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Let your pastor know how much he is appreciated and what he means to your church family!

### HOMECOMINGS & REVIVALS



HOMECOMING

October 1	<b>Homecoming at Gladstone Memorial</b> Guest Speaker: Rev. Roger Roller Special Music by Smokey Wilson Come One, Come All, for a great time of worship and fellowship!	11:00 AM
October 8	<b>Homecoming at Jones Chapel</b> Preacher: Rev. Dane Gressett, Pastor (Worship at 10 AM) Special Music by Mercy's Well at 11:00 AM Followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall.	10:00 AM
October 22	<b>Homecoming at Tar Wallet</b> Music by First Go Around from 9:30 – 10:30 AM Worship and Lunch to follow. <b>Revival Services: October 23 – 25</b> Monday: Cody Moss (6:30 – 7:00 PM), Preacher – Rev. Billy Swann Tuesday: The Crewe Boys (6:30 – 7:00 PM), Preacher – Reed Go Wed.: All Problems Solved (6:30 – 7:00 PM), Preacher – Pastor Floyd Reed	9:30 AM   6:30 PM

### EVENT DETAILS

October 1	<b>Baptism Sunday at Enon</b>	11:00 AM
October 1 – 5	<b>Gathering of Silence Retreat at CrossRoads Camp/Conference Center</b> Theme: Silence, Solitude, Celebration This is an annual retreat of quiet reflection and respite for pastors and other leaders. This retreat is open to men and women who serve as pastors or in other pastoral roles. Opportunities abound with hiking trails and incredible scenery. It is a perfect place for deep reflection, whether sitting on the mountainside or next to the mountain stream or rocking with eyes closed on Hunt Hall's deck. This is an amazing time primarily devoted to spiritual renewal. The retreat begins with lunch on Monday and ends with lunch on Thursday. Devotional materials are provided for participants to follow if they choose, with a daily focus on scripture and spirituality. Everyone approaches this retreat with an understanding that there will not be speaking at all during time together, with one daily voluntary exception from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, where there is an optional time for reflection and discussion. Cost: \$330 To register: <a href="https://crossroadscamp.com/forms/gathering-of-silence-2023/">https://crossroadscamp.com/forms/gathering-of-silence-2023/</a> <b>SPONSORING YOUR PASTOR OR OTHER PASTORAL STAFF WOULD BE A WONDERFUL WAY TO SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE AND LOVE DURING PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!</b>	

<b>October 3</b>	<b>Women's Prayer Group at Mulberry Grove (Every Tuesday)</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	<b>All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)</b>	<b>10:00 AM – Noon</b>
	This ministry gives used medical equipment to those who need it. They also receive gifts of used medical equipment.	
	<b>Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)</b>	<b>10:00 – 11:30 AM</b>
	Featuring a study of the book of Luke	
<b>October 4</b>	<b>JRBA Audit Committee Meeting at JRBA Office</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	The Audit Committee will examine all JRBA financial accounts for 2022-2023.	
	<b>CPR Class at Jones Chapel</b>	<b>6:00 – 9:00 PM</b>
	<b>Prayer &amp; Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Wednesday)</b>	<b>6:30 – 7:30 PM</b>
	Book Study: <i>When Helping Hurts</i>	
<b>Oct. 4, 18 &amp; 25</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Bible Study at Goshen</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>AA Meeting at Antioch (Scottsville) (Every Thursday)</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Group meets in the Young at Heart and Boomer Sunday School Classroom	
	<b>Fall Ladies Bible Studies at Antioch (Scottsville)</b>	
	10:00 AM <i>Take Courage</i> by Jennifer Rothschild	
	6:30 PM <i>Psalms 23</i> by Jennifer Rothschild	
	Both groups meet every Thursday.	
<b>October 6 - 7</b>	<b>SBCVA Pastors, Staff &amp; Wives Retreat at Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA</b>	
	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 <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pastors-staff-and-wives-retreat-october-2023-tickets-654187691997">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pastors-staff-and-wives-retreat-october-2023-tickets-654187691997</a> .	
<b>October 7</b>	<b>Antioch Christian Academy Vendor Event at Antioch (Scottsville)</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	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.	
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Bluegrass/Gospel Music with a Covered Dish Lunch	
	<b>WMU &amp; Brotherhood at Goshen</b>	<b>7:00 Pm</b>
<b>Oct. 11, 18 &amp; 25:</b>	<b>Women's Ministry/Study at Jones Chapel</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>
	The Women's Ministry, led by Marilyn Gressett, is studying <i>Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table</i> by Louis Giglio. This is a 6-week study. No class on October 4 due to a CPR class session.	
<b>Oct. 13 &amp; 27</b>	<b>Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral</b>	
	Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM.	
<b>October 14</b>	<b>Hymn Sing at Antioch (Scottsville)</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Baptism at Enon</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	<b>Children's Fall Festival at Enon</b>	<b>Noon</b>
	Cookout, horseback rides, jump house, games of every kind, and a cake walk are planned. Everyone is invited!	



**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 will 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!)  
(Information for online registration has been sent to all churches. A QR code was included for your convenience.)  
If you are just using a sign-up sheet, please let Phyllis know the number of volunteers from your church by October 8.

**189<sup>th</sup> JRBA ANNUAL FALL MEETING**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

**Mulberry Grove Baptist Church**

1095 Mulberry Grove Road, Buckingham, VA 23921

**Registration: 4:45 PM**

**Business Session: 5:00 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!  
The budget for 2023 – 2024 will be presented for approval.

**Fellowship Supper: 6:00 PM**

The host church will provide fried chicken, drinks, and paper products.  
Messengers are requested to bring a side dish or dessert.

**Worship Service: 7:00 PM**

Our Fall Meeting will feature a traditional worship service with the singing of hymns, reading of scripture, and preaching. Additionally, the 2023 – 2024 Slate of Officers will be installed.

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND TO SEE HOW JRBA CONTINUES TO SERVE GOD!**  
(Childcare will not be provided.)



**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.



**FAMILY FALL FESTIVALS**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**Jones Chapel 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
Located at 947 Trents Mill Road, Cumberland, VA  
Games, Bounce Houses, Free Food & Drink, Hay Rides, Vendors, Face Painting and More!

**Tar Wallet Noon – 5:00 PM**  
Brunswick Stew & Baked Goods for Sale!  
Music: Noon: Glory Bound Band  
2:30 PM – True Spirit

**Mulberry Grove 1:00 – 4:00 PM**  
Brunswick Stew (Free to eat and \$10/qt. to go. Proceeds to 2024 Mission Trip), Live Music, and Games for the kids! Stew can be pre-ordered at <https://www.mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com/stew> or by contacting Austin at 434-390-1305.

**October 22 Antioch Union's Worship in the Park 10:00 AM**  
James River State Park (Shelter 1)  
A lunch featuring hotdogs and Brunswick stew.  
Parking fees are paid by the church.  
Bring outdoor chairs and a dessert!

**Pastor Appreciation Luncheon at Fitzgerald Memorial Noon**

**Monday, October 23**

**Information for the November edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due today by 9:00 AM.**

Please include items for the November calendar, outreach and celebratory news from October, and your Alman Hunt State Missions Offering Total, Disaster Response (Hawaii and Morocco) contributions, and items collected for Hope for Appalachia.

**October 28 Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville) 9:30 – 10:30 AM**  
**Suicide Prevention Walk at Jones Chapel**



**October 28**

**First Baptist Dillwyn's Fall Festival at Ellis Acres 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
There will be music, food, games, fun, and fellowship for all ages. Everyone is invited!

**Stew and Fall Festival at Fitzgerald Memorial**  
Details TBA

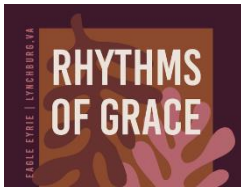
**TRUNK-OR-TREAT**  
**October 31**  
**Cedar Baptist**  
**6:00 – 8:00 PM**



## LOOKING AHEAD>>>

November 1 Night of "Thanks-Living" and Pie at Jones Chapel  
Women's Ministry Event

6:15 – 7:45 PM



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 opened August 1 at

<https://eagleeyrie.wufoo.com/forms/wmuv-getaway-2023/>.

**Saturday, November 4**  
Fall Festival at Antioch (Scottsville)  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Sunday, November 5**  
Fall Festival at Cedar  
Noon  
Games, Hay Rides, a Cakewalk, and Activities



**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

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



**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!

**BAPTIST GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

November 13 – 15, 2023

**CELEBRATING 200 YEARS AS VIRGINIA BAPTISTS!**  
1823 - 2023

**Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond, VA**

**REGISTRATION:** Churches should have received their packets and an email regarding messengers. The registration system is geared toward individuals registering themselves online with their own unique email address. Remember that all messengers must be elected by his/her church. Only messengers are permitted to vote during the business session on Wednesday morning. Attendees must enter their unique church code to be registered as a messenger. (Check with your pastor for this code.) Registration is now open at <https://www.bgavregistration.com/pre-registration>.

**Monday, Nov. 13,** on-site registration will be open Noon – 4:45 PM and 6:15 – 7:00 PM for those who could not pre-register online. The Ministry Fair will be open from Noon – 4:45 PM and there will be Breakout Sessions from 3:15 – 4:30 PM.

Gathering I Worship at 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

**Tuesday, Nov. 14:** The Ministry Fair will be open 8:00 Am – 5:00 PM. Gathering II – Business & Worship from 8:45 AM – Noon.

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE FROM DISASTER RESPONSE (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

There will be Breakout Sessions from 2:00 – 4:45 PM

DINNER WILL BE AVAILABLE ONSITE FROM DISASTER RESPONSE. (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Gathering III – Worship from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

THERE WILL BE A BGAV BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT 8:30 PM.

**Wednesday, Nov. 15:** The Ministry Fair will be open 8:00 – 10:30 AM.

Gathering IV – Business & Worship from 8:45 AM – Noon

NEW THIS YEAR: BONUS SESSION ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM!

*Called to the Future*

Featuring Dr. Wayne Faison, BGAV Executive Director

Churches are encouraged to view this livestreamed event together as your regular Wednesday evening program or from your home.

**ATTENTION CHURCHES:** Online voting is strongly encouraged for ALL messengers attending this year's meeting (in-person as well as virtual). You will need your smart device to participate in online voting throughout the meeting.

Paper ballots will only be available for those without smart device access.

**LODGING:** Special BGAV Group Rates are available at the following:

Hyatt Place – Richmond/Arboretum: 888-591-1234 by October 15, Group code "G-BGA1".  
Hampton Inn - Richmond/Midlothian Tpke: 804-897-2800 by October 12, Group code "BAP".  
Four Points by Sheraton – Richmond: 804-323-1144 by October 19.

# ALMA HUNT OFFERING

*for Virginia Missions*

Church	Total-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 900.00
Buckingham	\$ 900.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 525.00
Goshen	\$ 400.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 925.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 400.00



### BGAV Disaster Response – Aid for Hawaii

Church	September	Total-to-Date
Mulberry Grove	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sharon		\$ 875.00



### CHURCH OUTREACH

**ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE):** The Loaves and Fish Ministry Meal was held on Saturday, September 23. The Community Tent Revival at the Hardware River was held on September 21 – 24, with baptisms and lunch on Sunday. Folks are being encouraged to volunteer at the JRBA Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event.

**ARVON:** The church members faithfully collected and generously gave 79 hygiene items for the local school.

**BUCKINGHAM:** Buckingham and Mt. Zion provided a meal for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Longwood/Hampden Sydney on September 19. A fellowship meal was held after worship on September 24. Plans are in the works for a Brunswick Stew sometime during October.

**CEDAR:** Winter coats, blankets, gloves, etc. are being collected for Hope for Appalachia. The Cedar church family, along with the Women on Mission, sent \$600 to the Southside Pregnancy Center.

**CHESTNUT GROVE:** The church is collecting for the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering.

**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** FBC continues to host All Blessings Flow on Tuesdays to collect and distribute medical equipment to those who need it. Volunteers are being enlisted to help at the RAH Meal Packing Event on October 15. Winter wear items are being collected for Hope for Appalachia. Food and hygiene items are being given to Buckingham schools. Helping Hands of FBC continues to minister through gift cards, cards, calls, and visits.

**GOSHEN:** Members are collecting winter items for Hope for Appalachia.

**JONES CHAPEL:** Jones Chapel will be participating in the Cumberland Community Trunk-or-Treat on October 27. Volunteers plan to help with the JRBA Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event on October 15.

Folks donated to the Pregnancy Support Center and participated in the Walk for Life at High Bridge Trail, in Farmville, on September 9. Pictures to the right: Camden Wood, Emily Cox, April Whaley, Hannah Lenz, Mason Chambliss, Angel Chambliss, Savannah Skeens, and Marshall Chambliss. Not pictures are Pastor Dane Gressett and Josh Whaley.





MT. ZION: Mt. Zion and Buckingham prepared and served a meal for the students of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry on September 19. Everyone enjoyed seeing Rev. Cadance Tyler, BCM Minister, and the participating students. Below is a picture of those who helped: Marilyn Snoddy, Betty Toney, Kim Booker, Rev. Woody Moore, Janice Moore, and Rochelle Moore. A good time was had by all.

Mt. Zion's Annual KOZ Hunting and Fishing Expo was held on September 16. A fun time was had by all who attended.

MULBERRY GROVE: Offerings for the Alma Hunt and Disaster Response (Hawaii) were collected during September. Needed items are being collected for Hope for Appalachia. Folks at The Grove will be packing 60 Kindergarten Bags for Hope for Appalachia on October 29.

The Mulberry Grove WMU prepared a meal for the Longwood/Hampden Sydney Baptist Collegiate Ministry on September 12. Rev. Austin Williams, Gwynn and Phyllis Tyler carried and served the food to the students and enjoyed dinner and worship around the table. The "Breakfast for Dinner" menu was well received by the students who left with lots of leftovers for the week. Pictured to the right are some of the students in attendance: Megan Buffkin, Anna Barrett, and Elijah Tonello.



SHARON: The congregation is contributing to the Alma Hunt Offering, collecting food items for the BCHS Knights' Pantry, and warm winter wear for the Hope for Appalachia November delivery to school children in Kentucky. Rose of Sharon WMU continues providing meals, visits, calls, and notes of encouragement to those who need a little extra love and care.

TAR WALLET: A benefit was held on September 16 to raise money for medical bills for Barry and Linda Miles.

## OTHER EVENTS>>>

MULBERRY GROVE: The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Seasoned Seniors Dinner was held on Saturday, September 9, with about 40 people in attendance. A wonderful meal of grilled salmon, Chicken Cordon Bleu, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, and delicious homemade desserts was served. Music was provided by Jimmy Wooten and Charlie Llewellyn. A photo presentation was shown of members from earlier years amid smiles and laughter. Everyone enjoyed the evening of fellowship and reminiscing.

## JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): On October 14, from 10 AM – Noon, an AA Workshop will be held at Effort Baptist Church, as the church prepares to host AA Meetings every Thursday.

BUCKINGHAM: A guest pastor, George Evans, spoke on Sunday, September 17, in the absence of their current speaker, Robert Brown, who was away conducting a baptism in Charlotte County.

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: A study continues on Solomon and the Book of Ecclesiastes.

MT. ZION: The WMU hosted the Alma Hunt State Mission Luncheon on September 13. Rev. Steve Amburgey, pastor of Centenary Church, was the guest speaker and spoke on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is the director of this organization in seven counties, including Buckingham. Churches are asked to prepare meals prior to home football games for the team. Athlete Bibles are given out to those who want one. FCA is able to go into the schools for Club Day. It is a growing ministry that is getting the Word of God to our young people and needs our prayers and help. The Mt. Zion WMU gave a monetary donation and signed up to provide a meal.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>

### **BGAV DISASTER RESPONSE – MOROCCO**

After a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck in Morocco, killing over 2,400 and damaging countless homes, rescue teams are working with Moroccan officials to coordinate an ongoing response. Because of the challenges of such a complex response, officials have limited access so the response can be well-coordinated. At this time, volunteers from the U.S. will not be part of the response.

Impact Disaster Response is in contact with partners that do have a presence, and is working to support their efforts. You can support them financially by giving at the link below. Select “Disaster Active Response – Morocco Earthquake” in the dropdown menu. All funds received for the Morocco earthquake will go straight to partner agencies responding in the country. If you prefer to send a check, it should be made payable to BGAV – Disaster Response with “Disaster Active Response – Morocco Earthquake” on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to BGAV – Disaster Response, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294

Please pray for the people of Morocco and for those who are managing the response.

LINK FOR GIVING: [https://secure.bgav.org/site/Donation2?1580.donation=form1&df\\_id=1580&mfc\\_pref=T](https://secure.bgav.org/site/Donation2?1580.donation=form1&df_id=1580&mfc_pref=T).

### **KNIGHT’S PANTRY**

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

**NEEDED ITEMS:** NOTE THAT THE PANTRY IS WELL STOCKED AT PRESENT ON HYGIENE ITEMS SO FOOD ITEMS WILL BE MOST HELPFUL AT THIS TIME.

#### **Food Items:**

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

#### **Please deliver donations to:**

Mulberry Grove Baptist Church  
1095 Mulberry Grove Road  
Buckingham, VA 23921

**Contact Rev. Austin Williams to arrange delivery or for additional information:**

[austin@mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com](mailto:austin@mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com) or 434-390-1305.

#### **Monetary Donations:**

##### **Please make check payable to:**

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

**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.**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

### **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.**





### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

COLLECTION WEEK  
November 13 – 20, 2023

Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/> for Shoebox Gift Suggestions and Drop-Off Locations  
NOTE: The shipping fee for 2023 is \$10 per box.

### **BCM UPDATE>>>**

Thank you to Mulberry Grove, Mt. Zion, and Buckingham Baptist Churches who provided meals for Tuesday Night Worship Gatherings in September. The students appreciate the time that you spend preparing a hot meal and worshipping with them around the table.

The BCM is busy connecting with students! We handed out information at the Involvement Fair to over 90 students, hosted a walk and ice cream trip and will have a booth at the Longwood Oktoberfest event on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from items sold at our Oktoberfest booth will go toward offsetting the registration cost of the Eagle Eyrie Fall Gathering Retreat (October 27 – 29).

If you would like to be on the schedule to prepare a meal next semester, please email [cadance.tyler@bgav.org](mailto:cadance.tyler@bgav.org). Please continue to pray for our ministry as we look for ways to better connect with students. Thank you for your continued support!

Rev. Cadance Tyler, BCM Campus Minister  
Longwood/Hampden Sydney



### JRBA WMU UPDATE

Nan Morris and Betty Toney attended the WMU Advisory Board Meeting at CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center on Friday, September 8, and Saturday, September 9. They got lots of ideas and Nan presented her project, which is making a mat from plastic grocery store bags. She was asked to give a demonstration of the steps involved. Some groups volunteered to cut the grocery bags into strips for her. That is something we all can do!

If you are interested, give Betty (983-2232) or Nan (547-6763) a call.

### SEE YOU AT THE POLE

See You at the Pole was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the BCHS flag pole. There were 8 students in attendance: four from BCHS, one from the Middle School, and three younger students. Nine adults came out: one pastor, one principal, one custodian, and six teachers.

The theme, *Wholehearted*, was shared along with the theme scripture, Jeremiah 29:13. Then, participants were given apple sticky notes with names or groups or initials on them that different individuals mentioned; everyone was encouraged to continue to pray for those listed. Pastor Tommy Armstrong closed the time with prayer.

Michelle Wright

### **IN LOVING MEMORY>>>**

CEDAR: The church family expresses sympathy to the family of Jackie Davenport who passed away on August 28, 2023. Her celebration of life was held at Cedar on Saturday, September 2. Jackie loved being a part of the James River Baptist Association and thoroughly enjoyed attending the meetings when she was able. She and her late husband, Rev. James (Jimmy) Davenport were very faithful to the Association for many years. Jackie's sweet spirit and loving, kind ways will be greatly missed! JRBA also extends sincere condolences to the family and her church home.

TAR WALLET: Sympathy is extended to the family of Bob Riddle who passed away on September 17.



### **STAFF CHANGES>>>**

GOSHEN: Rev. Robert Silby began his pastorate on Sunday, September 24. JRBA welcomes Rev. Silby and his wife, Sheree, and looks forward to their ministry with the good folks at Goshen and their involvement with the Association. His contact information is:

Rev. Robert Silby  
2381 Axtell Road, Howardsville, VA 24562  
Phone: 434-426-7818  
Email: [sgoodale55@gmail.com](mailto:sgoodale55@gmail.com)



## JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

CEDAR: Josh and Amanda Jones were welcomed into the church family on Sunday, July 30.

ENON: The church family is celebrating growth through baptisms! They held a Baptismal Service on Sunday, September 10, and anticipate more baptisms on Sunday, October 1, and Sunday, October 15, with several more desiring to be baptized! Praise the Lord! On Sunday, September 10, six were baptized: Jesse Lann, Bailey Dickerson, Levi Lann, Eddie Lann, Evan Land, and Jace Land.

JONES CHAPEL: Pastor Dane Gressett baptized Hannah Stevens on September 10. The church family feels blessed to have the Stevens family in their congregation! (Pictured Below)



## FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Fall Festivals are held in the beautiful season of fall. Soon the leaves will be turning for us to enjoy God's creation. October will be a busy month for our Association. The Quarterly Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, at First Baptist Dillwyn. At that time we will look at the 2023-2024 Budget and the program for our Annual Fall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 19, at Mulberry Grove. In between the two meetings, we will be hosting a Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing event on Sunday, October 15, at Maysville Baptist. It will be our first meal packing since before the pandemic so sign up to volunteer and help pack 25,000 meals for hungry people around the world! We need a lot of volunteers to get the job done. It is a good season of fellowship and work for JRBA and I look forward to seeing all of you at these events. May God bless us as we continue to "Accomplish Together What We Cannot Do Alone".



In His Love,  
*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, 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 and earthquake 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)*

**FINANCIAL PAGE**  
**REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS**  
**2022 - 2023**

Church	September	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$1,500.00
Antioch Union		\$ 500.00
Arvon		\$ 500.00
Buckingham		\$ 750.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		\$ 500.00
Enon		\$ 400.00
FBC Dillwyn	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fitzgerald		\$ 100.00
Fork of Willis		\$ 420.00
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Goshen		\$ 902.38
Jones Chapel	\$ 187.00	\$ 2,183.00
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
Individuals	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 687.00</b>	<b>\$22,284.00</b>

**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	September	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	\$ 120.00	\$1,708.00
Fitzgerald Memorial		\$ 200.00
Fork of Willis		
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 953.99
Goshen	\$ 25.00	\$ 575.00
Jones Chapel		\$ 1,153.28
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00
WMU		\$ 200.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 420.00
Sharon		
Tar Wallet		\$ 80.00
Maysville		\$ 500.00
Individual Gifts		\$ 150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 145.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.27*</b>

\*Awaiting receipt of BGAV World Hunger Check

**MISSIONS BLITZ**

Contributor	September	Year End
Designated Carryover from 2021 – 2022		\$ 648.52
JRBA Budget 2022 – 2023		\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 898.52</b>

**NO EXPENDITURES IN SEPTEMBER.**

**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 SEPTEMBER - BALANCE: \$900.00**

**BLAND MINISTRY CENTER**

Church	Sept.	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		\$ 480.00
Team Member Contributions		\$ 270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,320.00</b>

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

**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	September	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2021 – 2022		\$ 11,753.38
Buckingham		\$ 300.00
Enon		\$ 50.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Goshen		\$ 100.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 300.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 100.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>		<b>\$ 1,550.00</b>

Expenditures in September: \$300.00

**BALANCE: \$6,693.48**

**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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 764.00</b>

**5/21/23: \$3,827.00 expended for new copier.** (Designated funds Depleted (\$764) + Appropriated funds (\$3,063))

**KNIGHTS' PANTRY FUND**

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

**EXPENDITURES: No Info BALANCE: No Info**