



December 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

Dear Catawba Valley Baptist Associational Churches,

As the year winds down and the air turns crisp, a sense of anticipation fills my heart. I love everything about this season and of course the expectation of **CHRIST**mas: the lights, the smells of pumpkin pie (my favorite) and getting together with family and friends. For many, this time of year evokes warm memories and cherished traditions. It's a season that brings people together, offering a chance for reflection, celebration, and joy. But for others, this season brings great sorrow, stress, and loneliness. Perhaps loved ones have passed, finances aren't adequate to celebrate the way we want to, or our thoughts are filled with painful memories or regret. Whether excited or overwhelmed, my prayer is that we take time to focus on Who Christmas is all about.



As a youngster, my favorite Christmas activity was the candlelight service. This was the only time I was allowed to light and hold a candle. You can imagine with three brothers, my parents didn't normally let us get near a flame much less have the chance to see what it could do to a pew or each other. But then into my pre-teen years, I came to understand the true meaning of this tradition. This light actually represented the Light of Christ. And as a born-again follower of Jesus, I possessed His light. Then as I passed my candle's light to my brothers sitting in the pew next to me, I realized it was my responsibility to share Jesus' light to everyone that God put in my path. What a revelation. What a responsibility. What an honor. These experiences have a way of touching our hearts and lives which cause a lifetime of impact. Even now the Lord reminds me not to get consumed with thoughts of the past or preparations for the future, but to share the light of Jesus in every opportunity. Isn't this what Christmas is all about?

It is my hope that God blesses you and your family during this Christmas season as you share His love, joy and peace. And as 2025 comes to a close, I also want to thank you for your continued support and prayers as we join together to reach up, reach in, and reach out, all for the advancement of His Kingdom and for His glory.

"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

John 8:12 NASB

Together in Christ,
Chuck



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Our Leadership Team

EXITING LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

Gary Murry-Warlicks, Jeff Myers-Highland, Nathan Riley-Mountain View

We thank the Lord for Gary, Jeff and Nathan and are thankful for their dedicated service on our Leadership Team. Their Christ-like guidance has been a genuine blessing, and we are grateful for all they have invested in our association.

NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS 2026-2028

Charles Beaucond-First Baptist Claremont

Doug Nab-Catawba Valley Baptist

Cory Smith-First Baptist Hildebran

We welcome Charles, Doug and Cory to the Leadership Team and are thankful for their hearts to serve. We are excited for how God will use their discernment and wisdom to lead our association in the years ahead.

The Catawba Valley Baptist Foundation was started in 1971 to provide financial assistance for the education of qualified students entering full-time Christian service. If you are a member of a CVBA Church and would like to apply for a scholarship or renew for another semester or learn about the requirements of the scholarships, visit our website at

<https://cvbanc.com/scholarship/>.

December 15 is the deadline for this upcoming semester!



CVBA Financial Snapshot

October 2025

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Flashing Green

- We are safe to operate "on our budgeted path" but we don't have the right-of-way to take any unplanned financial "detours."
- Cash flow was negative for the month, and slightly negative for the year. This "dip" is normal for this time of year; giving by churches should lift us back "in the black" by year's end.
- We still need to be careful with spending, but 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

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Operating Funds Activity October

Received from churches	9,621.19
Interest earned	7.90
Total Received	9,629.09
Total Expenses	<u>12,251.48</u>
Period Balance	-\$2,622.39

Net Assets (Spendable Cash) Activity

Net Assets January 1, 2025	38,536.28
Net Assets Sept 30, 2025	41,177.23
Net Assets Oct 31, 2025	38,554.84
Growth for the month	-2,622.39
Growth for the year	-\$18.56

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Operating Funds Balance:

October 2025

ASSETS:		
TOTAL in Checking Account	16,107.36	16,107.36
Designated Funds:		
Strategic Discipleship Transferred from the former Hollifield Center Designated for CVBA educational programming	831.97	
Women's Ministry Funds given by and for our Associational WMU	1,559.62	
Evangelism/Church Plants Donor-directed gifts for evang. & church planting	0.00	
Disaster Recovery Trailer Fund	602.36	
Subsplash Processing Fees	0.30	
Scholarship Dividends Dividends from our Scholarship Fund Designated for ministerial scholarships	1,128.15	
Mission Fund Grants Dividends from our Mission Fund (building sale) Designated for CVBA missions projects/programs	4,050.48	
CVBA Church Grants Funds received from the NC Missions Offering Designated for CVBA churches to use for outreach	3,085.78	
TOTAL DESIGNATED		-11,258.66
Current Liabilities:		
Federal Taxes Payable	1,262.69	
State Tax Payable	136.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-1,398.69
SPENDABLE in Checking Account		3,450.01
Petty Cash		+\$27.91
TOTAL in Savings Account	35,076.92	
SPENDABLE in Savings Account		+35,076.92
NET ASSETS (SPENDABLE CASH)		\$38,554.84

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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

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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



December 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, President	31 CVBA Chuck Campbell, AMS			

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

Annual Church Profiles

DUE JANUARY 31 BUT CAN BE UPDATED
 ANYTIME ON YOUR SBC WORKSPACE
 It's ALSO not too late to turn on your info for 2024

<https://ncbaptist.org/ministries/information-technology-services/annual-church-profile/>



ASSOCIATION NEWS



WMU/WOMEN'S MINISTRY RED BOX PRISON MINISTRY



Thank you to all the churches that collected Jolly Rancher candy for the incarcerated women of North Carolina. Because of your generosity, we exceeded our goal and collected 530 bags.



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CHURCH NEWS



**CHRISTMAS
AT
MTN VIEW**

KIDS CHRISTMAS SUNDAY | DECEMBER 7 | 9 & 10:30 AM
CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF WORSHIP | DECEMBER 14 | 6 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE | DECEMBER 24 | 3 & 5 PM

*Christmas
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Candlelight
Service
Dec 24
7pm*


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**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT HIGHLAND
"That's My King!"**

Nov 30 - *"Let's Worship OUR King!"*
Beginning a season of musical praise with carols, refreshing Christmas song, and a sermon designed to focus our hearts on our King - "Emmanuel", God with us!

Dec 7 - *"Now & Then"*
We will hear Christmas offerings from all generations at Highland - children, youth, and our senior JoyMakers.

Dec 14 - *"How Do You Welcome a King?"*
After uplifting music from our Praise Team, the Worship Choir will present an inspiring Christmas musical of worship that explores just how to welcome such Royalty.

Dec 21 - *"Family Melodies"*
As a highlight of our Christmas season, we will be blessed by songs from "families" in our church! Can you even wait to see who will be singing?

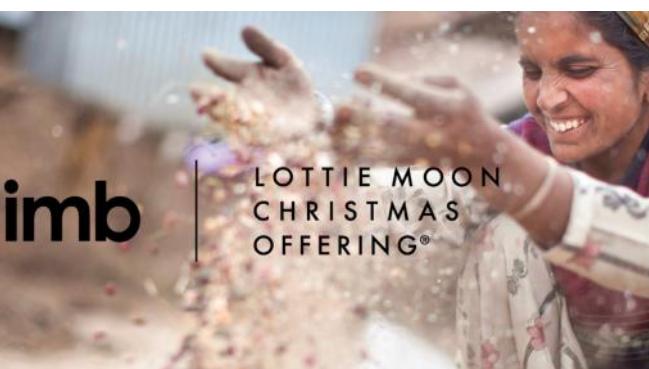
Dec 24 - *"Christmas Eve Candlelight"*
Family communion with candlelight will bless all who attend as we worship our King this Christmas Eve.

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MARCH 5 2026

Woodlawn Baptist Church,
Conover

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THE
DATE



TO PRAY

<https://www.imb.org/lmco-resources/week-of-prayer-for-international-missions/>

TO GIVE

<https://www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-moon-christmas-offering>

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