

A Look at What's Happening at

Mt. Airy

BAPTIST CHURCH

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FALL FESTIVAL BLOCK PARTIES

As part of Expand Powdersville, we will bring our annual Fall event to our community this year. We need 10 host homes in neighborhoods within a five-mile radius of Mt. Airy that are likely to have a large turnout on October 31st. Mt. Airy will provide the necessities for host homes to ensure a safe, fun block party for all families. Volunteers will sign up to serve, and we will engage with our community on October 31. Please stop by the Next Steps Table or see Rob Merritt to become a host home.

DISCOVER MT. AIRY

A Class for New or Prospective Members

Sunday, October 18 | 4:00pm

** LAST CLASS OF THE YEAR **

The final Discover Mt. Airy of 2026 will be held at 4:00pm on October 18. To learn more about Mt. Airy, our ministries, staff, mission partnership, and how to connect, please attend. If you feel Mt. Airy is your church home and would like to join, you must attend Discover Mt. Airy. You will have the option to join the church at the end of the class. There is no cost. A meal will be served. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up at the Next Steps Table or online at www.mtairybaptist.com/discovermtairy.

Upcoming Events

DEACONS' MEETING - The Deacons will meet on Sunday, October 4, at 5:00pm in Building A.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - A five week Bible study will begin October 5 & 6 in Building A. There are two options: Mondays at 6:30pm or Tuesdays at 10:00am. We will use Lifeway's study "The Way of Wisdom." Eunice Bardin will be leading the class. Companion books are available through Amazon or Lifeway.

YOUNG AT HEART CHOIR - The YAH Choir will rehearse on October 4 & October 25, at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please note the change in day.

LADIES' OUTING - All ladies are invited to a bowling night on Thursday, October 8, at 7:00pm at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Cost is \$3 pp. Bring a friend for a fun evening of fellowship. Youth girls are also invited!

LADIES' WMU GROUP MEETINGS

- The Dot Tripp Group will meet on Tuesday, October 13, at 6:00pm in Building A (note new time change). Our mission project is to collect stuffed animals, balls, and cars for Operation Christmas Child.
- The Margaret Mitchell Group will meet on Wednesday, October 21, at 2:00pm in Building A. Bring nonperishable food items for a local food pantry.

YOUNG AT HEART - YAH (ages 55+) will meet on Thursday, October 15, at 11:00am in Building A. Hot dogs will be served. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

MEN'S MINISTRY - All men are invited to a breakfast on Saturday, October 24, at 7:30am in Bldg A.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

We will begin serving Wednesday evening meals at Mt. Airy on October 7, from 5:15pm until 6:15pm in Building A. The cost will be \$5 per person, with a \$20 maximum per family. The October 7 menu is spaghetti, salad, bread knots, cookies, sweet tea, and water. You can sign up online or at the Next Steps Table. We will not accept payment at the Wednesday evening meals. We will use an honor code system that allows easy online payment (debit or credit card) when you sign up, or a designated envelope available at the various entrances. If you pay with an envelope, simply drop your payment in one of the collection boxes. We will order the food at noon on Monday of each week. Therefore, if you cancel your reservation before this time, a full refund can be issued. Otherwise, we kindly ask that you pay for the reserved meal, since the church will have already incurred the cost when we place the order.

Deacons/Trustees Nominations

Deacons & Trustees nomination forms are now available throughout the church. Nominations for each ministry will be open through 6:00pm on October 18, 2026. Qualifications for each are listed on the forms. Please prayerfully consider your nominations.

Missions Moment

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Anderson School District One

We will be serving the Wren JV Football Team on October 8th from 3pm - 5pm, and the Wren Band on October 9th from 5pm - 7pm (both meals will be served at Wren High School). We need several volunteers to help with food preparation and delivery at each of these events.

Mt. Airy is pleased to partner once again with ASD1 for its annual Arts Festival for children with special needs on Friday, October 23. We will need many volunteers to help with the various activities and to engage with children, teachers, and families. Registration will be available soon on the website, or stop by the Next Steps table to sign up.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Thank you to everyone who donated and prepared items for OCC boxes this year! The OCC items for October are stuffed animals (Beanie Baby size or larger), small or nerf-type balls, and Matchbox or larger cars. These items can be placed in the OCC bins. Our final packing party of the year will be on Friday, November 6, from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Bldg. A.

OCC Charlotte Processing Center Opportunities

We are offering opportunities to work in the Charlotte Processing Center for OCC during December. Spending a day at an Operation Christmas Child Processing Center is a hands-on opportunity to inspect, prepare, and pack donated shoebox gifts for shipment to children around the world. Volunteers serve together while seeing firsthand how each shoebox becomes a practical expression of God's love and an opportunity to share the Gospel. The location for the Processing Center is 7100 Forest Point Blvd in Charlotte, NC and volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Please reserve your slot as soon as possible since they are in high demand!

Thursday, Dec 3: 10am - 2pm (4 spots) | Friday, Dec 4: 10am - 2pm (13 spots)
Saturday, Dec 5: 9am - 1pm (18 spots) | Saturday, Dec 12: 9am - 2pm (14 spots)

Contact Donna Pierce at Rdtravels2021@gmail.com to get additional information and to request reservations.

SHINE

We will serve at SHINE this month on Tuesday, October 27, from 3pm - 6pm. This is a great ministry helping prepare food and love on those in our community!

You can sign up for any of these by emailing Vic at vgunter@mtairybaptist.com.

CHILDREN/YOUTH Fall Events

Children's Ministry

10/11 - AWANA Grand Prix - Life Center; Check in and weigh ins start at 4:30pm, the race events start at 5:30pm.

10/18 - Glow Night & AWANA Awards; 5:30pm in Building C

10/28 - NO PM activities on campus

10/31 - Community Block Parties (off-campus)

Student Ministry

10/9-11 - Student Fall Retreat at Camp Chatuga (Registration is now closed).

10/21 - Pumpkin Palooza; 6:30pm; LC Students will bring pumpkins to paint & enjoy a bonfire, games and a student-led devotion. Bring a friend!

10/25 - Costume Night at The Move; 5:30pm; LC. Best individual and group costume wins a prize!

Fall/Winter Basketball

It is time to sign up for basketball for 2026-2027. All parents and players must attend a mandatory meeting on October 4th at 4:00pm in the Life Center. Collin Wiles will organize the teams and collaborate with the coaches. Pete Padgett will run the Life Center on game days. If you are interested in helping with the games (scoreboard or scorebook), please stop by the Next Steps Table for more information.

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