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Association Mission Strategist Corner

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The Importance of the North Carolina Baptist Missions Offering

During September North Carolina Baptists are challenged to give to the North Carolina Baptist Missions Offering. It is a special offering that funds keys ministries for North Carolina Baptists. It is a vital tool for advancing the Gospel and meeting both

physical and spiritual needs across our state and beyond. A significant aspect of this offering is that **all of the money given goes directly to ministry—none is used for administrative costs.** That level of stewardship is rare among charitable organizations, many of which routinely spend a large amount of donations on salaries, marketing, and overhead.

When you give to the NC Baptist Missions Offering, your entire gift supports real ministry. It funds critical efforts such as disaster relief, church planting, mission camps, local associational projects, and outreach ministries. These initiatives serve people in crisis, provide opportunities for evangelism, and shares the love of Christ. Whether it's rebuilding homes after a storm, feeding the hungry, or supporting new church plants, your gift becomes tangible help and eternal hope.

By giving to the NC Baptist Missions Offering, you are investing in the Kingdom of God, knowing that your gift will go exactly where it's needed most. This is what faithful stewardship looks like. This is missions that matter. Just ask the people of western North Carolina if this offering matters. Our state is filled with testimonies of changed lives that are the direct result of this offering.

I know that in a time when budgets are tight and there are so many needs before us, it might be tempting to ignore this particular offering. I trust you will not do that. I hope you will set a goal and put this need before your people. I believe our people are ready and willing to give if we show them the need and provide the opportunity. You can find great resources at ncbaptist.org to help promote this offering in your church.

The state goal for this year's offering is 2.6 million dollars. Last year the churches of our association gave \$21,867.80 toward this goal. That's a great number but I want to challenge our churches to exceed that amount this year. The need has never been greater. The people of western North Carolina continue to need our help. In addition, the work of our ongoing ministries must continue. For these ministries to function they must be funded. I trust your church will be part of that. If your church does not usually participate in this offering, I hope this will be the year you begin. It will connect your church to missions that are happening right in our own state. Let's make this year the greatest year of mission giving in our association. Let's begin with the NC Missions Offering!

Johnny



EBA Churches

Cool Springs
East Elkin
Elkin Valley
Friendship
Macedonia
Mineral Springs
Mount Pleasant
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Pleasant Home
Pleasant Ridge
Pleasant View
Poplar Springs
Rock Creek
Ronda First
Union Hill
West Elkin

Pastor/Church Anniversary

September:

Dylan Cook completes 5 years as
pastor of Mount Pleasant



For the month of **September** pray for these
churches as well as the pastors & their
families:

Poplar Springs—Chad & Carol Ann Whitley
Rock Creek—James & Abby King

Mission Team Needed

If you are interested in going on a mission
trip to Graffiti Church in Baltimore October
22-25, call the Elkin Association office at
336-835-8433 or email them at:
elkinbaptist@gmail.com.

We need people to help with Graffiti
Church fall festival and construction work.

The cost is *approximately* \$50 per person.

I. V. Couch Scholarship Recipient

We are pleased to announce that
Presley Jane-Marie Baker is our 2025 I. V.
Couch Scholarship recipient!

Presley attends Ronda First Baptist Church.
She plans on attending Appalachian State
University this fall, majoring in nursing.

Congratulations Presley!!

May God bless you as you further
your education.

Fall Semi-Annual Session of the Elkin Baptist Association November 6, 2025 Union Hill Baptist Church

Our sessions are not only for
messengers and pastors, but also
for our lay people to attend!

Rev. James Safrit, pastor at
Pleasant Grove Church, will be
bringing the evening message.

Meal—6:00
Session—7:00

INCOME	July	Year-To-Date
Church Receipts	3,778.42	25,220.97
Love Offerings	0.00	0.00
Designated Donation/Gift for New EBA Sign	0.00	550.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	33.50	34.56
TOTAL INCOME	3,811.92	25,805.53
EXPENSE	July	Year-To-Date
Associational Communications	0.00	150.00
New Elkin Association Sign	0.00	621.69
Ministry Action Teams	0.00	0.00
Associational Office Expenses	1,766.76	11,099.24
Associational Mission Strategist Compensation	1,787.50	10,400.00
Other Staff Compensation	785.51	3,615.65
TOTAL EXPENSE	4,339.77	25,886.58
NET INCOME	July	Year-To-Date
Total Income	3,811.92	25,805.53
Less Total Expense	4,339.77	25,886.58
Gain or (Loss)	-527.85	-81.05
Checking	10,188.57	
Money Market/Designated	30,814.72	
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	41,003.29	

Executive Meeting

The Elkin Association will be
having an executive team meeting
on October 2 at 6:30 pm. This
meeting will be held in the
basement of the association
office.

If you were elected to serve as
your church representative,
please plan on attending this
meeting.