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### Three Forks Baptist

### Association Churches

Beech Valley  
Bethel  
Brushy Fork  
Clark's Creek  
Cool Springs  
Cove Creek  
Emmanuel  
First Baptist Boone  
First Baptist  
Blowing Rock  
Greenway  
Howard's Creek  
Laurel Fork  
Laurel Springs  
Meat Camp  
Middle Fork  
Mt. Calvary  
Mt. Vernon  
Oak Grove  
Perkinsville  
Pleasant Grove  
Poplar Grove  
Proffitt's Grove  
Rutherwood  
South Fork  
Stony Fork  
Tabernacle  
The Heart  
Three Forks  
Union  
Willow Valley  
Wilowdale  
Zion Hill



### High Country Impact is Back

High Country Impact is a day when all of the churches of Three Forks Baptist Association are encouraged to participate in one or more service or outreach projects designed to make a difference and reach people in the High Country. We encourage our churches to use this day to reach people your church does not usually reach, and to serve people you don't usually serve.

This will be our fourth High Country Impact, after last year's event was cancelled due to COVID-19. In the past, churches have done a wide variety of events. There have been Family Fun Days, dinners and treats for police, first responders, and healthcare workers, wood cutting and delivering, ramps, yardwork, flowers delivered to nursing home residents, free water handed out, and much more.

Planning is already underway for this year's event, which will take place on September 11. A Coordinator's meeting was held on Sunday, June 27, which allowed High Country Impact Coordinators from some of our churches to meet together and share ideas for this year's projects. Several churches have already chosen their projects for the year. Be watching our weekly email updates and our website for a list of participating churches and their projects.

### First Baptist Church of Boone

#### 150th Anniversary

150 Years: A Heritage and Vision of Sharing God's Love

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5

Birthday Party, Wednesday, September 1, 2021:  
Worship and Celebration, Sunday, September 12, 2021



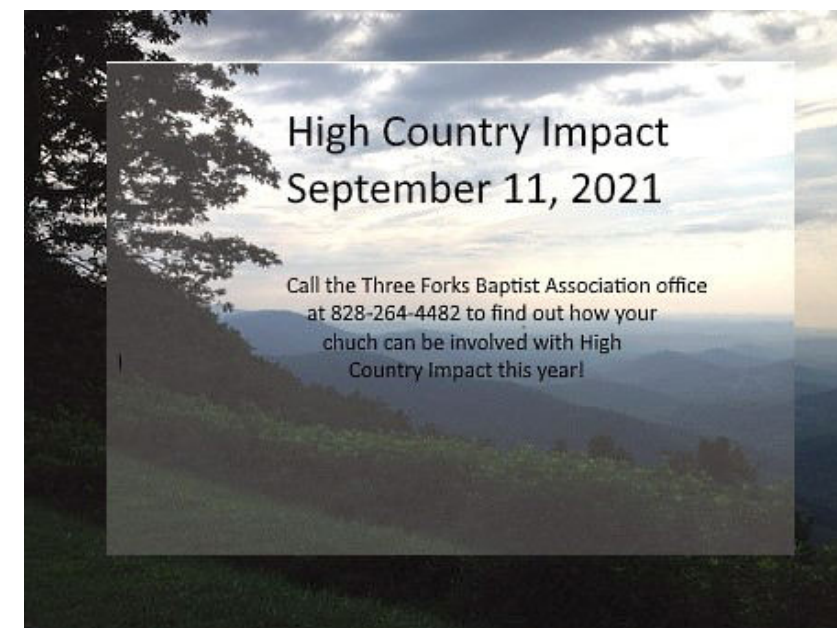
### College Ministry Grants

For the past two years, Three Forks Baptist Association has made grants available to our churches who wish to be engaged in missions work on college campuses in the High Country, to include Appalachian State, Lees McRae, and Caldwell Community College.

Applications for grants from the fund may be made from July 1 until August 1 of this year, to the association's Finance Team. Churches may submit an application for only one project in any given year, with the application ranging between \$500 and \$2,000. Notification of awards will be made by August 15 of this year.

Guidelines for the grants, as well as a grant application, can be found on our website at [3forksassoc.org/college-mission-fund](http://3forksassoc.org/college-mission-fund). If you have questions regarding the types of projects allowed under these guidelines, or questions about the application process, please contact the Association office at [office@3forksassoc.org](mailto:office@3forksassoc.org) or call 828-264-4482.

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Much good has come from previous High Country Impact events, including opportunities to lead people to Christ, and we pray that this will continue this year. If your church needs ideas or help getting started with a High Country Impact project, please contact the Association office. We will be happy to assist you and your church!





On the Calendar

September 9—Executive Council Meeting—7:00 pm  
September 11—High Country Impact

Looking Ahead

October 26—Fall Semi-Annual Meeting  
November 18—Executive Council Meeting—7:00 pm

Church Anniversaries

July  
1851—Bethel—170 years  
1851—Meat Camp—170 years  
1855—Laurel Fork—166 years  
1872—Poplar Grove—149 years  
1879—Mt. Calvary—142 years  
1887—Cool Springs—134 years  
1903—First Baptist Blowing Rock—118 years  
2003—The Heart—18 years

August  
1882—Howard’s Creek—139 years  
1885—Union—136 years  
1941—Beech Valley—80 years

September  
1799—Cove Creek—222 years  
1871—First Baptist Boone—150 years

Vacation Bible

School

For a full list of VBS events in July, just scan the QR code.



de la Cruz Farms

A family event is being held at De La Cruz Farms this summer. We are super excited to offer an event that offers both a parenting seminar and a children's program.

Families are welcome to attend one or all sessions.



FaithFest

FaithFest is an annual Christian music festival and Gospel event presented by Craig Church Ministries in Wilkesboro, NC. For anyone unfamiliar with FaithFest, it’s a one-day Christian music festival featuring popular Christian artists that unites people from across the nation to praise Jesus and proclaim the Word of God. It happens annually on the last Saturday of August, and is currently held on the campus of Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro, NC. At the event, they strive to make sure the Gospel is presented as clearly as possible, and Craig Church Ministries have a dedicated team standing by for prayer and counsel.

Tickets go on sale June 21 (\$30/person for individuals and \$25/person for groups of 12 or more) and can be purchased at [www.faithfestnc.com](http://www.faithfestnc.com). Because of faithful supporters, children 12 and under and registered special friends receive free admission! Join us, and bring someone who doesn’t know Jesus! We look forward to seeing you there.

North Carolina Missions Offering

September 2021



Willowdale Baptist Church



[willowdalebaptistchurch.org](http://willowdalebaptistchurch.org)

School may be out for the summer but the VacationBible School train is gearing up at Willowdale Baptist Church. Join us July 11-16 to see how Jesus’s Power pulls us through! Sign up today at [https://](https://willowdalebaptistchurch.org)

Happy Birthday | Happy Anniversary!

July Birthdays

2—Rusty Guenther—First Blowing Rock—Pastor  
23—Amy Brown—Brushy Fork—Pastor’s Wife  
26—Sandy Cooper—South Fork—Pastor’s Wife  
28—Burl Greene—Howard’s Creek—Pastor

July Anniversaries

2—Dan and Barbara Featherstone—Laurel Fork  
5—Ron and Dawn Hayes—Oak Grove  
15—Burl and Linda Greer—Cool Springs  
17—John Mark and Amy Brown—Brushy Fork  
20—David and Sandy Cooper—South Fork  
22—Bud and Betty Russell—Mt. Vernon  
31—George and Debbie Wright—Mt. Calvary

August Birthdays

1—Wesley Smith—TFBA—Director of Missions  
13—Sarah Woodring—Stony Fork—Pastor’s Wife  
15—Laura Perry—Pleasant Grove—Pastor’s Wife  
16—Robin Dobyns—First Blowing Rock—Pastor’s Wife  
17—Sandra Townsend—Meat Camp—Pastor’s Wife  
26—Mitzi London—Howard’s Creek—Assoc. Pastor’s Wife  
29—John McMillan—Laurel Springs—Children’s Ministry Husband  
30—Pam Hobbs—Greenway—Pastor’s Wife

August Anniversaries

1—Allan and Laura Perry—Pleasant Grove  
5—Ray and Jeanette Greene—Willow Valley  
6—Roy and Robin Dobyns—First Baptist Boone  
11—David and Shirley Icenhour—Zion Hill  
14—Terri and Richard Miller—The Heart—Music Minister

September Birthdays

1—Charlie Martin—Bethel—Pastor  
3—Roy Dobyns—First Baptist Boone—Pastor  
4—Rosalind Lunceford—Clark’s Creek—Pastor’s Wife  
6—Alicia Houston—Mt. Vernon—Pastor’s Wife  
7—Vernon Eller—Union—Pastor  
7—Darrell Hobbs—Greenway—Pastor  
10—Barbara Featherstone—Laurel Fork—Pastor’s Wife  
12—John Mark Brown—Brushy Fork—Pastor  
26—Debbie Wright—Mt. Calvary—Pastor’s Wife  
28—Kimberly Guenther—First Blowing Rock—Pastor’s Wife

September Anniversaries

15—Burl and Jennifer Greene—Howard’s Creek  
28—Joe and Mitzi London—Howard’s Creek—Assoc. Pastor and Wife  
30—Kevin and Tracie Combs—Cove Creek

Words From Wesley

This summer is such an exciting time! I’m so thankful that many of you were able to host Vacation Bible Schools this summer. I have also loved seeing the plans for fellowships, picnics, and cookouts. Kids are able to go to summer camp! It’s just great to see these things happening this year after a year of not being able to anything or being limited in what we could safely do.

It will take some time to get reacquainted with one another after last year. Don’t expect things to just “return to normal.” I remember when I was able to be back with my family after 18 months of being back and forth, from Shelby, there was a season of re-acquaintance. Though I had been with them a couple of days a week, I wasn’t there everyday. It was an adjustment to being there everyday. People change. The past season has changed us all. Don’t expect people to be exactly the same as they were pre-covid.

I say all that to say this. Be patient with one another. Show grace during this season of “coming back.” Pastors and church leaders have really sought the Lord during the past year and in the past months have sought the Lord about what ministries to bring back, when to bring it back and what not to bring back. Trust them. Trust the Lord. Resist the urge to be overly critical when a program or ministry that you loved or enjoyed doesn’t return immediately, or even at all.

Everything is different. Things have changed. What is not different is God’s sovereignty. What has not changed is God. He is still over and above all things. He is still on the throne and in control. He is still the head of the Church.

*Colossians 1:15-20*

Grace and Peace to you all.

Wesley

Resource of the Quarter

This quarter’s Resource of the Quarter is “The Post-Quarantine Church: Six Urgent Challenges and Opportunities That Will Determine the Future of Your Congregation,” by Dr. Thom Rainer. We will be offering two sessions for this quarter: August 12, and September 14 at 6:00pm. Join us in person at our office or online. To register, scan the QR code or call the office.

