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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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EVENT DETAILS

February 1	Women's Morning Bible Study Resumes at Antioch (Socttville) The women will be studying <i>Psalm 23</i> , by Jennifer Rothschild.	10:00 AM
February 4	Jim & Suzanne Blaine in Concert at Gladstone Memorial Everyone is invited.	9:45 AM
	Youth Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Sunday) Each session includes Bible Study, Mission Study, and activities for grades 6 – 12. All are invited.	6:00 PM
February 6	Women's Prayer Group at Mulberry Grove (Every Tuesday) All are welcome.	9:00 AM
	Tuesday Morning Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday) Held in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.	10:00 – 11:30 AM
	Youth Group at Cedar (Every Tuesday) For ages 13 and older. Led by Kim Page. Anyone in this age group is welcome to come join this group and be a part of the fun and fellowship!	7:00 PM
February 7	Prime Timers' Bible Study at Jones Chapel (Every Wednesday) New group led by Pastor Dane Gressett	11:00 AM
	Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Wednesday) Pastor Josh Morgan is leading a study on the book, <i>God Never Gives Up on You</i> , by Max Lucado. All are invited.	6:30 PM
	Mission Friends at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Wednesday) For children age 3 through Grade 5).	6:30 PM
Feb. 7, 21 & 28	Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at Goshen	7:00 PM
Feb. 9 & 23	Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM.	
Feb. 9, 16 & 23	"Winter Blues" Series at Cedar Led by Pastor Tommy Armstrong. Everyone is welcome to join in!	6:30 – 8:00 PM
February 11	Spaghetti Dinner at Buckingham	Noon
	Friend Day at Enon Meal following the service.	11:00 AM
	Meals for Shut-Ins at First Baptist Dillwyn FBC, led by Helping Hands, will be preparing and delivering meals to shut-ins and others of the area.	Noon

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

All items for the WMUV Mission Trip to the Mully Children's Family Center in Kenya are due to the JRBA Office TODAY!

If your collected items are at the JRBA office by today, Mt. Zion will take them along with their items. Otherwise, you will need to either mail them or take them to WMUV, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294.

February 12 **Emotions Anonymous at First Baptist Dillwyn** **6:00 PM**
 This group is being led by Micki Cole and will address issues of emotional health.
 For further details, call Micki at 434-390-0434 or email her at mickirbnsn@yahoo.com.



Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Dear Friends, "Let us love one another, for love comes from God!"
1 John 4:7a

February 14 **WMU & Brotherhood at Goshen** **7:00 PM**

February 15 **JRBA Missions Committee Meeting at JRBA Office** **6:00 PM**

February 17 **Children and Youth of Enon to SkyZone** **TBA**

Valentines Dinner at Jones Chapel **TBA**
 The Youth Group will prepare and serve a Valentine Dinner. This will be a fundraiser for Mission Trips.

February 18 **Dinner & Holy Couples at First Baptist Dillwyn** **See times below.**
 Sponsored by the Youth of the church to raise money for their summer mission trip.
 A spaghetti dinner will be served at 5:00 PM, with a Holy Couples game at 6:00 PM.
 Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8.00 for children.

Annual WMU Enlistment/Enlargement Banquet at Chestnut Grove **5:30 PM**
 Bring a salad or dessert and a small gift or exchange. Participants will be playing Bible Charades.


Monday, February 18
Information for the March edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due TODAY by 9:00 AM.
Include February outreach and celebrations.

February 22 **Church & Tax Seminar at BGAV Resource Center** **9:30 AM – Noon**
 Led by Dr. Jeff Cranford for pastors, church treasurers, and finance committee chairs. It will include information on handling taxes and compensation for church staff, retirement and insurance, and reporting requirements for churches. An informational email was sent out about this opportunity. The seminar is also available to view LIVE or through a recording link (to be viewed on your own schedule).

ATTN: PASTORS, CHURCH TREASURERS, AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRS:
 It is hoped that many of you will participate and JRBA will pay the \$15 registration fee for either in-person attendance, LIVE viewing online, or for the link to view online at a later date. Go to <https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/x1lioamv1g35tee/> to register. Once you have registered, send a copy of your registration confirmation to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936, for the \$15 reimbursement.

February 24 **Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)** **9:30 – 10:30 AM**

February 25 **Hope for Appalachia Packing Party at Jones Chapel** **Noon**
 The church family has been collecting items for the HOPE boxes which will be packed after the church service. Pizza will be served to the volunteers.



Wednesday, February 28
Due Date for Hope for Appalachia Boxes
 Take your boxes to Tar Wallet - Contact Laura Higgins at 434-394-8299
 OR
 to the Mt. Zion Mission House - Contact Brenda McAllister at 804-572-3894.

February 28 **Digital Proficiency Workshop at Spring Hill Baptist Church, Ruckersville, VA** **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**
 Register by February 16 at: www.BGAV.org/DigitalProficiencyWorkshop/ .
 Located at 2620 Frays Mill Road, Ruckersville, VA.
 This workshop will provide the opportunity to learn the latest trends, get easy and affordable tips, and all participants will receive a FREE Digital snapshot personalized for your church!
 The workshop is FREE to all BGAV churches and hopes to help you improve your church's online presence. Livestream worship services and social media connections have become necessary parts of many churches' weekly events. Reserve your spot to learn about updated information and insights into your church's digital progress.

LOOKING AHEAD>>>

PLANNING CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2024

If you are working on your church calendar for 2024, note the following dates already set by your sister churches.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Antioch (Scottsville) – June 24 – 28

Mt. Zion – June 8 – 9

Mulberry Grove – July 8 – 12

HOMECOMING & REVIVAL

Jones Chapel – Homecoming – October 6

Tar Wallet – Homecoming – September 15 with Revival – September 16 – 18

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 3 – 10, 2024

This offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$2 billion has been given to help make Jesus known to every man, woman, boy and girl in North America. 100% of your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering gifts support thousands of missionaries serving in church planting and compassion ministry.

Free offering envelopes, posters, and prayer calendars were sent out to churches from the WMU convention offices in January. If you did not receive your packets, please contact one of the following:

BGAV Churches: Contact Sheryl Smith at 800-255-2428 (Virginia Baptist Resource Center) or email her at ssmith@wmuv.org.

SBCV Churches: Contact Ramona Beam at 804-665-1402 or email her at rbeam@sbcv.org.



March 7 **Evening Women's Bible Study Resumes at Antioch (Scottsville)** **6:30 PM**
Studying *Amos* by Jennifer Rothschild.

ENDURE PREACH 2024

March 10 – 12, 2024

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Sponsored by Augusta Association and BGAV

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.

Go to www.preach2024.org/registration.html to register online.

PASTORS: JRBA WILL REIMBURSE ANY JRBA PASTOR WHO PARTICIPATES \$50 OF THE COST OF THIS CONFERENCE!

Send a copy of your registration confirmation to JRBA, P.O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936, for the \$50 reimbursement.

March 14 **Southside Pregnancy Support Center 2024 Fundraising Banquet** **6:30 – 8:30 PM**
Lee Grand Ballroom – Dorrill Dining Hall, Longwood University
The Fundraising Banquet will shed light on all that God has done through client testimony, ministry updates, guest speakers, Olivia Summers & Tessa Longbons, and more. There is no cost for the dinner or to attend. However, there will be a giving call at the end of the night inviting you to invest in this life-affirming ministry to the community. Spouses are encouraged to attend together. If you have any questions or would like to register by phone, please call Donielle at 434-391-1011.

March 22 – 24 **SHINE Weekend for Teen Girls at CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center**
SHINE is for teen girls, grades 6 – 12. The weekend will begin with worship on Friday at 7:30 PM and conclude on Sunday before lunch. An optional add-on for Friday night dinner is available. The weekend will feature Bible Study, Worship, Missions, Breakouts, and a variety of activities. Cost for 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, program supplies, t-shirt, and crafts: Lodge - \$115/person, Hotel - \$205/person. Register at <https://wmuv.wufoo.com/forms/shine-2024>.

April 8 **JRBA Missions Committee Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn** **6:00 PM**
JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn **7:00 PM**

April 14 **Annual JRBA WMU Meeting at Antioch (Scottsville)** **2:30 PM**
Details to come.

April 19 – 20 **Youth Revival at Antioch (Scottsville)** **Details to come!**

April 26 – 28 **Mom & Me Weekend for Elementary Girls at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center**
Save the date and bring your elementary-age daughters and come to an overnight retreat to learn more about being on mission for God. Come meet a missionary, take a hike, make a craft, learn a dance, and worship with other girls and moms, grandmas, or missions leaders. Being active in a GA program or WMUV church is welcome, but not a requirement! Go to <https://www.wmuv.org/events/momandme24> for additional information, a complete schedule, and to register.

May 9 **JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting at Tar Wallet** **5:45 PM**
 Details to come.

June 9 – 12 **2024 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting & Pastor's Conference in Indianapolis**
 Registration opens February 1 at <https://www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net>.

June 22 – 28 **WMUV Mission Trip to Peru**
 If interested in participating in this mission trip, contact Valeria Carter at vcarter@wmuv.org or by phone at 804-928-2920.



EASTER EVENTS

BUCKINGHAM: March 31 – Easter Sunrise followed by breakfast. Details to come.

CEDAR: March 29 – Good Friday Service; March 31 – Easter Sunrise followed by breakfast and Worship; No Sunday School. Time to be announced.

JONES CHAPEL: March 29 – Good Friday Communion Service @ 7:00 PM; March 30 – Easter Egg Hunt @ Noon; March 31 – Easter Sunrise @ 7:00 AM; Breakfast @ 8:00 AM; Worship @ 9:00 AM, No Sunday School

TAR WALLET: March 31: Community Sunrise Service at Tar Wallet; Payne Memorial and Fitzgerald Memorial participating. Details to come.

JRBA REACHES OUT>>>



CHURCH	Total-to-Date
Buckingham	\$1,250.00
Cedar	\$ 925.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 275.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$2,240.00
Fork of Willis	\$ 300.00
Goshen	\$ 450.00
Jones Chapel	\$1,570.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 595.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 500.00
Sharon	\$ 235.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 210.00



CHURCH OUTREACH

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The church is collecting items for the Hope boxes and will have volunteers to go on the trip to Kentucky.

CEDAR: The Women on Mission are currently gathering items for the Hope for Appalachia shoeboxes. A benefit is planned to help a young mother of our area who has had a massive stroke. (Details on Page 6.)

CHESTNUT GROVE: The church family will prepare Hope boxes for the Hope for Appalachia spring trip to Kentucky.

FITZGERAL MEMORIAL: Items have been collected for the Mully Family Center in Kenya: glasses, sunglasses, toothbrushes, and other dental products.

MT. ZION: Toothbrushes, reading glasses, and sunglasses are being collected for the WMUV medical mission trip to Mully's children in Kenya. The WMU will be meeting for lunch at Rodeos to celebrate "Love Month" (as Sallie Mowbray used to call February), and sending Valentines to the widows, widowers, couples who have been dealing with illnesses, and the 60 residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Each card will include scripture. The cards are spreading the Love of God to 134 people of our area. The sewing ministry has switched to knitting and have made 315 dishrags to give to the teachers and staff at all 5 schools in Buckingham. That's a whole lot of "LOVE" stitches!

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Christy Palmore Davis will be going with others of our area on a mission trip to Liberia (Feb. 1 – 12). Part of their work will be with children. Helping Hands recently gave disposable diapers to the local Pregnancy Center; HOPE boxes are being filled during February; gas and food gift cards are being given to people in need; and visits, cards, and prayers are being extended to people who are sick, bereaved, and lonely.

MULBERRY GROVE: The church sent \$500 to JRBA for the Bland Ministry Center. The WMU recently provided 13 meals to a member family recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A love offering is being taken for Alex Poole who suffered a massive stroke. A "Blessing Box" is being prepared for a young person awaiting transplant surgery. Members are currently working on HOPE boxes for Kentucky. Flowers were sent to an injured member. Members plan to provide a meal for the Longwood BCM. Gwynn Tyler is currently serving on a Mission Team in Honduras.

SHARON: Rose of Sharon WMU will concentrate on collecting items for Hope Boxes in February. They continue with cards, food, visits, and calls to those that may need just a little care and concern to know that they are thought of and prayed for during these cold winter days.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE>>>



2024 JRBA YOUTH REVIVAL

Heard in church on a recent Sunday: "An Atheist Club has started in Fluvanna High School. There are posters in the hallways and invitations to join are broadcast during morning announcements." While we support and actually uphold the "right" to form this group, even in the school, it is highly distressing to realize that OUR teenagers are joining and encouraging others to do likewise. The old hymn, *Onward Christian Soldiers*, keeps reverberating in my mind as I feel that we ARE in a WAR for the very souls of our youth!

This spring the James River Baptist Association is hosting a **YOUTH REVIVAL** to be held in Dillwyn. Location, times, and dates will be announced in the

March newsletter. Watch for details to come and begin praying about how YOU and YOUR CHURCH can be a part of and support, this outreach to our young people.

JRBA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

- First and foremost, **PRAY** for this event and the young people attending.
- **WORKERS** – would you be willing to serve food, help set up, or pray at the altar?
- **WE NEED FUNDING!** Please encourage your church to donate to this event. To attract and retain the interest of today's youth, we must invest and host a "WOW" event! Please phone JRBA at 434-983-7385 and make a pledge today! Or mail a check to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936. Checks should be payable to JRBA, with Youth Revival on the memo line.

Gloria Newton

JRBA Missions Committee Member



JRBA HOPE FOR APPALACHIA SPRING MISSION TRIP

March 25 – 30, 2024

Our team will again be going to minister to the students of Kentucky in several schools. Here are ways YOU can support this effort:

- **HOPE BOXES:** A list of items to include in your box has been sent to the churches. The due date for the boxes is **February 28**. (See page 2 for phone numbers to arrange delivery.)
- **COOKIES:** The team always takes these sweet treats to the teachers and staff of each school they visit.
- **TEACHER GIFTS:** Small gift bags filled with items for teachers are given out in the schools.
- **BIBLES:** The team always tries to give each child who makes a profession of faith a Bible and sometimes they are also given to those whose families are in a season of distress.
- **PRAY** for the team, the teachers and staff at the schools, and the students who will receive the Hope boxes.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for this trip, contact Rev. Woody Moore at 804-382-7984.



**2024 RISE AGAINST HUNGER
JRBA MEAL PACKING EVENT
OCTOBER 13, 2024**

Maysville Baptist Church/Multi-Purpose Center

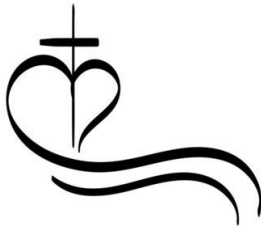
Our 2023 meal packing event for Rise Against Hunger was an enormous success. Your generous donations and volunteer participation provided 25,058 meals for hungry people around the world! It was an event exemplifying our motto: **Accomplishing Together What We Cannot Do Alone.** Let us begin AGAIN to work cooperatively together to continue to feed the hungry!

ALL DONATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT ARE DUE BY JULY 15, 2024.

JRBA Mission Committee

**JRBA 2024 BLAND MISSION TRIP
May 19 – 25, 2024**

We are again looking forward to going to the Bland Ministry Center in Bland, VA, to work as volunteers with the food and clothing distribution centers and doing other work around the center. If we have volunteers with carpentry skills, there may be additional things to do out in the community. Please **pray** about this opportunity to serve as a volunteer missionary here within our state. Southwest Virginia is economically depressed and folks are in great need. The Bland Ministry Center has served the people there well, and continues to do so. Our teams through the years have provided much needed help for BMC clients as well as for the regular staff and area volunteers who faithfully serve day after day! We will be collecting funds for the center as they have recently lost some of their funding from the local association and from the Alma Hunt Offering. Please consider a monetary donation, either directly, or through JRBA. Checks can be made payable to JRBA, with "Bland" on the memo line, and mailed to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936. We will collect a couple of items, as we usually do, for the team to deliver when we go. Watch the newsletter for this announcement soon! If YOU would like to be a part of this team or would like to have more information, please contact Gwynn or Phyllis Tyler at 434-969-4378. (Looking for up to 15 adults to serve on this team.)



**BENEFIT FOR ALEX POOLE
Cedar Baptist Church
March 3, 2024
12:30 PM**

Cedar will be hosting a benefit for Alex Poole, a recent 29-year old victim of a massive stroke. She is the mother of a young child and has served in the military. The doctors pronounced Alex brain dead, but both of her parents believed that God could still provide a miracle and save their daughter. Through the prayers and strong belief of her family and others, Alex has come off of life support and is making some improvement. She can now see, understand conversation and can

respond by squeezing of a hand or blinking her eyes. The family hopes to secure veteran benefits for Alex. In the meantime, her mother/stepfather (Chris & Lee Clarke) are caring for her and her father/stepmother (Mike & Sherry Poole) are caring for the child. While waiting for VA benefits to come through, there are many expenses involved in Alex's care, including the need for a handicapped van for going to appointments. Cedar will be hosting the benefit for Alex and extends a plea for your support of this event. Come out and be the hands and feet of Jesus, extending is love to someone of our area who is in need! There will be a pulled pork dinner available at the benefit for a "suggested" donation of \$10. Additional donations will truly be appreciated as well. If you have questions or would like to make a monetary donation to this effort, please contact Kathleen Llewellyn, at 434-981-5880.

JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

CEDAR: Kathleen Llewellyn spoke on the Sanctity of Life before worship on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: On January 14, the Worship Service was led by the Andrew Barrick family from Lynchburg. In 2006, the family was involved in a terrible automobile accident. All four were injured, but he daughter, Jenn, was gravely injured and in a coma for three months. The family now has a world-wide ministry which takes them all over the world. , testifying to the love of God, and His blessings to thousands of people. FBC received blessing from their testimony and gave an offering to the Barrick's Ministry, *Hope Out Loud*.

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: The congregation is beginning a new study entitled, *Why Call Me Lord?*

JRBA WMU WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The JRBA WMU met on January 27, at Buckingham Baptist for the Baptist World Alliance Women's Day of Prayer. After a brunch of many delicious foods, a short program was held. The theme was *Breath of Life*, drawn from Job 33:4: *The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me Life.* Core ministry areas are strengthening, leading, responding, defending, and advancing. After a meaningful Bible study, led by Thelma Llewellyn, an offering of \$165.00 was collected for the work in the North American Continent. The group of 25 participants then divided into three prayer groups to pray for the requests of seven Continental Women's Union. Seven churches were represented at the event.

IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

CEDAR: Sympathy is extended to the family of Anne LeSueur, widow of Frank James "Football" LeSueur, who passed away December 29, 2023. Her service was held at the church on Sunday, January 7, with interment in Cedar Baptist Church cemetery.

CHESTNUT GROVE: Bill Talbert, husband of Helen Talbert, passed away December 22, 2023. A funeral service with Masonic Rites was held on December 26, at Toga Fire Department, with Rev. Joe Chambers and Pastor Ken Cook officiating. Burial followed in Chestnut Grove Baptist church cemetery. Afterwards, the church provided a meal.



JRBA CELEBRATES>>>>

MT. ZION: A Deacon Ordination Service was held on December 31, for Danny Lightfoot. The service was followed by a luncheon.



IN APPRECIATION>>>>

Dear JRBA,

I want to thank the JRBA, the JRBA WMU, other church WMUs, and individuals for your monetary contributions to my mission trip to Honduras. I also covet your prayers during my work there, January 28 – February 9.

Through the years, our association has had several individuals and teams go to Honduras and work to share the Good News of Christ, hold medical clinics, and help build or repair churches, clinics, and schools. We have a bond with many people of Honduras and they are close to my heart so I love the opportunity to go there and minister.

May God continue to bless JRBA and its member churches with a heart for Missions, both locally and around the world.

In Christ,
Gwynn Tyler

STAFF UPDATES>>>>

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: [Address change for Rev. Steve Emory](#)

Rev. Steve and Kenita Emory
304 Sims Road, Cumberland, VA 23040
Phone and Email Address remain the same.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: [New email addresses](#)

info@fbc-dillwyn.com
pray@fbc-dillwyn.com
treasurer@fbc-dillwyn.com
youth@fbc-dillwyn.com

FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>>

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish...so is my word that goes out from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11



We should remember this scripture as we pray. At Mt. Zion, the women are studying the book by Jodie Berndt, entitled *Praying the Scriptures for Your Adult Children*. Prayer scriptures over the ones we love is like covering them with the presence of God. Scripture tells us to love our enemies – just think about covering them also with the presence of God by praying scripture for them! And think about this scripture when we watch the raindrops and snowflakes fall!

In Christ,
Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator



KEEP IN PRAYER>>>>

- Those who are lost and need to know the Savior
- JRBA Churches without a Pastor: Buckingham, Chestnut Grove, and Sharon
- JRBA Churches, Pastors, and Leaders
- January 26 – February 9: Gwynn Tyler – on Mission Trip to Honduras
- February 1 – 12: Christy Palmore Davis – on Mission Trip to Liberia
- March 25 – 30: JRBA Hope for Appalachia Mission Trip to Kentucky
Team Members: Rev. Woody Moore, Brenda McAllister, Gloria Newton, and Nancy Kidd (maybe more)
- Students receiving Hope Boxes from JRBA
- JRBA Youth Revival
- Volunteers for the Bland Mission Trip in May
- Leaders: Local, State, National, and World
- 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
January 8, 2024

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, opened the JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting with a devotional on Psalm 24, the basis of the hymn, *The King of Glory Comes*. She talked about how everything in the world belongs to God and because of His Glory, the only appropriate response is to bow in submission to Him. God only asks that we fear Him, love Him, worship Him and walk in His ways...for our own good. We belong to Him. We must strive to have clean hands and hearts, to be clean inside and out. We accomplish this continuous cleaning by repenting. During the Covid pandemic, everyone learned the importance of washing our hands and people did so more than at any other time. We need to repent in the same way and just as often! What is false should not appeal to us – our world has so many false gods and beliefs. We have given in to false things of the world because they are appealing, looking good to the eyes and flesh, and we have gone along with the crowd. We have failed to fear God – The one true God – The King of Glory. King David called for the gates of the Holy city to be opened for the triumphant procession of the King of Glory, the Lord Almighty – this may have been when King David was returning from battle with the Ark of the Covenant (considered the Lord's Throne). Above the ark, it said, "Divine King...the Lord of Armies...who was mighty in battle. The victory was Israel's because of the King of Glory! One day the Messiah will come again and defeat his enemies in the tribulations and establish his millennial kingdom! Marilyn led everyone in singing, *The King of Glory Comes*. She then led in prayer and called the meeting to order.

Gwynn Tyler did the roll call of churches. There were 19 in attendance, representing 11 JRBA churches, with one visitor. The minutes of the October 2023 Executive Board meeting were presented and approved. The minutes of the Annual Fall Meeting, held on October 19, 2023, at Mulberry Grove, were presented and approved. The Treasurer's Quarterly Report was presented by Rev. Austin Williams, Treasurer. As of December 31, 2023, available funds totaled \$23,987.06, with one outstanding check (\$376.51). This total includes the following: Additional Missions Fund - \$100.00, Mission Trips - \$1,850.00, Rise Against Hunger - \$225.00, Missions Blitz - \$648.52, Bland Ministries - \$500.00, Christian Education/Training/Evangelism - \$300.00, and Baccalaureates - \$450.00. Total receipts for the past quarter totaled \$7,701.47, which included donations from JRBA churches - \$6,333.25, Individuals - \$1,140.00 (including the Fall Meeting Offering), Interest on checking - \$3.22, and Rise Against Hunger donations of \$225.00. Total Disbursements totaled \$4,706.71, which included: Mission Trips (Woody Moore, Wayne Gough, & Linda Gough – HOPE Fall Trip) - \$150.00, Additional Missions (Pregnancy Support Center, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Grace Inside, South Central VA Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - \$100 each = \$400.00. The Savings Account Balance on December 31, 2023, was \$10,303.64. Also included in the packet was the 1st quarter budget vs. actual expenditures. Of the \$28,618.52 budgeted amount, \$23,636.81 remains. Austin also presented the quarterly report for the Knights' Pantry Fund. Available funds as of December 31, 2023, totaled \$2,541.23. Receipts of \$309.31 came in during the quarter, including \$124 from the churches and \$185 from individuals. The account made \$0.31 in interest. All of the Treasurer's reports were approved as presented.

Next, Marilyn Snoddy gave the Moderator's report. She noted the great response to our 2023 Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing event held on October 15, 2023. A large number of folks came out to pack meals for a great time of fellowship and working together to feed hungry people. She mentioned that the Annual Fall meeting hosted by Mulberry Grove had good music, singing, and preaching! It is always good to see everyone and have fellowship. The Hope for Appalachia fall trip was a great success. Hats, coats, gloves, and other things

were delivered, along with packed bags for the Belle Central School Kindergarten and Pre-K students, bringing smiles to their little faces! She thanked everyone for accepting positions on JRBA committees for 2024 as we work together to keep the association serving the Lord. She noted the great time spent at the BGAV Annual Meeting celebrating its 200th Anniversary. She encouraged anyone with the opportunity to attend in the future. She is hopeful that in 2024 we will be able to do all the Lord has for us, accomplishing much with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Skip Wallace, Field Strategist for the Central/Valley Region, spoke about the upcoming Preaching Conference, sponsored by the Augusta Association and BGAV. It will be held March 10 – 12 at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center. He encouraged our pastors to attend for a great time of rest and rejuvenation. The fee of \$225 covers lodging and meals. If you plan to drive back and forth, the fee is \$95 for your meals. If anyone does not have the funds to attend, please contact him. He also noted that a Digital Proficiency Workshop will be held in Charlottesville on February 28, at Spring Hill Baptist from 10 AM – 2 PM, with lunch included. Your church's web presence will be evaluated. Pastors and/or media person should attend. More info will soon be coming out. It will most likely be free of charge.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

WMU – Betty Toney

The World Day of Prayer will be held on Saturday, January 27, at 10 AM, at Buckingham Baptist. Each attendee is asked to bring a breakfast dish or fruit. The theme is *Breath of Life* drawn from Job 33:4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Rev. Jimmy Dunn

We need to take Sunday School more seriously in our churches. It is just as important as worship. Our churches need to select quality teachers and work on getting people to attend. We all need the Bible study and the fellowship of Sunday School. He is hopeful that Sunday School can get back on track in 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BENEVOLENCE: Betty Toney, Chair

Available funds, as of 12/31/23, total \$7,578.48. Disbursements for the past quarter totaled \$200, assisting an individual with propane for heating. Contribution for the quarter totaled \$1,200. Betty reminded everyone to be sure to notify her or Phyllis in the event of the loss of a home because of fire, so that we can assist.

MISSIONS:

Hope for Appalachia: Rev. Woody Moore

Appreciation was expressed for the continuing support of Hope for Appalachia and for the schools served in Belle County, Kentucky. The team had a tremendous trip in the fall, being able to deliver items to our schools and an additional school that was in great need. Woody has a couple of videos and is working on a slide presentation which he would be happy to share if a church would like him to come. The team also delivered a trailer of items to a local thrift store. A new team went to two new schools with their Christmas program. The 2024 spring trip will be March 25 – 30, 2024, and the team will again be staying at Red Bird. It is a beautiful setting closer to the schools. Anyone interested in volunteering for the team should go online to complete an application, get a background check, and remit fees. Hope boxes are due by **February 28**. A list can be obtained on the website: www.hfavateam.com. (This list has been emailed to JRBA churches.) The team will be going to 4 new schools so extra boxes will be needed! Woody also requested cookies, teacher/staff gifts, and new Bibles (to be given to those accepting Christ). Cookies can be bagged 2 or 3 cookies to a Ziploc sandwich bag. Labels are available on the website for cookies. All donations should be delivered to Tar Wallet, the Mt. Zion Mission House, or the JRBA Office.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER:

The Missions Committee made a motion that JRBA host a Meal Packing Event, possibly in October, with funds being due by July 15, 2024. The motion was approved as presented. An exact date will be set once one has been set up with Rise Against Hunger and Maysville Baptist. Marilyn asked that those in attendance help get the word out and encourage our folks/churches to give to this worthy cause.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gwynn Tyler made a motion that JRBA adopt Belle Central Elementary School for 2024 through Hope for Appalachia. It was seconded and approved.

Kathy Weaver, Tar Wallet, announced that Tar Wallet has a copier available for free. It is in good shape with 2 new toners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn presented the 2024 JRBA Committees for approval. Rev. Austin Williams made a motion to amend the list by adding the Knights' Pantry Committee (inadvertently omitted). It was seconded and approved. Audrey Ragland made a motion to approve the amended committee list. It was seconded and approved.

Announcements were made and a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and the meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Woody Moore.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis R. Tyler, Clerk

2024 JRBA COMMITTEES

Moderator serves as Ex-Officio on all committees except the Nominating Committee.

PROGRAM

Mrs. Phyllis Tyler, Chair
Mr. Clarence Gormus
Ms. Judy Ownby
JRBA Music Director
Representatives from Host Church

NOMINATING

Mrs. Rita Harris, Chair
Mr. Terry Towler
Mrs. Pat Allen
Ms. Dale Wright

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Austin Williams, Chair
Mrs. Audrey Ragland
Mrs. Betty Toney
Mr. Terry Towler

ORDINATION

Rev. Tommy Armstrong, Chair
Rev. Steve Emory
Rev. Jimmy Dunn
Rev. Woody Moore

BYLAWS

Mr. Gwynn Tyler, Chair
Mrs. Betty Toney
Mr. Douglas Tapscott

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Phyllis Tyler, Chair

TIME/PLACE/PREACHER

Mrs. Phyllis Tyler, Chair

BACCALAUREATE

Ms. Michelle Wright – Buckingham County
Dale Wright
Mrs. Kathy Weaver – Cumberland County
Mrs. Gloria Newton – Fluvanna County

PASTOR/CHURCH RELATIONS

Mr. Gwynn Tyler, Chair
Mr. Clarence Gormus
Rev. Lewis Brandt

MISSIONS

Rev. Jimmy Dunn, Advisor
Mrs. Gloria Newton
Mrs. Brenda McAllister
Mrs. Betty Toney
Mrs. Kenita Emory
Rev. Woody Moore

EVANGELISM

Rev. Woody Moore, Chair

BENEVOLENCE

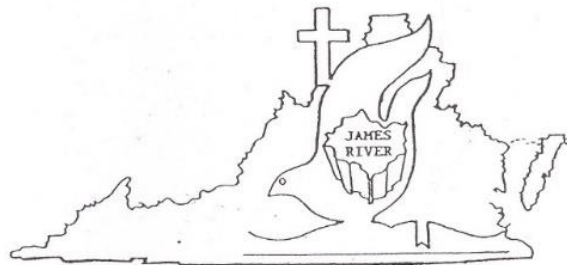
Mrs. Betty Toney, Chair
Mrs. Phyllis Tyler
Mr. Terry Towler

AUDIT

Mrs. Audrey Ragland, Chair
Ms. Judy Ownby

KNIGHTS' PANTRY

Rev. Austin Williams, Chair
Mrs. Stephani Jones
Ms. Michelle Wright



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REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS
2023 – 2024

Church	January	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 1,000.00
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 750.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 438.00
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 600.00*	\$ 600.00
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 157.00	\$ 728.00
Mt. Tabor	\$ 715.43**	\$715.43
Mt. Zion		
Mulberry Grove		
Sharon	\$ 274.25	\$ 548.50
Tar Wallet		
Individuals		\$ 600.00
Offering – Fall Meeting		\$ 540.00
TOTAL	\$1,748.68	\$8,919.93

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.

***CORRECTION:** Gladstone contributed \$300 in Oct. and another \$300 in January.

****CORRECTION:** Mt. Tabor reissued a check for their 2022-2023 dues (original was lost in mail) for \$354.43 and their 2023-2024 dues of \$361.00.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS ABOVE ARE CORRECT.

OTHER BUDGETED LINE ITEMS

Additional Missions

Budgeted: \$500.00

Expended in November: \$100 to each Southside Pregnancy Center, Grace Inside Prison Ministry, BCM Longwood, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

No Expenditures from this Line Item in January.

Balance: \$100.00

Missions Blitz

Carryover: \$648.52

No Expenditures in January

Youth Revival

Budgeted: \$500.00

No Receipts or Expenditures in January.

Mission Trips

Budgeted: \$2,000.00

Expended in November: \$50 each

Hope for Appalachia Trip: Rev. Woody Moore, Wayne Gough, Linda Gough

Expended in January

Honduras – Gwynn Tyler - \$100

Liberia – Christy Davis - \$100

Balance: \$1,650.00

Bland Ministries

Budgeted: \$500.00

No Receipts or Expenditures in January.

NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES

(ALL monies by donation)

John E. Mann, Sr. Benevolence Fund

Donations	January	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2022 – 2023		\$ 6,578.48
Buckingham		\$ 200.00
Cedar		\$ 300.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
TOTAL		\$ 7,778.48

Expended in January: \$175.00

Total Expenditures 2023-2024: \$ 375.00

Balance: \$7,403.48

Rise Against Hunger

Church	January	Year-to-Dae
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 215.00	\$ 225.00
TOTAL	\$ 215.00	\$ 440.00

Knights Pantry

Church	January	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2022 - 2023		\$ 2,231.92
Sharon		\$ 124.00
Individuals		\$ 185.00
Interest 1 st quarter	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31
TOTAL	\$ 0.31	\$ 2,541.23

No Receipts or Expenditures in January.

Designated Offerings Received in January

Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100

BGAV Disaster Relief - \$100

Gideons International - \$100