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James River Baptist Association

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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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EVENTS AND DETAILS

Monday, May 2, 2022

All monetary donations for the Bland Ministry Center or the JRBA Bland Mission Team are due today.

May 3 **Tuesday Bible Study at Goshen (every Tuesday)**
Study on I & II Thessalonians

May 4 **Prayer Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn (every Wednesday)** **6:00 PM**
Features a study of Mark Batterson's book, *The Circle Maker*. This book focuses on prayer and is being led by Pastor Josh.

Wednesday Night Bible Study at Goshen (1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays)
I & II Thessalonians

May 6 **Youth Nation Registration for Youth Ministry at Fitzgerald Memorial** **6:00 - 7:00 PM**
Youth Night Kick-Off for New Youth Ministry: Small presentation for parents and teens; Giveaways, Food, & Fellowship!

Sunday, May 8, 2022 **MOTHER'S DAY**

Mother's Day Breakfast at Enon **9:00 AM**
Worship will follow at 10:00 AM. A special gift will be given to all mothers in attendance.

Mother's Day Service at Goshen **11:00 AM**
Honoring mothers



Monday, May 9, 2022

Registration Deadline for Refocus Conference

For conference details, go to www.jamesriverbaptistassociation.com/conference.
To register: <https://www.evenbrite.com/e/refocus-conference-registration-302912157417>

May 11 **Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove** **11:00 AM**
Blue Grass/Gospel Music with Covered Dish Lunch

WMU/Brotherhood at Goshen **TBA**

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Cards for BCHS Graduates are Due Today to Michelle Wright.
Drop off at BCHS or call 434-547-2214 for pick-up.

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



REFOCUS CONFERENCE DETAILS

The Refocus Conference has been organized by Mulberry Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Dillwyn, Antioch Baptist Church, Scottsville Baptist Church, and Baptist Collegiate Ministry (Longwood University/Hampden Sydney College)

Plenary Sessions: Refocus: "Dying to the Old, Rising with the New" – Rev. Woody More
Discipleship: Rev. Josh Morgan

Breakout Sessions: Re-Imagining Sunday School – Rev. Austin Williams
Life Groups – Rev. Kody Stewart
Knowing Your Audience – Rev. Michael Khol
20/20 Church Vision – Rev. Dave Vogt
Refocus: "Dying to the Old, Rising with the New" – Rev. Woody Moore
Discipleship – Rev. Josh Morgan

COST

\$11/Person (to cover lunch from Rodeo)

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Michael Khol at 434-808-2383.

May 15

Celebration Lunch for Graduates at Mt. Zion
Recognizing their High School and College Graduates

Noon

BCHS Baccalaureate at BCHS Gym
Speaker: Tiffany Esters

4:00 PM

May 15 – 20, 2022 **JRBA Bland Mission Trip**

Please pray for the team as they go to minister at the Bland Ministry Center in Bland, VA.
Team Members:
Gwynn & Phyllis Tyler (Mulberry Grove)
Cassie Tomlin and Angie Dunfee (Jones Chapel)
Audrey Ragland (Sharon)
Gloria Newton (Antioch)

May 18

NEW Youth Night at Fitzgerald Memorial
Every Wednesday Following: Food & Snacks, Fun Activities, Worship, Lessons, Mission Trips, Fundraising, Games, & Community Service. Led by Andy Jamerson for Ages 11 – 18.

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Senior Fun Day at Fitzgerald Memorial
Tommy & Debbie England will be singing.

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

May 19

Church Financial Administration Seminar at the BGAV Office, Henrico
Training for new and experienced Pastors, Church Treasurers, and Financial Secretaries. Opportunities to learn about the latest resources and approaches to church financial ministry will be provided. Cost to attend OR receive the video link: \$15/person (BGAV churches) or \$30/person (non-BGAV churches). Seminar led by Dr. Jeff Cranford, BGAV's Church Finance Specialist. For more information or to register: Contact Angela House at 800-255-2428, ext. 5293. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR NEW PASTORS AND CHURCH TREASURERS!**

9:30 AM – Noon

May 20

24th Annual Ladies Retreat at Farmville Church of God

6:00 – 9:00 PM

1401 Milnwood Ave., Farmville, VA (across from the Food Lion Shopping Center)

Guest Speaker: Martha Vaught – *Walking in the Light of His Presence: Body, Soul & Spirit*

FREE – NO SPACE LIMITATIONS (unless new Covid restrictions are imposed)

FREE DINNER (Seating inside and outside under a tent)

Door Prizes and Energetic, Worshipful Praise Music

Register online at www.farmvillechurchofchrist.org. Click on the Ladies Retreat tab at the top of the page.

If you do not have web access, call Nancy Willett at 434-542-5606 to register.

May 23

Information for the June edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due TODAY by 9:00 AM.

Be sure to update your Annie Armstrong offering if there has been a change.

If your church is planning a VBS, please send in the dates/times/ages/etc..

Include all events for the June calendar and outreach done in May.

James River Baptist Association

188th Semi-Annual Spring Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Goshen Baptist Church

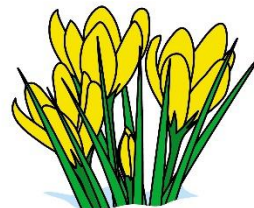
2381 Axtell Road, Howardsville, VA 24562

Registration – 6:00 PM

Business – 6:15 PM

Worship – 6:30 PM

NO MEAL



Plan now to attend – what a joy it will be to gather again in-person!

We will have a short business session and worship together as the family of God!

Theme: *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.*

Colossians 3:12a

Speaker: Rev. Geoff Bruschi, Pastor, Arvon Baptist

Special Music: Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy, Mt. Zion

Directions

From the stoplight at Rt. 20 & Rt. 15, Dillwyn (Intersection by Food Lion):

Travel north toward Scottsville approximately 14 miles.

Turn left onto Rt. 678 (Rock Island Rd.) at Centenary.

Travel to the end of Rt. 678, approximately 5 miles.

Turn left onto Rt. 627 (Axtell Road).

Travel approximately 1 ½ - 2 miles – Goshen Baptist will be on the right.

Travel time from the stoplight: 25 – 30 minutes.

May 28

Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)

9:30 – 10:30 AM

May 29

Noah & Sandra Hickman in Concert at Enon

11:00 AM

Everyone is invited to join the Enon church family for this special time.

5th Sunday Celebration Picnic at Goshen

TBA

5th Sunday Night Sing at Chestnut Grove

6:00 PM

Featuring The Cedar Gospel Singers

LOOKING AHEAD>>>



2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mt. Zion: June 5 – 9

5:30 – 9:00 PM

Dinner being provided.

Cedar: June 12 – 16

Ages 4 – 12

Chestnut Grove: June 20 – 24 (Tentative)


Jones Chapel: June 26 – July 1

Antioch (Scottsville): June 27 – July 1

VBS Sparks Studio

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 14:** **BGAV's Fanning the Flame Gathering (Online)** **10:00 - 11:15 AM**
 Theme: *Living the Leadership Cycle: Views from the Cliff*
 Guest Speaker: Craig Harwood, BGAV's Minister in Residence for Pastoral Leadership
 Gather via Zoom. Register at <https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/p181g9jf1l8ghm6/>
- June 21–Aug. 19** **Camp Opportunities at Camp Piankatank**
 Several camp options are available: Mini-camp for Ages 6 – 9, Boys Camp (Ages 8 – 17), Girls Camp (Ages 8 – 17), Two Co Ed Camps (Ages 8 – 17), Father/Son Weekend, & Mother/Daughter Weekend
 Go to www.CampPiankatank.org for dates, specific information, costs, etc.
- July 11** **JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn** **7:00 PM**
- July 18 – 22** **Jones Chapel Group to MC2 at Eagle Eyrie**



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.

Southside Pregnancy Support Center Walk for Life

September 10 – Farmville

September 17 – Appomattox & Buckingham

NOTE: PSC Buckingham is located at Ellis Acres.

245 Camden St., Dillwyn, VA 23936

Open Tuesdays, Noon – 5:00 PM

434-392-8483

October 7- 8, 2022

Extraordinary Women's Conference

Thomas Road Baptist, Lynchburg, VA

Theme: *Pursuing an Unfailing God*

Friday Night Concert: Phil Wickham

Guest Speakers: Shannon Bream, Chonda Pierce, Margaret Feinberg, Annie F. Downs, & Julie Clinton

Praise & Worship: Michael O'Brien

Cost – General Admission: \$64; Early Admittance & Reserved Seating: \$84

Groups of 10 or more: \$5.00 off each registration when purchased together.

Register online at https://brushfire.com/ewomen/conferences/499363?_ef_transaction_id=

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.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>



AID FOR UKRAINE

Church/Group	Donations-to-Date
Buckingham	\$ 1,125.00
Cedar	\$ 1,065.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 1,515.00
Jones Chapel (Individual)	\$ 200.00
Mulberry Grove (Individual)	\$ 200.00
Sharon	\$ 246.00
JRBA WMU	\$ 100.00



>>> North American
Mission Board

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Church	Donations-to-Date
Buckingham	\$1,125.00
Cedar	\$ 1,065.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 584.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 283.33
Jones Chapel	\$ 1,015.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 575.00
Sharon	\$ 160.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 250.00

MISSIONS COMMITTEE



- I. RISE AGAINST HUNGER: Many people all over the world are struggling to find food. I pray that members of our JRBA churches will give generously to Rise Against Hunger by **July 20**. Hopefully, we will have \$10,000 to send in so many people in very poor countries can have food.
- II. The BLUE RIDGE FOOD MINISTRY continues to distribute healthy food at 9:30 AM at the Crystal Cathedral on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month. Please join us on May 13 & May 27 as we bless many lives through the food we put in the vehicles and the loving smiles and kinds words we share.
- III. HOPE BOXES: Sincere thanks to all persons who prepared one or more boxes. Thanks also to those who prepared the boxes to go to Appalachia and very special thanks to our team who took the boxes and shared the love of Jesus with hundreds of children in the schools.
- IV. OTHER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:
 - A. Mission Blitz
 - B. Disaster Relief
 - C. Bland Ministry Center
 - D. Food Ministries
 - E. Aid for Ukraine
 - F. Cards for Graduates
 - G. Many other needs as they arise

Jimmy Dunn



HOPE FOR APPALACHIA SPRING 2022

Donations for Bell County Elementary School adopted by JRBA

CHURCH	BOXES OF HOPE	ADDITIONAL DONATIONS
Antioch (Scottsville)	257	2 large bags of Extra Items
Antioch Union	41	Extra Items
Arvon	12	75 Extra Items
Buckingham	24	225 Bags of Cookie (2 each)
Cedar	75	
Chestnut Grove	15	Extra Sterilite boxes, 5 Body Washes + Other Items
Enon	7	
First Baptist Dillwyn	23	Extra Items
Fitzgerald Memorial	26	
Goshen	22	Extra Items
Jones Chapel	50	
Mt. Zion		SEE BELOW
Mulberry Grove	26	75 Teacher Gift Bags, 95 Cookie Bags + 10 Toothpastes**
Sharon	57	
Tar Wallet	150	Extra Items
Liberty Christian (Green Bay)	47	
Hilton Baptist (Newport News)	42	22 Extra Items

*Mulberry Grove and several individuals of the church family made donations to the team. Some of that was used for 125 Body Washes and other items needed to complete boxes.

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA
Page Elementary School – Adopted by Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion and Spring Hill Baptist prepared approximately 350 Hope boxes for Page Elementary.
Mt. Zion provided 65 teacher gifts and other supplies, 600+ Life books and 2 cases of Bibles, and some prom dresses.
Approximately 1,000 Salvation Dolls (Dolls on a Mission) were provided.
Mt. Zion GA and others provided cookies for the school staff.
Mt. Zion Sewing Ministry also provided 118 scrunchies and 34 quilts.
MT. ZION WMU: 384 Mini Flashlights and \$500 to help with team/trip expenses.

BOXES OF HOPE READY FOR SHIPMENT!



HOPE FOR APPALACHIA 2022 SPRING TRIP

I would like to express gratitude for the tremendous support for Hope this year! We had many adversities to overcome and yet, with the prayer support, each was overcome. The JRBA and other churches, along with individuals, provided boxes and supplies for 1,200 children as well as for the entire staff at two schools, Bell Central and Page. We delivered more than 600 packages of cookies and took gifts for the staff as well. Moreover, we were able to share boxes with two other teams which were short some boxes for their schools.

I have received a total from Mike and Liesa Dodson stating that in all the schools there were 586 children who accepted Christ as their Savior! At this time we had 99 children to receive Christ in our schools! Praise God!

It is hard to always be accurate on the statistics concerning where all resources come from within our association. However, we delivered between 1,500 and 1,600 boxes, two shipping boxes (+15 loose) prom dresses, along with shoes and corsages. There were multiple boxes of extra supplies such as toothpaste, brushes, school supplies, toys, and stuffed animals. Mt. Zion sent 34 handmade quilts, which were given out to special needs children along with two bags of scrunchies. We delivered 600+ Life Books, two cases of Bibles, and 400+ crosses.

Thanks to you and our communities of faith, God used us to witness and build His Kingdom! He allowed us to get back in the schools and the fruit manifested in each one!

Blessings,
Pastor Woody



Pictures at Bell Central Elementary School

CHURCH OUTREACH



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): On April 1, 2022, bagels were delivered to all the Fluvanna County public schools. (Pictures below at West central Elementary School.) 270 boxes containing snacks and hygiene items were prepared and sent to troops stationed abroad. Members, Gloria Newton and Nancy Kidd, traveled with the Hope team to Kentucky where they shared the Gospel and love of Jesus with many children. 70 boxes of food were given out at the April Loaves and Fish Ministry. Several folks participated in the Walk for Life in Charlottesville on April 23. The Shield-A-Badge Officer for April was Deputy Sheriff Alexander Cullen of the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office. A Clothing Swap was held on Friday, April 22, and leftover items were distributed at the Loaves and Fish Ministry Meal.



BUCKINGHAM: About 225 bags were prepared for Hope for Appalachia with 2 cookies or brownies in each bag.

CHESTNUT GROVE: A bake sale was held at Millbrook Country Corner on April 16 to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$254 was collected to go towards their total contribution.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Helping Hands sent out about 50 Easter cards to homebound persons, gave gas cards, flowers, gift baskets and financial aid to some people in need. They are currently preparing "congratulations" notes for all the 2022 graduates of Buckingham County High School.

JONES CHAPEL: A donation was made to the Bland Mission Team to help with expenses. An individual made a contribution to Aid for Ukraine.

MT. ZION: The WMU made a contribution to the Bland Mission Team and gave 132 graduation cards, along with bookmarks, for the seniors at BCHS. The sewing ministry made Trent Soddy a t-shirt quilt (from his t-shirts) for graduation. They made 118 scrunchies and 34 quilts for Hope.

MULBERRY GROVE: The church made a contribution to the Hope team to help with expenses. A contribution was also made to the Bland Mission Team to help with expenses and \$200 was given to help with the food for the 2022 BCHS Prom. The church and an individual made a contribution to the Bland Ministry Center. The WMU is preparing cards for the BCHS graduating seniors and recently prepared 8 gift bags for shut-ins and sick folks in the church/community. Many cards were sent as well. The Youth of the church made cookies and prepared 95 packets for Hope for Appalachia. One of the Adult Sunday School classes prepared 75 Teacher Gift Bags as well.



EASTER OUTREACH

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Seven churches participated in the Good Friday Service, with an amazing turnout! It was also broadcast online on the Effort Baptist Facebook page. The annual Easter Egg Hunt occurred on Saturday, April 16. It included an egg hunt, cotton candy, real bunnies, hot dogs, tattoos, and giveaways.

BUCKINGHAM: On Friday, April 15, about fifteen adults gathered and stuffed over 1,000 eggs in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt. About 25 children and adults were in attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16. Games, bubbles, an egg hunt, prizes, extra candy, and food were enjoyed by all. Despite the wind, everyone worked together and had a good time. At the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, folks were able to see the sun rising through the pines. Keith Halbohn brought the Easter message and hearts were revived with beautiful music. After the uplifting service celebrating the Resurrection, breakfast was served with the men doing the cooking. There were about 25 in attendance.

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: An Easter celebration "Like No Other" was held on Easter Sunday with over 80 in attendance. The Gladstone Bluegrass Band played and a baby dedication was held. Pastor Fetty brought the message, *Jesus – Like No Other*. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all after the service.

GOSHEN: Easter was celebrated with a Sunrise Service with breakfast served by the men of the church, followed by the Worship service.

JONES CHPAEL: On Palm Sunday, Guest Speaker, Rev. Jonathan Overstreet, was welcomed. After worship, everyone was invited to stay for finger foods and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Hundreds of eggs were outside for three different age groups to "hunt". Everyone enjoyed a beautiful Sunday for Sunrise Service, led by Rev. Lewis Brandt. Afterwards, everyone gathered in the fellowship hall for a full breakfast, then Sunday School and Worship. Linda Melvin blessed everyone by singing, *I Bowd on My Knees and Cried Holy*, during the Worship hour.



MULBERRY GROVE: Between the Sunrise Service and the 11 AM Worship service members, Rev. Michael Khol and his family, Bobby & Jennifer Crews, Sallie Crews, Joe and Suzanne Snoddy, and Jay and Stephani Jones, traveled to the home of homebound members to bring them a special Easter Service. The group visited the homes of Dabney and June Crews, Eileen Reynolds, and met with Dickie Spenser outside Heritage Hall.



TAR WALLET: An Easter Festival was held on April 16 with games, food, and face painting. About 30 children were in attendance. A beautiful Easter Sunrise Service was held with a huge breakfast served afterwards. The regular services were well attended, with several folks from **Fitzgerald Memorial** in attendance.

OTHER EVENTS>>>

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: On Sunday, April 10, the Worship Troupe of Central Virginia Christian School presented a very moving presentation on *Jesus Our Savior* at the 11 AM Worship Service. Thanks to all the students involved who gave their talents to bless the church.

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: The Women on Mission's Spring Bazaar and BBQ was held on Saturday, April 23. There was a great turnout for the event. The annual fundraiser collected contributions for local missions.

MULBERRY GROVE: The CVCS Worship Troupe joined the folks at Mulberry Grove for worship on Sunday, April 24. They did a wonderful job with their performance of *Jesus, Our Savior*. Mulberry Grove extends heartfelt thanks to the youngsters and their leaders for a meaningful presentation.

JRBA PASTORS' LUNCH

On April 20, several pastors got together to share lunch at First Baptist Dillwyn. It was good to see some new faces and to spend time together after several months of not meeting together. The following pastors were in attendance: Rev. Alan Gough (Tar Wallet), Rev. Vern Miller (Supply- Fitzgerald), Rev. Josh Morgan (First Baptist Dillwyn), Rev. Henry Enoch (Goshen), Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Rev. Lewis Brandt (Interim – Jones Chapel), Rev Austin Williams (BCM Director), and Rev. Michael Khol (Mulberry Grove).

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

ANTIOCH: A Bible Study on Revelation continues on Wednesday nights, while the Youth meet in the Chapel. On Thursdays, there are two Women's Bible Studies: At 10 AM, the ladies are meeting in the Worship Center and studying *Revelation: Here and Now, Then and There*, by Beth Moore. At 6 PM, the ladies meet at the home of Denise Vogt for a study on Gideon by Priscilla Shirer.



MT. ZION'S GIRLS IN ACTION LEARN AND GROW

Lowyn Davidson, Gracie Martin, Khloe Snoddy, and Kaylee Snoddy

UPDATE ON GLADSTONE MEMORIAL

Gladstone is happy to report some revitalization! They have recently remodeled the bathrooms, painted the fellowship hall, and resealed the outside wall of the fellowship hall so that it doesn't leak.

Gladstone is also now available online: They have a Facebook page and you can access them there at "Gladstone Baptist Church". They also now have email: gladstonememorialbaptistchurch@gmail.com.

Additionally, Barbara Bryant donated a Memorial Garden around the church sign in honor of William Bryant, Larry Bryant, and Pete McFadden. It is a beautiful addition to the church.

Flowers and shrubs have been added to the front of the church. Paul Zelinsky has been heading up improvements around the church. Gladstone is thankful that God has brought him and his wife to their community and church.

IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

Jones Chapel extends sympathy to Perry and Judy Chambliss and all the family of Mrs. Elsie Chambliss, Perry's mother, who passed away recently.



JRBA CELEBRATES>>>



CEDAR: The church family recently welcomed Richard and Amanda Shepherd, and Danielle LeSueur by transfer of letter. Cedar also extends congratulations to Tyler and Breanne Allen and their family on the arrival of their daughter, Blakely Moore Allen.

ENON: A fantastic baptism service was held on April 3, with 5 candidates being celebrated: Melissa Shumaker, Michael Kinder, Angel Jones Kinder, Marissa Wilson, and Mark Wilson. The church family is praising the Lord! Several individuals raised their hands for salvation on Easter Sunday and one came forward making a public profession of faith.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: An Installation Service for Josh Morgan was held on Sunday, March 27. Rev. Glynn Coleman, who was concluding his Interim Pastorate at FBC, led the service. Rev. Jimmy Dunn gave a charge of commitment to Josh. Others participated in the service. Josh was ordained into the Gospel ministry on Sunday, April 3. Local pastors (Rev. Lewis Brandt, Rev. Jimmy Dunn, and Rev. Alan McCulloch) and other pastors of the Lynchburg area shared in the meaningful service.

JONES CHAPEL: April 10 was a day of celebration as Interim Pastor, Rev. Lewis Brandt, baptized three new members, Jamilette Hamlette, Chris Clark, and Ashleigh Clark, pictured below.



CELEBRATING GRADUATIONS

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: The church family extends congratulations to Kasey Fetty on her upcoming graduation from CVCC and Appomattox County High School. Kasey is the youngest daughter of Pastor James and Lisa Fetty.

MT. ZION: On May 15, graduates will be recognized during Worship and there will be a Celebration Luncheon following the service. Graduates are:
Trent Snoddy – Buckingham County High School
Jessica Oliver – Nursing School
Abigail Snoddy – General Associate Degree – Piedmont Community College

FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Dear JRBA Family,

I wanted to take a moment to celebrate and reflect on our RISEN LORD. As I look back at Holy Week and Easter Sunday, I am encouraged by Him and the power of His resurrection! I pray that each of you find time to rejoice in our adoption as children of God and eagerly anticipate *the glory which shall be revealed in us.* (Romans 8:11-18)

I also wanted to highlight three upcoming events in our association - the first being the Refocus Conference scheduled for May 14. I am excited as several of our local pastors are coming together to bring a word of encouragement and an opportunity to fellowship. I am hoping that this will be a chance for us as an association to break out of the habits that have been formed over the past two years and get back together. I hope you are able to attend, but also, please help spread the word! There is more information about this on our JRBA website: <http://www.jamesriverbaptistassociation.com/conference/> as well as in the newsletter. Please let me know if you have any questions. (434-808-2383)

The second "event" is our Semi-Annual Spring Meeting scheduled for May 26, at Goshen Baptist, at 6:00 PM. We have been unable to meet for almost two years and I want to encourage you to put this event on your calendar. It will be a great day of worship and fellowship! Hebrews 10:24-25a says, *And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another.* The church's physical gathering is a glad and visible expression of its spiritual nature: believers are the called-out people of God, united by faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. I hope to see you there.

And thirdly, we are looking for ways JRBA can connect with each of your churches individually. We would like the opportunity to come to your church to share (what is going on in the JRBA) and listen (to what/how your church is doing post/COVID). I am going to reach out individually to each church to find a time to schedule a visit (some time other than a Sunday morning...maybe on a Wednesday night, for example). Scheduling 18 churches is going to be tricky, so if you are able to contact me, that would really be a burden lifted. 😊

I will look forward to meeting with each of you at the May 14th conference, our Spring meeting, and at your church when the time suits.

May the Lord continue to bless you,
Michael Khol

KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- The churches and people of Ukraine
- JRBA Churches without a pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, Fitzgerald Memorial, and Jones Chapel
- JRBA Churches and Pastors
- May 15 – 20: JRBA Bland Mission Team
- JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting – May 26
- Leaders (Local, State, National, and World)
- 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)

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.

STAFF CHANGES>>>

Fitzgerald Memorial welcomes Rev. Vern Miller as their Interim Pastor. He will be serving them through August, 2022. His contact information is:
Phone: 804-317-1691 Email: vernacioud@gmail.com
Address: 6 Columbia Road, Cartersville, VA 23027





JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting April 11, 2022

Rev. Michael Khol, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer. He then shared devotional thoughts on Holy Week. Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday are exciting, but we must not forget the suffering of our Lord between those events. We want Jesus to be a certain way – we don't always want to see the suffering side. But that is the message of Easter – John 3:16 – God so loved us that He gave His only begotten son so that we might have eternal life. We need to realize both the human and spiritual suffering Jesus endured for us. Through the events of Holy Week, Jesus said some hard things, but things we need to ponder. Michael encouraged everyone to spend time with the passion story in the book of Matthew. He also encouraged us to not be like the Israelites who rejected Christ. Don't rush to the resurrection, but focus on the love exhibited in the crucifixion. Appreciate the richness of our Lord's suffering and love. Michael called the meeting to order and asked for the Roll Call of Churches. Frank Breault, Clerk, did the roll call – there were 20 in attendance representing 8 churches + 1 visitor (Rev. Skip Wallace – BGAV).

The minutes of the January, 2022, Quarterly Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved. The Treasurer's Quarterly Report was presented and approved. As of March 31, 2022, the checking account balance was \$35,426.94, which include the following: Additional Missions - \$ 900.00, Rise Against Hunger - \$2,884.00, Mission Trips - \$ 1,750.00, Mission Blitz – \$ 398.52, and Bland Ministry - \$ 803.14. Total receipts for the quarter were \$ 6,280.30, which included: Churches - \$4,523.75, Rise Against Hunger – \$ 1,380.00, Alma Hunt - \$ 54.17, Bland Donations – \$ 303.14, Amazon Smile - \$ 14.99, and Interest on Checking - \$ 4.25. Total Disbursements totalled \$4,987.60, which included: Mission Trips (HOPE team members - \$50 each = \$400.00, and Malcolm Warfield (SEEDS Ministry to Honduras - \$100). The Savings Account balance was \$4,361.51. The John E. Mann, Sr. Emergency Benevolence Fund Quarterly Report was presented: Disbursements of \$ 353.66 assisted 3 families who lost everything in house fires; a donation was made to the Dillwyn Fire Department for 2020 and 2021; mailing fees for gift cards to fire victims; and memorial flowers were sent in memory of Rev. Richard Tuttle, Pastor of Jones Chapel. Mt. Zion made a designated donation of \$100 to the Benevolence Fund. The balance on hand (3/31/22) was \$8,553.38.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

MODERATOR: Michael noted pastoral changes during the past quarter: Rev. Richard Tuttle passed away in February and Rev. Lewis Brandt is serving Jones Chapel as Interim Pastor. Rev. Joshua Morgan became pastor of First Baptist Dillwyn on April 1. Rev. Barry Vassar resigned as pastor at Fitzgerald Memorial in March. Michael noted that the Hope for Appalachia Team is currently serving in Kentucky and asked for prayer for the team and for Linda Gough. She had planned to go with the team, but had open heart surgery and is recovering at the Woodland. Clarence Gormus also asked for prayer for John Gormus who is also at the Woodland. Michael then presented thoughts on Considering the Status and Future of JRBA – Knowing Our "Why". He focused on our motto: Accomplishing Together What We Cannot Do Alone. He noted that churches and JRBA took a hit during the pandemic, but he would like us to focus on the "why" behind the "whats" that we do together. He believes that our "why" is "churches doing stuff together". Even though our churches are not all the same, we are to work together to accomplish more. Churches bring different things to the table: some provide resources; some provide workers; some provide prayer support. We are doing a lot together and doing it really well. The "Whats" are Rise Against Hunger, Hope for Appalachia, Bland Ministry, Benevolence, Baptist Offerings, Newsletter, and other mission efforts. We have officers and committees. But what are we going to do post-Covid? He wants to see JRBA thrive – not just survive! He wants to reconnect with churches to focus on "why" we associate. He plans to visit the churches to see how each church is doing and will be reaching out to

schedule those visits on Wednesday nights, if possible. He is hopeful that all churches will have him come. He asked those in attendance to be his ambassadors in getting this invitation out to their churches. He wants to address how each church can benefit from being involved in JRBA and how each church, in turn, can get plugged in and be a part of the ministries of JRBA. What can your church bring to the table as we continue to work together for the Kingdom? He asked for feedback and it was mentioned that we need to be sure the pastors are on board. He also asked that Executive Board members accompany him as his cheerleaders when he visits the churches. Michael also talked about the upcoming Refocus Conference to be held on Saturday, May 14, at First Baptist Dillwyn, from 10 AM – 3 PM. He noted that 6 area pastors are planning and leading the conference. There will be 2 worship times with Rev. Joshua Morgan and Rev. Woody Moore preaching, as well as 6 Breakout Sessions to choose from. The theme is *Refocusing the Church for the Future*, which will deal with strategies on how to do church in our post-Covid world. For details and to register, go to www.JamesRiverBaptistAssociation.com/conference. The cost will be \$11 per person to cover the cost of lunch which will be from Rodeo's Mexican Grill. There will be no other cost for the conference. He will be getting emails out soon with details. If churches want to send one check for those participating, please contact Austin Williams on how to do that. (434-390-1305 or austin.williams@bgav.org)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. Jimmy Dunn stressed 5 points in planning for an effective Sunday School:

1. Enlist: Make a personal contact to absentees and prospects.
2. Welcome: Create a warm, loving spirit and welcome each person to the class.
3. Teaching: Make Jesus the focus of the lesson and be enthusiastic and accurate.
4. Fellowship: Lead the class to be close and to have real, personal concern for one another. Be sure to have fellowship events with fun and food.
5. Ministry and Mission: Lead the class to reach out to each other and others in times of sickness, bereavement, etc. Encourage your class to have a special mission or ministry project.

He also emphasized that churches need to evaluate the status of what is needed – take a look at the age and interests of your folks as you plan for Sunday School. He will be glad to come to your church to help with your Sunday School. (It was noted that Austin Williams will be addressing some strategies for Sunday School at the Refocus Conference.)

BCM UPDATE: Rev. Austin Williams commented that the BCM has a busy spring semester and that the student leaders are growing in their ability to lead Bible studies and to disciple other students as leaders. He thanked JRBA and the churches for their support.

There were no other Officer Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOMINATING: Rita Harris, Chair, presented the Slate of Officers for 2022-2023. She noted that there are 5 positions that she has been unable to fill. Numerous people have been contacted, but were unwilling to serve. Michael noted that some positions are dispensable, but the Office of Treasurer is vacant and is essential. Judy has done a great job, but cannot continue in this role. He asked that everyone consider the position and to let Rita know if you think of someone who might do this important job. We will be continuing to fill the vacant positions prior to October 1. The Slate of Officers presented was approved. (See the Slate of Officers at the end of this Summary.)

PROGRAM: The committee presented a recommendation to hold the Semi-Annual Spring Meeting at Goshen on Thursday, May 26, at 6:15 PM. At that time, the program will need to be approved as well as the Slate of Officers for 2022-2023. Worship will then begin at 6:30 PM. Per the request of the host church, there will be no fellowship meal. The recommendation was approved.

BACCALAUREATE: A written report was presented from our Baccalaureate Co-Chairs. Buckingham is planning an in-person Baccalaureate for B.C.H.S. seniors. JRBA will make a donation to assist with refreshments. Churches were encouraged to participate in the Card Shower for graduates as in previous years. Antioch (Scottsville) will again this year be doing gift bags for the Fluvanna graduates. JRBA will make a donation to help purchase mugs to go in the students' bags. At the present time, plans have not been made for any outreach to the seniors at Cumberland High School. An update will be provided as soon as possible. (Donations to the three counties are budgeted @ \$200 each.)

MISSIONS: Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Chair, reminded everyone that volunteers are needed on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month for the Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral. It is just as important to have folks to greet the recipients with the love of Jesus as it is to hand out the food! Come and bless, and be blessed. He thanked Mt. Zion and Mulberry Grove for the donations to Rise Against Hunger in his honor. He asked that everyone give as you can to get food to countries with the most need. Contributions need to be in to JRBA by July 20, 2022. Jimmy asked us to pray for the Hope for Appalachia team this week as they travel to, and minister in, Kentucky. He noted that he was proud of FBC for their donation to the BGAV Aid for Ukraine and encouraged other churches to donate to this timely cause. He asked that all of us help in any ministry we can and thanked everyone for all they have done and will do for others.

MISSIONS BLITZ: Michael noted that he and Jimmy had fixed a door for a member of the community. He hopes that churches will continue to work together when a need arises.

There were no other Committee Reports given. A list of all contributions to Hope for Appalachia was included in the packet.

Rev. Skip Wallace, BGAV Field Strategist for our region, briefly spoke. He noted that BGAV sent an initial \$20,000 to the European Baptist Foundation, with an almost immediate follow-up donation of \$25,000. So far, \$365,000 has been sent to European Baptists – 100% of donations goes for food and housing for Ukrainian refugees.

An additional report was presented from Gwynn Tyler, Bland Ministry Team Leader. Although a team has not been able to go to Bland during the pandemic, a team of up to 10 adults will go this year, May 15 – 20. Although no items are being collected, financial donations are encouraged for the ministry work being carried out at the Ministry Center.

There was no Old or New Business. An announcement sheet was given out. Michael reiterated that the Pastors would meet for lunch on April 20, at FBC, and encouraged all pastors to attend.

Audrey Ragland made a motion to adjourn. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Joshua Morgan.

NOTE: The 2020-2021 Book of Reports was distributed to the churches in attendance. These will be sent to the churches who had no representation at the meeting.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS **2022- 2023**

Moderator Rev. Michael Khol
Vice Moderator Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy
Clerk Mr. Frank Breault
Treasurer VACANT
Reporter/Historian Mr. Terry Towler
Sunday School Director Rev. Jimmy Dunn
Discipleship Director VACANT
Baptist Men's Director VACANT
VBS Leader VACANT
Music Director Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy
Disaster Relief Coordinator VACANT
Va Baptist Historical Society Rep. Mr. Terry Towler

Parliamentarian (App'd. by Moderator) – Mr. Gwynn Tyler
WMU Director (Elected by JRBA WMU) – Mrs. Betty Toney
Continuing on the BGAV Mission Council:
Rev. Perry Clore & Rev. Henry Enochs (Thru 2022)
Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy (Thru 2023)

In liberated areas of Ukraine, church volunteers help sweep for mines and bury the dead...

–Mark Wingfield, Baptist News Global, April 25, 2022

As the Russian assault on Ukraine passed the two-month mark yesterday, the humanitarian work involving churches across the country continued unabated. But church volunteers are being called upon to do things no Bible study lesson could have prepared them to do.

In the Ukrainian town of Irpin, volunteers from Irpin Bible Church are working there and in nearby Bucha, delivering food to survivors and helping with the clean-up operation. They are even assisting in the dangerous task of de-mining the area...In perhaps one of the most understated prayer requests ever, the Coordination Center of Ukrainian Baptists said of the mine-sweeping volunteers there is a need "for prayers for their strength and safety." **According to reports through the European Baptist Federation**, members of the Irpin church did not leave the city even while the war raged. Their church building was badly damaged in a bombing raid as the occupying forces left. The congregation had bought the building a year before and had spent eight months converting it. Although this is a blow for them, the pastor remains optimistic. "We believe that the Lord will give us the opportunity to rebuild the church building and make it even more convenient to serve the Lord," the pastor said. "But most importantly, we pray for our people in Irpin and try to serve them, so that they will see that in the most difficult times, the Lord is near."

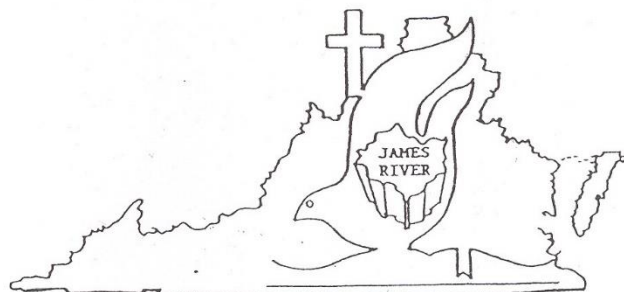
... The European Baptist Federation reports that escalation of the conflict in eastern Ukraine "has made it more difficult to evacuate local people. Baptist volunteers have been risking their lives trying to take humanitarian aid into the region and bring people to safety"... Elsewhere, Ukrainian forces have retaken control of areas where Russian forces had terrorized citizens for weeks. In these regions, "almost all the churches in the area have restarted their Sunday services." ... The Baptist response in neighboring countries also continues...all across Eastern Europe.

To read the rest of the descriptive article, go to: <http://baptistnews.com>, click on "News" and scroll down to the article title and click on it.

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are serving the people of Ukraine amidst a terrifying situation. May God strengthen them and protect them as they reach out in His love.

AID FOR UKRAINE

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.



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FINANCIAL PAGE
2021 – 2022

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS
2021 - 2022

Church	April	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 500.00
Antioch Union	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		\$ 1,000.00
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 369.00
Gladstone		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 144.00	\$ 1,052.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,993.00
Sharon	\$ 290.75	\$ 872.25
Tar Wallet		
Alma Hunt		\$ 54.17
Individuals		
Amazon Smile		\$ 24.35
TOTAL	\$ 1,184.75	\$13,664.77

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:



RAH – New Donations starting 04/01/21

Church	April	To Date
JRBA Budget 2021-2022		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 100.00
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 694.00*
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00
WMU		\$ 500.00**
Mulberry Grove		
Individual		\$ 200.00***
Sharon		\$ 80.00*
Tar Wallet		\$ 10.00*
TOTAL		\$ 2,884.00

*Carryover Total from 2020 – 2021: \$295.00

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

*** Mulberry Grove Individual \$200 in honor of Rev. Jimmy Dunn.

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:

ALL monies expended for Additional Missions are listed each month.

Budgeted
\$1,600.00

Pregnancy Support Center (Farmville), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Graceland, Gideons International, Longwood/Hampden Sydney BCM, BGAV Disaster Response, and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100.00 Each = \$700.00 (Budgeted)

NO EXPENDITURES IN APRIL

BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 900.00

MISSIONS BLITZ

Contributor	April	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2020-2021		\$ 345.39
JRBA Budget 2021 – 2022		\$ 250.00
Individuals	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,095.39

Sealer – JRBA Office Roof - \$196.87

NO EXPENDITURES IN APRIL

Balance on hand: \$898.52

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Church	April	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$ 500.00
Buckingham (1/2 for team)	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Chestnut Grove WMU (team)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Jones Chapel (Individuals for team)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
(Individual)	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Mt. Zion WMU (team)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Sharon		\$ 203.14
Individual Gift	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,210.00	\$2,013.14

MISSION TRIPS

Donor	April	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

*Designated gifts expended to Hope team.

Expenditures in April

Bland Mission Team - \$100.00

BALANCE = \$1,650.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	April	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
Mt. Zion		
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
Individual	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
TOTAL NEW DONATIONS	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,850.00

NO EXPENDITURES IN APRIL

AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$8,803.38.

