



Catawba Valley
Baptist Association

"That we may be ONE"

January 2026

NEWSLETTER

CATAWBA VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

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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 CVBA Churches,

I pray your celebration of our Savior's birth was both meaningful and hopeful. And as we prepare our hearts for the new year, it is my hope that each of us will continue to grow in our walk with the Lord and invite others to do the same. This is why I'm excited to help answer the question- Why does my church need a **New Members' Class**?

A while back, Tom Rainer did a podcast with Church Answers where he talked about why having a new members class at church is important. He actually listed ten reasons you may consider offering one.

A NEW MEMBERS' CLASS IS VITAL BECAUSE IT:

- Informs the member
- Sets expectations
- Moves members to small groups
- Defines doctrine and polity
- Closes the back door
- Introduces staff
- Clarifies vision or mission
- Defines ministry opportunities
- Establishes stewardship expectations
- Provides guidance in the facilities



As you can see, a new church membership class helps to clearly communicate the church's beliefs, vision, and expectations, ensuring members are informed and integrated, preventing misunderstandings, and fostering unity by setting everyone "on the same page" for deeper commitment and service, not just as a club but as a committed body of believers.

In the New Testament, the writers seemed to take it for granted that local churches knew exactly who belonged and who didn't (just look at passages like 1 Corinthians 5:2, Colossians 4:5, or Galatians 6:10). These days, church membership classes are actually a really helpful way to get to know new folks, bring them into the community, and make it clear who's part of the church family.

Are you looking to revitalize your church's approach to welcoming new members? Do you want to create a membership class that nurtures growth, connection, and strong foundations in faith?

We're excited to announce that at our February Pastors' Conference, we'll be hosting a chance for pastors to lend a hand in shaping your church's New Membership Class! Plus, lunch will be provided, so please sign up today to reserve your spot at <https://cvbanc.com/new-member-class-training/>. More information about this training can be found on page 2.

In Christ,
Chuck



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Catawba Valley Baptist Association
PASTORS & WIVES'
New Year
DINNER GATHERING
January 6, 2026
6-7:30pm
Springs Road Baptist Church
3580 Springs Road NE Hickory

VISIT LINK BELOW TO REGISTER DEADLINE IS 1/2/26
[HTTPS://CVBANC.COM/EVENTS/PASTORS-WIVES-NEW-YEAR-DINNER/](https://CVBANC.COM/EVENTS/PASTORS-WIVES-NEW-YEAR-DINNER/)

PASTORS' CONFERENCE
How to Start or Improve
A New Members' Class

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9
AT 12 NOON

SPRINGS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
3580 Springs Rd NE Hickory

Need some help putting together a membership class? This training comes with everything you'll need to run a smooth, successful session from start to finish.

A hot soup lunch will be served. Register at
[HTTPS://CVBANC.COM/NEW-MEMBER-CLASS-TRAINING/](https://CVBANC.COM/NEW-MEMBER-CLASS-TRAINING/)

CVBA Financial Snapshot

November 2025

1**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 negative for the year. A large gift that brings us back “into the black” has already arrived for December.
- 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

2**Operating Funds Activity November**

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Received from churches | 9,064.59 |
| Interest earned | 5.76 |
| Total Received | 9,070.35 |
| Total Expenses | 10,832.71 |
| Period Balance | -\$1,762.36 |

Net Assets (Spendable Cash) Activity

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Net Assets January 1, 2025 | \$38,536.28 |
| Net Assets Oct 31, 2025 | \$38,554.84 |
| Net Assets Nov 30, 2025 | \$36,792.48 |
| Growth for the month | -\$1,762.36 |
| Growth for the year | -\$1,743.80 |

3**Operating Funds Balance:**

| | November 2025 | |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| TOTAL in Checking Account | 12,784.54 | 12,784.54 |
| 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 | 329.00 | |
| 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 | 2,050.48 | |
| CVBA Church Grants Funds received from the NC Missions Offering Designated for CVBA churches to use for outreach | 2,885.78 | |
| TOTAL DESIGNATED | | -9,387.66 |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Federal Taxes Payable | 1,431.99 | |
| State Tax Payable | 288.00 | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | -1,719.99 |
| SPENDABLE in Checking Account | | 1,676.89 |
| Petty Cash | | +\$27.91 |
| TOTAL in Savings Account | 35,087.68 | |
| SPENDABLE in Savings Account | | +35,087.68 |
| NET ASSETS (SPENDABLE CASH) | | \$36,762.48 |

4**Scholarship Fund**

Investment Portfolio: 114,270.82
Change in value +10,169.81
As of December 9, 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

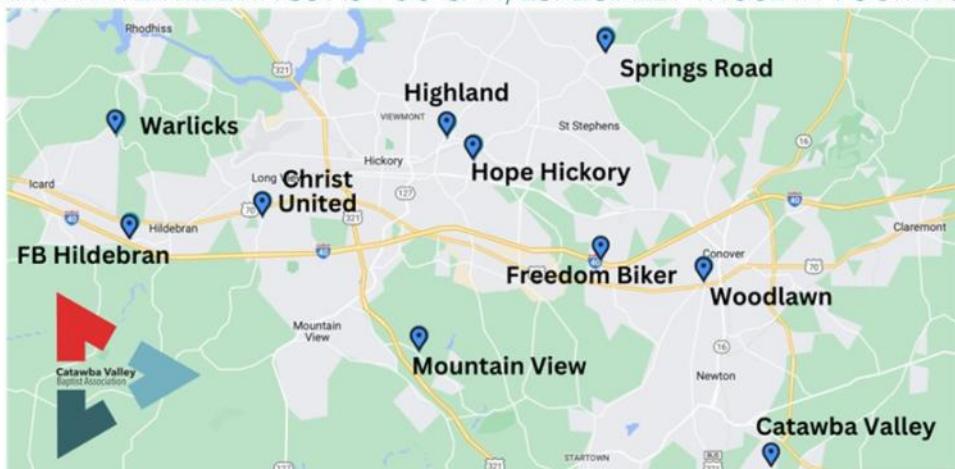
5**Mission Fund***(from sale of old office building)*

Investment Portfolio: 138,343.15
Change in value +7,640.59

Value as of December 9, 2025
Original Investment: \$116,690.00

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.



January 7 Mountain View
January 14 Springs Road
January 21 Woodlawn
January 28 Christ United

February 4 Hope Hickory
February 11 FB Hildebran
February 18 Highland
February 25 Catawba Valley

March 4 Freedom Biker
March 11 Warlicks
March 18 Springs Road
March 25 Mountain View

Mountain View—4266 River Road, Hickory

Springs Road—3580 Springs Road NE, Hickory

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



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/>



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January 2026 Church Prayer Calendar

Prepared by CVBA Prayer Ministry Leader, Pastor Scott Frady

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | 1 Blackburn Baptist Steven Walker | 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 Central Baptist Bob Dockery | 8 Christ the King John Morrison/ Seth Harvey | 9 Christ United Baptist David Stikeleather | 10 Claremont First Baptist Charles Beaucond |
| 11 Covenant Baptist Edwin Elmore | 12 East First Street Baptist Alan McCoy | 13 Encounter Church Elijah London | 14 Escalate Church Matt Morgan | 15 Fairbrook Baptist Rick Davis | 16 Fairgrove Baptist Dennis Chapman | 17 First Baptist Hickory Joshua Barrett |
| 18 First Baptist Hildebran Cory Smith | 19 First Baptist Hildebran En Español Lester Urbina | 20 First Baptist Icard Michael Pardue | 21 First Baptist Newton Chris Griffin | 22 Freedom Biker Church Phil Goins | 23 Harmony Baptist Arthur Mason | 24 Highland Baptist Jeff Myers |
| 25 Hmong Community Baptist Jonathan Moua | 26 Hope Hickory Mark Schmitz/ Kenny Hall | 27 Iglesia Bautista Betel Jorge Ramos | 28 BSCNC Todd Unzicker, EDT | 29 NAMB Kevin Ezell, President | 30 IMB Paul Chitwood, President | 31 SBC Clint Pressley, President |

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



SPRING BIANNUAL MEETING
HOPE HICKORY
APRIL 16, 2026
PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

*Save
the
Date*

Building Resilience

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST AGING MINISTRY

STATEWIDE AGING WELL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

10am–2:30pm

Woodlawn Baptist Church

440 7th Street Place SW, Conover

Guest Speaker - Dr. George Fuller, Jr.
"Faithful Stewards of Life & Legacy"

To register or to learn more about this conference, please go to <https://ncbam.org/events> or contact NCBAM at (877)506-2226.

They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, Psalm 92:14 NKJV



- 9:30am - Registration & refreshments.
- Cost - \$20 per person (Group rate for 10 or more \$18) includes conference materials, refreshments & lunch.
- There will be a special "give-away" at the end of the day.
- This conference promises to be filled with practical tools for building resilience into the daily lives of Senior Adults!

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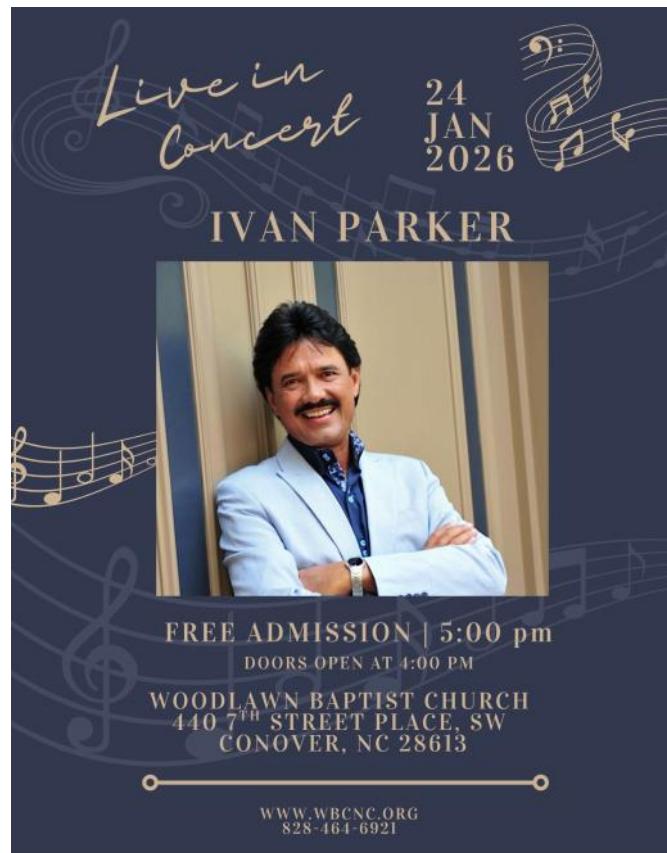
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January 1, 2026.

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