

Cherokee Baptist Association Newsletter

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From The Director's Heart

October 2025

Fall has arrived. For many it is their favorite season and time of the year. It is that time when farmers are working long, hard days to gather their crops. Football season is in full swing. Many people decorate their homes and yards with Fall items and colors. Churches put on Fall Festivals to minister to their communities and share the Gospel. Fall is a beautiful season! It is also a reminder of the beauty, splendor, and majesty of our wonderful Creator God. In this beautiful time of year, I see it as a gift reminding me of His awesome creation and His love and care for me.

This is also the busiest time of the year in the life of Associational Missions. In the month of September, we opened our Hispanic church plant, JesuCristo Salva Iglesia. It has been a blessing to see this work finally begin and to be able to worship with these sweet folks. While we have started this much-needed work, there is still much more to do in the coming days.

Just recently, our WMU, under the leadership of Mrs. Martha Gibbs, held the WMU Annual Meeting. It was well attended and a wonderful time of encouragement, fellowship, and inspiration.

On September 24, we had our Associational Youth Block Party. Wow! What a great event as we were able to serve and minister to more than 325 young people and most importantly, see 34 professions of salvation. I am so thankful for Bro. Terry Kisor, Associational Youth Director, for his leadership. Also, this great event would not be possible without the support of our churches and the efforts of so many who work with the youth in our churches.

In just a few days, we will be coming together at Friendship Baptist church for our 192nd Annual meeting. Our theme for this year's meeting is "Celebrating God's Goodness." Certainly, we have much to celebrate as we come together and are reminded of what God is doing in the partnership of this association. Bro. Mike Jackson, Associate Executive Director, Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, will be bringing us an encouraging message. It is going to be a wonderful night as we come together for a time of "Celebrating God's Goodness." I look forward to seeing our messengers, pastors, associational leaders, and many others from our churches as we gather for this time of celebration.

Bro. Wendell
Psalm 106:1

Thank you to each that worked and helped in any way getting our Hispanic Mission Church ready to open!

JesuCristo Salva Iglesia

held its Opening Worship Service on September 6, with 29 in attendance.

Birthday Blessings to Our Pastors!

Oct 4 – Danny Farley, Shiloh
Oct 18 – Josh Bryant, Providence

Pray for Our Churches Seeking Pastors

Enon Grove, Liberty,
Pleasant Arbor, & Sandy Creek

Collecting Christmas Backpacks

October 13-16, 2025 * 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

The Assoc will deliver our Christmas Backpacks to Holly Springs, Mississippi in December. Order your Bands & Christmas Story: 1-800-264-1225 or AlabamaWMU.org/christmasbackpacks.

The Cherokee Baptist Association

192nd Annual Meeting

will meet at

Friendship Baptist Church

50 County Road 93, Centre, AL 35960



October 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Message by Rev. Mike Jackson,
Assoc Executive Dir, SBOM



Church News

Cedar Bluff First Fall Festival, October 31, 5:00-7:00 PM, in the gym.

Centre First October 12, Mental Health & Faith Panel Discussion, 5:00-6:00 PM.

October 15, WMU sponsoring "Little Children of the World," 1:00 PM, collecting items for children & youth in Dumaguete City, Philippines.

October 19, Fall Festival, 3:00-5:00 PM.

Faith at Piedmont Homecoming, October 5, 10:30 AM. The guest speaker is Rev. Gary Brown and Sanctified Heirs Quartet will be singing.

Friendship has called Daylin Kellett as their pastor.

Pilgrim Rest On September 7, the church had a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of their new Sunday School rooms.

Pleasant Arbor Pastor Thomas Ward has resigned.

Sand Rock will be a Drop-Off location for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes, November 17-24, 2025. Times TBA.

Sand Valley will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary on October 26, 2025.

Sandy Creek Pastor Brent Poole has resigned.

Shady Grove Harvest Party, October 25, 5:00 PM, food and activities.

Cherokee Baptist Association

Pastor & Family Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, October 12, 2025

12:00 – 1:30 PM

at CBA Office

RSVP by
Oct 2.

October Calendar

Cooperative Program Month

Minister Appreciation Month

5 Cooperative Program Sunday

12 Pastor & Family Appreciation Lunch, CBA

13-16 Christmas Backpacks Ministry Collection

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

19-25 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

20 192nd ANNUAL MEETING of CBA,

Friendship, 6:00 PM

25 Gideon Sunday

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