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Vacation Bible School

July 10 – 14	Tar Wallet's VBS Theme: Babylon – Daniel's Courage & Captivity Ages 3+	6:00 – 8:30 PM
July 19 – 22	Mulberry Grove's VBS Carnival Setting (Theme to be determined.)	6:30 8:00 PM
July 21 – 23	Enon's VBS (Friday – Saturday) Sunday: Closing at 11 AM with Pizza Party to follow the service. Theme: <i>Pets Unleashed: Where Jesus Cares "Fur" You</i>	6:00 – 8:00 PM
July 22	Sharon's One Day VBS Theme: <i>Food Truck Party</i> Lunch provided.	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
July 23 – 27	Centenary's VBS Theme: Twists & Turns Register online: www.ccscottsville.com	TBA

Homecomings & Revivals



July 9	Homecoming at Buckingham Beginning at 10:00 AM Concert by the True Spirit Gospel Group, from Richmond, will begin at 10. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Garry Sims, followed by lunch at Noon. Please come and enjoy a spiritual blessing and fellowship.	
July 23	200th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration at Chestnut Grove Rev. Les Greeley, previous pastor, will preach at the 11:00 AM service. A covered dish lunch will follow the service. All are welcome. REVIVAL: July 23 – July 26 Led by Rev. Harold Smith of Arkansas Special music each night at 7:00 PM with Preaching at 7:30 PM.	
July 30	Homecoming at Antioch (Scottsville) Speaker: Rev. D. J. Carter, Associate Pastor No Sunday School. Lunch to follow the service.	10:00 AM
August 6	Homecoming at Cedar Guest Speaker: Rev. Jimmy Dunn REVIVAL: July 7 – 11 – services at 7:00 PM each night with special music. Speakers: Monday – Rev. Josh Morgan Tuesday – Rev. Russell Snoddy Wednesday – Rev. Mitch Crickenberger Thursday – Rev. Billy Swann Friday – Lee Davis	11:00 AM
August 13	Homecoming at Sharon Revival: August 14 – 16	
	Homecoming at Mulberry Grove Revival: August 14 – 16	11:00 AM 7:00 PM
September 17-20	Arvon Church is planning Homecoming and Revival Services.	

EVENT DETAILS

July 1 **Christmas in July Chicken BBQ at Fitzgerald Memorial** **Ready at Noon**
 Fundraiser for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to fund a project in the community.
 \$8 a half and \$12 for a dinner. Call the church at 804-492-5151 to preorder.

Outside Dinner & Movie at Centenary **6:00 PM**
 Centenary Church is located at 12247 S Constitution Route, Scottsville, VA

July 2 **Freedom Sunday at Enon – Cookout & Fireworks** **5:00 PM**
 The Celebration will be at the church – everyone is invited to join in as Enon celebrates America's Independence Day!



INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4, 2023

The 4th of July, also known as Independence Day, celebrates the passage of the Declaration of Independence. The American colonies wanted their freedom from Great Britain, and on July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted for that independence.

Chestnut Grove will NOT be hosting a 4th of July celebration this year.

Antioch (Scottsville) will be participating in the Scottsville 4th of July parade.

July 4 **All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)** **10 AM – Noon**
 Medical equipment is received and given out to those who need it at no cost. For information, call 434-422-8888 (Charlottesville).
 A volunteer from FBC assists with giving out the equipment each week.

Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday) **10:00 – 11:30 AM**
 Current study: Gospel of Luke. All are welcome.

July 5 **Dinner & Bible Study at Fitzgerald Memorial** **6:00 – 7:30 PM**
 Every Wednesday

July 5, 19 & 26 **Bible Study at Goshen** **7:00 PM**

July 8 **Men's Breakfast & Fishing at Centenary** **TBA**

July 9 **Movie at Centenary** **6:00 PM**
 Movie: *Jesus Revolution*

Monday, July 10

JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

7:00 PM

All pastors, JRBA officers, JRBA Committee Chairs, and representatives to the Executive Board
 are encouraged to attend.

Plans will be finalized for a Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing event in early fall.

July 12 **Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove** **11:00 AM**
 Bluegrass/Gospel Music and Covered Dish Fellowship Lunch

Brotherhood and WMU at Goshen **7:00 PM**

July 14 & 28 **Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral**
 Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM.

July 15 **Dinner & Movie at Fitzgerald Memorial** **6:00 PM**
 Movie: *The Good Journey*

July 17 – 21 **Jones Chapel Youth Mission Trip to Missions Connection Celebration at Eagle Eyrie**
 Keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers this week.

July 22 **Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)** **9:30 – 10:30 AM**

Monday, July 24

Information for the August edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due today by 9 AM.
 Please include items for the August calendar, outreach and celebration observations from July, and
 VBS follow up (if yours has been completed).



CHURCH OUTREACH

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Members are currently collecting items for the Hope for Appalachia Fall Trip and Operation Christmas Child. The Loaves and Fish Ministry meal was held on Saturday, June 24. Six people were served and 43 meals were delivered. The church also recently held two outreach events:

Bland Ministry Center

On Father's Day, June 18, Mrs. Dee-Dee Hoosier, Director of Bland Ministry Center, visited **Antioch (Scottsville)** to share the mission, needs and opportunities for service at the Bland Ministry. Dee-Dee shared that while the ministry is multifaceted, the primary areas of focus are food, clothing, dentistry, and home improvement. This year the food pantry regularly serves up to two hundred families a WEEK. Many families use the clothing closet as their main source for their family wardrobe. There are many ways that mission teams can serve at the BMC. For example, volunteers can serve in the food pantry with preparation and distribution of food, preparing donated clothing for the clothing store, or helping update a neighborhood home. There is a need for all skill levels and all help is welcomed. Dee-Dee expressed thankfulness for JRBA churches' contributions to Bland, particularly since last year the center has seen a drastic reduction in contributions. After worship, Dee-Dee met with the Antioch members to answer questions about the Bland mission and a love offering was given. Other churches are encouraged to contact Dee-Dee to come and visit your church to tell about the ministry and needs of the Bland Ministry Center. (Dee-Dee can be reached at BMC by phone at 276-688-4701 or by email at dhoosier@blandministrycenter.org.)



The Awakening Youth Revival

The Awakening Youth Revival, April 28 & 29, held at the Scottsville Pavilion and attended by more than 130 young people from Fluvanna, Albemarle, and Buckingham was, by all accounts, a life-changing event. Organized by **Antioch**, Fox Memorial, Effort, and Scottsville Baptist youth leaders, each night began with games and fellowship, followed by dinner and worship. Friday night worship began with Beth Brookman music followed by Pastor Dave Vogt challenging the youth to nail all their cares on the cross, literally. Almost 100% of the youth, without reservation or hesitation, responded to this altar call and wrote their personal cares on a sticky note and then placed it on a nail on the cross. Saturday night was again spiritually filled with the Antioch Praise Band providing worship music and the Rev. Kody Stewart speaking of the sacrifices and changes his own grandfather made so that he, Rev. Stewart, could go to seminary and proclaim the Word. For a second night, there was a near unanimous response to the altar call. The youth then stayed for well over an hour worshipping together in song with the Antioch Praise Band. It seemed as if no one wanted to go home and leave the sanctuary of the group. A big thank you to Mr. Michael Karr (Scottsville), Mr. Mike Harris (Fox Memorial), and Rev. Jenny Faulkner (Antioch) for planning and implementing this event. Also thank you to Albemarle Baptist Association for funding. A second youth revival is planned for later in the summer or early fall. Times will be announced. Please encourage your youth to attend!



CEDAR: The church family has recently been collecting for Rise Against Hunger. The Women on Mission are collecting Back-to-School supplies for any families that might need assistance.

CHESTNUT GROVE: The June WMU project was collecting money for Shawn Morris's trip to Honduras through Friends of Barnabas.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Diapers are being collected for the Pregnancy Center at Ellis Acres. Helping Hands continues to carry out a ministry of visits, cards, and calls to people with special needs. Plans are being made to prepare and deliver meals to persons with special needs one Sunday in August. FBC Youth VBS for grades 6 – 12 will be held later in the summer. Also the Youth Mission Trip will take place at a later date.

JONES CHAPEL: A silent auction and BBQ Fundraiser was held on June 11, with a great turnout. With the support and donations made from the meals and auction items, \$1,324.00 was raised for the summer mission trip to Eagle Tyrie.

The boys and girls of Jones Chapel had a great time at the end of their Rise Against Hunger competition. The girls ended up collecting \$353.73 and the boys collected \$299.55. With the additional \$500 that had been donated, the total raised for RAH this year was \$1,153.28. Michelle Tuttle had an ice cream social for the children and 650 water balloons. Pastor Dane led the boys and Marilyn led the girls in the water balloon fight. Pictured below is Kyler Marion placing his donation in the "blue" bucket.



MT. ZION: The WMU gave \$500 to the Southside Pregnancy Support Center.

SHARON: The congregation is collecting funds to support WMUV's Standing Rock mission efforts. Preparations are underway for Homecoming and Revival Services, August 13 – 16. Rose of Sharon continues providing meals, visits, calls, cards, and encouragement to those in need of a little extra love and care.



V.B.S. FOLLOW-UP

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Antioch teamed up with Scottsville Baptist to host VBS the last week of June. They used Lifeway's *Twist & Turns* curriculum. Classes met from 6:30 – 8:30 PM nightly.

CEDAR: A great week of VBS was completed June 11 – 15, with a total enrollment of 132 workers and children. The offering for the week of \$784.79 was collected for the Glory Reins Ranch, a Christian non-profit ministry dedicated to serving all by demonstrating and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. This is a local ministry located on Plank Road, Farmville, VA

JONES CHAPEL: VBS was held June 25 – 30. A picnic was held on the first night followed by VBS sessions nightly from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The theme was *Hero Hotline*.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY AT LONGWOOD/HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

Two Open House opportunities in August are planned for people in Associations and the community to tour the BCM building, meet me, and also pray for incoming students. Please make plans now to attend one of the events:

August 10: 4:00 -7:00 PM

August 11: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

The BCM is located at 303 Griffin Blvd., Farmville, VA.

IF ANY GROUP WANTS TO DO A WORK PROJECT AT THE BCM BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST 9, THEY CAN EMAIL ME AT cadance.tyler@bgav.org OR PHONE ME AT 434-944-3914 TO SCHEDULE A TIME. YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AS WE READY THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS FOR THE INCOMING STUDENTS.

Cadance Tyler
Campus Minister
Longwood/Hampden-Sydney BCM



WALK FOR LIFE **Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia**

We invite you to WALK for LIFE this September at one of our three Walk for Life events! The Walk for Life is a simple way for people of all ages to get involved by actively demonstrating support for the value of human life – and a desire to make a difference in the lives of women, men, and babies in our community. By raising funds and walking yourself or by giving a one-time gift to support another walker for the Walk for Life, you are directly helping the Pregnancy Support Center to offer hope and help to those impacted by pregnancy.

The funds raised from this year's Walk for Life will help the ministry of the Pregnancy Support Center to continue life-affirming programs that bring hope to those who are impacted by pregnancy within our community. The FREE services the PSC provides to the community are: Pregnancy tests, Individual Peer-Counseling classes, Limited Obstetric Parenting, Co-Parenting & Fatherhood education, Baby supplies, Post-abortion Support & Education, Baby and Maternity clothing, and Group Classes.

This year the PSC Walk for Life will be held in three locations:

Saturday, September 9: Amelia Courthouse Lawn (8:30 AM)
Saturday, September 9: Farmville High Bridge Trail (8:45 AM)
Saturday, September 16: Keysville Osborne Park (9:00 AM)

Ways to get involved:

1. Register online as a FUNDRAISER: Create your own fundraising page – join or create a team!
2. Register online as a FORERUNNER: Encourage others in your family, church, school, etc. to become a fundraiser or friend.
3. Be a FRIEND by giving a one-time gift to support a Fundraiser Walker or donate directly to the Walk.
4. Printed Fundraising Forms are available for those who choose to not register online and can be turned in on the day of the event.



Scan to Register.

For additional information, contact Donielle Yoder at 434-391-1001 or visit www.pscsupport.org/events/.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Youth Sunday was held at FBC on Sunday, May 21. The youth led an inspiring service featuring special music by the youth, a skit on following Jesus, a message by Gabrielle Gunter, and a testimony by Tanner Davis.

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: The congregation is currently involved in a study on the Church. In mid-July, a study will begin on the Doctrine of Salvation.

MT. ZION: Gwynn Tyler met with the WMU on June 14, to share information and show pictures of his recent mission trip to Honduras and the JRBA Mission Trip to the Bland Ministry Center. We were blessed to also have in attendance Gwynn's wife, Phyllis, and Bety Toney, the JRBA WMU Director.



MULBERRY GROVE: Mulberry Grove and Antioch (Scottsville) sent 11 campers to Camp Crossroads the week of June 19 – 23. Also staying in their cabin were a missionary's children. Everyone had a great week working, learning, and fellowshiping together. During the week the youngsters attended a mission workshop with a missionary from Guatemala. They also participated in a mission project making Gospel bracelets for a ministry. Campers raised over \$600 for Villa Millagro, a WMUV partner. Attendees from Mulberry Grove: Rev. Austin Williams, Suzanne Snoddy, Ben Snoddy, Liam Saulisbury, Luke Llewellyn, Austin Llewellyn, Isaac Carter, Lily Jones, and Nathalie Taylor.

OTHER EVENTS>>>

JONES CHAPEL: The annual fishing tournament was held on June 3. On June 11, pictures were shown at church. Then, Dennis and Christal Parker awarded trophies and prizes for "biggest fish", "most fish", "smallest fish", and various other categories. The children were excited to be recognized and loved their gifts!

Front row: Zaiden, Piper, Mason, Marshall, and Chance

Back row: Dennis, Dustin, Anna, Justin, Jack, and Christal



IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

JONES CHAPEL: The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of Jerome Hamlette, church member; and also to the family and friends of Edith McReynolds (Gay Large's mother, Frankie Large's grandmother).



JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

FATHER'S DAY

BUCKINGHAM: All fathers were recognized on Father's Day with a small gift.

CEDAR: All fathers were recognized on Father's Day with a gift, but special recognition was given to the Youngest Father – Richard (Bubby) Shepherd, the Oldest Father – Clarence Gormus. As to the Father with the Most Children Present, there was a 5-way tie: Danny Allen, Brian Staton, Randy Waycaster, Bubby Shepherd, and Brian Elliott. Each had two children with them. Praise God for Christian fathers who are at church with their children!

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: A Father's Day breakfast was held on June 18 honoring all dads. Six of the Women on Mission led the Worship Service.

MULBERRY GROVE: A great time of worship and fellowship was enjoyed on the river on Father's Day.

MT. ZION: The WMU ladies honored the men of the church on Father's Day by preparing and serving breakfast.

JONES CHAPEL: On Father's Day, Pastor Dane recognized all the fathers, gave a devotional book to all the men, and presented the Oldest Father, Scootie Keller, and Youngest Father, Ian Pleasants, with gift cards. They are pictured to the right.



OTHER CELEBRATIONS

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: Taylor Sutton recently graduated from Longwood University in the nursing program.

TAR WALLET: Andrew McHenry recently won a gold medal in bowling at the Special Olympics State Competition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>

First Baptist Dillwyn has about 100 china dinner plates, salad plates, bread plates, cups and saucers that they will give to any church that can use them. If your church is interested in having them, please call Dottie Shumaker at 434-391-4256.



FROM YOU MODERATOR>>>

Greetings to all,
Hope everyone is having a great summer. Revivals and Homecomings are being planned. Speakers and musicians are being called to come and share with churches the Word of God. I pray each church will have a record number of people rededicating themselves to Jesus Christ, and many accepting him as their Lord and Savior. Hope to see you at the July Executive Board Meeting.

Love in Christ,
Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator

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 Leaders
- Vacation Bible Schools
- July 17 – 21: Jones Chapel's Youth Mission Trip to MC2
- Leaders (Local, State, Nation, and World)
- Victoria Nina Vassle, JRBA WMU Project Ruth Adoptee
- Jimmy & Suzane (Bryan) Brock – Church planters in Virginia Beach
- All those in our congregations who are ill or who have lost loved ones



Philippians 4:6-7

FINANCIAL PAGE
REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS
2022 - 2023

Church	June	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$1,000.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 750.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
FBC Dillwyn	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 420.00
Gladstone Memorial		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 177.00	\$ 1,604.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$3,993.00
Sharon		\$ 906.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 1,000.00
Alma Hunt		
Individuals		
Amazon Smile		\$ 27.62
TOTAL	\$1,677.00	\$17,900.62

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	June	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget 2022-2023		\$ 500.00
Antioch (Scottsville)		
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Cedar	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 405.00	\$ 405.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$1,588.00	\$1,588.00
Fitzgerald Memorial		
Fork of Willis		
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 721.99
Goshen		\$ 500.00
Jones Chapel	\$1,053.28	\$ 1,153.28
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00
WMU		\$ 200.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Sharon		
Tar Wallet		
Maysville	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Individual Gifts		\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$4,501.28	\$7,937.27

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS:

ALL monies expended 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 JUNE - BALANCE: \$900.00

MISSIONS BLITZ

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

NO EXPENDITURES IN JUNE.

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Church	June	Year -to-Date
JRBA Budget-Bland Ministry Center		\$ 500.00
Jones Chapel		\$ 505.00
Mt. Zion WMU		\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove-Bland Ministry Ctr.		\$ 500.00
Sharon		\$ 230.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 45.00
Individuals		\$ 190.00
JRBA budgeted to Mission Team		\$ 100.00
JRBA Spring Meeting Offering		\$ 283.00
Team Member Contributions		\$ 270.00
TOTAL		\$ 3,123.00

Team Expenses: \$768.32; Donation to BMC: \$2,354.68

BALANCE: \$0.00

MISSION TRIPS

Budgeted for 2022 – 2023: \$ 2,500

NOV.: Hope for Appalachia (Kentucky) - \$50 each (3 volunteers) = \$150.00

Gwynn Tyler – Honduras - \$100.00

FEB.: Hope for Appalachia - \$50 each (12 volunteers) = \$600.00

MAY: JRBA Bland Mission Team - \$100.00

JUNE: \$100 each to Mulberry Grove Youth Mission Trip, Antioch (Scottsville) Youth Mission Trip, Jones Chapel Youth Mission Trip

BALANCE: \$1,250.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRY:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

Donations	June	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2021 – 2022		\$ 11,753.38
Buckingham		\$ 300.00
Enon		\$ 50.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 100.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,450.00

No Expenditures in June

AVAILABLE DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$6,612.38

COPIER FUND

Estimated cost for new copier & maintenance contract: \$5,000.00
 Appropriated by the Executive Board

Church/Donor	Total-to-Date
Sharon	\$ 264.00
Individual	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 764.00

5/21/23: \$3,827.00 expended for new copier.

Designated funds Depleted (\$764) + Appropriated funds (\$3,063)