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Monthly Newsletter of the Carey Baptist Association



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Volunteers For The Thrift Store

Wed. 7-1	Velma/Sarah Grace
Thurs. 7-2	Alana/Laraine
Fri. 7-3	Closed
Sat. 7-4	Closed
Mon. 7-6	Laraine/Alana/Johnnie
Tues. 7-7	Laraine/Sarah G
Wed. 7-8	Laraine/Ralph
Thurs. 7-9	Laraine/Alana
Fri. 7-10	Laraine/Sarah Grace
Mon. 7-13	Laraine/Alana/Nancy
Tues. 7-14	Laraine/Wendy/Sarah G
Wed. 7-15	Teresa/Velma/Clara
Thurs. 7-16	Laraine/Alana
Fri. 7-17	Laraine/Sarah Grace
Mon. 7-20	Laraine/Alana/Cindy Raley
Tues. 7-21	Laraine/Roger & Peggy
Wed. 7-22	Laraine/Sarah Grace
Thurs. 7-23	Laraine/Alana
Fri. 7-24	Laraine/Sarah Grace
Mon. 7-27	Laraine/Alana
Tues. 7-28	Laraine/Sarah Grace
Wed. 7-29	Teresa/Sarah Grace
Thurs. 7-30	Laraine/Alana
Fri. 7-31	Laraine/Sarah Grace

Church Happenings

Ashland First

VBS- total enrollment 60

Barfield

7-1 JOY Club 10:30am

7-19- Patriotic Choir Cantata at 10am

VBS- Total enrollment- 118

Bellview

VBS- July 15th-17th 5:30-8pm each night

Illumination Station

Big Springs

Bible Study- Each Thursday night at 6pm

Concord

Revival- Sunday August 2nd @ 5pm

Monday & Tuesday August 3 & 4 @ 6:30pm

Corinth

VBS- enrolled 33- Students

30- Adults & 2 professions of Faith

County Line

Brotherhood- 3rd Sunday each month

VBS Total- Average children 116 & workers 30

Total- 161

Lineville

VBS-enrolled 48 children/55 leaders

Average 88

Lystra

Homecoming- July 12th @ 10am

Revival July 13th-15th w/Rev. Jason Watkins

VBS- July 22nd-26th 5:30-7pm

Sat. 9-12/Sun. 11am

Macedonia

VBS- July 12th- 16th 6pm-8:15pm

Mellow Valley

VBS- total enrollment 53

Millerville

VBS- Enrollment- 40 w/ 3 Profession of Faith

Mt. Olive

Revival- July 19th-22nd @ 6:30 W/John Dye Jr

Mt. Zion

VBS- Enrollment 174 w/ 7 Professions of Faith

Youth Sunday July 26 /Back to School Bash 5pm

New Fellowship

VBS- Total enrollment- 66

Oak Chapel

VBS- July 22nd-25th- Family fun day on 25th

Olive Branch

VBS- enrollment 109 w/ 11 Professions of faith

Women's Conference- Sept. 12th-see insert

Rock Springs

Brotherhood- July 18th at 9:00 am with Shawn

Griffin & Brad Cappers

Shiloh

Revival- Sunday July 12-Wednesday July 15

At 6pm nightly with David Waldrop

Everyone Welcome

Springhill

Homecoming- June 28th @ 10am

ATTENTION Ministers

"An Hour of Power"

July 19 @ 9am Carey Office

August 15 @ 9am

Food & Fellowship for all Ministers

Jail Ministry

Every Other Sunday at 2:30pm

@ the Clay County Jail

June 28

Lane Elliott

July 12

Roger Griffith

July 26

Bryan Camp

August 9

Jason Reaves

Spotlight

Mission opportunity

for July

July Mission Opportunity

School Supplies for Teachers

*Boys & Girls Underwear

Size- 4T/5T

*Snacks- individually wrapped

Gold Fish, Animal Crackers, Cookies

*Flair pens- Black, Blue, Red

*Clorox Wipes

*Expo Dry Eraser Markers only

*Copy Paper

Due at the Carey Baptist

office by July 27th

These items will be distributed to:

Ashland Elementary

Clay Central High School

Clay County Christian Academy

FACS & Lineville Elementary

The Cheaha Ministry Schedule

Worship on the Mountain

Cheaha State Park 9am Dogwood Pavillion

July 5

Liberty

July 12

Billy Todd/Donna Frames

July 19

Mt. Zion

July 26

Delta

August 2

Bowden Grove

August 9

Billy Todd/Donna Frames

August 16

Gold Ridge-Ethan Parker

August 23

Shiloh

August 30

Mt. Prospect

Sept. 6

Clairmont Springs

Sept. 13

County Line

Sept. 20

Mellow Valley

Sept. 27

Corinth

Oct. 4

Concord

Oct. 11

Delta

Oct. 18

Bowden Grove

Oct. 25

Race Weekend No Service



Area Shoebox Project Leaders' Workshop

Saturday
August 15, 2026

First Baptist Church Ashland
Christian Life Center
1:00-3:00pm

Free shoeboxes for area project
leaders in attendance!

More FREEBIES and
DOOR PRIZES

Contact Becky Robertson
256-618-1756

For more information

Executive Committee Meetings 2026

Sunday September 20, 2026

2:30pm at the

Carey Baptist Association office

From Your Associational Missionary

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

II Corinthians 9:7 — *"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."*

On Father's Day, I attended four worship services. All of them were wonderful, and the Holy Spirit spoke to me through every message. However, it was during the last service that He truly inspired the thoughts for this article. Brother Jimmy, at Hatchett Creek Baptist Church, preached from this passage of Scripture.

As he preached, I was reminded of my grandmother, Velma Farrow. She was much more than a tither; she genuinely loved giving to the Lord's work. At times, some family members did not fully understand her heart for giving, but she gave joyfully because she loved the Lord and trusted Him completely.

As the Holy Spirit continued to speak to me, I began thinking about the generous hearts of many churches and church members who faithfully support the work of the Carey Baptist Association.

Sometimes people do not fully understand the ministry of our Association and our Thrift Store. Whether you donate items or purchase them, you are helping support ministry throughout Clay County. The items donated to the Thrift Store are priced and sold, but where does the profit go? What many people do not realize is that every donation and every purchase helps us meet needs throughout our county. If you donate a chair and we sell it, the proceeds may help pay an electric bill for a family in crisis, provide materials needed to build a wheelchair ramp, purchase Bibles for our Jail Ministry, provide temporary lodging for a homeless individual, support disaster relief efforts, or meet some other urgent physical or spiritual need right here in Clay County.

The Carey Baptist Association exists to minister to the people of Clay County, and every donation, purchase, or church gift helps us continue that mission.

During my 32 years as a pastor, God allowed me to serve alongside many people who possessed the spiritual gift of GIVING. It is a beautiful gift that the Holy Spirit gives to some believers. I watched many of those faithful servants almost seem to try to out-give God. Scripture teaches us that we cannot that He just gives back to those who give cheerfully.

II Corinthians 9:8 — *"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."*

And again, in **Malachi 3:10**, God says, *"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."* God is always faithful to His Word. He blesses those who trust Him and use what He has entrusted to them for His glory.

So, the next time you are thinking about getting rid of an unwanted item, I pray you will consider donating it to the Carey Baptist Association Thrift Store. When you give to the Thrift Store, you are doing far more than donating an item—you are investing in the Lord's work and helping meet both the physical and spiritual needs of people throughout Clay County.

Thank you for your faithful support, your generous giving, and your partnership in ministry.

Richie, 256-283-7076



America at 250: Looking Back with Gratitude, Looking Forward with Faith

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate its 250th anniversary. This historic milestone provides an opportunity not only to remember our nation's past but also to reflect on God's faithfulness throughout our history and seek His guidance for the future. The official America250 celebration encourages Americans to reflect on our past, honor those who have contributed to our nation's story, and consider the future we want to build for coming generations.

As Christians, we recognize that while governments and nations rise and fall, God remains sovereign over all. Scripture reminds us, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). Throughout America's history, countless believers have prayed, served, sacrificed, and shared the Gospel, helping shape communities, strengthen families, and minister to those in need.

The 250th anniversary is not simply a celebration of political independence; it is also an opportunity for spiritual reflection. Christians can use this occasion to thank God for the freedoms we enjoy, including the freedom to worship openly, proclaim the Gospel, and serve our neighbors. At the same time, we must humbly acknowledge our nation's shortcomings and ask God to continue His work of renewal in our hearts, churches, and communities.

Across the country, many churches and Christian organizations are encouraging prayer, service, and spiritual renewal as part of the anniversary observance. Efforts have included calls for prayer, acts of mercy, and service projects designed to strengthen communities and promote unity.

As we commemorate 250 years of American history, may we remember that our ultimate hope is not found in any earthly nation but in Jesus Christ. Christians are called to be faithful citizens of both their country and the Kingdom of God. We honor our nation's heritage best when we live out biblical values of truth, justice, compassion, humility, and love.

The Apostle Paul instructed believers to pray "for kings and all those in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). As America begins its next chapter, let us commit ourselves to praying for our leaders, our churches, our communities, and future generations. May the celebration of America's 250th anniversary inspire us to thank God for His blessings, learn from our history, and move forward with renewed faith and purpose.

Prayer—Heavenly Father, thank You for Your blessings upon our nation throughout the past 250 years. Forgive us where we have failed to follow Your ways. Grant wisdom to our leaders, strength to Your churches, and revival among Your people. Help us to be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ in our communities and to pass on a legacy of faith to future generations. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ramp Ministry

1st ramp— in Lineville— Jim Gasser, leader, Mannings Chapel: David Rush, County Line; Terry Raughton, Lystra; Richie Farrow, DOM

2nd Ramp— Women & Children's Resource Center- David Rush, Leader, County Line; Jim Gasser, Mannings Chapel; Terry Raughton, Lystra; Richie Farrow, DOM

3rd Ramp— in Ashland; Greg Denney, Leader, & Jeremy Weaver, Mt. Zion; Morris Burns.

4th Ramp— Ashland; Jim Studdard, Leader; Randy Harrelson, Macedonia; Bob Allen, Ashland First; David Rush, County Line; Jim Gasser, Mannings Chapel; Richie Farrow, DOM.

5th Ramp— Church; Richie Farrow, DOM, Leader; Danny Medgette; Chris Haynes; Kris Herron, Brandon Johnson, Caleb White, Logan Waldrop, Bryan Amason, Ryan Seals; all from Olive Branch

Connect

Alabama WMU Enrichment & Leader Training

July 31-August 1, 2026

Shocco Springs, Talladega

Open to all Adults

More info: AlabamaWMU.org/connect

Church Financial Issues Check-up

July 9th 9am-noon

Calhoun Baptist Association

1130 Woodstock Ave. Anniston

alsbom.org/events under date of event

Monthly Mission opportunities for the coming year

Oct.— Backpacks & Pastor/staff Appreciation

Nov.— Carey Baptist Food closet & Shoeboxes

December—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Jan.— Baby Shower Women & Children's Center

February—State Hunger Fund 50/50

March—Mental Health Liaison—Sarah

April— Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

May—Baptist Children's Home

June— ARK of Clay County

July—School Supplies for Teachers

August— none

September—Myers-Mallory state offering
Information about each mission will be in the newsletter or call me at the office.

Church Seeking A Pastor

* Ashland First Baptist

We currently have 1 church searching for a pastor. Please be in prayer for our Sister Church.

Due Date for information in our newsletter: 15th of each month !

We would love to add information about your church in our newsletter. You can call, mail or email.