

**But ye are a chosen generation, a  
royal priesthood, an holy nation,  
a peculiar people; that ye should  
shew forth the praises of him  
who hath called you out of  
darkness into his marvellous  
light;**

1 Peter 2:9 KJV

# **VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

**October 15, 2025**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY HELPS**  
**The Bell's, Maine, USA & Joy Wahl, South Africa**

**Beloved, now are we the  
sons of God, and it does  
not yet appear what we  
shall be: but we know  
that, when he shall  
appear...**

**—1 John 3:2**

**And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful  
witness, and the first begotten of the  
dead, and the prince of the kings of the  
earth. Unto Him that loved us, and  
washed us from our sins in His own blood,  
and hath made us kings and priests unto  
God and His Father: to Him be glory and  
dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

REVELATION 1:5-6 KJV

**And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we  
shall reign on the earth.  
-Revelation 5:10 KJV**



**Sunday School @ 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM**

**Visit our church Webpage @ [Mountainvictory.org](http://Mountainvictory.org)**

## PHYSICAL NEEDS/CANCER

Bates, Jensen (Toddler with Leukemia.)  
Baxter, Georgia (friend of Chambers)  
Buchanan, Gary (Prostate Cancer)  
Cook, Donna (D. Nation's cousin-Bone Cancer.)  
Cratty, Dale (Ms. Nora's friend-Uterine Cancer.)  
Deitz, Beverly (Friend of June Fox-Cancer)  
Driggers, Bill (Prostate Cancer-Radiation)  
Duvall, Larry (Debbie L. Brother-Melanoma cancer. His brain tumor is also growing again.)  
Egan, Evalee (Steven's 1st cousin-Stage 4 Cancer)  
Fitzgerald, Michelle (Mike F. sister-Breast Cancer.)  
French, Jan (Friend of Carol E. -Lung Cancer & caregiver, Marcie)  
Godfrey, Paul (P. Mills brother-in-law-Stage 4 Bone Cancer)  
Henry, Larry (Prostate Cancer)  
Holland, Glenda (Friend of Steve & Harriett Angel-Leukemia)  
Houck, Amy (G. Bowles' Niece-Breast Cancer-50 years old)  
Howard, Pam (Friend of A. Jones-Lung Cancer.)  
Jones, Brian (Chemo treatment for Brain Tumor is affecting his liver)  
Jones, Jeffrey (Brian's brother - Surgery & Chemo.)  
Loftis, Katie (Skin cancer-lymph nodes.)  
Mabrey, Robin (D. Lambert's friend)  
Magers, Harland (Friend of Jane Weaver-Brain cancer 46 yrs old)  
McCoy, Wanda (D. Lambert's friend)  
Pollard, Wanda (D. Green's friend-Bone Cancer.)  
Pritchett, Marie (Cousin of the LaVigne family-Aggressive form of cancer.)  
Ray, Mike (L. Henry's Brother-in-law-Brain aneurysm & Cancer.)  
Teem, Katherine (Shaye & Cheryl's Aunt 89 yrs old-Leukemia)  
Riva (H. Parris' 1st cousin-Cancer.)  
Juanita (Friend of L. George.- Pancreatic Cancer)  
Megan (Daughter of Pastor Marty & Pam Masitto)

## SERVICEMEN Prayer List

PFC Gavin Robinson-Army, Germany (Bowles' grandson)

Cameron Barzotti, US Navy (Bowles' grandson)

Schweinsaupt, Jonathan (Deployed for 6 months.)

McGaha, Jay (Pastor's nephew- Marines)

## PRAYER LIST OF MISSIONARIES

McKinney, Ron & Kay (Physical needs)  
The Vance Family (Physical needs)  
Hawke, Robert & Jean (Physical needs)  
Poe, Debbie (Squamous Cell Carcinoma in her mouth.)  
Dehart, Dawn (Detached Retina- Recovering from surgery.)  
Dayanand, Sharon-Passing of her husband, Sam.

## PRAYER LIST OF PREACHERS

Bagwell, Benny & Beth  
Winch, Don (Back Pain and declining health.)  
Marty & Pam Masitto -God's leading.  
Moore, Mike (Healing from a broken vertebrae after a fall.)  
Matthews, Scott (Cancer has returned in his lymph nodes and a spot in his stomach.)  
Moore, Gary (Recovering from heart by-pass surgery.)

## PHYSICAL NEEDS/OTHER

Allen, Dakota (Ms. Evie's relative-Colon issues.)  
Allison, Noelene (Friend of E. Johnson-Stomach Surgery.)  
Anders, Wayne (Friend of Howard P./Heart issues.)  
Arceneau, Willow (Carol E. granddaughter-Encephalitis)  
Barnes, Mary (Carol E. sister-Salvation)  
Bennett, Kay (Friend of The Parris' - Health issues.)  
Blankenship, Janie (Home from the hospital and doing better.)  
Chandler, Sheila (Friend of E. Johnson-Dialysis.)  
Chambers, Shannon (Ron C. DILaw-Physical needs.)  
Chambers, Reggie & Edith (Ron Chamber's uncle & aunt-Physical needs)  
Clark, Melena & Edward-Mother & Son (Salvation and freed from drug usage.)  
Clayton, Jerry & Marian (Physical needs.)  
Connerly, Sue & Leroy (Sue has Lewy Body dementia and her husband, as he cares for her.)  
Cottongim, Phyllis (Physical needs and Norm caring for her.)  
Cunningham, Willa Mae (R. Parris' sister - Physical needs.)  
Douglas, Loretta (Longtime friend of Arlene D.-Possible Leg amputation.)  
Gennett, Julie (Friend of G. Bowles-Health issues.)  
Green, Bud (Macrodeg. Eye disease and salvation.)  
Greene, Grayson (G. Greene's Granddaughter-Health Issues)  
Hatcher, Mike (The Einstein's Son is hospitalized in FL with heart issues. He had two stints.)  
Henry, Jimmy (General health after a liver transplant.)  
Hohenstein, Gisela (Friend of Jane W.-Severe health issues.)  
Hunter, Kent & Elaine (Friends of H. Parris-Health issues.)  
Johnson, Teresa (VCS Lunchroom Lady-Health issues)  
Jones, Lynne (Friend of Carol E.-health problems and selling her cabin. Also, Carrie Keith-Heart problems.)  
Lance, Tom (Tracy McGaha's Father-Pneumonia- Rehab Center in Asheville.)  
Lawson, Sandra (Friend of E. Johnson-Back Surgery)  
McMahan, Mag (Please pray for her and her caregivers.)  
Mills, Barbara (Friend of M. Fitzgerald-Dementia and her daughter has she cares for her.)  
Montgomery Family (Friends of the Hughes'-Physical, emotional & spiritual needs.)  
MuKherjee, Sam & Nikki (Carol E. granddaughter and husband. Salvation.)  
Pate, Ronda (Carol Einstein's Daughter-Liver complications)  
Pilkerton, Charlie (Friend of A. Jones-ICU in Asheville.)  
Pinsonbarger, Jo (Friend of J. Weaver-Heart Trouble)  
Rivera, Rafael (Bitterness toward God & father's salvation)  
Schweinsaupt, Samuel, Laura, Gavin & Lincoln (Please pray that the court will do the right thing for Lincoln.)  
Smith, Wayne (Salvation)  
Spink, Linda (Carol E. 1st Cousin-Bacteremia-Serious condition in the hospital in CA. Her daughter, Tracy is caring for her.)  
Stin, Jenifer (Jewish lady who needs salvation)  
Ward, Paul (Valerie Dillard's father- Stage 5 Kidney Disease.)  
Willis, Amy (Mother of VCS students. Has had 2 miscarries and is now pregnant again. Prayers for a safe pregnancy & delivery.)  
Wood, Shaye (Knee problem and pain.)  
The Gray Family (Special request)  
Mickey & Elaine (Lord we lift them up to you!)  
Stephens, Kevin (VCS Car accident- HE GOT TO GO HOME! Still needs prayer for complete healing.)  
Noah & Samantha's newborn baby.  
Debbie Coffey's Mother (Physical needs.)  
Freeman, Randall (Health Issues)  
McGaha, Tonya (Her dog bite wound is infected.)  
Forrest Patrick Family (Ms. Tonya's Grandfather-Passed away on Tuesday. Pray for his family.)  
Chambers, Ron (Skin Cancer Surgery tomorrow.)  
Coffey, Tim (In Memorial Mission Hosp.-Heart in A-fib)

**"PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH"**

**"PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY"**

**"PRAY FOR OUR NATION"**





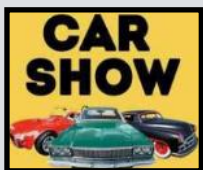
## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, Oct. 19th PM Service**

**Missionary Jeff Reason**

**Sunday, Oct. 26th after AM service**

**VBC Youth Field Trip to Darnell Farms  
(Please sign up @ the Welcome Center)**



**Saturday, Nov. 1st @  
10:00 AM**

**Car Show in the VBC  
Parking Lot**

**Sunday, Nov. 2nd AM service**

***"Old Fashioned Sunday"***

***with The Matthews Family***

***(Covered Dish Luncheon in the Gym)***

**Sunday, Nov. 9th AM**

***Veterans Day Focus***

**Friday, Nov. 21st**

***Widows Outing to see***

***"The Gingerbread Houses"***

***(see Doreen C. for details)***

**Wednesday, Nov. 26th**

***Pizza, Pie & Praise Service***



**Faith Promise 2025-2026**

**\$105,000.00 Budget**

**October Monthly Faith Promise**

**Offerings: \$3,880.00**

**Missions: The Investment you can  
Bank on for Eternity!**

**Monthly Payout: \$8,621.00**

**EXPAND YOUR Thank you for giving to Missions!**

**Faith Promise Slips for 2025/2026**

**\$62,476.00**

## **PRAY FOR VCS**

**VCS Girls Volleyball Game Friday @ 4:30 PM**

**NCCSA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

**October 23rd-25th**

**Basketball starts  
SOON for VCS!**



## **Pastor Appreciation Month**

**We are so thankful for a Pastor with a  
Shepherd's heart. Please pray for him  
and his family.**



**If you would be interested  
in attending the Nov. 8th  
game @ 2:30 PM,  
please let the office know.**

**I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 122:1**





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Greetings:

July-September 2025

Fall is upon us. With the temperatures dipping into the 30's at night the colors of the trees are beginning to turn. The leaves in New England are exquisite every year. As I realize that Autumn is upon us, I look back into July and remember just how busy we have been.

In June we added Nathan and Jessica Hart to our staff. They moved here from Temple Baptist Church in Powell, TN. It has been a blessing to have them with us. Nathan led our Vacation Bible School in July. We had over 100 in attendance each night. The gospel was given, songs were sung, games were played, and one precious soul was saved. What is one soul worth? Every bit of planning, time, and finances. We had so many parents that stated this was the best VBS in many years and we give God the glory!

We entered the City of Sanford Annual car show as a vendor. We ministered to the children with balloons and face painting. Many invitations were given and lives touched. We were able to vote on our favorite car entry and gave a trophy from our church to the winner. The winner was a friend of my dad, Ronnie Bell, and it was a great memory for us all.

All through the summer, work continued in the gymnasium with the goal of moving our Academy to there. So much work to do but so fulfilling. Every day was filled with carpentry, electrical, painting, flooring, and so much more. We continue to go weekly soul winning, to reach the community, to send out the bus on Sunday to pick up children, and to strive forward in Sunday School to teach more and to learn more about the Bible. We continue to host and support missionaries, and to always reach as many people as possible with the greatest news ever told, Jesus Christ.

"Wings with the Word" has become "Wings and Waves with the Word". Reaching the Casco Bay Islands by boat has been a highlight of our summer. We take teams to the islands and blitz them with the Gospel. Talking and sharing with as many people as possible. The most receptive has been Chebeague Island. There are approximately 200 households on the Great Island of Chebeague. There we met Mr. Danny Todd. He is lost and really knows nothing of the Gospel of Christ. His entire family lives on the island. He is warm, inviting, and receptive to us. Please help us pray for his salvation.

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Anchor Baptist Missions  
3232 Hendersonville Hwy  
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768



Our time in the boat is ending. We must have it out of the water by October 13<sup>th</sup>. We can reach the island by ferry, but it will require much more time, effort, and finances. I would love to lead Danny Todd to the saving knowledge of our Savior before I must remove the boat. Then once he is saved, I would like to use that as an opportunity to see a church planted on the island. He is so close to an understanding of the Gospel. Please pray for him. Thank you for your prayer and support for this ministry. Only eternity will tell of the impact we have had on the islands.

In August we held our first Annual "Mighty Men's Conference", 1 Corinthians 16:13 "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." We had 60 men in attendance and three men come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

What a Savior!

September came quickly and school had to start one week late. We worked so hard to complete the building on time, but it just took an extra week. We are up and running well now in our new campus. We have a great group of students this year. Thank you to everyone that supports our school and has sent scholarship monies. We not only have a good group of students, but we also have a great group of parents. We have had visitors every week to our church services because of our Academy. Hallelujah!

Our family is doing great, and we love that we all get to serve the Lord together. Cherith is finally engaged! Hallelujah! The wedding is planned for June 12, 2026. The grandkids are growing quickly. Maverick is homeschooling for Pre-K, Everly is attending our Academy for Pre-K. Asher is growing fast and has a real cute personality. Adeline is learning to crawl and does a lot of talking to her brothers.

I have a full schedule this fall for preaching. I will be in the South on several occasions in the coming two months. Please pray for me as I travel, preach, and try to maintain my health. Maybe I will see some of you.

Thank you for supporting us, for loving our family, and most of all for praying for us. I am thankful for each of you. May the Lord continue to bless you and your church family.

Serving the Lord in Maine,

*Todd Bell*



Chebeague Island Ministry



Cherith & Mikey June 12, 2026



Mighty Men's Conference





# Joy Wahl

## SERVING IN SOUTH AFRICA

### SEPTEMBER 2025

#### Dear Praying Friends,

Another month has come and gone. Somedays I feel so at home here that I forget it has only been nine months since I moved!

#### Church

At the beginning of the month, we started an outreach at one of the local children's homes. Some of the house mothers already attend our church on Sunday mornings and bring their kids. Now, we have the monthly opportunity to share the gospel with the rest of the kids at the children's home and host a Bible study for all the house mothers.

Newton Park Baptist Church was able to see 11 people baptized this past month. This year, Jeremy has been asking us to pray for 10 new families, and we are watching the Lord answer this prayer!

#### School

This month, we wrapped up our third term of school! One of the highlights was Athletics Day, where the entire school was divided into four teams to compete in a variety of events. My team didn't win, but we had a blast coming up with creative chants and cheering each other on!

We also celebrated Heritage Day, a special time in South Africa to honor the different cultures in South Africa. Our school had a dress-up day where students and staff wore traditional clothing. Afrikaaners celebrate Heritage Day with a braai (similar to a cookout). Xhosa families celebrate on Sunday at church, usually with a potluck meal, dressed in traditional clothing. Some friends and I went shopping, and they helped me pick out the proper clothes to wear.

Each person you see in my prayer letters is a testimony of what God is doing here through missions. It's such a privilege to be even a small part of His work in South Africa.



#### Praises and Prayer Requests

- Miranda, WayWay, and Abi's growth
- wisdom and clarity in teaching
- salvation and growth of students
- We are praying for 10 new families at Newton Park Baptist Church

#### Support and Love Offering Checks

Please make sure all checks are written to Vision Baptist Missions and in the memo line is written the designated person and purpose of the gift.

#### Support Address

Vision Baptist Missions, Inc.  
PO Box 647  
Dawsonville, GA 30534  
**Memo:** Joy Wahl



**From the Heart of a Pastor –**

**“Stop Before It’s Too Late!”**



**From the Heart of a Pastor – “Stop Before It’s Too Late!”**

Not far from my childhood home there is a mountain with which I am very familiar. From the backdoor of the house where I grew up one can easily see the beauty of Mt. Pisgah, NC. Whether in the spring when the trees are in bloom, the summer when the afternoon showers can be viewed as they descend and proceed eastward, the fall as the leaves have become an autumn canvas for the Master, or the winter after a new fallen snow – the majesty of the mountain that I called home is breath-taking. And while it was and is awe inspiring, it can also be dangerous, as I learned on a July morning in 1987.

I had obtained my drivers license only five weeks earlier as I set out for my summer job atop the mountain. My brother had loaned me his car to drive while he was on vacation and I was eager to prove that I was as capable as anyone behind the wheel of a powerful sports car. Speeding up the winding road however, I soon learned differently. Suddenly, there I was, sliding and skidding out of control, headed toward a three hundred foot drop. It all happened so fast. One minute I was emotionally on top of the world. I felt bulletproof and in charge. The next minute I was anything but in command of the situation. In the split-second that it took to go from one extreme to the other I thought to myself, “How did this happen?” Everything was wonderful and then, all of the sudden, it wasn’t.

Looking back on the events of that day I see certain aspects of that crash in a different light. And I ask myself a series questions to which there are obvious answers. “Could I have done something different? Could this have been avoided? What should I have done that day? Why was I so confident and arrogant and stupid?”

More than thirty years have come and gone and I am no longer behind the wheel of sports car on a mountain road. I am now tasked with a much greater responsibility. A duty that carries with it tremendous opportunities and, at times, terrifying obstacles. I’m no longer alone in that car or on the road. More correctly, I am now the one that is to be leading, guiding, guarding, and advising others. I am a Pastor! And yet there are some glaring parallels to my mountain mishap and the cliff towards which modern Christianity is headed.

For at least the last thirty years, (in truth it has been much longer I am sure) we have seen a constant slipping away in church and in our culture. If there are two enemies to blame, they are lust and laziness; for ours is sadly both a lustful and a lazy generation. Values such as hard work, honest living, personal morality, and godly virtues seem to be forgotten in our modern day of 21<sup>st</sup> century living. “We must be more opened minded.” I was told not long ago. Yet I fear that we have become so open minded that our brains have fallen out!

But instead of blaming the current climate or the popular trends, we must look at what we have or have not taught and passed on to another generation. If the appetites and actions that were mentioned earlier are followed, then we should not be surprised when failure occurs. If Christ and His church are not important in your life, then do not be shocked when they are not important in the lives of your children or grandchildren.

That is why I am convinced that we do not need any more coffee bars in our church foyers. We don’t need the latest smoke machines and the most brilliant light shows. We don’t need the hipster pastor trying to be a cheap Sunday morning knock off of the Saturday evening entertainment that someone has told him will attract a younger demographic. What we need is an old-fashioned, Heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival that will shake us to our core and make us see what really matters is the presence of God in our lives. What we need is for a group of people to get on their knees again and to cry out to God to rend the Heavens and come down. What we need is for Christ to be put back in His rightful place. When that happens His indwelling and empowering of men and women, boys and girls, will enact the changes in hearts and homes and houses of worship again, just as it did years ago.

When we get serious about what pleases Him, instead of what pleases ourselves, then we will begin to see a turning, a returning, to what *His Word* teaches and what we as pastors and as Christians should be giving to others. But if we continue on the path that we have been traveling, we may find revival confined to the pages of our history books. Do not misunderstand me, I believe that God can and will send revival to us. I believe that the same God that sent it time and again in the past can do so in the present or the future. Yet I also believe that if we do not seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, the price that we will have to pay will be far greater than we can ever imagine.