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APRIL EVENTS & DETAILS



April 1: Maundy Thursday: Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover (the Last Supper) with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"*. John 13:34
(Info from www.Christianity.com)

April 1

Ladies Bible Study (Elijah) at Antioch (Scottsville)

Elijah Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer will be held on Thursdays in the Worship Center at 10:00 AM.

Revelation Study by Beth Moore will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at the home of Denise Vogt.



For Christians, **Good Friday** is a crucial day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the most momentous weekend in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation. Paul considered it to be "of first importance" that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, all in accordance with what God had promised all along in the Scriptures (**1 Corinthians 15:3**). On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died, by crucifixion, as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (**1 John 1:10**).
(From www.Christianity.com)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES – April 2

Antioch (Scottsville)	7:00 PM
Cedar	7:00 PM
First Baptist Dillwyn	7:00 PM
Jones Chapel	7:00 PM
Mulberry Grove	7:00 PM



March 27:

Jones Chapel

10:00 AM

April 3:

Antioch (Scottsville)

2:00 – 4:00 PM (Weather permitting)

Antioch Union's Easter "Eggstravaganza" at Union Facility 1 – 4 PM

Reservations must be made by March 31, by calling 434-547-2214. Egg Hunts are every twenty minutes. Masks and social distancing are required.

Buckingham will NOT host an Easter Egg Hunt this year.

Mulberry Grove

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4

Antioch (Scottsville) – outside weather permitting

7:00 AM

Buckingham (in cars – no breakfast)

6:30 AM

Enon (Lite touch-free breakfast following the service)

7:30 AM

First Baptist Dillwyn (at Dillwyn Town Cemetery)

7:00 AM

Jones Chapel

7:00 AM

Bring a lawn or camping chair – service will be on the front lawn of the church.

Mt. Zion

7:00 AM

Mulberry Grove (breakfast provided by church)

7:00 AM

Tar Wallet (& Fitzgerald Memorial) @ Tar Wallet

7:00 AM

Individually wrapped pastries and coffee will be provided by Tar Wallet.



Cedar – Parking Lot Breakfast (Bring your own as you wish.) 9:15 AM

Followed by Children's Message (for Children of all ages) from 9:40 – 10:00 AM.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES



Mulberry Grove

Antioch (Scottsville) Indoor Worship Service

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Cedar (Inside, Parking Lot & Facebook Live)

10:00 AM

Enon's Easter Celebration Service

10:00 AM

Gladstone Memorial – Resurrection Sunday Worship Service

9:45 AM

Goshen (outside under the picnic shelter)

11:00 AM

Jones Chapel

11:00 AM

Mt. Zion

11:00 AM

11:00 AM

Tar Wallet

10:30 AM

"Flowering the Cross"

First Baptist Dillwyn

There will be a cross on the front lawn of the church, draped in a purple cloth during Holy Week (Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday).

On Easter Sunday and during the week afterwards, church and community members are encouraged to come by the church and place flowers in the chicken wire cross. You can bring your own flowers or use a flower provided at the base of the cross (as long as available) to decorate the cross.



HE IS RISEN...RISEN INDEED!

Monday, April 5, 2021

Attention: JRBA Officers & Committee Chairs

If you have a report for the Executive Board Meeting on April 12, please send it in by **TODAY** so that it can be included in the meeting packet.

April 6	Tuesday Morning Bible Study – 1 Kings – at First Baptist Dillwyn Every Tuesday.	10:00 AM
	Goshen's Tuesday Morning Call-In Bible Study - Ephesians By conference call to 1-701-801-6896.	11:00 AM
April 7	Activities at First Baptist Dillwyn every Wednesday: Prayer Meeting Youth Meeting Choir Practice	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM
	Prayer/Bible Study at Goshen every Wednesday	7:00 PM
	Bible Study at Fitzgerald Memorial every Wednesday	7:00 PM
April 9	Movie at Arvon Movie: <i>Church People (Is the Gospel Enough?)</i> This is a special screening made possible by the partnership of Faith Content Network, Brush Fire Events, and Arvon Baptist Church. Arvon has been approved to stream this new release here in Buckingham County. Arvon never charges for any events, however, the film creator does. You must purchase tickets online before the event at: https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/churchpeople/497492?fbclid=1wAR3pvDzDbAGO9P5GYaddCQ3UfULEvsKpk12bXa0Kjt2uOYkeiqBbl . No person under 17 will be admitted without a parent or guardian. Tickets will NOT be available at the door. Seating will be on a first come, first seated basis. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Parking is free. Snacks are welcome! (Adults: \$11.00 + \$1.11; Children: \$9.00 + \$1.09 fee) You can find a movie trailer at HTTP://www.churchpeoplefilm.com .	7:00 PM
April 9 & 23	Blue Ridge Food Distribution Drive Thru at Crystal Cathedral Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM	
April 11	Women on Mission at Fitzgerald Memorial	9:00 AM
	Sunday School Resumes at Enon	10:00 AM
<div><p>JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting First Baptist Dillwyn Monday, April 12, 2021 – 7:00 PM Pastors and Church Representatives – Please plan to attend. Since there will be no Semi-Annual Spring Meeting, we will be voting on the Slate of Officers for 2021-2022 and attending to other business matters of the association.</p></div>		
April 18	Fellowship Meal at Fitzgerald Memorial	After Worship
<div><p>Monday, April 19 Information for the May edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due TODAY by 9:00 AM. (By mail or email only.) Be sure to include your church's final donation amount to the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering. Also be sure to include any plans for VBS this year, as well as your usual calendar items and outreach done in April.</p></div>		



April 20: Zoom-based Virginia Baptist Disaster Response Training begins today!

COVID-19 has presented challenges and opportunities for training and serving with our BGAV Disaster Response. They have been, and continue, to partner with Henrico County to serve the community by cooking two meals a day from the mobile feeding unit to feed the medical and support staff members who are administering COVID-19 vaccinations at the Richmond Raceway. You can train online and try ministry without having to travel out of state or “jump into the deep end” of a typical response. You can take the online *Introduction to Disaster Response* and *Introduction to Mass Feeding*. The “hands on” portion of your training happens at the raceway as you serve (observing COVID-19 protocol). You can serve for one day or for a week at a time. Housing is provided free of charge to out of town volunteers at Mechanicsville Baptist Church. Crisis Care Team volunteers have also been serving alongside our feeding team to care for the emotional and spiritual need of vaccination staff members and those receiving vaccines. If you are interested in training to serve with this team, the Zoom-based, six-week course will be available every Tuesday at 2:00 PM, starting April 20 and ending May 25. Contact Kristen Curtis at Kristen.Curtis@bgav.org for more information. Questions about serving on site at the Richmond Raceway should be directed to Mikala Barnes at Mikayla.Barnes@bgav.org.

April 21 JRBA Pastors' Huddle at First Baptist Dillwyn Noon
Please come for a time of fellowship with your fellow laborers in the ministry.

April 22 Habitat for Humanity Meeting at Fitzgerald Memorial 6:00 PM

April 23 Old Fashioned Hymn Sing at Antioch (Scottsville) 6:30 PM
Donna Butler will be playing the piano and the congregation will sing the hymns requested. COVID-19 protocol will be observed (masks and social distancing).



April 24 5 Loaves 2 Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville) 9:30 – 10:30 AM
Drive-Thru Distribution of Food Boxes

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser at Fitzgerald Memorial
Proceeds to mission causes. Contact church for details: 804-492-5151

April 25 Digital Discipleship Online Course 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Leland Local Classes is offering a session on Digital Discipleship. Information will be presented on how to maximize use of Zoom in Bible Studies, church meetings, and worship. Bryan Jones will be leading the session. Cost is \$10. Sign up at www.leland.edu/lelandlocal.

LOOKING AHEAD>>>



May 6

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Set aside some time today to join others across our nation to pray for our leaders, our churches, our essential workers, and our neighbors.

May 13, 2021

The JRBA Semi-Annual Meeting scheduled for this day was CANCELED by the Executive Board due to the ongoing pandemic.

History and Theology of the Church
May 14 – 15, May 21 – 22, and May 28 – 29, 2021
Each day: 9:00 AM – Noon and 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Available through the Leland School of Ministry
Intensive Online Course
Taught by Rev. Shannon Rutherford
For more information: kmckown@leland.edu

June 1 **“Soft” Reopening at Antioch (Scottsville)**
All services, including Sunday School for all ages will resume.



June 21 – 25 **Antioch (Scottsville)**

June 27 – July 2 **Jones Chapel**
For ages 3 – 12 (must be potty trained). Registration will be held on Sunday, June 27, and VBS will conclude with commencement on Friday, July 2.

June 28 – July 1 **First Baptist Dillwyn** **6:00 – 8:00 PM**
Concrete and Cranes
Instead of a traditional VBS held indoors with a meal provided, the church will set up rotation stations around the perimeter of the church. A prepackaged snack will be offered. Children will be divided into small groups based on age. Pre-registration will be required. CDC guidelines to be followed. Make plans to register your child early as spaces will be limited. Details provided in the May newsletter.

July 19 – 23 **Missions Connections 2 at Eagle Eyrie (Watch for details later!)**



THE “GATHERING” CHURCH
Options for worship and gathering continue to change.
Updates below as provided.

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): “Soft” Reopening of all services and Sunday School for all ages on June 1.

CEDAR: Sunday morning Worship Services continue in the church sanctuary at 10:00 AM. The service is also available over the radio at 87.9 for anyone preferring to remain in their vehicles in the church parking lot. It is also available on Facebook Live.

ENON: Sunday School resumes on April 11.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Sunday School is held for all adults in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM for a study of II Corinthians. Sunday worship is in the sanctuary at 11:00 AM and on radio 92.9 FM as well as online. Tuesday morning Bible Study on I Kings is held weekly at 10:00 AM. Wednesday night services include Prayer Meeting at 6:30 PM, Youth Meeting at 7:00 PM, and Choir Practice at 7:30 PM.

GOSHEN: Regular activities continue – Worship on Sundays at 11:00 AM, Tuesday Call-In Bible Study at 11:00 AM, Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00 PM.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>



ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING-TO-DATE

Church	Total-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$2,500.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 744.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 614.00
Goshen	\$ 770.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 795.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 875.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 25.00



HOPE FOR APPALACHIA SPRING 2021 BOXES

Church	Boxes-to-Date	Other Items & Extra Supplies	Monetary Contributions
Antioch (Scottsville)	200	44 items	\$1,100.00
Antioch Union	37	59 items	
Buckingham	21		
Cedar	50		
Chestnut Grove	26	Add'l. Supplies	
Dillwyn First Baptist	22	72 items	
Enon	13		
Goshen	20	92 items	
Jones Chapel			\$1,000.00
Mt. Zion	SEE BELOW.		
Mulberry Grove	40	25 items+	
Sharon	46	11 items	\$180.00
Tar Wallet	90		
Brown's Chapel	18		
Glade Hill Baptist (Franklin County)	53		
Hilton Baptist (Newport News)	39	66 items	
TOTAL BOXES FOR BELL COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADOPTED BY JRBA	675	"Hundreds" of items/extra supplies	\$2,280.00

"Mt. Zion handles Page Central School. It'll be close to 360 boxes plus many extras."

SPRING DELIVERY

Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough will deliver the Hope for Appalachia boxes to Kentucky. Please pray for their safe travels and for those they will encounter and bless from March 29 – April 1. JRBA appreciates their devotion to this ministry.



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Dennis Davis (Mt. Zion) who supplied his trailer for the transport of the boxes.
Buckingham, Mt. Zion, and Mulberry Grove for making cookies for the schools' staff members.

Pastor Anthony Sacco, Buckingham, who made meals for the team.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

April



I. **RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** I am truly amazed and sincerely thankful for the \$11,687.04 our association raised for Rise Against Hunger! Along with the \$1,000.00 contributed by the BGAV World Hunger Fund, a total of **\$12,687.04** will be sent to Rise Against Hunger headquarters in Richmond. This money will go to a country where hunger abounds and locally purchased food will help feed many hungry people. Let us continually set aside money for this wonderful mission cause.

II. **HOPE FOR APPALACHIA:** Sincere thanks to the JRBA

churches and

other churches for preparing **1,035** Hope boxes for Appalachia and other items. We are also grateful for the monetary donations made to this worthy cause. We sincerely pray for Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough as they transport the Hope boxes to Appalachia. Thanks to Laura Higgins, Phyllis Tyler of our JRBA Office, and Mt. Zion members and others for preparing the boxes for delivery. We also appreciate the use of Dennis Davis' trailer for the transport of the boxes and those who baked cookies for the school staff. A special thanks to Buckingham's pastor for supplying team meals for the trip.

- III. **BLUE RIDGE FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** This ministry continues to provide healthy food to over 300 families on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Thanks to JRBA members who help with this ministry. We invite others to join us!
- IV. **BLAND MINISTRY CENTER:** Even though we will not be able to go to Bland Ministry Center this summer, we are invited to give financially to this ministry that serves hundreds of needy people in southwest Virginia and beyond. Thank you to those churches/groups who have already given – turn in your gifts to the JRBA office by **May 1**.
- V. Thanks for your participation in other missions including:
- A. Card shower for 2021 BCHS graduates
 - B. COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Clinics at Fitzgerald Memorial and the Buckingham County Library

ACCOMPLISHING TOGETHER WHAT WE CANNOT DO ALONE

Jimmy Dunn

B.C.H.S. CARD SHOWER

Church	# Cards
Buckingham	140
First Baptist Dillwyn	140
Mt. Zion	133

CHURCH OUTREACH

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE) participates in the *Shield a Badge Program* in which the church pledges to pray for a particular officer during the month. The officers are also given a small gift packet from the church. During March, Sgt. Thomas Custer of the Fluvanna Sheriff's Department was honored. Deputy Trevaughn Ayers of the Fluvanna Sheriff's Department is being recognized during the month of April.

BUCKINGHAM collected \$396.51 for the Southside Pregnancy Center, made cookies for the teachers at Bell Elementary School in Kentucky, sent cards for the 2021 BCHS graduates, and carried food to a bereaved church member.

CEDAR: The church family is continuing to collect for the Annie Armstrong offering through Easter Sunday.

CHESTNUT GROVE: The church family contributed to Rise Against Hunger and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: The Men's Pie Auction in March raised \$614.00 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. In partnership with the Cumberland Pharmacy, Fitzgerald is hosting COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics on Thursdays from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM through April. Contact Cumberland Pharmacy (804-492-4325) to schedule an appointment. NO WALKINS.



FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Helping Hands Missions made many sunshine baskets and distributed them to shut-ins and others, sent over 50 Easter cards to shut-ins and others, gave nine gas cards to people with transportation needs, and gave financial help to some persons in difficult situations. Along with others, the group also made many phone calls and some visits to shut-ins and others in need and wrote congratulatory cards for the 2021 BCHS graduates.

JONES CHAPEL: An additional contribution was made to the Rise Against Hunger drive. The children, ages 10 and under, enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27. It was a beautiful sunny day for the children to gather and enjoy this springtime tradition! Plans are being made for a team to go to MC2 at Eagle Eyrie in July.

MT. ZION: The WMU provided cards for the BCHS graduates and gave \$500.00 to Pure Water Pure Love. Mt. Zion Members are collecting for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

MULBERRY GROVE: During March, Mulberry Grove finished packing boxes for Appalachia. Wayne Gough will be traveling to Kentucky to assist with the Hope box delivery. Several members donated 64 individual packs of homemade cookies to be shared with the staff members at the schools there. Mulberry Grove provided a box dinner (prepared by Rodeo's) for the staff at the Buckingham Middle School during parent teacher conferences. They were also gifted with an Easter devotional. Gwynn Tyler volunteered at the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic held recently at the Buckingham County Library. The outreach ministry continues with cards, calls, food, and church literature. Several people volunteer at the bi-monthly food distribution at the Crystal Cathedral. Missions in April will focus on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and providing cards for the 2021 BCHS graduates.

SHARON: Members are growing their offering for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Several members – Rev. Perry Clore, Tommy Joe and Liz Steger, Mike Farrish, and Debbie Goff – assisted with the recent COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Rose of Sharon WMU delivered 23 beautiful Easter “blessing pails” to folks who needed a little extra love and care. They also continue to provide meals, cards, phone calls, and porch visits to those who are sick or homebound.

JRBA ASSISTS WITH COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

Liz Steger was contacted by Cody Davis, Coordinator for Buckingham County Emergency Services, requesting volunteers to serve at Buckingham's first COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. An email was sent out to the JRBA pastors on March 10, for their help in getting the word out to our folks of this opportunity to serve.

The clinic was held in the Community Center of the Buckingham County Library from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, on Thursday, March 18, 2021. Volunteers assisted with parking, registration, sanitizing, and monitoring patients after shots were administered. Employees from the Buckingham County Department of Health, Sheriff's Department, and Rescue Squad were on hand to assist. Along with other community volunteers, the following JRBA folks helped out at the clinic: Rev. Perry Clore, Tommy Joe and Liz Steger, Mike Farrish, and Debbie Goff (Sharon) and Gwynn Tyler (Mulberry Grove). Five hundred seventy-five individuals were inoculated with the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

THANK YOU to our volunteers who answered the call to service in our community. There will be additional clinics scheduled in the coming weeks. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer please contact Liz Steger at emsteger54@gmail.com.

We are also grateful to **Fitzgerald Memorial** who is serving as a host site for Cumberland's Vaccination Clinics.

WAY TO GO, JRBA!

IN APPRECIATION>>>

March 24, 2021

I wanted to take a short minute to write you all to express my sincere gratitude for the staffing and services the agencies that you all lead provided to Buckingham's first mass vaccination event. We were able to vaccinate 575 county residents with ease. I have heard from many citizens how seamless and well-organized operations were that day.

Without the assistance from your agencies, this would not have been accomplished. Each person staffing the event worked diligently and with great professionalism. The event operated so well, we are confident that future events will be able to accommodate a larger number of vaccine administrations.

We will incorporate lessons learned from this event into our planning of future events.

This email does not express gratitude adequately, but thank you so much. Please extend this to those from your agencies that were there last week.

Thank you.

Cody R. Davis

Dept. of Emergency Services Director, Buckingham Co.

Email response to the amount being sent to Rise Against Hunger:

March 30, 2021

James River Baptist Association,

WOW! I am blown away at your impact and commitment to Rise Against Hunger and the communities we serve daily. Your donation is going to bring so much hope and aid to those communities. That's just amazing.

...I can get back to you on your impact once we know which countries are being served in the next few months.

As the donation is allocated, we can reach out to global

impact and find out exactly which programs received the funds! Some of the countries we are currently providing local procurement for are Somaliland, Columbia, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua – so there's a good chance your donation will provide nourishment for these countries!

We are so thankful for your generosity, and commitment to ending world hunger.

McKenzie Grimes

Community Engagement Coordinator

Rise Against Hunger

Central, Southwest, and Eastern VA



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

The Bland Mission Trip scheduled for May 16 – 22, 2021, has been CANCELED due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will NOT be collecting food, clothing, school supplies, or any other items this year, but your financial contributions are still needed. The work at the Bland Ministry Center continues to reach out to needy families in Bland County and the surrounding area, one of the poorest areas of our state. JRBA has been committed to supporting this ministry for several years and many of you have been a part of that support, either by your monetary or in-kind contributions or by participating in the yearly mission trips when we go and work at the center for a week.

If you or your church wants to make a contribution to the work at the Bland Ministry Center, send your check to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936. Please make the checks payable to James River Baptist Association and write "Bland Ministry Center" on the memo line. Get your contributions in by **May 1, 2021.**

We hope to take a team back to work at the center in 2022 – we are tentatively scheduled for May 15 – 21. Pray about the possibility of being a part of the JRBA team. If you have any questions, you can call the JRBA office at 434-983-7385 or me at 434-315-4443.

H. Gwynn Tyler

VIRGINIA BAPTIST DISASTER RESPONSE

See page 4 for ways you can currently get involved with Disaster Response!

BIBLES FOR PRISON FELLOWSHIP

Bibles are needed desperately in America's prisons. Across the country, many prisons closed (*to visitors*) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. But we can reach prisoners with the hope of Jesus Christ by sending as many Bibles as we can, as quickly as we can.

Any gift you give will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000, thanks to a generous gift! The demand right now is unlike anything we have ever seen. Prisoners are crying out for the Bible!....Thank you for remembering those in prison as we go through this tough time together.

You can donate to this worthy cause at <https://secure.prisonfellowship.org/donate/bibles>.

Yours in His service,

James J. Ackerman

President & CEO

Prison Fellowship

RESCUE THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Are you aware that 100 young people are rescued from human trafficking each year in the region from Washington, DC, to Florida? According to Safe House Project, those 100 represent about 1% of the children and teens caught in the trap of the traffickers in this region. The Bridge Network of Churches, an organization located in Chesapeake, VA, contacted Safe House to see what would help facilitate these rescues. A suitcase filled with basic necessities is needed for each child/teen that is rescued. Additionally, the cost for emergency needs of each rescue is \$200.00. The Bridge Network's goal is 100 suitcases and \$20,000 (for 100 rescues) by **May 10, 2021!**

If you or your church would like to commit to purchasing a new suitcase and filling it with the requested items (about \$150) AND contribute \$200, your donation could save a child/teen from the ravages of human trafficking. A new 24" suitcase will be purchased and filled with the following items: Pillow with pillow case, soft blanket, towel and washcloth, full size shampoo and conditioner, full size toothbrush and toothpaste, full size soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and a \$25 Walmart gift card to purchase a new set of clothes. *(Individuals, families, or churches can supply the filled suitcases, but they would have to be delivered to the Bridge Network Office at 1407 Stephanie Way, Suite F, Chesapeake, VA 23320.)*

If you would like to make a monetary donation to cover the cost of a filled suitcase and/or the \$200 cost to rescue one victim of human trafficking and transitioning them to a safe house, donations can be made online at www.thebridgenet.org. If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Kim Jessie at kjessie@thebridgenet.org.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>



WACKY Hair Night at Antioch's AWANAS – Sunday, March 7

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): AWANAS for children ages 3 through 6th grade is held each Sunday at 5:30 PM. If you have a child who might be interested in attending or you would like more information please contact Angela Bishop at hvnlyangel07@gmail.com.

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: The pastor is currently doing a wonderful series on Forming Our Faith and Practices.

JRBA PASTORS' HUDDLE

On March 17, our Pastors' Huddle was a sweet encouragement to the six pastors who were able to attend. What a great way to stay connected in our association. I want to reach out and encourage the rest of our pastors to come out and bless us with what is going on in your church. Our next Pastors' Huddle is scheduled for April 21. Hope to see you at First Baptist Dillwyn at noon!

Michael Khol



IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

First Baptist Dillwyn mourns the homegoing of Mr. Bill Lewis Moss on March 13. Bill Lewis was a dedicated member for about 70 years. He will be missed by the church family and county. FBC members also mourn the loss of another faithful member, Caroline "Betsy" Pankey who went to be with the Lord on March 23, 2021. Sympathy is extended to the families of these dear members.



JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

On Sunday, March 21, three families dedicated their babies/children to God in a Dedication Service at **Jones Chapel**. Children dedicated were Milo Pleasants, Olivia Green, Jase and Emmersyn Saxtan.



Pictured from left to right:
Pastor Richard Tuttle, Holly & Ian Pleasants and son, Milo; Mary & Logan Green, with daughters Hailey, Ava, and Olivia; Bryan and Carrie Saxtan with their son, Jase, and daughter Emmersyn.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>

- ❖ Antioch (Scottsville) is seeking a Financial Administrative Assistant. Interested applicants should contact Ann Kirby, HR Chair at adkirby52@gmail.com for job description and pay scale.
- ❖ The Executive Order 72 (Third Amended) stipulating restrictions for religious services was issued on February 24, 2021. A copy of this document was sent out to Pastors and Deacon Chairs on March 8, for the church's perusal in order to see if your church is compliant with the order or needs to make any changes. This updated document deals with the number of persons who can gather for religious services, physical distancing, marked seating, use of disposable items for distribution of food and beverages, routine cleaning and sanitization, the posting of signs, and the wearing of masks for in-person gatherings.
- ❖ Hospice of Virginia is in need of volunteers to visit hospice patients and their families, providing companionship and emotional support. Volunteers can also help with administrative tasks in the office or with creative projects with the community education team. Professional massage therapists, spiritual care providers, pet therapists, art therapists, etc. are also needed. Hospice of Virginia offers extensive training to all volunteers, specific to the type of services you will provide. To sign up for a training session or to learn more, call 434-392-9666 (Farmville office). You can also contact Rev. Geoff Bruschi at 434-808-4576.

FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

The Easter Celebration is a time for all of the family of God to remember the Love of Jesus Christ and what He did for us. He willingly went to the cross, paying a debt He did not owe! He conquered death and rose from the grave on the third day – Hallelujah! Not that we only thank Him at Easter, but where would we be without the Hope we have in Christ!



Have a blessed Easter,
Marilyn



KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

❖ Week of March 29:
JRBA Hope Delivery
Team

❖ The teachers and
staff
members of Bell
Elementary School in

Kentucky

- ❖ The children who receive the Hope Boxes from JRBA
- ❖ Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- ❖ All those affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic
- ❖ Peace of mind during this uncertain time
- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
- ❖ All workers on the "front line"
- ❖ Teachers, staff, and school administrators & students
- ❖ Tar Wallet as they search for a new pastor
- ❖ JRBA Churches & Pastors
- ❖ Government Leaders (County, State, & National)
- ❖ All those affected by violence in our country
- ❖ Victoria Gina Vassile, JRBA WMU Project Ruth Adoptee
- ❖ Jimmy & Suzanne (Bryan) Brock – Church planters in Virginia Beach
- ❖ All those in our congregations who are ill or who have lost loved ones.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)



Jesus Has Risen – Mark 16:1-20 (NIV)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. **He has risen! He is not here.** See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" ⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.^[a]

⁹When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. ¹⁰She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it. ¹²Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. ¹³These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either. ¹⁴Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. ¹⁵He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." ¹⁹After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

ASSOCIATION FINANCES

2020 – 2021

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

Church	March	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 250.00
Antioch Union	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 375.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		\$ 500.00
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fitzgerald		\$ 100.00
Fork of Willis		\$ 396.00
Gladstone	\$ 662.50	\$ 662.50
Goshen	\$ 1,079.00	\$ 1,079.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 161.00	\$ 908.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,360.00
Sharon		\$ 582.50
Tar Wallet		\$ 500.00
Individuals		\$ 500.00
VBMB-Alma Hunt		
Amazon Smile	\$ 14.60	\$ 21.85
TOTAL	\$3,417.10	\$15,034.85

Approved Budget for 2020-2021: \$33,233.00*

*Total includes \$7,082.00 carryover funds.

NO INCREASE TO BUDGETED AMOUNTS FOR 2020 - 2021.

TREASURERS: Please note that unless a specific ministry or project is designated on the memo line of the check or in an accompanying note, the contribution will appear in the regular budget receipts.

ALSO NOTE: Funds received are reflective of the Associational Year (Oct. 1, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2021), NOT the calendar year.

OTHER BUDGETED LINE ITEMS:

MISSIONS BLITZ

Carryover from 2019-2020	\$ 975.00*
Budget (2020-2021)	\$ 250.00
	\$1,225.00

*Carryover was rounded to even dollars.

November Expenditure: Home Repair - \$48.79

January Expenditure: Ramp - \$541.45

No contributions or expenditures in March.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$ 634.76

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:

ALL monies expended for Additional Missions are listed each month.

	March	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$1,600.00
TOTAL		\$1,600.00

Expenditures

Pregnancy Support Center (Farmville), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, GraceInside, Gideons International, Longwood/Hampden Sydney BCM, BGAV Disaster Response, and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100.00 Each = \$700.00 (Budgeted)

BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 900.00

MISSION TRIPS

Budgeted: \$2,500.00

Expenditures

Hope for Appalachia **Fall 2020** Team – Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody and Wayne Gough (\$50 each) = \$150.00
 Hope for Appalachia **Spring 2021** Team – Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody & Wayne Gough (\$50 each) = \$150.00

BALANCE = \$2,200.00



RECEIPTS FOR 2021 RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Church	March	Total-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Buckingham		\$ 400.00
Cedar	\$ 375.00	\$ 721.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 470.00	\$ 470.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
FBC Dillwyn	\$ 220.40	\$ 1,479.25
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 304.00	\$ 992.00
Goshen		\$ 1,000.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,785.79
Mt. Zion (WMU)		\$ 500.00*
(Church)		\$ 800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 930.00
Sharon	\$ 189.00	\$ 189.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 20.00
BGAV		\$1,000.00
JRBA Budget (2019-2021)		\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,508.40	\$12,687.04**

*Mt. Zion WMU - \$500 in honor of Rev. Jimmy Dunn

**TOTAL includes \$6,107.39 carried over from last year. Total for each church is for both years' contributions.

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

	March	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$ 500.00
Goshen Brotherhood	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,050.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	March	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2019-2020		\$6,292.28
Buckingham		\$ 370.00
Cedar		\$ 300.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Goshen	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 100.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL NEW DONATIONS	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,020.00

No expenditures in March

BALANCE: \$7,597.28

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA

(ALL monies by donation.)

Church	March	Year-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
Jones Chapel		\$ 1,000.00*
Sharon		\$ 180.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,280.00

*Jones Chapel sent donation directly to HFA.

