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Helping people discover and develop into disciples of Christ

Baptist in My Blood

Back in the early 2000s I was talking with my great uncle David E. Reese (1933-2009) about a feeling I had that God was calling me into ministry. Uncle David proceeded to tell me that he felt it was inevitable because Baptist was "in our blood." David knew this because beginning

in the late 1970s he began a quest to trace our genealogy as far back as he could.

A couple of months ago David's widow, my Aunt Nancy Reese, passed away, and a family member found my uncle David's research and gave it to me. I decided to go through it and make a list of my ancestors who were Baptist ministers, the vast majority of which came from Madison county and Mars Hill College. Here is what I found:

- 1) **Joseph Reese** (1745, arrived in Columbia SC) organized Broad River Association in Western North Carolina.
- William Rees (1800-1863) ordained June 13, 1829, and pastored the following churches: Sugar Creek Branch Church, Bull Creek Church (1841-1845, 1850-1862)
- 3) **Thomas Rees** (1822-?) licensed to preach in1860 at Newfound Church
- Rev. Jasper Reese (1834-?) Pastor of Old Toxaway Baptist Church in NC.
- 5) Moses Rees (1838-?) preacher, but not much more was known.
- Dr. Martin Van Buren Reece (1842-1895) was a practicing physician but also helped organize and form the first Baptist church in Erie, Missouri.
- 7) Arcemus Reese (1876-1960) Licensed to preach February 18, 1897, by French Broad Church. Attended Seminary in Louisville, KY. Pastored LaCrosse Missionary Baptist Church (Florida) (1902), became a Baptist missionary to Oklahoma Territory, served as State Baptist Evangelist in Alabama (1919-1925), pastored Jones Gap Baptist Church in Hendersonville, NC (1913), joined Home Mission Board of the SBC (1914-1919). Wrote and composed a hymn, "Why I Am a Baptist." Final church appointment was at Fairview Baptist Church from 1939-1941.
- 8) Dr. Tullius Reese (1878-1967) State Baptist Evangelist in Florida, also pastored churches in Oklahoma and Florida. A stained-glass window in the First Baptist Church Apalachicola bears the name of T. O. Reese 1903-1905 as a testimonial to his vigorous work with the new church plant.
- Bailey Bright Reese (1878-1950) ordained minister August 26, 1917, at Zion Baptist Church
- 10) Rev. William Cecil Reese (1885-1953) Pastor of Old Bull Creek Church (1920s)
- Dr. Curtis Reese (1887-1961) Baptist State Evangelist in Illinois, prior to becoming Unitarian minister, authored a book on Religious Humanism.
- 12) Thomas Ben Rees (1895-1968) Baptist Minister
- 13) **Robert Harkins Reese** (1898-?) Grew up Southern Baptist but became a Free-Will Baptist preacher.
- 14) **Paul McCoy Reese** (1909-?) Pastored West Side Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.
- 15) *Wilford W Reese* (1911-1979) Pastored churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Kentucky.
- 16) Joseph John Reese (1920-?) Baptist Minister
- 17) Elzaba Levi Reese (1930-?) Baptist Minister
- Christopher Lloyd Reese (that's me!) (1972-) Baptist minister in WNC.

The most direct ancestor to me is Robert Harkins Reese, who was my great-grandfather.

You can see that there is a lot of Baptist, specifically Southern Baptist in my DNA. I hope you found this as interesting as I did.



I love being your pastor, Chris #God's_Not_Done

Please help us prepare for Veterans Day November 11, 2025

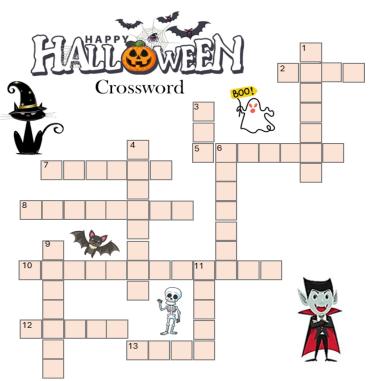
If you have *immediate family* who have served in the past, or who are serving now in the US military, please help us collect the following information:



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Relationship to you:		
Branch of Service:		
Date of Service:		
A current picture if possible.		

Please get this information to Mary or Chris no later than Sunday, October 26, 2025. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 828.667.2410 and leave a message. Thanks!

Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)			
Ост 01	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	
ОСТ 05	11:00 a.m. 4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Communion Sunday Choir Practice Quarterly Business Meeting CIA / Youth	
ОСТ 07	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting	
ОСТ 08	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	
OCT 12	9:00 a.m. 4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	2nd SUNDAY CELEBRATION Choir Practice Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth	
OCT 14	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting	
Ост 15	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	
OCT 19 ABCCM SUNDAY	4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Family Night Adults on Mission CIA/Youth	
OCT 21	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting	
OCT 22	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	
Ост 25	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Breakfast	
Ост 26	4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth Church Council	
Ост 28	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting	
Ост 29	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	
Ост 31	5:00 p.m.	TRUNCOTREAT	

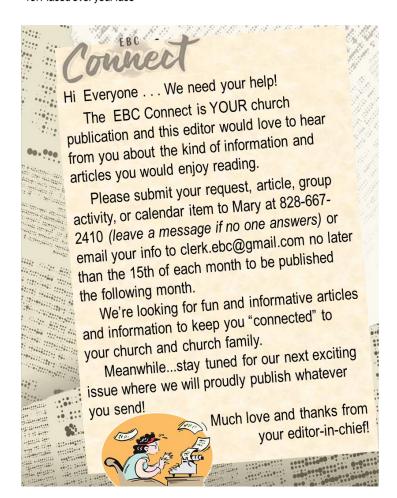


Across

- Night flying mammals
 Halloween month
- Web creator
- Scary creatures, or
- 10. Carved pumpkin
- 12. Stirs potions in a cauldron
- Placed over your face

Down

- 1. A house where ghosts live is considered
- 3. Ghostly talk
- 4. Human that transforms into a wolf
- 6. Disguise
- 9. Dracula is one of these



Helene Rebuild Update

Thanks to the incredible work of volunteers, we've completed rebuilding 383 homes, with 264 in the process of being worked on and 1300 total requests at this point. We have



rebuild centers in Spruce Pine, Burnsville, Black Mountain, East Flat Rock and Boone.

You can sign up to volunteer and help us offer hope to our neighbors in western NC at baptistsonmission.org. Volunteers will be needed in western NC for the next four to five years.

Thank you for praying, giving and going!



PROJECT MISSION

Our OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT is to collect LOOSE CHANGE in the offering plates on SUNDAY MORNING for Western Carolina Rescue Ministry.



"I want a place where people can come in from the cold, have a meal, and get the help they need to turn their lives around."

~ Rev. Arch Cameron, 1979

Paul writes in the book of Romans 12:13, "Share with God's people who need help." That is exactly what we strive to do each and every day at Western Carolina Rescue Ministries. Whether it's by providing a warm meal, safe shelter, clean clothing, medical care, or simply a smile - we strive to share with those who need it most. It is my goal to bring people to a place where they can find a specific purpose for their life, and transform them from a place of poverty to productivity.

Our volunteers are the hands and feet of our daily operations and the heartbeat of our community outreach. We believe that every act of service, no matter how small, has a profound impact on the lives of those we serve. We offer a range of volunteer opportunities suitable for various interests and skills, and we invite you to become a part of our mission to share the love of Jesus in a tangible way. There are many ways to serve. Your time and talents can make a real difference in the lives of individuals and families facing challenging times. Volunteering is about the hope and encouragement that is shared.

Thank you for joining us in the movement to impact the city of Asheville. If you have any questions about who we are or what we do, please do not hesitate to reach out to us under the "Contact Us" tab of our website or call us at 828-254-0471. We are located at 225 Patton Avenue, Asheville.

~ Micheal Woods, Executive Director

