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PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to some unsettling events in recent weeks, the JRBA Office is locked at all times. Please call ahead if you plan to drop in during regular operating hours, or to schedule an appointment. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

434-983-7385

HOMECOMINGS & REVIVALS



September 18

Homecoming at First Baptist Dillwyn

11:00 AM

Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Former Pastor, will be preaching.

The service will be followed by a covered dish fellowship lunch.

19 – 21: Revival Services Nightly at 7:00 PM.

Guest Speakers: Sunday/Monday – Dr. Randy Spencer

Tuesday – Dr. Josh Turner

Wednesday – Dr. Jamie McClanahan

Sept. 22 -25

Antioch's Community Tent Revival on Hardware River (Antioch Road, Scottsville)

Services, Thursday – Saturday at 7:00 PM

Hot dog meal at 6:00 PM on Saturday prior to the service.

Baptisms at 10:00 AM on Sunday. Luncheon to follow.

Guest Speakers and Special Music:

Thursday: Rev. Ben Jamison preaching and music by Drew Pace

Friday: Scott Davis preaching and music by Eddie Deane

Saturday: Stacey Fincham preaching and music by Antioch Worship Team

Sunday: Rev. Dave Vogt preaching and music by Antioch Worship Team

September 25-27 Revival at Buckingham

Guest Speaker: Rev. Garry Simms – Preaching at 7:30 PM

Special Music Nightly at 7:00 PM: Sunday – Smokey Wilson

Monday – All for Christ Male Chorus (Jones Family is included)

Tuesday – Tommy and Debbie England

On Sunday night, there will be a potluck dinner at 5:30 PM with the church providing the chicken.

October 2

130th Homecoming at Gladstone Memorial

11:00 AM

This special occasion will be marked with Rev. Jimmy Dunn, longtime friend, supporter, and prayer partner of the work in the Gladstone area, bringing the message. Special music will be provided. There will be a home-cooked fellowship meal following the service. All are invited.

October 2

Homecoming at Jones Chapel

10:00 AM

Worship Service at 10:00 AM with Rev. Jim Lamb, former pastor, as the Guest Speaker.

Special Music at 11:00 AM: Sacred Calling

October 23

Homecoming at Tar Wallet

9:30 AM

Special Music at 9:30 AM – True Spirit

Worship 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 (Floyd Reid & Worm Patterson)

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ben Brewer, Calvary Baptist Church and Christian School

Tuesday: Music TBA

Guest Speaker: Pastor Geoff Bruschi, Arvon Baptist

Wednesday: Music by Tommy and Debbie England

Guest Speaker: Pastor Brain Faison, Antioch Union Baptist

OTHER EVENT DETAILS

Southside Pregnancy Support Center Walk for Life

September 3 – Appomattox at Courtland Festival Park

September 10 – Farmville at High Bridge Trail, Main Street

September 17 – Buckingham at Central Virginia Christian School

Registration & Opening Program at 8:30 AM. Walk Begins at 9:00 AM

Call 434-391-1011 for Walk for Life Fundraising Form.

September 6, 13, 20, & 27: **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

First Baptist Dillwyn

10:00 AM

Studying I Samuel each Tuesday

Goshen

11:00 AM

Studying the Minor Prophets: Amos, Jonah, Hosea, and Micah

JRBA FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – NOON

Committee Members please plan to be in attendance to help prepare the JRBA Budget for 2022 – 2023.

JRBA PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – 1:30 PM

Committee Members please plan to attend to help plan the program for the Annual Fall Meeting.

BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE JRBA OFFICE.

September 6 **Prayer Meeting at Goshen**
(Every Wednesday night)

7:00 PM

September 9 & 23 **Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn**
Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM

September 11 **AWANA resumes at Antioch (Scottsville)**

ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS

September 11 – 18, 2022

Theme: BE LIGHT – *The light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* (John 1:5)

September 14 **Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove**

11:00 AM

Blue Grass and Gospel Music with Covered Dish Lunch

September 18 **Mt. Zion's Annual KOZ Hunting & Fishing Expo**

Details TBA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Information for the October edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due TODAY by 9:00 AM.
Be sure to include upcoming events, reports on Homecomings/Revivals, and all celebrations and outreach for the month of September. Please include your Alma Hunt Offering Total-to-Date.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

September 22, 2022 – 7:00 AM

Buckingham County High School

Flagpole at the Career & Technical Building

Theme: *Just Pray.* (James 4:10)

Meet with others to pray for our students, our teachers, our staff, and our administration!

September 22 **Planning Financial Support for Church Staff Seminar at BGAV Office, Richmond, VA** **9:30 AM – Noon**

Led by Dr. Jeff Cranford to help church finance officers structure compensation, benefits, and ministry-related expenses correctly for pastors and other staff members. Cost: \$15/person for BGAV church participants

Register at <https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/2022-planning-financial-support-for-church-staff/>

September 24 **5 Loaves and 2 Fish Ministry at Antioch (Scottsville)**

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Piedmont Habitat for Humanity Pig Roast Fundraiser

Saturday, September 24 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Farmville Community Marketplace (213 North Street)

Food provided by The Fishin' Pig (pulled pork and homemade sides) and live music by The Holiday Band!

Tickets: \$30/adult, \$10/ages 6 – 20, Free for children 5 and under

Tickets available online (<https://piedmonthabitat.org/events/event-calendar.html>) , at the Restore in Farmville or at the event.

September 25 **Fill-A-Pew Sunday at Enon**

11:00 AM

Members are encouraged to "fill-a-pew" for the Worship Service!

There will be a meal following the service.



Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care. Psalm 96:6 – 7 (NIV)

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

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 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=/

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| October 10 | JRBA Executive Board Meeting at 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 20 | 188th JRBA Annual Fall Meeting at Mt. Zion | 4:45 PM |
| | Please note: As Nominating Committees are working on Officers and Teachers, please be reminded that your church should elect Messengers to the JRBA Annual Fall Meeting. Churches with 200 or less members should send 4 messengers. Each church is entitled to an additional messenger for each additional 100 members. Pastors and members of the Executive Board are recognized as messengers in addition to those elected by the church. | |
| 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 | FALL FESTIVALS: | |
| | Family Fun Festival at Jones Chapel (Details to come) | |
| | Fall Festival at Mulberry Grove (Details to come) | |
| | Annual Fall Festival & Brunswick Stew at Tar Wallet | 1:00 – 4:00 PM |
| | Special Music provided by Smokey Wilson and The Old Time Gospel Singers | |
| 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 opens August 1. Go to www.wmuv.org for additional information. | |

BGAV 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

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

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

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

REMINDER: Churches that contributed 2% of their previous year's total receipts to the Virginia portion of the Cooperative Missions Budget are entitled to send messengers to the BGAV Annual Meeting.

At least \$500 – 2 messengers; \$750 – 3 messengers; \$1,000 – 4 messengers, and to one more messenger for each additional \$600 with no church entitled to more than 15 messengers. (If \$500 is more than 2% of a church's total annual receipts, the church is entitled to 2 messengers, provided it contributes financially 2% of its total annual receipts to the Virginia portion of the Cooperative Missions Budget.)

THESE MESSENGERS SHOULD BE ELECTED BY THE CHURCH IN A BUSINESS MEETING.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS



North American
Mission Board

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Church	Total
Buckingham	\$1,125.00
Cedar	\$ 1,065.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 684.00
Enon	\$ 875.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 283.33
Goshen	\$ 695.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 1,015.00
Mt. Tabor	\$ 256.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 850.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 575.00
Sharon	\$ 160.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 250.00



V.B.S. FOLLOW-UP

ANTIOCH UNION: VBS was held June 27 – 30 from 6:00 – 8:15 PM each evening. 24 students and 15 workers were enrolled. Curriculum from Samaritan's Purse was used and an offering of \$220 was collected for Operation Christmas Child. The VBS Director was Peggy Agee.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: A Youth VBS was held July 31 – August 4, for the youth of the community. 10 students and 6 workers were enrolled. The students used Lifeway's *Spark Studios* materials. The VBS Director was Melissa Wood.

ENON: VBS was held August 12 – 14. On Friday and Saturday nights, the children gathered from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The last session was on Sunday morning during worship at 11:00 AM. There were 20 students enrolled with 15 workers. Six decisions were made to accept Christ as Savior! Curriculum was used from Word Action Publishing Company. The Director was Rose Dunevant.

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: VBS was held July 10 – 13, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM nightly. 13 students and 10 workers were enrolled. \$70 was collected for the Children's Hunger Fund. The curriculum used was *Zoomerang, Returning to the Value of Life*, published by Concordia. The Director was Vicki Norman.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- I. Thanks to Rev. Michael Khol for his faithful service in the mission work of JRBA. Michael led us for many years in Hispanic ministry, Missions Blitz, and the Blue Ridge Food Distribution Ministry. As Michael moves on to serve Jesus in Bedford, let us continue to move forward in these areas of mission work.
- II. HOPE FOR APPALACHIA: Thanks to our churches and individuals who acted quickly to give supplies for flood victims in Kentucky. Thanks to Rev. Woody Moore, Rev. Roger Woody, and Wayne Gough for carrying the collected supplies to Kentucky. We will now shift our focus to collecting warm winter wear for the children of Kentucky for the Fall Distribution.
- III. ON MISSION TO OUR SCHOOLS: Thanks to our churches who gave school supplies to help our county schools. Let us all sincerely pray for all our school children, teachers, administrators, and parents. Let us also reach out and help them in every possible way.

Respectively submitted,
Jimmy Dunn, Chair



HOMEcoming & REVIVAL FOLLOW-UP

MULBERRY GROVE: The Grove church family celebrated Homecoming on August 14, with Revival August 15 – 18. Homecoming was a great day of celebration and fellowship for the church with a good attendance. Revival was led by Dr. Adam Tyler, Pastor of Farmville Baptist. It was also well attended and a powerful week of worship.

CHURCH OUTREACH

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): \$2,096.02 and other supplies were collected and donated to the LifeSpring Pregnancy Center "Be B.O.L.D." Baby Bottle Campaign. The church extends thanks to all who participated. \$1,000 was sent to the Eolia Christian Community Outreach, Inc. for the Kentucky flood relief. Folks from Antioch were at the Fluvanna County Fair from Thursday, August 18 through Saturday, August 20, handing out invitations to the Riverside Tent Services, literature, balloons, bracelets, glow sticks, freeze pops, and over 1,000 bottles of water. It was exciting to be able to be out in the community and pray for those in need. Members are currently collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and items for the Hope for Appalachia backpacks. They hope to do 100 backpacks for the Pre-K and K students in Kentucky. They continue their Shield-A-Badge Officer program, covering an officer with prayer each month. Their August officer was Deputy Darren Charles of the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office.



BUCKINGHAM: The movie, *Radio Flyer*, was shown on Saturday, August 13, with hotdogs and all the trimmings! It was a good movie with lessons to be learned about prejudice, acceptance, and love. There was a good crowd in attendance with many teenagers. An annual stew is being planned for October.

CHESTNUT GROVE: The church family is still collecting school supplies for Buckingham County and will be collecting for the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering in September.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: 115 chicken dinners were prepared and delivered to shut-ins of the area on Sunday, August 14. FBC gave a large supply of school supplies to the Buckingham County Schools to help needy students. Emergency supplies were given to help flood victims in Kentucky through Hope for Appalachia. Helping Hands reached out to many needy persons through food cards, gas cards, visits, phone calls, and notes of encouragement. Rev. Steve Amburgey, area Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, preached and shared his ministry at FBC on Sunday, August 14. A generous love offering was given to help the organization.



JONES CHAPEL: The following folks participated in the Mission Trip to MC2 Missions Connections, from July 18 – 22:
Front Row: Emily, Kayla, Michelle, Camden, Hannah, Mason, and Daniel
Back Row: Angel, Marshall, Natalie, Kristen, Lauren, Belle, Savannah, and Judy
Not Pictured: Josh

Jones Chapel will be participating in the Annual Walk for Life in Farmville, September 10, to raise funds for the Souhside Pregnancy Support Center.

MT. ZION: The WMU took underwear and jogging pants to Buckngham Primary for kindergarten students. They also sent children's underwear to Kentucky. Mt. Zion sent a lot of food, Pampers, clothes, sheets, pillow cases, water, and other emergency supplies to Kentucky through Hope for Appalachia.

MULBERRY GROVE: The WMU recently gave two young mothers quilts for their babies and prayed for them. During the first week of August, members of Mulberry Grove participated in the collection of relief items that were being collected to be distributed by Hope for Appalachia to the flood victims in Kentucky. The items were packaged in a trailer, along with items from other JRBA churches and other churches of the area, and were delivered to a mission distribution site in Eastern Kentucky. Items collected included towels and washcloths, pillows, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and drinking water, among other things. Members of the church also donated funds to assist with the expenses of the trip. Wayne Gough and Gwynn Tyler helped with the loading of the trailer and Wayne went along with the team to deliver the supplies. Wayne reported that when the team arrived, they received word that the items were "exactly what was needed" as the mission center had run our of certain items. Thanks to everyone who participated – your efforts helped out a lot of folks in need because of the flooding.





Rev. Roger Woody and Wayne Gough loading supplies from Mulberry Grove, First Baptist Dillwyn, and other individual donations.

TAR WALLET: The church donated \$300 towards expenses for the trailer going to Kentucky and over \$600 in emergency supplies for the flood victims. Items included baby items (formula, wipes, diapers, shampoo, rash cream, pacifiers, etc.), cleaning supplies, Tylenol, paper products, plastic cutlery, men's women's, and children's shoes, Depends, etc. (Pictures below of items boxed and ready for loading.)



SHARON: The congregation contributed \$205.00 to BGAV Disaster Relief to aid with recovery efforts in flood-ravaged areas of Kentucky. Rose of Sharon WMU continues providing meals, visits, calls, and notes of encouragement to those who could use a little extra love and care.

OTHER EVENTS>>>

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: The restoration of the sanctuary has begun, along with the painting of the church, inside and out. New tile is being put in the fellowship hall, the steeple is being repaired/upgraded, and new light fixtures are being installed. Gladstone hopes to have all this completed prior to their 130th Homecoming, on October 2.



JONES CHAPEL: Mark Tuttle and Josh Whaley are enjoying the August 4, river float, a pre-back-to-school event, attended by adults and kids alike.

JRBA LEARNS & GROWS>>>

Sunday School Report

As we prepare to begin a new year of Sunday School work, let us seek to contact all our Sunday School prospects and lovingly invite them to join us in Sunday School. I pray that we will clearly and lovingly teach our children, youth, and adults the truths about Jesus and His salvation and the way of true life.

Jimmy Dunn
Sunday School Director

OPPORTUNITY 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.).

OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR & CELEBRATE>>>



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

A list of 50 ways you can show your pastor that you appreciate his effort is attached to the 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.

For churches participating for the first time, your pastor will receive a grant-funded **\$200 Amazon gift card** from the National Association of Evangelicals and be given access to free and discounted retreat and vacation opportunities.

Participation is as easy as:

Step 1: Share the list of 50 Creative Ways to Bless Your Pastor with your congregation.

Step 2: Take up an Appreciation Offering for your pastor.

Step 3: Celebrate your pastor by collecting notes, praying for them in the church service, planning an appreciation meal, and/or other ways of celebrating that your pastor would appreciate.

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 \$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.



JRBA CELEBRATES>>>>

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: Pastor James and Lisa Fetty's youngest daughter began her journey at Longwood University, studying Art Education.

MT. ZION: Levi Mangialetti was born on August 15, to Caleb and Amber Mangialetti. Congratulations to them on the birth of their son.

MULBERRY GROVE: On August 21, Mulberry Grove celebrated the last 10 years of ministry with Rev. Michael Khol. A special service was held to celebrate him and his family as they leave to continue their ministry at Bedford Baptist Church. Memories were shared and presentations were made by the Deacons, the children, the youth, and the WMU. A reception was held after the service. As the church says goodbye to Michael, Laura, Benaiah, Ethan, and Cara, they are thankful for their years of ministry at the Grove and wish them well in Bedford. The church also celebrates new member Jennifer McDaniel Crews, who joined by Profession of Faith on Sunday, August 14. Jennifer has been serving faithfully as the Church Pianist for several years.

IN APPRECIATION>>>>

JRBA appreciates the connection we have with Lake Ridge Baptist Church in Woodbridge, VA. THANK YOU to John and Debbie Rodgers for bringing the available free items to Dillwyn. Earlier in 2022, Enon received two Pastors' Chairs for their sanctuary. Recently Antioch Union and Sharon Baptist received red padded chairs for Sunday School Classes. Thank you to the following individuals for transporting the items from Dillwyn to their respective churches:

Enon – Rev. Brian Pope

Sharon – Tommy Joe Steger

Antioch Union – Rev. Brian Faison

IN LOVING MEMORAY>>>>

MT. ZION: Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Lois Bickford, oldest member, who passed away on August 16. The church is saddened by her passing.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>>

- **ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS:** Please watch your mail in the next couple of weeks – the Annual Church Profile will be mailed to you!
For churches on an October – September calendar, your ACP is due back to the JRBA Office (or needs to be entered online) by October 20, 2022. For churches on a January – December calendar, your due date will be January 16, 2023. There are some changes on the report this year, so be sure to call if you have any questions.
- **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.
- **Every home is eligible to order 8 rapid-antigen Covid-19 tests**, if you have not done so recently. The tests will have an extended shelf life and updated expiration dates. They will ship (8 to a household) FREE upon request at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.
- **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.
- Many of you are hearing about the **Monkeypox** outbreak in the U.S. and Virginia. For more information on what it is, how it is spread, or who is eligible to be vaccinated, go to www.vdh.virginia.gov/monkeypox.

NEWS FROM THE BGAV EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia has announced its acceptance of the recommendation of the Search Committee to nominate Dr. Wayne D. Faison as the next BGAV Executive Director. Dr. Faison currently serves as National Coordinating Officer for BGAV's Ascent team and has served in several leadership positions on BGAV's staff for the past 21 years. He has 13 years of Pastoral experience, along with 15 years of leadership in the banking industry. His work experience, his education, and his service to Virginia Baptists have prepared him well to serve as the next BGAV Executive Director. His nomination will be voted on at the BGAV Annual Meeting in Hampton, VA, on November 15 – 16.

STAFF CHANGES>>>>

- Rev. Michael Khol's last Sunday at **Mulberry Grove** was August 21. He will be the Senior Pastor at Bedford Baptist Church in Bedford, VA. For those of you who would like to stay in touch with him and his family, his email will remain the same: mikhhol@gmail.com and his phone number remains the same: 434-808-2383. His new mailing address is 507 Peaks Street, Bedford, VA 24523.
- **Antioch (Scottsville)** has just announced the hiring of an Associate Pastor, D. J. Carter, and a Youth Minister, Jennifer Faulkner. JRBA welcomes these additions to the Antioch staff. (Contact info will be included next month.)

KEEP IN PRAYER>>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- Victims of flooding in SW Virginia and Kentucky
- The churches and people of Ukraine
- JRBA Churches without a pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, Fitzgerald Memorial, Jones Chapel, and Mulberry Grove
- JRBA Churches and Pastors
- Planning for the 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)

FINANCIAL PAGE

2021 – 2022

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

2021 - 2022

Church	August	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)	\$1,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
Antioch Union		\$ 1,000.00
Arvon		\$ 1,000.00
Buckingham		\$ 7500.00
Cedar		\$ 2,500.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
FBC Dillwyn		\$ 2,000.00
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 369.00
Gladstone Memorial		
Goshen		\$ 917.85
Jones Chapel	\$ 146.00	\$ 1,626.00
Mt. Tabor	\$ 354.43	\$ 354.43
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 3,993.00
Sharon		\$ 1,163.00
Tar Wallet		
Alma Hunt		\$ 54.17
Individuals		\$ 125.00
Amazon Smile		\$ 30.06
TOTAL	\$ 1,900.43	\$20,332.51

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	August	To Date
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.

BALANCE - \$0.00

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:

ALL monies expended for Additional Missions are listed each month.

Budgeted

\$1,600.00

NO EXPENDITURES IN AUGUST

BALANCE IN ADDITIONAL MISSIONS: \$ 900.00

MISSIONS BLITZ

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

NO EXPENDITURES IN AUGUST.

Balance on hand: \$898.52

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Church	August	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	July	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.

August disbursement: \$100 for Gas – Emergency Supplies to flood victims in Kentucky

BALANCE = \$1,250.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	August	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
Goshen		\$ 250.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 100.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
Individual		\$ 250.00
TOTAL NEW DONATIONS		\$ 2,100.00

NO EXPENDITURES IN AUGUST

AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$9,053.38

Gladstone Memorial Baptist Church **"MY STORY"**

Written by Constance Brown (Mrs. O. L. Brown)
Revised by Paul Zelinsky

The other day I was looking through an old Treasurer's book and I read some items like these, June 13, 1901, paid to pastor \$3.25, June 27, \$3.20, July 11, \$3.75. Do you know I've been sitting on this rock for 130 years and I've never been able to figure what that preacher did with all that money!

But that's not my story. It's nearly frightened me to sawdust when you invited me to tell the story of my life. My life hasn't been too comfortable. How would you like to sit on a Rock for 130 years?

I remember well the 30th day of October in 1892, when I was completed. I was so happy - my chest of pine wood nearly burst with joy. My walls and ceiling were of smooth, white plaster. Over the rostrum was inscribed some words in large letters: "I am the way and the truth, and the Life" and underneath, "God is Love". Oh! I was so proud of those words, they gave me such an uplifted feeling as I repeated them over and over again to myself.

My history began before I was built. In the early part of the year 1891, four Baptist Brethren saw the need and were determined to erect a Baptist Church in Gladstone, Virginia. These Brethren met informally in the C & O ticket office and in a grocery store. They appointed a committee to solicit funds, and after a considerable sum was raised, (the C & O railway having subscribed \$250.00), these brethren proceeded to build me. They named me C & O Baptist Church. That is how I got the name that you have been wondering about.

So, on October 30, 1892, after I was completed and paid for, I was dedicated to the service of God. I was curious to know about my dedication. I'll never forget that day. People were coming in from everywhere. Then I saw a strange looking man come in. He wore a long black coat; he looked different from the other men.

About this time I saw Brother John J. Ancell step forward to meet him. You see, John J. Ancell was the first deacon and I owe my existence to him more than to any other man. He was Depot agent for the C&O railroad here. He introduced this stranger. He was Dr. George H. Snead, of Fluvanna, who was to preach my Dedication Sermon. He opened the Book that he was carrying and started to read: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts". My poor wooden brain was pounding. I wondered what a Tabernacle was. But it didn't take me long to find out that he was talking about me. I was a "Tabernacle"!

Well, they organized the church with four Brethren and eight Sisters. What is it that you are saying? "With twice as many women as men, the Brethren must have had a difficult time." But you're mistaken, indeed they did not. If they wished to know something, they waited until they got home (what to do and how to do it-or else!) just as they always have done, and always will. I know exactly what I'm talking about even if my head is only a block of wood.

At that time there were only three houses in Gladstone; the Y.M.C.A had not been built.

Rev. F. P. Robertson of Franklin Street Baptist Church, in Lynchburg, was the first pastor. Since then we have had fifteen others serving this Church as Pastors. The present pastor is Dr. James Fetty. I like to hear him preach. When he stands in front of the congregation he comes alive, and joy feels the air. During Homecoming, I hear that they have cards for Him: Deacons hold up a green card and that means he has plenty of time, then a yellow card means it's getting closer to lunch, and a red card means Stop, we are hungry and want to go to the social hall because it's bursting with all that homemade food.

Another of the first members was Mary S. Fisher, who was the only one of the twelve whose descendants are living here today. They are members of the Brown family. Speaking of The Brown family, let's not forget Mrs. O. L. Brown because she did so much. There is a picture hanging on my wall of her with the Sunshine Girls.

Some years ago, we had one brother who came to church regularly and always sat in the third pew from the front, but he always went to sleep. And that isn't all, he snored so loudly that you couldn't hear

what the pastor was talking about, except during an occasional break in his "Melody of Snores". I believe they called him "Dennis"

One night I was awakened at midnight. I could hear voices singing. Could it be Paul and Silas in prison? No, it can't be, that was too long ago. As I peeped out of my window that night I saw a trainload of young Italian prisoners. (It was the third war that I have lived through.) These young men were being transported to a prison camp out West. They were singing lustily in their high tenor voices. I couldn't understand one word, but they seemed to be happy; perhaps they were thinking of the days after the war when they could return to their homes. After that there were many such trains carrying both German and Italian prisoners of war to prison camps. But we had four young men who were members of this church who did not return home: four young men who played and slid down this big rock at my door when they were children. They gave their lives so that you might sit in this church to worship in peace. Several decades ago they decided to remodel me as a Memorial to those four young men. They also decided that after remodeling, I would be known as the Gladstone Memorial Baptist Church. Four of my stain glass windows have been installed in their memory.

Anyhow, I see this railroad town with people coming and going; I see men and women, boys and girls, brought into Christ's Kingdom under my roof.

Oh, I just remembered, do you know that in 1921 we had a really big revival. Thirty-six (36) converts hit the saw dust trail without the sawdust. (I'm glad that no one thought of sawing me apart to make sawdust.)

Another thing, have you noticed my steeple? I like to think that I am reaching into the sky to become a guiding beacon to many pilots who fly in the air above me. And, they added a bell.- That's right a big bell! And when it rings to let people know that we are having church services, my doors burst open with pride.

Over the years they have closed the depot and torn down the roundhouse, the Riverside Hotel, taken down the shanties, and, I heard, the YMCA building, too. Trains don't stop at the depot anymore. So many people talked about the YMCA because they stayed open all night and served food all the time. Everyone talked about their endless fries. The YMCA was almost as popular as Me.

Now that everything has closed up around me, I have gotten lonely. Now there is no hustle and bustle of trains bumping into each other and trains moving rail cars up and down the tracks, blowing their horns. We still get trains coming through Gladstone, but not stopping like they used to. I still hear them whistle as they come through, as though they are saying "Hello" to me. I just smile and remember the good old days.

Through the years my wood has gotten old and rotten, my roof is leaking, and I might be sagging with my old age of 130 years.

Then there was a young lady that had gone to church here as a young child who had moved to Richmond. Every Homecoming she would show up and I was always excited to see her. Her name was Lucy Greaver, and I remember her sliding down that big rock as a child and having so much fun. She spoke her mind and that was it, you couldn't change it. But she loves me so! Because of her, I have been remodeled again. I have a new roof to stop the leaking and new bathrooms, too. Now it didn't stop there. I have new paint all around the outside of me. I look so beautiful again. My sagging and rotten wood has been replaced. I stand so tall now. Well that's still not all! The sanctuary and vestibule have been completely redone and even have a fresh coat of paint. When I open my doors, I shine inside, too. I'm so excited for Homecoming this year, so everyone can see me in all my glory.

We have a new addition, Barbra, the church mouse. She is always hiding, "Can you find her?" The kids always look for her. Sometimes she is in a pew, behind a door, or even on the pulpit. So when you come in my doors, look for Barbra.

Through it all, I like to think that I have held the loyalty of the people who came through my doors and that I found a firm place in the heart of this community.

Over 50 Creative Ways to Bless your Pastor

Make sure that you show your deep appreciation for those who cherish you and diligently work as ministers among you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12 TPT

FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor is to faithfully and regularly pray for:

- Intimacy with God
- Marital love and unity
- Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- Parenting skills
- Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- Personal encouragement
- Helpful mentors
- Effective ministry
- Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- Helpful training and books
- Leadership skills

FONDNESS

- Let the pastor know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember your pastor's birthday and anniversary with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for your pastor's strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

FREEDOM

- Give your pastor's spouse the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let your pastor's children "be kids," care about them, and pray for them.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare a meal or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give your pastor a gift card for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give your pastor food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite your pastor and family to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite your pastor and family to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor's family sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let your pastor use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer your pastor the use of your dependable vehicle, SUV or minivan for a holiday family trip or vacation.

FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or materials for home repair).

FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor can be properly compensated. Beyond the pastor's church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor offering
- Marriage conference or retreat costs
- Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children's college tuition
- Mission trips
- Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple's vacation or getaway
- Pastor's conference, seminar or training
- Seminary courses or sabbatical
- Student loan debt
- Retirement savings
- Medical expenses

PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about "paying it forward." Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor's family. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you to Bless Your Pastor.