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HOMEcomings & REVIVALS



HOMEcoming

August 6

Homecoming at Cedar

11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jimmy Dunn

Followed by Lunch in the fellowship hall.

Song Service featuring Bobby Snoddy

1:30 PM

Revival Services: August 7 – 11

7:00 PM

Monday: Speaker Lee Davis with music by Second Time around

Tuesday: Rev. Russell Snoddy with music by The Bryant Family

Wednesday: Rev. Mitch Crickenberger with music by Zion Baptist Church

Thursday: Rev. Billy Swann with music by Amanda Powell

Friday: Rev. Roger Roller with music by Andrew Bowles

August 6

Homecoming at Goshen

11:00 AM

Speaker: Rev. Ron Moore

Revival Services: August 7 – 9

7:00 PM

Speaker: Rev. Anthony Clore

August 13

Homecoming at Mulberry Grove

11:00 AM

No Sunday School. Service will be followed by lunch.

Revival Services: August 14 – 16

7:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kody Stewart, Scottsville Baptist

Music by Evergreen Community Church, Tom & Debbie England, and Amanda Joy Powell

August 13

Homecoming at Sharon

11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jimmy Dunn with Special Music by Bluegrass/Gospel group, *Empowered*

Service followed by a Covered Dish Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Revival Services: August 14 – 16 (Special Music nightly)

7:30 PM

Monday: Paul Palmore

Tuesday: Rev. Mitch Crickenberger

Wednesday: Randy Christian

August 27

191st Homecoming at Enon

11:00 AM

Rev. Lane Loman will be singing and speaking for this time of celebration.

Revival Services: August 28 – 30

7:00 PM

Rev. Logan will speak each evening.

August 27

Homecoming at Mt. Tabor

11:00 AM

Followed by lunch.

Revival Services: August 28 – 30

7:00 PM

Preaching by Pastor Ron Nida with special music nightly. All are welcome!

Sept. 17 – 20

Arvon Church is planning Homecoming and Revival Services.

October 8

Homecoming at Jones Chapel

10:00 AM

Pastor Dane Gressett will be preaching and special music will be provided by Mercy's Well.

EVENT DETAILS

August 1

All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn, Parking Lot

10:00 AM - Noon

FBC is pleased to host and work with All Blessings Flow each Tuesday morning. Many persons are receiving free medical equipment and others donate medical items. Please call 434-422-8888 for information.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn

10:00 – 11:30 AM

All are welcome to join in the current study of the Gospel of Luke every Tuesday.

Aug. 2,16, 23 & 30	Prayer Meeting at Goshen	7:00 PM
August 2	Bible Study at Enon (Every Wednesday)	6:00 PM
	New "Wednesday Encounter Service at Centenary Worship, Prayer, and Small Group Bible Study (Every Wednesday) Located at 12247 S Constitution Route, Scottsville, VA	7:00 PM
	Prayer and Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Wednesday) Now featuring a study of the book of Jonah.	6:30 PM
August 5	Jones Chapel's River Float The Youth Group is hosting a river float, leaving from the church at 8:00 AM, and ending with a brown-bag lunch at noon.	
	Enon's Children and Teen Skate Party at A. J. Skateworld in Appomattox	2:30 – 4:30 PM
	First Saturday Dinner at Centenary	6:00 PM
	Youth Event at Antioch (Scottsville) Joint event with Scottsville Baptist. The boys will be going fishing and the girls will be painting.	6:00 – 10:00 PM
August 6	Each Sunday, Centenary will host Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 AM and Worship at 10:00 AM. Worship will include a verse-by-verse sermon, by Pastor Steve Amburgey, from the book of Acts.	
August 9	Senior Citizens' Fellowship at Mulberry Grove Bluegrass/Gospel Music with a Covered Dish Lunch	11:00 AM



Open Houses are planned for people in Associations and the community to tour the building, meet the BCM Campus Minister, and also pray for incoming students. Please make plans now to attend one of the events.

Thursday, August 10 : 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Friday, August 11: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
The BCM is located at 303 Griffin Blvd., Farmville, VA

August 11 & 25 Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn

Volunteers are needed at 9:30 AM.

August 12	Men's Breakfast at Centenary	8:00 AM
	Night of Worship at Antioch (Scottsville) This gathering will be held in the Worship Center. All are invited to come for a night of praise and worship!	6:30 – 9:00 PM
August 16	Women on Mission Game Night at Jones Chapel	6:15 PM
August 17	Pastors: Field Trip to Leland Seminary & Washington Nationals Game Pastors, You should have received an invitation from Rev. Skip Wallace with information on this event. If you are interested in learning about Leland Seminary, they will be hosting a free informational luncheon (up to 25). The Seminary is located at 1306 N Highland Street, Arlington, VA. Attendees are also invited to attend a Washington Nationals Game at 4:00 PM, sitting together. Cost of admission is NOT included. If you have questions or would like to go, please contact Rev. Skip Wallace, our BGAV Field Strategist, at skip.wallace@bgav.org or by phone at 804-461-1110. He is willing to give a ride to the first three pastors in our region who sign up.	
August 19	Church Work Day with Hot Dog Lunch at Enon	9:00 AM
August 20	Women on Mission at Enon	Noon

Monday, August 21

Information for the September edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due today at 9:00 AM. Please include items for the September calendar, outreach and celebratory news from August, and remaining VBS and Homecoming/Revival follow-up.

August 26	Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)	9:30 – 10:30 PM
	Centenary's Cookout at Holiday Lake	Noon

Buckingham will host a dinner and movie in August. Date/Time TBA.

September 10 – 17

ALMA HUNT OFFERING *for Virginia Missions*

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for **Alma Hunt** (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.


The offering provides funding for all [Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia](#) (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists). Since 1976 this offering has been a joint venture between WMUV and the [Baptist General Association of Virginia](#) (BGAV)

September 21 **Planning Financial Support for Church Staff Seminar at BGAV Office, Henrico** **9:30 AM - Noon**
Register to attend or receive a link to view at <https://bgav.wufoo.com/forms/x1s31zbv0ts17xu/>.

Family Fun Festival at Jones Chapel **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

October 1 – 5 **Gathering of Silence Retreat at CrossRoads**
Pastors and Other Ministry Staff: This is an opportunity for you to get away and practice silence, solitude, and stillness in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Register at <https://crossroadsccc.wufoo.com/forms/gathering-of-silence-2023>.

October 9 **JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn** **7:00 PM**
Pastors, JRBA Officers and Committee Chairs, and Church Representatives: Mark your calendars now for this meeting. We will be looking at the Program for the Annual Meeting and the Budget for 2023 – 2024.



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

JRBA Rise Against Hunger
Meal-Packing Event
Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Maysville Baptist Church
13327 W James Anderson Hwy., Buckingham, VA 23921

We hope to be packing about 25,000 meals for hungry people around the world!
There will be a job for folks of all ages, so
mark your calendar and plan to come and help in this mission effort!
(We will need a few strong volunteers at 1:30 PM to help unload the truck and set up for the packing event.
We will need about 150 volunteers to help get the meals packed!)
(Watch for details on sign-up in future newsletters.)

October 19 **189th JRBA Annual Meeting at Mulberry Grove** **4:45 PM**
The Annual Book of Reports, 2022 – 2023, will be distributed as we look back at what we accomplished, and look ahead to what God has for us to do next year, fellowship together, and worship!

November 3 – 4 & 4 – 5 **WMUV Women's Getaway at Eagle Eyrie**
Theme: Rhythms of Grace
"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." Matthew 11:28-39 (MSG)
Join your WMU sisters from across Virginia for 24 hours of retreat, worship, preaching, breakouts, crafts, and coffee at Eagle Eyrie! Choose your dates: Nov. 3 – 4 or Nov. 4 – 5. Registration opens August 1 at <https://eagleeyrie.wufoo.com/forms/wmuv-getaway-2023/>.



Wednesday, November 8, 2023

**DUE DATE FOR ALL WINTER WEAR ITEMS, PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN BAGS
FOR HOPE FOR APPALACHIA**

Begin now collecting NEW hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and NEW (or GENTLY- used) coats for the children of Kentucky!

November 13 – 15, 2023
BGAV Annual Meeting
Celebrating 200 Years
Bon Air Baptist Church, 2531 Buford Road, Richmond, VA
Details coming soon at www.bgav.org.



JRBA HOPE FOR APPLACHIA MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY

November 29 – December 2, 2023

Begin now to pray for our team and the children who will be receiving our gifts!

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>



V.B.S. FOLLOW-UP

ANTIOCH: VBS was a success! 150 children and 55 volunteers attended during the week of June 4 – 8. Dinner was served before each night of activities this year and it was a wonderful addition. Six children decided to accept Jesus into their lives. \$808 was collected for First Home Care – Therapeutic Foster Care Services. Jessica Partusch and Lanie Taylor were the Co-Directors. See pictures below.



CHESTNUT GROVE: VBS was held June 19 – 22, with 15 children and 14 helpers. The theme for the week was *Big & Bold – Fun Fair*. There was a petting zoo one night and pony rides another night. Each night there were Bible stories and songs, as well as crafts. Lots of fun was had by all. \$200 was collected for Pure Water/Pure Love to help provide clean water to foreign countries. Carolyn Morris and Grace Moss were the Directors.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Melissa Wood and Christy Jamerson directed Children's VBS on June 26 – 30, using Lifeway's *Twists & Turns* for the curriculum. They had a total of 74 students and 49 workers enrolled. There were 7 decisions to accept Christ! \$624 was collected for Operation Christmas Child.

JONES CHAPEL: The VBS was well attended on the evenings of June 25 – 30. 29 students and 28 workers participated. A picnic was held on the first night. There was a lot of learning, music, and fun during the week which ended with refreshments and commencement. There was one decision to accept Christ. All donations (\$349) were designated for Hope for Appalachia. Judy Chambliss was the VBS Director. Pictured below are many of the VBS attendees.



MT. ZION: VBS was held June 4 – 8, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. There were 20 students and 25 workers enrolled. Three decisions were made to accept Christ during the week. The curriculum used was Concordia's *Keepers of the Kingdom*. \$540 was collected for the Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia. Dorothy Davis was the VBS Director.

MULBERRY GROVE: Shannon Jones directed a great evening VBS, July 19 -22. The curriculum was created in-house with a carnival theme. There were 33 children enrolled with 15 workers. The children learned about who Jesus is while enjoying lots of games, crafts, and music. The end of VBS was celebrated with a large carnival on Saturday which included a large slide, a Dunk Tan, carnival games, and lots of great concession foods! \$105 was collected for the new JRBA-sponsored Knights' Pantry at the BCHS. (See pictures below and on page 6.)



Mulberry Grove VBS (cont'd)



TAR WALLET: VBS was held July 10 – 14, from 6:00 – 8:30 PM each evening. The theme was *Babylon – Daniel's Courage & Captivity*. 21 students and 16 workers were enrolled. Lena Chapman was the VBS Director.

CENTENARY: Pastor Steve directed the VBS and Lifeway's *Twists & Turns* was used with the children. An evening school was held July 23 – 27 with about 45 students and 15 workers attending. Four children made decisions to accept Christ. A \$1,000 mission offering was collected for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



HOMEcoming FOLLOW-UP

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Homecoming was held on July 30 at 10:00 AM, with Rev. D. J. Carter, Associate Pastor, giving the message. There were 166 in attendance. The preaching and fellowship meal were enjoyed by all.

BUCKINGHAM: Homecoming was held on July 9, with The True Gospel Band providing excellent music. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the singing which came from the heart. The service was led by Garry Sims after which lunch was served in the fellowship hall. Many thanks to all who came to make this day special and to those who stepped up to make it all happen. Several of the members were out sick.

CHESTNUT GROVE: Homecoming and the 200th Anniversary Celebration was held on July 23, 2023. The church was packed and the message was given by Rev. Harold Smith of Arkansas. Bayla Harris received a scholarship from the Chestnut Grove Scholarship Fund. After the service, a covered dish luncheon was held and everyone got a chance to catch up with friends and family.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

CHURCH OUTREACH

CEDAR: The Women on Mission, with the help of a Love Offering from the church, are assisting families with Back-to-School supplies, clothes, etc.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: The church hosted the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Wednesday, July 14. They also hosted the local Gideon camp and served them lunch on July 8. The Helping Hands Ministry continues to be on mission for Jesus through blessing many people with special needs with cards, phone calls, visits, meals, and financial gifts. Diapers continue to be collected for the Pregnancy Center at Ellis Acres.

FBC YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The Youth Group of First Baptist Dillwyn partnered with Team Effort for a mission trip to Altoona, PA, from July 23 – 29. Eight youth participated: Abigail Bryant, Scarlett Davis, Tanner Davis, Lillie Palmore, Piper Scialdo, Carter Taylor, Mollie Ruth Walker, and Brayden Wright. They were accompanied by six adults: Becky Mahone, Mike Mahone, Ashley Moss, Cody Moss, Brandon Shumaker, and Melissa Wood (plus Cody and Ashley's children). The group served the community of Altoona by painting trailers, landscaping, and building decks. In the evenings, the group met for devotionals and then met with other church groups (125 people altogether) for chapel where they sang praise music and worshiped together into the night. At the end of the week, chapel concluded with a candlelit prayer and laying burdens at the cross. The group spent their last day in PA at Hershey Park before returning home.

MT. ZION: The WMU gave a monetary gift to Rev. Billy Swann.

MULBERRY GROVE: The church contributed \$1,000 to the JRBA-sponsored Knights' Pantry at BCHS to help students with food and clothing. Members also donated peanut butter, canned soup, and pasta sauce for the pantry. The WMU completed several outreach projects recently: A prayer quilt was given to Carly Jones for her new baby, food was taken to several church members, gift bags were made and delivered to two students attending Jacob's Ladder, and a \$250 sponsorship was given to the Southside Pregnancy Walk for Life.

SHARON: The church contributed \$342 to WMUV's Standing Rock Ministry. Rose of Sharon (WMU_ continues providing meals, visits, call, and notes of encouragement to those who need a little extra love and care.

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Folks are finishing up the collection of baby bottles full of spare change for the LifeSpring Pregnancy Center. The collection of items for Hope for Appalachia and Operation Christmas Child has begun. 65 boxes of food were distributed at the July Loaves and Fish Ministry event. The church won 1st place in the Scottsville July 4th Parade with their float pictured below. Many tracts were distributed to the folks along the parade path.



JONES CHAPEL: The Women's Ministry, led by Marilyn Gressett, met in July for a card-making night. Deborah Henshaw, expert card-maker, led in a brief devotion. She brought sets of cards and supervised (showed everyone how). Very elaborate, beautiful cards were made that can be sent to church members, friends, or family to show they are being thought about. Members will be collecting for the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia State Missions and the church has donated to the Pregnancy Support Center and will participate in the Walk for Life in Farmville, on September 9. The Youth Mission Trip to MC2 on July 17 – 23, was a week of service as the youth and adults worked on projects on campus and around the greater Lynchburg area. Pictured below are those who went on the trip.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



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, 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. 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/.

KNIGHT'S PANTRY

The Knight's Pantry is a food pantry and clothing closet at Buckingham County High School.
The Pantry is operated by the James River Baptist Association.

ITEMS NEEDED

Food Items:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Oatmeal Packets
Breakfast Cereals
Boxed Meals (Hamburger Helper)
Canned Soup
Fruit Cups
Canned Chicken
Pasta
Pasta Sauce

Hygiene Items:

Feminine Hygiene Products
Shampoo
Body Wash
Face Soap
Deodorant

Please deliver donations to:

Mulberry Grove Baptist Church
1095 Mulberry Grove Rd.
Buckingham, VA 23921

Contact Rev. Austin Williams to arrange delivery or for additional information:
austin@mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com or 434-390-1305.

Monetary Donations:

Please make payable to:

James River Baptist Association
Memo: Knight's Pantry
P. O. Box 1219
Dillwyn, VA 23936

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

There is an Amazon Wish List on the flyer sent to each church that you

can access via the QR code. The list above and the QR code can also be accessed on the JRBA website.



Prayer & Donations for the Boyer Family

Please keep Josiah and Shelley Boyer in your prayers after the recent loss of their 3-year old son, Blaine. An account has been set up to help with final expenses. It is called the Blaine Boyer Memorial Fund. Donations are being accepted at Citizens Bank and Trust across from Walmart in Farmville, VA. Your continued prayer and support for this family are much appreciated during this time of great loss.

Rev. Alan Gough, Pastor – Tar Waret



Hope for Appalachia Items for Fall Trip
Due November 8, 2023

NEW Hats, Gloves, Scarves, & Blankets
(Blankets should be individual-size.)
NEW or GENTLY-USED Coats

Be sure that any used coats have working zippers, snaps, or buttons and are CLEAN and ready for wear.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Bags

Each year, during the Christmas Mission Trip to drop off the winter coats, hats, glove, and blankets that have been collected, the team takes the opportunity to meet the new Pre-Kindergartners and Kindergartners for the first time. They bring them a little bag with some much-needed items. If your mission group or church wants to provide some of these bags this year, see the list below:

Please include in each bag:

NEW Winter Hat & Gloves
 Box of Crayons
 Box of Markers
 Pencils
 Toothbrush
 Full-Sized Toothpaste
 Small Stuffed Animal
 Stickers/Fun Item
 Coloring Book

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE CANDY OR ANY SNACK ITEMS.

The bags themselves should be 12" X 16" X-Large Organza Drawstring Bags found on Amazon – they are the perfect size to pack all of the items!

**ALL ITEMS FOR THE NOV. 29 – DEC. 2 JRBA MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY
 ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023.**

WMUV KENYA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

Mully Children's Family
March 1 – 10, 2024

Join former WMUV President Dr. Lynne Stockman and a team of medical workers as they minister alongside Mully Children's Family in Ndalani, Kenya. If you want to learn more about the medical mission trip to Kenya, an orientation will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 10 Am – 2 Pm at the BGAV Office, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA. A team of 25 – 30 medical volunteers and servant leaders will be needed.

Volunteer positions needed:

Doctors
 Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants
 Pharmacists and Pharmacy Techs
 Nurses, RNs, and LPNs
 CNAs, Medical Assistance, EMTs
 Dentists, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistants
 Optometrists, Opticians, Ophthalmology Techs
 Nursing and Medical Students
 Physical Therapists
 Servant Leaders
 Pastor or Chaplain

For more information, contact Dr. Lynne Stockman at 757-635-9115.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

MULBERRY GROVE: On Sunday, July 30, Mulberry Grove had their 5th Sunday Missions Day. During the Sunday School hour, Wayne and Linda Gough gave a presentation about Hope for Appalachia. They told how the financial and prayer support from Mulberry Grove and other churches in the association impacts the Hope for Appalachia work in Kentucky. They shared videos and personal testimonies of the work being done with the children in Kentucky. They talked about the children and their reactions to the Hope boxes that are sent in the spring and how appreciative both the students and the school staff is for the help from HFA. They also told about the numbers of children who respond to the presentation of the Gospel! Gwynn Tyler spoke during the worship service about his 2023 mission trips to Honduras and the Bland Ministry Center. He thanked Mulberry Grove for their support for these ministries. First, he shared about the long-term connection JRBA has had with Honduras and the work done there throughout the years. He showed pictures of the churches and clinics that have been built or worked on by our people. He also showed pictures and shared about the recent JRBA Mission Trip to work at the Bland Ministry Center. Eight folks from JRBA churches worked alongside the staff and regular volunteers there in the food distribution center, the clothes closet, nursing home outreach, completing odd jobs around the center itself, and assisting a person in the community who needed home repairs. Linda also shared about the young women from a rehab center who worked alongside this year's team and their impact. The ministry to Bland Ministry Center has also become a long-term project of JRBA, having teams to go from 2014 – 2019, 2022 and 2023. Due to the pandemic, no team went in 2021 or 2022, but monetary donations were still contributed. Additionally, the churches of the association have supplied many items through the years for the center and the volunteer house. All of our help and our commitment to the Bland Ministry Center is greatly appreciated.

IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

JONES CHAPEL: The church family is saddened to lose faithful member, deacon and friend, Ernie Whaley. Their heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife, Margaret, the children, and so many friends. A Memorial Service will be held on August 6, at 2:00 PM, at Jones Chapel.



IN APPRECIATION>>>

JONES CHAPEL: Thank you to the JRBA for the donation to Jones Chapel for the Youth Mission Trip to MC2 at Eagle Eyrie and for your many prayers for the children and adults as they served the week of July 17 – 21.

OTHER EVENTS>>>

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: A group of 38 children of all ages from First Baptist Dillwyn enjoyed a day trip to the Virginia Safari Park, courtesy of their Children' Ministry. A good time was had by all!

MULBERRY GROVE: A group of adults, teens, and children enjoyed a Pool Party on Sunday, July 30, at the home of Rodney and Kathy Williams. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch, the fellowship, and cooling off in the pool on a hot summer day!

JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

CEDAR: On Sunday, July 23, Bryleigh Elliott, Rylan Elliott, Logan Elliott, Remington Jones, and Jeremy Jones all made a profession of faith and are awaiting baptism!

CHESTNUT GROVE: Two new members were recently welcomed into the fellowship – Wayne and Elois Woodard.

MT. ZION: On July 9, Mt. Zion had a birthday luncheon for Pastor Woody. A shirt was given to him that had pockets sewn on it and members had put money in each pocket. What a great surprise! Good food and a fun time for all. The church family welcomed two new babies: Adam Jacob Clark, born July 3, to David and Tiffany Clark, and Willow Grace Mangialetti, born July 24, to Amber and Caleb Mangialetti. James and Rochelle Moore recently joined the church, too, and were welcomed into the church family.

TAR WALLET: Ava Green recently made a profession of her faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized on Sunday, July 23. She was presented with a Bible and bookmark. The baptism was followed by a celebration picnic.



FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Greetings to all,

Thanks to everyone that came out to the JRBA Executive Board Meeting at Mt. Zion. It was well attended and important business was voted on.

Soon the wheels on the bus will go 'round and 'round, as school opens soon. There have been several events to collect school supplies, and preparations are being made for the Knights' Pantry. It will provide food and clothing for students in need at the Buckingham High School. Our 2023 Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing Event will be held on October 15, at 3:00 PM, at Maysville Baptist Church. Several youth from our churches have taken mission trips along with adults.

Hope you will have an awesome remainder of the summer as we head into fall and continue to be on mission for our Lord!

In Christ,

Marilyn

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator

KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- JRBA Churches without a Pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, Goshen, and Sharon
- JRBA Churches, Pastors, and Leadership
- Homecomings & Revivals
- Nov. 29 – Dec. 2: Hope for Appalachia Mission Trip
- Children of Kentucky who will receive our winter wear items and the Pre-K and Kindergarten bags/school supplies
- 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)*



JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting July 10, 2023

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, opened the JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting with a devotional on Lamentations 3:22-24.: *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."* Disaster had come to Jerusalem as forewarned by Jeremiah. Lamentations is a book of laments and asks how the inhabitants of the land will respond to the loss. The author found hope in the midst of his affliction when he turned his thoughts to God! Despair never has the last word so we don't need to despair. Marilyn sang, *Good Morning, Mercy* and then led in prayer.

Marilyn called the meeting to order. In the absence of Frank Breault (Clerk), Gwynn Tyler had the Roll Call of Churches. There were 20 representatives + 1 visitor in attendance from 10 member churches. The minutes of the April Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved. The minutes of the JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting were presented and approved.

Rev. Austin Williams, Treasurer, presented the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. As of March 31, 2023, the checking account balance was \$30,554.70, which includes the following: Additional Missions Fund - \$900, Mission Trips - \$1,250.00, Rise Against Hunger - \$7,973.27, Missions Blitz - \$898.52, Christian Education/Training/Evangelism - \$326.27, and Baccalaureates - \$25.37. Total receipts for the quarter totaled \$11,506.50, which included donations from JRBA Churches - \$3,073.00, AmazonSmile.com - \$27.62, Interest on checking - \$3.85, Rise Against Hunger donations - \$6,101.28, Bland - \$2,303.00. Disbursements totaled \$11,157.57, including Mission Trips (Bland, 3 Youth teams) - \$400.00, Bland (team and Bland Ministry Center) - \$2,853.00 and Copier Purchase - \$3,827.00. The current checking account balance on hand is \$31,395.24. There are two outstanding checks totaling \$464.99. The CD Account Balance as of June 30, 2023, equals \$10,100.57. Also included in the meeting packet was a report of the Budget vs. Actual Expenditures-to-date listing line items and the remaining funds available. From that report, \$15,920.95 has been expended (Budget = \$30,342.52), with remaining budgeted items of \$14,421.57. The Treasurer's Reports were approved as presented.

Mrs. Betty Toney, Chair, presented the quarterly Benevolence Fund report. From April 1 – June 30, 2023, one individual was assisted with a night's lodging and one individual was assisted with gas for travel to dialysis treatments. Total Disbursements: \$115.00. A \$50 donation was received from Enon. Two outstanding checks never were cashed and were added back to the checking account (Total: \$231.10). Available funds stand at \$6,893.48.

Next, Marilyn gave the Moderator's Report. She noted that 4 youth groups participated, or will participate in mission camps this summer. She thanked Jones Chapel for hosting the spring meeting in May and for providing the music and delicious BBQ. The Meet 'n Greet with Dr. Wayne Faison was held on April 17 at Mulberry Grove and was well attended. The JRBA Bland Mission Team had a productive trip to work at the Bland Ministry Center. A total of \$2,354.88 was given to the center and several of our churches collected peanut butter and Zip Loc bags for the food ministry there. Marilyn mentioned the Youth Awakening Revival held at Antioch (Scottsville) in late April and how important it is that we reach our young people for the Lord. She asked that we remember in prayer our churches as they host VBS, Homecomings, and Revivals in the coming weeks. The response to our Rise Against Hunger fundraiser has been amazing, with \$9,075.27 in hand for a meal-packing event. Phyllis has been working on a new JRBA Directory which she hopes to get out soon. Marilyn also announced the resignation of Rev. Perry Clore from Sharon Baptist and asked that everyone pray for our churches without pastors. She thanked all our churches for what they are doing for the Kingdom!

Mrs. Betty Toney, JRBA WMU Director, expressed gratitude to Antioch Union for hosting the Annual Spring Meeting where Gwynn Tyler and Shawn Morris made presentations on their Honduras mission trips. A BCM Ministry Update was included in the packet from Rev. Cadance Tyler, inviting folks to attend the Open House at Longwood BCM on August 10 and 11. It also included a request for work teams prior to the open house. Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Sunday School Director, reminded everyone to be sure to reach out to new children/families involved in summer VBS to get them involved in Sunday School.

Next, Committee Reports were given:

MISSIONS: Brenda McAllister, Co-Chair, presented a motion from the committee that the 2023 Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing Event be held on Sunday, October 15, at Maysville Baptist, at 3:00 PM. The motion was approved. Gwynn Tyler spoke briefly about the Bland Mission Trip. Eight people went this year and had a good trip. They were involved in the food ministry, clothing ministry, singing at a nursing home, and completing some repairs on an individual's home. Next year's trip is scheduled for May 19 – 25. Marilyn noted that Gwynn is available to churches to give presentations on both his Honduras trip and the Bland Mission Trip. Rev. Woody Moore spoke about the upcoming Hope for Appalachia mission trip scheduled for Nov. 29 – Dec. 2. Winter items are needed: new or gently used coats, new hats, gloves and blankets. All items are due by November 8. He thanked everyone for their support for Hope and asked for prayers for the team. A team is in place and no additional applications are needed as a smaller team is needed for the fall trip.

BACCALAUREATE: Reports were included from each of the county chairpersons. **BUCKINGHAM:** A baccalaureate service was held at Buckingham High School on May 7, with 29 seniors in attendance. After the service, Gideons distributed Bibles to the seniors and a small reception was held. All seniors received gift bags at graduation which included cards of encouragement from some JRBA churches. **CUMBERLAND:** The baccalaureate service for Cumberland High School was hosted by Tar Wallet on May 9. Seven seniors were in attendance. After the service, refreshments were served and gift bags were given to the graduating seniors. **FLUVANNA:** Antioch Baptist Church prepared and distributed gift bags to the Fluvanna High School seniors at their graduation on May 26. JRBA provided funds (up to \$200) to each of these Senior outreach efforts as budgeted.

FINANCE: Rev. Austin Williams presented a motion from the Finance Committee to allocate \$100 from the Evangelism Line Item towards the Youth rally hosted by Antioch (Scottsville), scheduled for August 8. The motion was approved.

BGAV: Rev. Skip Wallace, our BGAV Field Strategist, was in attendance and noted that of all the associations in his region, JRBA is as active as any and more active than several of the associations. He encouraged us to keep up the good work. He also thanked us for hosting Dr. Faison in April. He noted that the 200th Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia will be on November 13 – 15, 2023, at Bon Air Baptist Church and encourage folks to attend. He also noted that Missions Connection 2 will be in progress at Eagle Eyrie July 17 – 21 and encouraged folks to go and see what it looks like! Skip noted the rise in churches without pastors over the last two years and asked that we pray for our pastors, our churches, and our churches without pastors. He also announced that BGAV is planning several Digitally Proficient Workshops in the near future and he will let us know when one is scheduled in Charlottesville. He encouraged all to attend one of these workshops designed to help churches with their digital outreach.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rev. Austin Williams presented a plan for JRBA to formerly adopt the Knights' Pantry Ministry at the Buckingham County High School. He made a motion that a Knight's Pantry Committee be formed to oversee the food/clothing pantry and the utilization of donated funds. Additionally a separate bank account will be set up for this fund to be managed by the JRBA Treasurer. (JRBA will invite other area churches to participate; the pantry will have specific food items and clothing available for the students; the pantry will be housed in a basement room; students will be given opportunities to go to the pantry for needed items; once logistics are worked out with the school, details will be in the JRBA newsletter as to how our churches can participate in this outreach.) The motion was seconded and approved. Austin also made a motion to nominate himself as the Chair of the Knights' Pantry Committee to serve along with Michelle Wright and Stephani Jones (both teachers at the high school). The motion was seconded and approved.

Gwynn Tyler presented some information on a BGAV Partnership with Food for the Hungry in Nicaragua. The program works with the people there to educate them on how to grow their own food. Several large BGAV churches are partnering with BGAV in this effort and he is wondering if any of our churches or the association would like to get involved with this ministry. A question was raised about the margin of cost of administration as compared to Rise Against Hunger. Information on this ratio has not yet been looked into, but will be. Skip Wallace noted that some larger BGAV churches have partnered directly with specific Nicaraguan communities whereas some churches/associations just make monetary donations. This program is trying to change the culture of dependency. Rev. Woody Moore and Rev. Jimmy Dunn commented that we should not drop Rise Against Hunger. Skip noted that BGAV is developing various ways to get involved in this new partnership and suggested that we contact Craig Waddell for additional information or to come and speak about it. Gwynn will get more information if there is an interest. No action was taken.

Liz Steger announced that she had received a letter from Charles Kirby, Coordinator for the Department of Emergency Services, asking for any local or non-profit organizations who are interested in working with them to be in contact. If you have questions about this, please contact Liz at 434-547-6963.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In addition to the printed announcements, Rev. Woody Moore announced that there would be a Stewards of Children Training at Mt. Zion on July 13, at 7 PM. He reminded us that he is available to do the training in other churches as well.

Rev. Jimmy Dunn announced that volunteers are needed to help with the Blue Ridge Food Distributions at Crystal Cathedral on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, especially this summer.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by Rev. Skip Wallace.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis R. Tyler
Secretary

Top 25 Hymns: 2023 Versus Ten Years Ago

By Thom S. Rainer
Founder & CEO of Church Answers

Thom Rainer compiled over 2,000 responses to the question, "What is your favorite hymn of 2023?" and compared it to a similar list compiled in 2013. Granted there were some differences in the polled group, and somewhat of a debate over the definition of a "hymn". It is, however, interesting that some of the old favorite hymns have stood the test of time...even with the rise of usage of more contemporary music. See what you think! The hymns are listed in order from most often chosen to least often chosen, then and now.

2023:

It Is Well with My Soul
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Amazing Grace

How Great Thou Art

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
Holy, Holy, Holy
Be Thou My Vision
Victory in Jesus
The Old Rugged Cross
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
In Christ Alone

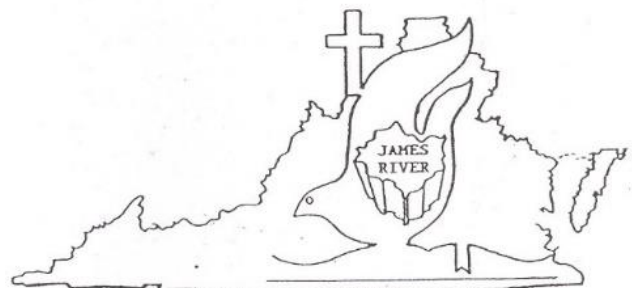
And Can It Be

Because He Lives
The Solid Rock
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
I Stand Amazed in the Presence
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
To God Be the Glory
There Is a Fountain
I'll Fly Away
Crown Him with Many Crowns
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Nothing But the Blood

Love Lifted Me

2013:

How Great Thou Art
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Holy, Holy, Holy
Jesus Paid It All
Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Crown Him with Many Crowns
It Is Well with My Soul
To God Be the Glory
The Solid Rock
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
I Stand Amazed in the Presence
Victory in Jesus
Nothing But the Blood
Amazing Grace
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
At the Cross
Revive Us Again
Be Thou My Vision
Because He Lives
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
America the Beautiful



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FINANCIAL PAGE
REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS
2022 - 2023

Church	July	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)	\$ 500.00	\$1,500.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 750.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
FBC Dillwyn		\$ 2,000.00
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 420.00
Gladstone Memorial		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 183.00	\$ 1,787.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$3,993.00
Sharon	\$ 302.00	\$ 1,208.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 1,000.00
Alma Hunt		
Individuals		
Amazon Smile		\$ 27.62
TOTAL	\$ 985.00	\$18,885.62

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:

Rise Against Hunger Beginning 8/01/22

Church	July	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget 2022-2023		\$ 500.00
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 400.00
Cedar		\$ 455.00
Chestnut Grove		\$ 405.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$1,588.00
Fitzgerald Memorial		
Fork of Willis		
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 232.00	\$ 953.99
Goshen	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00
Jones Chapel		\$ 1,153.28
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00
WMU		\$ 200.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 320.00	\$ 420.00
Sharon		
Tar Wallet		
Maysville		\$ 500.00
Individual Gifts		\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$1,102.00	\$ 9,075.27

MISSIONS BLITZ

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

NO EXPENDITURES IN JUNE.

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

Designated Offering for Disaster Relief: \$656.00

NO EXPENDITURES IN JULY - BALANCE: \$900.00

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Church	July	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

JULY: FBC Youth - \$100

BALANCE: \$1,150.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRY:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

Donations	July	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 July

CORRECTIONS: Outstanding Checks Added Back: \$231.00 and \$50 given by Enon in May had not been added to the checkbook

BALANCE: \$6,893.48

COPIER FUND

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

Appropriated by the Executive Board

Church/Donor	July	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))

KNIGHTS' PANTRY FUND

Donations	July	Year-to-Date
Mulberry Grove	\$ 1000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00