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Romans 12:10-13

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Wesley's Words....

Spring is HERE!!! How exciting it is to see the green and brighter colors return and plants come back to life! There truly is something special about this season.

Seasons are important. Why else would God have structured and organized them? I can promise you it's not just so that we can complain about the cold in the winter, allergies in the spring, the heat in the summer, and raking leaves in the fall. God is a creator and a designer. It's not for us to know all the reasons for that, but he does create for a purpose. Seasons are true in our lives. That is what Solomon wrote about in Ecclesiastes 3. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1

Just as this is true for our individual lives, the same is true for the church. Why wouldn't it be, it is made up of people. There are ups and downs, twists and turns, good times and bad. Over the past two years we have endured and learned so much, at least I hope and pray we have. We have learned to show more grace and forgive. We have learned to encourage, unite, and come together like never before. However, let us not forget that there are many individuals and churches who are still struggling. I pray that we will hear the words of the writer of Hebrews 10:19-25. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith...." "...let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..."

It is always encouraging to see things come back. Whether it's plants, individuals, families or organizations, seeing something return to life of vibrancy is beautiful. Let's encourage one another! Cheer one another on, individuals and churches the same!

Is your church, spiritually healthy, multiplying, vibrant and prepared to help a struggling or dying church? Is this something you've even considered? The Church needs you! Pastors, and leaders, please consider coming to our Revitalization Leadership Intensive on Saturday, April 9. The first step is admitting that something needs to be done, first in your church and then in the churches around you! Healthy churches promote kingdom work! Let's work together! Contact our office if you need more details.

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

Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

**Monday, April 25 |
6:30 pm**

The Three Forks Baptist Association's Spring Semi-Annual meeting will take place on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 pm.

The theme for this year's meeting will be "Light On the Mountain: Celebrating God's Blessings Since 1790,". The presentation and business portion of the meeting will be at Watauga High School at 6:30pm. There will be special music from Chosen Road, and the guest speaker will be Phil Neighbors, Co-Pastor at Village Baptist Church in Bakersfield, California. Desserts, fellowship and a historical display will follow at Three Forks Baptist Church.

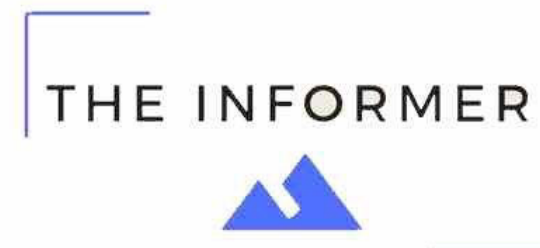
As there will be no meal at this meeting, there is no need to pre-register. Messengers will be registered at time of the meeting.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

The offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$2 billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals to support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Because of this sacrificial giving, millions of lives have been and continue to be transformed by the power of the gospel.

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April—May—June—2022

Three Forks Baptist Association
182ND SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING



LIGHT ON THE MOUNTAIN
Celebrating God's Blessings since 1790

MONDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2022 | 6:30 PM
WATUGA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
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NAMB and Southern Baptists came together to add 857 New Congregations in 2020 and since 2010 have planted more than 8,700 churches across North America. The Replant and Revitalization movement has seen over 700 pastors trained and coached and hundreds of churches replanted and brought back to life!



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On the Calendar

- April 9—Revitalization One Day Intensive
- April 13—Bill Warren Prayer Time—12:15
- April 14—CSFP Distribution
- April 17—Easter Sunday
- April 25—Spring Semi Annual—6:30 pm
- May 5— National Day of Prayer
- May 8—Mother’s Day
- May 9—Last day of Food Roundup drop off
- May 11—Bill Warren Prayer Time—12:15
- May 12—CSFP Distribution
- May 12—Executive Council Meeting—7:00
- May 23—Pastor’s Conference
- May 30—Memorial Day
- June 8—Bill Warren Prayer Time—12:15
- June 9—CSFP Distribution
- June 19—Father’s Day
- June 27—Pastor’s Conference

Looking Ahead

September 10—High Country Impact

Church Anniversaries

April

- Mt. Vernon—1866—156 years
- Proffitt’s Grove—1911—111 years

June

- Pleasant Grove—1891—131 years
- Perkinsville—1947—75 years
- Greenway—1951—71 years

Pastors Conference Changes!!!

The April Pastor’s Conference has been canceled due to the Spring Semi-Annual Meeting. The May Pastor’s Conference has been moved to Monday, May 23 because of Memorial Day!

VBS

Is your church planning a VBS this summer? Let us know the date, theme, ages and, most importantly, how to register. We will share this information with all of our churches.

Don’t forget to send us a praise report afterward. We want to celebrate every child and adult reached with the Gospel!

Spring Office Hours

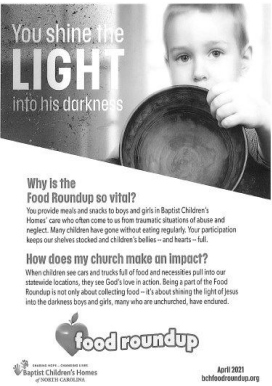
The Three Forks Baptist Association offices will be closed Monday, April 18 for Easter and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

April Emphasis—Baptist Children’s Homes Food

Roundup

Non-Perishable food items can be dropped off at the Association office between 8:30 and 2:00 Monday—Thursday. Please have all food and gift cards to our office by Monday, May 9.

While food is accepted and appreciated, we strongly encourage the donation of gift cards, which will enable the children’s homes to purchase fresh meat and produce as needed.



May Emphasis—North Carolina Baptist Hospital’s Mother’s Day Offering

Every dollar of every gift helps patients pay hospital bills at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, a part of Wake Forest Baptist Health. They are a very special group of patients.

The Offering helps patients who “fall between the cracks” of assistance. They have a little too much to qualify for government help or the Hospital’s charity care program. However, they do not have enough to pay hospital bills they are responsible for.

With nowhere to turn for help, they receive a letter from the Hospital that says, “Your hospital bill has been paid by compassionate and mission-minded North Carolina Baptists in the name of Jesus Christ and His love.”

A small portion, around 5% as needed, helps support a subsidy for the hospital bills of Baptist ministers and their families.

From: mothersdayoffering.org

You will need to order promotional materials this year. Let us know if we can help!

National Day of Prayer

May 5 is the National Day of Prayer. What is your church doing to mark this day? Is there anything special that you would like to see done in our churches or communities to celebrate the National Day of Prayer? Share your thoughts and ideas on our TFBA Prayer Ministry Facebook Page!

Happy Birthday | Happy Anniversary!

April Birthdays

- 2nd—Harold Bennett—TFBA—Retired DOM
- 2nd—David Lunceford—Clark’s Creek—Pastor
- 4th—Burl Greer—Cool Springs—Pastor
- 14th—David Cooper—South Fork—Pastor
- 20th—Dan Featherstone—Laurel Fork—Pastor

April Anniversaries

- 9th—Vernon and Sharon Eller—Union—Pastor and Wife
- 9th—Eugene and Wendy Braswell—Willowdale—Pastor and Wife
- 21st—Seth and Staci Norris—Perkinsville—Pastor and Wife

May Birthdays

- 1st—Lynn Powers—Three Forks—Pastor
- 16th—Joyce Powers—Three Forks—Pastor’s Wife
- 26th—Linda Greer—Cool Springs—Pastor’s Wife
- 26th—Delmar James—Proffitt’s Grove—Pastor

May Anniversaries

- 1—Lee and Sherri Wilder—South Fork—Youth Pastor and Wife
- 3—Tim and Sherry Dockery—Rutherford—

June Birthdays

- 6th—Seth Norris—Perkinsville—Pastor
- 26th—Gary Watson—Tabernacle—Pastor

June Anniversaries

- 4th—David and Rosalind Lunceford—Clark’s Creek—Pastor and Wife
- 8th—Wesley and Bonnie Smith—TFBA—DOM and Wife
- 13th—Phillip and Sarah Woodring—Stony Fork—Pastor and Wife
- 21st—Akesha and Josh McMillan—Laurel Springs—Children’s Director and husband

SBC Calendar

April—Focus on Christian Evangelism

- April 10—Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- April 17—Easter
- April 24—Baptist Sunday

May—Focus on Christian Education

- May 5—National Day of Prayer
- May 15—SBC Seminary Sunday
- May 22—Children’s Ministry Sunday

June—Focus on Local and State Missions

- June 5—Disaster Relief Sunday
- June 12-13—WMU Missions Celebration
- June 14-15—SBC Annual Meeting: Anaheim
- June 26—Mission Dignity Sunday

High Country Impact

This year’s High Country Impact will take place on September 10. We are encouraging all of our churches to participate this year by committing to an outreach or service project in the High Country. We urge you to choose a project that reaches people you don’t usually reach and serves those whom you don’t usually serve. There are some no and low contact project ideas on our website at <https://www.3forksassoc.org/mobilize>

We will also be sending out a High Country Impact Kit to the churches this summer. It will also include a list of service or outreach project. If you have other ideas, let us know! You may have just the right idea that a church has been looking for!

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

We are thankful for Howard’s Creek, Greenway, and South Fork for their participation in the CSFP. Currently there are 58 people receiving food boxes. We are still taking applications for the program. This program, administered in partnership with Baptists on Mission and the USDA, provides a free box of food monthly to persons who live in Watauga County, are age 60 and over, and

meet the income requirements. The income requirements can be found on our website at <https://www.3forksassoc.org/mobilize>

To register for the CSFP program or for more information, please visit or call our office at 828-264-4482.

College Grant Applications

TFBA will once again be offering grants of up to \$2000 for churches who wish to apply for money to be used to reach college students in the High Country. The application period will open July 1 and be open throughout the month of July, so now is the time to start thinking about the types of outreach your church could initiate or continue with these grants.

Keep watching the TFBA weekly email update for more information about the grant guidelines and how to apply.