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EVENT DETAILS

May 2 All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn Parking Lot

10:00 AM - Noon

Medical equipment will be received and distributed at no charge. Please call 434-422-8888 for more information.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn

10:00 - 11:30 AM

The group is currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is invited to join.

May 3 Activities at Tar Wallet:

Toddler & Parent Class 4:30 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM

Activities at First Baptist Dillwyn:

Youth Group (grades 6 – 12) 5:30 Pm Mission Friends (ages 5 – Grade 5) 6:30 PM Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Women's Bible Study at Jones Chapel

6:15 - 7:45 PM

The ladies are continuing their study of *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, May 4, 2023

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.* Please pray for your local, state, and national leaders and for a resolution to gun violence in America.

*From Wikipedia

May 5 Bland Team Meeting at the Tyler's Home

6:00 PM

1146 Twin Creek Road, Buckingham, VA

All team members (& spouses) are asked to attend. Dinner will be provided.

May 6 "Let's Build A School" Yard Sale, Bake Sale, Vendors, and Silent Auction at Antioch (Scottsville) 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Yard Sale: Community members and church members have donated lots of items for sale. Donations will be accepted through

Friday, May 5

Bake Sale: Antioch Baptist Church ladies Bible Study will be holding a bake sale.

Food Take Out Boxes: Pastor D.J. will be making meals. (Beef, noodles, corn, and salad.)

Silent Auction: A number of items will be available under the Worship Center awning for you to bid on.

Vendors: The gravel lot will have vendors. (There is still room to claim a spot for \$50 each.)

Call the church office with questions: 434-286-6315

PROCEEDS FROM ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BENEFIT THE ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY.

May 7 Breakfast Social at Chestnut Grove

9:30 AM

A breakfast social will be held each Sunday Morning before Sunday School.

May 10 Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove

11:00 AM

Bluegrass and Gospel music with Covered Dish Fellowship Lunch. All seniors are invited to attend.

WMU & Brotherhood at Goshen

7:00 PM

DEADLINE FOR BLAND DONATIONS Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Please have your donations of Peanut Butter (16 oz. jars) and Zip Loc GALLON-size FREEZER bags to the JRBA Office today. All monetary donations for the Bland Mission Trip are also due today. Make checks payable to JRBA, with Bland Mission Trip on the memo line. Watch for the total donated to the Bland Ministry Center in the June newsletter! This is a vital ministry to people in need in the Bland area of our state, an area that is severely economically-deprived.

JRBA 189TH SEMI-ANNUAL SPRING MEETING Jones Chapel Baptist Church 947 Trents Mill Road, Cumberland, VA 23040 Thursday, May 11, 2023



5:45 PM - Registration

(Featuring photos from the Spring Hope for Appalachia Trip to Kentucky)

Opening – 6:00 PM
Welcome and Theme Interpretation (II Corinthians 8:11) Blessing of the Meal

A Fellowship Meal will follow at 6:15 PM.

Jones Chapel will be providing the meat, drinks, bread, and paper products. ALL ATTENDEES ARE ASKED TO BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

Evening Session - 7:00 PM

There will be a brief Business Session to elect officers for 2023-2024. The Bland Mission Team will be Commissioned. WORSHIP

The good folks of Jones Chapel will provide an evening of Special Music as we worship together. An offering will be taken for the Bland Mission Trip/Ministry.

PLAN NOW TO COME OUT TO THE SPRING MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP WITH FOLKS FROM ACROSS THE ASSOCIATION!

May 12 & 26

Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM.

> **MOTHER"S DAY** Sunday, May 14, 2023



Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is observed in more than 40 countries, most commonly in the months of March or May. (From Wikipedia)

Mother's Day Breakfast at Enon

Worship will follow at 10:00 AM

9:00 AM

Mother's Day Breakfast at Mulberry Grove

Breakfast will be provided by the men and children of the church.

10:00 AM

INFORMATION FOR THE JUNE EDITION OF THE JRBA CALENDAR AND NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17!

Please include your VBS plans, a list of your graduates, all donations made to the Bland Mission trip. your May outreach and celebrations, and all items for the June calendar.

May 21 High School and College Graduate Recognition at Jones Chapel 11:00 AM

JRBA BLAND MISSION TRIP May 21 - 27, 2023

Please pray for the team (Gloria Newton, Angie Dunfee, Cassie Tomlin, Wayne Gough, Linda Gough, Gwynn Tyler, Phyllis Tyler, Audrey Ragland, and Joe Weaver as they work at the Bland Ministry Center this week!

THE JRBA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 22 AND MAY 24.

May 27 Loaves & Fish Ministry at Antioch (Scottsville) 9:30 – 10:30 AM

A hot meal and a food box will be provided to needy familites.

May 28 Welcome to Summer Cookout/Graduation Celebration at Enon 5:00 PM

BUCKINGHAM is planning a movie night in May to show *The Overcomers*, with a sausage and pancake supper. Check the church sign and the newspaper for date and time!

LOOKING AHEAD>>>



CEDAR June 11 – 15 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Ages 3 and up, including Adults!

CHESTNUT GROVE June 19 – 22 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Theme: Big and Bold - Fun Fair

Commencement: Friday, June 23, at 6:00 PM There will be a cookout for everyone following the Commencement. All children need to register by calling Carolyn Morris at 434-574-6592.

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FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN June 24 - 30

For ages 3 - Grade 5

For more information, call Melissa Wood at 434-547-3593.

JONES CHAPEL June 25 – 30 Details to come.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3 Jones Chapel's Annual Fishing Tournament (Details TBA)

8:00 AM - Noon

June 11 – 14 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in New Orleans

Theme: Serving the Lord - Serving Others

For more information, go to www.sbcannualmeeting.net



FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

Deadline to remit funds for Rise Against Hunger

Please send in your contribution for Rise Against Hunger by this date so that the Missions Committee can determine if we can host a Meal-Packing event this year and make plans. We must have \$4,000 in hand to schedule the event with RAH.

We hope to host an event in the early fall so watch for details to come!
IF YOUR CHURCH IS COLLECTING CASH, BE SURE TO HAVE IT IN TO THE CHURCH TREASURER
IN TIME FOR A CHECK TO BE SENT TO JRBA.

Checks should be payable to JRBA, with "Rise Against Hunger" on the memo line of the check.

July 10 JRBA Executive Board Meeting at MT. ZION

7:00 PM

July 17 – 21 Missions Connection Celebration at Eagle Eyrie

Theme: Signed, Sealed, Sent.

This is a missions week for people of all ages, from preschoolers through senior adults.

SPEAKER: Mike Bradley, Warrenton Baptist Church

WORSHIP: Daily services for children, youth, and adults are highlilghted by dynamic preaching, music, and missions.

MISSIONS: Youth and adults minister in small groups through a variety of service projects in the Greater Lynchburg area ranging from VBS to construction to social ministries.

DISCIPLESHIP: Age-appropriate learning opportunities are provided for preschoolers through senior adults.

FELLOWSHIP: Participants come together for an opening night picnic, a closing night ice cream social, and packaging meals for the Source of Light orphanage in Haiti.

FUN: There will be lots of pool time, plus a talent show, night hike, Capture the Flag, and even an optional trip to FunQuest in Lynchburg for skating and laser tag!

For more details and to register, go to www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2

2022 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING UPDATE

Church	Total
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	\$ 700.00
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

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CHURCH	TOTAL-TO-DATE
Buckingham	\$1,120.00
Cedar	\$ 645.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 600.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 586.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 565.00
Goshen	\$ 955.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 1,150.00
Mt. Tabor	\$ 141.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 100.00
Sharon	\$ 250.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 245.00

DONATIONS FOR BLAND

CHURCH	PEANUT BUTTER	GALLON ZIP LOC BAGS	MONETARY DONATION
Antioch Union	77	22 large boxes	
Jones Chapel			\$ 200.00
Mt. Zion WMU			\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove	5	9 large boxes	
Sharon			\$ 230.00
Individual			\$ 50.00

B.C.H.S. OUTREACH AND OPPORTUNITY

ANTIOCH UNION AND ARVON provided snack foods for the students at Buckingham County High School during April. Hygiene products are still being collected for hygiene kits to have on hand for the beginning of school next year. (See the list in the April newsletter.) MULBERRY GROVE provided several items for this project in April.

If anyone would like to do graduation cards or small gifts for the seniors, they need to be in by <u>May 15</u>. Contact Michelle Wright to arrange delivery. Call her at 434-547-2214.



EASTER OUTREACH

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The Good Friday movie was moved inside, but it was still a great event for all in attendance. The Easter EGGplosion was a huge success with 10,000 eggs being dropped from bucket trucks for the children to recover. Easter Sunday services were well attended with over 500 people between the three services.

ANTIOCH UNION: 18 children and 24 adults attended the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8. The children enjoyed a story, crafts, cookie station, music, prizes, and lunch.

BUCKINGHAM: An Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 8, with lunch and a short devotional featuring the Jelly Bean Prayer. The Easter Bunny was in attendance and posed for pictures with the children. There were several prizes for the most eggs and the Golden Egg (which had money in it), along with several other eggs. The children and adults were invited to the Sunday services. The Easter Sunrise service was held inside due to the cold weather, with Keith Halbohn proclaiming the hope we have in the resurrected Jesus. After the service the men fixed a delicious breakfast with eggs, sausage, Danishes, and fruit. What a wonderful way to celebrate the most Holy Day of our Christian walk.



JONES CHAPEL: On April 2, the church was blessed to have special music by guests, Michael and Cindy Goodwyn during the worship service. A Good Friday Service with Communion was led by Pastor Dane and his wife, Marilyn. The service was a time of reflection and of the Lord's sacrifice.





Easter Sunday a large crowd gathered for the "Sonrise" service at Jones Chapel. Rev. Lewis Brandt led in some songs prior to the "Sonrise" Service and Pastor Dane Gressett gave the message. The "Sonrise" Service was followed by breakfast, Sunday School, and Worship.

MT. ZION: The Easter Sunrise Service provided a "Walk Through the Events of Holy Week" ending with the Empty Tomb. Folks celebrated with singing and fellowship around the table for breakfast.

Front Row: Tina Moss, Doris Roberts, Brenda McAllister, Kholoe

Snoddy, and Kaylee Snoddy

Back Row: Ricky Shumaker and Trent Snoddy



MULBERRY GROVE: It was a great weekend celebrating Easter. The kids had a great time at the Easter Egg Hunt and both services on Sunday were well attended.

TAR WALLET: The Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 was well attended. Thirty people attended the Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast. During the 10:30 Worship service, special music was provided by the newly formed Tar Wallet Quartet.

Other Church Outreach

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The Loaves and Fish Ministry provided a hot meal and food boxes to many families on April 29. The Youth Awakening held at the Scottsville Farmers Market Pavilion on April 28 – 29, was well attended – watch for more on that in the June newsletter!, On Saturday, 24 folks walked in the Walk4Life at Charlottesville to support LifeSpring Pregnancy Center. It was a great weekend of outreach and fun!



Antioch's participants in Walk4Life

ARVON: Members donated snack items for the B.C.H.S. during April. The following items were donated: 53 Nabs/crackers, 52 Individual cakes, 50 Fruit Cups, 6 miscellaneous items for a total of 161 items! Plans are to collect hygiene items next.

CHESTNUT GROVE: Members are making donations to Rise Against Hunger now.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Baby diapers of all sizes are being collected and given to the Pregnancy Support Center at Ellis Acres. Peanut butter and gallon Zip Loc freezer bags are being collected for the Bland Ministry Center. Rise Against Hunger funds are being received throughout April, May, and June. Members are helping with the Blue Ridge Food Distribution each 2nd and 4th Friday mornings. Helping Hands Ministry continues to send out about 50 cards each month, make phone calls to shut-ins, give financial help to persons in need, and visit the shut-ins. Helping Hands is also making plans to prepare and deliver about 100 chicken dinners to families throughout the area on Sunday, May 21.

JONES CHAPEL: During the month of May, the boys and girls will hold their annual competition to see who can raise the most money for Rise Against Hunger. The children get excited about feeding the hungry and the adults enjoy watching them drop their coins into the pink and blue buckets. Cassie Tomlin and Angie Dunfee will be serving on the Bland Mission Team. The youth of the church and their leaders plan to attend Missions Connection Celebration at Eagle Eyrie where they will be involved in hands-on mission projects in the Lynchburg area.

MULBERRY GROVE: The church donated 23 toothbrushes, 13 tubes of toothpaste, 4 deodorants, and 10 bars of soap to Buckingham County High School for hygiene kits. They also provided 167 cookies to the After Prom Party Committee, and will be doing graduation cards for all of the seniors. Wayne and Linda Gough and Gwynn and Phyllis Tyler will be serving on the Bland Mission Team.

Women's Retreat

The WMU of Mulberry Grove hosted a Women's Retreat on Friday, March 31. The theme was *Pocketbooks and Prayers*. The event was attended by 70+ women from Arvon, Buckingham, Brown's Chapel, Cedar, Chestnut Grove, First Baptist Dillwyn, Hanes Chapel, Maysville, Mulberry Grove, and Mt. Tabor. The Worship troupe from the Central Virginia Christian School performed to start the evening off with a presentation of the Gospel. The girls did a wonderful job! Next, everyone enjoyed dinner including a potato bar, salad bar, several sides, and scrumptious desserts! The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated in navy and gold, with centerpieces of various styles of pocketbooks. Fellowship was good around the tables as the women renewed friendships and met new people. The group then went to the sanctuary and played a game centered on the multitude of items we tend to carry in our pocketbooks! There were lots of laughs and several prizes awarded!

Guest Speaker, Rev. Cadance Tyler, then spoke. Her message centered on women and how they spend enormous time and energy supporting others and trying to fulfill many cultural expectations. She emphasized that each woman needs to pursue what God's priorities are for her life and then act on

those. Donielle Yoder also spoke on the ministry of the Southside Pregnancy Center, highlighting their work with individuals impacted by pregnancy. An offering of over \$500 was taken for the Pregnancy Center. Several door prizes were given – the WMU provided several gift bags and Erin Lamonte donated some homegrown eggs and several gift baskets containing homemade bread, bath salts, and candles. The evening ended with comments from Ashley Gibson, Mulberry Grove, about the various kinds of pocketbooks we have at varying stages of our lives, depending on our responsibilities and interests. She noted the burdens we carry and how we are to give them to God. Those in attendance were encouraged to write a burden on a slip of paper and to burn it in the fire pit as they left, surrendering that burden to the Lord. The meeting closed with prayer and the ladies received a token "pocketbook" filled with chocolate kisses and a small prayer journal!

SHARON: Rose of Sharon WMU continues to collect monies, peanut butter, and gallon freezer bags for the Bland Ministry. Easter cards were sent to folks who may have needed a little extra love and kind thoughts from people who love showing God's love for them. The meal ministry continues as well as visits and phone calls. Money was sent to help with the Ruth School Ministry.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>



JONES CHAPEL: A kick-off luncheon for a Women's Ministry, led by Marilyn Gressett, was attended by 29 ladies. After a delicious lunch, they had a fun game and then Marilyn led a devotional time, and gave out door prizes.

The Women's Bible Study on *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer began on Wednesday, April 12, and has been well attended by the ladies of the church. They are learning that even with one's flaws and failures, God is able to use each of us and has a plan for our lives.

MT.ZION'S GIRLS IN ACTION

The Mt. Zion GAs have been learning lots about our missionaries, the countries/states they live in, and different cultures. They are also busy serving others. Most recently they learned the story of Jesus' Transfiguration and the girls displayed their artistic talents wih the interpretation of the event in a picture. They also had an outing to Rodeo's so eveyrone could sample Mexican cuisine. They also collected money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering with one of the girls collecting \$101 on her own by doing chores at home and asking for odd jobs from family members and giving some of her own birthday money. These young ladies are learning so much about Jesus and already have servants' hearts.

Pictured to the right: Lowyn Davidson, Lily Wilson, Kaylee Snoddy, and Kholoe Snoddy

Pictured below at the Mom & Me Conference: Jacqueline, Bella, and Ellie Suleski, Deidre and Gracie Martin, Meghan and Lillian Wilson, Suzanne Davis and Lowyn Davidson, Big sister Kaylee Snoddy and Khloe Snoddy





Mt. Zion GAs, along with a group from Cartersville Baptist, attended Mom and Me overnight camp, April 21 – 22, at Eagle Eyrie. This was the first time they've been able to attend since before COVID. The girls and their moms had a great time hearing from a missionary mom and her teen daughter who served in China, making crafts, having Bible Study, learning a praise dance, going on a scavenger hunt, and hanging out with their moms! They also had praise and worship together each day and devotions in the cabin at night. There was even a separate session for the moms where they were able to relax and have coffee, while being led in discussion by WMUV Executive Director, Valerie Carter. The theme was "Wonderfully Made" from Psalm 139:14: *I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.* Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

The Mt. Zion GAs are led by Dorothy Davis, who offers these words: I encourage everyone who has girls in 1^{st} – 6^{th} grade to attend the Mom and Me conference next year! This is a wonderful event that WMUV sponsors each year for our young girls and their moms, grandmothers, aunts, guardians, etc. to spend some time together and learn more about missions and grow in their relationship with Jesus. We would love to see you there next year! Start planning now to participate.

JRBA WMU Brunch and Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the James River Baptist Associational WMU was held on April 15, at the Antioch/Union Church, Antioch Facility, at 10:00 AM. A delicious brunch was served which everyone enjoyed. The meeting began with the singing of *The Solid Rock*, which carried out the WMU theme of *Hope in Christ*. Audrey Ragland led in a devotional from James 2:14-23, emphasizing that faith must result in works. Next was a short business session in which Thelma Llewellyn was nominated and elected to serve as Mission Growth Director, the position formerly held by Valeria Breault.

A presentation was then made by Gwynn Tyler of his mission trip to Honduras to do construction work. He told of the relationships developed over the years of going and how JRBA has been connected to this ministry through the years. The group painted the inside and outside of two churches. Gwynn assisted with the painting and served as a translator for the team. Some members of the team also led a VBS for 250 children and led a Women's Meeting (similar to our WMU). Pictures were shown of the work done.

Shawn Morris and Patti Wagner presented videos and showed pictures about their work in Honduras with Friends of Barnabas. This organization provides much-needed healthcare in many remote areas of Honduras. They also provide health education to those they treat.

Rev. Jimmy Dunn installed the officers for the coming year and led in a benediction. There were 27 from nine churches in attendance. A hearty "Thank You" goes out to Rev. Brian Faison and his wife, Karen, for all the work they did to make the videos and slide presentations work. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making the meeting a success and all who brought food.

Betty Toney
JRBA WMU Director



JRBA WMU Officers for 2023-2024: Marilyn Snoddy, Rita Harris, Nancy Morris, Audrey Ragland, Thelma Llewellyn, and Betty Toney

JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

TAR WALLET: Congratulations to Amber Bruce – she will graduate from Longwood University on May 20, with a degree in Political Science, with an emphasis on Pre-Law, and a minor in Crimonology and Criminal Justice. She plans to further her educations to attain a law degree.





FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Greetings

We've had a busy April! Folks participated in the Southside Pregnancy Support Center Banquet and were so happy to hear that the goal of \$75,000 was met and exceeded - \$79,867.00 was donated for the work of the center. The JRBA WMU Spring meeting was held with a brunch offering an abundance of delicious food. Gwynn Tyler and Shawn Morris shared their pictures and stories of their Honduras Mission Trips. We also held a Meet & Greet Luncheon with Dr. Wayne Faison, the Executive Director of BGAV. Thank you, Rev. Austin Williams and Phyllis Tyler for orchestrating this enjoyable event where we learned about the BGAV and its future intentions for ministry and missions. Now, I am looking forward to our JRBA Spring Meeting at Jones Chapel on May 11, with music from Jones Chapel being the highlight of the evening. We

will also elect officers for 2023-2024, so make plans to come. We are currently collecting funds for Rise Against Hunger. The Mission Committee hopes to hold a meal-packing event in the fall. Please collect and get your money in by the end of June. We need \$4,000 for RAH to come out and facilitate the event. It is a busy time indeed, as churches are also planning VBS for the precious children that we have the opportunity to lead in the right direction. (If we don't, the world will lead them in the wrong way!) Hope to see you at Jones Chapel on May 11 – our offering will go to the Bland Mission Trip. Please put the work of the team and the Bland Ministry Center on your prayer list.

In Christ's Love,
Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator

JRBA MEET & GREET WITH DR. WAYNE FAISON, BGAV Executive Director



On Monday, April 17, twenty-eight folks from JRBA met at Mulberry Grove Baptist Church for a time of fellowship and introduction of the new Executive Director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (Virginia Baptists), Dr. Wayne Faison.

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, welcomed everyone to the event and gave a blessing for the meal.

A delicious meal with entrees, fire-roasted vegetables, salad, and bread from Pino's Restaurant was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Delicious desserts were provided by Rev. Austin Williams, Audrey Ragland, Marilyn Snoddy, Dora Mann, and Phyllis Tyler.

After the meal, Rev. Skip Wallace, BGAV Field Strategist for the Central/Valley Region, spoke about his long association with BGAV and, more recently, with JRBA. He introduced Dr. Wayne Faison. Dr. Faison told about his family and his work with BGAV through the years and his present call to serve as the Executive Director. Five prayer cards were distributed to everyone and he talked briefly about each of the prayer requests from BGAV for ASCENT.

- PRAY for Reaching Rural Churches: Dr. Faison introduced "ASCENT", a collaborative movement of like-hearted partners, striving to reach, strengthen, and equip the many rural churches across the continent. (Psalm 122:1)
- PRAY for Spreading the Gospel: Pray that ASCENT can reach others for Christ through the development and use of various technologies. (Psalm 124:8)
- PRAY for Engaging Our Mission: Success in the mission to re-engage and re-evangelize North America with the Gospel and carry the Gospel around the world. (Psalm 130:7b)
- PRAY for Developing Leaders: Pray that ASCENT will make and equip disciples through an authentic spiritual formation that leads to a robust Biblical world view. (Psalm 133:1)
- PRAY for Reaching 20- & 30-Somethings: Pray that ASCENT can be a relevant voice to the young adult population across the nation, reaching those in their 20's and 30's. (Psalm 11:1) Dr. Faison then asked for questions.

Gwynn Tyler asked Dr. Faison to elaborate on the manner in which ASCENT would strive to reach rural churches and assist them. Dr. Faison stressed the move towards working with other entities outside of Virginia Baptists (other like-minded denominations and public service organizations) to spread the Gospel and build up the Kingdom while also supporting local rural churches in their own community outreach programs. Rev. Jimmy Dunn asked if BGAV would work alongside groups such as the SBCV in order to move forward for the

Kingdom. Dr. Faison stressed that various groups bring different resources to the table and that it is imperative that as the family of God, we must all work together to introduce Jesus to our neighbors. He noted that we can accomplish so much more when we work together. Dr. Faison closed with a prayer. Skip thanked Mulberry Grove and JRBA for hosting the event. He also thanked Phyllis for her help in planning the event. Phyllis thanked Rev. Austin Williams for all the work he did to facilitate the event and the meal. Austin also thanked BGAV for their contribution to the cost of the meal.

It was a great time of fellowship and comradery around the table and it was good to get to know Dr. Faison on a personal level as well as in his capacity as Executive Director for Virginia Baptist.





Attendees

ANTIOCH UNION: Dale Wright BUCKINGHAM: Betty Toney

CHESTNUT GROVE: Rita Harris, Nancy Morris

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Rev. Josh Morgan, Rev. Jimmy Dunn,

Jane Dunn

FITZGERALD: Rev. Steve Emory, Kenita Emory, Geraldine Whaley,

Vickie Norman, Betty Newman GOSHEN: Rev. Henry Enochs, Jr.

MT. ZION: Rev. Woody Moore, Janice Moore, James Moore, Rochelle

Moore, Marilyn Snoddy

MULBERRY GROVE: Rev. Austin Williams, Gwynn Tyler, Phyllis

Tyler, Dora Mann, Norma Gregory, Jim McDaniel

SHARON: Audrey Ragland Liberty Chapel: Art Cavanaugh

BGAV: Rev. Skip Wallace, Dr. Wayne Faison



JRBA extends a hearty THANK YOU to Rev. Austin Williams for all that he did to make the Meet & Greet a successful event. Austin not only lined up (and picked up) the food from Pino's, but he also took care of getting all other supplies and decorations for the event. He handled registration and made the name tags, as well as handling a great deal of the preliminary communication with BGAV. THANK YOU to all those who provided the yummy deserts for the event. THANK YOU to members of Mulberry Grove who helped with setup and cleanup. THANK YOU to BGAV for their financial contribution to the cost of the event and to Rev. Skip Wallace and Marilee White for their help in setting up the event. Everyone worked together and enjoyed the fellowship of "Accomplishing Together What We Cannot Do Alone". It was a great time of fellowship and learning.

STAFF INFORMATION>>>

GOSHEN: Rev. Ron Moore is currently serving as Interim Pastor at

Goshen. His contact information is below.

Address: 2324 James River Road
Esmont, VA 22937

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BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Budgeted Sponsorship by JRBA

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

May 9: Cumberland at C.H.S. 6:00 PM

(Co-sponsored by Tar Wallet)

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

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
 - May 21 27: JRBA Bland
 Mission Trip Team Members:
 Gloria Newton (Antioch-Scottsvillel),
 Angie Dunfee and Cassie Tomlin (Jones Chapel), Gwynn
 and Phyllis Tyler, Wayne and Linda Gough (Mulberry Grove),
 Audrey Ragland (Sharon), and Joe Weaver (Tar Wallet)
- Victims of gun violence throughout our country
- 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)



2023 SPRING TEAM



SERVING FROM JRBA CHURCHES

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

MT. ZION: Rev. Woody Moore, Brenda McAllister MULBERRY GROVE: Wayne and Linda Gough



JRBA QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2023

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator,

opened the JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting with a devotional on Ephesians 5:19-20: Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. She noted that everyone seemed to have enjoyed the devotional in January about the origin of the hymn, Revive Us Again, so she decided to talk about another favorite musical selection used in our churches on a regular basis. She talked about the origin of the Doxology. The lyricist, Thomas Ken, wrote the familiar words of the Doxology as part of a hymn entitled Morning Hymn. As a child, Ken was orphaned and raised by his half-sister and was enrolled in an allboys school. As an adult, he served as a Chaplain in that same school. He wrote the hymn to help the students develop devotional habits. His hymns were to be sung at various times of the day to play an integral part in an overall regimen of spiritual health and fitness. He believed that devotional singing helped one start the day right. He also promoted the singing of the Doxology at midnight if one couldn't sleep! If the boys were caught up in the emptiness of night, they should sing to the Glory of God! Just as King David wrote psalms of devotion to God, Ken also wrote songs of thankfulness and devotion to both praise God and to lift one's spirits. (If this peaks your interest in Thomas Ken, who was regarded as a "spiritual gangster" with a lot of swagger - he even went toe-to-toe with Kings - "Google" him for more of his story.) Marilyn then led us in singing the Doxology and prayer, imploring God to help us to continue to sing praises to Him.

In Frank Breault's (Clerk) absence, Gwynn Tyler had the roll call of churches. There were 22 in attendance, representing 13 churches. The minutes of the January, 2023, Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved.

Rev. Austin Williams, Treasurer, presented the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. As of March 31, 2023, the checking balance was \$30,554.70, which includes the following: Additional Missions - \$900, Mission Trips - \$1,650, Rise Against Hunger - \$1,871.99, Missions Blitz - \$898.52, Bland - \$550, Christian Education/Training/Evangelism - \$400, and Baccalaureates - \$400. Total receipts for the guarter totaled \$11,459.35, which included donations from JRBA churches - \$9,623, Amazonsmile.com - \$18.07, Interest on Checking - \$4.28, Rise Against Hunger donations - \$1,000, Copier Fund - \$764, and Bland - \$50. Disbursements totaled \$12,349.87, including Mission Trips - \$600, and Transferred to CD Account - \$5,603.05 (in order to earn 4% interest on some of the accumulated funds). The current checking account balance stands at \$31,792.71 with Outstanding checks totaling \$1,238.01. The CD account Balance is \$10,000.00. Also included in the packet was a report of the Budget vs. Actual expenditures-to-date listing line items and the remaining funds available. Austin noted 12 persons had been assisted on the Hope for Appalachia trip. He also noted that the office copier is still not working properly and that he has begun the process of purchasing a new copier from Sharp Business Machines (approved at the January Executive Board Meeting). The company representative is going to honor the price we were quoted in December, 2022, of about \$3,800.00. He also noted that \$724 has been donated towards that purchase. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Austin then presented an updated Mission Trip Support Policy as recommended by the committee. It was written to clarify JRBA support for individuals going on Mission Trips. Some points included:

- \$50/individual for domestic trips outside VA.
- \$100/individual for international trips.
- \$100/team for teams serving in VA.

- \$50/individual serving in Disaster Relief efforts, even in VA.
- \$100 may be provided for transporting mission supplies, as deemed appropriate by the Finance Committee or Association officers.
- To receive funds, participant must be a member of a JRBA church.
- Maximum funds per individual is \$100/year.
- Cap of \$500/mission trip (If the total number of participants from JRBA would cause the expense to be greater than \$500, then one check for \$500 will be given to the host church or team leader.)
- \$100/youth group from JRBA church going on a mission trip

 includes camp trips only if they are mission camps. Funds will be limited to one youth mission trip or camp per church/year.
- To receive funding, trip details and name/addresses of participants must be shared with the JRBA secretary prior to the trip. No funds will be disbursed after a mission trip.
- The Finance Committee will resolve any questions regarding requests for support.
- At the request of the Finance Committee, a request for trip funds may be referred to the Executive Board or the Association Officers for review. (Executive Board if prior to the date of the mission trip. If there is not an Executive Board meeting prior to the mission trip, the officers will have full authority to approve or reject the request for trip funds.)

The Mission Trip Support Policy, as presented by the Finance Committee, was approved.

Mrs. Betty Toney, Benevolence Chair, presented the quarterly report regarding assistance given. From January 1 – March 31, 2023, two individuals were assisted. Total distributions totaled \$225. Designated contributions were received from Mulberry Grove, First Baptist Dillwyn, and Mt. Zion totaling \$900. The Finance Committee decided to move \$5,000 from the Benevolence Checking Account to a Certificate of Deposit in order to earn interest. This CD is still designated for Benevolence use. The checking account balance on hand is \$6,727.38. Outstanding checks total \$231.10. Betty reminded everyone to be sure to notify her or Phyllis if an individual or family loses their home to a fire as we want to assist in those situations.

Marilyn then gave her Moderator's Report. She welcomed Rev. Ken Cook, the new Interim Pastor at Chestnut Grove, and noted that Rev. Ron Moore is the short-term Interim Pastor at Goshen. Rev. Skip Wallace, BGAV Field Strategist, sent his regards and noted that he looks forward to seeing JRBA folks at the Meet & Greet for Dr. Faison on April 17. Marilyn encouraged everyone to sign up and attend that gathering at Mulberry Grove at Noon. JRBA sponsored Rev. Dave Vogt and Rev. Austin Williams to attend the Preaching Conference at Eagle Eyrie in March. Marilyn asked everyone to pray for the Mission Team going to Bland May 21 – 27, and reminded us of the request for peanut butter, Zip Loc Gallon Freezer bags, and monetary donations, which are due by Wednesday, May 10 She asked Betty Toney, WMU director, to share about the JRBA WMU Brunch and Annual Meeting. Betty reminded everyone to come out for the Brunch on Saturday, April 15, at Antioch Union, at 10 AM. The program will be on Honduran Missions with Gwynn Tyler and Shawn Morris speaking about their mission trips. Directions to the church were distributed.

Rev. Austin Williams gave an update from the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Longwood. He noted that the spring semester is going well. He completes his role there in about two weeks. Rev. Cadance Tyler became the Campus Minister there on April 1, so he is working alongside her during the transition. This ministry is sponsored by the BGAV at colleges and universities across the state.

There were no additional Officers' Reports. Committee Reports included the following:

NOMINATING: Mrs. Rita Harris, Chair, presented the Slate of Officers for 2023-2024. She noted that there are several vacant positions. If anyone can fill one of those positions, please contact her. It is extremely important that the role of Clerk be filled as soon as possible. The Slate of Officers was approved as presented. (LIST FOLLOWS)

PROGRAM: Phyllis Tyler, Chair, presented the program for the Spring Semi-Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 11, 2023, at Jones Chapel Baptist Church, as planned by the Program Committee on March 22. The schedule is as follows: Registration – 5:45 PM, Opening Session – 6:00 PM, Fellowship Supper – 6:15 PM, Brief Business Session, Commissioning of the Bland Mission Team, and Worship at 7:00 PM. Rather than a traditional worship service, the committee has requested that Jones Chapel plan a musical program for attendees. The committee also recommended that an offering be taken for the Bland Ministry Center. It was noted that Jones Chapel will be providing meat, drinks, bread, and paper products for the meal. All attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The program and offering recommendation was approved as presented. MISSIONS:

- 1. A recommendation concerning Rise Against Hunger was presented. The committee recommended that JRBA host a meal-packing event in 2023, once the funds have been raised. A minimum of \$4,000 is needed to secure a contract for RAH to come and facilitate an event. Current donations total \$1,871.99. A date for the event has not been set as we need to have (at least) the minimal funds in hand in order to sign a contract and to apply for BGAV World Hunger funds. The committee also recommended that funds be collected through June 30, 2023, after which the committee will proceed with plans for a meal-packing event in early fall, to hopefully be approved at the July Executive Board Meeting. After some discussion and clarification, the recommendations were approved as presented.
- 2. Gwynn Tyler, Team Leader, mentioned the upcoming Mission Trip to work at the Bland Ministry Center. He noted that the team will be involved in some small maintenance jobs, work in the food and clothing ministry, and the team will visit a local nursing home, where Wayne and Linda Gough will be singing. He noted that we have 9 folks going and asked everyone to pray for the team. Monetary donations will be appreciated and your donations of peanut butter and gallon-size Zip Loc freezer bags will be very useful in the food ministry there.
- Rev. Woody Moore then shared about the recent Hope for Appalachia trip to Kentucky. He thanked everyone for all the donations and Hope boxes. He reminded us that the "number" of boxes given by a church or individual was not as important as the unified spirit and everyone's desire to be a part of the project. He noted that in addition to the information given to Phyllis, Spring Hill Baptist Church gave many donations and provided several team members. There were 30 on the team this year and they stayed in a new location - Redbird Methodist Camp. With the larger team, they were able to assist another team as well as serve the schools they intended to visit. Another large team also stayed at the camp and they were able to sing and worship together each evening. There were five pastors at the facility. Antioch (Scottsville) had 8 members on Woody's team and they may even consider forming their own team in the future. Our team needed 11,000 boxes and took 1,382+. Another small school with a large number of children in poverty was also served. In addition to the donations listed in the newsletter, Mr. Zion provided 1,100 Gospel Frisbees for the team to distribute. A highlight of the trip was the distribution/collection of prayer cards from students and staff. This was humbling and the team was able to spend time in praying over their requests. Approximately 130 students

"raised their hands" in response to the Gospel and at least 33 were counciled and made professions of faith. Team members were drawn to the students and many expressed the wish that they could "take 'em home" — they couldn't bring them home, but they definitely did continue to build relationships and plant seeds in their hearts and minds. Woody noted that both the teachers and the students were so grateful for their coming and what they do. A new generation of church is being raised up through these experiences! The ones who go are sharing the love of Jesus through the Holy boxes and the Gospel presentations. Woody thanked everyone again for being a part of this effort and following the Holy Spirit's leading.

There was no other Old or New Business. Marilyn referred everyone to the page of Announcements for the remainder of April, the upcoming Baccalaureates being sponsored by JRBA, and the Semi-Annual Spring Meeting on May 11. She noted that the next Quarterly Executive Board Meeting will be held on **July 10** at **Mt. Zion Baptist Church**. Rev. Steve Emory invited all seniors to Fitzgerald's Senior Day on April 12, 11 AM – 1 PM, with Lunch provided.

A motion was made to adjourn and Rev. Ken Cook, closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis R. Tyler Secretary

JRBA SLATE OF OFFICERS

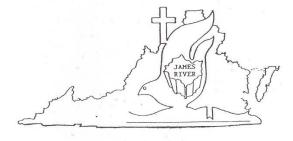
2023 - 2024

Moderator Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy
Vice Moderator
Clerk VACANT
Treasurer Rev. Austin Williams
Reporter/Historian Mr. Terry Towler
Sunday School Director Rev. Jimmy Dunn
Discipleship Director Rev. Steve Emory
Baptist Men's Director VACANT
VBS Leader VACANT
Music Director
Disaster Relief Coordinator VACANT
VA Baptist Historical Society Rep Mr. Terry Towler

Parliamentarian (Appointed by Moderator) Mr. Gwynn Tyer WMU director (Elected by JRBA WMU) Mrs. Betty Toney

Rev. Austin Williams is our Contact Person for Longwood/Hampden-Sydney BCM.

Continuing on the BGAV Mission Council through 2023: Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy



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FINANCIAL PAGE REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS 2022 - 2023

Church	April	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)	\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 500.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 420.00
Gladstone Memorial		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,193.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$3,993.00
Sharon	\$ 302.00	\$ 906.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 1,000.00
Alma Hunt		
Individuals		
Amazon Smile		\$ 27.62
TOTAL	\$ 2,012.00	\$15,339.62

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	April	Year-to-Date	
JRBA Budget 2022-2023		\$ 500.00	
Antioch (Scottsville)			
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00	
Arvon			
Buckingham			
Cedar			
Chestnut Grove			
Enon			
First Baptist Dillwyn			
Fitzgerald Memorial			
Fork of Willis			
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 500.00	\$ 721.99	
Goshen			
Jones Chapel		\$ 100.00	
Mt. Tabor			
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00	
Mulberry Grove			
Sharon			
Tar Wallet			
Individual Gifts		\$ 150.00	
TOTAL	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,371.99	

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

Designated Offering for Disaster Relief: \$656.00 NO EXPENDITURES IN APRIL BALANCE: \$900.00

MISSIONS BLITZ

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

NO EXPENDITURES IN APRIL.

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Church	April	Year -to-Date		
JRBA Budget-Bland Ministry Center		\$ 500.00		
Jones Chapel	\$200.00			
Mt. Zion WMU	\$500.00			
Sharon	\$230.00			
Individual		\$ 50.00		
TOTAL	\$930.00	\$ 1.480.00		

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 NO EXPENDITURES IN APRIL

BALANCE: \$1,650.00 **NON-BUDGETED MINISTRY:**

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

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

NO EXPENDITURES IN APRIL \$5,000 transferred to CD AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$6,727.38*

COPIER FUND

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

Church/Donor	April	Tota	al-to-Date
Sharon		\$	264.00
Individual		\$	500.00
TOTAL		\$	764.00

*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.