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EVENTS AND DETAILS

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2



Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting. It is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

From [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ash_Wednesday)

Ash Wednesday Service

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
7:00 PM

ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 6 – 13, 2022

The Week of Prayer for North American missions is annually observed by SBC churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Prayer is the fuel for spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.

The official date is the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday. This year it is **March 6-13**. Your church can choose this date or another time during the Easter season to participate. The offering goal for this year is \$70 million.

Resources such as envelopes, prayer guides, posters, dvd's, etc. are available at
<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/>.

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

UNITED

**North American
Mission Board**

March 9

Senior Citizens' Fellowship at Mulberry Grove
Bluegrass/Gospel Music with Covered Dish Lunch

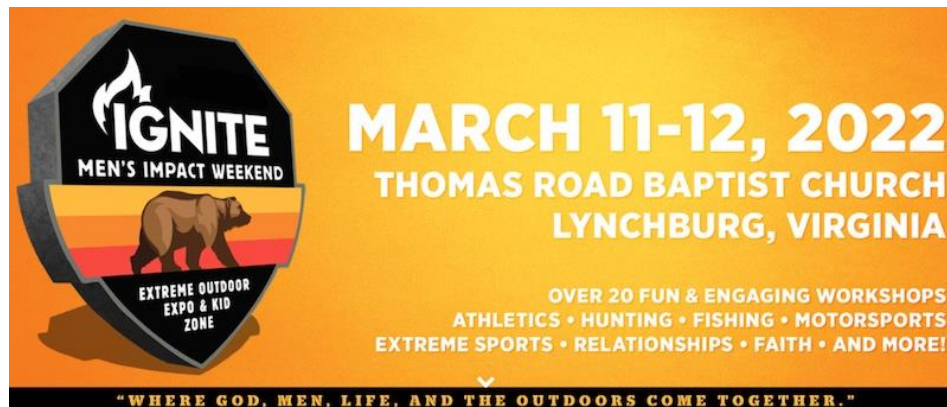
11:00 AM

Hope for Appalachia JRBA Team Meeting at Mt. Zion

6:00 PM

March 11 & 25

Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn
Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM



Accommodations available at Eagle Eyrie: \$50 per person includes lodging, linens, buffet breakfast and all applicable taxes.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

**Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 AM Sunday morning...
 or before you go to bed Saturday night!**

St. Patrick's Day
March 17

St. Patrick's Day observes the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. He is credited with bringing Christianity to the Irish people. The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, and the wearing of a whole lot of green!

Taken from www.time.com



SHINE Weekend
CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center
March 18 – 20, 2022

For Teen Girls Grades 6 – 12

The weekend will begin with worship on Friday at 7:30 PM and conclude on Sunday at lunch. An optional add-on Friday night dinner is available. SHINE weekend will feature Bible Study, worship, missions, breakouts, and a variety of activities.

THEME: ROOTED

Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, overflowing with gratitude.

Colossians 2:6-7

Worship Leader: Kathryn Abel (Student at Virginia Tech with a love for worship and a calling to be a worship leader)

Bible Study Leader: Virginia Otey (Richmond native with a degree in English and Religious Studies and attends Union Presbyterian Seminary, has served as a Children's Pastor and is now ministering in hospital chaplaincy.)

Cabin Lodging: \$125/person

For more information: Contact Rhonda Marstin at rmarstin@wmuv.org.

Register at <https://wmuv.wufoo.com/forms/z7v214t1yz0arx>.

March 21 Information for the April edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due today by 9:00 AM.

Be sure to include all Easter events, your total-to-date for Annie Armstrong, church celebrations, outreach for the month of March, and the number of Hope boxes completed for Bell Central Elementary School.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

DUE DATE FOR HOPE FOR APPLACHIA "BOXES OF HOPE"

A list of items to be included in every Hope box was included in the February edition of the JRBA Newsletter and, hopefully, have been printed/distributed in your church. Please adhere to the list of required items and note the directions for packaging.

The Hope boxes can be dropped off at the JRBA Office (Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 AM – 3 PM), Tar Waret Baptist Church (contact Laura Higgins at 434-394-8299) or the Mt. Zion Mission House (contact Rev. Woody Moore - Email: n2preaching@comcast.net or by phone at 804-382-7954).

March 26 Loaves and Fish Ministry Meal resumes at Antioch (Scottsville)
 Volunteers are needed at 8:00 AM.

March 27 Celebration of Shared Ministry Honoring Rev. Dr. John Upton at Harrisonburg Baptist Church
 Located at 501 S Main St., Harrisonburg, VA
 Sponsored by the Augusta Baptist Association
 Reception at 4:00 PM with a Service at 5:00 PM honoring Dr. Upton on his upcoming retirement and 20 years of dedicated service as BGAV Executive Director.

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

April 1 Due Date to Apply for Virginia Baptist Scholarships and Ministerial Education Funds for 2022-2023
 College scholarships, up to \$1,000/year, are available to full-time students who are a member of a cooperating church of the BGAV that contributes financially to the Virginia portion of the Cooperative Missions budget. There are also grants for others types of ministerial education. For other qualifications/questions: <https://www.bgav.org/blog/scholarships-and-ministerial-education-funds#academy>. Links to applications are also found there.

HOLY WEEK 2022



Palm Sunday – Maundy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter Sunday

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 10

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of His earthly ministry. JRBA Churches will be observing this special Sunday in their 11:00 AM services.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 14

Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the gospels.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 15

Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

SERVICES

Antioch's (Scottsville) Community Service at Effort Baptist

Cedar – 7:00 PM

Mulberry Grove – 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 17

Easter, also called Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary.

SERVICES

- Antioch (Scottsville):** Sunrise Service (7:00 AM)
Easter Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 AM, with breakfast between the services. No Sunday School.
- Cedar:** Sunrise Service (6:30 AM), followed by Breakfast
Easter Cantata, *Amazing Love, How Can It Be* at 8:00 AM
No Sunday School or 11:00 AM Worship
- Gladstone Memorial:** Easter Celebration, *Like No Other* (11:00 AM)
This will feature an accomplished fiddle player, Jessica Hamilton. She has played on stage with Charlie Daniels and performed at Busch Gardens, Williamsburg. There will be a time of fellowship following the service.
- Goshen:** Sunrise Service (7:00 AM) followed by Breakfast at 8:00 AM
The Morning Worship Service will be held at 9:00 AM.
- Mulberry Grove:** Sunrise Service (7:00 AM), followed by Breakfast.
Easter Worship at 11:00 AM. No Sunday School.

REMINDER TO OUR OTHER CHURCHES: PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR EASTER SERVICES BY MONDAY, MARCH 21, FOR INCLUSION IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER.



OTHER EASTER HAPPENINGS

Easter Outreach at Antioch (Scottsville) – Saturday, April 16, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Easter Egg Hunt at Mulberry Grove – Saturday, April 16, 11:00 AM



JRBA HOPE FOR APPALACHIA 2022 SPRING TRIP

April 11 – 16

The team will be delivering the Boxes of Hope donated by our churches to our adopted school, Bell Central Elementary. .

If you are interested in being a part of the team, please contact Rev. Woody Moore at 804-382-7954 as soon as possible.

A team meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 9**, at 6:00 PM at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Please pray for our Team Members: Rev. Woody Moore and Brenda McAllister (Mt. Zion), Rev. Roger Woody and his wife, Darlene, Wayne and Linda Gough (Mulberry Grove), and Nancy Kidd and Gloria Newton (Antioch-Scottsville).

April 11 JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn **7:00 PM**
Pastors and Church Representatives to the Executive Board should plan to attend.

April 22 – 23 GA Mom & Me I at Eagle Eyrie
April 23 – 24 GA Mom & Me II at Eagle Eyrie

Eagle Eyrie and the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) invite you to bring your elementary age daughters and come to an overnight retreat to learn more about being on mission for God. Come, meet a missionary, take a hike, do a craft, learn a dance, worship with other girls and mom/leaders. Cost: Lodge- Adult (\$96.70) and Child (\$60.85)

For additional information: Contact Sandra Bond at sandra.bond@eagleeyrie.org.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

Monetary Contributions for Bland Ministry Center are due to JRBA TODAY.

Watch for news concerning a possible Mission Trip to the Ministry Center, scheduled for May 15 – 21, in the April newsletter. In the meantime, consider making a monetary donation to this ministry that serves an area of our state with great needs.

July 18 – 22 **Jones Chapel Participates in MC2 at Eagle Eyrie**
This Missions Connection Week provides opportunities for all ages to engage in mission work on the Eagle Eyrie campus and in the surrounding area.
Theme: *Fully Equipped* (II Corinthians 9:8)
Guest Speaker: Mike Bradley, Senior Pastor, Warrenton Baptist
Contact Eagle Eyrie for more details and registration at www.EagleEyrie.org/MC2 or call 434-384-2211.



JULY 20, 2022

DEADLINE FOR ALL MONETARY DONATIONS FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Due to the continuing pandemic and resulting restrictions on Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing events, the JRBA Executive Board voted NOT to host an event in 2022. Everyone is encouraged to continue to donate to this fight against world hunger. Our monetary donations will be utilized through Rise Against Hunger in a needy area of the world through a ministry partner who will buy and distribute foods to those who are hungry. In this way we will both feed hungry people and help stimulate the economy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

A Retirement Celebration for Dr. John Upton, BGAV Executive Director, will be held on Monday evening, November 14, 2022, prior to the BGAV Annual Meeting in Hampton, VA. Dr. Upton will be retiring in July after serving Virginia Baptists faithfully for 20 years.



Mt. Zion: June 5 – 9
5:30 – 9:00 PM
Dinner being provided.

Jones Chapel: June 26 – July 1

Antioch (Scottsville): June 27 – July 1

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Church	Total
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 4,150.00
Buckingham	\$ 2,010.00
Cedar	\$ 1,105.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 1,012.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 505.00
Sharon	\$ 505.00

BGAV DISASTER RESPONSE (Aid to Kentucky & Midwest)

Church	Total-to-Date
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 290.00
Goshen	\$ 775.00
Sharon	\$ 212.00

CHURCH OUTREACH



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Teachers and staff of Fluvanna County will be fed during their spring break. A Hope for Appalachia box-packing goal of 250 boxes has been set! The church family is also busy preparing for shipment care packages to soldiers deployed in Africa, which currently includes some of their very own! If anyone is interested in helping with this effort, contact Chrystan Bunch for a detailed list of items needed. She can be reached by email at smilein3@aol.com or by phone at 434-286-6727. Antioch hopes to fill 130 boxes of hygiene products and another 130 boxes of snacks and goodies for the soldiers.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: On Sunday, February 20, members prepared and delivered lunches to 112 shut-ins of the area. Lunches consisted of soup, corn muffins, and desserts. About 35 people participated in this effort. FBC reached out to many persons with special needs by sending about 60 Valentines and giving gas cards, goodie baskets, and other remembrances. Visits, phone calls, and other contacts were made by Helping Hands Members and the Interim Pastor, Rev. Glynn Coleman. McDonald's gift cards were given to all the college students of FBC.

MT. ZION: The WMU gave each resident at the Dillwyn and Fork Union nursing homes a Valentine. Valentines were also mailed to widowers, widows and children in the church and community.

MULBERRY GROVE: Baby bottles containing money were collected for the Southside Pregnancy Center during February. 11 families participated giving a total of \$411. One family made a donation to BGAV's Aid for Ukrainian churches and refugees.



SHARON: The congregation is busy packing Boxes of Hope for Appalachia. Rose of Sharon WMU sent Valentines to those who are homebound, and continues sharing meals, cards, phone calls, and visits with those in need of a little extra love!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: At our January Executive Board Meeting, we voted to send our Rise Against Hunger money to the RAH Headquarters and have them send it to a country where needs abound and let them purchase food locally and distribute it to hungry persons. We are asking our churches and members to set aside money regularly for RAH. Please send your contributions in to JRBA by **Wednesday, July 20**, and the funds will then be sent to RAH headquarters by July 31, 2022. Thanks for your support.

BLUE RIDGE FOOD MINISTRY: This ministry continues to bless hundreds of individuals who face hardships during these days of bad weather and much sickness. If possible, please join us at Crystal Cathedral in Dillwyn on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month by 9:30 AM to help distribute food, loving words, and smiles to the folks needing food and love. You will find inner joy as you serve.

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA: All members of our JRBA churches are asked to begin filling Hope boxes for children in the Bell Central Elementary School in Kentucky. Please include in your boxes the items listed and mark it correctly. Boxes need to be turned in by **March 23**.

MISSIONS BLITZ: Let us all individually and as churches join with Michael Khol as he leads in projects to help needy families in our area.

THANKS for your involvement in many other missions including:

- A. Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions
- B. Support of schools, fire departments, etc.
- C. BGAV "Aid to Ukraine and Disaster Response
- D. Other Missions

Respectfully submitted,
Jimmy Dunn
Co-Chair



SPRING OUTREACH – BOXES OF HOPE FOR KENTUCKY



MULBERRY GROVE: Jonathan Tyler, grandson of Gwynn and Phyllis Tyler, was a great assistant in packing Boxes of Hope for the children of Bell County Elementary School, Kentucky. He helped put together 10 boxes.

REMINDER

Boxes of Hope are due by Wednesday, March 23, 2022!

They can be delivered to the JRBA Office, to Tar Wallet Baptist Church,
or to the Mt. Zion Mission House. See page 2 for details.

If you still need a list of items to include or labels, please contact Phyllis at 434-983-7385.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Each Tuesday morning at 10 AM a Bible Study on Colossians is being taught by Pam Huskey and Rev. Willard Spurlock. Sunday School is held each Sunday morning at 10 AM for all ages. Plans are being made to begin a new class for Young Adults – Brandon Shumaker has volunteered to teach this class. Worship services are being held each Sunday at 11 AM in person and is being broadcast on the radio and Facebook. Rev. Glynn Coleman is preaching wonderful sermons. Children's messages, special music, and rich fellowship are a part of each Sunday service. Pray meeting, featuring a study of *Receiving and Dispersing God's Grace*, is being held each Wednesday night at 6:30 PM.

MT. ZION: A woman's Bible study on *Women of the Bible* is currently being sponsored.

OTHER EVENTS>>>

CEDAR: The Youth Committee provided a Valentine's Dinner for the church family on Saturday, February 13. The church extends their thanks to the committee for all they do to keep the Youth involved!



HATS OFF TO...

Additional Church Clerks Submitting Annual Church Profiles

Antioch (Scottsville): Gloria Newton
Antioch Union: Darnell Blankenship
Arvon: Angela Bruschi
Buckingham: Jo Lang and Betty Toney

ALL Annual Church Profiles have been completed for 2021 and submitted!

THANK YOU to the Church Clerks, Treasurers, and others who have helped make these reports as accurate as possible. May God bless all of you for your faithful service to your church.

IN APPRECIATION>>>

BAPTIST CHURCHES CONNECTING

It is always such a blessing when the churches of JRBA can connect to other churches across our state. John and Debbie Rodgers, currently of Alexandria, are going to be "neighbors" of the JRBA Office in Dillwyn. They have been by and chatted as well as visited some of our churches. Recently, their church, Lake Ridge Baptist, has been clearing out some items they no longer use and have made them available to JRBA churches. (Emails have been sent to our pastors and/or contacts if a church is without a pastor.) Two of our churches have connected with the Rodgers to obtain items being discarded. Sharon Baptist received 50+ nice choir folders (part of which they also shared with Hatcher Baptist). Enon has received two Pastors Chairs as well. What a blessing to be able to partner in the ministry with a sister church in Woodbridge! We appreciate their thoughtfulness in sharing these items.

2021 V.B.S.

The following 2021 VBS Reports were submitted prior to the cutoff date. **THANK YOU** to all the Directors (or others) for their time in getting the information entered online.

Antioch (Scottsville) – Traditional VBS (Outdoors)
Buckingham – Virtual at Home VBS
Cedar – Traditional Children's VBS and Youth Alternate Schedule VBS
Chestnut Grove – Traditional VBS
First Baptist Dillwyn – Traditional Children's VBS (Outdoors)
Fitzgerald Memorial – Traditional VBS
Jones Chapel – Traditional VBS
Mt. Zion – Traditional VBS (Outdoors)
Mulberry Grove – Traditional VBS
Sharon – Alternate Schedule VBS
Tar Wallet – Alternate Schedule VBS

As you consider whether or not to host V.B.S. for this coming summer, consider that 12 decisions were made to accept Jesus Christ as personal savior during the 2021 Vacation Bible Schools held in our churches! Numerous unchurched families were reached and offerings of more than \$3,000 were given for various mission efforts. V.B.S. remains an excellent outreach for God's Kingdom work!

THANK YOU – JAMES RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENCE FUND

This fund is supported through designated gifts.

May this express at least in part, sincere and warmest thanks for your thoughtfulness.

- Tammy Jones*

*Tammy lost her home in a fire and a WalMart Gift Card was sent to her.

Thank you for your generosity in our time of need. We greatly appreciate it. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers – they are always helpful and needed. It always helps to know in our time of need that God sends someone to get us through. Thank you for helping us get through.

Sincerely, The Mullin's

*The Mullins lost their home in a recent fire and a WalMart Gift Card was sent to them.

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED ANNUALLY THROUGH THE JRBA BUDGET

Dear Friends,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous support in 2021 of GracelInside, Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service.

With your support, our Chaplains were able to resume in-person ministries to the nearly 25,000 incarcerated men and women in Virginia's prisons after a 16-month lockdown and limited access resulting from the pandemic. Beginning in July, our Chaplains were slowly re-admitted into the prisons, followed by the community volunteers. Religious Services re-started late in the summer with necessary restrictions on participant numbers due to the need to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Your hand has been with us during this ordeal by providing prayers and funding. This support has enabled our 34 Chaplains to continue to bring faith, hope and the redemptive love of Christ inside all 42 of Virginia's state prison facilities.

GracelInside began its ministry in Virginia's prisons in 1920. Over the years many things have changed, but our commitment to provide prison-based professional pastoral care and religious programming coordination have remained steadfast. Thank you for helping to make this possible, and for your treasured support in these unsteady times. No matter the challenge, our God will prevail, and we will minister to "the least of these" as Jesus proclaimed in Matthew 25. We are grateful beyond words for your partnership in this all too often forgotten mission field.

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. J. Randy Myers, President
GracelInside *

Dear Friends,

...Thank you for our prayers and financial support of The Gideons International in 2021...Thank you for your commitment to our primary objective of winning the lost for Christ. Because of friends like you, I can say with a grateful heart that The Gideons International remained strong as Men of God, Men of Faith, and Men of Action intaking God's Word to lost people around the world. Thank you for our faithfulness.

As glimpses of normalcy started to return for people around the world, Gideons and their wives were ready to share God's Word. In Kenya, East Africa, where the ease in COVID restrictions allowed our 2021 Scripture distribution to move forward, we were filled with a sense of urgency to reach people with the Gospel. Schools were beginning to reopen and despite the restrictions of members not allowed in the classrooms, 160,000 of Kenya's schoolchildren were reached with God's Word!

We trust with your continued involvement, together we will see more people come to the Lord as we witness and share His Word in 2022. Thank you for your ministry partnership in spreading the Good News of our Lord and Savior!

In Christ,
Dan Heighway, Executive Director
The Gideons International *

Greetings!

My prayer is that this letter finds you feeling blessed and joyful to know that your generosity makes an eternal difference in the lives of coaches and athletes. FCA is grateful to have you as a partner as we pursue our mission together.

Our FCA theme for 2021 was *Pursue*, leaning on the word found in 1 Timothy 6:11. We saw lives changed as 16,838 individuals made faith decisions! Their lives are being transformed as they pursue growing relationships with Jesus Christ. We praise God for your investment in their eternity!

Through your generosity, you help us lead coaches and athletes on their *Pursue* journey of truth found in God's Word, *life* by focusing their hearts on Jesus Christ, *team* through spiritual community, and *mission* in following God's unique call on their lives...

Thank you for partnering with us to engage, equip and empower coaches and athletes...We're glad that God brought us together to bring Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Peace and Blessings,
Shane Williamson, President/CEO
Fellowship of Christian Athletes*

*Each of these organizations received \$100 through the JRBA Regular Budget for 2021 – 2022.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE >>>

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE REQUEST

Eleven year old Maxwell Sheen, son of Aaron and Rebecca VanWitzenburg Skeen was badly burned in a pre-Christmas fire accident at his home. With burns over 80% of his body, he has had numerous surgeries and grafting procedures and needed blood after these operations. This is where YOU can help! For there to be a designated blood drive for him, there have to be 25 donors who are willing and will show up to donate blood. A name, email address, and phone number will be sent to the Red Cross so that a date can be set for the blood drive (possibly in July). Please pray for this family daily and if donating blood is a way you can help, please do sign up. If you can help or have questions, please contact me at agormus76@yahoo.com. We appreciate your time and interest in the life of this family during this difficult time.

Alice Gormus
Browns Chapel Church

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Baptist and Christian partners around the world are uniting in prayer and support for the people of Ukraine, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Baptist General Association of Virginia is calling churches like yours to a season of **ongoing prayer for the region**. It also offers two additional pathways to participate in this effort:

***Weekly Prayer Vigils** - our ministry partners in the European Baptist Fellowship are hosting weekly Zoom prayer times on Wednesdays in March. You can register to participate at <https://www.ebf.org/post/ebf-prayer-and-solidarity-with-ukraine>.

***Financial Aid** - partnering with the Baptist World Alliance, the BGAV is collecting aid for Ukrainian churches and refugees. If you wish to contribute, you can do so by sending a check to BGAV, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294, with "Aid for Ukraine" on the memo line of your check. You can also contribute online at <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/bgav> and select "Aid for Ukraine" in the drop-down menu.



IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

Rev. Richard Dean Tuttle Pastor, Jones Chapel Baptist Church



Richard Dean Tuttle went home to be with the Lord and attend Heaven's Sunday Service on Sunday morning, February 6, 2022. He served the Lord in a variety of creative ways throughout his life. From driving delivery trucks to managing retail sales to Lead Pastor of Jones Chapel Baptist Church in Cumberland, Virginia. He had previously served in other churches throughout North Carolina. He was a supportive father of three and loving husband to the love of his life, Michelle. Their love was bound in matrimony at Woodbine Baptist Church in Mayodan, NC. In every action, conversation, and adventure, Richard was sure to share the Good News of the Gospel; taking every opportunity to point others to Christ and His redeeming love and mercy. Richard Tuttle was the son of the late Harold and Jean Tuttle.

Richard is survived by his wife, Michelle Tuttle, and their three children, Caleb Tuttle and his wife, Alicia, Gloria Tuttle, and Mark Tuttle. He is also survived by his sister, Penny Glenn, and her husband, Joey, and their children, Ryan Glenn and Tristian Glenn, and great-nephew, Asher Glenn.

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:15

JRBA extends heartfelt sympathy to Michelle and the entire family. Prayers are also extended to the Jones Chapel church family in their great loss. May God bless you all with His abiding peace.

CEDAR: Sympathy is extended to the family of Grace McCraw Ownby who passed away on February 7, 2022. Grace has held the special honor of being Cedar's oldest member for quite a while at 100 years old. She was a very special lady and will be greatly missed by all. Her service was held on February 13, at the church.

KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- Michelle Tuttle and the Tuttle family
- The churches and people of Ukraine
- JRBA Churches without a pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, First Baptist Dillwyn, and Jones Chapel
- JRBA Churches and Pastors
- April 11 – 16: JRBA Hope for Appalachia Mission Team to Kentucky
- Upcoming decisions about our Spring Meeting and sending a Mission Team to Bland
- Those who are ill with COVID-19
- 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)

THE FORGOTTEN OBLIGATION IN MISSIONS: PRAYER **By Jeff Bush, Vision Baptist Missions**

Prayer is many times the last resort or the least respected method of getting involved in reaching the world with the Gospel. Many people say, "Sorry, all I can do is pray," as if it's a bread crumb we can throw towards the cause for missions. But how wrong we are! Jesus told us to *see the need* and then *begin our efforts by praying* (Matthew 9:36 – 38). When we pray, we get involved. It's not necessarily *WHAT* we are praying *FOR*, but *WHO* we are praying *TO*, that is the key. We pray to the God of the harvest, the One who sent His Son for the lost. Prayer, a last resort? No way! **Start with prayer.** Start crying out to God for the lost, for those going to tell the lost, for our children to be used of God and for our money and our efforts to be plugged into God's plan for global missions. If we will truly and genuinely pray to God, maybe we ourselves will hear the whispers of the Lord of the harvest telling us to do all within our power to act. Prayer is the key that starts the engine. **Prayer awakens the heart of God and makes aware the heart of man.** It was Hudson Taylor, the great missionary of China, that said we can move man, through God, by prayer alone. When we pray, God moves, God's children move, and puzzle pieces begin to take shape!

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.
- Rise Against Hunger is making available copies of the ***Triptych 2022 Daily Lenten Scripture, Reflection, and Prayer*** by Rev. Steve Hickie and Andy Morris. The paperback (\$5.99) and digital/Kindle (\$0.99) options are available at www.fastpraygive.org/lent. It looks like a good resource for individuals, groups, or congregations. If you are interested in ordering bulk copies, please email admin@fastpraygive.org. FastPrayGive is a strategic partner of Rise Against Hunger.
- Pastors were sent a free download of ***The Complete Guide to Getting (and Keeping) Church Visitors***. This guide from Servant Keeper Faithlife has numerous strategies and ideas to help your church get and keep new folks. During these post-pandemic days, all of our churches need to find new ways to enhance church attendance and membership. Let Phyllis know if you would like to receive this free download.



JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

- MT. ZION:** The WMU donated \$500 to the JRBA Rise Against Hunger effort in honor of Rev. Jimmy Dunn's January birthday. Happy Belated Birthday, Jimmy!
- CEDAR:** On Sunday, February 6, Tyler Allen and his son, Bryant Allen, both made a profession of faith which will be followed by baptism soon.

CEDAR CELEBRATES REV. TOMMY ARMSTRONG'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Recently, the Cedar Baptist family had a very special occasion to celebrate. Rev. Tommy Armstrong became their pastor on January 5, 1997, and on Sunday, January 2, 2022, the church family celebrated his 25th Anniversary as their Pastor. When Tommy first came to Cedar he told them that they were getting "two for the price of one"...saying that Margaret was a huge part of his ministry. This statement has proven to be very true as Margaret is definitely a very big part of their ministry at Cedar Baptist.

This is quite a milestone for any church family and the Cedar family is especially thankful and blessed to have had 25 years with the Armstrongs. They pray they will have many more! Cedar extends their sincere thanks to Pastor Tommy and Margaret for all that they do, not only in serving the church family, but especially in serving God!



Left: Rev. Tommy Armstrong, with his wife, Margaret, and their daughters, Rebecca and Meghan

Below: 25th Anniversary cake for the celebration



FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

As we approach the most important and impactful time of the year for each of our churches, Holy Week, allow me to take a moment and encourage each of you in the Lord. The death and resurrection is such a central piece to what we believe and teach, that anything but that would be foolishness (1 Cor. 15:16). Let us approach this season with a renewed boldness to tell others about the greatest message the world has ever heard: That God so loved the world!

I do lift up each of our 18 associational churches in prayer and ask that in these uncertain times a renewed enthusiasm would emerge. I am excited to celebrate Holy Week with my church and hope that you are planning to attend each of yours. Let us continue to reach those who are lost for Christ...accomplishing more together than we can alone.

In Christ's Love,
Michael
 Rev. Michael Khol, Moderator



FINANCIAL PAGE

2021 – 2022

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

2021 - 2022

Church	February	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 250.00
Antioch Union	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 250.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 369.00
Gladstone		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 167.00	\$ 788.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,993.00
Sharon		\$ 581.50
Tar Wallet		
Alma Hunt		\$ 54.17
Individuals		
Amazon Smile		\$ 9.36
TOTAL	\$ 667.00	\$ 9,295.03

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

Sealer – JRBA Office Roof – \$196.87

NO EXPENDITURES IN FEBRUARY

Balance on hand: \$398.52



RAH – New Donations starting 04/01/21

Church	February	To Date
JRBA Budget 2021-2022		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 100.00
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 694.00*
Mt. Zion WMU	\$ 500.00**	\$ 500.00
Sharon		\$ 80.00*
Tar Wallet		\$ 10.00*
TOTAL	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,284.00

*Carryover Total from 2020 – 2021: \$295.00

**Mt. Zion gave \$500 in honor of Rev. Jimmy Dunn's birthday.

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 FEBRUARY

BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 900.00

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Budgeted: \$500.00

No Receipts or Expenditures in February; Balance \$500.00

MISSION TRIPS

Donor	February	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
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

Hope for Appalachia (designated gift) - \$18.00

NO EXPENDITURES IN FEBRUARY

BALANCE = \$2,250.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

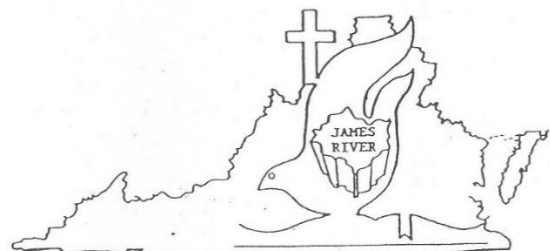
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JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	February	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
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL NEW DONATIONS		\$ 1,500.00

Expenditures in February: \$95.00

AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$8,453.38.



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