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TOGETHER WE SERVE ...

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| Abbottsburg | Lisbon |
| Beards Chapel | Love Grove |
| Bethel | New Center |
| First Baptist, Bladenboro | Northside |
| Briar Branch | Open Door Min. |
| Butters | Renacer, Iglesia |
| Center Road | Richardson |
| Christ Community | Riverside |
| Clarkton | Sandy Grove |
| Council | Second Chance |
| Cypress Creek | Shady Grove |
| Dublin FBC | Suggs Grove |
| Delco, First Baptist | Tar Heel |
| Elizabethtown | The Lake Church |
| Faith | Union Grove |
| Friendship | West Bladenboro |
| Galeed | White Lake |
| Good News | White Oak |
| Grace | White's Creek |
| Greater Vision | Zion Hill |
| Hickory Grove | |

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(Return Service Requested)

Non-Profit
Organization
US POSTAGE PAID

Elizabethtown, NC
Permit No. 35

Gifts to Budget (Jan - Dec. 21, 2020)

Abbottsburg:	\$ 0.00
Beards Chapel:	\$ 0.00
Bethel:	\$ 5,060.00
Bladenboro, First:	\$ 6,350.00
Briar Branch:	\$ 1,200.00
Butters:	\$ 2,500.00
Center Road:	\$ 7,565.54
Christ Community:	\$ 0.00
Clarkton, First:	\$ 4,350.82
Council:	\$ 1,200.00
Cypress Creek:	\$ 1,937.56
Delco, First:	\$ 1,706.07
Dublin First:	\$ 7,500.00
Elizabethtown:	\$ 6,775.00
Faith:	\$ 150.00
Friendship:	\$ 2,879.00
Galeed:	\$ 9,000.00
Good News:	\$ 0.00
Grace:	\$ 0.00
Greater Vision:	\$ 300.00
Hickory Grove:	\$ 3,300.00
Lisbon:	\$ 1,598.72
Love Grove:	\$ 1,032.00
New Center:	\$ 3,500.00
Northside:	\$ 2,479.68
Open Door Min:	\$ 0.00
Renacer:	\$ 564.45
Richardson:	\$ 1,000.00
Riverside:	\$ 4,355.31
Sandy Grove:	\$ 4,300.00
Second Chance:	\$ 0.00
Shady Grove:	\$ 2,000.00
Suggs Grove:	\$ 4,800.00
Tar Heel:	\$ 15,000.30
The Lake Church:	\$ 3,600.00
Union Grove:	\$ 1,750.00
West Bladenboro:	\$ 2,400.00
White Lake:	\$ 1,847.78
White Oak:	\$ 2,600.00
Whites Creek:	\$ 2,741.98
Zion Hill:	\$ 3,000.00
Misc.:	\$ 3,142.67
Budget Gifts to Date:	\$ 123,486.88
Budget Needs to Date:	\$ 151,517.65
Behind Budget Needs:	\$ - 28,030.77

Birthdays: (January)

- 3 Bertha Strole
- 4 Rev. Richard Smith, Cypress Creek
- 9 Rev. Leon Warren, Center Road
- 15 Wanda Helms, Beards Chapel
- 18 Lauren Young, Galeed
- 19 Rev. Sam VanSlyke, Bladenboro
- 26 Deanna Hill, Bethel
- 27 Tiffany McGill, The Lake Church
- 28 Robin Donaldson, Northside

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 9 Rev. David & Beth Foster
- 10 Rev. Larry & Libby Hayes
- 10 Rev. Walter & Peggy Hayes
- 17 Rev. Kincy & Lori Barrow
- 28 Rev. Tom & Kay Martin



Church Anniversaries:

- 1 Rev. Larry Hayes, Good News - 2001
- 4 Rev. Cipriano Moreno, Renacer - 2015

Birthdays: (February)

- 5 Rev. Mark Miller, Clarkton
- 8 Rev. Charles Hester
- 10 Rev. Jerry Fisher, Christ Community
- 13 Faye McMillan, Friendship
- 26 Peggy Hayes, Suggs Grove
- 28 Rev. David Foster, AMS

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 Rev. Mark & Missy Creech, Clarkton
- 25 Rev. Darin & Beth Andrews, Richardson

Church Anniversaries:

- 17 Rev. Barry Helms, Beards - 2008

Birthdays: (March)

- 10 Rev. Tom Martin
- 15 Tracy Thomas, Love Grove
- 16 Shirley Miller
- 16 Rev. Barry Helms, Beards
- 19 Rev. Bruce Miller, Hickory Grove
- 24 Pat Smith, Grace
- 27 Rev. Elvin Meares, Greater Vision



Wedding Anniversaries:

- 16 Rev. Brett & Lauren Young, Galeed
- 31 Rev. Leon & Lynn Warren, Center Road

Church Anniversaries:

- 23 Rev. Brett Young, Galeed - 2020
- 30 Rev. Kincy Barrow, Whites Creek - 2003

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Bladen Baptist Association

January Executive Committee Meeting

January 19 (Tuesday) 7:00pm

First Baptist Church of Delco

75 Keiser Road, Delco NC 28346

Make Plans to Attend



Baptist Men's Day / January

Women's Day / February

North American Mission Board

Week of Prayer / March 7th - 13th

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 14 (Sunday)

Palm Sunday / March 28 (Sunday)

Easter / April 4 (Sunday)

Region 3

Basic Disaster Relief Training

Charity Rebuild Center

Rose Hill, NC

Thursday, March 25

&

Saturday, March 27

For More Information visit

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Training/Disaster-Relief-Training>

Opportunities for Prayer:

Pastors Time of Prayer

(Jan. 4 - Feb. 1 - March 1)

Second Chance Community Church

205 S. Poplar St. Elizabethtown

1st Monday of each Month 7:30 PM

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 18 - March 18)

Dublin First Baptist Church

7725 Albert St. Dublin (Hwy 87)

3rd Thursday of each Month 9:30 AM



Family Prayer Time

Weekly prayer times are being held throughout Bladen County to bring families and communities together in a much needed time of prayer.

Anyone willing to hold a time of prayer in their church or community, contact

Pastor Howard Allbright

910.709.3918



Appalachian Backpack Outreach



Backpacks & Bibles are available for anyone who would like to start early on packing backpacks.

A Very Special Thank You
to all who helped pack backpacks in
2020 **We met our GOAL!**



For More Information

Visit: www.bladenbaptists.com

Click: **EVENTS**

Substance Abuse Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, March 9th @ 6:30pm

Bladen Community College

Your Voice Needs to be Heard!!

(Everyone is Welcome)



Southeastern Carolina Crossroads

1086 Susie Sand Hill Road, Elizabethtown

910.549.8487

A faith-based discipleship training station, leading men of all ages to the only answer... Jesus

**** Urgent Need ****

Food Lion Gift Cards & Winter Coats

Cape Fear Teen Challenge

1456 Lula Long Road, Elizabethtown

910.801.0015

A 12-15 month residential facility for women overcoming life controlling issues such as drugs and alcohol during which time is spent in Bible study and education.

**** Needs List ****

Trash bags (13gal), toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, Dryer sheets, Laundry Detergent

From the Desk of Rev. David Foster:

At this beginning of the New Year, I have a question: What is the "culture" of your church? Culture is defined, "the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of ...a religious, or social group." Also, "the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization." (Websters). Think about how this definition can be applied to the church in which you lead and serve.

We are not to come up with our own culture. As children of God, we are called to be His ambassadors; representatives of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Our "culture" should be the culture of God. Paul counsels the church at Philippi, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Those things set the direction of our culture. Upon what things has the church set their mind? What does your church "think" about? To answer these questions, think about your last deacons meeting or church business meeting. What was the conversation focused on, God or self? Yet, it is more than just thinking about these things. Paul continues, "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things." What we focus our thinking on will be evident in our actions. What we believe will be played out in the way we live. Our "culture" will be visible to all. Are your actions gospel centered? Could you say that the church you serve denies self and takes up the cross and follows Jesus? Is the culture of your church following the command and commission of Jesus found in Matthew 28, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Your church has a culture:

It is either God-centered or self-centered!