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Words from Wesley...

We've almost made it!! Though I'm told historically it can snow in any month except August, the bulk of winter weather should be behind us. Unless of course we have another March blizzard!

Opportunities for us to be on mission together are picking up! Please be in prayer for our smoke alarm inspections and installations in April along with the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and High Country Impact! This year we are planning something a little different. Instead of one day for High Country Impact, we wanted to give churches a wider opportunity by kicking HCI at our Spring Semi-Annual Meeting, April 25th and encouraging churches to spread out projects until September/October. We will plan to celebrate at our Fall Semi-Annual Meeting at the end of October. So plan and pray now! There will be testimonies at our Spring Meeting from HCI and other mission opportunities. Come and hear what the Lord is doing and how your church can get involved.

Deep Impact Summer Missions will be back in Boone, July 24-28th. If your church would like to host a sports camp, VBS or other outreaches for your community that week, please contact Brandon Powell, with Baptist On Mission at deepimpact@ncbaptist.org, or call 800.395.5102 ext. 5626. If you know of a neighbor or anyone in your church who is in need of some yard work or small handyman projects, you can let him or myself know and we'll try to get them on the list for that week.

If you have a men's group, Sunday School Class, small group or youth group looking for ministry or outreach projects in your community, contact us. We have been getting some needs requests from around the county. Our first goal is to contact a church in the area of the need, but our next goal is to partner churches together to help meet needs, minister and share the gospel of Jesus! Remember in your planning that we have an associational tool trailer you can reserve too! Go to our website, <https://www.3forksassoc.org/mobilize> for more information!

I pray that we will no longer believe the lie of the enemy. People in our community need to see and know the love of Jesus! Don't be fooled to believe that everyone knows, because they don't! We're mandated to both show and share the love of Jesus to everyone!

'But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ' Acts 1:8 KJV

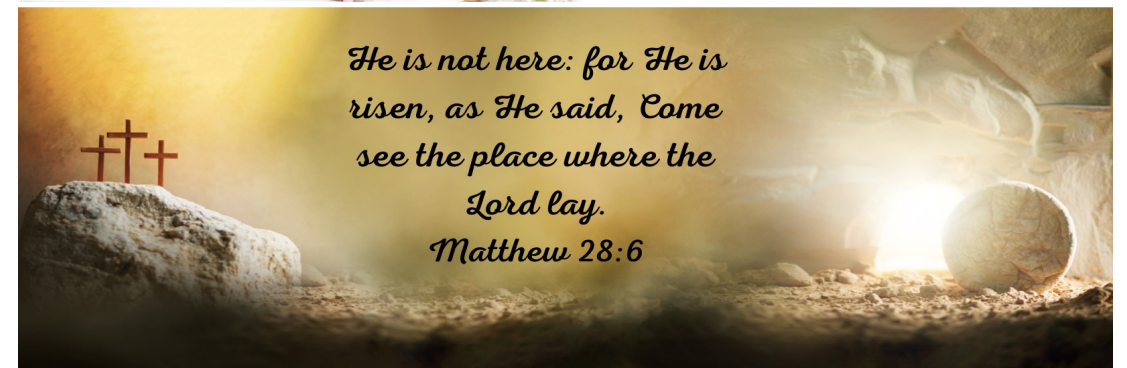
Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. ' Matthew 22:36-40 KJV**

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
Proffit's Grove
Rutherfordwood
South Fork
Stony Fork
Tabernacle
The Heart
Three Forks
Union
Willow Valley
Willowdale
Zion Hill



THE INFORMER
March and April 2023



If you have any upcoming events or past events you would like to share, please send an email to office@3forksassoc.org by the 1st of the printing month.

There are several openings for officers on our Executive Council and Associational Teams. If you are interested in serving, please contact the office by phone or email.

Spring Semi - Annual Meeting 2023

Please Join us for our Spring Semi - Annual Meeting to be held at Greenway Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP by April 17, 2023.



Association News

Pray for Revival
Rutherfordwood Baptist
Church
March 12 - 14, 2023



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On the Calendar

March 7 - Community Pastors Prayer Lunch

March 9 - CSFP Food Distribution

March 9 - Smoke Alarm Inspection Training 6:30 pm

March 20 - WINGS @ Baptist Building

March 25 - Church Safety Seminar @ Alliance Bible Fellowship

March 27 - Pastor's Conference @ Baptist Building

April 4 - Community Pastors Prayer Lunch

April 9 - Happy Easter!

April 13 - CSFP Food Distribution

April 13 - Revitalization Cohort @ Baptist Building

April 17 - WINGS @ Baptist Building

April 24 - Pastors Conference @ Baptist Building

April 25 - 2023 Spring Semi-Annual Meeting @ Greenway Baptist Church

SBC Calendar

March 5-12 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 19 - Church Planting Emphasis Sunday

April 9 - Easter

April 16 - Baptism Sunday "Fill the Tank"

Church Anniversaries

March

Oak Grove - 1916

Delmar James - Proffit's Grove 1976

Allan Perry - Pleasant Grove - 2010

April

Mt Vernon - 1866

Proffit's Grove - 1911



NC Baptist Events

2023 Baptist Missions Conference

The 2023 Missions Conference will be held on April 14-15, 2023 at **Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte NC.**

The conference is open to all men, women, and youth. Conference includes worship, general sessions, breakout sessions, missions fair exhibits, missions testimonies, volunteer supper and more!

The speakers for 2023 are Shelia Walsh, Jennifer Rothschild, DA Horton, Lee Strobel, Jeff Iorg and Tom Richter. Christy Nockels will lead worship in all general sessions. There is a \$20 per person registration fee which includes all general sessions, all breakout sessions, name tag, materials and lunch on Saturday. There is an optional "Mission Opportunities" Friday supper for \$8 per person.

For more information contact Melanie Crawford at mcrawford@ncbaptist.org or call 800.395.5102 x 5596.

Fill The Tank April 16, 2023

What if we could see thousands profess Christ through believer's baptism on a single day? That's the heartbeat behind the statewide "Fill the Tank" baptism emphasis.

We're encouraging every N.C. Baptist church to fill their baptism tanks on April 16 and trust God to save people between now and then. Will you commit to "fill the tank?"

Begin praying and trusting God to save souls. Introduce "Fill the Tank" to your congregation, and call people to repentance, faith, and baptism. We want to celebrate with you! Tag @ncbaptist and #fillthetanknc on social media



VBS time will be here before we know it! We would love to know if and when your 2023 Vacation Bible School is going to be and who your director is. This will help us in communicating information about VBS to the right people! You may call the Association office at 828-264-4482 or email office@3forksassoc.org.

Happy Birthday | Happy Anniversary



March Birthdays

1st	Mike Townsend	Meat Camp	Pastor
6th	Phillip Woodring	Stoney Fork	Pastor
11th	Jason Powers	Mt. Vernon	Minister to Youth
11th	Sherry Dockery	Rutherford	Pastor's

April Birthdays

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
20th	April Everhart	Bethel	Pastor's Wife

April Wedding Anniversaries

9th	Eugene and Wendy Braswell	Willowdale
21st	Seth and Staci Norris	Perkinsville

Smoke Alarm Inspection and Installation

We are helping the Watauga County Fire Marshal's Office and the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry with Smoke Alarm inspection referrals. Our goal is to have churches partner with their local fire departments in the inspection and installation. This will give you a chance to serve your local FD and be a part of an outreach ministry to your neighbors. Be listening for training dates. If your church wants to help, let us know! <https://www.3forksassoc.org/smokealarms>. Training March 9th, 2023 at 6:30pm.



Commodities Supplemental Food Program



We are thankful for Howard's Creek, Greenway, and South Fork for their participation in CSFP. Currently there are 46 people receiving boxes monthly. We are currently taking applications for the program. This program is administered in partnership with Baptist On Mission and the USDA and provides a box of food monthly. To qualify, you must be a Watauga County resident, be 60 years of age or older, and meet income requirements. The income requirements can be found on our website <https://www.3forksassoc.org/mobilize>. To register for CSFP, please call or visit our office at 828-264-4482.

CHURCH SAFETY SEMINAR

Boone, North Carolina
March 25, 2023 (Saturday)
Price: \$25.00

The seminar will be held at Alliance Bible Fellowship on March 25, 2023 from 9am to 4pm. Pastors, all church staff personnel, safety teams, first responders, and youth and children workers are encouraged to attend.

For more information, and to register, go to www.sheepdogtraining.com. Look under the Seminar Schedule tab.