

March 2025
Newsletter

Catawba Valley
Baptist Association

“That they may be ONE”

CATAWBA VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chuck Campbell, **Associational Mission Strategist** • Gary Murry—**Chairman**
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Jeff Brown, **Financial Administrator** • Lisa Campbell, **Administrative Assistant**

I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. John 17:23

AN ENCOURAGING WORD FROM OUR AMS

Pastors, Church Leaders and Members,

Church revitalization is a topic that many congregations grapple with as they seek to breathe new life into their church. It raises questions about growth, engagement, and spiritual health. Often, people wonder how to measure the progress of such efforts and what signs indicate that a church is moving in the right direction. Understanding this process requires a shift in perspective, viewing revitalization as an ongoing journey rather than a simple endpoint. This approach can lead to richer discussions about the nuances of revitalizing a church. I encourage you to read a recent article by Sam Rainer entitled "How to Know Your Church Is Truly Revitalized (5 Key Indicators)."

<https://churchanswers.com/blog/how-to-know-your-church-is-truly-revitalized-5-key-indicators/>

In the journey of a church, revitalization is a goal that many strive for, but it comes with its own set of challenges. It's essential to approach this process with a mindset of humility and ongoing commitment. Just as individuals must maintain their personal health through consistent effort and dedication, a church must remain vigilant in its mission and practices. The path to spiritual growth and community strength is not a one-time achievement; it requires continuous work and reflection. As we explore this idea further, we must remember the importance of perseverance and caution against complacency.

In today's changing landscape, churches face unique challenges that affect their growth and vitality. While many congregations have deep-rooted traditions and devoted members, the reality is that not all are thriving. Understanding the health of a church community is essential for fostering spiritual connection and outreach. As we delve into the current state of churches, it becomes clear that revitalization efforts are not just beneficial but often necessary for long-lasting impact.

If you would like more information on how to revitalize your church, please feel free to contact me. Together, we can cultivate a vibrant community that thrives in faith and purpose. Let us embrace this opportunity to inspire renewal and growth in your church, fostering a legacy that resonates for generations to come. Your journey towards revitalization is not just our mission; it's a shared commitment to create lasting impact in our lives and fulfill the Great Commission, to reach the nations, all for the glory of God.

Thank you for the privilege of serving
as your Associational Mission Strategist.

In Christ,

Chuck

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SPRING BIENNIAL MEETING

Love Thy Neighbor

WARLICKS BAPTIST CHURCH
APRIL 17, 6PM

Message by Rev. Gary Murry

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://SUBSPLA.SH/S8DPSGB/](https://SUBSPLA.SH/S8DPSGB/)

Our Disaster Response Trailer will be onsite. Come check it out!

Save the Dates

Pastors' Conference – *Strategies for Revitalizing the Church*
Monday, March 10, 2-3pm, led by Cory Smith

Spring Biannual Meeting at Warlicks Baptist – *Love Thy Neighbor*
Thursday, April 17, 6pm

Pastors' Conference – *BlessEveryHome, Next Steps*
Monday, May 12, 2-3pm, led by Chuck Campbell

SBC Annual Meeting, Dallas Tx
June 8-11

Pastors' Conference – *Prayer Walking*
Monday, July 14, 2-3pm

ServeNC (in your community)
August 2-9

Pastors' Conference – *Creating a Disciple Making Culture in your Church*
Monday, September 8, 2-3pm, led by Tim Jernigan



PASTORS' CONFERENCE

**MONDAY, MARCH 10
2PM**

Springs Road Baptist Church
3580 Springs Road NE, Hickory

Join us as our speaker,
Dr. Cory Smith,
Pastor of First Baptist Hildebran,
shares insightful strategies to help
strengthen our churches.

Register at

<https://subspla.sh/7vdwcxc/>



STRATEGIES FOR REVITALIZING THE CHURCH

by Dr. Cory Smith

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

in the Catawba Valley

- Stay Local
- Serve Your Church
- Earn Credit toward Your Degree at SEBTS



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email john@ctkhky.org for more information



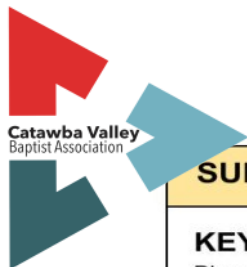
WMU ANNUAL MEETING

March 8 at 10:00 am
Central Baptist Church
201 Hwy 70 E, Hildebran, NC

Guest speaker - Kristin Trick
Missionary to Brazil



All ladies interested in
missions, please join us.



March Church Prayer Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
KEY Blue – SBC Related requests Green – Hickory Area Churches Red – Hildebran/Icard Area Churches Yellow – Newton/Conover Churches						1 Blackburn Baptist
2 Calvary Baptist Shawn Milburn	3 Catawba Baptist Derek Jones	4 Catawba Valley Baptist Doug Nab	5 Catawba Valley Hmong Cher Teng Lee	6 Catawba Valley Vietnamese Andy Vo	7 CVBA AMS Chuck Campbell	8 Central Baptist Bob Dockery
9 Christ the King John Morrison/ Seth Harvey	10 Christ United David Stikeleather	11 Covenant Baptist Edwin Elmore	12 East First Street Alan McCoy	13 Encounter Elijah London	14 Escalate Church Matt Morgan	15 Fairbrook Baptist Rick Davis
16 Fairgrove Baptist Neil George	17 First Baptist Claremont Charles Beaucond	18 First Baptist Hickory Joshua Barrett	19 FB Hildebran Cory Smith en Espanol Lester Urbina	20 First Baptist Icard Michael Pardue	21 First Baptist Newton Chris Griffin	22 First Baptist Startown William Church
23 Freedom Biker Church Phil Goins	24 Harmony Baptist Arthur Mason	25 Highland Baptist Jeff Myers	26 Hmong Community Jonathan Moua	27 Hope Hickory Mark Schmitz/	28 Iglesia Bautista Betel	29 International Mission Board imb.org
30 North American Mission Board namb.net	31 SBC Seminaries					

Prepared by CVBA Prayer Ministry Leader, Pastor Scott Frady

5TH SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP

March 30th at 5pm

CHURCHES COMING TOGETHER FOR PRAYER, WORSHIP & THE WORD

We invite you to join us at Pilgrim Baptist for worship and afterwards a time of fellowship. Other services will be held on the following 5th Sundays at various churches: June 29, August 31, and November 23 (4th Sunday Community Thanksgiving Service).

If you are interested in joining us, please let me know by emailing pastorfrady@gmail.com.

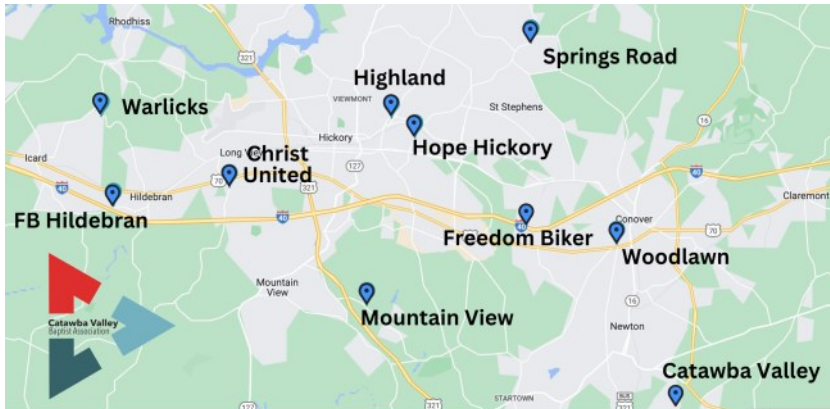
We will have a meeting on Thursday, March 6 at Sunny Side Restaurant, 2950 NC-127 in Hickory (Mountain View area) at 7:30am to plan the first service and set forth the schedule for the rest of the year.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord,
 Pastors Scott Frady, Terry Dickerson, David Stikeleather and Jeff Kautz



CVBA PASTOR PRAYER COHORTS

A TIME OF PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30AM



MARCH 5

Mountain View, 4266 River Road, Hickory

MARCH 12

Springs Road, 3580 Springs Road NE, Hickory

MARCH 19

Woodlawn, 430 7th St. Place SW, Conover

MARCH 26

Christ United, 1131 33rd Street SW, Hickory



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If you've not already signed up, please consider utilizing the Bless App. We have a long way to go but together we can reach the over 77,000 households God has placed in our direct mission field. If you have any questions or want to learn more, visit their website at <https://app.blesseveryhome.com/>.



DISASTER RESPONSE TRAILER

Thanks to your extreme generosity, our Disaster Response Trailer will be stocked and ready for use very soon. Be sure to attend the Spring Biannual Meeting and tour the trailer as well as learn more about the required authorization forms and how to schedule its usage for your church as you reach out to those in need. Monetary donations can be given through our website at

<https://www.catawbavalleybaptistassociation.com/give> or mail check to CVBA, PO Box 9006, Hickory 28603

thank you



Have items to donate to another church? Looking for an item for your church? Check out our website's

EQUITY EXCHANGE PAGE

We currently have a free Baldwin piano, folding machine and more!

<https://www.catawbavalleybaptistassociation.com/equity-exchange>

CVBA Financial Snapshot

January 2025

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CAUTION AHEAD

- Cash flow was negative for the month and for the year, but this was due to pre-paying all 2025 property insurance policies in January
- I will move \$15,000 from our savings account into our checking account in February to boost up our checking account.

To return to Solid Green:

- Sufficient amount in checking account to keep operating balance from dipping into the negative at any point during that month.
- 35K "Reserves" in Savings Account
- Net Assets of 35K

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Operating Funds Activity January

Received from churches	10,429.12
Interest earned	8.56
Total Received	10,437.68
Total Expenses	11,445.99
Period Balance	-\$1,008.31

Net Assets (Spendable Cash) Activity

Net Assets January 1, 2025	38,536.28
Net Assets Dec 31, 2024	38,536.28
Net Assets Jan 31, 2025	37,527.97
Growth for the month	-1,008.31
Growth for the year	-1,008.31

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Operating Funds Balance:

January 2025

ASSETS:		
TOTAL in Checking Account	24,057.65	24,057.65
Designated Funds:		
Strategic Discipleship		
Transferred from the former Hollifield Center		
Designated for CVBA educational programming	1,938.40	
Women's Ministry		
Funds given by and for our Associational WMU	1,438.62	
Evangelism/Church Plants		
Donor-directed gifts for evang. & church planting	2,554.55	
Disaster Recovery Trailer Fund	4,651.78	
Subsplash Processing Fees	17.10	
Scholarship Dividends		
Dividends from our Scholarship Fund		
Designated for ministerial scholarships	64.26	
Mission Fund Grants		
Dividends from our Mission Fund (building sale)		
Designated for CVBA missions projects/programs	6,465.45	
CVBA Church Grants		
Funds received from the NC Missions Offering		
Designated for CVBA churches to use for outreach	5,247.45	
TOTAL DESIGNATED		-22,377.61
Current Liabilities:		
Federal Taxes Payable	1,406.53	
State Tax Payable	133.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-1,539.53
SPENDABLE in Checking Account		140.51
Petty Cash		+\$27.91
TOTAL in Savings Account	37,359.55	
SPENDABLE in Savings Account		+37,359.55
NET ASSETS (SPENDABLE CASH)		\$37,527.97

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Scholarship Fund

Investment Portfolio:	103,609.93
Change in value	3,699.91
As of Sept 30, 2024	

Designated Funds Account:

Disbursable Funds	\$764.26
Total available	\$764.26
Most Recent Scholarships:	
(3 scholarships @ \$700/student)	
Spring 2025	
Jeremy Frady/Boyce	\$700
Seth Harvey/SEBTS	\$700
Gage Allen/Liberty	\$700 (not enrolled)

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Mission Fund

(from sale of old office building)

Investment Portfolio:	124,376.93
Change in value	-145.51
September disbursement of	\$4,725.25
Value as of Sept 30, 2024	
Original Investment: \$116,690.00	

MAT & MARK by Christopher Lee Brown



Cartoon is courtesy of Chris, Pastor Jeff Brown's son of Springs Road Baptist Church.



**MOUNTAIN
VIEW
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

**INVITES ALL CHILDREN
MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Friday, March 14
9am-3pm**

For more information, visit
<https://deeperkidmin.com/product/kidmin-leadership-gathering-hickory-nc-2025/>

NEW CHURCH PLANT



Welcome Rev. Lester Urbina
serving as pastor of
First Baptist Church Hildebran
En Español

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SECOND
LANGUAGE**

Wednesdays 6:30pm



201 Highway 70 E
Hildebran

For more information,
contact the
church office at 327-9683

PARTNERING NEWS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 2-9

STEP INTO THE STORY

100% of your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering gifts support thousands of missionaries serving in church planting and compassion ministry in North America.



<https://anniearmstrong.com/>



Thank you churches for sacrificially giving of your time, talents and means to the continued relief efforts of our WNC neighbors.

As the needs continue there are various ways to give and get involved. For more information visit Baptists on Mission.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Helene/Donations>

LOCAL MINISTRY NEWS

Handymen Needed LOCALLY

Foothills Service Project is a non-profit Christian ministry established to assist elderly and disabled persons in making their homes dry, safe, and warm. They serve Burke, Caldwell, Alexander and Catawba County. They have recently received a large grant but need volunteers in Catawba Valley to help with homes in our area. Do you have carpentry skills and can volunteer to build ramps in our county? Is your church brotherhood or handyman ministry in need of a project or funding? Want an opportunity to reach your neighbors with the gospel? Then please contact Scotty at sdonnelly@foothillsserviceproject.org or call 828-879-8400. He also would be glad to come to any church or men's group to talk about Foothills and how they can help.





June 18-22

Camp Truett Conference
Center and Camp, Hayesville

Camp BAM 2025 will focus on recovery needs from Hurricane Helene.

Intergenerational campers may rebuild porches, wheelchair ramps, and address other safety needs of older adults.

There will also be time for fun and fellowship in the mountains!



Scan to register for Camp BAM, learn about sponsorship opportunities, or view the 2024 Camp BAM video!



Camp BAM is an intergenerational outreach of North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry.

For more info, call 877.506.2226