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HOMECOMINGS & REVIVALS

- September 19** **Homecoming at First Baptist Dillwyn** **11:00 AM**
Rev. Jimmy Dunn will be preaching. Special Music will be provided by the choir and there will be a time of recognition.
Lunch will be served at 12:15 PM.
Revival Services will be held September 19 – 22, at 7:00 PM nightly.
Rev. Roger Roller will be preaching and special music will be featured.
- September 19 – 22** **Antioch Union's Community Tent Revival/Fellowship** **7:00 PM**
Located at Pierson Construction, Highway 24, 3.5 miles west of Mt. Rush
There will be special music and refreshments each night.
Speakers:
Sunday: Devin Taylor, Executive Director, Campers Cares Ministry
Monday: Rev. Troy Green, Pastor, Grace Community Fellowship, Emporia
Tuesday: Rev. Billy Swan
Wednesday: Josh Cook, Pastoral Ministry Intern, Antioch Union
Covid 19 precautions will be in place and posted at the event. The ever-changing situation is being closely monitored and adjustments will be made as needed. Call Pastor Brian at 434-610-0138 with any questions.
- September 23 -26** **Antioch (Scottsville) Community Tent Revival** **(Thurs. – Sat. nights) 7:00 PM**
Located at the Hardware River
Sunday morning's service will be at 10:00 AM with baptism and food to follow.
- October 3** **Homecoming at Jones Chapel** **10:00 AM**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jim Lamb, Former Pastor
Special Music (beginning at 10 AM) will be Mercy's Well, with worship at 11 AM.
Lunch will follow the service in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.
- Homecoming at Gladstone Memorial** **11:00 AM**
Special music will be provided by Smokey Wilson.
This special service is being planned, but Gladstone is being mindful of any mandates concerning Covid.

THERE WILL BE NO HOMECOMING OR REVIVAL AT FORK OF WILLIS THIS YEAR DUE TO THE ONGOING PANDEMIC.

OTHER SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND DETAILS

- September 6** **Labor Day – JRBA Office Closed**
Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday of September annually. The day celebrates the American labor movement and the contributions and achievements of the American worker.
- September 8** **Due date for Hygiene Kits for Afghan Refugees – Bring to JRBA Office by 10 AM. (See page 8 for details.)**
- September 10** **9-11 Service at Mt. Zion** **7:00 PM**
- September 10 & 24** **Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn**
Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM

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. There is no need to preregister. Your participation allows PSC to serve pregnant and parenting women, men, and their children in the 8 counties they serve. The Walks for Life give you, the people who care about the community, the opportunity to support the work they do and take a stand that LIFE is essential in Southside, Virginia. Contact Rev. Michael Khol for 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. If you would like to participate on another date, there is a Walk 4 Life on September 18, at the High Bridge Trail on Main Street in Farmville, and another walk on September 25, beginning at Courtland Park in Appomattox.

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 20th 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 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance. For additional information on 9/11 Day projects and opportunities, visit 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.

BENEFIT FOR CASSIE WILMOTH

Saturday, September 11, 2021

3:00 – 7:00 PM

Arvon Fire House

341 Arvon Road, Arvon, VA 23004

DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 RAFFLE

DINNER: \$10/PLATE (Children 12 and under Free)

LIVE MUSIC

Featuring: Willow Branch Bluegrass (3:00 – 4:45 PM)

Family Strong Country/Gospel (5:00 – 5:45 PM)

Barry Snoddy Country/Gospel (6:00 – 6:45 PM)

ALL PROCEEDS TO PAY FOR MEDICAL BILLS DUE TO CANCER SURGERY AND TREATMENTS.

NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED.

For additional information, please contact Terry Ludovissy at 434-960-1488 or terryludovissy@yahoo.com.

September 12

Patriot Sunday at Enon

First Responders in attendance will be recognized. All are invited to come out and join in this special service. May we never forget 9/11/01, and the devastation that took place on that day. Let us especially remember the families that lost loved ones during that tragedy.

11:00 AM

Luncheon for First Responders at Tar Waret

First responders from the community will be honored at lunch after the worship service.

Noon

ALMA HUNT OFFERING

for Virginia Missions

September 12 – 19, 2021

"You will be my witnesses," says Jesus to his disciples as recorded in Acts 1:8. This command continues to echo throughout the ages, as the Christian community grapples with sharing Christ in a rapidly changing world landscape. As Virginia Baptists, we bind ourselves together to proclaim Christ nonetheless! We join this week in giving to the Alma Hunt Offering for the work of missions. The Alma Hunt Offering emphasizes allows us to meet human needs together in Virginia and to the ends of the earth. This offering also undergirds the hands-on involvement ministries of the WMUV. This joint venture is indicative of the exemplary partnership between the BGAV and The WMUV. To learn more about our work together, please go to www.almahunt.org. (From Valerie Carter Smith, Executive Director/Treasurer, WMUV)

Offering Goal: \$800,000

September 15	JRBA Pastors' Huddle at First Baptist Dillwyn PASTORS: Come out for a time of fellowship with your fellow laborers in the ministry.	Noon
September 16	Planning Financial Support for Church Staff Online Seminar A ZOOM webinar (also available for registrants to view later) to help church Treasurers and Finance/Stewardship Committees. This seminar will cover all aspects of setting personal income and providing benefits appropriately for church staff. Led by Dr. Jeff Cranford. Cost to access Zoom webinar OR recording link: \$15 for BGAV church participants - \$30 for non-BGAV church participants Cost to access Zoom webinar AND recording link: \$20 for BGAV church participants - \$40 for non-BGAV church participants Register now at https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/w1r48arm0cbrt571/ . For additional info: Call Angela House at 800-255-2428, Ext. 5293.	9:30 AM – Noon
September 17	Outdoor Movie Night at Buckingham Movie: <i>Evan Almighty</i> Hotdogs, popcorn, drinks, and a snack will be served.	6:30 PM
September 18	Kids Outdoor Zone (KOZ) Annual Hunting and Fishing Expo at Mt. Zion For Boys 8 – 18.	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
September 19	Back to Church Sunday at Enon September 19 is National Back to Church Sunday! Churches everywhere are inviting people back to church. As the pandemic continues to cause concern, many people are looking for a supportive community and renewed hope. Pastor Brian says, "Let's fill the House of God for His Glory." Theme: HOPE IS HERE! If your church would like to participate in this event, go to https://www.backtochurch.com to learn more and get free resources.	11:00 AM
September 20	Information for the October edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due by 9:00 AM.	

See You At The Pole

See You at the Pole had its origins in 1990 when a group of students in Texas met to pray for their school. It is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. It is student-led and has grown into an annual event that draws one million students across America and in more than 64 countries to a time of prayer.

Local plans are being made to observe See You at the Pole. Details will be sent out once they are available. If you do not get the word, please set aside a few minutes on September 22 to pray for our schools (students, administrators, teachers, and other personnel). The challenges are many during this time of pandemic – may God bless them as they move forward.



**First Day of Fall
September 22, 2021**

September 25	5 Loaves, Two Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville) Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser for Piedmont Habitat for Humanity Details have not been received. For additional information, contact sam@piedmonthabitat.org .	9:00 – 11:00 AM
September 28	Mentoring for Women Online Session Sponsored by Leland Local and Northstar Cost: \$10 Register at www.leland.edu/lelandlocal Has God called you to empower the next generation of women in the church? Learn basics of cross-generational communication, growing one another in discipleship, and encouraging women to answer God's call to lead. Led by Katie Harding.	6:30 – 8:30 PM

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

Think about ways you can thank your pastor for all he does for you and your church family!

OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS YOUR PASTOR

If your church did NOT participate in the "Bless Your Pastor" campaign last year, it is being offered again to congregations who collect at least a \$100 love offering for the pastor this fall. The National Association of Evangelicals will send your pastor a free \$100 Amazon Gift Card if you complete these 3 simple steps:

1. Share the 50 Creative Ways to Bless Your Pastor list with your church, so everyone can do something to bless your pastor. (A copy has been emailed/mailed to your church Deacon Chair and/or Treasurer.)
2. Take up an Appreciation Offering for your pastor.
3. Celebrate your pastor by collecting notes, praying for them in the church service, or other ways of celebrating your pastor.

EXTRA GIFT: If this is the first year for your church to complete all 3 steps and if you collected at least \$100 through an Appreciation Offering, the NAE will send your pastor a \$100 Amazon gift card – thanks to a generous grant. You must complete the form online at <http://blessyourpastor.org/bless-your-pastor-reporting-form/>.

This is a great way to show your pastor how much you appreciate his ministry!

See Gathering of Silence info below for another great way to encourage your pastor during these difficult times.

JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting

October 4, 2021

The JRBA Leadership has **CANCELED** the Executive Board Meeting scheduled for October 4, due to the increasing number of Covid cases locally and the highly contagious new strand that is currently circulating.

Likewise, the Program Committee is recommending that the **Annual Fall Meeting, scheduled for October 21**, also be **CANCELED**. The Executive Board will be polled by email/mail to make a final decision since it voted at the July meeting to have the Fall Meeting.

The committee feels that the current Covid situation warrants the cancellation.

If you are a pastor, an officer, a committee chair, or an elected Representative to the Executive Board, watch for this information in your email or mail. Once the budget has been prepared by the Finance Committee, you will also be contacted to vote on the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Per the JRBA ByLaws, the Executive Board has the authority to attend to all business between sessions.

IF YOU WERE ELECTED BY YOUR CHURCH AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (not a Messenger to the Annual Meeting) AND DO NOT RECEIVE INFORMATION WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE JRBA OFFICE TO LET PHYLLIS KNOW.

October 4 – 7

Gathering of Silence at Crossroads Camp and Conference Center, Lowesville

The pandemic has taken an emotional, physical, and spiritual toll on pastors! This retreat will provide pastors a time of reflection to renew their relationship with God, refresh their souls, and meditate in nature. All Gathering of Silence participants will take a vow of silence for the 72-hour period. They will receive thematic materials to use throughout their time on the hiking trails, perched on the mountain, or enjoying the mountain stream. There are off-site opportunities for golfing, fishing or more hiking. An optional time of conversation around self-care and meditative reflections is available each evening from 7 – 9 PM. The cost is \$330. For more information or to register online, go to www.crossroadscamp.com/events/gathering-of-silence/. Contact David Pepler at davidpeplersr@gmail.com or call Crossroads at 434-277-8465.

October 13

"End-of Year" Reports are due from JRBA Officers and Committee Chairs for the 2020-2021 Book of Reports

October 20

Kindergarten Bags and Band Aids for Hope for Appalachia are due to the JRBA Office today!

October 23

Family Fun Festival at Jones Chapel

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

There will be many different activities for kids and adults, including inflatables, games and prizes, hay rides, vendors, bingo, free hot dogs and drinks, face painting, and "new this year" – twisted balloons by Mark Tuttle! Everyone is invited to come for a time of fun for the entire family.

October 30

Fall Festival at Antioch (Scottsville)

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

There will also be a car show and vendor fair at the event.

BGAV ANNUAL MEETING PLANS HAVE CHANGED!

November 9 – 10, 2021

On August 17, the BGAV Executive Board voted to move the Annual Meeting previously scheduled at Eagle Eyrie for November 9 - 10, to a **VIRTUAL-ONLY** event that will be held on those same dates. The Board was acting on a recommendation from the Program Committee which directs the meeting each year. This decision is out of an abundance of caution surrounding variants of Covid-19. The meeting will be similar to the 2020 online version, and this year some limited business items will be acted on by the body of elected messengers. Details will be posted as they are confirmed, so please visit the Annual Meeting website for the latest information: <https://meeting.bgav.org/>.



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) 434-983-7385

**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.

ENON: Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting is now being held at 6:00 PM each week. You are invited to come out, and be uplifted, as all look together into God's Holy Word, studying the book of Proverbs.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Sunday School is held in person for children, youth and adults at 10 AM each Sunday. During the interim between pastors, the 11 AM worship services have been featuring preachers from the area including Rev. Glynn Coleman. Wednesday night features Prayer Meeting at 6:30 PM, Mission Friends at 6:30 PM, Youth Group at 7:00 PM, and Choir Practice at 7:30 PM.

GOSHEN: Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes in September at 11 AM. Sunday morning worship at 11 AM and Wednesday service at 7 PM (studying 1 Peter) continues in person. Goshen's focus going forward is to determine the best way they can reach out to the community.

MT. TABOR: Bible Study resumes in person each Wednesday at 7:00 PM, with a study of Revelation.

MULBERRY GROVE: Sunday School continues in person at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. "Spacing" has been resumed for worship in light of the growing Covid cases in the area. A new Bible Study time has begun for Youth and Adults on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Pastor Michael will be leading the adults in a series on *What Is a Healthy Church?*, by Mark Dever. Jay and Stephani Jones will be working with the youth (Grades 6 – 12).

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

HOMEcoming & REVIVAL FOLLOW-UP

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Homecoming was Sunday, July 25. There was a great turnout. The guest speaker was Pastor Anthony Clore, Fork Union Baptist Church.

GOSHEN: Homecoming at Goshen saw over 70 folks in attendance – the largest crowd in many years. Smokey Wilson presented an awesome concert and dinner on the grounds was greatly enjoyed. Revival started on Monday night with a message from Brother Jimmy Dunn and fellowship after the service. On Tuesday, David Haught gave a concert of Gospel songs in Hank Williams' style, with hotdogs for everyone. Wednesday night, Susie Thomas shared her piano talents during an old-fashioned hymn sing. The service was topped off with homemade ice cream in six flavors! With all the meetings, no one was in a hurry to leave. The fellowship was sweet to behold.

MULBERRY GROVE: Homecoming was celebrated on August 8 and was followed by three nights of Revival. Rev. Dwayne Bates, Executive Pastor, Crystal Cathedral, brought the word each night. Special music was provided by Chris Lewis on Monday, Malachi (Wayne Gough, Woody Moore, and Roger Woody) on Tuesday, and the Oak Hill Quartet on Wednesday. These services can still be viewed by visiting the church's website: www.mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com. It was a great blessing to see God working and healing in the community. The Grove family looks forward to the relationships continuing and growing as they continue to follow the Lord's leading.

Missions Committee
September



- I. RISE AGAINST HUNGER works diligently during these extremely difficult days to supply wholesome food to needy people of Haiti and other countries where needs abound. So, let us continue to give generously to Rise Against Hunger and send our funds to our association and on to Rise Against Hunger headquarters very soon.
- II. BROWN'S CHAPEL CHURCH will be sending another mission team to Matoaka, WV on October 7 - 10, 2021. Volunteers are needed to help with carpentry and other work. Financial gifts and cans of soup are also needed. Soup can be taken to our JRBA office by **September 29**. If you wish to make a financial donation, make your check payable to Restoration Ministries and mail it to Nancy Dragovich, 2518 Gravel Hill Road, Dillwyn, VA 23936.
- III. 2021 ALMA HUNT STATE MISSION OFFERING will support much work carried out by our BGAV and our WMUV including our Standing rock ministry with the Indians of South Dakota, Bland Ministry Center, CrossRoads Camp, and other ministries.
- IV. Our BCM Student Ministry, Longwood/Hampden Sydney, provides opportunities for students to experience rich fellowship, Bible studies, etc. Additional funds are needed, beyond the appropriation by our BGAV, for this ministry so our churches are urged to give to help Austin Williams carry out this fine ministry.
- V. During these difficult days, let us keep reaching to strengthen our food ministries, outreach to schools, and others.

Thanks for all your mission efforts!

In Christ's Love,
Jimmy
Rev. Jimmy Dunn

V.B.S. FOLLOW-UP

BUCKINGHAM: 16 bags of VBS materials were delivered the week of July 13 – 16. The bags included a teacher's book for the parent with instructions on how to use the materials, craft items for the children with directions, a New Testament for each child, snacks for each day, and a Slip 'n Slide for each family.



Audrey Rowe



Bentley Rowe



CHURCH OUTREACH

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The July 24 Loaves and Fish ministry meal gave out 65 – 67 boxes of food.

BUCKINGHAM: Movie Night was held on Saturday, August 21, with a good crowd attending. The movie, *Only Imagine*, was shown outside. Hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and snacks were served.

CEDAR: The Cedar church family is currently collecting for the Hope for Appalachia Fall Winter Wear Drive. Women on Mission are starting to plan for many projects coming up in the near future: Walk 4 Life, Alma Hunt State Mission Offering, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, and the Angel Tree.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Helping Hands made a financial contribution to the Buckingham County Sheriff's Department to purchase safety kits for children of our county schools. Gas cards, goodie baskets, and other remembrances were given to people in need. Calls, cards, and visits were supplied by the members. About 85 meals were prepared and delivered to shut-ins of the area on Sunday, August 22. FBC of Dillwyn continues to be on mission for groups in the area as they provide meeting space for prison volunteers, blood drives, Hispanic services, and other things.

JONES CHAPEL: Jones Chapel is a sponsor of the Pregnancy Support Center and will be participating in the Walk 4 Life at High bridge Trail in Farmville on September 18. Jones Chapel has been collecting and purchasing Kindergarten bags, hats, gloves, and warm throws for Hope for Appalachia. They will be packed and ready to send with the team when they deliver to the schools in November.

MULBERRY GROVE: Plans are underway to make fleece blankets and Kindergarten bags for Hope for Appalachia. One of the church families has provided several boxes of Band-Aids for Hope and several cans of soup for the Matoaka, WV, ministry as well as prepared 6 Hygiene Kits for Afghan refugees.

SHARON: The congregation of Sharon contributed school supplies for children in Buckingham County schools. They also made monetary donations to assist a gentleman whose home and contents were destroyed during a recent storm. Rose of Sharon WMU continues visiting with and delivering meals to those who are sick or home-bound.

CHURCHES WORKING ON HOPE FOR APPALACHIA KINDERGARTEN BAGS

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

DUE DATE TO JRBA: OCTOBER 20, 2021

OPPORTUNITIES 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. 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 Office by **October 20, 2021**.
PLEASE NOTE THAT BETTY TONEY HAS A FEW EXTRA BAGS ON HAND IF YOUR CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO GET THEM TO FILL!
YOU CAN REACH HER AT 434-983-2232.
- 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 20**.
- 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 1st 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.**

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.

BGAV DISASTER RESPONSE UPDATE/OPPORTUNITY

Virginia Baptist Disaster Response, in support of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, is asking churches to create hygiene kits which will be available as refugees from Afghanistan come to the United States and move toward resettlement. The hygiene kits will be made available for those affected by hurricane Henri, Ida, or future storms as well.

Disaster Relief Hygiene Kits

Items listed can be small or travel-size. Please place in a gallon size ZipLoc bag.

Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Washcloth, Comb/Brush, Facial Tissue, Shaving Cream/Razor, Toothbrush, & Toothpaste
(Be sure the toothbrush is individually packaged.)

Other items needed, but sent separately: Female Hygiene Products and Diapers

These kits and other items are needed by **September 8, 2021**, at the JRBA Office, by 10 AM.

Lena Chapman, Tar Wallet, will deliver them for us – Thank you, Lena!

Call Out – Tropical Storm Fred in North Carolina

Tropical storm Fred has done significant damage in Tennessee and North Carolina, leaving several communities in need of support. Virginia Baptist Disaster Response teams have been requested for response in Canton, NC. Trained volunteers in Cleanup (tear-out and chainsaw) and Crisis Care are needed at the present time. Sign up to volunteer at <https://bgavdr.org/tropical-storm-fred-volunteer>.

Haiti Response

Disaster Response ministries is also responding to Haiti through the Baptist Forum for Aid and Development. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck in the southwest portion of the country and has done tremendous damage to thousands of homes and other structures. Damaged infrastructure, lack of a functioning government, local gangs, and other factors are making the relief effort extremely slow and difficult. BGAV DR remains confident in their partners on the ground and believe funds are being used in the most appropriate ways to get supplies to those affected. A current relief effort is underway and a longer-term recovery plan will be developed in the coming weeks. There are currently no plans to send volunteers into the unsettled environment at this time. If you want to make a monetary donation, mail your check to BGAV, Treasurer's Office, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294. Please put "Haiti Earthquake" on the memo line of your check.

IN APPRECIATION>>>

August 7, 2021

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Gladstone Memorial Baptist Church family, we want to say thank you for your prayers, support, and gracious giving during this crucial point in our ministry.

Covid-19 and the homegoing of some of our faithful members has left a financial void, but the Lord is faithful. Thanks to your gifts into our ministry, we know the Lord is certainly the Great Shepherd. God is faithful and we are grateful to your faithfulness in helping us during this time.

We want you to know that we love and appreciate everything that has been done for us through your prayers, financial support, and gracious letters. Gladstone has been a church that through the years has been faithful to the cause of Christ and we strive to continue to be the "hands and feet" of the Gospel. You are a part of our ministry and you will never know just how much you mean to our church family, but in Heaven we will rejoice together.

Until Then,
Dr. James Fetty, Pastor
John 4:24

Gladstone Memorial Baptist Church Family
Tommy Cheethem, Hailey Cheethem, Wayne Wills, Delores Wills,
Virginia Cyrus, Willie Cyrus, Dale Hughes, Debra Hughes,
Ann McFadden, Kasey Fetty, Kendra Fetty, Lisa Fetty, and
Bonnie Hesson

Dear JRBA Family,

Thank you for your patience while I have been out of the office due to family illness. Your prayers and emails have meant so much during a trying time. We thoroughly enjoyed having the grandchildren and helping out Adam's family. I am happy to say they are all recuperating now and life is getting back to "normal"....I think! Blessings to each of you for your concern and care.

In Christ,
Phyllis

PASTORS' HUDDLE>>>

We were able to have the Pastors' Huddle in August even among each church's busy schedules. Pastors, I want to encourage you to come to our next gathering on September 15, at First Baptist Dillwyn, at noon.

Michael Khol

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES UPDATE>>>

The BCM's Fall Semester is off to a great start. Students are back on campus and BCM is actively doing outreach to meet these new students. We are kicking off the semester with some fun events such as our Kickoff Party, which will involve games, a movie, and pizza; and a Frisbee & Ice Cream Day out on campus. We have two small group Bible studies that will be launching in the first week of September and we have been able to resume our weekly large group gathering. We are excited for students to be back on campus and are excited for a great semester. Please keep the BCM, Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College, in your prayers.

Austin Williams
Campus Minister, BCM

IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

Tar Wallet grieves the recent passing of Virgil Wright.



JRBA CELEBRATES>>>



A 100TH Birthday celebration was held at **Buckingham** for Dorothy Jones on her birthday, August 14. About 40 family, caretakers, and church friends attended. Mrs. Jones enjoyed seeing people she had not seen for some time, due to Covid. There has been a celebration party every 10 years since her 80th birthday and all are aiming for another 10 years!

Cedar celebrates three recent professions of faith: Amber Steger, Devin Jordon, and Cheyanne Lazarski. Baptism will soon be observed for them.

Tar Wallet hosted a Welcome Luncheon for Alan and Tammy Gough on August 15. Alan has been serving Tar Wallet as Interim Pastor and was recently voted in as their Full Time Pastor.



Jones Chapel observed Baptism on July 25, at the James River in Cartersville, following the regular worship service.

Bryan and Carrie Saxtan were baptized.



Chelsea Moorefield also followed her Lord in the ordinance of baptism.

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.
- **ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS:** The Annual Church Profile will be sent to you within the next two weeks. We will observe one due date for churches on a October – September calendar and a later due date for churches who operate on a January – December calendar. I look forward to seeing the 2020 reports as our churches regain their momentum! If you have questions, be sure to let me know. (Phyllis)

ATTENTION: JRBA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Please submit your "end-of-year" report to Phyllis by **Wednesday, October 13, 2021.**

This report should cover October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. It is the only official record of all that JRBA has accomplished during the year.

2020-2021 has been a very productive year for JRBA in spite of the ongoing pandemic and we want that documented.

Please email or mail your reports to JRBA by the deadline. If you do NOT plan to send in a report, please let Phyllis know.

KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- JRBA Churches without a pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, and First Baptist Dillwyn
- JRBA Church and Pastors
- Homecomings & Revivals
- Hurricane victims and Responders
- Families of Military/Civilians lost in Afghanistan
- Afghan Refugees
- 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 strand 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)

STAFF CHANGES>>>

Tar Wallet's Interim Pastor, Alan Gough, was recently ordained into the Gospel ministry. They have now called him to be their Full Time Pastor and he has accepted. JRBA welcomes Alan and his wife, Tammy. We look forward to working with them as we all move forward in God's work.

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The Gospel Commandments of Leadership

"The Gospel Commandments of Leadership" is a great list of qualities that we all must have. Jeffrey Bush posted it recently online, but acknowledged that the author is unknown. He says, "Whoever wrote it was right on. I hope this list will be a big encouragement to you as it was to me."

1. People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. **Love and trust them anyway.** (Luke 23:24)
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. **Do good anyway.** (Matthew 11:16, 19)
3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. **Succeed anyway.** (Luke 19:36-38, John 19:15)
4. The service you render today will be forgotten tomorrow. **Serve people anyway.** (Luke 17:17)
5. Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable. **Be honest and frank anyway.** (Luke 12:51, Luke 13:5)
6. The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men with the smallest ideas. **Think big anyway.** (Luke 22:22,24)
7. People pretend to love the "little" people, but sell their souls to the "big" people. **Fight for the "little" people anyway.** (Matthew 19:14)
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. **Build anyway.** (Matthew 26:48, 49, 56)
9. People really need help but may attack you if you do help. **Help people anyway.** (Luke 4:18, 19, 28, 29)
10. Give the world the best you have, and you may get kicked in the teeth. **Give the world the best you have anyway.** (Matthew 27:17, 21)

ASSOCIATION FINANCES

2020 – 2021

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

Church	August	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 750.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Buckingham		\$ 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	\$ 171.00	\$ 1,688.00
Mt. Tabor		\$ 354.37
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,360.00
Sharon		\$ 1,165.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 500.00
Individuals		\$ 500.00
VMBB-Alma Hunt		
Amazon Smile	\$ 11.20	\$ 38.05
TOTAL	\$1,182.20	\$20,167.92

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	August	Total-to-Date
Carryover from 2019-2020		\$ 975.00*
JRBA Budget 2020-2021		\$ 250.00
Individuals		\$ 700.00
TOTAL		\$1,925.00

*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	August	Total-to-Date
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 205.00
Sharon		\$ 80.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 10.00
TOTAL		\$ 295.00

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.

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

Expenditures

Pregnancy Support Center (Farmville), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, GraceInside, Gideons International, Longwood/Hampden Sydney BCM, BGAV Disaster Response, and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100.00 Each = \$700.00 (Budgeted), Gladstone Memorial Love Gift - \$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
TOTAL	\$ 3,387.10

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 August

BALANCE = \$2,000.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	August	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2019-2020		\$6,292.28
NEW CONTRIBUTIONS 2020-2021		
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
TOTAL NEW DONATIONS		\$ 2,270.00

No Expenditures in August

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
TOTAL	\$ 2,280.00

*Jones Chapel sent donation directly to HFA.

All funds disbursed – BALANCE: \$0.00

