

**GUIDING STATEMENTS  
OF  
CALDWELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Approved by the Messengers on July 26 and October 25, 2012**

**I. Mission Statement**

The mission of the Caldwell Baptist Association is to equip, encourage, and engage churches in making, maturing, and mobilizing Christian disciples in Caldwell County and beyond.

**II. Vision Statement**

The vision of the Caldwell Baptist Association is to invite every person in Caldwell County to receive Christ and to mature as His disciple.

**III. Values**

- A. We value the Bible, God's Holy Word, as our source of divine authority.
- B. We value the historical fact that the Association was created by and for the churches.
- C. We value and respect the autonomy of each member church.
- D. We value and respect the fellowship among the family of churches.
- E. We value worship, discipleship, evangelism, ministry, missions and fellowship as essential elements in making and maturing Christian disciples.
- F. We value the way maturing Christians benefit the Kingdom of God.
- G. We value and trust the elected messengers from member churches to govern the Association under the Lordship of Christ.
- H. We value the opportunity and the responsibility to partner with member churches in fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ in Caldwell County and beyond.
- I. We value our paid and volunteer associational leaders.
- J. We value the support provided by the churches.
- K. We value our autonomous and voluntary relationship of cooperation with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.
- L. We value the privilege of working with churches of other denominations, businesses, as well as social and educational agencies within Caldwell County.
- M. We value the right to exercise Christian citizenship through cooperation with city, county, state and national governments.