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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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EVENT DETAILS

Mar. 1, 15, 22 & 29	Prayer Meeting at Goshen	7:00 PM
March 3	Worship Night at Antioch (Scottsville)	7:00 PM
March 5	Chili Cook-Off at Enon following Worship Everyone is invited to join in for this first annual event!	Noon
	Hope Boxes for Appalachia Packing Party at Jones Chapel	Noon
	Skate Night at A. J. Skate World of Appomattox, VA The participation fee is covered, but there is a \$2 charge for the use of skates.	5:00 – 7:00 PM

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.

UNITED: CALLED TO BE ONE

2023 National Offering Goal: \$70 Million
Help Unite North America with the Hope of the Gospel

March 7 & 21	All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn 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 st and 3 rd Tuesday of each month. Please call 434-422-8888 several days ahead to request items.	10:00 AM – Noon
March 8	Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove Bluegrass and Gospel Music with Covered Dish Lunch	11:00 AM
	WMU & Brotherhood at Goshen	7:00 PM



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
Today is the deadline to turn in Hope Boxes for delivery by the JRBA Hope for Appalachia Spring Team.
All boxes should be delivered to the Mt. Zion Mission House or to Tar Wallet Baptist Church.

March 10 & 24 **Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral**
Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM.

March 11 **Women's Bible Study at Enon** **10:00 AM**
Kick off of "The Quest" by Beth Moore. All ladies are invited to attend! This study will run for 6 weeks every Saturday.

5K Walk at Highbridge Trail, Farmville – Fitzgerald Memorial participating
Sponsored by the Cumberland School Foundation – Proceeds to provide scholarships and grants for teachers.

March 12 **Lunch & Pie Auction at Fitzgerald Memorial** **Noon**
Proceeds going to Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



Sunday, March 12, 2023

Daylight Saving Time Begins
"SPRING FORWARD"

Set your clocks up one hour before bedtime on Saturday night so you won't miss Sunday School!

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, 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



March 17

St. Patrick was a missionary to Ireland in the 5th century. There are many legends and tales about how he brought Christianity to the island including how he used the shamrock to explain the Christian trinity. It is believed he died on March 17, 461.

From www.ducksters.com

March 19 **Children's Ice Cream Sundae Party at Enon**

Noon

March 20 **FIRST DAY OF SPRING**

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Information for the April edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due today by 9:00 AM. Be sure to include your Annie Armstrong Offering-to-Date, a count of Hope Boxes, monetary donations, and other items contributed to Hope for Appalachia, donations to the food outreach in our schools, and donations to the BGAV Disaster Response Aid to Turkey. Include any other March outreach and celebrations and all Easter events planned for Holy Week.

March 22 **JRBA Program Committee Meeting at the JRBA Office** **10:00 AM**
All committee members, please be in **attendance** to plan the program for the JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting.

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING

Darkness to Light

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Mulberry Grove Baptist Church

1095 Mulberry Grove Road, Buckingham, VA

This is a FREE training through BGAV being hosted by Mulberry Grove Baptist Church for anyone working with children (Sunday School Teachers, Children's Ministry Workers, VBS Workers, Awana leaders, etc.)

This is an award winning training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

It teaches practical steps to protect the kids in your life.

This training is limited to 25 participants and will be taught by Kristen Curtis, a BGAV trained facilitator.

Register to attend by responding directly to Rev. Austin Williams at austin@mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com as soon as possible!

March 25 **Enon's Men's Prayer Breakfast at Teresa's Restaurant** **8:00 AM**
All men are invited to attend.

Loaves & Fish Ministry at Antioch (Scottsville) **9:30 – 10:30 AM**

March 26 **Women on Mission at Enon** **Noon**



MARCH 27 – APRIL 1, 2023

JRBA Hope for Appalachia Team travels to Kentucky to deliver the Hope Boxes!

The following people plan to participate:

Antioch (Scottsville): Alex Forrer, Amanda Mauck, Gloria Newton, Rose Bunch, Rev. Dave Vogt, Aaron Pace, Joe Shaheen, and Brandon Taylor

Mulberry Grove: Wayne and Linda Gough

Mt. Zion: Rev. Woody Moore, Team Leader, and Brenda McAllister

Keep these folks in prayer as they go to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the children of Kentucky!



WMU Women's Retreat at Mulberry Grove

Friday, March 31

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Theme: *Pocketbooks and Prayers*

Bring your pocketbook and join in for a night of food, fellowship, inspiration, and fun!

Guest Speaker: Rev. Cadance Tyler

Music by the Worship Troupe, Central VA Christian School

Dinner will be provided. Participation is Free.

An offering will be taken to support the Southside Pregnancy Center.

(Make checks payable to Mulberry Grove with "Pregnancy Center" on the memo line.)

R.S.V.P. to Thelma at 434-315-3053 or register online at

www.mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com/wmu.

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

Today is the deadline to sign up for the Bland Mission Team scheduled to work at the Bland Ministry Center in Bland, VA, the week of May 21 – 27. If you have questions or feel led to participate in this ministry effort, please contact Gwynn Tyler at 434-969-4378 or call the JRBA Office at 434-983-7385.



EASTER EVENTS

April 1	Easter Egg Hunt at Jones Chapel	Noon
April 7	Good Friday Service with Communion at Jones Chapel	7:00 PM
	Passion of the Christ Movie at Antioch (Scottsville)	7:30 PM
	4422 Antioch Road, Scottsville	
	The movie will be shown on the outdoor screen. Viewers will have the option to watch from their cars or may bring lawn chairs or blankets. Childcare will be provided for younger children for whom the film may be too graphic. Popcorn will be provided.	
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt at Tar Wallet	TBA
	Easter Egg Hunt at Buckingham	TBA
April 9	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Sunrise Service at Jones Chapel	7:30 AM
	Breakfast at 8 AM; Sunday School at 9 AM; Worship at 10 AM	
	Sunrise Service at Tar Wallet	7:00 AM
	Breakfast to follow.	

April 10 JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn 7:00 PM
Pastors, JRBA Officers, JRBA Committee Chairs, and Church Representatives to the Executive Board: Please plan to attend. The program for the Semi-Annual Spring Meeting will be presented for approval. Officers for 2023 – 2024 will also be presented for approval.

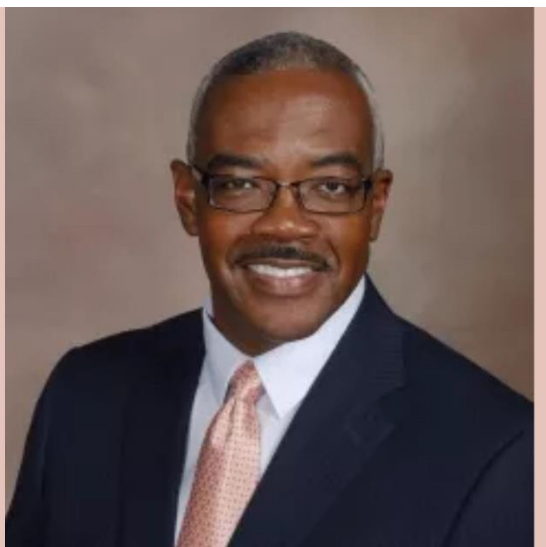
April 15 JRBA WMU Brunch and Spring Meeting at Antioch Union 10:00 AM
Theme: Honduran Missions
Presenters: Shawn Morris, Chestnut Grove – Medical Mission Trip to Honduras
Gwynn Tyler, Mulberry Grove – Annual Liberty Baptist Mission Trip to Honduras
Everyone is invited – please bring a breakfast dish to share.

MEET & GREET LUNCHEON WITH DR. WAYNE FAISON, BGAV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Monday, April 17, 2023 - Noon

Mulberry Grove Baptist Church
1095 Mulberry Grove Road
Buckingham VA 23921

RSVP by April 10
www.jamesriverbaptistassociation.com/luncheon
or call the JRBA Office
(434) 983-7385



AREA BACCALAUREATES & SENIOR RECOGNITION
Budgeted Sponsorship by JRBA

May 6: Tentative Date for Cumberland Baccalaureate (Details to come.)

May 7: Buckingham Baccalaureate at the B.C.H.S – 4:00 PM

May 26: Fluvanna Graduation (Recognition of Seniors by Antioch – Scottsville)

May 11

JRBA 189th Semi-Annual Spring Meeting at Jones Chapel – Details to come.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>

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.

Deadline to sign up: April 1, 2023

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO TO SERVE BLAND MINISTRY CENTER?

1. **PRAY** for the team and the on-going work of the Ministry Center.
2. **Make a MONETARY DONATION** to the team and this ministry effort.
Please make checks payable to JRBA with “Bland” on the memo line.

OTHER DONATIONS: This year we will again be collecting specific items (requested by the Bland Center Director) for use in the Bland Food Ministry. You can donate:

ZIP LOC GALLON FREEZER BAGS

(These need to be ZIP LOC FREEZER bags – ONLY GALLON size, please)

PEANUT BUTTER

(Preferably 16 oz. jars)

THESE ITEMS NEED TO BE TURNED IN AT THE JRBA OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

We will NOT be taking other food items, school supplies, or clothes.
If you collect those items, your church will need to arrange transportation to Bland.

Outreach to Buckingham County High School

B.C.H.S. extends their thanks for the outreach already provided by churches of JRBA! As they continue to provide snack items to students who need a little something extra to carry them over to lunch or after school, they have requested that items still needed are Nabs (such as peanut butter, cheese, and cream cheese & chives) and granola bars. They currently have a good supply of other items. If needed, receipts will be supplied for your donations. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.



JRBA continues to accept monetary donations for Rise Against Hunger. At the April meeting, the Executive Board will look at the possibility of hosting a Meal-Packing event in 2023. Rise Against Hunger is now scheduling events again, with the same protocols in place as pre-pandemic: hairnets and gloves. Masks are not required, but can be worn if you are more comfortable doing so. Please note that JRBA has currently received \$1,371.99 in donations for this cause. If we are to host an event, we must raise at least \$4,000, and we need at least 40 volunteers. We encourage our churches to give to this worthy cause so we can do our part to feed hungry people around the globe. Checks should be payable to JRBA, with Rise Against Hunger on the memo line. Watch for additional information in the coming weeks!

Gloria Newton and Brenda McAllister
Missions Committee Co-Chairs

BGAV DISASTER RESPONSE – TURKEY

As of Thursday, February 9, the death toll in Turkey and Syria following the earthquake three days earlier exceeded 20,000 people. The disaster has left hundreds of thousands of people homeless across the two countries—amidst widespread power outages and subfreezing temperatures. The extreme conditions are impeding rescue and recovery efforts, which continue to be underway.

BGAV's ministry partner in that region, the European Baptist Federation (EBF), is regularly updating us on relief efforts as rescue workers gain access to areas where they can help. They are supporting the response primarily through Turkish Baptist Alliance and Hungarian Baptist Aid in Turkey, and MERATH – the relief and community development arm of the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD) in Syria.

They have communicated that currently they cannot receive volunteers from the U.S. The most significant way to help right now is through constant prayer and donating funds, which BGAV Disaster Response is directing to the EBF for use in supporting those ministry efforts on the ground.

Please pray:

- For families separated and displaced in the aftermath of the natural disaster,
- For conditions to improve enough for rescue workers to do their relief work more efficiently and effectively, and
- For Christians to come together around this crisis and meet human needs in the name of Jesus Christ.

Donate online to support the timely, hands-on ministry relief efforts in Turkey.

GO TO: www.impactmissionsmovement.org/donate

SELECT FROM THE DROPDOWN MENU: Disaster Active Response (Earthquake in Turkey)
OR

Mail a check to BGAV, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294, with "DR – Earthquake in Turkey" on the memo line.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

Church	Total-to-Date
Buckingham	\$1,675.00
Cedar	\$ 740.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 605.00
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	\$ 180.00



***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***

Outreach to B.C.H.S.

The following churches have helped with suppling snack foods to Buckingham County High School:

ANTIOCH UNION Individuals donated \$160.00. Baptist women donated \$200.00.

CEDAR donated \$100.00.

MULBERRY GROVE provided several boxes of granola bars, other snacks, bottled water, Beenee Weenees, and SpaghettiOs last month.

ARVON supplied 234 single serve snack items including cookies, assorted cakes, Slim Jims, crackers, and Chef Boyardee bowls (along with plastic spoons).

CHURCH OUTREACH



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Eight volunteer missionaries are going on the Hope Mission Trip to Kentucky. To that event, the Awakening Youth Group will partner with the Scottsville Baptist Youth to make 400 salvation bracelets to give to the 5th – 6th graders at Bell Central School. Awakening Youth is also excited to partner with Scottsville Baptist Youth for a spring YOUTH REVIVAL. It will be an offsite, outdoor event – watch for more information in the April newsletter! Antioch designated their “quarterly church contribution” of \$500 to the Lifespring Pregnancy Center – members filled baby bottles with an additional \$847.00 for this worthy cause.

BUCKINGHAM: The church family is working on Hope boxes.

CEDAR: The church is collecting for the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions during March. The Women on Mission made a \$100 donation to both BCHS and Buckingham Middle School to help provide snacks for students who need “carryover” food. The Women on Mission, through the generosity of the church family, provided enough items to pack 60 Hope boxes.

CHESTNUT GROVE: The church family is now collecting Hope boxes for the team to carry to Kentucky.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Members prepared and delivered 100 lunches consisting of homemade soup, muffins, and dessert to families throughout the area on Sunday, February 12. Helping Hands gave financial aid to some persons in need and also blessed many lives with Valentine cards, calls, visits, and in other ways. \$124 was raised for Hope boxes.

JONES CHAPEL: Donations for Hope boxes have been collected and a packing party will be held on March 5, with plans to pack 48 boxes for K-2 girls.

MT. ZION: The WMU sent Valentine cards to people living alone and to the residents at Heritage Hall in Dillwyn. They were not able to deliver them in person due to the continuing number of Covid cases. \$500 was given to Pure Water, Pure Love. They also spread love to the teachers and staff of Buckingham Primary and Buckingham Elementary Schools by making and delivering 66 hadmade dishrags for each school. Rev. Woody Moore and Brenda McAllister will serve on the Hope Team to Kentucky.

MULBERRY GROVE: . Several of the members of the youth group worked to split and stack firewood for a church member. Two members will serve on the Hope team to Kentucky.

Southside Pregnancy Center

Several of our churches participated in the recent Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Southside Pregnancy Center:

ARVON	\$ 261.19
BUCKINGHAM:	\$ 308.26 (11 baby bottles)
FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:	\$ 900.00

OTHER EVENTS>>>

BUCKINGHAM: A luncheon was held to celebrate the completion of a new floor in the fellowship hall and Valentine's Day.

CEDAR: On Sunday, February 19, the Youth committee prepared and served a delicious Valentine's luncheon following the Worship service. Special thanks to the adults who work with the youth to help keep them involved.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: On Sunday, February 5, the Youth hosted a fundraiser spaghetti dinner. After dinner, a “Holy Couples” program was held and 150 people enjoyed many laughs created by the four couples! On Sunday, February 12, Ashley Moss, Youth Diretor, hosted a Super Bowl Party at her home.

JONES CHAPEL: On February 18, a Valentine Dinner was prepared and served by the Youth, with donations going toward summer missions trips. After the dinner, a game was played, similar to the Newlywed game, which was enjoyed by everyone and provided lots of laughs. On February 16, a chili cook-off was held after the worship service. Anyone who wanted to stayed to play instruments, sing, or just listen. A good time was had by all.

MULBERRY GROVE: The WMU hosted a Valetnine's Party for the church on February 10, with approximately 25 adults and children in attendance. It was a fun evening of fellowship and great food! The children made Valentine cards to share with the homebound

TAR WALLET: The Valentine Dinner and Couples Game on February 11, was a huge success!



JRBA LEARNS & GROWS>>>

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: A series on *Proclaiming the Gospel* was just completed. The series taught the need and responsibility of believers to share the Gospel.

GOSHEN: On March 5, Deriek Keiser will be speaking during the worship service.

JONES CHAPEL: Plans are underway to start a Ladies' Ministry, led by Marilyn Gressett. A kick-off potluck luncheon will be held on April 29. Ideas will be shared and plans will be formulated for this new ministry.

MULBERRY GROVE: The digital ministry efforts of Mulberry Grove are expanding! A new updated website has been launched and online giving has been set up for the church. The church family is excited to grow these areas of ministry. (www.mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com) The WMU met on Sunday, February 26, with 15 ladies in attendance. The meeting centered on prayer and how we can pray for one another and others. Each person was challenged to pray for one or more others in the group throughout the month of March. In addition to the prayer emphasis, the group worked on plans for a Women's Retreat to be held on March 31. At the conclusion of the meeting, the ladies participated in a Prayer Walk following a Prayer Guide with scripture verses to lead them in praying for various specific needs in our community and our world.

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN & GROW>>>

Training for Children's Leaders

Rev. Woody Moore has received the training to conduct the *Stewards of Children* leadership course for those who work with children. This program teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. It teaches practical steps to protect the kids in your life. If you would like to schedule a training in your church, please contact Woody at 804-382-7954 or by email at n2preaching@comcast.net.

MORE OUTREACH>>>

Honduran Mission Trip January 20 – February 3, 2023



New Covenant Baptist Church

I participated, along with twenty-one other volunteers (primarily from Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox), on a mission trip to Siguatepeque, Honduras.

I want to thank JRBA, along with the JRBA WMU, Mulberry Grove, the Mt. Zion WMU, and several individuals for their support for the trip and prayers while we were gone. It is great to be a part of an association that supports missions.

Because of this support over the years, you have been a part of the construction of 4 churches, classrooms at 4 churches, and medical clinics at 2 churches. This year, I was able to leave funds to help Hermón Baptist get a hot water heater for the dormitory for pastors who come for training. I also made a donation at Nuevo Pacto Baptist to help purchase windows for the Sunday School classrooms.

Our goal was to paint both the inside and outside of Nuevo Pacto (New Covenant) Baptist Church. We painted the classrooms there, some of which we built in 2020. We also planned to paint the inside and outside of Hermón Baptist. All of these goals were met with a day to spare!

Additionally, a group of the ladies held Bible School at Nuevo Pacto. The Bible School met each afternoon during the first week. By the end of the week there were 250 children in attendance. The ladies also planned and led a one-day Women's Retreat at a sister church. Many ladies, along with their children, walked in the hot sun over rough, rocky roads, to catch a school bus to ride to the sister church. The bus was completely full.

Both of the churches we worked on have over 100 members and are strong churches in their communities. They lost a number of members during the pandemic, but they still remain strong and active. Nuevo Pacto has a mission church located a little over an hour away in the mountains where they have recently baptized 12 new believers.

It was a good trip with daytime temperatures around 80 degrees. We didn't have rain a single day, and the night temperature was around 60 degrees. Team members got to renew friendships and make new friends, complete the work, and offer encouragement to the pastors and church leaders as they continue their ministry. It also gave me an opportunity to practice my Spanish. Along with another team member, one of my roles was to serve as a translator. Along with a couple of Hondurans who spoke English, we were able to communicate effectively.

If you would like to hear more about this trip and see photos, please attend the JRBA WMU Brunch and Missions Presentation on Saturday, April 15, at Antioch Union, at 10 AM. Shawn Morris will also be presenting information on her recent Medical Mission Trip to Honduras.

A final thought: During devotions one morning, the leader offered some words of encouragement. He said that when the trip is over, the mission is not complete. The opportunity for missions is greater now than ever before. Don't lose sight of the mission, whether it is here in Buckingham, Bland County, Kentucky, Honduras, or somewhere else. Our mission, according to Acts 1:8 is to be witnesses for Jesus and to share the Gospel with a lost world!

Gwynn Tyler



JRBA CELEBRATES>>>>

CEDAR: The church family welcomes Maggie Llewellyn into their church family through her profession of faith. Her baptism will be happening soon.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: On Sunday, February 19, Rev. Wayne Collis and his wife, Tina, joined by transfer of their letters. Welcome back, Wayne and Tina. May God bless you as you continue in His service at FBC.

TAR WALLET: Pastor Alan Gough, and his wife, Tammy, asked to be received as members by letters of transfer. Already considered a part of the church family, they were welcomed into the membership.

EverBless 100th Anniversary Celebration

About 30 folks joined together on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Craddock Terry Hotel Event Center in Lynchburg, VA, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of EverBless Foundation (formerly Virginia Baptist Foundation). EverBless is hosting several gatherings throughout the state during this year of celebration. Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Jane Dunn, Gwynn Tyler, and Phyllis Tyler attended the event to represent our Association. It was exciting to get reacquainted with friends from our region and the leadership of the foundation as we enjoyed a delicious meal of "surf 'n turf". (*Jane Dunn even received one of the doorprizes – a souvenir 1923 silver dollar.*)

The program consisted of a brief presentation on what the foundation does to assist Baptists throughout the state:

- The free resource, "Unstoppable" was highlighted. This is a 5-week study (one hour each) for small to mid-sized groups that encourages and spiritually strengthens those dealing with life's adversities. It is designed to strengthen and equip your congregation to cope with loss, grief, and financial hardship. This video-based series comes with Facilitator Resources and marketing materials that can be shared virtually or in person. Go to www.vbfinc.org/unstoppable to get your FREE materials.
- Estate Planning and Planned Giving are other areas with which EverBless can assist individuals.
- Investment plans and programs for individual churches are also a specialty of the foundation. (*Some of our churches already participate in their investment planning strategies. If your church has funds for investment, EverBless can guide you through the process and make recommendations that are financially well-based.*)
- EverBless provides college scholarships each year for deserving Baptist students. (*The application deadline for 2023-2024 was January 31, 2023, as noted in the December/January newsletters. We have had young people from JRBA to receive these scholarships in the past.*)

The Anniversary Celebration was a delightful event and it is always good to learn more about the resources available from Virginia Baptists. Each church receives a copy of *Imagine*, a semi-annual magazine about the foundation's efforts and available programs.

IN APPRECIATION...



2022 Annual Church Profiles

THANK YOU !

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Gloria Newton

ANTIOCH UNION: Linda Darnell Blankenship

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

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: Betty Newman

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

TAR WALLET: Vicki McHenry

Churches,

The 2022 Annual Church Profiles for our Association have been completed! Please extend your appreciation to your church clerks who have completed and submitted your report. Their faithfulness in doing this job is commendable!

Phyllis Tyler

STAFF UPDATES>>>>

CHESTNUT GROVE: Please note the correct email address for Interim Pastor, Ken Cook: kencook24@yahoo.com.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Additional contact information for Ashley Moss, Youth and Children's Director:

Address: 2203 Glenmore Road, Scottsville, VA 24590

Email: ashlevgmoss@gmail.com

Phone: 434-547-7494

FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>



Thank You to all the Amazon shoppers who have contributed through the Smile Amazon Program over the past couple of years.

Please be aware that Amazon has permanently shut down the Amazon.Smile customer donation program as of 2/20/23.



Antioch (Scottsville) is cleaning out some items and would love to donate Choir music to another church. There is a filing cabinet full of books, mostly *Glory Songs*. The filing cabinet is NOT included, but if you are interested in the music, please reach out to Amanda, the church secretary, at office@antiochva.org. (If you are unfamiliar with *Glory Songs*, they are fairly easy arrangements to sing, and mostly utilize familiar hymns, set to new arrangements. They are ideal for a small choir looking for something that is easy to learn, but that adds to the original rendition of old familiar songs.)

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
Team Members: Alex Forrer, Amanda Mauck, Gloria Newton, Rose Bunch, Rev. Dave Vogt, Aaron Pace, Joe Shaheen, Brandon Taylor, Wayne Gough, Linda Gough, Brenda McAllister, and Rev. Woody Moore, Team Leader
- JRBA 2023 Hope for Appalachia Shoebox Recipients
- JRBA Bland Mission Team – Pray for God to lead those who are being called to respond.
- 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)



FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Greetings,

Spring is around the corner and I know everyone is making plans to do things. One thing I hope you have on your calendar is the Meet 'N Greet with Dr. Wayne Faison, scheduled for April 17, at Mulberry Grove Baptist Church, at Noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet and get to know the new Executive Director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (Virginia Baptists).

Also, I hope our pastors will take the opportunity to participate in the 2023 Preaching Conference being held at Eagle Eyrie, on March 12 – 14. Don't forget that our Executive Board has voted to reimburse you for \$50 of the cost. (Be sure to send a copy of your receipt or registration form to the JRBA office for your reimbursement.)

At the January Executive Board Meeting, God led me to present a devotion on the the writing of the old hymn, *Revive Us Again*. I continue to think about that as we read and hear about revivals breaking out among the young people across our country. May God bless this time in our country, and may His Spirit continue to move and cause revival in the hearts of His people and bring more souls to Him!

In His Love,
Marilyn
Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator

FINANCIAL PAGE
REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS
2022 - 2023

Church	February	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	\$ 195.00	\$ 813.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$3,993.00
Sharon		\$ 604.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Alma Hunt		
Individuals		
Amazon Smile	\$ 18.07	\$ 27.62
TOTAL	\$ 3,013.07	\$12,657.62

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	February	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
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mulberry Grove		
Sharon		
Tar Wallet		
Individual Gifts		\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,371.99

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/Hampden Sydney), Southside Fellowship of Christian Athletes, BGAV Disaster Response, Piedmont Habitat for Humanity

Designated Offering for Disaster Relief: \$656.00

NO EXPENDITURES IN FEBRUARY

BALANCE: \$900.00

MISSIONS BLITZ

Contributor	February	Year End
Designated Carryover from 2021 – 2022		\$ 648.52
JRBA Budget 2022 – 2023		\$ 250.00
TOTAL		\$ 898.52

NO EXPENDITURES IN FEBRUARY.

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Church	February	Year -to-Date
JRBA Budget-Bland Ministry Center		\$ 500.00
TOTAL		\$ 500.00

MISSION TRIPS

Budgeted for 2022 – 2023: \$ 2,500

EXPENDED IN NOVEMBER:

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

Gwynn Tyler – Honduras - \$100.00

Expended in February: \$50 each to Hope Team Members: Alex Forrer, Amanda Mauck, Gloria Newton, Rose Bunch, Rev. Dave Vogt, Aaron Pace, Joe Shaheen, Brandon Taylor, Wayne Gough, Linda Gough, Brenda McAllister, Rev. Woody Moore

TOTAL Expended in February: \$600.00

BALANCE: \$1,650.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRY:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

DONATIONS	February	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2021 – 2022		\$ 11,753.38
NEW CONTRIBUTIONS 2022 – 2023		
Buckingham		\$ 300.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,400.00

EXPENDITURES IN FEBRUARY:

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
TOTAL	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

*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.