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EVENTS AND DETAILS

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer

November 28 – December 5

Pray for IMB missionaries, their ministries, and the unreached people and places they serve.

December 1

JRBA OFFICE CLOSED

Antioch (Scottsville) Group to Bethlehem Walk, Goochland

Bethlehem Walk is an interactive walk through the Christmas story. From handing a Roman Centurion your coin for taxes to seeing Christ at his birth, this free community event occurs once yearly, courtesy of Salem Baptist Church, in Goochland County. As visitors enter Bethlehem, the sights, sounds, and smells carry them to a period of time that changed the world. Travelers to Bethlehem Walk journey through the heart of the city to the marketplace that is bustling with activity from over a dozen authentic shops; they enjoy samples from the baker's shop, see the blacksmith at work making crucifixion nails, marvel at the potter's craft, and listen for the rumor of a king's birth from excited townspeople. The event will be held nightly on December 1 – 6. Call 804-784-4171 for information and reservations.

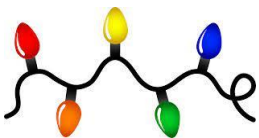
December 1 – 4

JRBA Mission Team to Kentucky

Hope for Appalachia

Delivering Warm Winter Wear, Blankets, & Kindergarten Bags

Pray for Team Members: Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody, & Wayne Gough



December 3, 4, & 5 and 10, 11, & 12

Lights on the Lake

Bear Creek Lake

5 – 7 PM

Jones Chapel Youth Participating with Display

Entrance Fee: Donation or Toy for Cumberland Christmas Mother Program

The Joy of CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

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| December 5 | Christmas Lunch at Tar Wallet

Fitzgerald Memorial's Women on Mission Lunch (Location TBA)

Living Nativity at First Baptist Dillwyn
The Youth will present a live Nativity scene on the church lawn. Everyone is invited. | Noon

5:00 – 6:00 PM |
| | Antioch (Scottsville) Awana Christmas Party
Lots of fun activities for the children are planned. Pizza will be served, gifts will be made, and children will be learning about the reason for the season! | 5:30 PM |
| | Christmas Cantata at Sharon
<i>The Road to Bethlehem: A Journey to the Newborn King</i>
Presented by the choir. Plan now to attend to embrace the message of joy and love, and experience once again the fulfillment of God's promise. | 7:00 PM |



Ordination Service into Gospel Ministry

Sunday, December 5, 2021

6:00 PM

Mulberry Grove Baptist Church

Austin Williams, Associate Pastor, will be ordained into the Gospel Ministry.
 Followed by a Covered Dish Supper in the Fellowship Hall.
 Everyone is invited to this special celebration.

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| December 7 | Tuesday Morning Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn
Join in for an enlightening study of the book of Revelation each Tuesday morning in the fellowship hall. The study is being led by Pam Huskey and Rev. Willard Spurlock. | 10:00 AM |
| December 8 | Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove
Bluegrass/Gospel Music and Fellowship Covered Dish Lunch

Church Christmas Party at Mulberry Grove
Pizza, movies, and games! | 11:00 AM

6:00 PM |
| Dec. 10 & 17 | Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn
Volunteers are needed at 9:30 AM. NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATES DUE TO CHRISTMAS. | |

December 10, 11, & 12
A Classic Christmas
Lights & Live Nativity
 Central Virginia Christian School
 164 Industrial Park Road, Dillwyn
 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 (A Drive-Through Christmas Extravaganza)



December 12	Smoky Wilson in Concert at Fitzgerald Memorial	11:00 AM Worship Service
	Christmas Cantata at Enon	11:00 AM Worship Service
December 15	Enon's Christmas Caroling in the Community	6:00 PM



December 18	5 Loaves 2 Fish Ministry at Antioch (Scottsville)	9:30 – 10:30 AM
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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS & SERVICES
Sunday, December 19



Enon	Christmas lunch to follow the service.	11:00 Am
First Baptist Dillwyn	The Christmas musical, <i>The Joy of Christmas</i> , will be presented by the children and the adult choir. Come and be blessed!	11:00 AM
Fitzgerald Memorial	Christmas Luncheon	Noon
Jones Chapel	The Youth and Children will be presenting their Christmas program with lots of singing and stories of how each of the songs came to be written. Come and learn about the beautiful songs of Christmas.	11:00 AM
Gladstone Memorial	Refreshments will be served following the Christmas Program.	5:00 PM
Cedar	Everyone is welcome!	6:00 PM
Mulberry Grove		6:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

The JRBA Office will be closed for the holidays. Please note that December 20 is still the due date for all information for the January edition of the calendar and newsletter. Please submit your information by 9:00 AM. Be sure to include your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to date.

December 22	A Christmas Celebration at Goshen	7:00 PM
	A special Christmas celebration before Christmas.	

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Friday, December 24, 2021

Fitzgerald Memorial	Candlelight Service	5:00 PM
Cedar		6:00 PM
Chestnut Grove	"Christmas Nativity" followed by refreshments in social hall.	6:00 PM
Enon	Special Candlelight Communion Service	6:00 PM
Tar Wallet		6:00 PM
Mulberry Grove	Candlelight Service	7:00 PM





CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25, 2021

December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

Monday, January 10, 2022
JRBA Executive Board Meeting
First Baptist Dillwyn
7:00 PM

Pastors and Church Representatives to the Executive Board should plan to attend.

January 15, 2022
Deadline to send in Bless Your Pastor Request for Amazon Gift Card
<https://blessyourpastor.org/bless-your-pastor-reporting-form/>

January 31, 2022
Deadline to submit applications for Scholarships from the Virginia Baptist Foundation.
 Bulletin inserts have been sent to all churches. For more information and to apply, go to
www.vbfinc.org/scholarships.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>



FLUVANNA CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN

Church	Hygiene Kits	Stationery Kits	Other
Antioch (Scottsville)	10		Extra hygiene items, cards, stationery, envelopes, pencils & Forever Stamps
Buckingham	2		Extra Stationery
Mt. Zion	18	8	
Girls in Action	10	10	\$100 to GraceInside
Tar Wallet	117		Hundreds of Extra Items: 50 notebooks, 2 books of stamps, 484 Christmas Cards, 120 birthday cards, 1,000 envelopes, 552 pencils, plus many additional boxes of Christmas cards, and 3 large boxes of other stationery items
Rocky Mount UMC	10		

ALMA HUNT OFFERING UPDATE

Church	Offering-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$1,500.00
Buckingham	\$ 1,000.00
Cedar	\$ 330.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 315.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 210.00
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 55.00
Goshen	\$ 830.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 360.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 1,120.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 675.00
Sharon	\$ 215.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 230.00



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES 2021

Church	# Boxes	Monetary Donations
Antioch (Scottsville)	257	\$2,177.00
Awana Kids	90	
Buckingham	28	
Cedar	28	
First Baptist Dillwyn	92	
Enon	38	
Mulberry Grove	32	
Tar Wallet	43	



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- I. **Rise Against Hunger:** As we give to many worthy causes at Christmas, let us include a generous gift to Rise Against Hunger to feed hundreds of hungry people.
- II. **Blue Ridge Food Bank:** Due to Christmas, distributions will be on the second and third Fridays of December. Please join us at the Crystal Cathedral on December 10 and 17, to give out food to hundreds of people in need.
- III. **Hope for Appalachia:** Please pray for the team members going to Kentucky on December 1 – 4 to deliver the warm winter clothing and other items collected by JRBA.
- IV. **Mission Work:** During 2021, despite the Covid pandemic and other setbacks, JRBA carried out a great amount of mission work for Jesus. Thanks to each of our churches and members for all your work. Now, let us move forth into 2022 determined to be more fully on mission for Jesus!

Jimmy Dunn, Missions Committee Chair

CHURCH OUTREACH

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The Loaves and Fish Meal was held on Saturday, November 20. Eight or nine volunteers assisted in giving out food boxes.

BUCKINGHAM: A Thanksgiving meal was held on Sunday, November 21, with abundant food and beautiful decorations. One dedicated member was out having surgery and her shoes were hard to fill. Plates were delivered to 6 shut-ins. Five food boxes were prepared for needy families in the area.

CEDAR: Thanks to the generous and loving church family, the Women on Mission were able to provide turkey and all the trimmings (and much more) to six different families for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Cedar is truly blessed to be able to bless so many others! On Sunday, November 21, Cedar had their Thanksgiving Dinner and a wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance. Numerous dinners were sent out to members of the community that were unable to attend.

CHESTNUT GROVE: The church family is taking monetary donations to purchase needed items for Christmas families adopted by the church.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: A Drive-Thru Lunch to honor veterans of military service and their spouses was held on November 11. Over 100 meals were distributed. Gideon Bibles and words of love and thanks were also freely given. FBC members prepared and delivered 120 Thanksgiving meals to friends throughout the area on Sunday, November 21. After the delivery, FBC members and guests enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal at the church. Helping Hands Ministry sent out over 50 cards to shut-ins and persons with other needs. They also blessed many persons with gift cards, goodie baskets, and financial aid.

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: The Holly, Jolly Bizarre was held on Saturday, November 13, with several vendors. Money raised will be used by the Women on Mission for local outreach.

JONES CHAPEL: Christmas bags containing various personal and fun items are being packed for each of the 60 residents at Heritage Hall in Dillwyn. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be continued through the entire month of December, with short videos during the worship service of how donations make a great impact on foreign missions.

SHARON: The congregation hosted a Thanksgiving meal enjoyed by family, friends, and visitors. The current focus is on monetary gifts to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Christ in Christmas, and GraceInside, as well as collecting gift items for residents of Heritage Hall. Rose of Sharon WMU recently held a successful soup-making event and now has delicious homemade soup, frozen and ready for delivery to those in need. The group continues providing meals, cards, phone calls, and visits to those who are sick or homebound.

TAR WALLET: The church held its annual Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 22, at 2:00 PM, to decorate the church for Christmas.

MULBERRY GROVE: The Sunday School Department hosted a Harvest Festival on November 6. Each class was responsible for planning different aspects of the event. There was Brunswick stew, hotdogs, music by Wayne & Linda Gough, a Bounce House, a cake walk, and relay games for the children. It was a great time of fun and fellowship. The Adult Sunday School Class donated presents for six kids through Hope for Appalachia. The Youth Sunday School Class baked cookies during Sunday school on November 28 to send with the Hope team.



Skylar Saulisbury, Thomas Snoddy, and Lily Jones



Ben Snoddy, Bryce Saulisbury, & Noah Jones



Lily Jones, Abby Palmore, & Ben Snoddy



HOPE FOR APPALACHIA FALL MISSION TRIP

Church	Band Aids	# Kindergarten Bags	Other
Antioch (Scottsville)		80	5 large hand sanitizers, 5 pairs gloves, 16 hats, 2 toothpastes, 1 coloring book, 3 bags, 5 pencil sharpeners, 16 boxes crayons, 100+ pencil erasers
Antioch Union	9	59	1 coloring book, 4 packs pencils, 7 packs toothbrushes
Arvon	19	20	2 notebooks, 2 folders, 1 hat, 20 pairs gloves, 4 toys, 2 packs glue sticks,
Buckingham	3	7	6 toothbrushes, 1 pencil sharpener
Enon	61		Extra Backpacks
First Baptist Dillwyn	57		
Fitzgerald Memorial		24	
Goshen	11	12	5 coloring books, 5 packs stickers, 3 packs erasers, 8 packs pencils, 4 toothpastes, 2 packs colored pencils, 1 pack jumbo pens, 6 highlighters, 3 boxes crayons, 2 packs pencil sharpeners, 3 packs glue sticks, 16 toys, 6 toothbrushes
Jones Chapel		60	
Mt. Zion	10	29	
Mulberry Grove	37	60	10 Pairs of Gloves
Sharon	10	10	
Tar Wallet	5	21	
Brown's Chapel	47	10	

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA - WINTER WEAR

Church	Coats	Hats	Gloves	Scarves	Blankets	Other
Antioch (Scottsville)	5	39		18	27 children's 9 baby	
Antioch Union	12	10		1	9	
Buckingham	9	7	8			
Cedar	32	30	41	24	26	1 pillow, 5 extra items, \$125.00
Chestnut Grove	21	10	19	1	7	
Enon	6	16	16	3	9	1 vest, 17 pairs socks, 2 pants
First Baptist Dillwyn	26	30	16	6	20	46 pairs socks, 1 purse
Fitzgerald Memorial		24	24		48 full size 48 children's 4 crocheted	
Goshen	15	19	45	6	24	6 pairs socks
Jones Chapel		22			50 children's	
Mt. Zion	42	93	93	17	316	9 boots, 3 shoes
Mulberry Grove	17	12	19	2	12 fleece 1 weighted	14 pairs socks
Sharon	12	43	31	6		
Tar Wallet		263	396		4	
"Lynda & Friends" group		45			6	6 shawls, 59 pairs socks

...WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.
Matthew 25:40 b

Appreciation

JRBA extends a huge THANK YOU to Laura Higgins for sorting and packing all the items collected for Hope for Appalachia. We also extend our appreciation to the team delivering the items: Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough.

Dear James River Baptist Association,

Please allow me to begin by saying THANK YOU for your recent gift. You are making a great impact for good in our community. Here are some of the exciting things currently happening. Land clearing continues on the latest new home construction as another family works to achieve their dream through the affordable home ownership program. In addition, the expansion of the affordable repair program across the region is another way to achieve the mission of serving those in need of safe, decent, affordable housing. The majority of applicants for that program are seniors living alone in a home they have owned for many years. Repairs such as rebuilding a porch can help bring peace of mind as a homeowner knows they can step outside safely. Currently there are seven repair projects underway and applications continually arriving. In addition, we are working with five families on new home builds.

Thank you again for your generous donation. (\$100 sent from the regular budget) For every family served by Habitat, it is because of donors and volunteers who embrace the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. You are bringing this vision to life!

Jayne Johnson, Executive Director
Piedmont Habitat for Humanity

Dear JRBA Leadership and Churches,

Thank you for your continued support* of the PSC and the work we do. I'd like to extend an invitation to all JRBA churches and attendees to tour one of our locations, either in Farmville or Dillwyn at Ellis Acres. PSC is also available to speak at churches, WMU groups, etc. Please give us a call to schedule a time!

For His Glory,
Donielle Yoder
Pregnancy Support Center of Soutside Virginia

*\$100 sent from the regular budget.

Dear James River Baptist Association Family,

The family of Dorothy B. Jones acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you so much for the lovely basket. Mother loved flowers. She will be missed by her family as she was an encourager. She was a missions person and enjoyed the work she did in the association.

Love and Prayers,
Betty Toney
(JRBA WMU Director)

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: "November to Remember" was an awesome time. Each Sunday sermons were revisited that the congregation wanted to hear again. One sermon revisited was Dr. Fetty's first sermon delivered as pastor. It was entitled "The Shepherd and His Sheep".

HATS OFF TO...



Church Clerks who have submitted their Annual Church Profile:

Cedar: Pat Allen

Chestnut Grove: Gloria Morris

Fitzgerald Memorial: Betty Newman

Fork of Willis: Brenda Parker

Jones Chapel: Carol Ownby

Mt. Zion: Dorothy Davis

Mulberry Grove: Denise Leatherwood

Sharon: Tammy Brown

Thank you for your submission of your church's report! Also, thank you to the Church Treasurers who play a major role in the accuracy of this yearly report. May God bless you all for your faithful service to your churches.

ATTENTION ALL OTHER CHURCH CLERKS: ALL ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES ARE DUE TO THE JRBA OFFICE (OR ARE TO BE ENTERED ONLINE) BY JANUARY 17, 2022. If you enter your church ACP online, be sure to let Phyllis know.

JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

Buckingham honored their supply pastor, Robert Brown, with a gift card to his favorite restaurant in October. The church family welcomed a new member, Ed Mallory, who came on a statement of faith.

Cedar extends congratulations to Richard and Amanda Shepherd and big sister, Waverly, on the newest addition to their family as Tatum Elizabeth-Mae was born on October 6, 2021. On November 21, a special Baby Dedication Day was held. The following children were dedicated:

Davis Eugene Ragland and Ripp Lewis Ragland – sons of C. J. and Robyn Ragland

Waverly Faye Shepherd and Tatum Elizabeth-Mae Shepherd – daughters of Richard and Amanda Shepherd

Everleigh Grace Warner – daughter of Jessy and Ciera Warner



An Ordination Council met at **Mulberry Grove** on November 1, to examine Austin Williams, Associate Pastor. Participating was Rev. Michael Khol, Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Rev. Willard Spurlock, Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Rick Caldwell, Welford Orrock, and Ryan Goode. They unanimously recommended Austin for ordination into the Gospel ministry. The Mulberry Grove family extends their love and congratulations to this fine young man and commend him on his faithfulness. The church will host an Ordination Service on Sunday, December 5, at 6:00 PM.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>

- **ATTENTION VBS DIRECTORS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE ONLINE 2021 VBS REPORT:** Please go to <https://vbs.lifeway.com/churchreport/> and do so as soon as possible. Let Phyllis know when it has been completed. Thanks.
- **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.

Following the Star



d365.org

- **Following the Star**, the daily devotional series for Advent and Christmas is now available at <https://d365.org>. It includes scripture, a prayer, and meditative thoughts accompanied by gentle music. For bulletin insert, go to <https://d365.org/share>.
- **ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:** Lifeway has a free resource to use with your family to help focus your thoughts on the joy and glad tidings of the season. Go to <https://kidsministry.lifeway.com/2021/10/11/2021-family-advent-guide-free/>.



FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

As our Thanksgiving season passes and we enter the wild and wonderful ride of the Christmas season, I want to take this opportunity to express my thankfulness to each of you who is active in the JRBA. It is because of your effort and cooperation that we are able to make a real difference and be a blessing in the name of Jesus. So, THANK YOU. I do pray that as we celebrate this advent season, we would communicate to one another the meaning of Christmas: The Son of God Incarnate came to the world to redeem. What a wonderful story! So in whatever manner you celebrate this special time, I hope you have a very Merry (and Covid-free) Christmas. May the LORD's blessing be upon your house this Christmas season.

Love in Christ,
Michael Khol

FINANCIAL PAGE

2021 – 2022

Please note that there were several typographical errors in the November financial report (pages 11 – 12). I apologize for any confusion these errors may have caused.

Phyllis

CORRECTION TO PAGE 11 FINANCE REPORTS

The designated donation for Hope for Appalachia was shown under Additional Missions. It should have been listed under Mission Trips. Both balances were correct as shown (and correction has been made below).

CORRECTIONS TO 2021-2022 BUDGET (PAGE12)

Under Payroll Expenses, Line Items:

"Medicare Contributions"

20/21 budget: \$125, Expenditures: \$220.11 (1/2 paid by Phyllis), 21/22 budget: \$125

"Federal Withholding Tax"

Expenditures: \$600 (100% paid by Phyllis)

(NO CHANGE TO TOTAL COMPENSATION)

Also, I made an error in the "note" at the end of the budget. The corrected statement is: \$27,691.39 (Total Budget) = \$27,051 ("Actual Budget", including \$900 increase Utilities/Baccalaureate) PLUS \$640.39 (Carryover Mission Blitz/Rise Against Hunger).

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

2021 - 2022

Church	November	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham		
Cedar	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 369.00
Gladstone		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 163.00	\$ 332.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		
Mulberry Grove		
Sharon		\$ 290.75
Tar Wallet		
Individuals		
Amazon Smile	\$ 9.36	\$ 9.36
TOTAL	\$ 2,572.36	\$ 3,501.11

Approved Budget for 2021 – 2022: \$27,691.39

Actual Budget (\$27,051 + Carryover Missions Blitz and Rise Against Hunger (\$640.39)

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, 2021 – Sept. 30, 2022), NOT the calendar year.

OTHER BUDGETED LINE ITEMS:

MISSIONS BLITZ

Contributor	November	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2020-2021		\$ 345.39
JRBA Budget 2021 – 2022		\$ 250.00
Individuals		
TOTAL		\$ 595.39

No expenditures in November.



RAH – New Donations starting 04/01/21

Church	November	To Date
JRBA Budget 2021-2022		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 209.00	\$ 414.00*
Sharon		\$ 80.00*
Tar Wallet		\$ 10.00*
TOTAL	\$ 309.00	\$ 1,504.00

*Carryover Total from 2020 – 2021: \$295.00

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:

ALL monies expended for Additional Missions are listed each month.

Budgeted

\$1,600.00

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 EXPENDITURES IN NOVEMBER

BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 900.00

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Budgeted: \$500.00

No Expenditures in November; Balance \$500.00

MISSION TRIPS

Donor	November	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$2,500.00
Personal Contribution (HOPE)		\$ 53.00
Cedar (HOPE)	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
TOTAL	\$ 125.00	\$2,678.00

Expenditures

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

Hope for Appalachia (designated gift) - \$53.00

Malcolm Warfield (SEEDS – Uganda) = \$100.00

November Expenditures

Hope for Appalachia (designated gift) - \$125.00

BALANCE = \$2,250.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	November	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2020 – 2021		\$ 7,697.28
NEW CONTRIBUTIONS 2021 - 2022		
Cedar	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Enon		\$ 200.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL NEW DONATIONS	\$ 300.00	\$ 700.00

Expenditures in November: \$290.24

AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$8,107.04.

ACCOMPLISHING TOGETHER WHAT WE CANNOT DO ALONE

BGAV Annual Meeting 2021
November 22, 2021

The 198th annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia was held on November 9 and 10. The meeting was held virtually again this year because of Covid recommendations relating to large group events. There were break-out sessions relating to such topics as Cultivating Communities, the new Nicaragua Partnership, How to Read the Bible, and Embracing the Disruption. Some topics offered information on how to move forward after Covid and how things may change with respect to worship and providing ministry to those in need.

The Tuesday evening worship service featured singer Kate Campbell and preacher Howard-John Wesley. Dr. Wesley is pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. He gave an inspiring sermon from Acts 1:9-11 where Jesus's followers are looking up at Jesus as He is ascending up to heaven. Two men in white robes asked why they were staring into the sky. The gist of the message was that we need to stop "staring" at Jesus in the sanctuary and start serving in the streets.

The business meeting was held on November 10. Prior to the meeting, all messengers had the opportunity to review the BVAV Express magazine which included reports from the Executive Board, Treasurer, Alma Hunt Offering, Program Committee, and the proposed budget for 2022. It also included the list of nominations for the Executive Board, Mission Council, and Committee on Boards and Committees.

Gwynn Tyler and Jimmy Dunn will be rotating off the Mission Council this year. Henry Enochs, Perry Clore, and Marilyn Snoddy will remain on the Mission Council a little longer. Gwynn Tyler was elected to be on the Committee on Boards and Committees.

The proposed 2022 Cooperative Program Budget of \$8,645,000 was approved.

The following individuals were elected as the officers for 2022:

Mr. Ron Gravatt- President from Buena Vista Baptist Church, Buena Vista, VA

Rev. Dr. Herbert Ponder-First Vice President from Mount Tabor Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

Rev. Ellen Gwathmey-Second Vice President from Bruington Baptist Church, Bruington, VA

Rev. Dr. Nathan Taylor-Clerk from River Road Baptist Church Richmond, VA

Perhaps the biggest news from the meeting was that John Upton, Executive Director, announced his retirement plans for July 31, 2022. He has served on the BGAV staff since 1995 and as the Executive Director since 2001. Prior to his service with the BGAV, John was a missionary in Taiwan, a church planter in New Jersey, and pastor at Urbanna Baptist Church in Urbanna, VA. A search committee for his replacement has already been put in place.

Future dates for the Annual Meeting are:

2022: November 14-16 in Hampton, VA

2023: November 13-15, Richmond, VA

If anyone has questions about the meeting, they can contact Gwynn Tyler at 434-315-4443 or go to the BGAV web site at www.bgav.org.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Gwynn Tyler