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June 5 – 9	<b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> 6277 Cartersville Road, New Canton, VA 23123 Theme: Mega Sports Camp For Ages 3 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade. Dinner being provided.	5:30 – 9:00 PM
June 6 – 9	<b>Antioch Union</b> 2810 Greenway Road, Wingina, VA 24599	Begins at 6:30 PM
June 12 – 16	<b>Cedar</b> 3932 Bell Road, Dillwyn, VA For Ages 2 ½ - 12 years old. Adult Class on Sunday – Wednesday (6:15 – 8:15 PM) For more information and to register, go to: <a href="http://www.cedarbaptistchurch.org">www.cedarbaptistchurch.org</a> .	6:00 – 8:30 PM
June 13 – 17	<b>Tar Wallet</b> 150 Tar Wallet Road, Cumberland, VA 23040 Theme: Tomorrow & Beyond VBS Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.	6:00 – 8:30 PM
June 20 – 24	<b>Chestnut Grove</b> 2490 Chestnut Grove Road, Appomattox, VA 24522 For Ages 4 – 11. Dinner will be provided. Theme: Walking With Jesus Friday: Commencement and Cookout	6:00 – 8:00 PM
June 26–July 1	<b>Jones Chapel</b> 947 Trents Mill Road, Cumberland, VA 23040	6:30 – 8:30 PM
June 27 – 30	<b>Buckingham</b> 24234 N James Madison HWY, New Canton, VA 23123 Pre-Registration on Sunday, June 26, at 6:00 PM. For Ages 5 – 12. Theme: Spark Studios (Ephesians 2:10) – Created in Christ – Designed for God's Purpose Come for a time of Bible Study, Mission Study, Music, Crafts, and Recreation. A light meal will be served at 6:00 PM.	6:45 – 8:30 PM
June 27–July 1	<b>Antioch (Scottsville)</b> 4422 Antioch Road, Scottsville, VA 24590 Theme: Spark Studios	6:30 – 8:30 PM
July 9	<b>Sharon</b> 1620 Sharon Church Road, Scottsville, VA 24590 One day event. Theme: Passport to Peace	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



## V.B.S. CONTINUED

<b>July 11 – 15</b>	<b>Children's VBS at First Baptist Dillwyn</b> 16980 Oak Street, Dillwyn, VA 23936 Ages 2 – 11 (Completed 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Theme: Spark Studios	<b>6:00 – 8:30 PM</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Mulberry Grove</b> 1095 Mulberry Grove Road, Buckingham, VA 23921 One day event.	<b>TBA</b>
<b>July 31 – Aug. 4</b>	<b>Youth VBS at First Baptist Dillwyn</b> 16980 Oak Street, Dillwyn, VA 23936 For students who have completed Grades 6 – 12. Theme: Spark Studios	<b>6:00 – 9:00 PM</b>

## EVENTS AND DETAILS

<b>June 4</b>	<b>Jones Chapel's Annual Fishing Tournament</b> At George Dowdy's Pond, Cumberland	<b>Noon</b>
	<b>"The Men's Gathering" at Teresa's Place, Dillwyn</b> Enon's new men's ministry, "The Men's Gathering", will be gathering for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer. All men are invited!	<b>8:30 AM</b>
	<b>Virginia Church Library Association Spring Meeting at Monument Heights Baptist Church</b> For all church media and library volunteers. Conference Leaders: Morlee Maynard, Church Librarians Network Coordinator, and Bev League, Church Librarians Network Library Specialist For more information: <a href="http://www.vacla.org">www.vacla.org</a>	<b>9:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Potluck Luncheon at Tar Wallet</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>June 5 – 11</b>	<b>First Baptist Church's Youth Mission Trip to Team Efforts, Seymour, TN</b> Pray for the youth and their adult leaders as they go to complete mission projects in TN. Team members: Abigail Bryant, Cadence Campbell, Malia Carles, Hannah Davis, Kaitlyn Hucks, Lillie Palmore, Piper Scialdo, Garrett Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Mollie Ruth Walker, Emma Wallace, Minnie Wallace, and Melissa Wood.	
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove</b> Blue Grass/Gospel Music with Covered Dish Lunch	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>June 10 &amp; 24</b>	<b>Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn</b> Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM.	
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Visitation Program Kick-off at Enon</b> Start-up of the old/new Visitation Program – participants will meet at the church and go out into the community every month on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday.	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>"Fanning the Flame" Online Gathering</b> Topic: Living the Leadership Cycle: Views from the Cliff This is a FREE online-only event with all attendees gathering on Zoom. Guest Speaker: Craig Harwood, Organizational Design and Leadership Consultant. Focus will be on organizational transformation and growth strategies. Craig has experience as a Corporate Executive, Pastor, Teacher, and Consultant. He also serves as a Minister in Residence for Leadership with BGAV. As a masterful storyteller, Craig has a unique ability to share profound insights from life experiences that will help leaders navigate the days ahead. Register now at <a href="https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/p18lg9f1l8ghm6/">https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/p18lg9f1l8ghm6/</a> .	<b>10:00 – 11:15 AM</b>

### Sunday, June 19 Father's Day

<b>Father's Day Breakfast at Enon</b> Worship Service to follow at 10:00 AM. Rev. Jimmy Dunn will be bringing the Word.	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Recognition of Fathers at Buckingham</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>



### Monday, June 20

Information for the July edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due **TODAY** by 9:00 AM. Be sure to include any Homecoming/Revival info and other events you want to get on the calendar. Include any celebrations and outreach from the month of June. Also send VBS followup if VBS was held in June.

- June 25**      **Loaves and Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)**      **9:30 – 10:30 AM**
- First Baptist Dillwyn's Community Cookout at Ellis Acres**      **Noon – 4:00 PM**  
All are welcome to come as this is open to the entire community.
- June 26**      **MISSION DIGNITY SUNDAY**  
To learn more about the assistance provided through Mission Dignity to individuals who have served in ministry, go to [www.missiondignity.org](http://www.missiondignity.org). If your church would like to participate in this cause, you can order materials at <https://www.guidestone.org/Mission-Dignity/Get-Involved/MD-Sunday>. 100% of the funding each recipient receives comes from people like you and churches like yours.
- June 26**      **WMU Tea at Mulberry Grove**      **TBA**
- June 30**      **SBC Church Compensation Survey Closes Today**  
Pastors and other church staff are encouraged to complete the 2022 SBC Compensation Survey. Those who complete the online survey may provide their email address to enter a drawing for one of several \$100 Amazon gift cards to be given away. They will be notified in August. This survey is administered through the Baptist General Association of Virginia, GuideStone, and Lifeway. Go to [www.guidestone.org/compensationsurvey](http://www.guidestone.org/compensationsurvey) to take the survey.

## LOOKING AHEAD>>>

- July 1**      **130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Gladstone Memorial**      **TBA**  
Gladstone Memorial will be celebrating it's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Plans are to include Bluegrass Gospel Bands and a social after the performances.
- July 10**      **Homecoming at Buckingham**      **11:00 AM**  
Rev. Richard Long, former pastor, will be preaching.  
Special music will be provided by Smokey Wilson.  
A meal will follow the service.
- July 11**      **JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn**      **7:00 PM**  
JRBA Officers and Committee Chairs, Pastors, and Church Representatives should plan to attend.
- July 11 – 15**      **Music & Worship Arts Camp at Eagle Eyrie**  
Theme: WALK-RUN-SOAR (Isaiah 40:30-31)  
For children and youth who have completed grades 4 – 12.  
Contact Eagle Eyrie at 434-384-2211 for information and to register.
- July 15**      **Deadline to participate in a book of messages for retiring Dr. John Upton (BGAV Executive Director).**  
BGAV is creating a special book for Dr. John Upton on his retirement. He has served Virginia Baptists for 27 years and many of you know him personally. You are invited to share a message and/or photo in this special book. Go to: <https://www.newlywords.com/john-upton-jr-retirement>.
- July 18 -22**      **MC2 Missions Connection Celebration at Eagle Eyrie**  
Theme: Fully Equipped (II Corinthians 9:8)  
Truly a "family camp" experience with activities for all ages!  
WORSHIP: Daily services for children, youth, and adults are highlighted by dynamic preaching, music, and missions.  
FUN: Lots of pool time, a talent show, night hike, Capture the Flag, and optional trip to FunQuest in Lynchburg for skating and laser tag.  
MISSIONS: Youth and adults minister in small groups through a variety of service projects in the greater Lynchburg area ranging from VBS to construction to social ministries.  
DISCIPLESHIP: Age-appropriate learning opportunities are provided for preschoolers through senior adults.  
FELLOWSHIP: An opening night picnic, a closing night ice cream social, and packaging meals for the Source of Light orphanage in Haiti.  
Guest Speaker: Mike Bradley, Senior Pastor, Warrenton Baptist Church  
For details, costs, and registration: [www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2](http://www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2), or call 434-384-2211.  
Made possible by the Cooperative Missions gifts of Virginia Baptist Churches affiliated with the BGAV.  
**JONES CHAPEL'S YOUTH AND ADULT LEADERS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.**



**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=](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 over 20 years.

**JRBA REACHES OUT>>>**

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**North American  
Mission Board**

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Church	Donations-to-Date
Buckingham	\$1,125.00
Cedar	\$ 1,065.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 584.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 283.33
Goshen	\$ 695.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 1,015.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 850.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 575.00
Sharon	\$ 160.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 250.00

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**



- I. HOPE FOR APPALACHIA: We sincerely thank our missions team for delivering all the Hope boxes to the children of the schools of Appalachia and for sharing Jesus with them through words and loving service. Thanks to each person and each church for filling Hope boxes and providing other gifts.
- II. BLAND MISSION TRIP: We are so very pleased that a 7-person mission team from our JRBA served at the Bland Mission Center, May 15 – 20. They served hundreds of needy persons through the food and clothing ministry and assisted with additional chores around the center and in the volunteer house.
- III. Our BLUE RIDGE FOOD MINISTRY continues to provide wholesome food to over 300 persons during these very difficult days. More volunteers are needed so please join us at the Crystal Cathedral at 9:30 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month.
- IV. RISE AGAINST HUNGER has been a great channel for our JRBA to supply wholesome food for thousands of hungry people all over the world. Please donate your RAH contribution to your church by Sunday, July 17, so the church can send in all contributions by Wednesday, July 20. Please give sacrificially.

V. MISSION TRIPS: We are grateful for each Mission Team going out this summer to share Jesus in loving ways. May you share a blessing with others and be blessed.

VI. OTHER MISSIONS: We are thankful for all other mission work carried out by our Association, our churches, and individual members.

In Jesus's name,

*Jimmy Dunn*

JRBA Missions Chair

**HOPE FOR APPALACHIA TEAM REPORT**

What an awesome God we serve! He allowed us to be back in our schools doing the ministry of spreading the Gospel as well as meeting needs. We took 10 people out to Bell County this spring: Wayne Gough, Roger Woody, Darlene Woody, Gloria Newton, Nancy Kidd, Nathaniel Vaught, Kyle Vaught, Donna Norton, Brenda McAllister, and myself made up "Team Woody". We delivered 1,132 boxes to our four schools, along with 532 dolls, 575 wrist bands, 28 special needs blankets/quilt (Mt. Zion sewing team), three bags of throws, 16 – 18 boxes of cookies for the staff, teacher gifts for all staff, and multiple extra supplies to all four schools. We were able to help two other teams with boxes: 332 were given to cover schools for which the teams did not have enough. We also delivered at least two dozen prom dresses to Bell High School.

The most important part was sharing the Gospel with the children. We had 99 to accept Christ in our four schools. What an opportunity to serve Him!

I personally want to thank each one for your prayers and support for Hope. This is a community effort. The prayer support is always felt and the effects are definitely seen. Linda Gough helped the team prepare right up to the last Wednesday packing, stepped out to have bypass surgery on Friday while praying for and cheering us on. God blessed her with successful surgery and recovery. While other teams struggled with regulations for being able to go into their schools, ours were open to the full program without hesitation. That is prayer at work! God is faithful to answer those prayers!

Blessings to all,

*Woody Moore*



## 2022 JRBA BLAND MISSION TEAM

Pictured Left to Right:

Back Row: Audrey Ragland, Gwynn Tyler, Phyllis Tyler  
Front Row: Gloria Newton, Cassie Tomlin, Barbara Cook,  
Angie Dunfee



The Bland Mission Team left from the FBC parking lot on Sunday, May 15, about 2 PM, after joining hands and being prayed for by our Missions Chair, Rev. Jimmy Dunn, and the Moderator, Rev. Michael Khol.

We had a beautiful week serving at the Bland Ministry Center. We served in the Food Warehouse and the Clothing Closet as well as with odd jobs around the Ministry Center and at the Volunteer House.

This year food was given out on two days so we assisted with both preparing the commodities for distribution, as well as, delivering boxes of food and carts of produce to the cars of individuals who came for assistance. The Tuesday distribution is for those who qualify to receive USDA foods and the Thursday distribution is for anyone who comes. 45 families were assisted on Tuesday with groceries including non-perishable foods, meats, breads, fresh produce,

drinks, and desserts. Additionally, containers of hand sanitizer were given out. On Thursday, approximately 140+ families were assisted with a smaller amount of the same items. We were impressed with the quality of the food given out, especially the meats and produce. Most of the food is donated by large chain stores like WalMart and Sam's, that make multiple deliveries each week. It is overwhelming to think of all the needs that are met through this food ministry. A great deal of work has come along with the additional partner deliveries. All of the food now has to be weighed and the amount distributed reported. In 2021, 516,705 pounds of donated food items were unloaded, weighed, and put away...then prepared for distribution and given out! But in addition to their regular volunteers, (who come day after day, week after week, month after month), work crews from the Bland Correctional Center come each Thursday to complete Community Service and are a great help in all sorts of ways. They do much of the yardwork, assist loading the cars with heavy items, and have even done some carpentry and mechanical jobs around the center. And, of course, volunteer teams still come almost every week of the summer months from churches and associations throughout Virginia and several other states. The Ministry Center has also received a grant from the Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network for some much-needed warehouse equipment that included an electric pallet jack and freight scales. Our volunteers helped unload trucks and pack food boxes, but they were most blessed by the interaction with the clients as they carried the groceries and fresh produce to the cars.

Folks can also go to the Clothing Closet each week to select items for their families. They can come as often as they like, but can only receive 50 pounds of clothing per month. Once they reach their limit, they must wait until the next month to return. A lot of other household items are also given away, but they do not count in the 50 pound allowance. Our volunteers helped unbag, sort, and hang clothes for the long racks of items available for the clients' selection. There are always waiting bags to be gone through, so when folks weren't needed in the food warehouse, they would go to the clothes closet to help out there. For many years, items for the clothing ministry have been supplied by Blanket America Ministries, but due to the age and health of many of their volunteers, their drop-offs from estate donations have stopped. Of course, clean, "gently-used" clothing (especially children's clothes, shoes, plus size items, and jeans), NEW undergarments and toiletries are always needed. While there is the 50 pound monthly weight limit, all clothing distributed to the clients is free of charge. It is such a blessing to see mothers "shopping" through the long racks of clothing to select items for their families.

The team worked hard, but also had a wonderful time together. We definitely ate well as we prepared all of our own meals and enjoyed each other's favorite recipes! We also grew spiritually during the week. Each night we gathered after supper for a time of reflection and devotions, sharing how we had seen the Lord's hand in the activities of the day. We shared from His Word nightly and prayed together for the work of the center, for our families and friends, and for each other. What a joy the warm fellowship provided!

We want to thank all of the churches and individuals who gave monetary donations for the team and for the Ministry Center. A check for \$1,568.14 (money specifically designated for the Ministry Center) was presented to Dee Dee Hoosier at the beginning of the week (picture below). From the remaining funds, we supplemented the food carried from home, bought some needed linens and household supplies for the Volunteer House, and were able to order the parts to repair the stove used by the volunteer teams during the summer months. At the end of the week, all remaining funds (\$1,504.00) were given to BMC for their continuing ministry. The team's expenses totaled \$761.00 and a total of \$3,072.14 was given to the Ministry Center. Dee Dee and the staff were most appreciative of the monetary donations, but also for the dedication of JRBA and their continued prayer and volunteer support. They always welcome us with open arms – it's like returning to family! If you have not been to the Bland Ministry Center, schedule a trip to see this ministry arm of Virginia Baptists and the Alma Hunt Offering. And, begin praying NOW about the possibility of being a part of the 2023 Bland Mission Team. We have reserved the week of May 21 – 27, 2023, to go and work at the center. God will allow you to BE a blessing, but He will also bless YOU if you are willing to serve.





## CHURCH OUTREACH

**ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE):** Gifts were handed out to the graduating seniors of Fluvanna High School at their graduation on May 20. The 305 gift bags were given to graduates, staff, and even a few grandmas! Thank you to JRBA for your support\* of this project. Please pray that God will move on the hearts of the recipients so they will read the Gospel track that was included. Gloria Newton served on the JRBA Bland Mission Team. \*JRBA assisted with \$200 (budgeted-Baccalaureate) to help with the purchase of the mugs for the students.



**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** Helping Hands gave gifts of money, gas cards, flowers, grocery cards, and about 60 cards of remembrance to people with special needs. The church contributed to the Bland Ministry trip. Hand written cards were made for the BCHS graduates.

**JONES CHAPEL:** A competition is being held between the boys and girls of the church to see who can raise the most money for Rise Against Hunger. Winners will be announced in June. Cassie Tomlin and Angie Dunfee served as part of the JRBA Bland Mission Team. (Angie's mother, Barbara Cook, from Buford Road Baptist, also participated.) Contributions were made to assist with the trip.

**MT. ZION:** The WMU donated \$100 to the Verna Stinson Bryant Memorial Fund in memory of Robert Earl Bryant. They also made a donation to the Bland Mission Trip.

**MULBERRY GROVE:** On May 1, the two youngest Sunday School classes (Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) put together 75 Teacher Appreciation bags for the middle school staff. They also each put together a gift bag to take to their own teachers as appreciation for all their hard work and for "rocking" another difficult year.





**MULBERRY GROVE (CONT'D):** After church on May 1, a group of members participated in a community-wide road clean-up. 75 bags of trash were collected. The roads are looking good in Buckingham County! Inspired by an idea they had on Easter (where they visited the homebound and brought worship to them), Mulberry Grove has begun a once a month initiative to take "church" to their homebound. On May 22, six church members visited Dicky Spencer at the Heritage Hall nursing home and were able to celebrate communion together. How sweet it is to break bread in such a way. The church anticipates continuing this tradition on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month during the Sunday School hour. Mulberry Grove's WMU is planning a Tea for June 26. Gwynn and Phyllis Tyler served on the JRBA Bland Mission Team and the church contributed to the Ministry Center and the trip.



**SHARON:** Audrey Ragland served on the JRBA Bland Mission Team. Sharon's congregation contributed to the Bland Ministry Center and to the Joan Farrish Memorial Scholarship fund. Current efforts are focused on providing monetary support for WMUV's summer mission trip to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. Rose of Sharon WMU continues providing meals, visits, calls, and notes of encouragement to those who could use a little extra love and care.

**CHESTNUT GROVE:** Donations are being collected for Rise Against Hunger.

### **B.C.H.S. CARD SHOWER**

JRBA Churches were encouraged again this year to write notes of encouragement and congratulations for the 132 graduating seniors of Buckingham County High School.

The following churches participated in this outreach:

**Buckingham, Brown's Chapel, First Baptist Dillwyn, Goshen, Mt. Zion, Mulberry Grove**, some individuals of the **African American churches** of the area, and some **teachers**.  
**Antioch Union** contributed gift bags and stickers for the seniors.

JRBA contributed \$200 (budgeted) towards the refreshments for the BCHS Baccalaureate.



### **JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>**

**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** On Sunday, May 1, students from the Central Virginia Christian School led an inspiring 11 AM worship service through music, a skits, sign language, and a message. On Sunday, May 15, Youth Sunday was held. The youth led a challenging worship service featuring music, scripture, and a skit (*Heaven Help Me*). Minnie Wallace gave the message on "Giving Your Worry to God".

**JONES CHAPEL:** On May 22, Rev. Jake Byrd, guest speaker, preached on *The High Calling of Discipleship*, from Matthew 5 and Ephesians 4. On May 29, a luncheon in the fellowship hall was held following several weeks of visiting, calling, and contacting members, encouraging each other to be faithful in their church attendance and worship. Interim Pastor Lewis Brandt has led the members in praying for each other and visitation.



### **IN APPRECIATION>>>**

The JRBA thanks Rev. Michael Khol for his recent assistance in putting sealer on the roof of the office and emptying buckets to help with the leaks and for his continuing assistance with computer "glitches"!

Appreciation is also expressed to Goshen Baptist Church for their warm hospitality in hosting the Semi-Annual Spring Meeting, on May 26. Others who willingly served and helped make the service meaningful were Pastor Geoff Bruschi (speaker), Carolyn Tapscott (pianist), Marilyn Snoddy (soloist), and Austin Williams (technician). It was a good time of worship, inspiration, and fellowship.



### **IN LOVING MEMORY>>>**

The church family of **Mt. Zion** grieves the loss of long-time member, Robert Earl Bryant. Mr. Bryant went to be with the Lord on May 8, 2022. A staunch supporter and hard worker in the life of the church, he will be greatly missed. Mr. Bryant was also a strong supporter of JRBA and BGAV through the years. He previously served on the Virginia Baptist Mission Board and also as a Mt. Zion messenger to JRBA. You may know him as the founder of the Buckingham Railroad in Dillwyn. He was an encourager to all who knew him and will be missed throughout Buckingham County and the surrounding area. Please keep his wife, Annie, and their family in your prayers.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>

- **BGAV MISSIONS – 4:7 CARE BOXES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES:** As of May 9, gifts from individuals and churches toward Aid for Ukraine totaled more than \$353,000. Virginia Baptists express their appreciation for your continued support as they work with partners to provide for those fleeing the conflict. Some of the funds donated were directed to Project Ruth in their response to the crisis. Donations also provided the weekly transport of much needed food and supplies to the Ukrainian refugees in the Odessa area. This food is packed in 4:7 CARE BOXES, each of which meets the caloric and protein needs for a family of four for seven days. Currently, 1200 boxes will be supplied which cost approximately \$44 each. The 4:7 CARE BOXES contain canned meats, grains, legumes, canned & dried vegetables, healthy fats, seasonings, and sucrose. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the 4:7 CARE BOXES for Ukrainian refugees, mail a check payable to BGAV Missions, with 4:7 CARE BOXES on the memo line. Mail your check to BGAV Missions, c/o Baptist General Association of Virginia, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294.
- **PIEDMONT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Construction has come a long way on the latest build in Buckingham. The well has been installed and the roof is almost complete. Volunteers are always needed to help make these dreams possible. If you or a group would like to get involved, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Shepherd, at 434-394-3001, or [mary@piedmonthabitat.org](mailto:mary@piedmonthabitat.org). Habitat also reminds us to shop the ReStore E-Store, where you can quickly and securely purchase select items. Currently they include brand new, beautiful donations from Ethan Allen, along with high quality recycled paint. Go to <https://piedmonthabitat.org/restore/restore-e-store.html>. Also visit the full store in person at 1550 S Main Street, Farmville, next to Food Lion, Tuesday – Friday, 10 AM – 5 PM, and Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM. All sales from the ReStore benefit the mission of Piedmont Habitat for Humanity to serve our neighbors in need of safe, decent, affordable housing through the programs of affordable homeownership and affordable home repairs. Volunteers and donated items (gently used) are always needed. For more information, call 434-392-6627.

## JRBA CELEBRATES...GRADUATES>>>

### ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE)

Victoria Bunch – Fluvanna High School  
Kaitlyn Craddock – Monticello High School  
Haleigh Tamberrino – VCU (Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics and Master of Teaching)

### BUCKINGHAM:

Kayleen Finch – Cumberland High School, Co-Salutatorian with a 4.0+ grade average!  
Kayleen was recognized with a Bible.

### FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:

High School Graduates: Cadence Campbell, Valedictorian  
Hannah Davis  
Kaitlyn Hucks  
Emma Wallace  
College Graduates: Amanda Bryan – B.S. from Virginia Tech  
Kaitlyn Ragland Wood – Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Lynchburg University

### GLADSTONE MEMORIAL:

The following graduates were honored on May 29, with a meal and cake. Members are proud of their accomplishments and waiting to see what great things the Lord has in store for them in their futures.

Haley Cheatham – Central Virginia Community College & Centra (Nursing – Dec. 2021)  
Kayla Fetty – Liberty University (2020)  
Kendra Fetty – Longwood University (2021)  
Kasey Fetty – Appomattox High School & Central Virginia Community College (2022)

### JONES CHAPEL:

On May 15, five high school graduates were recognized. Their pictures were shown onscreen, indicating the college each will attend. Angel Chambliss, Youth Director, presented them with gifts from the church.

Graduates pictured are:

Camden Wood  
Hannah Lenz  
Jack Milstead  
Emily Cox  
Angelina Chambliss  
Not Pictured: Chelsea Moorefield.



*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth  
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

**II Timothy 2:15 (KJV)**



**MT. ZION:** The Friendship Class had a luncheon for the graduates on May 15. Each was presented with a monetary gift from the church and a devotional.

Trent Snoddy – Buckingham County High School  
Abigail Snoddy - Piedmont Community College  
Jessica Oliver – ECPI University School of Nursing Program

The Sewing ministry presented Trent Snoddy with a T-shirt quilt which included his date of graduation and his favorite Bible verses embroidered along the sides. Abigail and Jessica were presented with pillows with their names and dates of graduation as they had previously received quilts at their High School graduation celebrations. A meal followed the service.



Abigail Snoddy, Jessica Oliver, and Trent Snoddy



Trent Snoddy with his quilt made by the Sewing Ministry



### CELEBRATING THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

#### **CEDAR:**

On Sunday, April 24, a baptismal service was held. The following candidates were baptized:

Scott Lewis Page, Alaina Grace Page, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Page,  
Scott Lewis Austin, Katelyn Renee Davis, and Cole Alexander Dispanet

On Sunday, May 1, additional candidates were baptized:

Tatum Allen Midkiff, Harmony Grace Taylor, Nicholaus Cleveland Taylor,  
Tyler Morgan Allen, Bryant Morgan Allen, DeMacieo Maurice Lewis,  
and Steven Jeffrey Goard.

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY!*

### MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Several mothers were recognized at **Buckingham** with plants and all mothers received a gift. The children read several poems and a special musical tribute was played.

**Cedar** recognized all mothers in attendance on Mother's Day with a gift. Special recognition was given to the Youngest mother, Katie Davis, the Oldest mother, Evelyn Trent, and the mother with the most children present, Karly Midkiff.

**First Baptist Dillwyn** recognized all mothers on Mother's Day.

**Jones Chapel** recognized all mothers on Mother's Day by giving each a gift. The Oldest mother, Irene Wyatt, and the Youngest mother, Holly Pleasants, each received a hanging basket of flowers.



## CHILD DEDICATION SERVICES



**CEDAR:** On Sunday May 1, Noah Noon Taylor, Blakely Moore Allen, and Sandra Davis were dedicated to the Lord.

**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** On Sunday, May 8 a Baby and Child Dedication service was held for the following children. Each child was given a "Life" verse.

Tanner (Matthew 18:10) – Jonathan & Laura Bryant  
Cora (Matthew 19:14 and Charles (Psalm 32:8) – Kayla Jamerson  
Canna (Ephesians 3:14-19) and Sarah Ruth (Joshua 1:9) – Pastor Josh & Amanda Morgan  
Michael (Joshua 1:9), Holden (Proverbs 3:5-6), Luke (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)  
and Ridge (Philippians 4:13) - Cody & Ashley Moss  
William (Proverbs 22:6) – Brandon & Maddie Shumaker

*Children are a blessing from the Lord.*

**Psalm 127:3**

### **KEEP IN PRAYER>>>**

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- Victims, families, educators, police, & 1<sup>st</sup> responders in Uvalde, TX
- The churches and people of Ukraine
- JRBA Churches without a pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, Fitzgerald Memorial, and Jones Chapel
- JRBA Churches and Pastors
- June 5 – 11: FBC Youth Mission Team to TN
- July 18 – 22: Jones Chapel's Youth Group to MC2
- 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 ones.



*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)*



### **JRBA Gathers Together...**

After two years of absence from gathering, four pastors, thirty messengers, and one visitor met for the **188<sup>th</sup> JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting** on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Goshen Baptist Church. As folks gathered in the sanctuary, photos from the recent Bland Mission Trip and Hope for Appalachia Mission Trip were showing on the screen. Rev. Michael Khol, Moderator, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. He called the meeting to order and noted how good it was to be back together! Frank Breault, Clerk, had the roll call of churches. Ten churches were represented at the meeting. An announcement was made that the 188<sup>th</sup> JRBA Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022,

at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, beginning at 4:45 PM. A brief Business Session was held to approve the Program and the Slate of Officers for 2022-2023. Not all positions have been filled, but folks were encouraged to volunteer for the roles of Discipleship Director, Baptist Men's Director, VBS Director, and Disaster Relief Coordinator. It was noted that Rev. Austin Williams will be stepping into the office of Treasurer in October. Rev. Jimmy Dunn spoke on the continuing Rise Against Hunger fund drive and encouraged everyone to give sacrificially to that effort. Rev. Michael Khol then recognized officers who stepped down during 2019 – 2021: Marilyn Snoddy served as Moderator (2 years) and Rev. Austin Williams served as Baptist Men's Director (1 year).

After a Prelude by Carolyn Tapscott, Rev. Khol led us in a Pastoral Prayer and we sang *Love Lifted Me*. Rev. Skip Wallace, our BGAV Field Strategist, updated us on happenings within Virginia Baptist life, highlighting the response to the Ukrainian refugees, the continuing work of Disaster Response Teams, various mission camps being held this summer, and Dr. John Upton's upcoming retirement. He also encouraged everyone to subscribe online for Advance Notice, the online BGAV newsletter, in order to stay informed. He thanked JRBA for partnering with BGAV to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Next, Marilyn Snoddy presented special music. She blessed us with two songs: *Jerusalem* and *Thank You for Your Blessings on Me*.

Rev. Geoff Bruschi, Arvon, was our worship speaker. He used the theme verse, Colossians 3:12, as his text. *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.* His message title was *Kingdom Living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. After reading the theme verse, Geoff noted that a beautiful invitation for each of us is expressed in this verse. He noted that he would be giving us a REMINDER and an INVITATION.

The reminder was that God loves us...and the importance of never losing sight of that, but to claim it and have confidence in it. God didn't NEED us, He WANTED us and formed us in His image. He loves all people – He is that good. How can that fact motivate us to give and do? How could JRBA change if we accept that truth? God loves us – we are CHOSEN – His love is not based on us.

The invitation is to live out of the truth of God's love for all. We are living in divisive times and it is difficult to navigate the issues. We must clothe ourselves in the characteristics exhibited by Jesus, God's exact representation in the world. God has planted us where we need to be. Jesus is here with us and in us and wants to live through us. The plot of God's story is LOVE, as depicted in 1 John 4. If we are to win others to the Kingdom, we must exhibit Kingdom living, putting on *compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience!* When we do that, we will be centered in God's unending love. If each of us claim our "chosen-ness", take on the gentleness of Christ, and clothe ourselves in those traits, we can claim/reclaim others for the Kingdom!\*

After singing the commitment hymn, *I Surrender All*, the service was closed in prayer by Mr. Doug Tapscott.

*\*I cannot fully summarize the inspiring, challenging sermon brought by Geoff. His delivery was excellent and the amount of time spent preparing was obvious. He utilized numerous current events to accentuate his points, as well as quotations from many iconic Christian writers and theologians. Well Done, Geoff – THANK YOU!!*

## FINANCIAL PAGE

2021 – 2022

### REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

**2021 - 2022**

Church	May	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00
Antioch Union		\$ 1,000.00*
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 500.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		\$ 1,000.00
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 369.00
Gladstone		
Goshen	\$ 917.85	\$ 917.85
Jones Chapel	\$ 131.00	\$ 1,183.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,993.00
Sharon		\$ 872.25
Tar Wallet		
Alma Hunt		\$ 54.17
Individuals	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Amazon Smile	\$ 5.71	\$ 30.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,429.56</b>	<b>\$ 15,094.33</b>

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

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

**\*In the May newsletter, I failed to add the \$500 donation from Antioch Union in the Year-to-Date Column.**

**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	May	To Date
JRBA Budget 2021-2022		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 100.00
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 694.00*
Goshen	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00
WMU		\$ 500.00**
Mulberry Grove Individual		\$ 200.00***
Sharon		\$ 80.00*
Tar Wallet		\$ 10.00*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,384.00</b>

**\*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**

**NO EXPENDITURES IN MAY**

**BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 900.00**

### MISSIONS BLITZ

Contributor	May	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2020-2021		\$ 345.39
JRBA Budget 2021 – 2022		\$ 250.00
Individuals		\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,095.39</b>

**NO EXPENDITURES IN MAY**

**Balance on hand: \$898.52**

### BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Church	May	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget-Bland Ministry Center		\$ 500.00
Antioch (Scottsville) – Individuals	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
Antioch Union	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Buckingham		\$ 250.00
First Baptist Dillwyn Individual	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Chestnut Grove WMU		\$ 50.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 370.00	\$ 570.00
Mt. Zion (WMU)		\$ 100.00
Mulberry Grove (Individual)	\$ 400.00	\$ 900.00
		\$ 200.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Sharon		\$ 203.14
JRBA – Mission Trips	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Team Members	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,820.00</b>	<b>\$3,833.14</b>

**Team Expenses: \$761.00**

**Expenses include items for volunteer house and parts for stove**

**TOTAL GIVEN TO BLAND MINISTRY CENTER: \$ 3072.14**

**Balance \$0.00**

### MISSION TRIPS

Donor	May	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*
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,696.00</b>

**\*Designated gifts expended to Hope team.**

**Expenditures in May**

**FBC Youth Mission Team - \$100.00**

**BALANCE = \$1,550.00**

### NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

**(ALL monies by donation.)**

### JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	May	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2020 – 2021		\$ 7,697.28
<b>NEW CONTRIBUTIONS 2021 - 2022</b>		
Cedar		\$ 300.00
Enon		\$ 200.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Goshen	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 100.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
Individual		\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL NEW DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>

**NO EXPENDITURES IN MAY**

**AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$9,053.38**