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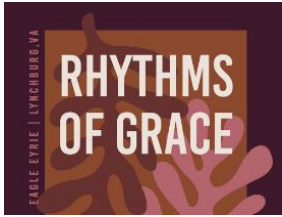
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EVENT DETAILS

November 1	Women's Ministry – Night of "Thanksgiving" and Pie at Jones Chapel	6:15 – 7:45 PM
	Dinner & Bible Study at Fitzgerald Memorial (Every Wednesday)	6:00 PM
Nov. 1, 8 & 15	Bible Study at Enon	6:00 PM
Nov. 1, 15 & 22	Prayer/Bible Study at Goshen	7:00 PM
November 3	Special Education Dinner at Antioch (Scottsville)	
November 4	Fall Festival at Antioch (Scottsville)	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
	FREE event with hot dogs, Brunswick stew, cotton candy, popcorn, and apple cider. There will be inflatables, a pumpkin patch, a petting zoo, and face painting. There will also be vendors on site.	



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/>

November 5	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Set your clocks back one hour!	
	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Fitzgerald Memorial	8:00 AM
	Harvest Fest at Cedar	Beginning at NOON
	There will be a stew, hot dogs, cake walk, bouncy house, hayride and more fun and activities for all ages! Everyone is welcome to come join the folks at Cedar.	
November 7	ELECTION DAY	
	Antioch (Scottsville) will be providing coffee and refreshments for the voters there.	
	Women's Prayer Group at Mulberry Grove (Every Tuesday)	9:00 AM
	Led by Dora Self	
	All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)	10:00 AM – Noon
	Medical equipment is received and given out at no charge in the parking lot.	
	Tuesday Morning Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)	10:00 AM
	The current study is on Luke's Gospel	

Wednesday, November 8

All Winter Wear Items and Pre-K/K bags for Hope for Appalachia are due TODAY.

They can be delivered to the Mt. Zion Mission House
or Tar Wallet Baptist Church.

Contact Rev. Woody Moore at 804-382-7954 or Laura Higgins at 434-395-8299
to arrange delivery.



November 8	Senior Citizens' Fellowship at Mulberry Grove Bluegrass/Gospel Music with Covered Dish Lunch	11:00 AM
	Senior Fun Day at Fitzgerald Memorial	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
	WMU & Brotherhood at Goshen	7:00 PM
November 10 & 17	Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Chrystal Cathedral, Dillwyn Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM	
November 11	VETERANS' DAY	
	Veteran's Day Meal at First Baptist Dillwyn Fellowship Hall Helping Hands Ministry will prepare and serve a Veteran's Day Meal to all veterans (and their guest).	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
	Holly Jolly Bazaar at Fitzgerald Memorial	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
November 12	Women on Mission at Enon	



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.

Shoeboxes can be delivered locally to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 3808 Troublesome Creek Road, Dillwyn, VA

DATES/TIMES FOR COLLECTION

Monday, Nov. 13: 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 14: 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 15: 3:30 – 5:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 16: 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Friday, Nov. 17: 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 18: 10:00 AM – Noon
Sunday, Nov. 19: 12:30 – 2:30 PM
Monday, Nov. 20: 9:00 – 11:00 AM



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.

- November 13** **LAST DAY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR BEST PRICE, PLUS 10% DISCOUNT WHEN YOU BUY 3 OR MORE CASES AT FOOD LION!**
 \$5.99 EACH RETAIL PRICE
 6 – PACK - \$35.94 (Non-Red) Variety
 8 – PACK - \$47.92 Red Poinsettias
- Orders must be submitted to Food Lion stores by Monday, November 13, 2023. Orders will be available for pickup at your local store: 11/14/23 – 12/05/23. You must select Pickup Date when you place your order. Call or go by your local Food Lion store to see the Store Manager to complete your order!
- November 17** **2nd Annual Ornament Exchange at Mulberry Grove** **6:30 – 9:00 PM**
 Ladies are asked to bring an ornament to put on the tree for exchange. Friends and little girls are welcome, too. Monetary donations will be taken for the Knights' Pantry.
- November 18** **The Bates Family in Concert at Antioch (Scottsville)** **4:30 PM**



Sunday, November 19

- Buckingham: After Worship
 Enon: Noon
 Fitzgerald Memorial: Noon
 Jones Chapel: Noon (Lunch hosted by the Youth)
 Sharon: Noon
- Cedar: 5:00 PM ("Mini Sermon" afterwards)
- Chestnut Grove: 5:30 PM (Covered Dish Dinner followed by special music by Lynn Cooper, NC)
- First Baptist Dillwyn will prepare and deliver about 100 Thanksgiving meals to area shut-ins.

- November 20** **Information for the December edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due today by 9:00 AM.**
 Please include items for December calendar, including all your Christmas programs and New Year's Eve services. Also include your November celebrations and outreach, including a count of all items donated for Hope for Appalachia.

- November 21** **Thanksgiving Joint Service – Fitzgerald and Payne Memorial** **7:00 PM**
 Music provided by Tommy and Debbie England

Thursday, November 23, 2023
THANKSGIVING DAY

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
 Give thanks to Him and praise His name,
 For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
 His faithfulness continues through all generations.*
 Psalm 100:4-5



- November 25** **Loaves and Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)** **9:30 – 10:30 AM**
Children Decorating the Christmas Tree at Enon **10:00 AM**

November 29 – December 2
JRBA Hope for Appalachia Mission Trip to Kentucky

Pray for the team members and for the children receiving the bags and items of warm winter clothing!

- November 30** **Family Foundation Pastor Summit in Metro Richmond** **9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**
 Sponsored by Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia
 Venue to be announced.
 Theme: Winning the Minds of the Next Generation for God
 A complimentary lunch will be provided.
 For additional information and to register: <https://web.charityengine.net/pastorssummit>.

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

December 1 – 2 Antioch Union’s The Message of Christmas: A Walking Christmas Drama at the Union Campus Theater
 There will be 5 performances. For more information or to reserve your FREE tickets, contact Pastor Brian Faison by phone or Text at 434-610-0138.

December 3 Ladies CHRISTmas Celebration at Jones Chapel 5:00 – 7:00 PM

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 Week of Prayer for International Missions
 December 3 – 10, 2023**

Theme: Impacting Lostness Together
 2023-2024 Goal: \$200 million.



**Winter Camp at Camp CrossRoads
 January 5 – 7, 2024**

Are you looking for a winter retreat for your youth group? Winter Camp at CrossRoads is returning for its second year January 5-7, 2024, and registration is open now! Winter Camp is an opportunity for youth 6th to 12th grade to build community and nurture their faith in a fun and safe environment. Throughout the weekend we will participate in worship, small group reflection, and have several choices of activities. Options will include climbing wall, bazooka ball, art, crafting, hiking (weather permitting), movie night, games, and more!

Learn more, register, or reach out to us with questions at crossroadscamp.com/wintercamp

JRBA Churches: Contact Rev. Austin Williams if you have Youth who would like to go to this fun camp! Phone: 434-390-1305 or Email: austin@mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com.

**ENDURE PREACH 2024
 March 10 – 12, 2024**

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Sponsored by Baptist General Association of Virginia

A conference designed to help PASTORS sharpen their skills in a peer-learning environment, experience a time of renewal through four worship services, and gain valuable insights and knowledge from breakouts on a variety of topics.

Theme: *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.* Isaiah 40:8

Speakers and Breakout Sessions

Conference with Meals & Lodging \$225 – Early Bird \$185 through January 15.

Conference with Meals Only \$95

Starts at 3:00 PM on Sunday and ends on Tuesday at 1:00 PM.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

Alma Hunt State Mission Offering

**ALMA HUNT
 OFFERING**
for Virginia Missions

Church	Total-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 900.00
Buckingham	\$ 1,187.00
Cedar	\$ 690.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 700.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 375.00
Goshen	\$ 600.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 925.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 670.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 400.00
Sharon	\$ 232.60



Reported Donations for Fall Hope for Appalachia

**Winter Wear & Blankets
Pre-K & K Bags**

Monetary Donations

Church	Pre-K & K Bags	Coats	Hats	Gloves	Blankets	Other Items	\$\$\$\$
Antioch (Scottsville)	144	8			31	Large box of extras	
Buckingham		16	22	23	4	22 pairs socks, 1 scarf	
Mulberry Grove	60	"A handful of coats, hats, and blankets" *					

*Additionally, Mulberry Grove's Young Adult Sunday School class will provide Christmas gifts for 6 needy children and another family is providing Christmas gifts for a special needs child.

OUTREACH FOR FLUVANNA CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Church	Hygiene Kits	Envelopes	Pencils	Tablets	Other Items
Buckingham	8	2 boxes	28	4	Assorted cards and pads
Mt. Zion	27				
Rocky Mt.	10				
Brown's Chapel	37				



CHURCH OUTREACH



CEDAR: Members are currently working on their Thanksgiving Food Drive and gathering items for the families from their Angel Tree.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: All Blessings Flow is hosted every Tuesday to collect and distribute medical equipment to those who need it at no charge. FBC hosted the Red Cross Bloodmobile on October 11. KAIROS was hosted October 18 -22, as the team prepared for their prison ministry at Buckingham Correctional Center. Helping Hands will be feeding local veterans on November 11. Members will be preparing and delivering about 100 meals to shut-ins on November 19. Helping Hands ministered to many persons through cards, calls, visits, and financial aid during October. The Youth of the church will lead the OCC Shoebox Ministry.

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: The church recently built a ramp for Geraldine Whaley, one of their senior citizens. She was thrilled with the outcome! → → →

FORK OF WILLIS: Members are busy collecting and preparing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

GOSHEN: Members have been collecting items for Hope for Appalachia. They also provided food/hygiene items for the Knights Pantry.

JONES CHAPEL: The church family assisted an individual with medical needs, and a family who lost their home by fire. The family will continue to be helped in the months ahead as they have many needs.

MT. ZION: The church provided 40 bagged meals for the Cumberland JV football team on October 25. Members have been collecting items for Hope for Appalachia Food and hygiene items were provided for the Knights Pantry..

SHARON: A large collection of food and \$124 was donated to the BCHS Knights' Pantry. Current efforts are focused on collecting winter outerwear for the upcoming Hope for Appalachia delivery to children in Kentucky. Rose of Sharon WMU continues providing meals, visits, calls, and notes of encouragement to those in need of a little extra love and support.

TAR WALLET: The Homecoming and Revival Services in October were well attended. Food/hygiene items were provided for the Knights Pantry.

MULBERRY GROVE: Small gift cards from a "fast food restaurant" will be given to the Grove's four college students during their Thanksgiving breaks to show they are loved by their church! Items are being collected for HFA spring boxes. The WMU keeps items on hand to prepare "blessing bags" for those who need a little blessing to pick them up. Food/hygiene items have been provided for the Knights Pantry.



MULBERRY GROVE: Celebrating another 5th Sunday Missions Day, members gathered during Sunday School on October 29, to package 60 bags for Hope for Appalachia. A good time was had by all and many hands made fast work of the job!



Phoebe Tyler, Linda Gough, Norma Gregory, Jonathan Tyler, Rev. Austin Williams, and Phyllis Tyler were a few of those who helped pack bags.

FOLLOW-UP TO FALL FESTIVALS

Our churches have been hosting Fall Festivals to reach out to our communities with the love of God and the fellowship of Christian brothers and sisters! The spirit has been good and events have been enjoyed by all in attendance.

TAR WALLET: The Fall Festival on October 21, was well attended. 280 quarts of stew and lots of baked goods were sold. A good time was had by all!

JONES CHAPEL: The Family Fun Festival was held on October 21, from 11 AM – 2 PM. They were blessed with a beautiful day and a huge crowd, many of whom requested a follow-up from the church.



Pastor Dane is chatting with one of the young people who attended.



Cassie Tomlin, Hosten McCollom, and Angie Dunfee posed in front of the decorated tractors.

MULBERRY GROVE: The Fall Festival at the Grove drew a large crowd who thoroughly enjoyed the time of fellowship around a huge pot of Brunswick stew with activities for the children and youth. Lots of stew was also sold to raise money for an upcoming mission trip.



OTHER EVENTS>>>

CEDAR: The Youth committee took a group of 19 to the Scaremare in Lynchburg on Saturday, October 21.

LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: November to Remember will be honored this month. It is a time for the church to request messages from the year that they would love to hear again!

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT>>>

KNIGHTS PANTRY

The Knights' Pantry, sponsored by JRBA churches, is providing food items to students/families in need at B.C.H.S. A number of students come to "shop" each week so food items need to be replenished on a regular basis. The following food items are needed:

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

Monetary donations are also encouraged to help with purchasing items as they are depleted. Please make checks payable to James River Baptist Association, with "Knights Pantry" on the memo line of the check. Mail to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936.

You can deliver collected items to Mulberry Grove Baptist Church, 1095 Mulberry Grove Road, Buckingham, VA 23921. Contact Rev. Austin Williams to arrange delivery or for additional information at austin@mulberrygrovebaptistchurch.com or by phone at 434-390-1305.

THANK YOU to the churches and individuals who have contributed money, food, and hygiene items for this ministry.

**JRBA Rise Against Hunger
Meal-Packing Event**



On Sunday, October 15, 2023, one hundred sixty-seven people of all ages gathered at Maysville Baptist Church in Buckingham Court House to package 25,056 meals for hungry people around the world! It was a great time of laughing, talking, and doing the Lord's work! It was a ministry engaged in by JRBA member churches, Maysville Baptist, and other individuals of the area. This was an event that definitely encompassed our Associational goal of "Accomplishing Together What We Cannot Do Alone". What an encouragement for so many folks to generously make monetary donations and come out to do Kingdom work!

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

VOLUNTEERS

*Please forgive any misspelled names or misplacement by churches.
Hopefully, everyone signed in and is listed, but there were some duplicates, some did not list the church,
and my "old eyes" could not decipher a few signatures! (Phyllis)*

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Nancy Adams, Bernadette Browning, Nancy Kidd, Riley Kidd, Kristin Kidd, Gloria Newton, Jennie Faulkner, Brynleigh Wilder, Caroline Ward, Piper Vogt, Micah Vogt, Kylie Partusch, Allie Partusch, Carson Haney, Joseph Bishop, C.J. Jones, Lily Mauch, Angel Baber, Jeremiah ?, Wanda Pace, Tonia Pace, Zack Pace, Fern Ward, Sherron Pace

ANTIOCH UNION: Rev. Brian Faison, Karen Faison, Michelle Wright, Dale Wright, Jose Woodson, Joe Chandler, Riley Chandler

BUCKINGHAM: Jo Lang, Betty Toney, Pat Turner

CHESTNUT GROVE: Nancy Morris, Rita Harris, Nancy Bryant

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Rev. Josh Morgan, Scarlett Davis, John Scialdo, Melissa Wood, Carolyn Jamerson, Lucille Jamerson, Jane Dunn, Thelma Childress, Ivan Davis, Casey Davis, Chip Davis, Price Davis, Vlad Brovke, Sam Davis, Patsy Scruggs, John Scruggs, Chris Frost, Debbie Sigmon, Steve Sigmon, Thelma Bennett, Sammy Wharam, Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Sue Moss, Christy Jamerson, Lillie Palmore, Christy Davis, Tanner Davis, Samantha Carter-Frost, Samantha Scialdo, Piper Scialdo, Suziann Blankenship, Abigail Bryant, Mollie Walker, Tracy Carter, Dottie Shumaker, Ashley Moss, Ruth Wallace, Emma Wallace

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: Rev. Steve Emory, Kenita Emory, Josh Emory, Samantha Reid, Hartleigh Duncan, Geraldine Whaley, Betty Newman, Karen Ranson, Ronald Wright, Vicki Norman

GOSHEN: Rev. Bobby Silby, Sheree Silby, Nathan Wheeler, Jason Wishert, Sue Woodson, Carolyn Tapscott, Lindsay Tapscott, Dough Tapscott, Carol Ragland, Al Ragland, Olivia Wishert, Denise Hoy, Pam Wishert, Tommy Woodson

JONES CHAPEL: Rev. Dane Gressett, Deborah Henshaw, Judy Ownby, Cassie Tomlin, Justin Parker, Dennis Parker, Anna Parker, Jack Parker, Marilyn Gressett

MT. ZION: Mark Mangeletti, Marilyn Snoddy, Brenda McAllister, John McAllister

MULBERRY GROVE: Linda Gough, Wayne Gough, Shelby Vencil

SHARON: Liz Steger, Maynard Ritchie, Robert Noble

TAR WALLET: Laura Higgins

MAYSVILLE BAPTIST: Rev. Westly Yoder, Osher Womack, Bob Johanson, Jacob Mowbray, Cameron Webb, Trey A., Adam Womack, Ethan Womack, Ryan Womack, Mike Womack, Christy Womack, Isaac Womack, Silas Womack, Sarah Flint, Lauren Flint, Alex Flint, Noah Flint, Nathan Flint, Jeremiah Flint, Mason Yoder, Titus Yoder, Scott Toney, Lauren Toney, Noah Toney, John Womack, Joni Hackett, Patricia Harvey, Esther Clark, Steven Ritchie, Bryson Ritchie, Rowan Ritchie, James Smith, Audra Smith, Kathleen Smith, Carley Smith, Elita Smith, Susanna Smith, Joanna Smith, Gerald Freeman, Haley Yoder, Brenda Yoder, Mary ?, Quentin Yoder, Joey Yoder, Sarah Hackett

BETHLEHEM: Gail Pierson

OTHER: Joan Hosly, Wayne Hosly







JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): On October 3, baptism was held at the river - 17 candidates were baptized, celebrating their new-found faith in Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!

CHESTNUT GROVE: On September 24, the church family honored Helen Talbert for her 60+ years of musical service to Chestnut Grove and celebrated her birthday! She was surprised with a special musical-themed service with preaching by Kemper Beasley, followed by a luncheon.

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: A Pastor Appreciation Luncheon was held for Rev. Steve Emory on October 22.

JONES CHAPEL: On Sunday, October 15, a special power point was shown and a gift given to Pastor Dane and Marilyn Gressett for Pastor Appreciation Month. Rev. Lewis Brandt presented the gift on behalf of the church family. → → →



MT. ZION: Pastor Appreciation Day, recognizing Rev. Woody Moore, was celebrated on October 29. The church also recognized Trent Snoddy with a celebration luncheon. Trent received the FFA American Degree Award and will be going to Indianapolis to accept the award on November 1.

←Trent is pictured with his FFA Teacher: Mrs. Casey Davis

MULBERRY GROVE: Pastor Appreciation was observed on Sunday, October 15. A monetary gift was presented to Rev. Austin Williams and a luncheon was held in his honor.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>

- Tar Waret Baptist Church has a copy machine with two toners in good working condition that they want to get rid of. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Weaver at weaverkm52@gmail.com or 434-390-1856.
- BGAV Disaster Response requests your prayers for the brutal conflict in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. "Let us pray for the families of those who have lost their lives, for those who are held captive and continue to be in harm's way. We have partner churches, our brothers and sisters, in the region; let us pray for and support them as they cope with the emergency and strive to be Christ's witnesses of hope in the face of grave danger." Give online to support the Disaster Response to those affected by the conflict at https://secure.bgav.org/site/Donation2?1580.donation=form1&df_id=1580&mfc_pref=T. Select on the drop-down menu: "Active Disaster Response: Israel/Gaza Conflict. If you prefer to send a check, make it payable to BGAV Disaster Response and put "Active Response: Israel/Gaza Conflict" on the memo line. Mail to BGAV Disaster Response, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294.



FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Greetings to All,
I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Mr. Frank Breault for his many years serving as our Clerk. We appreciate all you have done for the association. You are missed and we pray that God will continue to bless you in all that you do.

If the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event wasn't enough to bless your heart with so many people showing up to pack meals, then Brother Jimmy's heart being made merry made it all worthwhile! I want to truly thank you for whatever you did, whether donating your time and/or money, giving someone a ride to the event, or taking care of the paper work. THANK YOU to Maysville Baptist for providing the building and going "above and beyond" to make the event a success. I was installed at the annual meeting to serve as Moderator for another year and look forward to working with you (and hope you are, too)!

The Annual meeting at Mulberry Grove was very enjoyable, and I want to thank everyone for your hospitality. I thought the meeting went well. I love the JRBA and have been going to the meetings for over 40 years. I guess I took after my great-grandma, Ada Dunkum Newton. My grandma, Demetric Davis, said she (Ada) used to hook her horse and buggy up and left her (Demetric) to take care of the rest of the children, cook the meals, etc., because she was going to the Association meeting! Back then, the meeting lasted a week. My mother and father, Gracie and Alton Davis were faithful to the Association, too. There's just something about the Saints coming together in prayer, worship, and fellowship!

God Bless You,
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
- **Nov. 29 – Dec. 2: Hope for Appalachia Trip to Kentucky**
Team Members: Rev. Woody Moore, Wayne Gough, and Linda Gough
Children of Kentucky who will receive our gifts and have the opportunity to hear the Gospel message.
- Israel/Gaza Conflict: Victims, responders, and instigators of the brutal atrocities taking place there.
- Leaders (Local, State, National, and World)
- Upcoming Election
- 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 October 9, 2023

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, opened the JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting with a devotional on Psalm 23, the basis of the well-loved hymn, *Surely Goodness and Mercy*. David was a shepherd, so he described his relationship to God in those terms: *The Lord is my Shepherd*. God met David's spiritual needs. When the cares and struggles of life leave us exhausted, we need to realize it is time to depend on the Lord. God met David's directional needs. Just as sheep are prone to wander and get lost, we, too, need to allow God to lead us along the right paths of life, *for His name sake*. Others need to hear us say that God is seeing us through! God met David's emotional needs. He anointed his head with oil when he needed healing. God met David's eternal needs with his goodness and mercy. God wants us to be in fellowship with our Shepherd so we may eternally dwell with Him. *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever*. Everyone joined together to sing, *Surely Goodness and Mercy*. Then Marilyn led us in prayer thanking God for His mercy and grace in our lives and asking Him to guide us as we conducted business.

Marilyn called the meeting to order and had the Roll Call of Churches. There were 19 in attendance, representing 11 JRBA churches. The minutes of the July Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved.

Rev. Austin Williams, Treasurer, presented the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. As of September 30, 2023, available funds totaled \$20,868.81, which included the following: Additional Missions Fund – \$900, Mission Trips - \$1,250, Mission Blitz - \$898.52, and Baccalaureates – \$25.37. Total receipts for the quarter totaled \$6,611.27, which included donations from JRBA churches - \$4,183.38, Individuals - \$200, Interest - \$3.89, Rise Against Hunger -

\$2,027, and Bland Ministry Center - \$197. Total Disbursements totaled \$11,157.57, including Mission Trips - \$100, Bland Ministry - \$197, and Rise Against Hunger - \$10,000.27. (The Checking account balance on Sept. 30 was \$31,186.23 with outstanding checks of \$10,317.42.) The CD Account balance on September 30, 2023 was \$10,202.15. Also included in the packet was the 4th quarter budget vs. actual expenditures. At year end, of the budgeted \$30,342.52, expenditures totaled \$29,159.55. The Treasurer's reports were approved as presented.

Austin also presented the 4th quarter report for the newly established Knights' Pantry Fund. Receipts for this fund totaled \$2,650.16, including donations from JRBA churches, individuals, and grants and interest. Total disbursements totaled \$418.24. The ending balance was \$2,231.92, with no outstanding checks. Austin thanked everyone for the monetary donations and the donated items to get the pantry started. The pantry officially opened on September 22 with students shopping the pantry. The second week, 55 students registered to shop, showing the real need for this ministry. Additional items had to be purchased from Food Lion to prepare for the following weeks. Austin asked that the churches consider hosting a food drive or donating funds to the pantry.

Next, Austin gave the End of Year Treasurer's Report and presented the Proposed Budget for 2023 – 2024. Seventeen JRBA churches donated to the regular budget: \$22,056.38. Other contributions of \$320.48 were received for a total of \$22,376.86. Adding in "designated receipts", Total Contributions were \$36,223.55, and Total Expenditures were \$48,530.04, which included a transfer of \$5,603.65 to our CD account – that current CD balance was \$10,202.15. The year end checking account balance was \$20,868.81. Austin then presented the proposed budget of \$28,618.52 for 2023 – 2024, which includes \$648.52 of carryover funds for Missions Blitz. Therefore, the actual budget is \$27,970. The proposed budget includes increases of \$458.04 in payroll (hourly increase for Secretary), \$800 in utilities to account for rising costs and the additional expense of paying the electric bill, and adding \$500 for a youth revival event. Decreases to the budget were made to additional missions, mission trips, Rise Against Hunger, and Baccalaureates. With the carryover funds, no additional funds were budgeted for Missions Blitz. Under the Additional Missions line item, \$100 each was budgeted for Southside Pregnancy Center, Grace Inside Prison Ministry, BCM of Longwood & HS, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. (Gideons, BGAV Disaster Response, and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity were removed.) The hourly rate for the Secretary was raised from \$15.00/hr. to \$15.45/hr. Austin noted that the Finance committee worked hard to prepare a budget that was in line with current contributions and that some cuts were necessary as we look to the future. Rev. Jimmy Dunn asked if we have to cut Rise Against Hunger. Austin noted that the churches have given very generously to this effort and that the committee felt the money from the budget would not make a significant difference since commitment to that ministry has been strong. There were not other questions or comments. Betty Toney moved that the proposed budget be accepted. Brenda McAllister seconded the motion. Representatives voted unanimously to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented.

Mrs. Betty Toney, Chair, presented the quarterly Benevolence Fund report. From July 1 – Sept. 30, one individual was assisted after losing everything in a home fire and one homeless individual was assisted with one night's lodging and gift cards for food. Additionally, several gift cards were purchased to have on hand as needed. Disbursements totaled \$415.00. contributions for the quarter totaled \$100.00. Current available funds equal \$6,578.48. The Benevolence CD total as of September 30 was \$5,107.07. Austin noted that the Knights' Pantry also supplied a care package to the family that was burned out.

Marilyn then gave the Moderator's Report:

- Rev. Robert Silby was introduced and welcomed as the new pastor for Goshen.
- During the past quarter, JRBA was very busy: Many Homecomings/Revivals were held. VBS was held at several churches during July. Churches have donated to the local pregnancy centers in

Fluvanna and Farmville, Standing Rock Ministry, Knights' Pantry, School supplies for students, Disaster Response for Hawaii, and to the Alma Hunt State Missions Offering.

- Three churches assisted with meals for the BCM at Longwood.
- Four Youth Groups were sponsored as they participated in mission camps.
- Folks volunteered at the Blue Ridge Food Distributions.
- Several churches celebrated baptisms in July, August, and September.
- The JRBA Office has a new landlord, Mr. Calvin Bachrach, who has generously agreed to keep the rent at \$200/month through September, 2024.
- Appreciation was expressed for our former landlord, Mr. James Snoddy, who kept our rent low and paid the electric bill so that we could operate economically while doing the Lord' work.

Marilyn then noted the following things coming up as we continue to work, meet, and serve together:

- Sunday, October 15, we will meet to pack 25,056 meals for Rise Against Hunger, providing food for hungry people around the world. She encouraged us to come out and help with this effort.
- The JRBA Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, at Mulberry Grove, beginning at 4:45 PM.
- Rev. Skip Wallace, who could not attend, will be at our Annual Fall Meeting where he will give us additional information on the BGAV Annual Meeting to be held November 13 – 15, at Bon Air Baptist Church, in Richmond, VA. Virginia Baptists will be celebrating their 200th Anniversary.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

WMU: Betty Toney, JRBA WMU Director, noted that the Leadership Team had met in August. They are planning a World Day of Prayer service for January, 2024, rather than in November. She asked that we all observe the World Day of Prayer by praying for our country, the needs around us, and unity, on Monday, November 6. Nancy Morris and Betty went to CrossRoads for the yearly WMU Leadership Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating: Rita Harris presented the updated Slate of Officers. She noted that volunteers are still needed for the positions of Baptist Men's Director, VBS Leader, and Disaster Relief Coordinator. Phyllis Tyler has agreed to serve as the Clerk and continue to do the recording at all of our meetings. Rev. Cadance Tyler is now the BCM Campus Minister and our new contact there. Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy will complete her term with the BGAV Mission Council in November, 2023. Rev. Dave Vogt and Rev. Austin Williams will begin 3-year terms on the BGAV Mission Council, after approval at the BGAV Annual Meeting in November. There were no volunteers from the floor to fill the vacant positions. The updated Slate of Officers was approved as presented.

The Program Committee's drafted program for the JRBA Annual Fall Meeting was presented for approval. The Fall Meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Mulberry Grove Baptist Church. Registration will begin at 4:45 PM, Business Session at 5:00 PM, Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by a Traditional Worship Service at 7:00 PM. Rev. Woody Moore will be preaching and music will be provided by Potter's Clay (Wayne & Linda Gough). Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. There will NOT be childcare provided. The Program Committee also recommends that the offering for the Fall Meeting be designated for our regular budget needs. The committee felt that with the rise in costs and the decline in contributions, it would be wise to utilize the offering as a resource for our continuing ministries. The recommendations of the Program Committee were approved as presented.

Mrs. Betty Toney, Chair, then presented Updated Benevolence Fund Guidelines, as recommended by the Benevolence Committee. She noted that several of the changes included in the Updated Guidelines have been previously approved, while others are additions or changes.

- Purpose: The maximum assistance per individual per 12 month period was changed from \$100 to \$300 (approved 10/10/22).
- Food: The maximum food assistance per individual was increased from \$15 to \$30; the maximum food assistance per family was increased from \$50 to \$100.
- Short-Term Shelter: TWO nights' shelter will be provided for Homeless individuals (for other transients, we will continue to provide only ONE night's lodging).
- Overdue Electric Bills: This item was added to the guidelines (up to \$200) – (approved 10/10/22).
- Fuel: The maximum expenditure for gas assistance will be \$50.
- Homeless Individuals: This section was added to the guidelines. TWO nights' lodging can be provided in addition to other necessities such as food, etc. Homeless individuals can be assisted TWICE a year. The maximum assistance would still be \$300.
- Fire Victims: Fire Victims can be assisted with up to \$300. (Approved 10/10/22)

Additionally, some changes were made to the Benevolence Fund Committee definition, selection, and checking account:

- Director of Missions is no longer listed as a committee member as we no longer have one.
- The selection of the Benevolence Committee will be done by the Nominating Committee rather than the Moderator. (In compliance with current practice.)
- The Committee Chair, the JRBA Treasurer, and one other committee member (not the Association Secretary) will be authorized to sign Benevolence Fund Checks. (Already approved.)

An updated Application form and Receipt to be used with clients was included. The updated Benevolence Guidelines was approved as presented.

(A copy of the Updated Benevolence Guidelines was given to each person in attendance and a copy will be made available to each member church.)

MISSIONS:

Rise Against Hunger: It was noted that \$10,000.27 was raised for our Meal Packing event to be held on October 15, where 25,056 meals will be packed. Rev. Jimmy Dunn thanked everyone for their generous donations to this effort and noted that it is a blessing that we can again hold this event. He asked that everyone come out and volunteer and ask others to help! We should not pass up the opportunity to be involved in this ministry. He also reminded everyone to come out to the Crystal Cathedral on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month to help with the food distribution to 300+ people.

Hope for Appalachia: It was noted that the JRBA Team will be going to Kentucky November 29 – December 2 this year. The Winter Wear items and Pre-K and Kindergarten Bags are due by November 8. Rev. Woody Moore thanked everyone for their part in supplying the needed items. He noted that the team took on a school last year which had not been included before. He said they were excited and waiting for them! This school also allows them to meet with both the parents and the children so it is an additional opportunity to witness for the Lord and share His love. To deliver items to the Mt. Zion Mission House, please contact John and Brenda McAllister. Items can also be taken to Tar Wallet Baptist Church – contact Laura Higgins. Woody noted that there would be about 10 going on the Fall Trip and that several folks from outside JRBA are donating items. Woody also noted that each church should keep a count of what they donated and get those numbers to Phyllis as it is impossible to be accurate once items have been taken to the drop off locations.

There was no Old or New Business. Marilyn went over several announcements for the upcoming weeks about Fall Festivals, etc. She also noted that Tar Wallet has a copy machine that they want to get rid of. Kathy Weaver is the contact person if anyone is

interested. Rev. Austin Williams noted that there will be a Winter Youth Camp at Camp CrossRoads for students in Grades 6 – 12, on January 5 – 7, 2024. If you have one or more youth who are interested in going, please contact him.

Several prayer concerns were expressed and the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Woody Moore.



**James River
Baptist Association
189th Annual Fall Meeting
October 19, 2023
Mulberry Grove Baptist Church**

ATTENDEES:

Antioch (Scottsville): Gloria Newton
Buckingham: Betty Toney
Cedar: Ernestine Gormus, Faye Banton, Cathy Midkiff, Barbara Carner, Richard Carner, Pat Allen, Margaret Armstrong (V*)
Chestnut Grove: Gloria Morris
First Baptist Dillwyn: Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Jane Dunn
Fitzgerald Memorial: Rev. Steve Emory, Kenita Emory, Vicki Norman, Jack Newman, Betty Newman, Geraldine Whaley
Goshen: Rev. Robert Silby, Sheree Silby, Doug Tapscott, Lindsay Tapscott, Carolyn Tapscott
Jones Chapel: Carol Ownby, Judy Ownby
Mt. Zion: Rev. Woody Moore, Janice Moore, Marilyn Snoddy, John McAllister, Brenda McAllister + 1 visitor for supper
Mulberry Grove: Rev. Austin Williams, Rev. Willard Spurlock, Gwynn Tyler, Phyllis Tyler, Wayne Gough (V), Linda Gough (V) and additional Visitors on MG's Hospitality Committee: Kathy Willams, Thelma Llewellyn, Steve Self, Faye Spurlock
Sharon: Audrey Ragland, Tommy Bradshaw, Genie Bradshaw, Robert and Gayle Noble (Worship only)
BGAV: Rev. Skip Wallace (V)
*V stands for those in attendance who were not messengers.
TOTAL: 47

Forty messengers, pastors, and visitors attended the 189th JRBA Annual Fall Meeting held at Mulberry Grove Baptist Church on October 19, 2023. There were an additional 4 Mulberry Grove Hospitality Committee workers and a visitor from Mt. Zion at the meal. Two additional folks from Sharon came for the Worship Service.

Marilyn Snoddy, JRBA Moderator and Music Director, led the congregation in the singing of *My Tribute/Bless His Holy Name*. Rev. Austin Williams, Pastor of Mulberry Grove, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and presented the theme verse: *And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.* 1 John 4:21. Our theme is about love because love is essential to our faith, our churches, and our association. Everything we do is out of love. The two greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbor. That is why as an association we do what we do: Hope for Appalachia, Rise Against Hunger, Knights' Pantry, our Benevolence outreach, and so much more! We do all of this to love those in our community and beyond. Our love for God and love for neighbor is what unites us. It's why JRBA exists. Through it we can accomplish more together than we can do alone.

Marilyn then called the meeting to order and had the roll call of churches. During the business session, there were 36 messengers and 4 visitors, representing 11 JRBA churches and our BGAV Field Strategist. The program was presented and approved. Rev. Skip Wallace, BGAV Field Strategist for the Central/Valley Region, quoted Philippians 3:6: *I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* Skip noted that he always enjoys the fellowship and partnership with JRBA to advance the Kingdom of God locally, throughout our state, nation, and around the world. BGAV is only 9 years older than JRBA and will be celebrating its 200th anniversary at the Annual Meeting on November 13 – 15, 2023. He also reminded the pastors of the Pastor's Conference being held on November 13, from 1:45 – 3:00 PM, at Bon Air Baptist Church. He distributed new brochures about the BGAV and a preaching conference to be held in March, 2024. He is grateful for the past with JRBA and looking forward to our future partnership in building the Kingdom.

Mrs. Audrey Ragland then led us in a time of remembrance. She began by sharing Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, beginning with, *"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."* Five churches had no deaths during the past year. Thirty-five saints from thirteen of our churches went to be with the Lord. After reading the names of the deceased, Audrey led in a prayer of thanksgiving for them and giving a challenge for us to follow their example of serving Christ.

REPORTS:

Time/Place/Preacher: The JRBA 189th Semi-Annual Spring Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Tar Wallet Baptist Church. The JRBA 190th Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Sharon Baptist Church.

Moderator: Marilyn noted that JRBA has done many things for the Kingdom during 2022-2023, enumerated in her written report in the Book of Reports. She noted that a new ministry has just been begun, the Knights' Pantry, providing food to needy students at BCHS. She noted that we have had four new pastors during the year and introduced Rev. Robert Silby, who just started at Goshen during September.

Finance Committee/Presentation of 2023-2024 Proposed Budget: Rev. Austin Williams, Treasurer, gave the year-end report and presented the proposed budget as approved by the Executive Board on October 9, 2023. Austin highlighted the Total Receipts for 2022-2023 of \$36,223.55 for the regular budget, and Total Disbursements of \$48,530.04, which included all designated offerings. The Total Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 is \$28,618.52, which includes \$648.52 in carryover funds for Missions Blitz. Changes to the budget included a 3% salary increase for the secretary, increasing utilities to cover the added electric bill, and adding \$500 for a Youth Revival. Increases totaled \$458.04. Decreases to the budget were made to Line Items: Additional Missions, Mission Trips, Rise Against Hunger, and Baccalaureate. Donations to the Gideons, BGAV Disaster Response, and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity have been removed from the budget. The budget for 2023-2024 was approved as presented.

Nominating: The Slate of Officers, as approved at the Spring Meeting, was presented with an update. Phyllis Tyler has agreed to serve as Clerk. Rev. Cadance Tyler is the new BCM Campus Director at Longwood. Rev. Dave Vogt and Rev. Austin Williams will be serving from 2023 – 2026 on the BGAV Mission Council after their approval at the BGAV Annual Meeting in November. There are still three officers' positions vacant for the coming year: Baptist Men's Director, VBS Director, and Disaster Relief Coordinator. The Slate of Officers was approved as presented.

Missions: Gloria Newton, Co-Chair, thanked everyone for all that they have done during the past year. She noted that we are adding a Youth Revival in Buckingham for the coming spring. She talked about the wonderful response of the young people at the Scottsville Youth Revival and noted that they have not lost their fire for the Lord. We need to get our kids in church, and, more importantly, we need to be sure they know the Lord. We need every church to participate in the Youth Revival, to pray for the event, and to help with resources. To draw the youth, it needs to be inviting and exciting! If your church has

questions, call the JRBA office in order to get in touch with her as we move forward with this effort.

Marilyn called for the approval of the Book of Reports, 2022 – 2023. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Book of Reports as presented. The motion was approved.

Marilyn then recognized outgoing Clerk, Mr. Frank Breault, and noted his dedicated years of service, 2005 – 2023. Although Frank could not attend, his certificate and gift from JRBA will be delivered. Rev. Austin Williams then told a bit about the trip that the youth of Mulberry Grove and Antioch (Scottsville) took to Camp CrossRoads during the summer. This was their third year attending the camp. The mission-focused camp taught kids about the WMUV partnership with Peru. They had an opportunity to give to an offering for that partnership effort. The youth met a missionary from Guatemala and her children shared cabins with our youth. The kids had the opportunity to interact with them and ask questions about life in Guatemala. The youth were able to draw close to God and to become excited to be involved with church. If you have youth who would like to participate in this camp next year, be sure to get in touch with him. Austin also noted that there will be a Weekend Youth Retreat for students in Grades 6 – 12, one weekend in January. It will be a good opportunity for them to grow in their relationship with God. Let him know if any of your youth are interested. He also asked that we pray for CCC and their work on the mountain.

Rev. Willard Spurlock gave a benediction and blessing for the meal.

After a delicious meal and fellowship around the table, folks came back to the sanctuary for worship. A few additional folks came for the worship service.

Carol Ownby opened the worship service with a Prelude and Potter's Clay (Wayne & Linda Gough) sang, *Daystar*, as a musical Call to Worship. Rev. Steve Emory gave the Invocation and Marilyn led us in singing, *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*.

Rev. Jimmy Dunn thanked everyone for their participation in the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event. He then led the Installation and Commissioning Service for the 2023-2024 Officers. He thanked each for their willingness to serve and quoted, 1 Corinthians 3:9, *For we are labourers together with God*, as a challenge for all to work together through the association for our Lord. He then led in prayer.

We sang, *Something for Thee*, as an offertory hymn and Marilyn had an offertory prayer. An offering of \$540.00 was collected for JRBA's regular budget.

Special music by Potter's Clay included *It's About the Cross* and *Praise the Lord*.

Rev. Woody Moore then shared the scripture, 1 John 4:19 -21 and gave the message. He began by noting how we began our meeting with business and then turned to prayer, because our business is about the Lord! Love is what the Gospel is about. He gave a prayer of thanks for how God loves us and demonstrated that love through the death of Jesus on the cross, His resurrection from the dead, and by preparing a place for us for all eternity. Rev. Moore then read the scripture passage and spoke on it's meaning and application for our lives. The passage reminds us of where love comes from – God is love! We must recognize that God loves us and acted on that love by giving His son for our salvation. Another commandment was given in John 13 (after the foot washing), for us to "love one another". Others will recognize us as Christians by our love for one another. We are Christians because of God's love and we are to love one another in the body of Christ and share the Gospel. That is the Gospel: God loved us first – from the beginning -- when the time was right, He sent Jesus (John 3:16) to die for our sins. Love is an action – we do it because God loved first and now we are to love others. The greatest commandment was to love God with all your soul, your strength, and your mind. And the second was to love your neighbor as yourself. That means all your neighbors, even if they are unneighborly. We are called to love both sides of a situation. For example, we are not only called to love and pray for those being attacked in Israel and Gaza, but we are also called to love and pray for the terrorists. In the Beatitudes, Jesus told us to "love your enemies". As Christians, we are called to love like Christ. In John 14, Jesus said that if you love me, you will keep my commandments. You can't love God if you don't love your neighbor. How can you love an unseen God if you cannot

love a neighbor you see? We need to see the needs of others and respond. Something good is going on in our small churches and JRBA: we are helping! That is loving our neighbors and showing that love with actions. God calls us to be vessels of His love. He will provide the resources in response to the diligence of His people. Woody challenged each of us to use our morning devotions as a time to pray for God to "open my eyes to love someone today, to show me who I haven't loved, and to give me what it takes to love others". WHY should we do that: Because God first loved us and demonstrated that love!

Marilyn then asked everyone to make a circle, join hands, and sing, *Blest Be The Tie*. Rev. Woody Moore closed the service with prayer.

Marilyn made two additional announcements:

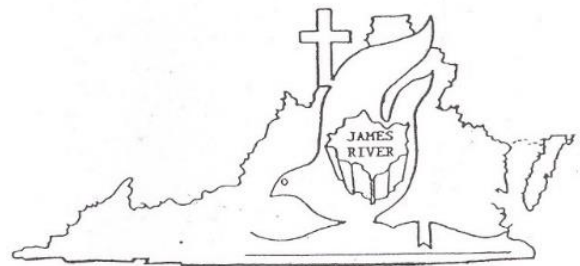
- Church Clerks: The Annual Church Profile is due today (October 19) from churches operating on an Oct. 1 – Sept.30 calendar. Churches who function Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 will receive your reports in Dec.
- Updated Benevolence Fund Guidelines were approved and distributed at the October 9, Executive Board Meeting. If no one from your church attended, you can get a copy from Phyllis.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis R. Tyler, Clerk

2023 – 2024 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy
Vice Moderator	Mr. Gwynn Tyler
Treasurer	Rev. Austin Williams
Clerk	Mrs. Phyllis Tyler
Reporter/Historian	Mr. Terry Towler
Sunday School Director	Rev. Jimmy Dunn
Discipleship Director	Rev. Steve Emory
Music Director	Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy
VA Baptist Historical Society Rep.	Mr. Terry Towler
Parliamentarian	Mr. Gwynn Tyler
WMU Director	Mrs. Betty Toney
BCM Contact	Rev. Cadance Tyler
BGAV Mission Council Representatives:	

Rev. Dave Vogt
Rev. Austin Williams



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FINANCIAL PAGE
2022 – 2023 End-of-Year Corrections
REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS

Church	Year End
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	\$ 3,000.00
Fitzgerald	\$ 100.00
Fork of Willis	\$ 420.00
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 300.00
Goshen	\$ 902.38
Jones Chapel	\$ 2,183.00
Mt. Tabor	
Mt. Zion	\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove	\$3,993.00
Sharon	\$ 1,208.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL FROM CHURCHES	\$22,056.38
Individuals	\$ 200.00
Amazon Smile	\$ 27.62
Baccalaureate Refund	\$ 25.37
Refunds: Smart Business Machines & Quill	\$ 51.25
Interest on Checking Account	\$ 16.24
TOTAL	\$22,376.86

Approved Budget for 2022 – 2023: \$30,342.52
 Actual Budget \$29,694.00+ \$648.52 Carryover Missions Blitz

Rise Against Hunger
8/01/22 – 9/30/23

Church	Year End
JRBA Budget 2022-2023	\$ 500.00
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 500.00
Antioch Union	\$ 500.00
Buckingham	\$ 400.00
Cedar	\$ 455.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 405.00
Enon	\$ 400.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$1,708.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 200.00
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 953.99
Goshen	\$ 575.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 1,153.28
Mt. Tabor	
Mt. Zion	\$ 400.00
WMU	\$ 200.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 420.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 80.00
Maysville	\$ 500.00
Individual Gifts	\$ 150.00
BGAV World Hunger Fund	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.27

10/15/23 Expended \$10,000.27 - Balance \$0.00

KNIGHTS' PANTRY FUND

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRY (2022 – 2023)

Donations	Year End
Goshen	\$ 50.00
Mt. Zion WMU	\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove (WMUV)	\$ 1,000.00
(BGAV)	\$1,000.00
Individual	\$ 100.00
Interest on Checking Account	\$ 0.16
TOTAL	\$ 2,650.16

EXPENDITURES: \$418.24
 CARRYOVER BALANCE: \$2,231.92

REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS
2023 - 2024

Church	October	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Cedar	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis	\$ 438.00	\$ 438.00
Gladstone Memorial		
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00
Mt. Tabor		
Mt. Zion		
Mulberry Grove		
Sharon	\$ 274.25	\$ 274.25
Tar Wallet		
Individuals	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Offering – Fall Meeting	\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,912.25	\$ 5,912.25

Approved Budget for 2023 – 2024: \$28,618.52

Actual Budget \$27,970.00 + \$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, 2023 – Sept. 30, 2024), NOT the calendar year.

OTHER BUDGETED LINE ITEMS

Additional Missions

Budgeted: \$500.00

No Expenditures in October

Missions Blitz

Carryover: \$648.52

No Expenditures in October

Youth Revival

Budgeted: \$500.00

No Receipts or Expenditures in October

Mission Trips

Budgeted: \$2,000.00

No Expenditures in October

Bland Ministries

Budgeted: \$500.00

No Receipts or Expenditures in October

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRY

(ALL monies by donation)

John E. Mann, Sr. Benevolence Fund

Donations	October	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2022 – 2023		\$ 6,578.48
Buckingham	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Cedar	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sharon	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 700.00	\$ 7,278.48

No Expenditures in October

BALANCE: \$7,278.48

Rise Against Hunger

Church	October	Year-to-Date
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
TOTAL	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00

Knights Pantry

Church	October	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2022 - 2023		\$ 2,231.92
Sharon	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00
Individuals	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
TOTAL	\$ 309.00	\$ 2,540.92

No Expenditures in October

**James River Baptist Association
Operational Budget
2023-2024
Approved 10/19/23 at the Annual Fall Meeting**

MISSIONS

Christian Education, Training/Evangelism	\$ 300.00
Baccalaureate	\$ 450.00(Buck/Cumb/Flu)
Mission Trips (Individuals & Groups)	\$ 2,000.00
Additional Missions*	\$ 500.00
Missions Blitz	\$ 648.52 (carryover)
VA Baptist Historical Society	\$ 50.00
Bland Ministries	\$ 500.00
Rise Against Hunger	
Youth Revival	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL – MISSIONS	\$ 4,948.52

*Additional Missions includes donations of \$100 each to:
Southside Pregnancy Center, Grace Inside Prison Ministry,
Baptist Collegiate Ministry of Longwood/Hampden Sydney,
and Fellowship of Christian Athletes

OFFICE EXPENSES

Bond Insurance	\$ 485.00
Building Insurance	\$ 435.00
Technology	\$ 750.00
Postage (Includes P. O. Box Rental)	\$ 800.00
Rent	\$ 2,400.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
Utilities (water, Century Link, gas, electric)	\$ 4,500.00
Miscellaneous (+ speaker stipends)	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL – OFFICE EXPENSES	\$10,870.00

PAYROLL EXPENSES

Total Payroll Expenses (Includes Retirement, FICA, Medicare & Federal Tax withholding)	\$ 12,500.00
Custodial	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
SUBTOTAL – PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$ 12,800.00

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ 28,618.52 (Actual \$27,970.00 + Missions Blitz Carryover \$648.52)