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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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### MAY EVENTS & DETAILS

May 1

#### **Deadline for Contributions to Bland Ministry Center**

Checks should be made payable to James River Baptist Association with "Bland Ministry Center" on the memo line. Mail to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936. If your contribution will arrive after May 1, please call the office.

#### **Yard Sale at Jones Chapel**


**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Second week of Yard Sale to raise money for summer mission trip. Prices lowered to sell all items. Or, make an offer to get the price you want! Head on over to Jones Chapel to get a great buy!

May 5

#### **Midweek Bible Study at Fitzgerald Memorial every Wednesday**

**7:00 PM**



**Thursday, May 6, 2021**  
**70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
**Theme Verse: 2 Corinthians 3:17**

**"Lord, Pour out your LOVE, LIFE, and Liberty"**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance on the first Thursday of May designated by the U.S. Congress, when people are asked to turn to God in prayer and meditation.

The 2021 National Broadcast will be at 8:00 PM, ET. It is being hosted by the Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC, and ONE CRY. To watch the livestream of this broadcast, go to [https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/2021\\_national\\_observance](https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/2021_national_observance).

If you are interested in hosting a local event, materials and resources are available at [https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/promotional\\_tools](https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/promotional_tools).

#### **Sunday, May 9, 2021 MOTHER'S DAY**

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. ... In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. (If you grab a couple of family-friendly board games and head to your parents' place for a night in with them and your siblings, that might be the most memorable Mother's Day gift you could give, especially during the isolation of COVID-19.)

From [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com) & [www.businessinsider.com](http://www.businessinsider.com)



#### **Mother's Day Breakfast at Mt. Zion**

**9:00 AM**

#### **Mother's Day Service at Enon**

**10:00 AM**

Recognizing all mothers & some special mothers.

**May 13, 2021**

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

May 14 & 28

**Blue Ridge Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn**  
Volunteers are needed at 9:30 AM.

May 14 – 16, 21 – 22, & 28 – 29      **History & Theology of the Church – Online Course**      9:00 AM – Noon, 1:00 – 4:00 PM  
 Taught by Rev. Shannon Rutherford. Available through the Leland School of Ministry.  
 For more information, email [kmckown@leland.edu](mailto:kmckown@leland.edu).

May 16      **Deacon Ordination & Installation at Mulberry Grove**      11:00 AM

**Fitzgerald Memorial's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration**      11:00 AM  
 Special music during Worship and Fellowship Lunch following the service.

May 16 – 22, 2021  
 The Bland Mission Trip has been CANCELLED due to COVID-19 restrictions. There will be no collection of food, clothing, school supplies, or other items this year.  
 Monetary donations are due by May 1.

May 19      **JRBA Pastors' Huddle at First Baptist Dillwyn**      NOON  
**PASTORS:** Come out for a time of fellowship with your fellow laborers in the ministry

May 20      **BGAV Church Financial Administration Seminar (Online)**      9:30 AM - Noon  
 Online training for Church Treasurers and Financial Secretaries. Latest resources and approaches to church financial ministry. The seminar will be presented through Zoom. Register at <https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/wn76ce0nx5ekw/>. This seminar will be especially good for NEW finance officers in the local church. Cost: \$15

May 22      **5 Loaves 2 Fish Drive-Thru Ministry at Antioch (Scottsville)**      9:30 – 10:30 AM

May 23      **Youth Sunday at First Baptist Dillwyn**      11:00 AM  
 Youth will lead the worship service through music, drama, and the message. A take-out only meal will be available after the worship service to raise money for the youth mission trip in July. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. Contact Jennifer Taylor at 983-2938 for more information or to purchase a ticket for the meal.

Monday, May 24  
 Information for the June 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 plans for VBS, as well as your usual calendar items and outreach done in May.

May 25      **Engaging Children & Youth Online – Online Session**      6:30 – 8:30 PM  
 Learn how to engage children and youth in worship, Bible Studies, and fun online. Join the session to learn new skills and practice. Taught by Sarah Boberg. Cost is \$10. Sign up at [www.leland.edu/lelandlocal](http://www.leland.edu/lelandlocal).

May 27      **Habitat for Humanity Meeting at Fitzgerald Memorial**      6:00 PM  
 Volunteers are needed.

May 30      **Graduate Recognition at Mulberry Grove**      11:00 AM



Monday, May 31, 2021  
**MEMORIAL DAY**

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed yearly on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day that commemorates all men and women who have died while serving in the military for the United States of America.  
 From [www.calendar-365.com](http://www.calendar-365.com)

**THE JRBA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021  
 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

**LOOKING AHEAD>>>**

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

Thursday, June 3, 2021  
 1:00 – 7:00 PM

**Community Blood Drive at Sharon Baptist Church**  
 1620 Sharon Church Road, Arvon, VA – Located in the Fellowship Hall  
 Donation by Appointment Only - Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).  
 Free COVID-19 Antibody Test also available.



**American  
 Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*



**June 15 – 16**  
**2021 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting**  
**Nashville Music City Center**

For more information, visit [www.BaptistPress.com](http://www.BaptistPress.com) or [www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net](http://www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net).

NOTE: The SEND Conference: Together on Mission, to be held on June 13 – 14, 2021, will also be at the Music City Center and requires a separate registration at [www.sendconference.com](http://www.sendconference.com). Space is limited for this free event.

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| <b>June 20</b>      | <b>Father's Day Service at Enon</b>  | <b>10:00 AM</b>       |
| <b>June 22</b>      | <b>Talking About Racial Justice in the Church – Online Session</b><br>Join the session to learn how the church can initiate conversation about racial injustice and see what the Bible says on the subject. Taught by Danielle Bridgeforth. Cost is \$10. Sign up at <a href="http://www.leland.edu/lelandlocal">www.leland.edu/lelandlocal</a> .  | <b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b> |
| <b>July 12</b>      | <b>JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn</b><br>Representatives to the JRBA Executive Board should be in attendance.   | <b>7:00 PM</b>        |
| <b>July 18</b>      | <b>Sharon Baptist Dedication of the New Fellowship Hall (Watch for details!)</b>   |                       |
| <b>July 19 – 23</b> | <b>Missions Connections 2 at Eagle Eyrie</b><br>Theme: Isaiah 55:1-2<br>MC2 is an intergenerational experience featuring Missions, Discipleship, Worship, Fellowship, and Fun. "Not only is MC2 a unique way to serve the local community and proclaim the good news of Christ," shared Eagle Eyrie Director Rod Miller, "It is structured so that adults and youth alike can experience spiritual growth, encouraging community, and ultimately gain a deeper understanding of God's purpose in their lives to be the salt and light to the rest of the world." Registration opened April 1 at <a href="http://www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2">www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2</a> . |                       |
| <b>August 1 – 6</b> | <b>Revival at Cedar</b><br>Guest Speakers: Evangelist Roger Roller will preach at the Sunday, August 1, Worship Service and on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Rev. Jerry Gray from Iva, SC will speak on Wednesday – Friday evenings. (Services pending no further restrictions.)  |                       |



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| <b>June 12</b>          | <b>Sharon (One-Day VBS)</b>   | <b>10:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b> |
| <b>June 27 – 30</b>     | <b>Mulberry Grove – Beach Theme</b>   |                           |
| <b>June 27 – July 2</b> | <b>Jones Chapel</b><br>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.  |                           |
| <b>June 28 – July 1</b> | <b>First Baptist Dillwyn</b><br>Theme: <i>Concrete and Cranes</i><br>Outdoor event around the church grounds – 16980 Oak Street, Dillwyn<br>Spaces limited due to COVID restrictions. Bagged snack will be provided.<br>Pre-registration required! Deadline June 20. In-person registration from 4:00-6:00 PM on Sunday, <u>June 20</u> , at FBC Fellowship Hall. | <b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b>     |
| <b>June 28 – July 2</b> | <b>Antioch (Scottsville)</b>  |                           |
| <b>July 5 – 9</b>       | <b>Buckingham's Virtual VBS</b><br>Theme: Destination Dig   |                           |
| <b>July 11</b>          | <b>Cedar (Begins today – Details to come!)</b>  |                           |



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

**BUCKINGHAM:** Hopes to resume Sunday School in June. Watch for update.

**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.

**CHESTNUT GROVE:** Sunday School at 10:00 AM with Worship at 11:00 AM resumed on April 25. Worship is in-person in the sanctuary as well as broadcast to those in cars outside.

**FITZGERALD MEMORIAL:** Sunday School at 10:00 AM with Worship at 11:00 AM – all in-person.

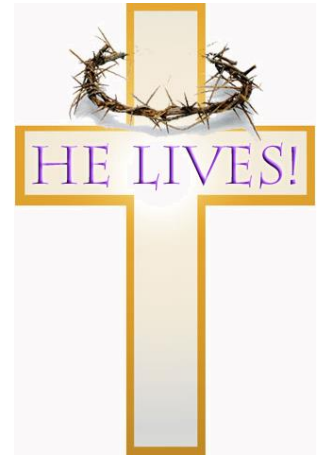
**EASTER HAPPENINGS**

**BUCKINGHAM:** The Easter Sunrise Service was well attended – about 25 cars.

**MT. ZION:** There were over 40 in attendance at the Easter Sunrise Service. They had a walk-through of the events of the week preceding Jesus' Resurrection including Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and Jesus' trial and crucifixion. All scenes were located around the church property as they were led by the women and concluded at the empty tomb. Breakfast was prepared by the Baptist Men and was served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

**MULBERRY GROVE:** The Easter weekend was a wonderful time of worship, praise, and fellowship at Mulberry Grove! All of the activities and services were well attended, including the Good Friday service, an Easter Egg Hunt, a Sunrise Service, and Sunday morning worship. Members and guests were very excited to worship with their church family.

**TAR WALLET:** 39 were in attendance at the Easter Sunrise Service.



**ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE):**  
Over 100 children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt complete with games, candy, and the Salvation Story.



## JONES CHAPEL:



Children (and adults) had fun at the Easter Egg Hunt!  
Ava Green, Emmy Saxtan,?, Michelle Tuttle, & Hailey Green



Preacher Richard preached for the Sunrise Service which was held on the front lawn of the church.

## JRBA REACHES OUT>>>



### ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING-TO-DATE

Church	Total-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$2,500.00
Buckingham	\$1,387.00
Cedar	\$1,020.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 744.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 270.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 614.00
Goshen	\$ 770.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 820.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 1,000.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 245.00
Sharon	\$ 260.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 200.00

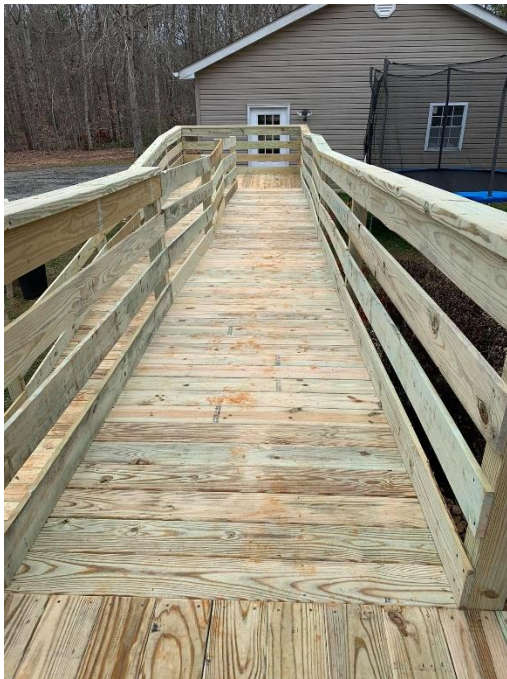
### JRBA ASSISTS WITH COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

On Friday, April 16, approximately 400 COVID-19 immunizations were given at the Buckingham County Library Community Center. Many had appointments and others were walk-in patients. JRBA folks volunteering at the event were Mike Farrish, Liz Steger, and Debbie Goff (**Sharon**), Dottie Shumaker (**First Baptist Dillwyn**), and Gwynn Tyler (**Mulberry Grove**). Another opportunity to receive the vaccine will be provided at this location on Friday, May 14, 2021. Call 877-829-4682 for an appointment.

### CHURCH OUTREACH

**BUCKINGHAM:** The church ministered to 3 families that have lost loved ones with food, cards, and phone calls. The pastor and deacons check in on the elderly at least weekly.

#### ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE):



Several deacons partnered with some neighbors and members of Effort Baptist to build a handicap ramp for a Fluvanna school employee who was in a serious automobile accident.

Several members participated in the annual Walk for Life event in Charlottesville.



**CHESTNUT GROVE:** \$35 was given to the Ruth School.

**FITZGERALD MEMORIAL:** April 24 was the BBQ fundraiser for missions. Three hundred chickens and dinners (combined) were sold.

**JONES CHAPEL:** Plans are being made for a team to attend MC@ at Eagle Eyrie during July.

**MT. ZION:** The WMU donated \$500 to the Bland Ministry Center, \$500 to WMU of Virginia for the kits being made for Standing Rock, and \$300 to graduation gift bags for Buckingham seniors.

**SHARON:** The congregation is growing a special offering to support the Bland Ministry Center. They are also contributing hygiene kits for summer delivery by the WMUV mission team to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe in North & South Dakota. The Rose of Sharon WMU continues providing meals, cards, phone calls, and visits to those who are sick or homebound.

**MULBERRY GROVE:** The major focus for April was the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Members also participated in the card shower for the BCHS graduates. They contributed 134 handwritten cards. Individuals continue to volunteer at the bimonthly food distribution at the Crystal Cathedral. The outreach ministry is ongoing with calls, cards food, and the delivery of church literature.

#### JRBA LEARNS & GROWS>>>

**MT. ZION:** During February and March, the Girls in Action Mission Group set up a table in the church with info and collected baby items and money for the Pregnancy Support Center. The items collected included 7 blankets, clothing, bottles, and 5 boxes of 1200 baby wipes. These were delivered to the Dillwyn office, along with monetary donations of \$268.00. During March, the Mt. Zion Girls in Action learned about missionaries to New York City and sampled different foods including bagels, New York style pizza, and New York onion sauce for their hot dogs. They watched a movie about St. Patrick and drew a life-sized Annie Armstrong with facts about her and our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The children also participated in a Passover meal which included a hand washing (instead of foot washing). They also learned about the meaning of each part of the meal, the Passover story, and how it relates to Jesus' death and resurrection. They had a Easter Egg Hunt and searched for items related to Jesus' death and resurrection.





## BCM UPDATE

The BCM is busy wrapping up the final few weeks of the semester. We recently selected and installed our new team of student leaders to serve for this upcoming year. Earlier this month, we met as a team to spend time reflecting on this past year and to start making plans for the upcoming year. This is a great group of student leaders, and they have many ideas for the BCM. I am excited to see them step into these leadership roles and to see how they will grow through this experience. Our final event of the semester will be our end of the year picnic. During this time, we are going to celebrate all of the good moments from this past school year and also recognize our seniors who will be leaving. Despite the changes and challenges, this has been a great year for the BCM, and we have much to celebrate. Thank you to the JRBA for all of the ways you support our ministry!

*Austin Williams*

Campus Minister – Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
Longwood & Hampden-Sydney

## IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

**Mulberry Grove** has lost several members of its church family over the last few months. These included Lorena Llewellyn who was the Church Clerk for many years, Edwin (Ned) Micklem, Deacon, and very active members, Eunice Griffin and Debbie Goin Collins. They are sorely missed by their friends and family.



## JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

**Buckingham** will celebrated their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. They will not be gathering for a celebration, but hope to do so later. A former pastor, Rev. Bill Gillespie, is working on a commemorative article for them.

**Jones Chapel** welcomes Bryan and Carrie Saxtan who recently united with their church and will be baptized at a later date. They and their children have been faithfully attending Jones Chapel and the church family looks forward to witnessing their baptisms. The church family extends their hearty congratulations to Gloria Tuttle who has been awarded a Virginia Baptist Foundation Scholarship. Also, she has been inducted into the Psi Chi International Honor Society for Psychology. She is a sophomore at Emory and Henry College. JRBA and the Jones Chapel family are very proud of her and her accomplishments!

**Mulberry Grove's** church family recently warmly accepted Eileen Reynolds as a new member.

## FOR YOU INFORMATION>>>

- **VAN FOR SALE:** Antioch (Scottsville) is selling a 2004, 12-passenger Ford van, with 50K miles, Recently inspected – Asking price is \$5,000. If interested, contact Travis Rittenhouse @ 434-981-2124.
- **SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:** Antioch (Scottsville) is offering a scholarship to a student planning to attend the University of Richmond OR Westhampton College. Contact Gloria Newton @ 434-981-5470 for information.
- **ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS:** Don't forget to go to <https://smile.amazon.com> when you shop. Enter your Amazon username and password and select James River Baptist Association as the non-profit to which you wish to donate. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to JRBA. This is a great way to financially support JRBA at NO cost to you.



## KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- Children who received the Hope boxes
- JRBA Churches and Pastors
- Tar Waret as they search for a new pastor
- All those affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic
- COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
- All workers on the "front line"
- Teachers, staff, and school administrators & students
- High School & College Graduates
- 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 our minds in Christ Jesus.*  
Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)



## JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting April 12, 2021

Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, opened the meeting by sharing a devotional on I Peter 5:7: *Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.* It is hard to cast all anxieties on Jesus, but we are blessed that His word is always available to us. In Mark 4:38, the disciples and Jesus were on a boat when a furious squall came up. Jesus was asleep in the boat. The disciples asked, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" Storms are scary and we've been experiencing a scary time, too...the pandemic as well as turmoil in our country and world. We look around and we are prone to worry about our children and grandchildren, finances, and other things...Where would we be without our faith in Jesus and without the knowledge that He cares for us? Sometimes we get discouraged and may even say, "Who cares anyway?" But JESUS CARES – He cared enough to die for us. God's plan is not always our plan. Every storm we go through helps us to grow. Elijah didn't plan to be isolated or to be fed by a raven; people don't plan to get the virus or not be able to go out. But God sent folks to help them, and us, out when needed. It is hard when we don't see fruit. When we do see fruit, even once, it makes our trust and faithfulness worth it all. Stress is unhealthy. When anxiety or stress creeps in, hold onto His promise, *He care for you.* Marilyn then prayed a blessing on our meeting.

Marilyn then called the meeting to order and Frank Breault, Clerk, had the roll call of churches. There were 24 in attendance, representing 10 member churches plus one visitor.

The minutes of the January, 2021, Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved. The Treasurer's Quarterly Report was presented by Judy Ownby. As of March 31, 2021, the checking account balance was \$47,534.97, which included the following: Additional Missions Fund - \$900.00, Mission Trips - \$2,200.00; Rise Against Hunger - \$12,686.65, Missions Blitz - \$634.76, and Bland Ministry - \$1,050.00. Total Disbursements for the quarter were \$6,966.20 which included: Mission Trips (Hope for Appalachia) - \$1,430.00 (\$1,280 designated donations + \$50 per team member), and Mission Blitz - \$541.45. Total receipts for the quarter were \$18,568.13 which included church contributions of \$10,138.75, designated contributions of \$1,280 for Hope, an individual contribution of \$500, \$14.60 from Amazon.smile, \$550 for Bland Ministry Center, \$6,079.65 designated contributions for Rise Against Hunger, and \$5.13 interest on the checking account. The Savings Account Balance is \$4,324.65. Judy explained that the Rise Against Hunger funds (\$12,686.65) were dispersed after April 1, so were still listed in the checking account balance. The report was approved as presented.

Next, Marilyn gave the Moderator's Report by noting that although we are still in a pandemic, JRBA has been busy for our Lord! She noted that a lot has been accomplished – we sent 1,035 Hope boxes to Kentucky and many folks were involved in this effort; Fitzgerald Memorial served as a vaccination site and many JRBA folks volunteered at the Buckingham clinic; \$12,685.65 was raised and contributed to Rise Against Hunger; Church Clerks from all 18 churches completed the Annual Church Profile for 2020; Our Missions Blitz effort provided a new ramp for a handicapped individual; JRBA church contributed over \$12,000 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and have already contributed over \$6,000 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions; Churches are encouraged to make monetary contributions to the Bland Ministry Center (by May 1) and to participate in sending cards to the BCHS graduates (by April 30). Marilyn also asked that if anyone does not have access to the JRBA newsletter, please let Phyllis know.

Next, Marilyn called for the Officers' reports. Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Sunday School Director, noted that he was glad to report that some

churches had resumed Sunday School either virtually or in-person. He encouraged all churches to resume in-person SS or Bible Study as soon as possible. He asked that everyone do all that can be done to teach God's word to all ages. He also encouraged churches to schedule VBS for the children in our communities. VBS Team Leader, Valeria Breault, notes that as churches plan for VBS, Mardel's of Lynchburg is an excellent resource for materials. Mrs. Betty Toney, WMU Director, noted that churches have given over \$1,000 through the Baby Bottle drive for the Southside Pregnancy Center. She encouraged churches to do cards for the graduates. Marilyn noted that BCHS is planning a "Prom in a Box" – contact Michelle Wright if your church is interested in making a donation for that effort. Austin Williams updated everyone on the progress at the BCM (Longwood/Hampden Sydney). He noted that they are almost at the end of the school year and that he has been meeting with student leaders for next year. He also announced that he is now the permanent BCM Director. A round of applause expressed our excitement over his new role.

Marilyn called for Committee Reports next. Rita Harris, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the Slate of Officers for 2021-2022 as follows:

- Moderator – Rev. Michael Khol
  - Vice Moderator – Rev. Roger Woody
  - Clerk – Mr. Frank Breault
  - Reporter/Historian – Mr. Terry Towler
  - Sunday School Director – Rev. Jimmy Dunn
  - Discipleship Director – Rev. Roger Woody
  - Baptist Men's Director – Rev. Anthony Sacco
  - VBS Leaders – Frank and Valeria Breault
  - Music Director – Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy
  - Disaster Relief Coordinator – Rev. Woody Moore
  - BCM Representative – Mr. Austin Williams
  - VA Baptist Representative – Mr. Terry Towler
- Parliamentarian (Appointed by Moderator) – Mr. Gwynn Tyler and WMU Director (Elected by WMU) – Mrs. Betty Toney. The Slate of Officers was approved as presented. Currently serving on the BGAV Mission Council – Rev. Perry Clore, Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Rev. Henry Enochs, Jr., Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy, and Mr. Gwynn Tyler. (Rev. Jimmy Dunn and Gwynn Tyler will complete their terms at the BGAV Annual Meeting in November, 2021. The Nominating Committee will submit the names of Rev. Roger Wood and Rev. Anthony Saaco to the Mission Council for their consideration as Council Members. The Mission Council considers all recommendations and selects those to be voted on at the BGAV Annual Meeting. (*The number of persons serving on the BGAV Mission Council is being reduced through attrition so submitted names may not go forward unless needed.*)

The Program Committee presented a recommendation to the Executive Board that:

1. JRBA begin plans to host an Annual Fall Meeting in spite of the continuing pandemic.
2. The Program Committee be allowed to change the location for the meeting if a larger space is needed for social distancing. (Goshen would traditionally be the next host church, and would be the next to host post-pandemic if conditions warrant a change of venue.)
3. No meal be planned.
4. Masks be required for the meeting unless restrictions have been lifted.
5. The meeting be held on **Thursday, October 21, 2021**, beginning at **6:30 PM** (business) followed by **worship at 7:15 PM**.

The committee will continue to monitor the restrictions of the pandemic, make necessary adjustments, and keep the churches informed. A comment was made that we need to move forward with plans. The recommendation of the Program Committee was approved as presented.



Michelle Wright, Baccalaureate Chair for Buckingham, submitted a request to be able to use the \$200 budgeted by JRBA for the Baccalaureate, for the purchase of cupcakes for the BCHS graduates. There will not be an in-person Baccalaureate again this year. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that funds be accessible for this purpose. It was noted that Cumberland has not submitted a request yet.

Rev. Jimmy Dunn presented a report from the Missions Committee. He expressed gratitude for the generosity of our churches to Rise Against Hunger and churches were encouraged to continue to collect for this worthy cause. He also thanked all who helped with the efforts for Hope for Appalachia. Rev. Dunn noted that he knew the boxes were received with joy. Everyone was encouraged to get involved with the Blue Ridge Food Distribution every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. Rev. Dunn encouraged our churches to make contributions to the Bland Ministry Center. He encouraged everyone to continue to do all the mission work possible locally.

Rev. Woody Moore spoke about the recent Hope for Appalachia trip. He thanked everyone for the effort and timely delivery of Hope boxes. Bell Elementary School, JRBA's adopted school, made thank you posters and notes expressing their gratefulness. The team was able to have limited interaction with some of the students. He shared notes from two of the students. He also noted that the principal told the Easter story over the intercom. Rev. Moore requested prayer for a gentleman who has been instrumental in paving the way for HFA who has cancer. He noted that about 1,250 boxes were transported along with several boxes of additional supplies. Two churches in Tappahannock prepared boxes in addition to those already reported. "Dolls on a Mission" provided 2,000 dolls (boy and girl dolls) with the Gospel message for the schools. Rev. Moore noted that the schools were well-covered with HOPE boxes, but noted that there is much more to the trip than boxes – it's about Jesus! They encountered numerous ways that HFA is making a difference in the schools and communities touched by this effort.

Rev. Michael Khol noted that Missions Blitz is currently planning to assist with repairing a needy family's kitchen floor. He hopes there will be additional projects in the near future. He is trying to do small projects with individual churches to reach needs in our area. He will contact pastors when a need arises. It was noted that designated funds are being used and that additional donations would be helpful. If you or your church would like to donate, please send a check payable to JRBA with "Missions Blitz" on the memo line of the check. These monies are used for materials when a project is undertaken.

Marilyn welcomed Rev. Skip Wallace, BGAV Strategist, to the meeting. He noted his excitement over being in attendance and being able to hear about all that JRBA is doing for the Lord. Rev. Dunn asked him if the BGAV Annual Meeting will take place this year and Skip said the BGAV leadership is hopeful that it will. He will update us as decisions are made.

Gwynn Tyler noted that he had been in touch with Dee Dee Hoosier, Director, at the Bland Ministry Center and that our team would not be going this year, but that the ministry is still serving the people of the area. Since we cannot go or send items, monetary donations would be most appreciated. Contributions are due to JRBA by May 1 – put "Bland Ministry Center" on the memo line of the check. He also informed everyone that the Director's husband passed away.

There was no additional old or new business.

Additional announcements were then made:

- There is a BGAV Mission Council meeting via Zoom on April 27. Mission Council members should register for the meeting and plan to attend.
- VBS dates for Antioch (Scottsville), Jones Chapel, and First Baptist Dillwyn were announced. Buckingham and Cedar are currently planning for VBS as well.
- Antioch (Scottsville) is selling a 2004, 12-passenger Ford van for \$5,000. Contact Travis Rittenhouse @ 434-981-2124.

- Antioch (Scottsville) is offering a scholarship to a student who plans to attend the University of Richmond OR Westhampton College. Interested students should contact Gloria Newton @ 434-981-5470.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Rev. Jimmy Dunn gave the closing prayer.

## FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Greetings,

Thanks to everyone that attended the JRBA Executive Board Meeting. I think we had a very productive meeting with nominations voted on, and a decision made to have our Annual Fall Meeting (unless it becomes unsafe again). The reports were very informative of the work that is still being done in Jesus' name. Let's continue to be vigilant with the work Jesus has called us to: *As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.* John 9:4

Marilyn



## B.C.H.S. CARD OUTREACH UPDATE

Church	# Cards
Buckingham	140
First Baptist Dillwyn	140
Mt. Zion	133
Mulberry Grove	134



## FINAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 10/01/19 – 03/31/21

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

\*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.

A check for \$12,686.65 has been sent to Rise Against Hunger for the purchase of food for the needy through partners abroad.

## ASSOCIATION FINANCES

2020 – 2021

### REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

Church	April	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 250.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham	\$ 250.00	\$ 625.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		\$ 500.00
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		\$ 1,000.00
Fitzgerald		\$ 100.00
Fork of Willis		\$ 396.00
Gladstone		\$ 662.50
Goshen		\$ 1,079.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 145.00	\$ 1,053.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,360.00
Sharon	\$ 291.25	\$ 873.75
Tar Wallet		\$ 500.00
Individuals		\$ 500.00
VBMB-Alma Hunt		
Amazon Smile		\$ 21.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 686.25</b>	<b>\$15,721.10</b>

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
	<b>\$1,225.00</b>

\*Carryover was rounded to even dollars.

November Expenditure: Home Repair - \$48.79

January Expenditure: Ramp - \$541.45

No contributions or expenditures in April.

**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
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,600.00</b>

#### 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)

No contributions or expenditures in April.

**BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 900.00**

#### BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

	April	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$ 500.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00
Goshen Brotherhood		\$ 50.00
Mt. Zion WMU	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 500.00
Individuals	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,035.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,085.00</b>

## 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**

### HOPE FOR APPALACHIA

(ALL monies by donation.)

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

\*Jones Chapel sent donation directly to HFA.



### RAH – New Donations starting 04/01/21

Church	April	Total-to-Date
Sharon	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>

### NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

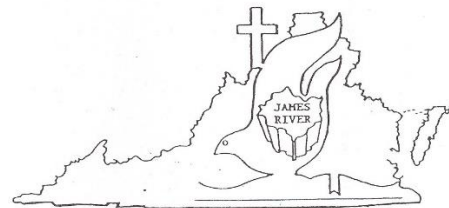
(ALL monies by donation.)

#### JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

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

No expenditures in April

**BALANCE: \$7,597.28**



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