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ATTENTION

Please call ahead if you plan to drop in during regular operating hours, or to schedule an appointment.
Your cooperation is great appreciated. (434-983-7385)

JRBA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Your JRBA year-end report for 2021-2022 is due by October 1, 2022. If you do not plan to submit a report for the Annual Book of Reports, PLEASE let Phyllis know via phone message or email.



PASTOR APPRECIATION

A list of 50 ways you can show your pastor that you appreciate his efforts was included in the September newsletter. Let's remember to thank them for their continuing care and obedience to God's call! Let's show them that we appreciate them and their families.

BLESS YOUR PASTOR

Information on Bless Your Pastor 2022 was shared with church Deacon Chairs and Treasurers. It was also outlined in the September newsletter. For FIRST-TIME participating churches that complete all 3 steps and collect an appreciation offering of \$100 or more, your senior pastor will be emailed a grant-funded (FREE) \$200 Amazon gift Card after the online form is completed at www.BlessYourPastor.org/gifts. (This offer is limited to the first 2,000 USA/Canada/Puerto Rico churches that apply online from August 1, 2022 – January 15, 2023.)

For churches that have participated in the past, your pastor will be given access to free and discounted retreat and vacation opportunities if you follow the 3 steps and complete the online form. Your pastor is not eligible to receive the free gift card a second time.



PASTORS, THANKS FOR ALL THE WAYS YOU SUPPORT JRBA! MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO SERVE HIM AND BLESS OTHERS!

HOMEcomings & REVIVALS

October 2

Homecoming at Jones Chapel

10:00 AM

Worship Service at 10:00 AM, with Rev. Lewis Brandt, Interim Pastor, Preaching
(Rev. Jim Lamb, scheduled to preach, cannot attend due to the hurricane.)
Special Music at 11:00 AM: Real Truth Revival

Homecoming at Gladstone Memorial

11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jimmy Dunn
There will be special music and a home-cooked fellowship meal following the service.

October 16

Homecoming at Jenkins Church

Located at 675 Jenkins Church Road, Cumberland, VA
An invitation was extended to all Jenkins Church Family and Friends for their once-a-year gathering/Homecoming.
There will be a Covered Dish Lunch at 11:30 AM. (Paper products, eating utensils, and drinks provided.)
A Church Service will be held at 1:00 PM, with a Business Meeting to follow.

Antioch Union will be having Worship in the Park with a Baby Dedication

Location/times/etc. TBA

Homecoming at Tar Wallet**10:30 AM**

Music by True Spirit at 10:30 AM

Guest Evangelist: Devon Taylor, Campers Care Ministry

Lunch will be served on the grounds after the worship service.

24 – 26: REVIVAL Services nightly: Special Music at 6:30 PM with Preaching at 7:00 PM

Monday: Music by All Problems Solved, Guest Speaker – Pastor Ben Brewer, Calvary Baptist Church

Tuesday: Music TBD, Guest Speaker – Rev. Geoff Bruschi, Arvon Baptist

Wednesday: Music by Tommie & Debbie England, Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian Faison, Antioch Union Baptist

OTHER EVENT DETAILS**Saturday, October 1, 2022****Willow Branch Bluegrass Band in Concert****Sharon Baptist Church****6:00 PM**

Enjoy light refreshments as you tour the new Fellowship Hall.

Then find a good seat in the sanctuary for the **7:00 PM concert**,

a mix of family-friendly Bluegrass and Gospel music.

This is a celebration of the completion of Sharon's new Fellowship Hall, a lovely facility made possible in part by monetary contributions from generous folks like you!

Free admission.

October 1 Suicide Prevention Walk at Jones Chapel

To be held in memory of Scotty Thompson

October 2 AWANA & Youth Group

These groups will meet every Sunday evening.

5:30 – 7:00 PM**October 4, 18 & 25 Tuesday Morning Bible Study at Goshen****11:00 AM****October 5 JRBA Audit Committee Meeting at JRBA Office**

Committee members will meet with JRBA Treasurer to audit the financial books for 2021 – 2022.

1:30 PM**Parent & Toddler Bible Study at Tar Wallet**

This group will meet every Wednesday.

4:30 PM**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=**JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting****Monday, October 10, 2022****First Baptist Dillwyn – 7:00 PM**

Pastors, JRBA Officers and Committee Chairs, and Church Representatives to the Executive Board:

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The Budget for 2022-2023 will be presented as well as the program for the Annual Fall Meeting.

Please note:

The Executive Board consists of the Associational officers, the pastors and one lay member elected by each church, the immediate past Moderator, and chairs of all JRBA Standing Committees.

October 12 Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove

Blue Grass and Gospel Music with Covered Dish Lunch

11:00 AM**October 13 Thursday Morning Bible Study at Antioch (Scottsville) Resumes**Meet in the Worship Center for a Priscilla Shirer study on Gideon: *Your Weakness, God's Strength*.**10:00 AM****October 14 & 28 Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn**

Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM

188th JRBA Annual Fall Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

6277 Cartersville Road, New Canton, VA

Registration – 4:45 PM, Business/Mission Session – 5:00 PM,

Fellowship Supper – 6:00 PM

Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Worship Concert – 7:00 PM

Lynn Cooper, from Bullock, NC,

will be sharing her amazing voice and moving testimony.

Pastors and Messengers, be sure to invite your church family and friends
for this special service! You will be blessed.

Childcare will be provided.



CHURCH CLERKS: TODAY is the due date for the Annual Church Profiles of churches on a Oct. – Sept. calendar.

October 21 – 22 Legacy Men's Conference at Rosedale Baptist (for Men and Boys)

Men and boys are invited to join together at Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, VA, for worship, Bible study from Experiencing God speaker, Richard Blackaby. There will also be enriching breakouts. (Friday evening through Saturday Lunch). Information is available from www.wmuv.org.

October 22 Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)

9:30 – 10:30 AM

**FALL FESTIVALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022**

Jones Chapel Baptist Church

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

947 Trents Mill Road, Cumberland, VA

Family Fun Festival including a Pumpkin Patch, games and prizes, inflatables, face painting, vendors, Bingo, twisted balloons, free hotdogs and hay rides! Everyone is invited.

Mulberry Grove Baptist Church

1:00 – 4:00 PM

1095 Mulberry Grove Road, Buckingham, VA

Fall Festival including Brunswick Stew, Games for the kids, and music! It's going to be a great time.

Tar Wallet Baptist Church

1:00 – 5:00 PM

150 Tar Wallet Road, Cumberland, VA

Fall Fest, fun for the whole family with live music by Smokey Wilson and the Old Time Gospel Singers!

Monday, October 24, 2022

Information for the November edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due today by 9:00 AM. Be sure to include your total for the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering, your events for the November calendar, as well as, your outreach and celebrations for October.

October 29 Fall Fest at First Baptist Dillwyn

16980 Oak Street, Dillwyn, VA

TBA

October 30 5th Sunday Service at Goshen

Special Music and refreshments.

11:00 AM



**HALLOWEEN TRUNK-OR-TREAT
OCTOBER 31, 2022**

Antioch Union: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

2810 Greenway Road, Wingina, VA
(Includes a Trail.)

Buckingham: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

24234 N James Madison Hwy., New Canton, VA

Cedar: TBA

3932 Bell Road, Dillwyn, VA

Mt. Zion: Begins at 5:30 PM

6277 Cartersville Road, New Canton, VA

Enon: Handing out Treats at the Church from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

9120 Andersonville Road, Dillwyn, VA

Fitzgerald Memorial will host a Trunk-or-Treat. Date/Details TBA

LOOKINIG AHEAD>>>

November 4 – 5 **WMUV Women's Get Away at Eagle Eyrie**

In-Person Worship, Bible study, dozens of breakout opportunities, and space for you to rest and reconnect with God and others! Registration opened August 1. Go to www.wmuv.org for additional information.

November 5 **Fall Festival and Vendor Fair at Antioch (Scottsville)**

There will be a pumpkin patch, bounce houses, etc. ALL FREE!

Time TBD

Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia

2022 Annual Homecoming

November 13 – 15

First Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA

Theme: The Lord Is With You

Featured Speakers: Dave Earley, First Baptist Church, Grove City, OH, Clint Pressley, Hickory Grove Baptist, Charlotte, NC,

H. B. Charles, Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist, Jacksonville, FL, Bruce Frank, Biltmore Church, Arden, NC, Stan Parris, Franklin Heights Church, Rocky Mount, VA, and Brian Autry, Executive Director, SBC of Virginia

Powerful Worship on Sunday Evening with

Meredith Andrews, Christian Music Artist, and

The Liberty University Concert Choir, and LU Praise

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-homecoming-2022-tickets-230426400567>.

Baptist General Association of Virginia

(Virginia Baptists)

Annual Meeting

November 14 – 16, 2022

Hampton Roads Convention Center

1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666

Monday, November 14: Afternoon breakout sessions at the Conference Center

Evening Retirement Celebration for Dr. John Upton at First Baptist Church of Newport News (RSVP needed)

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 15 – 16: Worship, business, and breakout sessions at the Conference Center

Voting for a New Executive Director will occur. The Search Committee will be presenting Dr. Wayne G. Faison, currently serving as the National Coordinating Officer for BGAV's Ascent team, as their Nominee for Executive Director..

NEW THIS YEAR; Registrations for messengers and guests will be done individually, not by church.

Your church should have received its packet with instructions for registration.

Visit <https://meeting.bgav.org> for additional information on the schedule, special guests, and lodging.

December 2 – 3 **"The Message of Christmas" Outdoor Drama at Antioch Union**

Details to Come

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

ALMA HUNT OFFERING *for Virginia Missions*

| Church | Total-to-Date |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Chestnut Grove | \$ 200.00 |
| Fitzgerald Memorial | \$ 283.33 |
| Jones Chapel | \$ 895.00 |
| Mulberry Grove | \$ 475.00 |

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- I. HOPE FOR APPALACHIA: We are all asked to bring NEW or Gently Used coats for men, Women, and children, hats, and gloves to our churches to be delivered to Tar Wallet or the Mt. Zion Mission House by **Wednesday, November 9.**
- II. BLUE RIDGE FOOD MINISTRY continues to bless hundreds of lives as inflation soars and incomes flounder. Please join us at the Crystal Cathedral on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month by 9:30 AM to share the love of Jesus and wholesome food with many needy persons.
- III. RISE AGAINST HUNGER: We are very grateful that a gift of \$7,774.03 was sent to Rise Against Hunger in August to help persons in an extremely poor country have wholesome food to eat. Let us all begin today to set aside money each day for Rise Against Hunger. As we do so, our Association will be able to donate a very large gift to Rise Against Hunger in July of 2023.
- IV. DISASTER NEEDS: As disasters from floods and other destructive events occur, let us respond by helping in every possible way by:
 - A. Giving to BGAV Disaster Relief
 - B. Volunteering to get trained and go to help in disaster areas
 - C. Praying and seeking other ways to help
- V. ONGOING MISSIONS: As we move forward from our church revivals, let us, as individual churches and as an Association, allow Jesus to lead us to be on mission for Him.



Respectively submitted,
Jimmy Dunn, Chair



HOPE FOR APPALACHIA AND THE 2022 FLOOD

The end of July brought heavy flooding to Appalachia, mainly in southwestern Virginia and especially, in Northeastern Kentucky. In Perry County the water rose to 19.5 feet above flood stage. As this was developing, the leadership at Hope for Appalachia was scrambling to put together a plan to carry supplies for assistance with the recovery and for survival. In cooperation with the schools we serve during the year and the Erolia Christian Community Outreach Ministry, we were able to deliver supplies over a three week period and also to change types of supplies as the needs arose. Our JRBA team carried two trailer loads to different locations within some of the hardest-hit areas. The churches and individuals from the JRBA area stepped up and really came through on a moment's notice with much needed relief. As our trailer was being unloaded on the first trip, the coordinator at the school was in tears. She stated, "We just opened a new drop off and we had hardly anything to take them. I came in and saw these items and the things people were asking for were coming off this trailer – you have no idea!"

I do not have the statistics as to who brought what and how many.* I do know that many came to Wayne Gough's house and helped fill our trailer. Roger Woody and Wayne picked up a load at Tar Wallet. I picked up a load at Mt. Zion as well. I know that some of the men came and helped to pack the trailer. Many gave monetary gifts as well. What a blessing this community is to work with, and be a part of, in a time of crisis! In less than a week we were loaded and there with the first load. In just over a week we were there with another load. We dropped the first on August 4th, and delivered the second on August 15th.

I know that so many were touched by your willingness to LOVE your neighbor as yourself. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!
 Blessings,
Pastor Woody

*JRBA Churches that reported participating with supplies and funds: First Baptist Dillwyn, Mt. Zion, Mulberry Grove, and Tar Wallet. See the September Newsletter, under Church Outreach.

CHURCH OUTREACH



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSDALE): The Loaves and Fish Ministry Meal was held on September 24. Approximately 47 enjoyed a meal and 63 boxes of food was distributed. On November 4, the church will host a meal, with gifts and activities, for the Fluvanna high and post-graduate Special Needs classes.

BUCKINGHAM: \$200.00 was sent to the Southside Pregnancy Center.

CEDAR: The Women on Mission are currently collecting coats, gloves, hats, blankets, etc. for the Hope for Appalachia Fall/Winter mission trip. Offerings are also being collected for the Alma Hunt Offering.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Water was supplied and distributed at the Dillwyn Pocket Park during the Walk for Life Event on Saturday, September 17. Helping Hands continued to reach out to persons with special needs through sending about 50 cards, providing individuals with gas and grocery cards, and making many phone calls and visits to shut-ins of the area. Additionally, FBC members who work in the county schools are given some gifts each month to show appreciation for their service to the children and youth of Buckingham County.

ENON: Enon will be participating in the Dillwyn Town Trunk-or-Treat, as well as passing out treats at the church on Halloween from 5 – 7 PM.

JONES CHAPEL: Items are being collected for the Fall/Winter Hope for Appalachia warm clothing drive. Jones Chapel participated in the Annual Walk for Life in Farmville, September 10th. Pictured below are participants: Angel, Hannah, Kayla, Judy, Mason, April, Savannah, Holly, Adaline, and Milo.



MT. ZION: The WMU gave \$500.00 to the Southside Pregnancy Center, sponsoring Dorothy Davis and the GA girls, who participated in the Walk for Life. The Mt. Zion Sewing Ministry is busy working on pillow buddies, hoping to have some for the Kentucky trip and local needs as well. The GA girls helped stuff some and Kaylee Snoddy (a very talented artist), has drawn faces on some.

Mt. Zion hosted its Annual Hunting and Fishing Expo on September 17. Fork Union came with color guards raising the flag and playing music.



MULBERRY GROVE: Meals were taken to a church member who was ill. One family recently made a monetary donation to the BGAV partnership with Food for the Hungry to provide hunger relief in poverty-stricken communities of Nicaragua.



HOMEcoming & REVIVAL FOLLOW-UP

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The annual Tent Revival was held at the Hardware River Thursday, September 22, through Sunday, September 25. Attendance was good, hearing the Word and good music was inspiring, and souls were won! On Sunday, a Baptismal Service was held, followed by lunch. Maci Elliott, Johnathan Elliott, Grant Houchens, Jakob Trent, Caroline Haislip, Ethan Yancey, Dominick Lamonte III, Elizabeth Kathlene Lester, Jason Lester, Rae'Lyn Rene Lamonte, Alex Forrer, Karlie Reardon, Dana Taylor, and Joseph Bishop were baptized! What a wonderful time it was! Praise the Lord.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Homecoming Day was held on Sunday, September 18. Excitement filled the air as 175 persons, including many former members, non-resident members, and visitors joined the regular attendees in worship and a fellowship meal. Rev. Jimmy Dunn, a former pastor and current Pastor Emeritus, brought the message as Pastor Josh Morgan led the service. Revival services were held September 18 – 21. Messages were given by Randy Spencer, Josh Turner, and Jamie McClanahan. There was special music each night. The highlight of the Wednesday night service was the baptisms of Nelson Moss, Debbie Leist, and Rick Pike to demonstrate their new lives in Jesus Christ!

OTHER EVENTS>>>

JONES CHAPEL: A group will be attending a concert at Fluvanna High School on October 22, at 6:00 PM. The concert will feature the Allen Scott Band and others.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

ENON: Pastor Brian Faison's son, Brian, Jr., and his wife, Rebekah, are heading up the newly started Children's Department. The first Children's Church was held on September 18, and was a huge success. Events are being planned – details to come!

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: The church is in the final stretch of renovations! Members have enjoyed the blessings of God's goodness and are looking forward to a "November to Remember" again this year. It will be a time to celebrate the messages Pastor Fetty has preached over the past year that the church has requested to hear again.

MT. ZION: The WMU did an Alma Hunt Study and pastor Woody spoke on BGAV Disaster Relief and his trip to the flood victims. Other things done through the Alma Hunt Offering were presented.

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

The BGAV has been training Sexual Abuse Facilitators to host classes on Sexual Abuse Prevention. I have been trained and am available to facilitate a training in a church or organization in need of such a class. The sessions are for two hours.

At the present time, the materials for the training are gifted by the State of Virginia. At a later date, the materials will carry a cost. Anyone dealing with children needs to be trained. The training is geared toward prevention, yet within the curriculum, are resources for victims and counseling. Please contact me if anyone is interested in hosting a training.

Blessings,
Rev. Woody Moors
804-382-7954
N2preaching@comcast.net

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Nineteen (8 students and 11 adults) met at the Buckingham Career and Technical Education Center flag pole on September 28, at 7:00 AM. Despite the chilly morning, folks met to pray for students, faculty and staff, administration, and the world in which we live. Students from various schools came with their parents who work in the schools. Rev. Woody Moore (Mt. Zion Baptist) and his wife, Janice, were in attendance.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>



HOPE FOR APPLACHIA – 2022 FALL DRIVE

Trip Dates: November 30 – December 3

A team will again be going to Kentucky to deliver warm winter wear and Kindergarten bags to the school students there. There are several needs for the trip that you can help provide:

ALL SIZES COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES

NEW or Gently-Used (must be clean with working buttons/zippers, etc.)

KINDERGARTEN BAGS

(Drawstring bags are suggested. Each bag should contain a NEW winter hat and gloves, box of crayons, box of markers, pencils, toothbrush, full-sized toothpaste, and Stickers/fun item/stuffed animal/coloring book)

COOKIES/GOODIES

These will be distributed to the staff.

ALL ITEMS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022.

Please bring your donations to Tar Wallet (Contact Laura Higgins at 434-394-8299.) or to the Mt. Zion Mission House (Contact Rev. Woody Moore at 804-382-7954.).

ITEMS FOR FLUVANNA CORRECTIONAL CENTER

TOILETRY KITS FOR INMATES

Hygiene items should be placed in a gallon Zip Loc bag.

One individually wrapped toothbrush (must be in original container)

One tube of toothpaste (must be in original container)

One deodorant stick, 2.6 oz. – no spray or roll-on (as close to 2.6 oz. as possible, but NO larger)

One bottle of shampoo, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible, but NO larger)

One bottle of lotion, 15 oz (as close to 15 oz. as possible, but NO larger)

OTHER ITEMS FOR INMATES

Stationery, Cards, Stamps, and Unsharpened Wooden Pencils, and Postage Stamps

NO INK PENS THIS YEAR

ALL ITEMS FOR THE PRISON ARE DUE TO THE JRBA OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26!

Marilyn Snoddy will be taking what she can carry in her car to the prison, but if your church or group has a large number of items or kits, you should plan to take them directly to the prison.

THE INFORMATION ON OUR HOPE FOR APPLACHIA WARM WEATHER DRIVE AND ITEMS FOR THE FLUVANNA CORRECTIONAL CENTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE JRBA WEBSITE UNDER THE TAB, “CURRENT MISSION PROJECTS”.

WMU UPDATE AND ADDITIONAL REQUEST

Rita Harris, Nan Morris, and Betty Toney went to CrossRoads conference Center for the Advisory Board meeting, which was very enjoyable. We were challenged to do big things for the Lord! I am hopeful that the WMU's in our churches will set worthy goals for the Alma Hunt Offering as this offering funds the many projects sponsored by the WMUV. We need to BE LIGHT in our dark world.

The WMUV is raising funds to make repairs to CrossRoads. The deck at the Dining Hall has been replaced as it was not safe. Next the focus will be on renovating/repairing the Ukrop Center. Please consider a donation to this worthy cause.

Betty Toney
JRBA WMU Director

THANK YOU!
thank you!

**JRBA Thanks Rev. Austin William for his graciously taking over for Rev. Michael Khol in assisting Phyllis with maintaining the JRBA website and posting the calendar and newsletter.
Austin, You're the BEST!**



SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The shoebox collection week for 2022 is **November 14 – 22**.

For the list of items to be included and packing tips, please go to <https://www.samaritanspur.org>.

Drop off locations should be available online the first week of October.

THERE IS A SMALL SUPPLY OF OCC "FOLDABLE" BOXES AT THE JRBA OFFICE.
AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

(Don't forget to call before you come to get them.)

JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

Souls have been saved and memberships increased as a result of our recent Revivals – Praise the Lord for His abundant grace! Be sure to note the **Baptisms at Antioch (Scottsville) and First Baptist Dillwyn** listed on page 6 under "Homecoming and Revival Follow Up".

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The church welcomes a new baby to their church family: Kallyn Reese Algieri was born on September 23, 2022, to proud parents, Nick and Kelsey Algieri. History was made on August 24, 2022, as the church unanimously voted to hire two new staff pastors. They welcome Pastor D. J. Carter as their new Associate Pastor and Jenny Faulkner as their new Youth pastor. It is an exciting time for Antioch and God is continuing to grow His church.

CEDAR: Grandparents Day was observed on Sunday, September 11. A "sweet" gift was presented to each grandparent in attendance. Cedar congratulates John and Tiffany Snoddy on the birth of their son, John Daniel. Congratulations are also extended to the grandparents, Robbie and Susan Ownby, and Jerry and Donna Ownby. On Sunday, September 11, Cedar also had a special Baby Dedication service for Abbie Claire Phillips, daughter of Austin and Mary Phillips.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Jennifer Staton Taylor recently retired as Minister of Youth and Children after faithfully serving in that capacity for 19 years. She has blessed dozens of youth and children through her dedication and service to them. To thank Jennifer for a "job well done", FBC held a special service on Sunday, September 25. Fifteen former and present youth participated in leading the worship service. Several sang and Brandon Shumaker, who had been in both Jennifer's children's and youth groups, brought the message. A luncheon was held in her honor after the service. JRBA also thanks Jennifer for her faithful service to the youth of our area. May God bless her as she continues to serve God in other ways.

ENON: Eight new members were received into church fellowship on September 11 during the morning Worship Service: Steve and Shirley Jamerson, Brian Pope, Jr., and his wife Rebekah, and their children, Charles, Benjamin, and Lori. Janice Pope also joined the church family. Praise the Lord!

JRBA also extends a hearty CONGRATUALIONS to Rev. Brian Pope upon his recent marriage to Janice. May God bless your marriage and your ministry together at Enon Baptist Church.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>

- **ATTENTION NEWSLETTER CONTACTS:** Please note that each church should send no more than 4 photos per newsletter. Also please note that the photos need to be "close up shots" in order for them to transfer to print clearly. Please identify the person(s) in the photos.
- **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>>>

Contact information for new staff at **Antioch (Scottsville):**

Associate Pastor: D. J. Carter (Wife, Sarah, and Children, Deacon, DeAnna, and Daniel)
4761 Irish Road, Schuyler, VA 22969
Email: pastordj@antiochva.org Phone: 434-434-7168

Youth Pastor: Jenny Faulkner (Husband, Brian)
4021 Ruritan Lake Road, Palmyra, VA 22963
Email: pastorjenny@antiochva.org Phone: 434-531-5193

KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- Victims of flooding in SW Virginia and Kentucky
- All those in the path of Hurricane Ian
- JRBA Churches without a pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, Fitzgerald Memorial, Jones Chapel, and Mulberry Grove
- JRBA Churches, Pastors, and Leadership
- JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting and JRBA Annual Fall Meeting
- 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)



PRAYER UPDATE

Good news and praise report. Max Skeen, the 12-year old burn accident victim, has been moved home and is registered again for school! He is not at all finished with his treatments and therapies, but can now at least gain somewhat of a "normal" life. He continues to wear compression wear and a face mask to help reduce swellings and "set" the graphs in place.

Please continue to hold up this family in your prayers as he begins this part of the process. He is still required to make regular visits to Shriner's Children's Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. But they have connected with a member of the Shriner's community in Lynchburg and have gotten volunteers to help with the drive to Ohio so his mom doesn't have to do it all while dad takes care of the other siblings.

You can follow his "Team Max" page on Facebook.

Blessings and thanks for your continued prayers,
Alice Gormus



FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Since I was the Vice Moderator for 2021-2022, I have assumed the role of Moderator upon the departure of Rev. Michael Khol who is now pastoring at Bedford Baptist Church. I wish him and his family all the best at his new church. Michael has also been faithful in his role with the Missions Blitz – local projects for folks in need. I am praying that someone will step up to continue in this role.

I appreciate all the donations for flood victims in Kentucky and thank the JRBA Hope for Appalachia Team (Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough) for their efforts in delivering the collected emergency supplies. Our people always come together in times of disaster to help those in need.

I would like for the JRBA Annual Meeting to be evangelistic in nature after we complete the business necessary. I have heard Lynn Cooper who will be leading us in Worship on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, at 7:00 PM. She has a beautiful voice and an amazing testimony! Invite as many people as you can and really encourage people to come out for this meaningful time together. To God Be the Glory.

In Christ's Love,
Marilyn Snoddy

WORDS TO PONDER

TOXIC CONFLICT VERSUS HEALTHY CONFLICT

Paraphrased from Article by Sam Rainer, President & Senior Consultant, Church Answers
Posted August 3, 2022

Few people desire to live in a perpetual state of conflict. A constant battle is exhausting. **Continual tension** can lead to major spiritual, emotional, and physical problems. **But avoiding conflict is just as unhealthy.** Unfortunately, the label of toxicity is applied too often. For example, criticism is not necessarily toxic, even when it is misguided. The critic becomes toxic only with elevated intensity and repeated frequency. A cantankerous spirit is annoying, but not often toxic. Complaining is not synonymous with toxicity.

Conflict can be healthy. The greatest art is produced at a point of tension. Innovation occurs when the heat of conflict rises. Accountability is difficult apart from some level of conflict. ***Churches tend to have a culture of conflict avoidance or conflict pursuit.*** Some find a good balance, but many struggle.

How can you know the difference between conflict that is healthy or toxic? First, consider the source of toxicity...it ultimately drives from one of two places: foolishness or maliciousness. The foolish person does not intend harm, but causes it through unwise choices. The malicious person intends to harm and uses it to manipulate others. Ask yourself these six questions before making a conclusion about the toxicity of a given area of conflict.

1. **What is the motivation?** Start with your own motives. Do you desire good or harm? If spite is a driver, then you are likely acting in a toxic way. Also, do not assume the motives of others. If you don't know, then ask them. When we feel conflict, the temptation is to assume the worst. Rarely are these assumptions accurate.
2. **What is the goal?** One of the best ways to generate constructive conflict is to make your goals clean, concise, and unemotional.
3. **Are you talking to people or about them?** Gossip is a tell-tale sign of toxicity. Rather than talking about someone to others, go to the person and talk to them.
4. **Is friction respectful or combative?** Try not to be too forceful in any specific situation.
5. **Are you leading with questions or exclamations?** Stop talking over people and ask more questions. Understanding comes through listening, not yelling.
6. **Are you able to hang out afterward?** One of the best tests of healthy conflict is the ability to hang out after a tense conversation. Toxicity sets in when people cannot be around each other. Healthy conflict helps people see differences without them disregarding each other.

Conflict is necessary for healthy relationships, especially in the church. Toxic conflict is manipulative, self-absorbed, foolish, and malicious, but healthy conflict seeks to understand and has a clear goal.

FINANCIAL PAGE

2021 – 2022

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

2021 - 2022

| Church | September | Year End |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Antioch (SV) | | \$ 2,250.00 |
| Antioch Union | | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Arvon | | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Buckingham | | \$ 750.00 |
| Cedar | | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Chestnut Grove | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Enon | | \$ 400.00 |
| FBC Dillwyn | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Fitzgerald | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Fork of Willis | | \$ 369.00 |
| Gladstone Memorial | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Goshen | | \$ 917.85 |
| Jones Chapel | \$ 149.00 | \$ 1,775.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | | \$ 354.43 |
| Mt. Zion | | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Mulberry Grove | | \$ 3,993.00 |
| Sharon | | \$ 1,163.00 |
| Tar Wallet | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Alma Hunt | | \$ 54.17 |
| Individuals | | \$ 125.00 |
| Amazon Smile | \$ 8.49 | \$ 38.55 |
| TOTAL | \$ 3,257.49 | \$23,590.00 |

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

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

***Corrected Total from Buckingham (Typo in Sept. newsletter)**

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 04/01/21 – 07/31/22

| Church | Year End |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| JRBA Budget 2021-2022 | \$ 500.00 |
| Antioch Union | \$ 500.00 |
| Buckingham | \$ 300.00 |
| Cedar | \$ 275.00 |
| Chestnut Grove | \$ 380.00 |
| Enon | \$ 400.00 |
| First Baptist Dillwyn | \$1,342.25 |
| Gladstone Memorial | \$ 1,141.00* |
| Goshen | \$ 500.00 |
| Jones Chapel | \$1,055.78 |
| Mt. Zion | \$ 400.00 |
| WMU | \$ 500.00** |
| Mulberry Grove Individual | \$ 220.00*** |
| Sharon | \$ 180.00* |
| Tar Wallet | \$ 80.00* |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,774.03 |

*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.

A check for \$7,774.03 was disbursed to Rise Against Hunger in August for procurement of food through a local partner.

No New Donations in Aug. or Sept. - BALANCE - \$0.00

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:

ALL monies expended for Additional Missions were listed each month.

Budgeted

\$1,600.00

NO EXPENDITURES IN SEPTEMBER

Total Expended in 2021-2022: \$700.00

MISSIONS BLITZ

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

NO EXPENDITURES IN SEPTEMBER. All 2021 – 2022 expenditures (\$196.87) were covered by designated funds.

Designated funds carried forward: \$648.52

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

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

Team Expenses: \$761.00

Expenses include items for volunteer house and parts for stove

TOTAL GIVEN TO BLAND MINISTRY CENTER: \$ 3,072.14

Balance \$0.00

MISSION TRIPS

| Donor | Year End |
|--|-------------------|
| 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.

All designated gifts were expended as noted.

Expended in 2021-2022 from the budgeted amount = \$1,250.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

| DONATIONS | Aug./Sept. | Year End |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Carryover from 2020 – 2021 | | \$ 7,697.28 |
| NEW CONTRIBUTIONS 2021 - 2022 | | |
| Arvon | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Buckingham | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Cedar | | \$ 300.00 |
| Enon | | \$ 200.00 |
| First Baptist Dillwyn | | \$ 500.00 |
| Goshen | | \$ 250.00 |
| Mt. Zion | | \$ 100.00 |
| Mulberry Grove | | \$ 300.00 |
| Sharon | | \$ 200.00 |
| Individual | | \$ 250.00 |
| TOTAL NEW DONATIONS | \$ 2,700.00 | \$ 4,800.00 |

NO EXPENDITURES IN SEPTEMBER

AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$11,753.38

