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### HOMECOMINGS & REVIVALS

August 1

#### **Homecoming at Cedar**

11:00 AM

Rev. Roger Roller will preach at the 11 AM service, followed by a fellowship lunch.  
There will be a song service at 1:00 PM featuring Chris Lewis.

**Revival Services will be held August 2 – 6, beginning with Special Music at 7:00 PM nightly.**

Evangelist Roller will speak on Monday and Tuesday nights. Rev. Jerry Gray from Iva, SC, will be the Guest Speaker on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights.

#### **Homecoming at Goshen**

11:00 AM

Guest is Smokey Wilson. Followed by a Fellowship Meal.

**Revival Services will be held August 2 – 4, beginning nightly at 7:00 PM.**

Guest Speakers:

Monday: Rev. Jimmy Dunn

Tuesday: David Haught, County Gospel Singer

Wednesday: Old Fashioned Hymn Sing with Guest Pianist, Susie Thomas

There will be something special each night!

#### **Homecoming at Mt. Zion**

11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Rev. Stephen Donahue

**Revival services will be held August 2 – 4, starting at 7:00 PM.**

Revival Preacher: Rev. Perry Clore, Pastor – Sharon Baptist

Special Music:

Monday: Tommy and Debbie England

Tuesday: The Messengers

Wednesday: Noah and Sandra Hickman

August 8

#### **Homecoming at Mulberry Grove**

11:00 AM

Rev. Michael Khol, Pastor, will be speaking. A pot luck lunch will follow the service.

**Revival Services will be held August 9 – 11, starting at 7:00 PM.**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dwayne Bates, Executive Pastor, Crystal Cathedral

#### **Homecoming at Sharon**

11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jimmy Dunn

The service will be followed by a covered-dish lunch in the new fellowship hall.

**Revival Services will be held August 9 – 11, at 7:30 PM nightly.**

Guest Speakers:

Monday: Rev. Woody Moore

Tuesday: Rev. Lewis Brandt

Wednesday: Rev. Mitch Crickenberger

There will be special music each night.

**August 22 Homecoming at Enon 11:00 AM**  
 Rev. Lane Loman will be singing and preaching. A fellowship lunch will follow the service.  
**Revival Services will be held August 22 – 25: Sunday night at 6:00 PM; Monday – Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM.**  
 Rev. Loman will be preaching and providing special music.

**Homecoming at Mt. Tabor 11:00 AM**  
 Speaker: Rev. Ron Nida, Pastor  
 Dinner on the Grounds following the service – at Noon.  
**No Revival due to COVID-19.**

**September 23 – 26 Antioch (Scottsville) Community Tent Revival at the Hardware River (on Antioch Road)**  
 Thursday – Saturday nights at the river at 7:00 PM.  
 Sunday's service will be at the church at 10:00 AM with baptisms and food to follow.

**October 3 Homecoming at Jones Chapel 10:00 AM**  
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Jim Lamb, Former Pastor  
 Special music by Mercy's Well, beginning at 10:00 AM, followed by Worship.  
 Lunch in the fellowship hall will follow the service. Everyone is welcome.

### **OTHER AUGUST EVENTS AND DETAILS**

**August 8 Ron Moore will be the Guest Speaker at Goshen Baptist 11:00 AM**

**August 13 & 27 Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn**  
 Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM.

**August 13 – 14 Men's Ignite Conference at Thomas Road Baptist, Lynchburg**  
 "Extreme Outdoor Expo & Kid Zone Where God, Men, Life, and the Great Outdoors Come Together"  
 Friday: 5:30 – 10:45 PM Zach Williams Band Concert  
 Saturday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
 Featured Speakers: Ryan Shazier, Hugh Freeze, Darryl Strawberry, Mark "Oz" Ceist, Rick Rigsby, Zach Clinton, Ted Cunningham, Tim Clinton, and Bobby Petrocelli  
 Register at <https://ignitemen.brushfire.com/igniteweekend/465821>

**August 18 JRBA Pastors' Huddle at First Baptist Dillwyn Noon**  
 PASTORS: Come out for a time of fellowship with your fellow laborers in the ministry.

**August 23 Information for the September edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due by 9:00 AM.**

**August 28 Five Loaves, Two Fish Ministry Drive-Thru at Antioch (Scottsville) 9:00 – 11:00 AM**

### **LOOKING AHEAD>>>**

**September 11 Walk for Life – Buckingham**  
 Buckingham's First Ever Walk for Life will begin and end at Central Virginia Christian School. Registration time is 8:30 AM with the Walk starting at 9:00 AM. This will be a great time for the churches and community members to show their support of LIFE and families in Buckingham. Churches are invited to become a sponsor and have their name or logo on the t-shirt. Sponsorships are either \$250 (name) or \$500 (logo or name in larger print). Contact Rev. Michael Khol for sponsorship forms. He also has Fundraising Forms for Walkers who wish to participate. He can be reached at 434-808-2383. For additional information, contact Donielle Yoder at 434-391-1011.

#### **9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance**

On September 11, and the days leading up to it, our country marks the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks that rocked our country. On the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this day, we honor the victims, first responders, and citizens who stood up to serve our nation through military service with tributes, memorial services, and volunteer service. This year the Virginia Office on Volunteerism & Community Services encourages you to join this American tradition and help your community by participating in the September 11<sup>th</sup> National Day of Service and Remembrance. For additional information on 9/11 Day projects and opportunities, visit [www.911.org](http://www.911.org) and Youth Service America.

Ideas for projects:

- Collect school supplies for a local school.
- Sign up to serve or deliver meals to those at risk of hunger.
- Work with a local food bank.
- Sign up to be a mentor or tutor.
- Beautify a local park or community space.
- Arrange a visit to a local nursing home or send cards to the residents.
- Arrange with a local fire department to serve the volunteers a meal.
- Arrange a visit to a veteran's center or provide personal care items for residents.
- Join neighbors to assess your community's disaster preparedness and take steps to support improvements.
- Add a moment of silence to your project to honor 9/11 victims and their families.
- Assist a needy family with preparing their home for the winter months ahead.
- Consider organizing a project to help a senior citizen with installing needed safety bars in bathrooms or fire alarms, doing minor repairs, or building a wheelchair ramp.
- Partner with the local fire department to install smoke alarms in homes without them.

**September 12 – 19 Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions and Week of Prayer**

September 18 Kids Outdoor Zone (KOZ) Annual Hunting and Fishing Expo at Mt. Zion For Boys 8 – 18. Time TBA

September 25 Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser for Piedmont Habitat for Humanity – Details to come!

JRBA QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021 – 7:00 PM\*  
First Baptist Dillwyn  
\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

September 28 Mentoring for Women – Online Session 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Sponsored by Leland Local. Cost is \$10.  
Register at [www.leland.edu/lelandlocal](http://www.leland.edu/lelandlocal).  
Join the session to learn basics of cross-generational communication, growing one another in discipleship, and encouraging women to answer God's call to lead. Facilitated by Katie Harding.

October 21 JRBA 188<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Meeting – Location TBA 6:30 PM  
Business Session at 6:30 PM followed by Worship at 7:15 PM. There will NOT be a fellowship meal

October 21 is also the due date for Kindergarten bags and Band Aids collected for Hope for Appalachia.

October 23 Family Fun Festival at Jones Chapel 11:00 AM – 2:00PM



**NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

**All winter wear donations for the Fall Trip are due today!**

Items being collected:  
Gently Used or New Coats  
(If gently used, the coats should be in good condition, working zippers,  
no missing buttons, etc. and freshly washed.)  
New Hats, Gloves, & Scarves  
Children's Blankets

Items can be delivered to the following locations:  
Mt. Zion Mission Center (Contact Rev. Woody Moore @ 804-382-7954)  
Tar Waret Baptist Church (Contact Laura Higgins @ 434-394-8299)  
JRBA Office (Open Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 AM – 3 PM)

### **BGAV ANNUAL MEETING PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!**

Mark your calendars now for the 198<sup>th</sup> BGAV Annual Meeting! Events will occur both "in person" at Eagle Eyrie and "online" in a virtual setting on Tuesday and Wednesday, **November 9-10, 2021**. After careful consideration of the current status of the Covid-19 pandemic and what limitations may still be in place in the fall, the BGAV Program Committee recommended a hybrid approach to the annual event—which has been approved by the Executive Board. There will be worship and breakout sessions in both environments, though voting will occur only in person per BGAV Constitution and Bylaws. Stay tuned as the plans and details emerge about reservations and the schedule of events. Plan now to attend and enjoy fellowship with our Baptist brothers and sisters from across Virginia and beyond! Registration should begin around August 1 – go to [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org) and click on Events to find registration information after that date. Remember that messengers must be elected by the church to be eligible for voting at the in-person meeting. FOR PASTORS: The Pastors' Conference will be held on Monday, November 8, in and around Eagle Eyrie. It is to be a fun day, possibly including fishing, hiking, golfing, painting, etc. A worship service will be held on Monday night. Watch for more details!



**Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child  
Collection Week  
November 15 – 22, 2021**



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

**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** During the interim between pastors, First Baptist Dillwyn continues to hold Sunday School for all ages, share the 11 AM Worship Service and hold Bible Studies each Tuesday morning at 10 AM on Ezra and Nehemiah. Choir practice, prayer meeting and youth group are held each Wednesday night.

**FITZGERALD MEMORIAL:** In-person Sunday School is held at 10 AM on Sundays as well as 11 AM in-person worship. This will continue in August. Wednesday night mid-week Bible Study also continues in-person.

**GOSHEN:** Ron Moore will be the guest speaker on August 8. On Wednesday, August 11, the WMU and Brotherhood will meet at 7 PM. Wednesday prayer service will be held on August 18 and 25, at 7 PM. All are welcome.

**JRBA REACHES OUT>>>**

**Missions Committee**

August 2021

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** All of our churches are urged to continue collecting gifts for Rise Against Hunger and to turn your gifts in to our association. This will bless many hungry and malnourished persons in countries such as Haiti.

**BROWN'S CHAPEL CHURCH** sincerely thanks the JRBA churches who provided financial gifts and flip flops for the June Mission Trip to Matoaka, WV. A team will be returning in October – they will need volunteers, and possibly other donations. See page 12 for additional details or contact Nancy Knabe Dragovich at 434-391-4646..

**HOPE FOR APPALACHIA:** Please begin collecting new or very gently used coats as well as new hats, gloves, scarves and children's blankets for our friends in Appalachia. They need to be turned in to the JRBA office, Tar Wallet Baptist Church, or the Mt. Zion Resource Center by **November 3**. Also needed are Band-Aids and filled Kindergarten bags – these items are due at the **October 21**, JRBA Annual Meeting. Contact Woody Moore or Marilyn Snoddy for more details.

We commend and thank the individuals and churches who helped with the Blue Ridge Food Distribution, sent out mission teams, rendered community service, and ministered in other ways.

Future mission opportunities will arise as our schools re-open and our churches and communities face many needs. Let us seek to be on mission for Jesus in every possible way.

In Jesus's name,  
*Jimmy Dunn*



**V.B.S. Follow-Up**

**ANTIOCH (Scottsville):** VBS was a success! It was held for newborns to adults on June 28 – July 2, outdoors, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. There were 27 volunteers and 137 participants throughout the week. It featured a daily Bible story, snacks, music, crafts, and recreation, centered around the theme, *Concrete and Cranes*. Jessica Partusch was the director.

**BUCKINGHAM:** VBS materials were delivered on July 13 – 16, to children in the neighborhood. The parents are sending in pictures of the children working and enjoying the activities.

**CEDAR:** A total of 92 children, ages 4 through those having completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade, were enrolled in VBS. There will be another day set aside for VBS for youth in Middle and High School after school starts.

**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** Children's VBS was a blessing at First Baptist as 34 children, ages 3 – 11, learned together. 33 adults participated, leading the children in music, Bible study, crafts, recreation and serving refreshments. The theme was Lifeway's *Concrete and Cranes*.

**FITZGERALD MEMORIAL:** VBS took place on July 18 – 21, with an average attendance of 12. The students ranged in age from 3 to 12.

**MT. ZION:** MEGA Sports Camp VBS was held June 27 – July 1. There were 25 children in attendance. 30 volunteers worked with the students with Amber Mangialetti and Dorothy Davis serving as Co-Directors. The theme was *Journey to the Hall of Fame* as the children learned about different sports heroes each night who had overcome adversity. Each story pointed to the Mega Point of the night and the Bible story about Jesus. The children learned that Jesus is the greatest hero of all and how we can be on His team! The focus verse was 2 Timothy 4:7: *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful*. At registration everyone was given a tote bag with a water bottle to use during the week. Each night a meal was served, followed by the opening with music lead by Marilyn Snoddy. Then the kids joined their coaches to learn more about their chosen sport for the week. They had breakout sessions with the Bible lesson as well as a Half Time Rally with snacks. On the last night the parents were invited to a picnic to see what the children had learned as they shared the Bible story and sang the songs they learned. Each child was presented with a certificate and received a prize from a drawing. The week was fun as new friends were made and everyone laughed, played, and learned together. The best part of the week was 3 decisions made to follow Christ (one being baptized on July 11). Mt. Zion thanks all the volunteers for all they did to make this a successful VBS and thanks the children and parents for attending.



**CHESTNUT GROVE:** Youth VBS was held June 28 – July 2, with 10 youth, ages 11 – 15, 2 leaders and 3 helpers. The theme was *Digging Deeper in God's Word*, with Bible Study led by Shane Bost, Guest Pastor from Central Baptist, Appomattox. The youth enjoyed the time in the Word with Shane and the time spent playing games.

IN PHOTO: Back row: Pastor Shane Bost, Skylar Price, Tessa Harris, Madison Crews, Mattie Moss, Bayla Harris, Abbie Martin, and Caroline Leonard  
Front Row: Channing Bailey, Josh Anthony, and Malala Martin  
Not pictured: Aidon Morris

15 attended Chestnut Grove's Kids Bible School held July 12 – 16, for ages 10 and under. The theme was *Bible Stories We Can Share*.



**JONES CHAPEL:** A great week of VBS, June 26 – July 1, was enjoyed by all participants. Commencement was held on Friday, July 2. Many parents, grandparents, and friends attended the program, then had refreshments downstairs. Over \$700 was given toward a special youth project, "Scotty's Garden".

VBS at Jones Chapel



A new playground for toddlers, adjacent to the older children's playground, was installed just in time for VBS. Gene Bradbury helps Milo Pleasants on the slide, while Perry Chambliss helps his grandson, Marshall, climb up steps.



**MULBERRY GROVE:** VBS took place on June 27 – July 1, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. A curriculum was created around a beach theme. 25 kids, from 4 – 11, attended, along with 8 youth volunteers and 15 adult volunteers. The kids had a great time learning about Jesus, playing with water balloons and the waterslide, doing fun crafts, singing songs, and eating fun snacks. VBS was wrapped up on July 1, with a big pizza party and lots of games for the kids and their families.





## CHURCH OUTREACH



**ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE):** Members built and rode a float in the Scottsville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Many books and information were handed out to share the love of Jesus with others. The theme was *Come As You Are* – any and all were invited to come as they are to learn about Christ our Savior.



**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** Helping Hands continues to carry out mission work. A financial gift was given to the Buckingham County Middle School to help with a Welcome to School Gathering for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Financial gifts, goodie baskets, and flowers were sent to persons in need. Many cards were sent to sick and bereaved persons. Visits were made to persons with specific needs.

### JRBA Churches Working on Hope for Appalachia Bags for Kindergarten

Antioch (Scottsville), Antioch Union, Fitzgerald Memorial, Goshen, Mt. Zion, and Brown's Chapel

*As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.*  
John 9:4 (NIV)

### **FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

July 25 – 31

The Youth Group of First Baptist Dillwyn attended the TEAMeffort Mission Camp in Blue Knob, PA. They worked on various construction projects to help the elderly and those who are less fortunate and are unable to afford needed home repairs. The following participated this year: Abigail Bryant, Cadence Campbell, Hannah Davis, Scarlett Davis, Kaitlyn Hucks, Nicholas Hucks, Mike Mahone, Garrett Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Mollie Ruth Walker, Emma Wallace, Minnie Wallace, and Melissa Wood. The Youth appreciates the financial support of the JRBA.

### **JONES CHAPEL YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

July 19 – 23

The Youth of Jones Chapel attended MC2 Missions Connections Celebration week at Eagle Eyrie where small groups participated in service projects in the greater Lynchburg area ranging from VBS to construction to social ministries. They also had learning opportunities, participated in worship highlighted by dynamic preaching, music, and drama. They had lots of fellowship opportunities, including pool time and many other activities on the mountain. Jones Chapel thanks JRBA for their generous support of the youth mission trip. Your prayers and donation were greatly appreciated. Those who attended were Hannah Lenz-Phillips, Savannah Skeens, Mason and Marshall Chambliss, Isabella Dillard, Kayla College, Kristen College, Emily Cox, and Natalie Cox. Adult participants were Judy Chambliss and Angel Chambliss.

### **UPDATED 2021 ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**

Church	Total-to-Date
<b>Antioch (Scottsville)</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Buckingham</b>	<b>\$1,387.00</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>\$1,020.00</b>
<b>Chestnut Grove</b>	<b>\$ 744.00</b>
<b>Enon</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>First Baptist Dillwyn</b>	<b>\$ 270.00</b>
<b>Fitzgerald Memorial</b>	<b>\$ 614.00</b>
<b>Goshen</b>	<b>\$ 770.00</b>
<b>Jones Chapel</b>	<b>\$ 820.00</b>
<b>Mt. Tabor</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>
<b>Mt. Zion</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Mulberry Grove</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>
<b>Sharon</b>	<b>\$ 260.00</b>
<b>Tar Wallet</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>

### **OTHER EVENTS>>>>**

**Buckingham** is planning a pancake supper. Date to be announced later.

**Fitzgerald Memorial** had 42 in attendance at their Fellowship meal on July 11.

### **JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>>**

**Mulberry Grove** had 9 youth attend Journey at Camp Crossroads on July 6 – 10. The group had a blast at camp and is now planning to start a youth group at Mulberry Grove. Since returning from camp, they have been busy revamping the church basement to be their new youth space. Mulberry Grove is excited about the launch of this ministry.



Bryce Saulisbury, Ben Snoddy, Thomas Snoddy, Noah Jones, Jacob Palmore, Skylar Saulisbury, Abby Palmore, Lilly Jones, and Shelby Vencil  
Chaperones: Austin Williams, Suzanne Snoddy, and Stephani Jones



**Gladstone Memorial** is in a series studying "The Armor of God". This series is designed to help believers understand and use what God has provided for them.

**Mt. Zion's** Girls in Action have been busy! In June and July they have learned about missionaries in Central Asia and Ukraine and the Bible stories of Gideon going into battle and about Jesus healing the demon-possessed boy. They made Torch & Trumpet snack bags to share with others and told them the story of Gideon's faith. The girls made a Sunshine basket filled with all kinds of goodies that were "Yellow" including snacks, water bottle, and fun items and delivered the basket to Travis Snoddy as he recovers from a recent accident. Also, Mt. Zion's Kids Outdoor Zone (KOZ) is excited for what God is doing as they continue to meet and learn how to be men of God. They will be having their first baptism in August! If you have a boy in your life ages of 8 – 18, Mt. Zion invites them to come out and be a part of this special and growing ministry. KOZ meets at Mt. Zion Baptist church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month from 8 AM – Noon.



**Mt. Zion's Girls in Action**

#### **JRBA PASTORS' HUDDLE**

We were able to gather together in July for our Pastors' Huddle, even though many were away on vacation. Over the next month, many different churches in our association and pastors will be celebrating Homecoming/Revival. I will be praying for each of you and look forward to meeting again. Our next Huddle is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, August 18, at Noon at First Baptist Dillwyn. Hope to see you there.

*Michael*

Rev. Michael Khol

#### **IN LOVING MEMORY>>>>**

The funeral for Betty Halbohn was held at **Buckingham Baptist** on July 19. Buckingham extends their sympathy to the family.

**Cedar** extends Christian sympathy to the family of Donnie Davis who passed away on June 28. Donnie was a longtime member of Cedar and always an inspiration to others after losing his vision many years ago.

**Jones Chapel** members were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Rev. Joe Vaughan. He was a dear friend of the church for many years as Interim Pastor, Supply Pastor on many occasions, and Honored Guest at Homecomings and building dedication. He will be missed.



#### **STAFF CHANGES>>>>**

Rev. Anthony Sacco resigned as pastor of **Buckingham** effective July 20. Due to several upcoming surgeries for his father, he is needed at home to help with his care. Buckingham members will miss him, but wish him well as he ministers to his parents. (Please note that Rev. Sacco has been hospitalized at UVA with heart problems – please keep him in your prayers.)

#### **IN APPRECIATION>>>>**

##### **Gladstone Memorial**

James River Baptist Association,

Thank you for your letter of encouragement and support. It is a blessing to have your support during this time in our ministry.

Until then,  
*Dr. James Fetty*  
Pastor





Thank you to all for your support through the years in making the recently completed Fellowship Hall a reality. We are so very thankful to God for His love and guidance in building this beautiful Social Hall. We pray it will always be used for His glory and in service to Him and bringing people into His service. We also want to thank Barry Snoddy for the absolutely beautiful painting he did of the church. It is hanging proudly in the church vestibule. The folks at Sharon love their buildings, but realize they are just that – buildings – it's the people who enter that are the "church". May God bless us all and guide us in bringing others to Him.

In Christ,  
Sharon Baptist Church

#### RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

#### SHARON BAPTIST'S NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL



#### FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Greetings to all,  
I am still thinking about our last executive meeting and how good it was to have been in the house of the Lord together. Also, it blesses my heart to hear that so many JRBA churches are excited about making up bags for the Kindergarteners in Kentucky.

My time as moderator is soon coming to a close. Pastor Michael Khol will become our Moderator at the JRBA Annual Fall Meeting, but I will, as long as the Lord's willing, be an active part of this association. I have come to know and love you all in Christ Jesus. If there's anything I can do for you, please let me know. If I can't, I will do my best to find someone who can.

Stay safe, but don't live in fear. Be mindful and careful with all the things going on in our world.  
1 John 4:18 *There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out all fear.*

In Christ,  
Marilyn Snoddy  
Moderator



## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE>>>



### **Hope for Appalachia Fall Trip Scheduled for the First Week of December**

#### **WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED WITH THIS EFFORT:**

- If you are interested in going as a volunteer with our team, you can contact Rev. Woody Moore at 804-382-7954 or email him at [n2preaching@comcast.net](mailto:n2preaching@comcast.net). There is room for an additional 5 to 7 people, along with Rev. Woody Moore, Team Leader, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough. You will need to complete an application online AND have a background check (done for school year 2021-2022) prior to the trip. An additional follow-up check will be done when you arrive on site.
- If you, your church, or a mission group wants to provide Kindergarten bags for the Fall Trip, please let Phyllis know the number you plan to complete. The bags should be a small drawstring backpack or a small tote bag that contains the following items: new hat and gloves, children's toothbrush and toothpaste, coloring book, crayons and/or markers, pencils & pencil sharpener, and a small toy. These should be brought to the JRBA Annual Fall Meeting or the JRBA Office by October 21, 2021.
- We are asking that churches collect Band-Aids for Hope for Appalachia since Mike Dodson plans to take a supply to each school they visit this fall. (Band-Aids can be any size, regular, clear, waterproof, plain or with characters.) These also need to be turned in by October 21.
- As always, we will be collecting warm winter wear for the children of Kentucky. Items need to be delivered to the Mt. Zion Missions House, Tar Waret Baptist Church, or the JRBA Office by Wednesday, November 3. You may donate the following items:

Gently Used or New Coats  
(If gently used, the coats should be in good condition, working zippers,  
no missing buttons, etc. and freshly washed.)

New Hats, Gloves, & Scarves

New Children's Blankets

- Monetary donations towards Woody's purchase of a trailer or to help with Christmas items for needy students can be made directly to Rev. Woody Moore. If you have questions about these items or would like to actually adopt a child for Christmas, please contact Woody directly. (See 1<sup>st</sup> bullet above for contact info.) Monetary donations can be mailed to him at 11400 Winterpock Road, Chesterfield, VA 23938.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND A LIST TO PHYLLIS OF WHAT YOU OR YOUR CHURCH DOES  
FOR HOPE FOR APPALACHIA FOR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.**

## **JRBA CELEBRATES>>>**

**Cedar** had a special dedication service of the addition and renovation to their church on June 27. A few weeks ago Cedar recognized all graduating seniors from High School and College, but one very special lady in the church family recently received her Master's Degree and they failed to honor her on this great accomplishment. Cedar congratulates Mrs. Susan (Robbie) Ownby on this great achievement!

**Mulberry Grove** celebrated the Baptism of Skylar and Liam Saulisbury on July 11, 2021.



**Mt. Zion** held a baptism on July 11, for Aubrey Desormeau after her profession of faith in Christ at VBS this year. Following the baptism, refreshments were served to celebrate as Aubrey was welcomed into the church family. She was presented with a Bible by pastor Woody Moore on behalf of the members of Mt. Zion.



Mt. Zion's WMU serves as the helping hands and feet of Jesus! These WMU ladies provide thousands of dollars in goods and services for people in need locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally. This group has the heart and passion for helping others! May God continue to bless them as they bless others!

Front Row: Barbara Snoddy, Marilyn Snoddy (Director), Betsy Bryant, and Dorothy Davis. Back Row: Janice Moore, Lois Arthur, Anne Jones, and Brenda McAllister





## JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting July 12, 2021

Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator,

opened the meeting by sharing a devotional on II Timothy 4:7: *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* This VBS theme verse reminds us to remain faithful. We do not wrestle with flesh and blood, but with evil. The root of problems is evil and it is a daily fight to keep our thoughts and actions in line with God's will. Satan twisted God's word with Eve in the Garden of Eden. He's always trying to get us to ruin our testimony, but we must fight the good fight. It is easy to be strong at the beginning of a race, but we must persevere. Think about the acronym, **HALT**: don't let yourself get: **H**ungry, **A**ngry, **L**onely, or **T**ired – as you go through the race. Remember you must keep your body mentally, spiritually and physically strong. And be aware that people on the sidelines can help you with the race. We need to surround ourselves with God's people to help us. We must keep God in our hearts and minds and allow Jesus to guide us so that when we finish the race, we will be able to say: *I have fought the good fight, I have run a good race, and I have remained faithful!* Marilyn then prayed for us to be faithful and to run a good race as well as for God's guidance as we work together as an Association.

Marilyn called the meeting to order and Frank Breault, Clerk, had the roll call of churches. There were 20 in attendance, representing 11 churches with one visitor.

The minutes of the April Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved. The Treasurer's Quarterly Report was presented by Judy Ownby. As of June 30, 2021, the checking account balance was \$31,141.74, which included the following: Additional Missions – \$900.00, Rise Against Hunger - \$90.00, Mission Trips - \$2,000.00, and Missions Blitz - \$345.39. Total receipts for the quarter were \$5,848.96, which included: Church Contributions - \$2,738.62, Individual & Other (Amazon Smile) - \$5.00, Rise Against Hunger - \$90.00, Interest on checking - \$4.55, and Bland (Churches & individuals) - \$2,337.10. Total disbursements for the quarter were \$22,243.50, which included: Mission Trips (Jones Chapel & FBC) - \$200.00, Rise Against Hunger - \$12,686.65, Annual Insurance Payment - \$435.00, Bland Ministry Center - \$3,387.10, Missions Blitz - \$989.37, and Baccalaureate (Fluvanna & Buckingham) - \$400.00. The Savings account Balance was \$4,333.71. The report was approved as presented.

Mrs. Betty Toney presented the John E. Mann, Sr. Emergency Benevolence Fund Report. From April 1 – June 30, there were no requests for assistance. An expenditure of \$50.00 was made to Mulberry Grove's Benevolence Fund in memory of Valeria Breault. Total contributions for the quarter were \$250.00 from Buckingham Baptist and Chestnut Grove WMU. The balance on hand stood at \$7,797.28.

Next, Marilyn gave her Moderator's Report, emphasizing how our churches are resuming more and more of their regular activities. She noted that 12 churches hosted, or are planning to host VBS, and at least 9 of our churches are planning Homecomings and/or Revivals. She congratulated Buckingham Baptist on their 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, celebrated on July 11. A moment of silence was observed in memory of two faithful servants who passed away during June: Mrs. Valeria Breault and Mrs. Betty Jude. Marilyn acknowledged the recent pastoral changes in our churches: Josh Cook is a Pastoral Intern at Antioch Union; Rev. Alan Gough is the Interim Pastor at Tar Wallet and just became ordained into the Gospel ministry; Rev. Roger Woody resigned as pastor of Chestnut Grove and Rev. John Moxley has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Dillwyn. Both of these pastors remain on our JRBA Supply List. Marilyn reminded us that our 188<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, with the business session beginning at 6:30 PM followed by worship at 7:15

PM. There will not be a fellowship meal. The Program Committee will notify the churches as soon as a location is set. Marilyn also notes that plans are moving forward for our Hope for Appalachia fall trip to Kentucky. She emphasized the importance of churches preparing Kindergarten bags for the schools there. She also noted that Band-Aids are being collected for the school. These items can be brought to the Annual Fall Meeting or dropped off at the JRBA Office.

Marilyn then shared a letter to the Association from Gladstone Memorial. They are experiencing some financial struggles as a result of COVID-19 and a congregation mostly on fixed incomes. As a result, they have had to make adjustments to their budget and cannot, at the present time, continue to financially support JRBA. They pledged their prayers and the hope of getting back on a more firm financial standing and being able to reinstate their Associational Missions budget. Rev. Jimmy Dunn requested that a letter be sent assuring Gladstone that JRBA appreciates their financial faithfulness through the years, that financial contributions are not necessary to JRBA membership, and that we will pray for them. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to send them a love gift of \$500.00.

Rev. Skip Wallace, BGAV Field Strategist, thanks JRBA for the support of Gladstone, noting that this action exemplifies what "association" is all about. He gave information on the upcoming BGAV Annual Meeting. It is to be held November 9 – 10, in-person at Eagle Eyrie and virtually online. Voting is only in-person, but those who cannot attend can join via the Internet. The schedule should be available sometime around August 1, along with registration and lodging information. The Pastors' Conference will include spouses this year and will take place on Monday, November 8, in and around Eagle Eyrie. It is to be a fun day, possibly including fishing, hiking, golfing, painting, etc. A worship service will be held on Monday night.

The following officers' reports were given:

- WMU (Betty Toney): The WMU hasn't been as active in recent months due to COVID-19. Several churches helped with graduate cards/bags and gave to the prom efforts. The JRBA WMU made a contribution to the WMU Vision Fund.
- Disaster Response (Rev. Woody Moore): The BGAV Disaster Response continues to be involved with cleanup in St. Charles, LA. Training continues to be available online. Folks who would like to serve can also receive training on-site. The Crisis Care Teams have grown. There are many opportunities for both chaplains and others to serve in this capacity. If you cannot go, please pray for the effort of both the Crisis Care Team and the Feeding and Cleanup teams.
- Hope for Appalachia (Rev. Woody Moore): The fall trip will be the first week of December. If anyone is interested in being a part of the team, you can go online to the Hope for Appalachia Virginia page and apply. You can request to be on Woody's team. There will be room for 8 – 10 (Woody, Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough are already signed up). You must have a background check (done during the 2021 – 2022 school year). Members of the team will also be checked when they arrive at the school. Donations for the school should be brought to Mt. Zion, Tar Wallet, or the JRBA office by November 3. Gently-used or New Items being collected include: Coats, Hats, Gloves, Individual Blankets, Kindergarten bags, and band-aids. Monetary donations can be made towards Woody's purchase of a trailer (for hauling donations to Kentucky) or to help provide Christmas gifts for needy children in the schools. Woody thanked the churches for their continuing support of HFA.
- Pastors' Huddle (Rev. Michael Khol): Michael encouraged pastors to attend the monthly gatherings. It is a time to encourage and support one another. Churches have been struggling and it is important to help one another and share one another's burdens. The Huddle meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at First Baptist Dillwyn at noon.



The following committee reports were given:

- **Missions (Rev. Jimmy Dunn):** Jimmy thanked churches that assisted Brown's Chapel with their mission trip to Restoration Ministries in Matoaka, WV, and noted that they plan another trip there in October. He is grateful that we are continuing to give to Rise Against Hunger. He noted what a blessing it is to help with the Blue Ridge Food distribution and encouraged others to participate. He thanked Michael for heading up that effort. He thanked the churches involved with COVID-19 clinics and blood drives. He thanked everyone for their support of the Bland Ministry Center. He noted that two youth groups are going on mission trips this summer and asked us to pray for them and their leaders. Jimmy also asked us to be generous in our giving to Hope for Appalachia.
- **Mission Blitz (Rev. Michael Khol):** Michael noted that Antioch had completed a project in December, Brown's Chapel had completed a project for which we supplied funds, and Mulberry Grove did a project. Lumber is quite expensive so our fund is down to \$345. He finds working together on these projects a fun way to help people together. He plans a big push in September to reach out in our communities and help folks.
- **Baccalaureate (Written reports from Buckingham, Cumberland, and Fluvanna):** Michelle Wright thanked the churches that participated in the card shower for Buckingham graduates or who made a monetary donation. She also thanked JRBA for the \$200 towards the purchase of the individual cupcakes for the seniors' bags. Rev. Barry Vassar reported that no baccalaureate was scheduled this year for the Cumberland graduates, but will hopefully resume next year. Gloria Newton reported that Antioch prepared about 260 bags for Fluvanna graduates and thanked JRBA for their \$200 contribution towards the purchase of mugs for the graduates' bags.
- **Sunday School (Rev. Jimmy Dunn):** Jimmy noted his appreciation of churches hosting VBS this summer and asked that churches follow-up and try to get the children in Sunday School.

There was no Old Business. Under New Business, Rev. Michael Khol made a motion to reschedule the October Quarterly Executive Board Meeting to October 4, 2021. The motion was seconded, and approved.

The Moderator reminded everyone of the various upcoming VBSs, Homecomings, and Revivals listed on the Announcement page and asked everyone to remember the youth from Jones Chapel and First Baptist going on mission trips. Audrey Ragland reminded everyone of the Sharon Baptist Fellowship Hall Dedication scheduled for July 18. Gary Clore closed the meeting with prayer.

### FOR YOUR 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.
- **ATTENTION VBS DIRECTORS:** If your VBS has been completed, please be sure to go online at <https://vbs.lifeway.com/churchreport> and complete the 2021 report. Also send the following information to JRBA: Date/Time of your VBS, Curriculum used, # students and age groups, # of adult workers/helpers and any additional notes on the activities, decisions to accept Jesus, and offering taken.

## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE>>>

### Mission Trip to Matoaka, WV

October 7 – 10, 2021

Brown's Chapel will be sponsoring a mission trip to Matoaka, WV, on October 7 – 10, 2021. **Volunteers** are needed for the trip, especially men with carpentry skills. The group will most likely be putting siding on two sides of a house started by another group. The group will also be helping to move items into The Upper Room which should be completed by then. This will involve carrying both large and small items from the ground floor upstairs and/or moving items from other locations. The group may do some painting as well. Although the greatest need is for men to help with these heavy duty tasks, women who are interested can also volunteer. They may work in the clothes closet or help distribute winter coats, hats, gloves, and blankets. Restoration Ministries plans to host a carnival-like event on Saturday, October 9, for the community. There will be games with prizes for the children and brown beans and cornbread will be served. Brown's Chapel is collecting **cans of soup** for the Food Pantry at Restoration Ministries. If you or your group would like to contribute soup, please bring it to the JRBA office by **September 29**. **Monetary donations** can be made to Restoration Ministries to help them make a difference in Matoaka, as they provide basic needs and the Gospel hope to the needy people of the area. Make your check payable to **Restoration Ministries** and mail it to Nancy Knabe Dragovich, 2518 Gravel Hill Road, Dillwyn, VA 23936.

To learn more about Restoration Ministries, go to <http://www.youtube.com> and search for Restoration Ministries in WV. Click on the video with the introduction. If you have questions or would like to be a volunteer for this trip, please contact Nancy at 434-391-4646.

## KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- JRBA Churches without a pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, First Baptist Dillwyn, and Tar Waret
- JRBA Church and Pastors
- Rev. Anthony Sacco
- Homecomings & Revivals
- Brown's Chapel's Mission Trip to Matoaka, WV – October 7 – 10
- JRBA Hope for Appalachia Mission Trip to Kentucky – First Week of December
- All those affected by the new stand of COVID
- COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
- Government Leaders (Local, State, & national)
- All those affected by violence or natural disasters
- 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 one.



*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)

## ASSOCIATION FINANCES

2020 – 2021

### REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

Church	July	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham	\$ 250.00	\$ 875.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
FBC Dillwyn		\$ 2,000.00
Fitzgerald		\$ 100.00
Fork of Willis		\$ 396.00
Gladstone		\$ 662.50
Goshen		\$ 1,079.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 166.00	\$ 1,517.00
Mt. Tabor		\$ 354.37
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,360.00
Sharon	\$ 291.25	\$ 1,165.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 500.00
Individuals		\$ 500.00
VMBB-Alma Hunt		
Amazon Smile		\$ 26.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,207.25</b>	<b>\$18,985.72</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

Contributor	July	Total-to-Date
Carryover from 2019-2020		\$ 975.00*
JRBA Budget 2020-2021		\$ 250.00
Individuals		\$ 700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,925.00</b>

\*Carryover was rounded to even dollars.

November Expenditure: Home Repair - \$48.79

January Expenditure: Ramp - \$541.45

May expenditure: Home Repair \$989.37

**AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$ 345.39**



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

Church	July	Total-to-Date
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 205.00	\$ 205.00
Sharon		\$ 80.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>	<b>\$ 295.00</b>

#### PREVIOUS RISE AGAINST HUNGER GIFTS

10/01/19 – 03/31/21

**\$12,687.04 – Disbursed**

## ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:

ALL monies expended for Additional Missions are listed each month.

	July	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, Graceland, Gideons International, Longwood/Hampden Sydney BCM, BGAV Disaster Response, and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100.00 Each = \$700.00 (Budgeted)

**Expenditures in July: Gladstone Memorial \$500.00**

**BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 400.00**

### BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Contributor	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget	\$ 500.00
Antioch Union	\$ 500.00
Buckingham	\$ 200.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 301.00
Goshen Brotherhood	\$ 50.00
Mt. Zion WMU	\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 500.00
Sharon	\$ 266.10
Tar Wallet	\$ 70.00
Individuals	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,387.10</b>

**Disbursed in May - \$3,387.10**

**BALANCE = \$0.00**

#### 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  
 Jones Chapel Youth Mission Team - \$100.00  
 First Baptist Dillwyn Youth Mission Team - \$100.00

**No Expenditures in July**

**BALANCE = \$2,000.00**

### NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

(ALL monies by donation.)

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

DONATIONS	July	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2019-2020		\$6,292.28
<b>NEW CONTRIBUTIONS 2020-2021</b>		
Buckingham		\$ 570.00
Cedar		\$ 300.00
Chestnut Grove (WMU)		\$ 50.00
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>\$ 2,270.00</b>

**No Expenditures in July**

**BALANCE: \$7,797.28**

#### 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.

**All funds disbursed – BALANCE: \$0.00**