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Monthly Newsletter of the Carey Baptist Association



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Volunteers For The Thrift Store

Sat. 8-1 Shelby/Cheryl/Donna
 Mon. 8-3 Alana/Laraine/Johnnie
 Tues. 8-4 Laraine/Sarah Grace
 Wed. 8-5 Velma/Sarah Grace
 Thurs. 8-6 Laraine/Alana
 Fri. 8-7 Laraine/Sarah Grace
 Mon. 8-10 Laraine/Alana/Nancy F
 Tues. 8-11 Laraine/Wendy/Diane
 Wed. 8-12 Teresa/Ralph
 Thurs. 8-13 Laraine/Alana/Diane
 Fri. 8-14 Laraine
 Mon. 8-17 Laraine/Alana/Cindy
 Tues. 8-18 Laraine/Peggy & Roger
 Wed. 8-19 Teresa/Velma/Clara
 Thurs. 8-20 Laraine/Alana /Diane
 Fri. 8-21 Laraine
 Mon. 8-24 Laraine/Alana
 Tues. 8-25 Diane/Laraine
 Wed. 8-26 Evon
 Thurs. 8-27 Laraine/Diane/Alana
 Fri. 8-28 Laraine
 Mon. 8-31 Laraine/Alana

\$5 Bag Sale

September

16th-18th

Church Happenings

Barfield

8-5 JOY Club 10:30am

Bellview

Minister Ordination Service- Sunday August 9
 for Daniel Todd

Council Meeting @ 1:30pm/Service @ 2:00pm

VBS- Total enrollment- 52

Big Springs

Bible Study- Each Thursday night at 6pm

County Line

Brotherhood- 3rd Sunday each month @7am

Lineville

August 3rd- Sunny Bites- @ 1pm

Food boxes intended for households with children

Mom's Day Out- Starts Aug. 11th- see insert

Macedonia

VBS- Total enrollment- 75
 with 7 professions of Faith

Mellow Valley

Homecoming- Sunday August 2nd with
 Scott Brand guest musician

Millerville

Women's Ministry Conference

Saturday August 22 at 10am See Insert

Mt. Zion

Aug. 9th- Calling Out The Called Sunday

Aug. 16th- Senior Adult Day/Lunch at noon

Olive Branch

Brotherhood- Sun. August 9th @ 7am

Women's Conference- Sept. 12th @ 9am

Joy in the Journey

Speakers: Beth Well, Katie Hamilton & Terri
 Anaya/ Worship Music- Shelby & Olivia Holmes

Rock Springs

Brotherhood- August 15th at 9:00 am

Revival - August 5th, 6th & 7th @ 7pm

Aug. 5th- Rev. Morgan Sims

Aug. 6th- Rev. Daniel Montgomery

Aug. 7th- Johnny Prichard

Union/Motley

5th Sunday Singing- August 30 @5pm

Crystal River guest singers

Food will be provided afterwards

ATTENTION Ministers

"An Hour of Power"

August 15 @ 9am Carey Office

September 19 @ 9am

Food & Fellowship for all Ministers

Jail Ministry

Every Other Sunday at 2:00pm

@ the Clay County Jail

August 9

Jon Adams

August 23

Jason Reaves

August 30

Lee Heath

September 13

Jeff Odom

Spotlight Mission Opportunity for September

Martha Myers/Kathleen Mallory
State Mission Offering

Two spiritual giants

Two periods of time

Two lives well lived for one mission...

The Great Commission

Week of Prayer

September 13th-20th

Your Gifts Help support these
 Great Commission Ministries:

Alabama WMU

Disaster Relief

Church Planting

Church Revitalization

Global Partnership Missions

For promotional video/resources

visit: Myers-Mallory.org

Dr. Martha Myers was martyred along with two other missionaries in the country of Yemen in 2002. But more important than the death she died is the life she lived.

Dr. Martha, as she was known, lived a life of service and faithful obedience to the Lord. She spent countless hours walking tirelessly village to village where her Land Rover couldn't go—all in pursuit of taking the Gospel to the people of Yemen. Her dedication to the cause of Christ is an inspiration to all and an example of what it means to give of yourself so that others may hear.



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

DOORPRIZES

Contact Becky Robertson
 256-618-1756

For more information

Executive Committee

Meeting 2026

Sunday September 20, 2026

2:30pmat the

Carey Baptist Association office

From Your Associational Missionary

Matthew 19:14 — *"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."*

I have just finished visiting our Vacation Bible Schools for this year, and all I can say is, WOW! What a tremendous year the Lord has given us.

This summer, 30 children made decisions to follow Jesus Christ through our Vacation Bible Schools. Seventeen of our thirty churches hosted a VBS, with more than 1,000 children and workers participating throughout the summer. If you served in your church's VBS this year, reach back over your shoulder and pat yourself on the back. Since I can't be there to do it for you, just imagine I'm standing beside you giving you that well-deserved pat on the back. Thank you for investing your time, energy, and love into the lives of these children.

But even more important than our appreciation are the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:14. Every lesson taught, every Bible verse memorized, every song sung, every craft completed, every game played, and every conversation about Christ became an opportunity to point a child to Jesus. Some seeds were planted. Others were watered. Still others were harvested as children placed their faith in Christ. Our responsibility is simply to be faithful. God is the One who gives the increase.

Luke 13:8 reminds us of the importance of cultivating hearts: *"And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it."* Just as a gardener prepares the soil before expecting fruit, Vacation Bible School helps prepare the hearts of children to receive the Gospel. Only the Lord knows the eternal work accomplished through this year's VBS ministries. Long after the decorations are taken down and the classrooms are cleaned, the Holy Spirit continues to work in the hearts of those children. We often celebrate evangelism and baptisms, and rightly so. Beginning this year, I hope to gather information about each person baptized in our churches. I suspect that nearly half of our baptisms are connected in some way to Vacation Bible School. I will be counting on many of you to help gather this information.

This is one reason it is so important to complete the Annual Church Profile (ACP) reports that Donna is mailing out this week. Sometimes people question why we place so much emphasis on "numbers." I understand that concern, but numbers tell the story of what God is doing. Someone counted the people Jesus fed when He fed the five thousand and again when He fed the four thousand. Someone counted the approximately three thousand who were baptized on the Day of Pentecost. God even gave one of the sixty-six books of the Bible the title Numbers. The numbers are never about glorifying ourselves—they are about glorifying God. Every number represents a person with an eternal soul, and every statistic is another reason to praise Him. After all, Jesus said in John 15:5, *"Without me ye can do nothing."*

Richie, 256-283-7076

The Cheaha Ministry Schedule Worship on the Mountain Cheaha State Park 9am Dogwood Pavillion

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

**** Attention Clerks ****

ACP Report
Annual Church Profile
Due by Sept. 30th

Youth Fall Retreat

FOR OUR GOD IS A
CONSUMING FIRE

October 10th-12th

Shocco Springs, Talladega

Ages- 12-19 \$140/Deadline 9-10

All youth from our Carey Baptist
Association Churches are invited!

Sponsor: Carey Baptist Association and
Associational Youth Ministry Director
Joseph Stanford 256-252-2999

See Insert

2026 Annual Meeting

Monday October 19
Starting at 4:30pm

Corinth Baptist Church
2785 Corinth Road
Cragford, AL 36255

Mark your calendar!

Ramp Ministry

1st ramp—6-24-26 in Ashland; David Rush, Leader, County Line; Jim Gasser, Mannings Chapel; Jim Studdard, Macedonia; Richie Farrow, DOM.

2nd Ramp— 6-29-26 in Lineville, Jim Gasser Leader, Mannings Chapel; Junior Wade, Mt. Zion; Phil Padgett, Mark & Luke Strain, Corinth; Tim Worthy, Barfield; Randy Harrelson, Macedonia; Ben Milam, Shiloh; Norman McNatt, Ashland First; Richie Farrow, DOM.

3rd Ramp— 7-2-26 in Millerville- Jim Studdard, Leader; Randy Harrelson, John McLean from Macedonia; Jim Gasser, Mannings Chapel; Bob Allen, Ashland First; Payton Hallman, Lystra; Bryan Amason, Olive Branch, Richie Farrow, DOM.

4th Ramp— 7-16-26 in Mellow Valley- David Rush, Leader, County Line; TC Brown, County Line; Phil Padgett, Mark & Luke Strain, Corinth; Bob Allen, Ashland First; Jim Gasser, Mannings Chapel; Terry Raughton, Lystra; Junior Wade, Mt. Zion

5th Ramp— 7-20-26 in Barfield- Leader, Jim Gasser, Mannings Chapel; David Rush, County Line; Terry Raughton, Lystra; Bob Allen, Ashland First; Bryan Amason, Olive Branch; Tim Worthy, Barfield; Richie Farrow, DOM.

Monthly Mission opportunities **for the coming year**

Oct.— Backpacks & Pastor/staff Appreciation

Nov.— Carey Baptist Food closet & Christmas 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

*** 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 us 256-354-4441.
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