



Haywood Baptist Association

Weekly E-News

November 22, 2022

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Here is a devotional that I posted on social media. In case you did not see it, I thought it was timely to share it as we come to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Psalms 136 bids us “give thanks to the Lord.” This psalm seems to be a responsive reading, where the worship leader states the reason we are to be thankful to God, and the people respond each time with, “for his steadfast love endures forever.” We may gather these reasons for gratefulness into three general groups.

Be thankful for GOD’S GOOD CHARACTER (v.1-3). We are grateful for who God is. “He is good,” (v.1). Goodness is defined by God. We see His supremacy as “God of gods,” and His sovereignty as “Lord of lords.” There is none like Him. He is above all as God and over all as Lord.

Be thankful for GOD’S GREAT CONDUCT (v.4-22). We are grateful for what God does. “To him who alone does great wonders.” Greatness is displayed by God. His great work is highlighted in Hebrew history. We see it in Genesis in the creation of all (v.4-9); in Exodus in the calling of Israel (v.10-16); in Joshua in the conquest of Canaan (v.17-22). As God saved Israel and gave them an inheritance, so the Lord has called us and prepared a home in heaven for us!

Be thankful for GOD’S GRACIOUS CARE (v.23-26). We are grateful for what God delivers. It is He “who gives food to all flesh.” Grace is given to all humanity as He sends the rain upon the just and the unjust to grow our crops. Both saints and sinners receive His gracious care. We cannot demand it, we do not deserve it, but desperately need His grace, “in our low estate.” As we come to this Thanksgiving Day in America, we would be wise to see that our nation is safe because God “rescued us,” and is sustained because God “gives food to all.”

Let us then, “Give thanks to the God of heaven for his steadfast love endures forever.”

Happy Thanksgiving,
Dennis Thurman, AMS



HBA Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving
Holiday!

PRAYER

changes things

Our AMS Dennis Thurman is inviting everyone to
join him in prayer for our Churches and Pastors:

- **Panther Creek- Ronald Greene**
- **Pinnacle- Heath Davis**
- **Pleasant Balsam- Brandon Mendez**



PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

Here is a prayer update from Baptists on Mission concerning Ukraine. Follow the link:
<https://baptistsonmission.org/ukraine-crisis>

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING

We have a prayer meeting at the Associational Office at 7 AM Tuesdays for a time of focused prayer. Pastors, staff, and other men are invited. We will pray for the churches, we will pray through Scripture texts that and asking for God to guide our ministry for the week and bring anointing in our messages, music, and mission.

Haywood Baptist Association Christmas Party

FOR MINISTERS, SPOUSES (IF MARRIED), AND CHURCH STAFF

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH @ 6:00PM

HAYWOOD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Meal will be catered by Kaninis

Baked Penne with Chicken Alfredo with Sun

Dried Tomato, Garden Salad & Dessert

Please RSVP Kayla at 828-452-4746 by November 30th.

COST IS \$12.50/PERSON. PLEASE BRING MONEY BY
THE OFFICE, OR MAIL IN BY NOVEMBER 30TH.

We hope to see you there!



Employment Opportunities.



North Canton Baptist Church

North Canton Baptist Church is looking for a Song/Praise Leader. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Marty Nelson at:

pastormartynelson@gmail.com



Pinnacle Church is hiring a position in student ministry. This would be to lead the middle school and high school ministries full time. For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://pinnacle.elexiochms.com/external/form/34b86081-50b8-4406-9c2e-0a27bb9d37fa>



Ninevah Baptist Church is accepting resumes for a part time director of Music Ministries. If interested, please send resumes to PO Box 38. Waynesville, NC 28786



Crestview Baptist Church is now accepting resumes for a part time Worship Leader. If interested, please submit resume to 3258 Pisgah Drive Canton, NC 28716. You can also contact the church at: 828-648-1110 with any questions.

REACH—EQUIP—SEND...Our Vision from Matthew 28:18-20



FOSTERING CHRIST-LIKE GENEROSITY...
FACILITATING KINGDOM GROWTH

NC Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications

Opening January 1, 2023 + Deadline February 15, 2023

The NC Baptist Foundation has four educational scholarships available for Baptist students. Applications for these scholarships are online, and are open as of January 1, 2023 and will remain open until the close of business on February 15, 2023. More detailed information can be found on each scholarship at: <http://www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships.aspx>. Review some of the features of each scholarship below.

Bullard Family Scholarship

- Be committed to preparing for full-time Christian ministry.
- Be a member (or parents are a member) of a church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of NC
- Award ranging between \$500 minimum and \$2,500 maximum.

Luther H. Butler Scholarship

- Be full-time student at a NC Baptist related University
- Be a member of a church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of NC.
- Award ranging between \$500 minimum and \$2,500 maximum.

Martha Watson Scholarship

- Be full-time student at any institution of higher education.
- Be a member of a church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of NC.
- Award ranging between \$500 minimum and \$2,500 maximum..

Mildred France Thomas Music Scholarship

- Be a music major with an interest in piano and/or organ as your medium
- Be a member (or parents are a member) of a church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of NC.
- Award ranging between \$500 minimum and \$2,500 maximum

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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Ministry Opportunities:

There is an opportunity for Gospel ministry in our Haywood County Nursing homes. Wesley Stephens, Mission Pastor at Barberville is organizing this work. He needs volunteers who would be willing to take a turn leading worship services. His goal is to have these slots scheduled beginning with January 2023. So many of these folks are forgotten. The Lord tells us that the real religion concerns visiting the widows (James 1:27). Contact Wesley via email at pastorwesley@barbervillebaptistchurch.org or call him at 828-226-4491.

The Hispanic Ministry is needing about 50 chairs like in the picture. The cost is \$55.00 per chair. If you would be willing to donate, please contact us!



ANSWERING

the Call



Your Offering Changes Children's Lives!

Everyday through Baptist Children's Homes (BCH), Christian men and women answer God's call to care for "the least of these" (Mat. 25:40). NC Baptist churches, like yours, answer the call in many ways including being a part of BCH's Annual Offering. Your offering gift impacts the lives of children, families and individuals served through BCH ministries across NC, SC and Guatemala. Most importantly, your gift empowers the gospel to be shared as more than 80% of those we serve come to BCH unchurched and unreached for Jesus.

NEEDS ARE MET, CHRIST'S LOVE IS SHARED AND
LIVES ARE FOREVER CHANGED WHEN WE ALL
ANSWER GOD'S CALL TOGETHER.

For more information visit: <https://www.bchoffering.org>



Sugar Plum Project



Dear *Haywood Baptist Association*

For the past 36 years, the Haywood County Schools Foundation's Sugar Plum Project has provided clothing and gifts to our district's needy students during the holiday season.

Local families have faced many challenges the past few years, and this year is no exception. Many are still reeling from the economic affects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the local floods last year.

We are asking our generous donors to open their hearts and wallets to help our students. There is no greater joy than to help children and families during the Christmas season.

The Sugar Plum Project provides Christmas for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students enrolled in Haywood County Consolidated Schools. Last year, you helped us provide 109 students with a memorable Christmas.

If you have questions, please call Jenny Wood or Julie Davis at 456-2400.

Together, we can make this Christmas a bit brighter for every child in our county. May you and your loved ones share a warm and wonderful holiday season.

Jenny Wood

Jenny Wood
Haywood County Schools Foundation
Executive Director

Dr. Trevor Putnam

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Haywood County Schools
Superintendent

Unless otherwise noted herein, no economic benefit accrued to the donor as a result of this gift and may be tax-deductible under IRS rules.

How you can help provide Christmas for the children of Haywood County Schools™

1. Make a \$150 or more tax-deductible contribution using the enclosed donation form to the Haywood County Schools Foundation by December 9.

or

2. Beginning November 16, select a child's name from a tree at United Community Bank in Waynesville, Haywood County Farm Bureau in Waynesville, HomeTrust Bank in Clyde, State Employees Credit Union in Clyde, or Champion Credit Union in Canton and Waynesville and purchase clothing and gifts for that student. Gifts must be returned to the business by December 9.



The Honor of Your Presence
is Requested to Witness

Oath of Office Ceremony

for

William "Bill" Wilke

Haywood County Sheriff

Monday, December 5, 2022 ~ 9:00am

Haywood County Historic Courthouse

Waynesville, North Carolina

Leadership | Integrity | Strength

GIVING TUESDAY

**Help Us Raise \$10,000 on Tuesday, Nov. 29
to Save Lives**

For every \$10 you donate, you get one entry into a drawing
to win a prize pack valued at \$800.

Example:

\$20= 2 entries

\$50 = 5 entries

\$100 = 10 entries

The winner will be notified on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Prize Pack Includes:

Local homemade pottery from God's Country Pottery

Gift Card to Parkers' Karat Patch Jewelers

2 tickets to Dollywood

2 tickets to the Biltmore Estate

MAPS swag bag