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Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.*
(John Greenleaf Whittier – 1872)

EVENTS AND DETAILS

January 1	New Year's Luncheon at Mt. Zion All are invited to come and join us in welcoming in the New Year with prayer and fellowship.	Noon
January 9	Pastor's 25th Anniversary Celebration at Cedar A celebration is planned to celebrate Pastor Tommy Armstrong's 25 years of ministry at Cedar Baptist.	11:00 AM
	Ladies' Bible Study at Antioch (Scottsville) The study is <i>The Quest</i> by Beth Moore. Please contact Laura Vogt for more information if you would like to participate. The study will be held during AWANA time.	5:30 – 7:00 PM

Monday, January 10, 2022

JRBA Executive Board Meeting

First Baptist Dillwyn – 7:00 PM

JRBA Officer, Pastors, and Church Representatives to the Executive Board should plan to attend.
We will be voting on Committees for 2022
and considering options for Rise Against Hunger for 2022.

January 12	Senior Citizens' Fellowship at Mulberry Grove Bluegrass/Gospel Music and Fellowship Covered Dish Lunch	11:00 AM
January 14 & 28	Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM	
January 15	Men's Ministry Breakfast at Antioch (Scottsville) "Bless Your Pastor" Deadline to Request Amazon Gift Card If your church has met the requirements and did not participate last year, go to https://blessyourpastor.org/bless-your-pastor-reporting-form/ to request the \$100 Amazon gift card for your pastor.	7:30 AM
January 22	Loaves & Fish Ministry at Antioch (Scottsville)	9:30 – 10:30 AM

January 24 Information for the February edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due today by 9:00 AM.
Be sure to include your 2021 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Total.

January 30 5th Sunday Night Sing at Chestnut Grove 6:00 PM
Come join in for an old-fashioned congregational hymn sing followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

January 31 Deadline to Submit Applications for Scholarships from the Virginia Baptist Foundation
For more information and to apply: www.vbfinc.org/scholarships.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual offering collected by Southern Baptists to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman's Missionary Union in honor of Lottie Moon who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially. Lottie Moon was born in Albemarle County, VA, and served as a missionary to China for almost 40 years. 100% of your gifts go directly to the missionaries on the field.

Church	Total-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 4,150.00
Buckingham	\$ 1,600.00
Cedar	\$ 1,105.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 1,165.00
Enon	\$ 481.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 200.00
Fork of Willis	\$ 250.00
Goshen	\$ 675.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 958.00
Mt. Tabor	\$ 315.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 815.00
Sharon	\$ 455.00

MISSIONS BLITZ



Dear JRBA Family,

Thank you for your continued support and faithful contributions to our Mission Blitz projects. It has been a little quiet lately and I hope that in the coming year we can begin taking on some more projects together. I did want to update you on one project that I was able to be a part of. We reached out to Mr. James Snoddy (the owner of the building the JRBA Office is in) and asked if there was anything we could do to help with the maintenance of the building. He suggested that we apply a coat of sealer to the portion of the roof that covers the JRBA office. We purchased two 5-gallon buckets of roof coating and went to work. We applied one coat and I still need to go back to apply the second coat. Again, thank you for your support and I hope to get some projects we can continue to work on together.

Rev. Michael Khol

UPDATE ON PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER

Some of the JRBA churches were supporters of the Southside Pregnancy Support Center in 2021. Some participated in the Walk for Life and others participated in the Baby Bottle Drive, collecting change to contribute to the center. Here are some updates from the center to let you know how your \$\$ made a difference!

The Walk for Life events were a huge success! The fundraising goal of \$50,000 was met by sponsors and donors. Approximately 440 walkers participated and over 25 volunteers came out to help in any way needed. PSC extends their thanks to all - prayer warriors, supporters, donors, volunteers - for supporting them and LIFE in our community.

Through funds raised in 2021, 96 individuals benefited from your support. Additionally, there were 552 client visits. Four babies were born to clients and 31 pregnancy tests were provided. The work of the center is making a difference in our area! PSC now serves Appomattox, Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward counties.

The staff of PSC Farmville invites you to come tour the office to see the medical clinic featuring a brand new ultrasound machine. They are also available to come to visit your church and give an update of all the Lord is doing in and through the PSC. Call 434-391-1011 to schedule a tour or request a speaker.



CHURCH OUTREACH



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The Loaves and Fish Ministry was held on December 18, and provided food boxes to many families. The children of the church presented their Christmas program, *Miracle on Main Street*, to the congregation of Mt. Eagle Baptist Church, Charlottesville, on December 19. Antioch continues its "Shield-A-Badge" program – their police officer for December was Jeanne Kotowski of the Lake Monticello Police Department – they covered her in prayer on a daily basis. The Awana Kids collected \$261.50 for God's Pit Crew, that helps families by providing "blessing buckets" during a disaster.

CEDAR: Once again through the wonderful generosity of the church family, the Women on Mission have been able to bless several families for Christmas. Their Angel Tree represented 7 families with 84 "angels" on the tree for 12 children. Cedar feels THEY are receiving the blessings by being able to do this!

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: The church family contributed \$290.00 for Virginia Baptist Disaster Response efforts in areas affected by recent tornadoes.

JONES CHAPEL: The Outreach Team got together and packed Christmas bags for each of the 60 residents of Heritage Hall in Dillwyn. Bags were filled with hygiene items, socks, fun items, cookies and candy, and a stuffed animal for each resident. Members brought in many household items, diapers, gift cards and \$800 in donations to assist a family (husband, wife, and infant) involved in a car accident. Their prayers will continue for this family as they will be recovering from severe injuries over the next few months. The Youth Group went shopping for kids' toys after doing yard work at the church. After contributing the toys to the Cumberland Christmas Mother project, the youth toured "Lights on the Lake" at Bear Creek Lake, where they had a display. Their display won 2nd Place for the event.



Jake, Kristen, Savannah, Camden, Bella, Hannah and Mark



Jones Chapel Light Display at Bear Creek Lake

SHARON: Rose of Sharon WMU continues providing meals, cards, phone calls, and visits to those who are sick or homebound. The congregation contributed \$161.11 to Christ in Christmas and \$162.11 to GraceInside, provided gifts of toiletry items for residents of Heritage Hall, and assisted a family of seven who lost everything in a house fire.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Sunday School is "on the move" at Antioch on January 2! The Middle School and High School Girls' Class will begin a study called "Worth It" by Rachel Curtis. The Middle School and High School Guys' Class will continue the LifeWay Curriculum for youth. The Young at Heart and Boomer Classes, the 3rd – 5th Grade Class, and the 1st – 2nd Grade Class will all be meeting in "new" locations to accommodate class sizes and scheduled activities.

IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

Jones Chapel members were saddened at the passing of Mr. Julian Wyatt, husband of Mrs. Irene Wyatt. Mr. Julian spread such joy to those who saw him at his mailbox, waving to passersby, making us smile.





CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Members and guests enjoyed many activities during the Christmas season, celebrating the birth of our Lord! The children presented *Miracle on Main Street* during both services on December 12. They did a great job! The Youth Group had their Christmas Party on December 15. The 5th Annual Women's Retreat was held on December 17, providing fun, food, and a festive time for women of the church. Kidz Alive held a Happy Birthday, Jesus Party during the 11 AM service on December 19. Later that day, a Children's Christmas Shoppe was provided for the children of the church to safely shop for their parents. Several church members assisted the children with their shopping and packaging. (Money raised went to the Antioch Building Fund.) A Christmas Eve service was held on December 24, from 3:00 – 4:00 PM.

BUCKINGHAM: Advent was celebrated with different families taking part each Sunday (see photos below). Tommy and Debbie England presented a concert in song on December 18. The music was great and refreshments were served following the song service. A good crowd was in attendance. A Birthday Party for Jesus was held on Christmas Eve with birthday cake and ice cream, served after the program.



Brenda Smith & Grandson, Brayden Smith



Bonnie & Tommy Martin, and their son, Tyler

CEDAR: A group from Cedar went Christmas Caroling on Sunday afternoon, December 5. On December 19, the Youth presented a Christmas program that touched the hearts of many and afterwards, a wonderful time of fellowship was shared by all in attendance. Many thanks to Kim Page and Rachel Allen who worked with the children who are the "future" of Cedar! The church family is so grateful for these youngsters.

CHESTNUT GROVE: A group of 13 adults and children went Christmas caroling on the night of December 19. They caroled at 9 homes and each house received a fruit basket.

MT. ZION: The annual Christmas Live Nativity and candlelight service, *The 13 Lights in the Bible*, was held on December 19, at the Oak Grove Chapel.

SHARON: The Christmas cantata, *The Road to Bethlehem*, was well attended by family, friends, and neighbors, and all enjoyed the food and fellowship that followed. Rose of Sharon WMU enjoyed a special evening of fellowship and reflection during a holiday dinner provided by J. B. and Tammy Brown.

JONES CHAPEL: Pastor and Michelle were given gifts for Christmas from the church. One was a special photo album with pictures of various services, events, activities, and baptisms since they began their ministry at Jones Chapel in November of 2015 through 2021. The Youth and Children's Christmas Program was held on December 19, during the worship service. The program included many songs with stories of how each song came to be written.



Back Row: Bella, Savannah, Hannah, Anna, Mark, Jack, and Gloria
Front Row: Ava, Hailey, Eli, Jase, and Marshall (held by Judy C.)

MULBERRY GROVE: A Christmas Party for the church was held on December 8. This was a great time of fellowship and fun with pizza, games, and a Christmas movie. Members from the Adult Sunday School Class went Christmas caroling for some of the Homebound members of the church on December 12. This was a fun and festive way to connect with those who cannot get out to church events. The children and youth of the church presented a program on December 19. They reenacted the Christmas story. They put on a great performance! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship as the birth of Christ was celebrated. Everyone enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and fellowship after the program.

IN APPRECIATION>>>

JRBA Churches*,

I want to let you all know how much your gift has helped me. As of the day before Thanksgiving, I had electricity hooked up and feel things are looking up for me. I appreciate that our supervisor reached out to let the community know there are those that need a helping hand. Thank you so much.

Wendy Staton

*Several churches assisted Mrs. Staton who lost her husband a few years back in a tornado and was without electricity due to ensuing circumstances.

A NOTE FROM FLUVANNA CORRECTIONS CENTER FOR WOMEN TO 2021 DONORS

December 7, 2021

We wanted to let you know that your generous giving this year for the incarcerated women at the Fluvanna Correctional Center resulted in a memorable Christmas for about 1,200 very appreciative inmates. Each of the inmates received: 18 Christmas Cards, 5 blank cards, 1 Get Well card, 5 stationery and envelopes, 3 thank you/thinking of you cards, 3 variety cards, 4 bookmarks, 8 birthday cards, 2 pencils, and a hygiene kit containing 5 items.

Altogether there were 56,400 cards! Because of your giving, we were able to donate gifts worth thousands of dollars. It's an excellent example of what can be accomplished by the body of Christ through the combined efforts of people.

Again, thank you for serving the Lord in this way. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Blessings,

Ron and Nancy Switzer

Ministry Leaders, Fluvanna Corrections Center

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

Gladstone Memorial: Bonnie Hesson & Virginia Cyrus

Goshen: Jessica Carroll

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>>>



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Baptisms were celebrated at the Hardware River on Deberner 5. Those baptized were Heather Bielke, Brandon Bossiux, Ray Ragland, and McKenzie McLain.

CEDAR: January 5, 2022 will mark 25 years since Pastor Tommy and Margaret first came to Cedar. On Sunday, January 2, 2022, there will be a special celebration in their honor. This is quite a milestone for any church family and they are especially thankful and blessed to have had 25 years with the Armstrongs. The church family prays to have many more! JRBA congratulates Tommy and Margaret on their faithfulness in ministering to the good folks at Cedar. May God bless their continued service.

CHESTNUT GROVE: Two members were recently honored for their years of service. Pam Waycaster was presented a plaque of appreciation for serving as Treasurer from January, 2017, to July, 2021. Bill Talbert was presented a plaque of appreciation for serving as Superintendent of Sunday School from September, 1994, to August, 2021. JRBA thanks Pam and Bill for their years of faithful service to Chestnut Grove.

JONES CHAPEL: Congratulations to Holly, Ian, and Milo Pleasants on the birth of baby Adaline Mae on December 20. JRBA extends congratulations to the Youth Group on their 2nd place win for their display in the "Lights on the Lake" event at Bear Creek Lake.

MULBERRY GROVE: On December 5, Mulberry Grove celebrated the Ordination of Austin Williams to the Gospel Ministry. A fellowship meal followed the service. Thank you to all who came out to support Austin.



Laying on of hands with prayer by Rev. Michael Khol
Rev. Terry Tolliver, Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Rev. Woody Moore, Austin Williams,
Rev. Willard Spurlock, and Rev. Michael Khol



Presentation of Certificate of Ordination by Rev. Willard Spurlock

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.



FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Greetings in the name of our precious savior, Jesus Christ! I know 2020 could not end soon enough and we had such great hopes for a Corona-free 2021! But now fast forward a year and it feels like an ominous déjà vu. But one thing continues to remain constant: GOD IS INDEED GOOD! Although it sometimes seems unending, let us focus on our task (Kingdom work) and allow God to use us to be His hands and feet. I pray that the Lord gives me/us open minds to be more creative in how we do associational work together. Be encouraged and know that "the sun will come out tomorrow". I am looking forward to where the LORD will lead our association this year!

In the precious name of my LORD Jesus,
Michael Khol

FINANCIAL PAGE

2021 – 2022

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

2021 - 2022

Church	December	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 369.00
Gladstone		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 143.00	\$ 475.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		
Mulberry Grove	\$3,993.00	\$ 3,993.00
Sharon		\$ 290.75
Tar Wallet		
Individuals		
Amazon Smile		\$ 9.36
TOTAL	\$ 4,386.00	\$ 7,887.11

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

No expenditures in December.



RAH – New Donations starting 04/01/21

Church	December	To Date
JRBA Budget 2021-2022		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 100.00
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 414.00*
Sharon		\$ 80.00*
Tar Wallet		\$ 10.00*
TOTAL		\$ 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 DECEMBER

BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 900.00

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Budgeted: \$500.00

No Receipts or Expenditures in December; Balance \$500.00

MISSION TRIPS

Donor	December	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$2,500.00
Personal Contribution (HOPE)		\$ 53.00
Cedar (HOPE)		\$ 125.00
Buckingham Men's Prayer Breakfast Group (HOPE)	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
TOTAL		\$2,696.00

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

Hope for Appalachia (designated gift) - \$125.00

December Expenditures:

Hope for Appalachia (designated gift) - \$18.00

BALANCE = \$2,250.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

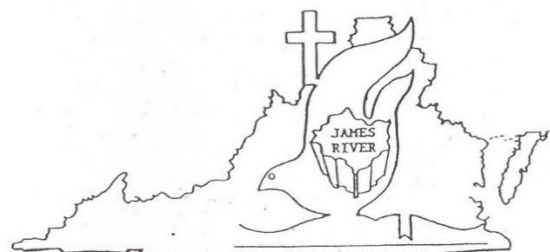
(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	December	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2020 – 2021		\$ 7,697.28
NEW CONTRIBUTIONS 2021 - 2022		
Cedar		\$ 300.00
Enon		\$ 200.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL NEW DONATIONS	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,500.00

No Expenditures in December

AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$8,907.04.



People Committed To Making A Difference

ACCOMPLISHING TOGETHER WHAT WE CANNOT DO ALONE

