina Highway 105 Bypass, Boone, NC, 28607

#### Learn it Give it

Are you ready to take the next steps in learning the Bible better and gain coaching in giving the biblical truth away to those around you? Join us to be encouraged, hear teaching, and be better equipped to serve. Our training is virtually taught, meaning you can join us from anywhere, and it is interactive, meaning you will have opportunities to practice what you learn in small groups and ask questions of the teachers.

#### Tickets

Early Bird Ticket price: \$45

We discount our tickets to make them as affordable as possible—\$45 if you purchase before August 1—but we give you the opportunity to pay our regular ticket price of \$60. You can also support our scholarship fund if you'd like! It helps us continue the work.

Registration opens June 1 at [bibleequipping.org/boone](http://bibleequipping.org/boone)

## Pastor Opportunities

Pastor's Conference, last Monday of each month!

Pastor's Weekly Prayer Conference Call, Monday's at 7:30am, contact the office for the number and code!

Preacher Bill Warren Prayer Time, 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12:15pm at our office and online!

## North Carolina Missions Offering

### September 2022



## Happy Birthday | Happy Anniversary!

### July Birthdays

2—Rusty Guenther—First Blowing Rock—Pastor  
23—Amy Brown—Brushy Fork—Pastor's Wife  
26—Sandy Cooper—South Fork—Pastor's Wife  
28—Burl Greene—Howard's Creek—Pastor

### July Anniversaries

2—Dan and Barbara Featherstone—Laurel Fork  
5—Ron and Dawn Hayes—Oak Grove  
15—Burl and Linda Greer—Cool Springs  
17—John Mark and Amy Brown—Brushy Fork  
20—David and Sandy Cooper—South Fork  
22—Bud and Betty Russell—Mt. Vernon  
31—George and Debbie Wright—Mt. Calvary

### August Birthdays

1—Wesley Smith— TFBA—Director of Missions  
13—Sarah Woodring—Stony Fork—Pastor's Wife  
15—Laura Perry—Pleasant Grove—Pastor's Wife  
16—Robin Dobyns—First Blowing Rock—Pastor's Wife  
17—Sandra Townsend—Meat Camp—Pastor's Wife  
26—Mitzi London—Howard's Creek—Assoc. Pastor's Wife  
29—John McMillan—Laurel Springs—Children's Ministry Husband  
30—Pam Hobbs—Greenway—Pastor's Wife

### August Anniversaries

1—Allan and Laura Perry—Pleasant Grove  
5—Ray and Jeanette Greene—Willow Valley  
6—Roy and Robin Dobyns—First Baptist Boone  
11—David and Shirley Icenhour—Zion Hill

### September Birthdays

3—Roy Dobyns—First Baptist Boone—Pastor  
4—Rosalind Lunceford—Clark's Creek—Pastor's Wife  
6—Alicia Houston—Mt. Vernon—Pastor's Wife  
7—Vernon Eller—Union—Pastor  
7—Darrell Hobbs—Greenway—Pastor  
10—Barbara Featherstone—Laurel Fork—Pastor's Wife  
12—John Mark Brown—Brushy Fork—Pastor  
26—Debbie Wright—Mt. Calvary—Pastor's Wife  
28—Kimberly Guenther—First Blowing Rock—Pastor's Wife

### September Anniversaries

15—Burl and Jennifer Greene—Howard's Creek  
28—Joe and Mitzi London—Howard's Creek—Assoc. Pastor and Wife  
30—Kevin and Tracie Combs—Cove Creek

## Words From Wesley

Wow! It's hard to believe we're more than halfway through 2022! Summer is officially here. Thankfully this summer is different than the last two. Vacation Bible Schools, Camps and Mission Trips are back in full swing. Please pray for Vacation Bible Schools taking place in the area. Let us know how God works! I would also encourage you to work together and share materials and decorations. Even if your VBS is over this year, begin making plans to work with a neighboring church or one in our area next year.

Be in prayer for mission teams from our association that will be traveling to serve with other churches. Also be in prayer for the Deep Impact Youth week, July 25-30 and Deep Impact Kids Mini-Week, July 31 -August 2 that will be in our area. They will be serving our communities. If you're interested in helping out, let me know. I'll be glad to put you in contact with the project coordinators.

Though summer has just officially begun, it will not be long before ASU students return to campus. What a great mission field. Let us know if your church has a collegiate ministry or if you would like to help a church with theirs. We will be trying to help coordinate and collaborate more together as an association. Be sure and apply for a College Ministry Grant. Check out our website for more information.

There are MANY ways that we can work together to serve and bless our communities and share the gospel! Remember, we're better together!

Make plans to join us for our Fall Semi-Annual Meeting in October as we will celebrate what God is doing in and through His Church!

## New Pastors

We have had two new senior pastors called to Association churches in the last quarter. Join us in welcoming:

Chad Everhart as interim pastor at Bethel

Brian Mitchell at Middle Fork