

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

"That we may be ONE"

CATAWBA VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chuck Campbell, Associational Mission Strategist • Gary Murry–Chairman

Jeff Myers–Vice-Chairman, Scott Frady, Phil Goins, Tim Jernigan, John Morrison, Nathan Riley,

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

THE MISSION OF CHRIST

I would like to begin by thanking Pastor Tim Jernigan for leading our Pastors Conference this past month. He shared the importance of creating a disciple making culture. This is a critical topic that is often overlooked because we assume it is taking place based on common day scorecards in the modern church. The average church feels it is hitting the mark as long as we are succeeding in our bodies, buildings and budgets. Don't get me wrong, these are important but if



the last two decades have taught us anything it is this standard is inadequate in evaluating the success of the church. We must return to the original mission given by Jesus Christ to the church in Mathew 28:19-20. He commanded us to "make disciples" in what is appropriately referred to as the Great Commission. Pastor Tim shared an article written by Ken Braddy, Director of Sunday School at Lifeway Resources, titled 5 Steps to Create a Discipleship Plan. In this article Braddy posed the question, "Could discipleship be both a foundational issue and the solution that solves some of the current needs churches face today?" I say, "yes"!

Listed below are Braddy's 5 steps to create a disciple plan:

Step 1: The Large Group Gathering (Worship/Come)

Step 2: Fellowship (Sunday School/Connect)

Step 3: Discipleship (D-Groups/Discipleship University/Grow)

Step 4: Ministry (Ministry Teams/Serve)Step 5: Missions (Missions Teams/Go)

The question should be, does our discipleship pathway end with reproducing disciple makers that are on mission doing the same? To read the full article click this link, https://research.lifeway.com/2022/02/11/5-steps-to-create-a-discipleship-plan/ or if you would like a hard copy, contact the office.

I would love to hear your thoughts about your church's personal journey and how we might come alongside and help you achieve your goals as you move forward. Please do not hesitate to reach out as we join as one for the mission of Christ.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Bi-Annual Meeting/Worship Gathering on October 19 at Mountain View Baptist Church. Everyone is invited! Also, help me to get the word out about the youth rally, *Catawba Collective*, that will be happening simultaneously! Information about these two events can be found in this newsletter and on our website.

Thank you for being the Hands and Feet of Jesus, Chuck

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

4266 River Road, Hickory NC **Sunday, October 19 6pm**



- Business
- Challenging Message
- Combined Worship Choir
 (all associational churches are invited)

No meal provided. Early registration is not required.



Message by Steven Hill, Pastor-MVBC



Worship led by Aaron Ledford, Minister of Music-MVBC

Choir Directors/Music Ministers—please contact Aaron Ledford at aaron@mvbchickory.com for more information about our combined choir.



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STUDENTS
&
YOUTH
LEADERS

CATAWBA COLLECTIVE - a gathering for a new generation seeking God, living for an audience of ONE!

SUNDAY 6 PM OCTOBER



SPEAKER
CHRIS GRUVER
PASTOR AT
NEW LIFE
CHURCH
CONOVER NC



WORSHIP LED BY TANNER SCHANTZ & THE WOODLAWN BAPTIST WORSHIP BAND

FREE ADMISSION

MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL 4266 RIVER ROAD HICKORY NC

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CVBA OFFICE 828-328-1555

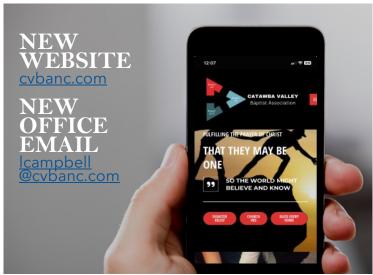






If you've not already signed up, please consider utilizing the Bless App. We have a long way to go but together we can reach the over 77,000 households God has placed in our direct mission field.

https://app.blesseveryhome.com/.









NURSERY ITEMS, MORE

https://cvbanc.com/ equity-exchange/

CVBA Financial Snapshot

August 2025





Flashing Green

- •We are safe to operate "on our budgeted path" but we don't have the right-ofway to take any unplanned financial "detours."
- •Cash flow was negative for the month, but remains positive for the year. This is normal for the second month of a quarter; EXCELLENT giving in July will carry us through any normal short-falls this quarter.
- •We still need to be careful with spending, but we should hold steady for the rest of the year if giving and spending remain normal.

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

Operating Funds Activity August

Received from churches 8,433,40 Interest earned 7.99

Total Received 8,441.39 **Total Expenses** 9,977.13 -\$1,535.74 Period Balance

Net Assets (Spendable Cash) Activity

Net Assets January 1, 2025 38,536.28 Net Assets July 31, 2025 44,042.49 Net Assets Aug 31, 2025 42,506.75 Growth for the month -1,535.74 Growth for the year 3,970.47

Operating Funds Balance: August 2025 ASSETS:

21,674.18 **TOTAL** in Checking Account 21,674.18 Designated Funds: Strategic Discipleship Transferred from the former Hollifield Center 831.97 Designated for CVBA educational programming Women's Ministry 1,559.62 Funds given by and for our Associational WMU Evangelism/Church Plants 4,783.14 Donor-directed gifts for evang. & church planting Disaster Recovery Trailer Fund 602.36 0.30 Subsplash Processing Fees Scholarship Dividends Dividends from our Scholarship Fund 1,128.15 Designated for ministerial scholarships Mission Fund Grants Dividends from our Mission Fund (building sale) 465.45 Designated for CVBA missions projects/programs CVBA Church Grants Funds received from the NC Missions Offering 3,247.45 Designated for CVBA churches to use for outreach -12,618.44 TOTAL DESIGNATED Federal Taxes Payable 1,362.15

Current Liabilities: State Tax Payable 266.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES -1,628.15SPENDABLE in Checking Account 7,427.59 +\$27.91 Petty Cash

TOTAL in Savings Account 35,051.25

SPENDABLE in Savings Account +35,051.25 \$42,506.75 NET ASSETS (SPENDABLE CASH)

Scholarship Fund

Investment Portfolio: 104,101.01 Change in value +1,596.00 As of Sept 8, 2025

Designated Funds Account:

Disbursable Funds \$1,128.15 Total available \$1,128,15

Most Recent Scholarships: (4 scholarships @ \$750/student)

Fall 2025

Allen Huffman/SEBTS \$750 Seth Harvey/SEBTS \$750 Gage Allen/SEBTS & TTiCV \$625/\$125 Gloriana Myers \$750 N. Greenville



Mission Fund

(from sale of old office building)

Investment Portfolio: 130,702.56 Change in value +8,695.01

Value as of Sept 8, 2025

Original Investment: \$116,690.00



October 2025 Church Prayer Calendar

Prepared by CVBA Prayer Ministry Leader, Pastor Scott Frady

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Iglesia Bautista Central Elias Yax	2 Iglesia Highland En Espanol	3 Lahu Baptist Mark Meeseree	4 Lakeview Baptist Troy Grant
5 Longview Baptist Joe McRary	6 Mount Sinai Baptist Donald Gray	7 Mountain Grove Baptist	8 Mountain View Baptist Steven Hill	9 New Life Authentic Christian Comm. Chris Gruver	10 North Newton Baptist Curtis Hagler	11 Open Door Church Shawn Davis
12 Oxford Baptist Joel Frye	13 Pilgrim Baptist Terry Dickerson	14 Providence Baptist Chris Dale	15 Sandy Ridge Baptist Bill Sturm	16 Springs Road Baptist Jeff Brown	17 Startown First Baptist William Church	18 Temple Baptist Lloyd King
19 The Journey Church Ben Rowe	20 Tri-City Baptist Hampton Drum	21 Tri-City Fellowship (Korean) Ki Young Kim	22 Trinity Baptist Paul Gilliam	23 Vertical Life Church Jonathan Foster	24 Vida Vertical Julian Menchu Tax	25 Viewmont Baptist Andrew Rawls
26 Warlicks Baptist Gary Murry	27 West Hickory Baptist Scott Frady	28 Winklers Grove Baptist Paul Deal	29 Woodlawn Baptist Tim Jernigan	30 SBC Clint Pressley	31 CVBA Chuck Campbell	

Blue-CVBA/SBC Green-Hickory
Red-Hildebran/Icard & surrounding areas
Yellow-Newton/Conover & surrounding areas

WMU/WOMEN'S MINISTRY

RED BOX PRISON MINISTRY

This year we are collecting

JOLLY RANCHER HARD CANDY

for incarcerated women in NC. A donation of cash, check or 3.5oz bags of candy can be dropped off at Springs Road Baptist Church, 3580 Springs Road NE in Hickory, Mon.-Wed. 8a-4p or Thurs. 8a-noon. <u>Deadline is Wednesday, October 15</u>.
-Jeanie Minor and Janet Jordan, Co-Leaders CVBA WMU/WM

Annual Church Profiles

Due January 31 but can be updated anytime on your SBC Workspace

https://ncbaptist.org/ ministries/informationtechnology-services/ annual-church-profile/

WAYS WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR **FALL OUTREACH EVENT or MISSION PROJECT**

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT THE OFFICE or

CLICK THE TITLES BELOW

EVANGELISM &

OUTREACH GRANT

The Catawba Valley Baptist Association is offering our member churches the

opportunity to receive a grant of up to \$200 to be used toward expenses for evangelistic and outreach events sponsored by your church.

MACHINES TO LEND

Let the association provide some extra fun at your next outreach event. We have a popcorn machine, cotton candy machine, and sno-cone machine. First come, first served so be sure to contact the office.

DISASTER

RESPONSE TRAILER

The DR Trailer is fully stocked and ready for your next project. Let us provide the tools you'll need for ramp building, home repairs, yard work, and more!

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACK COLLECTION



NOVEMBER 1 9AM-NOON HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH **828 9TH AVENUE NE, HICKORY**

For more info, contact our CVBA representative, Terry Short, at tryshome@aol.com

baptistonmission.org/ Appalachian-Christmas-Outreach



THEOLOGICAL

TRAINING

in the Catawba Valley

email john@ctkhky.org





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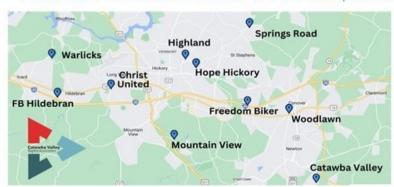


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https:// cvbanc.comnewsletter/

CVBA PASTOR PRAYER COHORTS

A TIME OF PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8:30AM PASTORS, ASSOCIATE, INTERIM AND RETIRED PASTORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AS MANY PRAYER MEETINGS AS YOU CAN, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN YOUR VICINITY.



October 1 Woodlawn
October 8 Christ United
October 15 Hope Hickory
October 22 FB Hildebran
October 29 Highland
November 5 Catawba Valley
November 12 Freedom Biker
November 19 Warlicks
November 26 Thanksgiving

Woodlawn-430 7th Street Place SW, Conover (white house located next to Family Life Center) Christ United-1131 33rd Street SW, Hickory Hope Hickory-130 16th Street SE, Hickory First Baptist Hildebran-8831 Old NC Hwy 10, Hildebran Highland-828 9th Avenue NE, Hickory

Catawba Valley-3390 Shepherd Road, Maiden Freedom Biker Church-1385 33rd Street SE, Conover Warlicks-2684 Warlicks Church Road, Connelly Springs



The PPC will not meet in December but will resume on January 7, 2026.

CHURCH NEWS

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday November 23 6pm

If you are interested in joining with other CVBA churches for a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23rd at 6 pm, join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday, October 7 at noon at Jason's Deli, 2337 US Hwy 70 SE in Hickory. Hope to see you there. Scott Frady, Pastor West Hickory Baptist Church

Tri-City Baptist Church

is in search of a

PART-TIME CHILDCARE WORKER
for nursery and preschool age children.
The position is needed for Sunday
mornings, during events, Bible studies
and Wednesday evenings.
Send resume' to mhefner@tcbc.org.

INSTRUMENTALIST NEEDED

Temple Baptist Church is in need of a part-time pianist, organist or keyboardist for our Sunday morning worship service and additional services if possible. If interested, please email your resume' to office@tbc825.com. For more information contact Aundra at 828-244-2629.









LOCAL & CHURCH NEWS



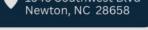


Ctober 21, 2025



11:30 AM - 1:00 PM





- · Free Training for Children's Workers
- · Open doors for ministry in public schools
- · Church growth through children's ministry **Questions?**

Lois Pemberton (704) 682-0452



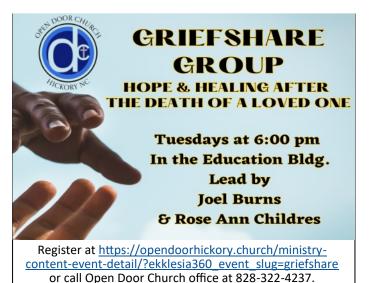
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Child Evangelism

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WELCOME NEW PASTORS

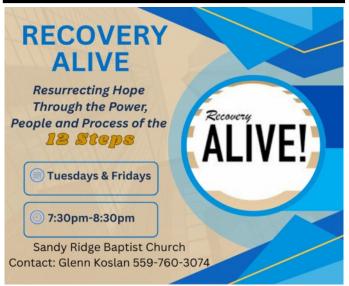
Steven Walker

Blackburn Baptist Church

Dennis Chapman

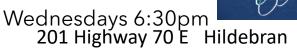
Fairgrove Baptist Church

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Mark 16:15 ESV





ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



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

PARTNERING AND LOCAL MINISTRY NEWS



Baptist Children's Homes of Morth Carolina

Annual Offering & Week of Prayer

November 9-16

https://www.bchoffering.org/





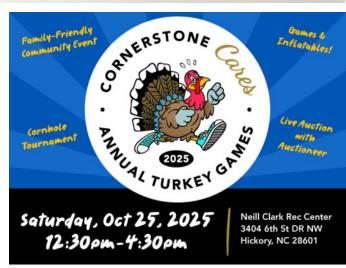
https://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/ operation-christmas-child/

A list of drop-off locations will be posted in next month's newsletter.











CornerstoneCounselingNC.org

Bring your family and friends and join us for a fun-filled day of Cornhole with Live Auction, Games, Inflatables, Music, and more! Snacks and drinks will be available too. See you there!

For more information and to register, visit our website, Facebook page, or CALL 828-322-4941









