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### SEASON OF LENT

February 14 – March 28, 2024

Lent is an incredibly historical and symbolic time for Christians. It is the liturgical season that prepares us for Christ's death and resurrection. In this season of penitential preparation, we turn our hearts and minds to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is observed for 40 days because Christ suffered and was tempted in the desert for 40 days and nights. It is a direct reflection of the days that eventually led up to his crucifixion. It begins on Ash Wednesday (a holiday that is observed for the sake of recognizing our faults as human beings, and taking the time to repent for the sins we have committed). At Ash Wednesday services, a cross is made from ashes and placed on one's forehead as a visible sign of repentance.

1. PRAYER: Individuals are encouraged to reflect on their relationship with God and to seek a deeper spiritual connection with Him.
2. FASTING: This practice involves giving up certain luxuries or desires for a period of time in order to focus on spiritual needs. The purpose of fasting is to help individuals draw closer to God by acknowledging their dependence on God and breaking away from worldly distractions.  
Examples: Give up a certain food or social media; refrain from negative thoughts or gossiping, etc.
3. ALMSGIVING: This involves helping those in need. It is an expression of love and compassion. It helps individuals to focus on their obligations to others and to living a life of selflessness and service.

Examples: Donating to a charity, volunteering time at a local food distribution, or helping a neighbor in need.

NEW traditions also include "adding" things to your life such as setting aside time to meditate and pray each day, visiting shut-ins, and participating in community service projects.

Through each of these practices, Christians can grow spiritually, more readily appreciate the suffering of our Lord, and to rejoice in His Resurrection!

**HE IS RISEN! RISEN INDEED!**

Fitzgerald Memorial and Tar Wallet are participating in the Community Lenten Services/Lunches being held at Payne's Memorial in Cumberland Court House on Wednesdays, February 21 – March 27, from Noon – 1:00 PM.

All are welcome to attend.

### EVENT DETAILS

March 1

**Deadline to register for the WMUV Joyful Sorrow Discussion/Prayer Session on Zoom (3/16/24)**

Register online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUrf-ysrT4vHdWiuLXcH9KZC7IP9xOZcrVr#/registration.com>.

See the description of the session under March 16.

**WMUV Medical Mission Team leaves for Kenya**

The team will be serving at the Mully Children's Family Center. Under the leadership of Dr. Lynne Stockman, Former WMUV President, 25 medical specialists and other personnel will provide direct medical care to many people.

March 3

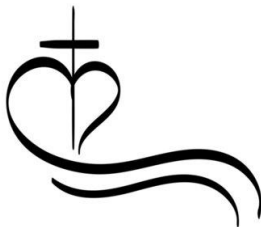
**Pastor Tuttle Memorial Chili Cook-Off at Jones Chapel**

Everyone is invited to come and bring their best chili or soup.

Noon

**Youth Group at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Sunday)**

6:30 PM



### 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 His 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.



**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](mailto:ssmith@wmuv.org).  
 SBCV Churches: Contact Ramona Beam at 804-665-1402 or email her at [rbeam@sbcv.org](mailto:rbeam@sbcv.org).

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| <b>March 5</b> | <b>Women’s Prayer Group at Mulberry Grove (Every Tuesday)</b>  | <b>9:00 AM</b>          |
|                | <b>Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)</b><br>Current study is on the book of Acts. All are invited to participate.                                       | <b>10:30 – 11:30 AM</b> |
|                | <b>All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)</b><br>This ministry gives and receives used medical equipment. Call 434-422-8888 for help and information. | <b>10:00 AM – Noon</b>  |
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| <b>March 6</b> | <b>Adult Bible Study and Mission Friends at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Wednesday)</b><br>Prayer and small group Bible study for adults; Mission Friends for children age 3 – Grade 5. | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
|                | <b>Adult Choir Practice at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Wednesday)</b>  | <b>7:30 PM</b> |
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| <b>March 6, 20 &amp; 27</b> | <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting at Goshen</b> | <b>7:00 PM</b> |
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| <b>March 7</b> | <b>Evening Women’s Bible Study Resumes at Antioch (Scottsville)</b><br>Studying <i>Amos</i> by Jennifer Rothschild | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
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| <b>March 8 &amp; 22</b> | <b>Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn</b><br>Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM. |  |
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| <b>March 9</b> | <b>Brunswick Stew at Centenary Church</b><br>Fundraiser for community outreach | <b>11:00 AM until stew is gone!</b> |
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**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](http://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.**

**Rev. Austin Williams and Rev. Dane Gressett will be participating.**

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| <b>March 10</b> | <b>Easter Egg Hunt at Hanes Chapel</b><br>Rev. Roger Woody invites your church families to join Hanes Chapel for an Easter Egg Hunt. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a Bunny Rabbit Petting Zoo for the children, too. The egg hunt and petting zoo are FREE for everyone. There will be a Photo Session with the Easter Bunny available for \$25 per family for 3 – 5 digital photos. Photography by Sierra McCray Hawk. Proceeds will go to their Youth Ministry. Hanes Chapel is located at 1171 Copper Mine RD., Dillwyn, VA. | <b>2:00 – 4:00 PM</b> |
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| <b>March 13</b> | <b>Senior Citizens Fellowship at Mulberry Grove</b><br>Bluegrass/Gospel Music and Covered Dish Lunch   | <b>11:00 AM</b>       |
|                 | <b>Community Lenten Service &amp; Lunch at Paynes Memorial</b><br>Rev. Alan Gough, Tar Wallet, will be bringing the message.   | <b>Noon</b>           |
|                 | <b>Ladies Spring Bible Study at Jones Chapel</b><br>The study, <i>The Longing in Me</i> , by Sheila Walsh, will run for 6 weeks. Marilyn Gressett will lead the group. | <b>6:15 – 7:45 PM</b> |
|                 | <b>WMU &amp; Brotherhood at Goshen</b>   | <b>7:00 PM</b>        |

**March 14 Southside Pregnancy Center 2024 Fundraising Banquet 6:30 – 8:00 PM**  
 Location: Longwood University, Lee Grand Ballroom in the Dorrill Dining Hall  
 The Fundraising Banquet will shed light on all that God has done through client testimony, ministry updates, guest speakers Olivia Summers (Pro-Life Attorney), and Tessa Longbons (Senior Research Associates for Charlotte Lozier Institute), and more. There is no cost for 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 16 WMUV Joyful Sorrow Discussion/Prayer Session via Zoom 11:00 AM**  
 Join WMUV Executive Director/Treasurer Valerie Carer Smith and HOPE: Mental Health Team Leader, Antea Garfiulo, for a discussion on the book *Joyful Sorrow: Breaking Through the Darkness of Mental Illness*, by Julie Busler. Reading the book isn't required to join the discussion, but if you **register by March 1, 2024**, WMUV will mail you a copy of *Joyful Sorrow* at no cost to you! This book and resource is made possible by the gifts given to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. You can register online at [www.us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUrf-ysrT4vHdWiuLXcH9KZC7IP9xOZcrVr#/registration.com](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUrf-ysrT4vHdWiuLXcH9KZC7IP9xOZcrVr#/registration.com).

**March 17 Men's Pie Auction at Fitzgerald Memorial Noon**  
**St. Patrick's Day Lunch at Centenary Church 11:00 AM**

**March 18 JRBA Program Committee Meeting at JRBA Office 10:00 AM**  
 All committee members should plan to attend. The program for the JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting will be drafted.

**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>.

**EASTER CANTATA**

First Baptist Dillwyn

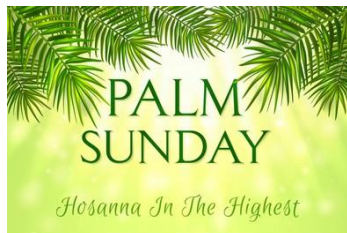
Friday, March 22 – 7:00 PM

The Adult Choir and the Youth Group will present the cantata, *Arise, My Love*. All are invited to attend.

The cantata will also be presented on Palm Sunday at 11:00 AM, followed by a Message by Pastor Josh Morgan.



**March 23 Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville) 9:30 – 10:30 AM**  
**Enon's Easter Egg Hunt at the Dillwyn Park 11:00 AM**  
 Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun!



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**PALM SUNDAY  
 Sunday, March 24**

Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem during which palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

From [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)

**Monday, March 25, 2024**  
**Information for the April edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter is due TODAY by 9 AM. Include March outreach and celebrations. Be sure to include the final count of Hope for Appalachia boxes prepared for Kentucky students.**

**JRBA HOPE FOR APPALACHIA TEAM TO KENTUCKY  
 March 25 – 30**

Please keep the team members in your prayers as they go to Kentucky to distribute the Boxes of Hope to the school children and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

TEAM MEMBERS:

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Ashley Branham, Misty Christian, James Christian, Nancy Kidd, and Gloria Newton  
 MT. ZION: Rev. Woody Moore (Team Leader), Rochelle Moore, and Brenda McAllister

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
 Thursday, March 28**

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.





**GOOD FRIDAY  
Friday, March 29**

Good Friday is the day in which Christians commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

**Good Friday Services**

- Enon Good Friday Service with Communion – 6:00 PM**
- Cedar's Good Friday service – 7:00 PM**
- Jones Chapel's Good Friday Service with Communion – 7:00 PM**
- Mulberry Grove's Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM**

**EASTER EVENTS/EGG HUNTS**

**Saturday, March 30**



ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE) – Easter Walk Through Event, Egg Hunt and MORE!	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
CEDAR: Easter Egg Hunt with Hot Lunch	10:00 AM
MULBERRY GROVE: Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 AM
GOSHEN: Easter Egg Hunt Games and food for all to enjoy.	Noon – 2:00 PM
BUCKINGHAM: Easter Egg Hunt All are invited.	2:00 PM
JONES CHAPEL: Children's Easter Egg Hunt	2:00 – 4:00 PM



**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

Easter marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after His crucifixion.

***Praise God, He Is Risen...Risen, Indeed!***

**EASTER SERVICES**

BUCKINGHAM:	Sunrise Service Breakfast follows the service in the Fellowship Hall NO Sunday School or Worship	7:00 AM
CEDAR:	Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast Worship Service NO Sunday School or 11:00 AM Worship	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
ENON:	Sunrise Service in the Church Cemetery Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall Resurrection Worship Service including an Easter Cantata	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM
FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:	Sunrise Service at Dillwyn Cemetery at Sunrise Followed by Breakfast Sunday School Easter Worship (Including music & message by Pastor Josh Morgan)	TBA 10:00 AM 11:00 AM

**March 31, Easter Services, continued:**

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL:	Participating in Community Sunrise Service at Tar Wallet Easter Cantata @ Fitzgerald	7:00 AM 11:00 AM
FORK OF WILLIS:	NO Sunrise Service Early Worship Service	9:00 AM
GOSHEN:	Sunrise Service Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Sunday School Worship Service	7:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
JONES CHAPEL:	Sunrise Service Breakfast Worship Service NO Sunday School	7:30 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM
MT. ZION	Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast	7:00 AM
MULBERRY GROVE:	Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast NO Sunday School Worship Service	7:00 AM 11:00 AM
SHARON:	Special Music Service Breakfast Worship Service with Guest Speaker, Rev. Buddy Woodson	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM
TAR WALLET:	Community Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast Song Service Worship Service NO Sunday School	7:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM
CENTENERY:	Sunrise Service Potluck Breakfast Easter Celebration Service	7:00 AM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM

**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 15 – 19 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATES)**

**HOMECOMING & REVIVAL**

**Jones Chapel – Homecoming – October 6**

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

**ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>April 8</b>	<b>JRBA Missions Committee Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn</b> <b>JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>JRBA WMU Annual Meeting at Antioch (Scottsville)</b> Details to come.	<b>2:30 PM</b>
<b>April 19 – 20</b>	<b>Youth Revival at Antioch (Scottsville)</b> Details to come.	
<b>April 26 – 28</b>	<b>Mom &amp; Me Weekend for Elementary Girls at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center</b> 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 <a href="https://www.wmuv.org/events/momandme24">https://www.wmuv.org/events/momandme24</a> for additional information, a complete schedule, and to register.	
<b>May 9</b>	<b>JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting at Tar Wallet</b> Details to come.	<b>5:45 PM</b>
<b>June 9 – 12</b>	<b>2024 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting &amp; Pastor's Conference in Indianapolis</b> Register at <a href="https://www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net">https://www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net</a> .	
<b>June 22 – 28</b>	<b>WMUV Mission Trip to Peru</b> If interested in participating in this mission trip, contact Valeria Carter at <a href="mailto:vcarter@wmuv.org">vcarter@wmuv.org</a> or by phone at 804-928-2920.	

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES>>>

**“IT IS ALL ABOUT THE ONE”  
Evangelism Workshop  
Sunday, May 5, 2024  
Arvon Baptist Church  
3:00 PM**

Theme: Matthew 18:12 (NKJV)

*“What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?”*

Speakers: Rev. Woody Moore and Rev. Geoff Bruschi



**JRBA YOUTH EXPLOSION**

**May 31, 2024**

**6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Location: RMA Trucking Building  
16419 N James Madison Hwy., Dillwyn, VA**

**For Youth Grades 6 – 12**

**FOOD, GAMES, DOOR PRIZES, PRAISE MUSIC, WORSHIP, AND MORE!**

**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.
- **DOOR PRIZES:** If your church can provide age-appropriate door prizes, please let us know.

*Gloria Newton*

JRBA Missions Committee  
434-981-5470

**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 by **April 8.** (Looking for up to 15 adults to serve on this team.)



## JRBA REACHES OUT>>>

### Church Outreach

**CEDAR:** The Women on Mission packed 80 shoeboxes for the Hope for Appalachia effort. A special thank you to a very generous church family who helped make this possible.

**FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN:** Helping Hands ministered by sending cards to 50+ shut-ins and ill people, visiting residents of area health care facilities, calling, visiting, and praying for people with special needs, and helping with financial needs of some individuals. \$50 has been collected for Rise Against Hunger and \$25 for the Hope for Appalachia Team

**JONES CHAPEL:** A Hope for Appalachia Packing Party was hosted after the church service on February 26. Pizza was served to the volunteers and then 48 boxes were packed. They included all the essential items and many nice extras for little girls.



**MT. ZION:** The church family assisted a family who lost their home and belongings in a fire. They gave \$1,000 to help with the JRBA Youth Explosion. The WMU also gave \$500 for the Youth Explosion.

**MULBERRY GROVE:** A dinner of homemade soups and grilled cheese sandwiches, along with delicious desserts was provided for the students of the Longwood BCM on February 6. The WMU sent flowers to 3 shut-ins, made a Blessing Box for a child who lost a parent, and took a love offering for Alex Poole.

**SHARON:** Rose of Sharon ladies got together and made 48 quarts of vegetable beef soup to give to the sick and homebound and others that just may need a pick-me-up!



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

CHURCH	Updated Total
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$5,500.00
Buckingham	\$1,250.00
Cedar	\$ 925.00
Chestnut Grove	<b>\$ 445.00</b>
Enon	<b>\$ 315.00</b>
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	<b>\$ 550.00</b>
Sharon	\$ 235.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 210.00

### Collection for the Mully Children's Family Center in Kenya WMUV Medical Mission Trip in March

Church	Donations
Fitzgerald Memorial	109 toothbrushes, 4 pairs of glasses, 1 sunglasses, other dental items
Mt. Zion	198 toothbrushes, 38 pairs of glasses, 4 sunglasses

JRBA thanks Brenda McAllister for delivering the items to the Resource Center!



**HOPE BOXES FOR KENTUCKY**

CHURCH	# BOXES
Buckingham	31
Cedar	80
Chestnut Grove	15
First Baptist Dillwyn	22
Fitzgerald Memorial	24
Jones Chapel	48
Mulberry Grove	18
Sharon	44
Tar Wallet	195
Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, Newport News	36

**If your church did boxes, but didn't send in the number in time for the March newsletter, be sure to send for the April issue!**

**JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>**

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: A series on "Truth" is being conducted. It is an in-depth look at truth in society and inside the church.

**OTHER EVENTS>>>**

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): The Youth met for a Super Bowl Party at the church on Sunday, February 11. A good time was had by all!



BUCKINGHAM: a Valentine Luncheon was held on Sunday, February 11, following worship. A delicious meal of spaghetti, garlic bread, and cheesecake decorated with fruit was served by the kitchen committee. The tables were decorated in red and white.

CEDAR: After worship, on Sunday, February 18, the Youth prepared and served the church family a delicious spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings in honor of Valentines Day. After the meal a large group went on a tubing trip to Wintergreen. Many thanks to the Youth Committee that keep the youth busy and involved!

CHESTNUT GROVE: The WMU Enlistment/Enlargement Banquet was held on February 18. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship, and a new game-Bible Charades. The ladies had a lot of fun – everyone needs to try it!

MULBERRY GROVE The Youth hosted a Super Bowl party for the church on February 11, at Thomas and Alex Llewellyn's house. It was a great evening of fellowship. A group of youth and adults (25) went tubing at Wintergreen on February 17, and had a ton of fun!



JONES CHAPEL: On Saturday, February 17, the Youth group prepared and served a Valentine Dinner which was a fundraiser for upcoming mission trips. After the meal, there was a game of Pictionary.



Pastor Dane Gressett led in prayer.



Youth volunteers: Jamieette, Savannah, Bella, and Lauren



Attendees: Lewis & Gail Brandt, Chelsea and Jack Fulcher (standing) and Roy and Marilyn Watson

### **WMUV ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **Executive Director/Treasurer Dr. Valerie Carter Smith Announces Retirement**

The WMUV Board of Trustees has accepted a letter of retirement from the Executive Director/Treasurer, Dr. Valerie Carter Smith, effective January 31, 2025. WMUV is grateful for Valerie's leadership and service since 2014. A committee will soon begin the search for a new leader for WMUV. As you see Valerie throughout the year at WMUV events, congratulate her for a job well done! Be in prayer as the search begins for someone God is preparing to lead WMUV onward with wisdom, vision for the future, and passion for equipping individuals and churches to be on mission for Christ. For those of you who know Valerie, she has led with those same qualities. She will be missed!

#### **IN APPRECIATION>>>**



**JRBA is happy to announce that all 2024 Annual Church Profiles are complete! THANKS go out to all those who worked faithfully to get the job done! We appreciate your time and effort.**

Antioch (Scottsville): Gloria Newton  
 Antioch Union: Linda Darnell Blankenship  
 Arvon: Jennifer Turner  
 Buckingham: Jo Land and Betty Toney  
 Cedar: Pat Allen  
 Chestnut Grove: Gloria Morris

First Baptist Dillwyn: Teri Piersol and Pam Huskey  
 Fitzgerald Memorial: Betty Newman and Kenita Emory  
 Gladstone Memorial: Virginia Cyrus and Bonnie Hesson  
 Jones Chapel: Carol Ownby  
 Mt. Zion: Dorothy Davis  
 Sharon: Audrey Ragland, Tommy Joe & Liz Steger

Enon: Mary Shumaker  
 Fork of Willis: Brenda Parker  
 Goshen: Jessica Carroll and Carolyn Tapscott  
 Mt. Tabor: Diane Baird  
 Mulberry Grove: Denise Leatherwood  
 Tar Wallet: Vickie McHenry

## IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

CEDAR: The church family extends sympathy to their pastor's wife, Margaret, whose sister, Ann Light, from Roanoke, VA, passed away on Sunday, January 28. Her celebration of life was held on Wednesday, January 31. Sympathy is also extended to the family of Larry Waycaster who passed away on January 22.

MULBERRY GROVE: The church family mourns the passing of Eileen Reynolds and extends sympathy to her family and Wanda Rideout, her faithful caregiver. Sympathy is also extended to the family of Bud Whitten who passed away on Sunday, February 25.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>

- **ATTENTION: CHURCH TREASURERS:** You should have recently received a copy of the new BGAV Remittance form via email or regular mail. A copy of instructions for its use were included. Please note that there are some changes to the form regarding your church's giving plan as well as the usual offerings. As always, ALL monies sent for a specific offering, such as Alma Hunt, Annie Armstrong, or Lottie Moon, go directly to that entity. You will note that there is a new alternative offering for international missions: BGAV International Missions. Also note that "World Hunger" as indicated on the remittance form is NOT for Rise Against Hunger. Your Rise Against Hunger donations for the JRBA Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing event should still be sent to JRBA.

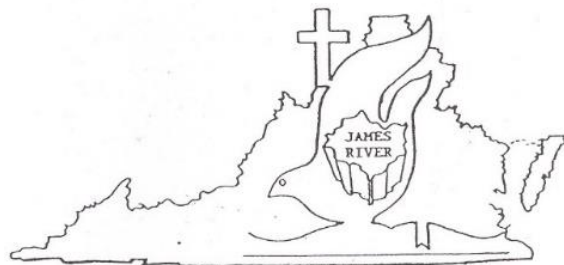


## KEEP IN PRAYER>>>

- 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
- March 25 – 30: JRBA Hope for Appalachia Mission Trip to Kentucky  
Team Members: Rev. Woody Moore, Rochelle Moore, Brenda McAllister, Gloria Newton, Nancy Kidd, Ashley Branham, Misty Christian, and James Christian.
- Students receiving Hope Boxes from JRBA
- JRBA Youth Explosion – May 31 – June 1
- 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)



*People Committed To Making A Difference*

**ACCOMPLISHING TOGETHER WHAT WE CANNOT DO ALONE**

**REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS**  
**2023 – 2024**

Church	February	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
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 203.00	\$ 931.00
Mt. Tabor		\$715.43*
Mt. Zion	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Mulberry Grove	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Sharon		\$ 548.50
Tar Wallet		
Individuals	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
Offering – Fall Meeting		\$ 540.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,203.00</b>	<b>\$15,122.93</b>

**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.

\* 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.

**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 February.

**Balance: \$100.00**

**Missions Blitz**

Carryover: \$648.52

No Expenditures in February.

**JRBA 2024 Youth Explosion**

Donation	February	Total-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$ 500.00
Buckingham	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Mt. Zion WMU	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>

**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

**No Expenditures in February.**

**Balance: \$1,650.00**

**Bland Ministries**

Donations	February	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$ 500.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>

**Christian Education/Training/Evangelism**

Budgeted: \$300.00

**Expended in February: \$100.00**

Rev. Austin Williams and Rev. Dane Gressett  
(Preaching Conference - \$50 each)

**BALANCE: \$200.00**

**NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES**

(ALL monies by donation)

**John E. Mann, Sr. Benevolence Fund**

Donations	February	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2022 – 2023		\$ 6,578.48
Buckingham		\$ 200.00
Cedar		\$ 300.00
First Baptist Dillwyn		\$ 500.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Sharon		\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,878.48</b>

Expended in February: \$214.00

Total Expenditures 2023-2024: \$ 589.00

**BALANCE: \$7,289.48**

**Rise Against Hunger**

Church	February	Year-to-Date
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 440.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 840.00</b>

**Knights Pantry**

Church	February	Year-to-Date
Carryover from 2022 - 2023		\$ 2,231.92
Mulberry Grove WMU	\$ 281.00	\$ 281.00
Sharon		\$ 124.00
Individuals		\$ 185.00
Interest 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter		\$ 0.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 281.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,822.23</b>

Expenditures in February: \$124.21

**BALANCE: \$2,698.02**

**Individual Designated Offerings Received/Expended**

Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100

BGAV Disaster Relief - \$100

Gideons International - \$100

