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Hours: Monday & Wednesday

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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### EVENT DETAILS

February 1	<b>Parent/Toddler Bible Study at Tar Wallet</b> (Every Wednesday)	4:30 PM
	<b>Bible Study at Fitzgerald Memorial</b> (Every Wednesday)	6:00 PM
February 4	<b>Girl Scout Tea Party at Antioch (Scottsville)</b> Located in the Worship Center	2:00 – 4:00 PM
February 5	<b>Sunday Worship at Goshen</b> (Every Sunday – Supply Speakers)	11:00 AM
	<b>Holy Couples Fundraiser at First Baptist Dillwyn</b> Sponsored by the Youth. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner at 5:00 PM. The Holy couples Program will follow the Meal at 6:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner and the program can be purchased from Ashley Moss or one of the Youth. Cost: Adults - \$12, Children - \$8.00	5:00 PM
Feb. 7 & 21	<b>All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn</b> All Blessings Flow collects and distributes medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, etc.) to people in need throughout our area. FBC will host this ministry in the parking lot on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. FBC will also provide a volunteer to help with ministry on each visit. Please call 434-422-8888 for more information.	10:00 AM – Noon
February 8	<b>Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove</b> Bluegrass and Gospel Music with Covered Dish Lunch	11:00 AM
Feb. 10 & 24	<b>Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral</b> Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM.	
	<b>February 10 Family Valentines Celebration at Mulberry Grove</b> Hosted by the WMU. Families will be making mini pizzas, roasting marshmallows, and making Valentines for church members and nursing home residents. Bring a finger food or dessert. A fun evening for the whole family.	6:00 PM
	<b>February 11 Valentine Dinner and Newlywed Game at Tar Wallet</b> A fun evening for the Adults – Child care, with dinner and games, will be provided for the children.	5:00 PM
	<b>Young at Heart &amp; Boomers Sunday School Gathering at Antioch (Scottsville)</b>	2:00 – 6:00 PM
February 12	<b>Friend Day Sunday at Enon</b> A fellowship meal will follow the service.	11:00 AM
	<b>Baptism Service at First Baptist Dillwyn</b>	11:00 AM
	<b>Chili Cook-Off at Fitzgerald Memorial</b>	Noon
	<b>WMU Enlistment and Enlargement Banquet at Chestnut Grove</b> Guest Speaker: Shawn Morris, sharing about her recent Medical Mission Trip to Honduras Bring a salad and/or dessert and a small gift to exchange.	5:30 PM





### Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

The first fruit of the Spirit named in Galatians 5:22 is LOVE. II Corinthians 5:14 says that "Christ's Love compels us" to live for him. In John 13:34 – 35, Jesus gives a new command, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

February 19

**Valentine Dinner at Jones Chapel**

**6:00 PM**

Served by the Youth. Donations for summer mission trips will be appreciated.

February 20

**PRESIDENTS DAY**

#### **Monday, February 20**

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

Be sure to include your final total for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as well as other outreach and celebrations for February and any events scheduled for March.

**BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF HOPE BOXES COMPLETED AND ANY OTHER ITEMS SENT FOR THIS MISSION EFFORT.**



**Ash Wednesday is on February 22, 2023.** Ash Wednesday (Day of Ashes) is the first day of Lent, a 40-day period from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, and other acts of repentance. Since Old Testament days, ashes have been a symbol of repentance. Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year are often burned to create ashes, which will be imposed in the sign of a cross on the faithful's foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

February 25

**Loaves & Fish Ministry at Antioch (Scottsville)**

**9:30 – 10:30 AM**

February 26

**Chili Cook-Off at Jones Chapel**

**Noon**

Members will bring their favorite pots of chili, whether mild, spicy, beef, turkey, etc. to be enjoyed by all!

**Baby Shower at Enon**

**2:00 PM**

Honoring Rebecca Poe

**LOOKING AHEAD>>>**

# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions: March 5 – 12, 2023**

100% of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is used to:

Support more than 2,400 missionaries in North America.

Enable hundreds of churches to be planted and thousands of disciples to be made.

Continue the SBC's 178-year commitment to North American Missions.

#### **2023 THEME**

**UNITED: CALLED TO BE ONE**

2023 National Offering Goal: \$70 Million

Help Unite North America with the Hope of the Gospel



**BOXES OF HOPE FOR APPALACHIA**  
**DUE DATE: MARCH 8, 2023**

*A new list of items to include in your boxes and new labels, as developed by Laura Higgins, who oversees the packing of JRBA boxes, was included in the January newsletter.*

*Please take note of a few changes in both the items requested and the grade divisions.*

**PREACH 2023 CONFERENCE**

**Sunday, March 12 – Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

**A Preaching Conference sponsored by the Augusta Baptist Association  
 Eagle Eyrie Conference Center**

**Theme: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”  
 And I said, “Here am I, Send me!” Isaiah 6:8**



**SPEAKERS:** Chris Cadenhead (Pastor, Bonsack Baptist), Ken Pruitt ( President, John Leland Center for Theological Studies), Jim Somerville (Pastor, FBC of Richmond), and Tom Stocks (BGAV Field Strategist)

**Breakout Sessions:** Preaching into the Digital Void, Shadow of the Steeple, Rhythms of Rest: Resources to Retreat Weekly, Monthly & Yearly, Preaching to Children, Preaching When There is Turmoil in the Home, Sunday is Coming, Ideas for Sermon Series, Transitions, Leading a Congregation Through Conflict, and The Funeral Sermon:  
 7 Questions to Ask

Check-In is on Sunday at 4:30 PM and the conference ends on Tuesday after lunch.

**PASTORS, PLEASE NOTE:** The JRBA Executive Board approved \$50 for each JRBA pastor who participates to offset the cost of the conference. (Money is budgeted through the Christian Education, Training, and Evangelism Line Item.) Save your receipt upon registration and get a copy to the JRBA office for the approved assistance.

**COST:** Conference with Meals & Lodging - \$225 (**Early Bird: \$175 – deadline Dec. 31, 2022**), Conference with Meals (NO lodging) \$65


**JRBA PASTORS:**

Make checks payable to Augusta Baptist Association (include “Preach 2023” and your name on the memo line) and mail to:  
 Augusta Baptist Association, c/o Harrisonburg Baptist Church, 501 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

For additional information: [www.preach2023.org](http://www.preach2023.org)

**April 10 JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn 7:00 PM**  
 Pastors, Officers, Committee Chairs and Church Representatives to the Executive Board should be in attendance  
 The Program for the Semi-Annual Spring Meeting will be presented and approved.

**April 15 JRBA WMU Brunch and Missions Presentation at Antioch Union 10:00 AM**  
**Antioch Facility – 2810 Greenway Road, Wingina, VA 24599**  
 Focus: Missions to Honduras  
 Speakers: Shawn Morris, Chestnut Grove - Medical Mission Trip to Honduras  
 Gwynn Tyler, Mulberry Grove – Construction and VBS Mission Trip to Honduras  
 Everyone is invited – please bring a breakfast dish to share.



**Monday, April 17, 2023 - NOON**  
**Meet & Greet Luncheon**  
**Dr. Wayne Faison, Executive Director**  
**Baptist General Association of Virginia**

**Mulberry Grove Baptist Church**  
**1095 Mulberry Grove Road, Buckingham, VA 23921**

Everyone is invited to come out and get to know the new BGAV  
 Executive Director, Dr. Wayne Faison.

Watch the newsletter in March and April  
 for additional details!  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

**May 11 JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting at Jones Chapel Details to come.**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>

### REQUEST FROM B.C.H.S.

Many of our students need something to carry them over to lunch or afterschool. We invite the churches of JRBA to help provide one large box of shelf-stable snacks that are individually wrapped (like pretzels or cheese/crackers, etc.). I'd be glad to meet anyone to pick items up or to accept money to purchase snacks. The items would be kept in either the office or Libbie Ranson's office. We would like items to be available to the students beginning in January, 2023. If you have questions, call me at 434-547-2214. Thank you in advance for helping with this outreach.

*Michelle Wright*  
English Department Chair  
Buckingham County High School



### **JRBA HOPE FOR APPALACHIA SPRING TRIP (To Deliver Hope Boxes to Kentucky)**

**March 27 – April 1, 2023**

**Volunteers are needed to go on this trip. You can apply online at <https://hfavateam.com/become-an-hfa-missionary>.  
An application, background check and fee must be submitted by **February 22**.  
(Select Team Woody.)**

**If you are interested in being a part of the JRBA Team, contact Rev. Woody Moore as soon as possible.  
Call 804-382-7954 or email [n2preaching@comcast.net](mailto:n2preaching@comcast.net).**

### **JRBA Mission Trip to Bland Ministry Center May 21 – 27, 2023**

Seeking 15 adult volunteers to travel to Bland Ministry Center in Bland, Va. We will serve in the Food Warehouse, the Clothing Closet, and do odd jobs around the Ministry Center. We will assist with food distribution as well as sorting, shelving, and boxing incoming food for the clients. We will unbag, sort, and hang clothes in the Clothing Center. We will most likely help with things like yardwork and/or small repair jobs around the center. We will prepare most of our own meals and stay in the volunteer house on campus. (Linens provided.)

Pray about this opportunity to be "on mission" for our Lord! This is an opportunity to serve many needy people in a location close to home at a very minimal financial cost. Answer the call and prepare to be blessed!

Contact Gwynn Tyler (434-969-4378) or Phyllis Tyler (434-983-7385) if you have questions or want to sign up to be a part of the JRBA Bland Mission Team for 2023.



### **JRBA 2023 RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

Send all donations for Rise Against Hunger to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936. Checks should be made payable to JRBA. Please put "Rise Against Hunger" on the memo line of your check. Donations are accepted throughout the year and will be forwarded to Rise Against Hunger during the summer if we are unable to schedule a packing event for 2023.

## JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Church	Total-to-Date
Buckingham	\$1,675.00
Cedar	\$ 715.00
Enon	\$ 753.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 930.00
Fork of Willis	\$ 270.00
Goshen	\$ 400.00
Jones Chapel	\$1,450.00
Mt. Tabor	\$ 131.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 1,094.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 450.00
Sharon	\$ 360.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 170.00



**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.**  
**Matthew 28:19-20**

### CHURCH OUTREACH



**ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE):** Items are being collected for Hope for Appalachia boxes. Some members are planning to participate on Woody's HFA Mission Team to deliver the boxes to Kentucky.

**BUCKINGHAM:** The church is supporting the Southside Pregnancy Center by collecting money in baby bottles. They are also working on Hope boxes.

**CHESTNUT GROVE:** The collection for the Lottie Moon Offering will continue through February 12.

**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** FBC is supporting the Pregnancy Center located at Ellis Acres by filling baby bottles with coins and by donating diapers. Members regularly help with the Blue Ridge Food Ministry at Crystal Cathedral and FBC Helping Hands continues to minister to many people with special needs through cards, visits, phone calls, and financial support.

**FITZGERALD MEMORIAL:** Members are participating in the Baby Bottle drive for the Pregnancy Center and are working on shoeboxes for Hope for Appalachia. A Men's Pie Auction is being planned for Sunday, March 12, to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering.

**JONES CHAPEL:** A Potato Bar Missions Fundraiser was held in January to raise funds for their upcoming summer mission trips. There was a good turn-out for the lunch with many donations! The church family is now collecting donations for Hope for Appalachia boxes, with a packing party planned for March 5.

**MT. ZION:** The WMU gave \$100 to Gwynn Tyler for his mission trip to Honduras. Members are hard at work preparing boxes for Hope.

**MULBERRY GROVE:** Gwynn Tyler has gone on a mission trip to Honduras. The team hopes to complete the painting of two churches, inside and out, during the two week stay. The women on the team held VBS and visited the children in an orphanage. Mulberry Grove provided several boxes of granola bars, other snacks, bottled water, Beenee Weenees, and SpaghettiOs for students at Buckingham High School.

**SHARON:** The congregation is busy packing Boxes of Hope for Appalachia. Rose of Sharon WMU made and froze 50 quarts of vegetable beef soup for their "soup ministry" (healthy grab-and-go meals for those in need), and continues sharing meals, cards, phone calls, and visits with those in need of a little extra love.

## JRBA LEARNS & GROWS>>>

**ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE):** The Thursday morning Ladies Bible Study will resume on February 23.

**GLADSTONE:** The pastor has begun a sermon series on *Proclaiming the Gospel*.

**JONES CHAPEL:** Pastor Dane has challenged Jones Chapel to get into the Word by selecting a chapter in the Bible and reading it several times during the week, asking themselves questions about the verses, and memorizing one especially meaningful verse from the chapter.

**MULBERRY GROVE:** The WMU met on Sunday, January 22, with 8 in attendance. The ladies gathered around two baby quilts to pray for newborns, Miles Carlton and Kaycee Goin. The group enjoyed some light snacks as Thelma Llewellyn, Director, led the group in a devotional time based on Philippians 4:11-13. Thelma talked about the toll being taken on so many by anxiety and related diseases. The group also discussed how anxiety affects women in particular. They were encouraged to stay in God's Word and to rely on the Lord, regardless of circumstances. They were also encouraged to share with, and encourage, our Christian sisters to avoid anxiousness. The group discussed plans for a family Valentine event centered on a mission activity for the children of the church to make Valentines for church members and residents of Heritage Hall. Linda Gough also encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming drive for Hope Boxes for Appalachia.



MULBERRY GROVE: The church sent 7 youth and 4 chaperones to the first-ever Youth Winter Camp at Camp CrossRoads. The students were challenged to disconnect from the world as they reconnected with God and community, and to be on mission. They experienced a great weekend on the mountain filled with fun times and bonding as they drew closer to God.



Left to Right: Liam Saulisbury, Rev. Austin Williams, Ben Snoddy, Luke Llewellyn, Lily Jones, Thomas Snoddy, Skylar Saulisbury, Isaac Carter, Suzanne Snoddy, Joe Snoddy, and Jay Jones

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

Let us put a stronger emphasis upon Sunday School during 2023. Some suggestions include:

- I. Teaching
  - A. Teach the Bible with clarity, conviction, and enthusiasm.
  - B. Center your teaching upon Jesus.
    1. Stress His salvation and all that it means to you.
    2. Present His teachings on how we are to live our lives.
- II. Enlistment – Seek to enlist more people into active involvement in your Sunday School Class. Invite people who attend Worship, but do not attend Sunday School. Also invite people of your area who do not attend church to join your class.
- III. Fellowship – Lead each member of your class to feel that he or she is a dynamic part of your class through:
  - A. Giving a warm welcome to each pupil.
  - B. Involving each pupil in the activities of the class.
  - C. Ministering to each member of your class in times of need.
  - D. Having an occasional class social gathering.
- IV. Ministry – Lead each class to be involved in a mission project to help persons or groups in need.

In the Love of Jesus,  
*Jimmy Dunn*  
 JRBA Sunday School Director

### **IN APPRECIATION...**



**THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH CLERKS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR 2022 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE, EITHER ONLINE OR TO THE JRBA OFFICE:**

ARVON: Jennifer Turner  
**BUCKINGHAM: Jo Lang & Betty Toney**  
 CEDAR: Pat Allen  
 CHESTNUT GROVE: Gloria Morris  
**ENON: Mary Shumaker**  
**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Teri Piersol & Elsie Towler**  
 FORK OF WILLIS: Brenda Parker  
 GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: Bonnie Hesson & Virginia Cyrus  
 GOSHEN: Jessica Carroll & Carolyn Tapscott  
 JONES CHAPEL: Carol Ownby  
**MT. TABOR: Diane Baird**  
 MT. ZION: Dorothy Davis  
 MULBERRY GROVE: Denise Leatherwood  
 SHARON: Tammy Brown

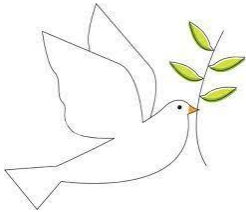


JRBA extends its heartfelt appreciation to **Rev. Austin Williams** for his ongoing assistance with the office technology. He has gone above and beyond in his helpfulness with the electronic devices necessary to the work of the association. Austin not only researched and purchased our new HP desktop computer, but installed it and transferred the JRBA files. When the copier broke down and SHARP Business Machines could no longer get the parts, Austin found them, purchased them, and installed them to keep us up and running! He has also done the research for purchasing the most effective new copier at the best price (when the old one completely gives out). This dedication and resourcefulness is most appreciated! This help is certainly not a part of his job as Treasurer, but he has willingly and graciously helped in any way he could. **THANK YOU, AUSTIN, FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE TO JRBA!**

#### JRBA CELEBRATES>>>>

BUCKINGHAM: Joe Shumaker joined by transfer of letter on January 15. Brandi Shumaker joined on January 29, by transfer of her letter. Buckingham welcomes their two newest members.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: On Sunday, January 1, Duke and Leslie Hanley's children, Blake and Skylar, publicly accepted Jesus as Saviour. They will be baptized by their grandfather, Rev. Wayne Collis, on Sunday, February 12, at 11:00 AM.



#### IN LOVING MEMORY>>>>

SHARON: The church family is mourning the loss of long-time member, Frank Walker Bryant, Jr., who passed away on December 11, 2022, with his wife, Ginger, by his side. At Sharon, Frankie served as a deacon and on numerous committees. He was a member of Taylor Masonic Lodge for 42 years, a member of the Ruritan Club, and was a founding member of the Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department where he served for many years. Frankie also served Buckingham County on various committees, as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and as Secretary of the Electoral Board for 15 years. Sincere sympathy is extended to Ginger and the family as we also celebrate Frankie's life of service to his church and to his community.

#### STAFF CHANGES>>>>

CHESTNUT GROVE welcomes Ken Cook as their Interim Pastor.. He will start preaching on Sunday, February 5. He is the son of Ed and Ann Cook.

Contact Info: 288 Harris Creek Road, Prospect, VA 23960

Phone: 434-315-3351

Email: [Kcook24@yahoo.com](mailto:Kcook24@yahoo.com)

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>>

- **ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS:** Don't forget to go to <https://smile.amazon.com> when you shop. Enter your Amazon username and password and select James River Baptist Association as the non-profit to which you wish to donate. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to JRBA. This is a great way to financially support JRBA at NO cost to you.
- **IF YOUR CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE HAIR SCRUNCHIES IN YOUR GIRLS' HOPE SHOEBOXES, MT. ZION'S SEWING MINISTRY HAS SOME AVAILABLE. CALL PHYLLIS AND SCHEDULE A TIME TO PICK THEM UP AT THE JRBA OFFICE. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.**

#### KEEP IN PRAYER>>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
  - JRBA Churches without a Pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, and Goshen
  - JRBA Churches, Pastors, and Leadership
  - March 27 – April 1: JRBA Hope for Appalachia Mission Trip
  - JRBA 2023 Hope for Appalachia Shoebox Recipients
  - Leaders (Local, State, Nation, and World)
  - Victoria Nina Vassle, 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 QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2023

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, opened the JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting with a short devotional based on Habakkuk 3:2. *Lord, I have heard of our fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.* Marilyn noted that she grew up in a family that loved to sing so she is always thinking about music. From a book on the origin of hymns, she chose the hymn, *Revive Us Again*, by Dr. William MacKay. She thought about how we do not only need to be revived at Homecomings and Revival Services, but rather on a daily basis. Dr. MacKay was raised by a mother who loved the Lord – she prayed for him and taught him, and he accepted the Lord. When he graduated from high school, she gave him a Bible in which she wrote his name and a verse of Scripture. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh, but as time went on he drifted further and further from the way he was raised. At a particularly low point in his life, he even pawned the Bible his mother had given him. After medical school, MacKay worked in a hospital emergency room and became acquainted with human suffering. One day he encountered a badly injured man in serious condition who could not be helped. He asked him who he should notify. The man replied that he did not have anyone but a landlady whom he owed a debt. He wanted her to come so he could pay her and bring him his book. She did and the patient seemed to find comfort in the book. Dr. MacKay noticed a calm expression on the young man's face and guessed that he was a Christian. After the young man died, Dr. MacKay was given the book to dispose of. When he opened it, he found that it was the Bible his own mother had inscribed and given him! He thought about how the book had brought the man solace. Dr. MacKay began to read the scripture verses he had learned as a child and asked God to forgive him and to renew him to the joy of his salvation. Soon after that he wrote the words to *Revive Us Again*. He quit the medical profession, went to seminary, and became a pastor. Marilyn noted that, like Dr. MacKay, each of us needs to be renewed daily as we strive to serve our Lord. She then led us in the last verse of the hymn: *Revive Us again, fill each heart with thy love; May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. Hallelujah, thine the glory; Hallelujah, amen. Hallelujah, thine the glory. Revive us again.* Marilyn then led us in prayer. She then called the meeting to order.

Gwynn Tyler had the roll call of churches. There were 22 in attendance representing 11 churches. The minutes of the October 2022 Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved. The minutes of the Annual Fall Meeting were presented and approved.

Rev. Austin Williams, Treasurer, presented the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. As of 12/31/22, the checking account balance was \$31,345.22, which includes the following: Additional Missions - \$900, Mission Trips - \$2,250, Rise Against Hunger - \$871.99, Missions Blitz - \$898.52, Bland Ministries - \$500, Christian Education/Training/Evangelism - \$500, and Baccalaureates - \$600. Total Receipts for the quarter totaled \$5,562.76, which included donations from JRBA Churches of \$5,177, AmazonSmile.com - \$9.55, Interest on checking - \$4.22, and Rise Against Hunger donations of \$371.99. Disbursements totaled \$7,020.84 including Mission Trips - \$250, Additional Missions (Pregnancy Center, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Grace Inside, The Gideons, South Central VA Fellowship of Christian Athletes, BGAV Disaster Relief and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity) - \$1,356. *Each of these organizations received \$100 per the budget and Disaster Relief received an additional \$656 from the designated Fall Meeting offering.*

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Austin also included in the packets a report of the Budget vs. Actual 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expenditures, outlining Line Items expenditures to date with remaining funds available. The report was approved as presented.

Marilyn then gave her Moderator's Report, noting the pastoral changes during the past quarter and introducing new pastors in attendance: Rev. Dane Gressett (Jones Chapel) and his wife, Marilyn, Rev. Steve Emory (Fitzgerald Memorial) and his wife, Kenita, and Rev. Austin Williams (Mulberry Grove). She noted the retirement of Rev. Henry Enochs (Goshen) and the recent ordination of Rev. D. J. Carter, Associate Pastor (Antioch – Scottsville) and Rev. Jenny Casell-Faulkner, Youth Pastor (Antioch – Scottsville). Marilyn thanked everyone for their generous response to the Fall Warm Clothing Drive for Hope for Appalachia. Rev. Woody Moore also expressed appreciation for all that was done and noted that because of our generosity, his team was able to give out coats, hats, and gloves to Pre-K and K students at an additional school. Marilyn thanked Rev. Jimmy Dunn for his service as Missions Chair and to Rev. Austin Williams for his Technology Support for the JRBA office in recent weeks. Jimmy noted that serving as Missions Chair had been an enjoyable experience and encouraged JRBA to keep moving forward to meet needs and to continue to give to Rise Against Hunger, Lottie Moon, and other mission efforts. Marilyn then reminded pastors of the upcoming Preaching Conference scheduled for March and encouraged them to participate.

### OTHER OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Baptist Collegiate Ministry: Austin noted the appreciation of Longwood/Hampden Sydney BCM for our support. He will continue as part-time director through the spring semester.

WMU: Betty Toney encouraged everyone to continue to give to Rise Against Hunger and Lottie Moon. She also reminded us of the "Baby Bottle Drive" to raise funds for the Southside Pregnancy Center. The center will provide the bottles.

Sunday School: Rev. Jimmy Dunn noted that often Sunday School is seen as the "stepchild" in our churches. He encouraged us to take it seriously in 2023 and to make it a top priority. People need to get an understanding of God's Word and SS is the place to teach the Word with Christ at the center of that teaching. He suggested that those who attend SS should contact prospects who only attend worship, get to know people, and get people involved through fellowship and mission projects for each class.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Benevolence: Betty Toney, Chair, presented the Benevolence quarterly report. From October 1 – December 31, 2022, Disbursements totaled \$1,181.10. This included assisting two families with overdue electric bills, assisted three families who had lost everything in home fires, and a Memorial Gift to Hope for Appalachia in memory of Christin Moore, Rev. Woody Moore's mother. Contributions included \$300 from Cedar Baptist and \$200 from Sharon Baptist. The balance on hand is \$11,072.28. The report was approved.

Missions: Rev. Jimmy Dunn reminded folks of the great ministry of the Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays each month and encouraged everyone to volunteer. He noted that Nancy Wolfe is now in charge of this effort.

Hope for Appalachia: Rev. Woody Moore talked about the success of the emergency trip after flooding to deliver needed supplies, the Fall Trip to deliver warm clothing, and the upcoming Spring Trip to deliver Boxes of Hope to the schools, and again thanked everyone for their contributions and prayers. He noted that there were 99 professions of faith during the Fall trip! He encouraged everyone to follow the new lists carefully in preparing boxes and noted that small Bibles can be included or larger Bibles donated (separately) for those who make a profession of faith. (Updated lists and labels were included in the meeting packet.) He also noted that volunteers are still needed for the trip, March 27 – April 1). One can apply online (*prior to Feb. 22*) and must get a background check. If anyone is interested in being a part of his team, they should contact him as soon as possible.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Technology Update: Rev. Austin Williams noted that a new HP Pavilion desktop computer has been purchased and installed. He also asked everyone to go to the JRBA website and check the information



listed for your church. Please let him know if there are any updates that need to be added/changed, especially the times of your services.

**YOUTH RETREAT:** Austin noted the attendance of 27 youth from JRBA (Antioch-Scottsville and Mulberry Grove) at the CrossRoads Youth Retreat. It was a great experience and he encouraged churches to send their youth to the CrossRoads camp in the summer and to plan now to have them attend the Youth Retreat next January.

**Hope for Appalachia:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to re-adopt Bell Central Elementary School, in Kentucky, for 2023.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

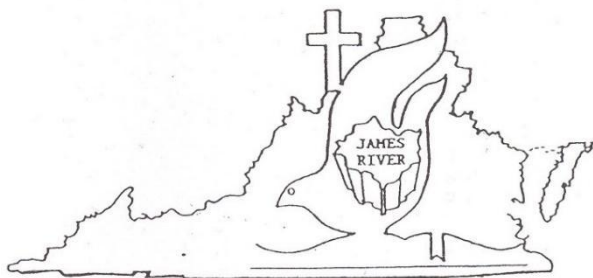
**Committees:** Marilyn presented the JRBA Committees for 2023. She asked that if anyone wanted to volunteer to serve on them to let her know so that they could be added. She would also like to have a Missions Co-Chair from Cumberland. The list (as presented) was approved. Rev. Woody Moore noted that since we no longer have anyone to head up Missions Blitz, folks should notify him if any needs arise.

**Technology:** Austin noted that there has been problems with the office copier resulting in the January newsletter only being available online. A technician from Sharp Business Machines came out and evaluated the printer's problems. They have cancelled out Maintenance Agreement since they cannot get the parts needed to repair the copier. Austin purchased the parts and installed them and the copier is currently working, but he noted that we will now have to buy the toners and if (when) other problems arise, he cannot diagnose the issue. Sharp has given us some quotes on four different copiers that would do an equivalent or better job for us. (Quotes were distributed in the packet.) Austin presented 3 options for proceeding: Do nothing - table this until the copier breaks again; Purchase new copier; Approve funds for purchasing a copier and proceed when the copier breaks down. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to set aside \$5,000 for the purchase of a new larger copier which also does color. (The estimated quote, with a maintenance agreement, is \$4,150.05, including the trade-in of the current copier. Color copies would be at an additional cost of 6¢ per copy.) It was noted that newsletters would not be done in color – that color would only be used for special items. Phyllis also noted that when the current copier was purchased in 2018, the entire cost was covered by donations from churches and individuals. Designated contributions will be welcomed.

**Meet 'n Greet Luncheon:** JRBA is planning to host a Meet 'n Greet with Dr. Wayne Faison, the new BGAV Executive Director, in the near future. A date has been requested. Watch the newsletter for information.

A few announcements were made, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn and Rev. Woody Moore closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis R. Tyler  
Secretary



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#### JRBA COMMITTEES FOR 2023

(Moderator serves Ex-Officio on all committees except the Nominating Committee)

#### PROGRAM:

Phyllis Tyler, Chair (434-983-7385)  
Clarence Gormus, Judy Ownby, JRBA Music Director, and Representatives from the Host Church

#### NOMINATING:

Rita Harris, Chair (434-574-6631)  
Terry Towler, Pat Allen, and Dale Wright

#### FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP:

Rev. Austin Williams, Chair (434-390-1305)  
Audrey Ragland, Betty Toney, and Terry Towler

#### EVANGELISM:

Rev. Woody Moore, Chair (804-382-7954)

#### BYLAWS:

Gwynn Tyler, Chair (434-969-4378)  
Betty Toney and Doug Tapscott

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Phyllis Tyler, Chair (434-983-7385)

#### TIME/PLACE/PREACHER:

Phyllis Tyler, Chair (434-983-7385)

#### BACCALAUREATE:

Michelle Wright, Buckingham Chair (434-547-2214)  
Dale Wright  
Kathy Weaver, Cumberland Chair (804-492-3422)  
Gloria Newton, Fluvanna Chair (434-286-2719)

#### PASTOR/CHURCH RELATIONS:

Gwynn Tyler, Chair (434-969-4378)  
Clarence Gormus and Rev. Lewis Brandt

#### MISSIONS AND MISSIONS BLITZ:\*

Brenda McAllister, Co-Chair (804-572-3894)  
Gloria Newton, Co-Chair (434-286-2719)  
Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Advisor (434-969-6170)  
Judy Ownby, Betty Toney, and Rev. Woody Moore

#### ORDINATION:

Rev. Tommy Armstrong, Chair (434-983-1518)  
Rev. Perry Clore, Rev. Jimmy Dunn, and Rev. Woody Moore

#### BENEVOLENCE:

Betty Toney, Chair (434-983-2232)  
Phyllis Tyler and Terry Towler

#### AUDIT:

Audrey Ragland, Chair (434-983-2622)  
Judy Ownby

**\*Please note that Brenda McAllister and Gloria Newton will be Co-Chairs of the Missions Committee under the advisement of Rev. Jimmy Dunn. Please contact either of them with mission ideas or questions. One can also contact Rev. Woody Moore if you learn of a needed home project in our area. Please contact Betty Toney if you learn of a family experiencing loss of their home in a fire. Phone numbers are listed above.**

**FINANCIAL PAGE**  
**REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS**  
**2022 - 2023**

Church	January	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 500.00
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 500.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 420.00
Gladstone Memorial		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 163.00	\$ 618.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		
Mulberry Grove	\$3,993.00	\$3,993.00
Sharon	\$ 302.00	\$ 604.00
Tar Wallet		
Alma Hunt		
Individuals		
Amazon Smile		\$ 9.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,458.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,644.55</b>

Approved Budget for 2022 – 2023: \$30,342.52

Actual Budget \$29,694.00 + \$648.52 Carryover Missions Blitz

**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, 2022 – Sept. 30, 2023), NOT the calendar year.

**OTHER BUDGETED LINE ITEMS:**



**RAH Beginning 8/01/22**

Church	January	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget 2022-2023		\$ 500.00
Antioch (Scottsville)		
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham		
Cedar		
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
First Baptist Dillwyn		
Fitzgerald Memorial		
Fork of Willis		
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 221.99
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		
Mulberry Grove		
Sharon		
Tar Wallet		
Individual Gifts		\$ 150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 971.99</b>

**ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:**

ALL monies expended for Additional Missions are listed each month.

**Budgeted**  
\$1,600.00

Fall Meeting Offering: \$656.00

Expended in October: \$100 Each:

Southside VA Pregnancy Center, Grace Inside Prison Ministry, Gideons, BCM (Longwood/HampdenSydney), Southside Fellowship of Christian Athletes, BGAV Disaster Response, Piedmont Habitat for Humanity

Designated Offering for Disaster Relief: \$656.00

**NO EXPENDITURES IN JANUARY**

**BALANCE: \$900.00**

**MISSIONS BLITZ**

Contributor	January	Year End
Designated Carryover from 2021 – 2022		\$ 648.52
JRBA Budget 2022 – 2023		\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 898.52</b>

**NO EXPENDITURES IN JANUARY.**

**BLAND MINISTRY CENTER**

Church	January	Year -to-Date
JRBA Budget-Bland Ministry Center		\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 500.00</b>

**MISSION TRIPS**

Budgeted for 2022 – 2023: \$ 2,500.00

**EXPENDED IN NOVEMBER:**

Rev. Woody Moore, Wayne Gough, and Linda Gough – Hope for Appalachia (Kentucky) - \$50 each = \$150.00

Gwynn Tyler – Honduras - \$100.00

**NO EXPENDITURES IN JANUARY**

**BALANCE: \$2,250.00**

**NON-BUDGETED MINISTRY:**

(ALL monies by donation.)

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

DONATIONS	January	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2021 – 2022		\$ 11,753.38
<b>NEW CONTRIBUTIONS 2022 - 2023</b>		
Buckingham		\$ 300.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES IN JANUARY: \$200.00**

**AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$11,672.28**

**COPIER FUND**

Estimated cost for new copier & maintenance contract: \$5,000.00

Church/Donor	January	Total-to-Date
Individual	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>

The Executive Board has approved this expenditure when needed. If you or your church would like to make a donation to offset the cost to JRBA, please send a check payable to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936. Please write "Copier Fund" on the memo line of the check.