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HOMEcomings & REVIVALS



HOMEcoming

- September 17 Homecoming at First Baptist Dillwyn**
Sunday School – 10:00 AM
Worship Service – 11:00 AM
Guest Speaker: Jeff Buxton, Southern Baptist International Mission Board
Revival Services: September 17 – 20 7:00 PM
Guest Speakers: Dr. Josh Turner, North American Mission Board (Sunday)
Lindsay Sadler (Monday – Wednesday)
Services will begin nightly with special music. Everyone is invited.
- September 17 Homecoming at Fitzgerald Memorial 11:00 AM**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Ben Jamison, Former Pastor
Revival Services: September 24 – 27 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Roger Roller
- September 17 Homecoming at Arvon Church**
Revival Services: September 17 – 20
- September 21 – 24 Antioch (Scottsville) Riverside Tent Services**
Thursday 7:00 PM
Music by The Deanes and Preaching by Rev. Kody Stewart
Friday 7:00 PM
Music by the Effort Worship Band and Preaching by Rev. D. J. Carter
Saturday
Hot dog meal at 6:00 PM, Service at 7:00 PM
Music by Antioch Worship Band and Preaching by Stacy Fincham
Sunday Service at 10:00 AM
Music by Antioch Worship Band and Preaching by Rev. David Vogt
Baptisms and Lunch to follow the service.

- October 1 Homecoming at Gladstone Memorial 11:00 AM**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Roger Roller
Special Music by Smokey Wilson.
Come One, Come All, for a great time of worship and fellowship!
- October 8 Homecoming at Jones Chapel 10:00 AM**
Preacher: Rev. Dane Gressett, Pastor
Special Music by Mercy's Well

Fork of Willis will not be hosting a Homecoming this year.

EVENT DETAILS

Buckingham will host a Movie Night with hotdogs, chips, and popcorn – Date TBA.
They will also have a Fellowship Meal – Date TBA.

- September 3 Women on Mission at Enon**
- Chestnut Grove's Baptismal Service at the Appomattox River** Following Worship
465 Morris Forest Lane, Appomattox, VA

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4, 2023

The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

www.dol.gov/general/laborday

September 4	JRBA OFFICE CLOSED Antioch (Scottsville) Office Closed	
September 5	Women's Prayer Group at Mulberry Grove	9:00 AM
	All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn Stationed in the parking lot every Tuesday to give and receive medical equipment. Please call 434-422-8888 for more information.	10:00 AM – Noon
	Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday) The Gospel of Luke is currently being studied. All are welcome.	10:00 – 11:30 AM
September 6, 20 & 27	Prayer Meeting at Goshen	7:00 PM
September 8 & 22	Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral Volunteers are needed at 9:30 AM.	
September 8	Operation Christmas Child Special Event at Bible Baptist, Appomattox Hear Edouard's shoebox story – Edouard's family didn't have a lot: a roof, much food, beds, or the opportunity to go to school. But his father, a carpenter and pastor, set the tone for the family's happy home. Instead of fixating on what they didn't have, he encouraged his family to focus on what they did have – Jesus Christ, and to trust in Him to meet their needs. When Edouard received an OCC shoebox gift at age 14, he saw it as a gift from God. Hear how the gift contained much-needed items that the family hadn't had before, along with a fun gift that brought Edouard and his siblings and friends joy for years to come. FREE shoeboxes will be available for attendees and a spaghetti dinner is included. To insure enough food, registration is required. Register online at http://forms.gle/iuKQ4Srs53rsUzJq7 .	5:30 – 7:30 PM
September 9	Walk for Life at High Bridge Trail, Farmville You are invited to WALK for LIFE this September at one of the 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 of Southside Virginia 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) For additional information, contact Donielle Yoder at 434-391-1001 or visit www.pscsupport.org/events/ .	8:45 AM

September 10 – 17, 2023

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.

Many Mission Events and Outreach Ministries are helped through the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. Included are: WMUV Mission Events, WMUV Mission Projects/Initiative/Partnerships, CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center, CrossRoads Scholarships, Leadership Initiatives, BGAV Church Plants, Impact Mission Camps, Missions in SW Virginia, Disaster Response Ministry, Kingdom Advance Venturers, Virginia Baptist Historical Society, Gracelinside Prison Ministry, More Than Nets (Ghana), Source of Light Orphanage (Haiti), Chaplaincy Endorsement & Training, Camp Piankatank, Camper Scholarships, Deaf Ministry, and Developmental Disabilities Ministries.

Go to <https://www.almahunt.org/resources> for FREE posters, bulletin inserts, etc.

September 10	Patriots Day & Grandparents Day at Enon	11:00 AM
	AWANA resumes at Antioch (Scottsville) Lunch will be served before AWANA classes begin.	1:00 – 2:30 PM
	AWANA at Centenary Church AWANA starts for all ages. Dinner at 5:00 PM with classes from 5:30 – 7:00 PM	5:00 - 7:00 PM
September 11	JRBA Program Committee Meeting at JRBA Office	10:00 PM
September 13	Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove Bluegrass/Gospel Music with a Covered Dish Lunch	11:00 AM
	WMU & Brotherhood at Goshen	7:00 PM
September 13 & 27	Bible Study at Enon	6:00 PM
September 15 – 17	Antioch (Scottsville) Youth at Watermarks Camp Keep the young people and their leaders in prayer as they seek to know Jesus better in this local Christ-centered camp.	

September 16	Fall Festival & KOZ Hunting & Fishing Expo at Mt. Zion 6277 Cartersville Road, New Canton, VA 23123 Bounce House, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Fire Trucks, Antique Cars, Archery Range & 22 Rifle Range, Corn Hole, Games, & Cake Walk. Food: Hot Dogs, Drinks, Chips & Desserts. Come out and join the folks at Mt. Zion for a FREE fun-filled family event!	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
September 17	Baptism Sunday at Enon	11:00 AM
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Monday, September 18 Information for the October edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due today by 9:00 AM. Please include items for the October calendar, outreach and celebratory news from September, and your Alman Hunt State Missions Offering total, Disaster Response (Hawaii) contributions, and items collected for Hope for Appalachia. </div>		
September 19	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia Annual Meeting at River Road Baptist, Richmond Theme: Heaven on Earth An excellent opportunity to meet with friends and colleagues from across the Commonwealth, engage in worship and spiritual formation, approve the CBFVA budget for 2023 – 2024, and learn from informative breakout sessions. Register at https://cbfva.breezechms.com/form/9fafa99/ .	9:30 AM- 3:00 PM
September 21	Planning Financial Support for Church Staff Seminar at BGAV Office, Henrico For Church Treasurers and Finance Committee Chair/Members. Presented by BGAV's Church Financial Specialist, Dr. Jeff Cranford. Learn how to correctly structure the financial support of church staff: Compensation, Benefits, and Ministry-Related Expenses (which should be handled independently in the overall budget process). You can either attend the seminar in person on September 21 or receive on-demand access to a recording of the seminar. Cost for either: \$15/person for BGAV church participants OR \$30/person for non-BGAV church participants. To register for the seminar, go to https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/x1s31zbv0ts17xu/ .	9:30 AM – Noon
September 22	Friday Night at the Movies at Enon	7:00 PM
September 23	Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)	9:30 – 10:30 AM
September 30	Women's Ministry at Jones Chapel Women will meet for discussion and book review.	6:15 PM

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

Show your pastor/pastoral staff how much they mean to your church family! Plan a special event or shower him/her with notes and gifts of appreciation.

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://crossroadssccc.wufoo.com/forms/gathering-of-silence-2023 . Sponsored by BGAV.	
October 4	JRBA Audit Committee Meeting at JRBA Office	10:00 AM
October 6 – 7	SBCVA Pastors, Staff & Wives Retreat at Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg A weekend of rest, rejuvenation, and encouragement for pastors, staff, and their spouses. Featuring Dr. Tate & Wendy Cockrell Hotel check-in begins at 4:00 PM on Friday. Cost of \$99/couple includes accommodations, dinner Friday evening, and breakfast on Saturday morning. This event is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. To register, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pastors-staff-and-wives-retreat-october-2023-tickets-654187691997 .	
October 9	JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn Pastors, JRBA Officers and Committee Chairs, and Church Representatives to the Executive Board should plan to attend. The program for the Fall Meeting and the proposed budget for 2023 – 2024 will be presented, discussed, and voted on.	7:00 PM



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

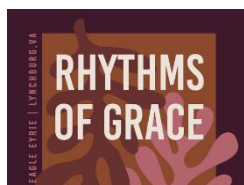
mark your calendar and plan to come and help in this mission effort!

(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!)

(Details for sign up will be sent to the churches a.s.a.p.)

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!	
October 21	Virginia Church Library Association Fall Conference at North Run Baptist, Richmond	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
	Celebrating 65 years of Virginia Church Library Association All classes and meetings will be available either in-person or via Zoom. Led by Morlee Maynard, Carolyn Walker, Lee Smith, and Kim Britton-Oliver with local guest author, Holly Desvignes. For additional information, go to Virginia Church Library Association on Facebook.com.	
October 21	Family Fun Festival at Jones Chapel	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
	947 Trents Mill Road, Cumberland, VA Games, Bounce Houses, Free Food & Drink, Hay Rides, Vendors, Face Painting, and More!	
October 28	Suicide Prevention Walk at Jones Chapel	DTA



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

SEE PAGE 6 FOR COMPLETE LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED.

JRBA HOPE FOR APPALACHIA 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!

November 13 – 15 BGAV Annual Meeting

Celebrating 200 Years

Bon Air Baptist Church, 2531 Buford Road, Richmond, VA

Details coming soon at www.bgav.org.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>



V.B.S. FOLLOW-UP

ANTIOCH UNION: VBS was held June 4 – 8, 2023, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The curriculum used was *Changemakers Lab*, published by Menno Media. 18 students and 22 workers were enrolled. An offering of \$500 was collected for Campers Care. The VBS Director was Michelle Wright.

ENON: A weekend VBS was held at Enon on July 21 – July 23. 23 students and 20 workers were enrolled. The curriculum used was *Pets Unleashed*, published by Group. Ten children and four adults made professions of faith. An offering of \$633.00 was collected for the Boyer Family. The Co-Directors were Brian & Rebekah Pope.

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: Vicki Norman was the VBS Director for the one-day VBS at Fitzgerald from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Ten students and ten workers were enrolled. The materials used were created by the church.

TAR WALLET: Correction to report in August newsletter: There were 24 students and 17 workers enrolled for the VBS held in July.

CHURCH OUTREACH

ARVON: Members donated food and hygiene items for the Knights' Pantry during August.

CEDAR: The Women on Mission were blessed to be able to assist two different families with a total of 5 children with school supplies and clothes for back-to-school. They are also assisting each Buckingham school with needed supplies for the new school year. The WOM have already begun planning for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Christmas Angel Tree in addition to collecting for Rise Against Hunger and planning for the Pregnancy Support Center Walk for Life.



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Members ran the Fun Zone at the Fluvanna County Fair from August 12 – 19. The Loaves and Fish Ministry fed eleven people hot meals on August 26 and gave them a food box. 46 boxes went out for delivery to others in need. Antioch joined with Scottsville Baptist and Effort Baptist for a Youth Event on Saturday, August 5. (Pictures of youth from the three churches are pictured below.)



CHESTNUT GROVE: Members are collecting for the Alma Hunt State Missions Offering. They are also collecting school supplies for Buckingham County Schools.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Members packed and delivered 75+ backpacks to the children of Buckingham Primary and Buckingham Elementary Schools. The backpacks were filled with school supplies and hygiene items. Additional hygiene and food items were given to the Buckingham County Schools to help with needs. On Sunday, August 27, FBC members prepared and delivered more than 100 meals to friends with special needs in the area. The Helping Hands Ministry continues to minister to those with needs through sending cards, calls, visits, gift cards, and meals. Baby diapers continue to be donated to the Pregnancy Center at Ellis Acres.

JONES CHAPEL: Members have made donations and will be participating in the Walk for Life for the Pregnancy Center of Southside Virginia on Saturday, September 9. Jones Chapel is also collecting for the Alma Hunt State Missions Offering.

MT. ZION: The WMU donated \$500 to the Knights Pantry.

MULBERRY GROVE: Donations will be collected for the Hawaiian wildfire victims and the Alma Hunt Offering in September. Information has been distributed about the Walk for Life and a donation has been made. The church gave \$500 to help get the Knights Pantry stocked initially. Members have also contributed food and other physical items for the pantry. One member has cut grass and done yardwork at the Longwood/Hampden Sydney Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center in Farmville. Rev. Austin Williams attended the BCM Open House on August 10 and 2 other members attended on August 11.

SHARON: The congregation is collecting items for the BCHS Knights Pantry. They have contributed \$870.00 to BGAV Impact Disaster Response efforts for Hawaii. The Rose of Sharon (WMU) continues providing meals, visits, calls, and notes of encouragement to those who need a little extra love and care. Thanks to all who joined in Homecoming and Revival services; it was a wonderful time of fellowship and renewal of spirit and purpose.

CENTENARY CHURCH: On August 25, the church provided a pre-game meal for the Buckingham High School Football Team. (Feed the Knights Program) The church also hosted a picnic at Holiday Lake on August 26.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

BUCKINGHAM: Members enjoyed a guest speaker, Robert Silby, on Sunday, August 27. His wife, Sherry, accompanied him.

GLADESTONE MEMORIAL: The pastor has begun a new sermon series on *Wisdom: Traveling with King Solomon*.

JONES CHAPEL: The Women's Ministry met in August for devotions, refreshments, and game night. Marilyn Gressett led the devotions and then participants chose from a variety of games, including Boggle, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Dominoes, Jenga, Phase 10, and many others. The group will discuss and review a book at their next gathering on August 30. In September, the Women's Ministry will begin a study entitled, *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*, by Louis Giglio. The Young Adult Sunday School class began a new study, *The Search for Significance*, on August 27.



On behalf of JRBA, the leadership extends its hearty appreciation to **Mr. James Snoddy** for his many years as the landlord of the JRBA Office. He continuously held the rent down so that we could have a central place from which to perform our organizational work and ministry. He also dealt with any issues that arose in a timely fashion to keep the office up and running. AND, he paid the electric bill each month. We appreciate his ongoing support through the years and wish him well.

We would also like to inform you of the transfer of ownership of the office property to **Mr. Calvin Bachrach**. Mr. Bachrach has agreed to continue to rent to JRBA for only \$200/month for our next associational year (Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024). We will, however, have to pay our electric bill. We appreciate Mr. Bachrach's willingness to keep the rent low for that period of time and we look forward to working with him as we continue to minister for our Lord.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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.

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, 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, gloves, 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.

JRBA CELEBRATES>>>



CEDAR: On Sunday, July 30, the Cedar church family celebrated the baptism of the following people: Michael Waycaster, Lydia Waycaster, Maggie Llewellyn, Bryleigh Elliott, Rylan Elliott, Logan Elliott, Jeremy Jones, and Remington Jones.

CHESTNUT GROVE: Mattie Moss and Nancy Bryant will be baptized on Sunday, September 3, immediately following church services. They will be baptized in the Appomattox River on the property of Mike and Cindy Morris (465 Morris Forest Lane, Appomattox, VA).

ANTIOCH UNION: Sunday, August 27, was a beautiful day for a Baptism! Seven candidates were baptized by Rev. Brian Faison: Jose Woodson, Riley Chandler, Charles "Smitty" Smith, Danny Ray Bryant, Peyton Bryant, Morgan Bryant, and Emma Bryant. Everyone then enjoyed a hot dog meal to celebrate!



FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: The church family celebrated the 100th birthday of Hilda Nuckols. Cards were collected from the church and community. Cumberland County Summer School children made cards for her and it was a joy to read their birthday wishes!

Hilda's son, Richard, is pictured with Hilda at the celebration.

GOSHEN: On Sunday, August 20, four were baptized at the Howardsville Boat Landing on the James River: Mason Tapscott, Cooper Tapscott, Denise Hoy, and Daniel Edinger. It was a wonderful day!

MULBERRY GROVE: The WMU is hosting a Seasoned Seniors Celebration on Saturday, September 9, to honor the Seasoned Seniors of the church, remembering the past and present. Members 55 and older will be served dinner and there will be many memories relived through a slide presentation. There will also be a mission effort highlighted during the event.

BCM UPDATE>>>

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (Longwood/Hampden Sydney) has officially kicked off the Fall semester. We hosted a Back-to-School BBQ with other Christian organizations on campus. Over sixty students joined us for food and fellowship! Our welcome week outreach events were successful. We handed out freeze pops on campus and hosted a "Tacos and Tie-dye" event. These allowed us to reach over one hundred students.

We are beginning our worship nights on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. The fall semester schedule has been created and sent to church contacts. If you are unable to make a meal on your assigned week or would like to be added to the meal list for the spring semester, please contact Rev. Cadance Tyler at cadance.tyler@bgav.org.

Rev. Cadance Tyler, BCM Campus Minister

STAFF CHANGES>>>

CHESTNUT GROVE extends a huge thank you to Ken & Beth Cook who have served as Interim Pastor (and Pastor's wife) at Chestnut Grove from February through August, 2023. Blessings to them as they go forward wherever God leads them.

GOSHEN: Rev. Ron Moore completed his role as Interim Pastor on August 27, 2023.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>

BGAV Impact Disaster Response Coordinates Ministry Effort with BGAV-participating Church in Hawaii

By Glenn Maddox

In the aftermath of the deadliest U. S. wildfire in the last century, BGAV-participating church Ma Ke Alo O (whose name means *Presence* in Hawaiian) is offering their presence to those who have lost homes and loved ones in Lahaina. Impact Disaster Response, in partnership with Texas Baptist Men and North Carolina Baptists on Mission, is working to support the community through funds and other resources as the needs become clear...

...To respond with care and respect, initial support will be financial. The pastor said there could be a need for some specialized training for locals who want to respond – crisis care and ash out training being the two most likely. As the response continues, any volunteers sent by BGAV Disaster Response will be there to support what the local churches are doing, and those volunteers will learn how to relate to people cross culturally in a way that shows respect and offers dignity in the midst of crisis.

Currently the greatest need is funding – Ma Ke Alo O is providing for several families who lost their homes in Lahaina and working toward meeting the basic needs of children and seniors who have been displaced. As the recovery process continues, the need will grow.

If you would like to donate to this cause, you can do so online at https://secure.bgav.org/site/Donation2?1580.donation=form1&df_id=1580&mfc_PreF=T/ and choose "Disaster Active Response (Hawaii)" on the drop down menu. If you prefer to send a check, make it payable to BGAV Disaster Response and put "Disaster Active Response (Hawaii)" on the memo line. Mail it to BGAV Disaster Response, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294.

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
- Hurricane victims
- 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



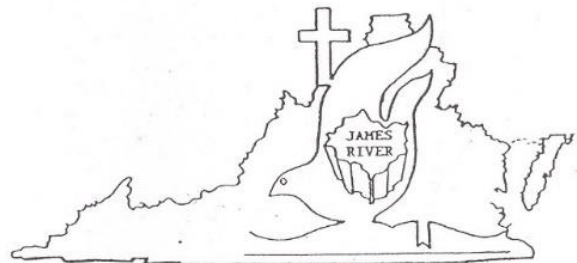
*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)*

The Great Leadership Shortage in Churches: 5 Ways to Address It

By Thom S. Rainer, Founder & CEO, Church Answers

One of the most common challenges we hear from church leaders, particularly pastors, is the need for more leaders in the church...Many churches lost not only members in this post-pandemic world, but they also lost leaders as well...The caveat for any solutions to fill leadership voids is that it does not happen overnight. But we are working with a number of church leaders who are beginning to see success in finding the right kind of leaders. Here are five of the most common approaches:

1. **Every pastor should be mentoring two or three people at all times.** Look at the pattern of Jesus. He called 12 men to follow him. Among the twelve, Peter, James, and John seemed to hold a closer relationship with Jesus. Though he preached to the masses, he prepared the New Testament church yet to come by mentoring a few. He taught them. He showed them. He had dialogue with them. He spent time with them.
2. **Pray for God to provide leaders.** Perhaps you expect prayer to be a routine solution. There is a reason for that. God commands us to pray, and he shows us the effectiveness of prayer. Answer this question honestly: Are you praying on a regular basis for God to provide leaders for your church? God does indeed answer prayers. He can show you prospective leaders to mentor in your church. And he can send mature Christians to your church.
3. **Ask all of your leaders and mentees to mentor others.** If you have two leaders you are mentoring, ask them to find two people to mentor when your time with them comes to an end. At that point, you will have two mentees, and the two leaders will have two mentees each. You have thus moved from one leader (you) to three leaders who are each mentoring two others...
4. **Evangelism should be closely tied to mentoring.** If your churches are evangelistically lethargic, you should not expect new leaders. Many of your future leaders will be among the new Christians who will need discipling and mentoring. They can eventually become some of your most devoted leaders.
5. **Don't fill a leadership void with unqualified leaders.** It is better to have a vacancy than to fill a leadership position with an unqualified person. You can get new leaders in your church, but you must be both intentional and strategic. Be patient. Wait on God. But patience and waiting are not synonymous with doing nothing. **Keep mentoring. Keep praying. And expect God** to take care of all of your church's needs.



People Committed To Making A Difference

FINANCIAL PAGE
REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS
2022 - 2023

Church	August	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$1,500.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Buckingham		\$ 750.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
FBC Dillwyn		\$ 2,000.00
Fitzgerald	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Fork of Willis		\$ 420.00
Gladstone Memorial		
Goshen	\$ 902.38	\$ 902.38
Jones Chapel	\$ 209.00	\$ 1,996.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$3,993.00
Sharon		\$ 1,208.00
Tar Wallet		\$ 1,000.00
Amazon Smile		\$ 27.62
TOTAL	\$1,711.38	\$20,597.00

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	August	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget 2022-2023		\$ 500.00
Antioch (Scottsville)		\$ 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	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Fork of Willis		
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 953.99
Goshen		\$ 550.00
Jones Chapel		\$ 1,153.28
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00
WMU		\$ 200.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 420.00
Sharon		
Tar Wallet	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Maysville		\$ 500.00
Individual Gifts		\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 280.00	\$ 9,355.27

MISSIONS BLITZ

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

NO EXPENDITURES IN AUGUST.

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, Habitat for Humanity
 Designated Offering for Disaster Relief: \$656.00

NO EXPENDITURES IN AUGUST - BALANCE: \$900.00

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Church	August	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	\$197.00*	\$ 480.00*
Team Member Contributions		\$ 270.00
TOTAL	\$ 197.00	\$ 3,320.00

Team Expenses: \$768.32; Donation to BMC: \$2,551.68*

*Note the amount changes this month. An additional \$197.00 had not been counted from the Spring Offering. A check for that amount has been sent to BMC.

BALANCE: \$0.00

MISSION TRIPS

Budgeted for 2022 – 2023: \$ 2,500

NOV.: Hope for Appalachia (Kentucky) - \$50 each (3) = \$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 Mission Trip - \$100

BALANCE: \$1,150.00

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRY:

(ALL monies by donation.)

JOHN E. MANN, SR. BENEVOLENCE FUND

Donations	August	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2021 – 2022		\$ 11,753.38
Buckingham		\$ 300.00
Enon		\$ 50.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Goshen	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 100.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,550.00

No Expenditures in August

BALANCE: \$6,993.48

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))

KNIGHTS' PANTRY FUND

Donations	August	Year-to-Date
Goshen	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mt. Zion WMU	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove (WMUV)		\$ 1,000.00
(BGAV)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Individual	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 2,650.00

EXPENDITURES: N/A BALANCE: N/A

