

Cherokee Baptist Association Newsletter

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From The Director's Heart

August 1, 2025

A Busy, Fruitful Summer

This is the busiest summer I have had in at least the last 15 years. I am certainly not complaining. Instead, I am so thankful that God in His grace has chosen to continue to use me. I am equally thankful for the opportunity to serve our churches as they continue to seek ways to be on mission together with God.

Here are a few of the things that have been going on in recent weeks in your association:

At our April 21st Executive Committee Meeting, our churches voted unanimously and with great joy to call Isai Guevara to be the church planter and pastor of our new Hispanic mission church. This church plant has been an ongoing work for the past two years. The new mission church will be housed at the site of the former Leesburg Baptist Church which closed in January of 2023. When the church closed, they gave the building and property to the Association. This is a great site that provides an excellent location and opportunity to start this much needed work in our Association. This new work will require the prayers, resources, and support of all our churches as we partner together to reach the ever-growing Hispanic population in our area with the Gospel. Please pray daily for Bro. Isai and his family as he plants and pastors the *Jesucristo Salva Bautista Iglesia*. In our English language it is the *Jesus Christ Saves Baptist Church*.

For the past two months, I have regularly crisscrossed our Association visiting Vacation Bible Schools. It has been so much fun and a tremendous blessing to visit 26 of the 27 churches that conducted VBS. I am eager to see the final report of what has happened in VBS this summer.

Also, I have been working on a Christmas Backpack Partnership Distribution Event. This year we will be partnering with the Wyatt Baptist Church in Holly Springs, Mississippi. More details will be available later. Collection for the Backpacks is October 13-16.

It is an exciting and busy time for our churches as “*We Work Best When We Work Together and We Do Best What We Do Together.*”

Bro. Wendell

Romans 15:13

Pray for Our Churches Seeking Pastors

Enon Grove, Friendship, Liberty

Birthday Blessings to Our Pastors!

Aug 17 – Ric Manning, Fair Haven
Aug 23 – Brock Black, Servants Heart
Sept 4 – Chip Smith, East Centre
Sept 7 – Chris Nixon, Gaylesville First
Sept 10 – Tony McCain, New Prospect #2
Sept 22 – David Jenkins, Sand Valley
Sept 24 – Brent Kiser, Alexis

Week of Prayer for State Missions

& Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

September 7-14, 2025

Your gifts help support: Ala WMU, Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Partnership Missions, & Church Revitalization. Order free resources at Myers-Mallory.org or call 800-264-1225.



Clerks & ACP Contacts

Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) are due back in the office Weds, Sept 3. Include your elected messengers to attend the 192nd Annual Meeting, October 20, 2025, at Friendship, 6:00 PM.

Thank you, Clerks!

Week of Prayer & Offerings for our

Helping Hands Ministry

September 21-28, 2025

Assoc Youth Block Party

September 24, 2025

Pine Grove BC, 6:00 PM

Music by Skyward

Special Speaker -Daylin Kellit

Christmas Backpacks Collection October 13-16, 2025

The Assoc will partner with Ala WMU & Wyatt BC, Mississippi. Please call the Assoc & give us the number/age/gender of backpacks your church is committing to fill. Order your Bands & Christmas Story from: Alabama WMU.org/christmasbackpacks.



Church News

Alexis Homecoming, Aug 10, 10:00 AM, Message by Rev Wendell Dutton, Singing by New Ground.

Dailey Street 100th Anniversary, Sept 21, 10:30 AM. Rev Terry Smith will bring the message. Special music by local talent.

Enon Grove Pastor George Moses retired as pastor on July 27, serving 47 years of ministry in 8 churches.

Faith Piedmont Benefit Singing for the Helping Hands Ministry, Aug 9, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Gaylesville First Homecoming, Sep 21, 11:00 AM, Highway 180 will be singing.

Farill has called Mike Epps as their pastor.

Nazareth Homecoming, Aug 3, 10:30 AM. Singing by *Promised Land*. Message by Pastor Chad Foshee.

New Prospect #2 Revival, Aug 18-20, 6:00 PM, Evangelist-Dr Rodger Whorton.

Shiloh 125th Anniversary, Sept 14, 10:30 AM.

Slackland will serve as a mobile food pantry for the Central Ala Food Bank on the first Friday of every month, 10:30 AM, 75 County Rd 20, Leesburg.

Tates Chapel has called Justin Morris as their Pastor. **Tates Chapel** is looking for a part time secretary. Send resumes to tateschapelloffice@gmail.com.



- 2-3 Prayer Walks at our County Schools
- 10 “Calling Out the Called” Sunday
- 17 “Read The Alabama Baptist” Sunday
- 24 **Nominating Committee Meeting, CBA, 2:00 PM**



New Church Year
September 1

- 1 Labor Day Office Closed
- 3 ACPs (Annual Church Profiles) due back in Office
- 7-14 Week of Prayer for State Missions & Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering
- 10 Budget Planning Meeting, CBA, 4:00 PM
- 20 Assoc WMU Annual Meeting, Slackland
- 20 Children’s Mission Day
- 21-28 Week of Prayer for Helping Hands Ministry
- 24 See You at the Pole
- 24 Assoc Youth Block Party, Pine Grove, 6:00 PM

WMU Annual Meeting

Scriptures
to live by...



RSVP by
Sept 9,

September 20, 2025 9:00 AM-Noon Slackland BC
Guest Speaker -Trish Jackson, Ala WMU

The Cherokee Baptist Association is a fellowship of local churches working in partnership to expand the Kingdom of God through His message and mission.