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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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MARCH EVENTS & DETAILS

March 2, 16, 23, & 30: Tuesday Morning Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn
Currently studying I Kings.

10:00 AM

March 4 Antioch (Scottsville) Ladies Bible Studies:

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.



March 7 – 14

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

Theme: The Mission Moves Forward

Every dollar given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports thousands of missionaries across the U.S. and Canada.

March 8, 15, 22, 29, & April 5: FREE Online Bible Study by N. T. Wright – *The New Testament You Never Knew*

To join the Online Bible Study go to www.BibleGateway.com/NTWright. Once you join, you will receive a confirmation email from Bible Gateway with your free downloads as well as great offers on the companion Study Guide (40% off - \$7.79). Then, every Monday morning you will receive an email with that week's information and video link. Another great opportunity to study with N. T. Wright, renowned New Testament Scholar and Teacher.

March 9 Virginia Baptist Pastors' Conference (Virtual Gathering)

1:30 – 2:45 PM

This virtual gathering hosted by the Virginia Baptist Pastor's Conference is FREE due to a generous donation and sponsorship by the Virginia Baptist Foundation. **Pastors**, you can RSVP for this gathering by using the registration email sent to you by Rev. Skip Wallace on Friday, February 19.

Guest Speaker: Chris Backert, National Director of Fresh Expressions US, serving with BGAV in Growth and Venture Development, National Director for Ecclesia (a network of missional churches), former pastor of New Life Christian Fellowship, a large university congregation in Blacksburg, VA, and a Church Planter. The focus will be working with pastors and church leaders to develop new expressions of Christian community. Everyone in "attendance" will receive a free 3-month subscription to the Fresh Expressions US app, *FX Connect*, and be eligible to win one of eight \$25 Amazon gift cards during the Gathering!



**EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR RISE
AGAINST HUNGER FUNDS
Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

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all additional Rise Against Hunger funds received. These funds will be used by RAH in partnership with organizations in several countries to feed hungry people. The partnering organization will purchase food in-country (stimulating the local economy) and distribute it to people in need. The need in many places has doubled since COVID-19 began. What a great ministry we will be providing to help meet these needs!

Make checks payable to James River Baptist Association with "Rise Against Hunger" on the memo line of the check.

Meal Packing Event cannot be held due to the pandemic. The Executive Board voted to send in the funds that were carried over and

March 12 & 26

Blue Ridge Food Distribution (Drive Thru) at Crystal Cathedral
Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM



Sunday, March 14, 2021: Daylight Savings Time Begins

2:00 AM

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!

Developed to allow agrarian workers more hours of daylight for their work based on seasonal changes, the implementation of Daylight Savings Time continues to be somewhat controversial. Currently, Arizona, Hawaii, and several US Territories do not observe Daylight Savings Time. Each year there are states that put forth bills to get rid of DST.

(Information taken from www.wikipedia.com)

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, and the wearing green attire or shamrocks.

(Information from www.history.com)



JRBA Pastors' Huddle at First Baptist Dillwyn

Noon

Pastors, come out for a time of fellowship with your fellow laborers in the ministry!

**THE JRBA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021.**



Saturday, March 20, 2021

Although there's nothing official about it, many say the March or vernal equinox signals the start of spring in the Northern Hemisphere bringing earlier sunrises, later sunsets, softer winds, and sprouting plants. The equinoxes and solstices are caused by Earth's tilt on its axis and ceaseless motion in orbit.

(Information from www.earthsky.org)

Monday, March 22

Information for the April edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due **TODAY** by 9:00 AM. (By mail or email only) Be sure to include your Final Count for your church's Hope for Appalachia boxes (other items and monetary donations) and a list of your services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, as well as Easter Egg Hunt information.

Please note that if you want to get the Easter announcements out to the other churches ahead of time, you will need to request that I send out an email since the newsletter will not be delivered until Easter Sunday!

March 23

Crash Course in Care Ministries (Virtual Class)

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Sponsored by Leland Local in partnership with North Star

How do we care for one another and our neighbors in this season of masking and distancing? Has God gifted you in care ministries? Join this virtual class to learn the basics of home, hospital, and online visits, counseling, sharing your journey with Christ, and leading worship in small settings. Register at: www.leland.edu/lelandlocal

Facilitated by Rev. Katie McKown

March 27

5 Loaves 2 Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Drive-Thru food distribution observing social distancing. Proof of eligibility is not required.



WEEK OF MARCH 29

The JRBA Hope for Appalachia Team leaves one day this week to deliver our Hope boxes to the school children in Kentucky. Pray that they will have a safe journey and touch lives for the Kingdom! Pray for the children who receive the boxes and for the school staff as they serve during these trying times.

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

EASTER EVENTS AS REPORTED



April 2

Good Friday Service at Mulberry Grove

7:00 PM

Good Friday Service at Cedar

7:00 PM

April 3

Easter Egg Hunt at Mulberry Grove 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Easter Egg Hunt at Antioch Union

Families will make reservations to go through the Easter Egg Trail somewhere between 1 and 5 PM by calling or texting Michelle Wright at 434-547-2214 (starting March 15). There will be songs and a story. Kids will take home a craft and get treats from a candy chute.



Buckingham Baptist will NOT host an Easter Egg Hunt this year.



April 4

Easter Sunrise Service at Buckingham

TBA

Attendees will stay in cars. No breakfast will be served.

Easter Sunrise Service at Enon

7:30 AM

Easter Sunrise Service at Mulberry Grove

7:00 AM

Followed by breakfast provided by the church. No Sunday School.

April 4 **Easter Sunday Services:**

Cedar

10:00 AM

Enon

11:00 AM

Gladstone Memorial

11:00 AM

The service will focus on Christology and establishing our understanding of the Cross and our Rock, Christ!

Mulberry Grove

11:00 AM



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.

Monday, April 12, 2021

JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting

Officers for 2021-2022 will be presented and voted on.

Pastors, JRBA Officers & Committee Chairs, & Church Representatives should plan to attend.
MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED.

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

MAY 13, 2021

**The JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting scheduled for this day
has been CANCELED due to the ongoing pandemic.**



THE “GATHERING” CHURCH

**Options for worship and gathering continue to change.
Updates below as provided.**

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE) holds indoor services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Nursery and Kids Alive are available for the 11 AM service only. CDC guidelines are observed: Attendees must register prior to the service they will attend. Deacons/Security will usher folks to a row. Rows are 6 feet apart, with families seated together. Cleaning is completed between the services. Each service is limited to 100 people. Masks are required. Congregants are asked to enter by the back doors and exit to the front left or down the right hall. Deacon/Security will facilitate departure releasing rows from the front first. Drinking fountains have been blocked off and kitchen, Sunday School classrooms, and the youth room are closed.

CEDAR continues to have Worship Service in the church sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. Anyone attending will be asked to comply with the safety ordinances. The service will also be available at the same time over the radio at 87.9 for anyone preferring to remain in their vehicles in the parking lot and also on Facebook Live. Currently there is no Sunday School.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN continues to worship at 11:00 AM each Sunday. While they could not attend in person due to inclement weather on February 7 & 14, very meaningful services were conducted by Pastor John Moxley, Pianist Cody Moss, Choir Director Kristye Moxley, and Children’s Director Jennifer Taylor. These services blessed many who received them clearly through radio station FM 92.9. Prayer Meeting and Choir Practice continue on Wednesday nights as weather permits. Sunday School was canceled on the first two Sundays of February, but resumed on February 21, with the study of I Corinthians for all adults.

***For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.
Matthew 18:20 (NIV)***



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Church	Total-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$3,600.00
Buckingham	\$ 1,007.65
Cedar	\$ 960.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 421.00
Enon	\$ 150.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 540.00
Fork of Willis	\$ 300.00
Goshen	\$ 900.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 2,330.00
Mt. Tabor	\$ 285.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 1,195.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 235.00
Sharon	\$ 280.00



HOPE FOR APPALACHIA SPRING 2021 BOXES

Church	Boxes-to-Date	Other Items & Extra Supplies	Monetary Contributions
Antioch (Scottsville)	200	44 items	\$100.00
Antioch Union	37	59 items	
Buckingham	22		
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	10	25 items+	
Sharon	46	11 items	\$180.00
Tar Wallet	90		
Glade Hill Baptist (Franklin County)	53		
Hilton Baptist (Newport News)	39	66 items	
TOTAL BOXES FOR BELL COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADOPTED BY JRBA	628	"Hundreds" of items/extra supplies	\$1,280.00

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

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

March 2021



I. **RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** Since most of our JRBA churches could not have in-house services for the past three Sundays, our deadline for submitting Rise Against Hunger funds was extended until **Wednesday, March 10**. I pray that individuals and churches will give generously to this great mission so that many hungry persons can have wholesome food to eat. Our gifts will be sent to the Richmond Rise Against Hunger office and from there to a country where hunger needs are great and food will be purchased locally and given to needy person. Thanks for your gifts!

II. **BLUE RIDGE FOOD MINISTRY:** Due to bad weather the food truck wasn't able to deliver food for our Friday, February 12, distribution. We were able to bless over 300 persons on February 26 with food. Please join us on Friday, March 12, and Friday, March 26, to distribute food and bless many lives.

III. **HOPE FOR APPALACHIA:** We sincerely thank each individual and each church for preparing Hope boxes for the children of Appalachia. Let us sincerely pray for Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough as they journey to deliver the boxes to Kentucky. They plan to go the week of March 29.

IV. During these extremely difficult days let us as individuals, churches, and an Association plan and carry out meaningful mission work in every possible way.

Thank you for all your mission efforts!

Jimmy Dunn

CHURCH OUTREACH



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE) continues their Shield-A-Badge Appreciation Program. For the month of February they honored Earl Schoen of Lake Monticello Police Department. The 5 Loaves and 2 Fish Ministry distributed food to many families on February 27. They also prepared boxes for Hope for Appalachia and made a monetary donation.

BUCKINGHAM is filling baby bottles with change/money for the Pregnancy Center. They participated in Rise Against Hunger and prepared boxes for Hope.

CEDAR prepared boxes for Hope and continue to collect for Rise Against Hunger.

CHESTNUT GROVE collected for Rise Against Hunger and prepared boxes for Hope.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN was honored to host the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Thursday, February 7. 46 units of blood were given to bless many lives during very difficult days. The Helping Hands Ministry sent Valentine cards to over 50 persons, led church members to prepare homemade soup and deliver it to about 65 individuals who are lonely on Sunday, February 21, made goodie baskets for people who are experiencing difficult situations, and made many phone calls and visited the sick, shut-ins, and others of the area. They prepared boxes for Hope and collected for Rise Against Hunger.

JONES CHAPEL sent a \$1,000 donation to Hope for Appalachia since they did not prepare boxes due to the pandemic. They are also collecting for Rise Against Hunger.

MULBERRY GROVE donated to Rise Against Hunger and individuals worked on Hope for Appalachia boxes. Wayne Gough will be a part of the delivery team to Kentucky. Members contributed to a church member's family who lost everything in a fire in Kentucky. The outreach ministry continues with cards, calls, food, and the delivery of church literature. Members volunteer on a regular basis at the bimonthly food distribution at Crystal Cathedral. In March, the church will focus on the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. It will also make monetary donations to assist with the purchase of leg braces for a six year old child in Jamaica who has local connections.

SHARON is collecting for Rise Against Hunger (February/March) and prepared Hope boxes (+other items). They donated \$180 to the JRBA Hope effort as well. Rose of Sharon WMU gave Valentines to the residents and staff of Heritage Hall, and continues providing meals, sending cards, phoning, and making porch visits to those who are sick, homebound, or just need to see a friendly face.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

I pray that each of our churches will do all possible to carry out meaningful Bible Studies for all ages through in-house and online studies. Also, begin planning to have a fine VBS in 2021.

Jimmy Dunn

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

February has been a good and busy month for the BCM. During this month we have been studying what it looks like to pursue God honoring relationships with others. This series has been a great way to encourage students to pursue relationships in a healthy Biblical manner while also giving us a chance to address the questions they have around dating. Our small groups have continued to meet each week as they look at what it means to care for their emotional and spiritual health. This school year has been tough for many, so this study has been helpful to the students. BCM is now shifting our attention towards student leaders as we recruit our leadership team for the upcoming school year. Serving on student leadership provides amazing opportunities to better learn what being a Christian leader means and helps them develop the skills to be a strong leader. Please be praying for these students as they consider applying for a position on the student leadership team. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our ministry!

Austin Williams

Campus Minister, BCM
Longwood & Hampden-Sydney

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>

2021 BLAND CENTER MISSION TRIP

On Monday, February 23, 2021, I called the Bland Ministry Center to discuss whether or not our planned trip for this May would still be a possibility. Unfortunately, as I suspected, due to the ongoing protocol and logistics relating to COVID 19, the Ministry Center is not accepting teams for the foreseeable future. Therefore, **our scheduled trip for May 16 -22, 2021, has been CANCELED.**

I asked about any specific needs of the ministry at this time. It was agreed that the best thing our churches can do is send financial assistance. That way the folks at the Center can use these funds to purchase things as needed. This will also help the merchants in the local area who have been affected by the pandemic, as those items are purchased. **We will NOT be collecting food, clothing, school supplies, or any other items this year.**

Any individuals or churches who would like to contribute to the Bland Ministry Center can send their contributions through the James River Baptist Association. Send 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 to JRBA by **May 1, 2021.**

The folks at the Ministry Center have expressed their appreciation of the JRBA for our continued support in helping meet the needs of people in Bland County and the surrounding area.

The Association is tentatively on their calendar for **May 15 – 21, 2022.** Hopefully things will settle down with the pandemic so that we can take a team then. Begin praying about the possibility of being a part of that team.

If there are any questions or anyone needs assistance with something related to our Bland Ministry support, please let me know by calling the Association office at 434-983-7385 or my cell phone at 434-315-4443.

H. Gwynn Tyler

BCHS 2021 CARD SHOWER



I will be doing the gift bags again for our 2021 graduates...in some form. Therefore, I hope to collect encouraging cards or notes for them as we did last year. The class of 2020 loved them! We will have no more than 140 graduates – the current number is 132, but it is always fluid. If you, your women's ministry, or your church can participate, I will need the cards by Friday, April 3. I am willing to pick them up as needed. If you have questions or want to schedule a pickup, call me at 434-547-2214.

Michelle Wright

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL has begun a study on Basic Doctrines. This study will establish a foundation for faith and practice.



IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

Chestnut Grove extends sympathy to the family of Gladys Morris who passed away on February 14, 2021. Gladys was the mother of Pam Waycaster, Charles Morris, and Kenny Morris.

Michelle Tuttle, wife of Pastor Richard Tuttle, **Jones Chapel**, lost her brother in February, after a long illness. Members' thoughts and prayers are with her and all the family as they grieve the loss of a much-loved family member.

Sallie Mowbray, former pianist of **Mt. Zion**, has been gone for a year and she is greatly missed! Sallie used to call February "the love month". The beautiful flowers and HOPE flag on the piano were given in her memory by the Mowbray and Atkinson families. Sallie was well known and loved throughout Buckingham County.



IN APPRECIATION>>>



"HATS OFF" TO THESE CHURCH LEADERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED YOUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE – ALL 18 CHURCHES HAVE NOW SUBMITTED THEIR REPORTS FOR 2020.

Gloria Newton – Antioch (Scottsville), Jackie Pearson – Antioch Union, Angela Bruschi – Arvon, Jo Lang – Buckingham, Pat Allen – Cedar, Gloria Morris – Chestnut Grove, Elsie Towler – First Baptist Dillwyn, Mary Shumaker – Enon, Brenda Parker – Fork of Willis, Virginia Cyrus – Gladstone, Jessica Carroll – Goshen, Carol Ownby – Jones Chapel, Diane Baird – Mt. Tabor, Dorothy Davis – Mt. Zion, Denise Leatherwood – Mulberry Grove, Tammy Brown – Sharon, Vickie McHenry – Tar Wallet, and Rev. Barry Vassar and Riley Wilson – Fitzgerald Memorial.

Completing the Annual Church Profile is a big job and JRBA appreciates the faithfulness of church leaders in getting this job done!

THANK YOU to all of you who participated in our **Hope for Appalachia** spring project! A special thanks goes out to everyone who prepared a box, organized your church's collection of boxes, delivered boxes, or gave a monetary donation. Special thanks goes out to Rev. Roger Woody who transported about 500 boxes to Tar Wallet to be checked and boxed. Special thanks to everyone who helped unload/reload the boxes at the JRBA office. **THANK YOU** to Laura Higgins, Tar Wallet, who continues to check and prepare the boxes for delivery! A special thanks also goes out to Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough who will be delivering the boxes to Kentucky. Thank you to Henry Wood for the lumber to build shelves in the Mission House. May each of you be blessed for your time, hard work, and dedication to this mission effort.



NOTES OF APPRECIATION>>>

Fellowship of Christian Athletes*

Greetings, JRBA,

My prayer is that this letter finds you feeling God's presence and blessings. I want you to know that FCA is grateful to have you as a partner to reach every coach and athlete for Jesus Christ. When the FCA selected Mark 12:30 as the 2020 theme verse, we didn't know how much of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength we were going to need to face the challenges 2020 threw at us. The year forced us to our knees as we committed to rally together our 100% for God's work. Our hearts comforted hurting coaches and athletes who faced canceled seasons. Our souls leaned more into Jesus during the struggles. Our minds worked overtime to create an exciting and effective virtual ministry for continued connection with coaches and athletes. And when fatigue set in, we relied on the strength found in unity through Jesus Christ...Even though 2020 was a year of unprecedented challenges, God still led us to victories: 29,492 individuals made faith decisions; FCA held 332 camps with 24,452 in attendance; Certified Huddles increased to 20,948; 83,942 people attended FCA Fields of Faith events; and FCA distributed 101,049 Bibles...God used us all to continue engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to impact the sports world for Jesus Christ...you were a part of this work! Thank you for your support. Through your generosity, coaches and athletes are being transformed by Jesus Christ around the world.

Peace and blessings,
Shane Williamson,
President/CEO – FCA

The Gideons International*

Dear Friends,

Please accept my deepest appreciation for your prayers and financial support of The Gideons International in 2020... Thank you for your commitment to our primary objective of winning the lost for Christ. Because of friends like you, 71 million scriptures... were purchased and placed around the globe this past year, and God allowed us to fill every order requested. Thank you for your faithfulness...We trust, with your continued involvement, together we will see more people come to the Lord as we witness and share His Word in 2021. Thank you for your ministry partnership in spreading the Good News of our Lord and Savior!

In Christ,
Dan Heighway
Executive Director, Gideons

*\$100 was sent to these organizations as a part of our regular budgeted Additional Missions line item.

Virginia Baptist Historical Society*

Dear James River Baptist Association Friends,

On behalf of VBHS, please accept our gratitude for your recent membership renewal of \$50. Thank you for supporting the ministry of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society for so many years. It is because of associations and the churches which form them that we can continue doing the work that we are called to do. Please let us know how we may be of service to you in the future.

Blessings,
Nathan L. Taylor

*\$50 annual dues to VBHS, Line Item in Regular Budget.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>

- The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has available a FREE Congregational Study entitled, *Nurturing Faith in Community* by Terry Maples, CBFVA Coordinator. It addresses 6 specific congregational needs post-pandemic: How Did We Get Here? - Programmed Faith vs. Faith Nurtured in Community – The Nature of Faith and Formation – Centrality of Jesus to Faith Formation – Spiritual Practices That Nurture Holistic Faith – Beloved Community and Transformation. This is a study designed for leaders of the church as you plan for post-pandemic ministry. Go to <https://cbfva.org/wp-content/uploads/220/10/Nurturing-Faith-in-Community-PDF.pdf> to download this free resource.
- CCLI: With the on-going challenges of meeting together, churches continue to adapt to remain connected. As you plan how you'll worship together this year, it is important to consider copyright issues. If your church is displaying lyrics on screen, either in your place of worship or online, it is likely you need licensing. If you are live streaming services or posting recordings of your worship services, including Master Recordings or Multi-tracks, you should evaluate your licensing. To save 10% with CCLI, use code CSLD136 (valid until March 31, 2021). CCLI can be reached at www.get.ccli.com/winter10 or call 1-800-234-2446.
- Go to <https://d365.org> for meaningful daily devotions. Be sure to click on the musical note icon at the bottom for instrumental music. Includes scripture, thoughts and reflective questions, and daily prayer. Provided by The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Presbyterian Church USA, and The Episcopal Church.



**JRBA Quarterly
Executive Board Meeting
January 11, 2021**

Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, opened the meeting by sharing a devotional on Job 19:25, *I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.* As we think about our own faith during this difficult time of pandemic, we know that we can plead the blood of Jesus as our salvation, but Job didn't know about Jesus and His saving grace and resurrection. Job believed by FAITH! And we see that he also believed in the second coming even though the first had not occurred. None of us know what is going to happen – with COVID, with the unsettling political situation, and so much violence throughout the world – so, we must hold on to faith that our Redeemer lives and that he WILL stand in the end. Marilyn ended her devotional with a prayer asking God to help us stand firm in our faith and that we can be faithful like Job. She prayed for God's presence and guidance during our meeting and gave Him glory and praise for all that we accomplish together.

Marilyn then called the meeting to order and Frank Breault, Clerk, had the roll call of churches. There were 23 in attendance, representing 11 member churches.

The minutes of the October, 2020, Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved. The Treasurer's Quarterly Report was presented by Judy Ownby. As of December 31, 2020, the checking account balance was \$35,933.04, which included the following: Additional Missions Fund - \$900.00, Mission Trips - \$2,350.00, Rise Against Hunger - \$6,607.00, Missions Blitz - \$1,176.21, Bland Ministry Center - \$500.00, Christian Education/Training/Evangelism - \$500.00, and Baccalaureates - \$400.00. Total Disbursements for the quarter were \$5,637.11 which included Missions Trips - \$150.00, Additional Missions - \$700.00 (Pregnancy Support Center, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Grace Inside, The Gideons, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, BGAV Disaster Relief, and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100 each), Missions Blitz - \$48.79, Virginia Historical Society Annual Dues - \$50.00, CNA Surety Bond Insurance - \$484.78, and all other regular expenses. Total receipts for the quarter were \$4,386.16, which included church contributions of \$4,374.25, \$7.25 from AmazonSmile.com, and \$4.66 interest on the checking account. The Savings Account Balance is \$4,315.40. The report was approved as presented.

Next, Marilyn gave the Moderator's Report with a big shout out to all who either went or donated items to our Fall Winterwear Collection for Hope for Appalachia. She

also expressed appreciation to Rev. Michael Khol for heading up the Missions Blitz work done in 2020. She mentioned several ways the Buckingham County School teachers/staff had been ministered to by individual churches. Mrs. Betty Toney then presented the John E. Mann, Sr. Benevolence Fund Quarterly Report. During the past quarter, four individuals or families were assisted the overdue electric bills, two individuals were provided one night's emergency lodging, and one individual was assisted with fuel for heating. Buckingham, Cedar, First Baptist Dillwyn, and Sharon made contributions to the fund totaling \$1,370.00. Available funds (12/31/20) were \$6,952.28. Betty also presented some information from JRBA WMU. She noted that the JRBA WMU is going to receive 50 baby bottles from the Southside Pregnancy Center to collect donations. If any WMU or church would like to utilize some of the baby bottles, please contact her.

Rev. Woody Moore, Disaster Response Coordinator, asked for prayer for a DR volunteer, Ryan Celluar, from Grundy, VA. Mr. Celluar is a faithful DR volunteer and is always helping others. He is experiencing health issues at this time.

Rev. Jimmy Dunn addressed the Board on behalf of the Missions Committee. He noted that since we cannot at this time, or in the foreseeable future, host a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event, the Committee makes a motion to contribute to RAH's COVID-19 option of procuring food through partners in various countries where it will then be distributed to those in need. This will not only get food to those who are hungry, but by the food being purchased locally, it will stimulate the economy in those settings. The motion was approved. There is currently \$6,607.00 in designated funds. The committee also recommended that we extend collection of RAH funds until February 17, 2021, so that churches that did not participate will have the opportunity to do so. The Board concurred. Rev. Dunn asked that everyone encourage our churches to give to this worthy cause. Rev. Woody Moore, Hope for Appalachia Regional and JRBA Team Leader, expressed his appreciation for all that our churches have done for the schools in Kentucky. He noted that the Fall trip was hard as they could not see the children or work with the other missionaries. He thanked Rev. Anthony Saaco and Buckingham Baptist for providing meals for the entire team. He noted that due to the restrictions of the pandemic, additional team members will not be sought for the spring delivery. He, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough will make the delivery. The trip is planned for March 29 – April 3. A packet of information was distributed with directions for preparing Hope boxes, labels, etc. Woody noted a couple of things: He asked that everyone please follow the guidelines. He also reminded us not to include any

candy or food items IN the Hope boxes. He asked that each church be sure to keep a count of what is sent and give those numbers to both him and Phyllis so that we can have an accurate total count. Woody then noted that prayer is coveted for this effort, for the volunteers, the children, and the schools. Rev. Michael Khol noted that he had recently sent out an email about Missions Blitz projects. One ramp was completed by a team from Antioch (Scottsville) and himself; Buckingham and Mulberry Grove have each taken a project. There is not a larger project in the works, but he is hopeful that we can continue to utilize the funds already donated to continue to do small projects that will impact lives in our communities. He thanked the churches for their donations and will extend a request when more funds are needed.

Under Old Business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved for JRBA to "Re-Adopt" Bell Central Elementary School for 2021 through Hope for Appalachia. Val Breault asked how many students attend and Woody noted that we would need somewhere around 530 boxes. Actual numbers are not yet available.

Under New Business, Marilyn noted that the Program Committee asked for guidance on the scheduling of the JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting that is scheduled for May 13, 2021, at Goshen Baptist, in lieu of the pandemic. She noted that the meeting does take a lot of preparation and a decision needed to be made. Goshen representatives noted that Goshen would not be large enough to provide for social distancing. Gloria Newton, Antioch (Scottsville) noted that they had enough space to accommodate the restrictions. Gwynn Tyler noted that with the increased cases of COVID-19 locally and the questions surrounding when vaccines would be available to the general public, he didn't think scheduling the meeting would be wise. He noted that hosting a virtual meeting was a possibility if anyone wanted to provide the expertise. After some discussion, Gwynn made a motion that the Semi-Annual Spring Meeting be canceled. It was seconded and approved. Marilyn then asked Austin Williams, BCM Interim Campus Minister, if he had an update. He noted that students went home before Thanksgiving, but had returned. Due to the new COVID-19 restrictions, gatherings are prohibited for more than 10 persons so they are making adjustments in scheduling Bible Study groups, etc.

Rev. Michael Khol made a motion to adjourn and Rev. Henry Enochs closed the meeting with prayer.

THE 2019-2020 BOOK OF REPORTS WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE CHURCHES WITH REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. THIS IS THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR. COPIES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO

PASTORS, JRBA OFFICERS, JRBA COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND TWO COPIES PER CHURCH. IF A CHURCH HAD NO REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE, THEIR BOOKS WERE MAILED OUT ON JANUARY 13. IF A CHURCH NEEDS ADDITIONAL COPIES, PLEASE NOTIFY PHYLLIS.

KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- ❖ Week of March 29: JRBA Hope Delivery Team
- ❖ 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)

FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

In addition to the pandemic the snow and ice has been pretty bad. Hope everyone is doing well. During this time of Lent let's draw closer to God through prayer.

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It was Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. Acts 3:16

Marilyn



ASSOCIATION FINANCES
2020 – 2021
REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

Church	February	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 250.00
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 375.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		\$ 500.00
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		
Fitzgerald		\$ 100.00
Fork of Willis		\$ 396.00
Gladstone		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 161.00	\$ 747.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,360.00
Sharon		\$ 582.50
Tar Wallet		\$ 500.00
Individuals	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
VBMB-Alma Hunt		
Amazon Smile		\$ 7.25
TOTAL	\$ 661.00	\$11,617.75**

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

*Total includes \$7,082.00 carryover funds.

****Note that I removed the interest on checking (\$4.66) that was listed in the February newsletter as that is not a part of the regular budget.**

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 February.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$ 634.76

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:

ALL monies expended for Additional Missions are listed each month.

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

Expenditures

Pregnancy Support Center (Farmville), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Graceland, 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	February	Total-to-Date
Buckingham	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Cedar	\$ 126.00	\$ 346.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
FBC Dillwyn	\$ 215.25	\$ 1,258.85
Gladstone		\$ 688.00
Goshen	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Jones Chapel		\$ 835.79
Mt. Zion (WMU)		\$ 500.00*
(Church)		\$ 800.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 930.00	\$ 930.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 20.00
BGAV		\$1,000.00
JRBA Budget (2019-2021)		\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,171.25	\$9,178.64**

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

****TOTAL includes \$6,107.00 (rounded) carried over from last year. Total for each church is for both years' contributions.**

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

	February	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$ 500.00
TOTAL		\$ 500.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	February	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2019-2020		\$6,292.28
Buckingham		\$ 370.00
Cedar		\$ 300.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 100.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL NEW DONATIONS		\$1,770.00

No contributions or expenditures in February

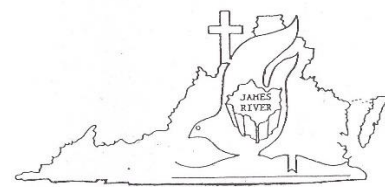
BALANCE: \$7,347.28

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA

(ALL monies by donation.)

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

*Jones Chapel sent donation directly to HFA.



People Committed To Making A Difference

