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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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### EVENT DETAILS

April 1

#### **Deadline for BGAV Scholarships**

The BGAV is committed to the educational and vocational development of emerging leaders of all ages for advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom and to building ongoing relationships. The BGAV Scholarships and Ministerial Education Funds financially assist eligible Virginia Baptist students seeking to earn an academy degree at a BGAV-partnered academy, to obtain an undergraduate degree, and to pursue an undergraduate or graduate education in preparation for vocational ministry. Funds are also supplied for non-degree applicants who desire access to training and continuing education opportunities for ministry development as well as grants for those who want to explore Christian ministry prior to seminary training. The BGAV Scholarships and Ministerial Education Funds Committee oversees these funds and makes awards to Virginia Baptist students who meet all established criteria. The following are awarded annually:

BGAV Academy Scholarships, College Scholarships, Ministerial Education Funds,  
Non-traditional Ministry Education Scholarships, and Church Internship Grants

If you have any questions, please call the scholarship office at 8900-255-2428, Ext. 1297 or email [scholarships@bgav.org](mailto:scholarships@bgav.org).

Applications are currently open – all applications are due April 1.

*Information on this was emailed earlier to either the pastor or a leader in each of our churches. Hopefully, it was distributed to any interested individuals.*

#### **Emotions Anonymous at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Monday)**

**6:30 PM**

Call 434-390-0434 for additional information.

April 2

#### **Women's Prayer Group at Mulberry Grove (Every Tuesday)**

**9:00 AM**

#### **Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Currently studying the book of Acts

#### **All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)**

**10:00 AM – Noon**

Medical equipment is given and received. Call 434-422-8888 for information or to request needed equipment.

April 3

#### **Dinner & Bible Study at Fitzgerald Memorial (Every Wednesday)**

**6:00 PM**

#### **Adult Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Wednesday)**

**6:30 PM**

Currently studying the book of Revelation. Led by Brandon Shumaker.

#### **Ladies Spring Bible Study at Jones Chapel (Every Wednesday)**

**6:15 – 7:45 PM**

Currently studying, *The Longing in Me*, by Sheila Walsh. Led by Marilyn Gressett.

April 3, 17 & 24

#### **Bible Study & Prayer Meeting at Goshen**

**7:00 PM**

April 7

#### **Men's Prayer Breakfast at Fitzgerald Memorial**

**8:00 AM**

Featuring a Guest Speaker

April 8

#### **LAST DAY TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE ON THE JRBA BLAND MISSION TEAM**

**Trip Dates: May 19 – 24**

For more information or to join the team, call Gwynn Tyler at 434-969-4378.

#### **JRBA Mission Committee Meeting**

**First Baptist Dillwyn – 6:00 PM**

*Committee Members are encouraged to attend as plans are made for the JRBA Youth Explosion scheduled for May 31 – June 1, 2024!*

#### **JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting**

**First Baptist Dillwyn – 7:00 PM**

*Pastors, JRBA Officers, JRBA Committee Chairs, and Church Representatives to the Executive Board are encouraged to attend.*

- April 10**      **Senior Citizens' Fellowship at Mulberry Grove**      **11:00 AM**  
 Bluegrass/Gospel Music and Covered Dish Meal
- Seniors' Fun Day at Fitzgerald Memorial**      **11:00 AM**
- WMU & Brotherhood at Goshen**      **7:00 PM**

**April 12 & 26**      **Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn**  
 Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR BGAV DIGITAL PROFICIENCY WORKSHOP**

**Scheduled for April 16 or April 18. This workshop is FREE for all BGAV Churches.**

Learn about the latest digital trends, discuss and share ideas among peers, and get a personalized snapshot of your church's current digital standing with easy ways to improve.

Go to [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org). Click on Upcoming Events; click on the date of the workshop for details and registration link.

**April 13**      **JRBA Bland Mission Team Meeting at The Tylers**      **5:00 PM**  
 1146 Twin Creek Road, Buckingham, VA 23921


All team members are asked to be present; spouses are invited. Team members are also asked to pray about what the Lord has for the team to do and how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus while at the Center.

A light supper will be provided and the team will hear about what is planned, etc. for the week at Bland Ministry Center.

**Senior Citizens' Supper at Chestnut Grove**      **6:00 PM**

The dinner will be catered and served by the youth of the church. All are welcome to come and dine!

**April 14**      **Chili Cook-Off at Enon**      **Noon**  
 Following Morning Worship – All are invited to join in!

	<p><b>JRBA WMU Annual Meeting</b>  <b>Sunday, April 14, 2024</b>  <b>2:30 PM</b>  <b>Antioch (Scottsville) Baptist Church</b>  <b>4422 Antioch Road, Scottsville, VA 24590</b>        Gwynn Tyler will be sharing about his mission trip to Honduras.        Join in for a time of worship and fellowship        Let's have someone from every JRBA church in attendance!</p>
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**April 16**      **Digital Church Proficiency Workshop at Sycamore Baptist Church, Franklin, VA**      **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
 See above: April 12

**April 18**      **Digital Church Proficiency Workshop at Melrose Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA**      **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
 See above: April 12

**YOUTH AWAKENING – TAKE 2**

**Friday – Sunday**

**April 19 – 21**

**Hosted by Antioch (Scottsville), Effort, Scottsville, and Fork Union Baptist Churches**  
**FOOD, GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**Friday & Saturday**

Scottsville Farmer's Market Pavilion (Next to Dorrier Park)

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Friday - Speaker: Gary Osteen, Music: Fork Union Baptist Praise Band

Saturday – Speaker: Dave Vogt, Music: Antioch Baptist Praise Band

**Sunday**

**Baptism at the Hardware River with a Potluck Meal**

**2:30 PM**

Pre-register at <https://form.jotforms.com/240113344000029/> to be entered into a drawing!

*If you missed it last year, come join in for a life-changing experience with Jesus!*



**April 21 – 24**      **Revival at Buckingham Baptist**  
 Guest Speaker: Jerry Gray  
 Sunday: Meal at 5:00 PM, Music by Glory Bound at 6:15 PM, and Worship from 7:15 – 8:00 PM  
 Monday: Music by Roger Woodson and Friends at 6:15 PM, and Worship from 7:15 – 8:00 PM  
 Tuesday: Music by Worm Patterson and Floyd Reid at 6:15 PM, and Worship from 7:15 – 8:00 PM  
 Wednesday: Music by Second Time around at 6:15 PM, and Worship from 7:15 – 8:00 PM

<p><b>Monday, April 22, 2024</b>  <b>Information for the May edition of the JRBA calendar and newsletter are due TODAY by 9:00 AM.</b>  <b>Include April outreach and celebrations. Be sure to include the total Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Total if your church participated. Also include a list of our church's 2024 graduates.</b></p>
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**April 26 – 28**      **Mom & Me Weekend at Eagle Eyrie**  
 An overnight retreat for elementary age girls and their mom (grandma, guardian, or mission leader) to learn more about being on mission for God, meet a missionary, take a hike, make a craft, learn a dance, and worship with other girls and moms or leaders.  
 Register at [www.eagleeyrie.wufoo.com/forms/mom-me-2024](http://www.eagleeyrie.wufoo.com/forms/mom-me-2024).

April 27

Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville)

9:30 – 10:30 AM

LifeSpring Walk4Life, Charlottesville  
Antioch (Scottsville) participating.

**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**

**Chestnut Grove – June 3 – 7**

Theme: Beach

Commencement and Picnic on June 7

**Jones Chapel – June 23 - 28**

**Mt. Zion – June 8 – 9**

**Mulberry Grove – July 15 – 19**

**HOMECOMING & REVIVAL**

**Buckingham – Revival – April 21 - 24**

**Jones Chapel – Homecoming – October 6**

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

**ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 2

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**“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

May 5

**Dee Dee Hoosier, from the Bland Ministry Center, will speak at the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services at Antioch (Scottsville). She will share a brief overview of the ministry of the Bland Ministry Center and how you can be a part of that ministry! All are invited to come out and learn more about meeting the needs of folks in SW Virginia!**

**Buckingham Baccalaureate Service at BCH Gym**

*Sponsored by JRBA*

**4:00 PM**

May 6

**DUE DATE FOR ALL DONATIONS FOR BLAND MISSION TRIP (See page 4 for details).**

**Cumberland Baccalaureate Service at Cumberland High School**

*Sponsored by JRBA and Tar Wallet Baptist Church*

**6:00 PM**



**JRBA 190<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Spring Meeting**

**Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 5:45 PM**

**Tar Wallet Baptist Church**

**150 Tar Wallet Road, Cumberland, VA**

Registration – 5:45

Brief Welcome & Theme Interpretation – 6:00 PM

Covered Dish Supper – 6:15 PM

Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish.

Tar Wallet will provide drinks and paper products.

Fried Chicken will be provided by two JRBA families.

**WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM**

Theme: *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*  
Come out for an inspiring evening of worship, highlighting children and youth!

The Junior Worship Troupe of Central VA Christian School will present a musical program, including stick dramas and musical selections with interpretive signing.

Michael Moss, son of Cody and Ashley Moss., will be giving his personal testimony.

May 24

**Fluvanna Graduation**

*Gift bags will be distributed to the 2024 graduates.*

*Sponsored by JRBA and Antioch (Scottsville) Baptist Church*

**JRBA Bland Mission Trip to Bland Ministry Center  
May 19 – 24, 2024**

Team Members: Gloria Newton, Antioch (Scottsville), Angie Dunfee and Cassie Tomlin (Jones Chapel),  
Wayne and Linda Gough, Gwynn and Phyllis Tyler (Mulberry Grove),  
Audrey Ragland (Sharon), and Joe Weaver (Tar Wallet).....so far!

If YOU feel God telling you to join the team, we have room for 7 more adult volunteers.

For additional information or to join the team, please call Gwynn Tyler, 434-969-4378, by **April 8!**

**VOLUNTEER**

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. 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!

**PRAY**

Please pray about the possibility of being a volunteer and pray for the team and the opportunities God will provide for service.

**DONATE MONEY**

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.

**ITEMS BEING COLLECTED FOR THE BLAND MINISTRY CENTER**

**16 – 16.3 OZ. JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER**

**NEW, PACKAGED UNDERWEAR (ALL SIZES – CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS)**

**ALL MONIES & ITEMS ARE DUE TO THE JRBA OFFICE BY MAY 6, 2024**



**JRBA YOUTH EXPLOSION**

**May 31 & June 1, 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!**

Watch for further details in the May newsletter.

**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 Explosion 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

**June 9 – 12**      **2024 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting & Pastor's Conference in Indianapolis**  
Register 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](mailto:vcarter@wmuv.org) or by phone at 804-928-2920.

**July 8**      **JRBA Executive Board Meeting (Location TBA)**      **7:00 PM**

**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



July 22 – 26

**MC2 Missions Connection Celebration at Eagle Eyrie**

An intergenerational experience featuring Missions, Discipleship, Worship, Fellowship, and Fun!  
 Theme: "One to Another" – *One generation shall commend your works to another. Psalm 115:4*  
 Guest Speaker: Chris Jordan, Pastor, West Lynchburg Baptist  
 Get full details and register at [www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2](http://www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2).



**WMUV 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center**  
**Saturday, September 7, 2024**  
**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
 Theme: *Roots & Wings*

Save the Date to celebrate 150 years of women on mission through WMUV.  
 10:00 AM – Open House & Historical Exhibits  
 11:00 AM – Worship  
 12:00 PM – Lunch (Registration required)  
 1:30 PM – A Walk Through History  
 2:00 PM – WMUV Birthday Party  
 Participation in the celebration and lunch is FREE, but you must RSVP!  
 RSVP to [www.wmuv.org/150rsvp](http://www.wmuv.org/150rsvp) by **August 15**.

**RBA REACHES OUT>>>**

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**  
 For North American Missions

Church	Offering-to-Date
Buckingham	\$ 800.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 260.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 665.00
Enon	\$ 300.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 725.00
Goshen	\$ 700.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 1,530.00
Sharon	\$ 460.00



**HOPE BOXES FOR KENTUCKY**



CHURCH	# BOXES/OTHER DONATIONS
Antioch (Scottsville) Fluvanna Baptist Malcolm Warfield	175 boxes, 4 bags of toys, school supplies, & socks 30 boxes, cookies Large box of soccer balls and pumps
Antioch Union	14
Buckingham	32
Cedar	80
Chestnut Grove	15
First Baptist Dillwyn Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, Newport News	22 36
Fitzgerald Memorial	24
Goshen	9 boxes, 25 Bibles, \$25
Jones Chapel	48
Mt. Zion	310 boxes, 281 Teacher gifts, 31 dozen cookies
Mulberry Grove	18, 12+ dozen cookies, \$500
Sharon	44
Tar Wallet	270

Phyllis Tyler (Mulberry Grove) and granddaughter, Phoebe, making cookies for Hope for Appalachia. What a fun time!

**ADDITIONAL EASTER EVENTS & FOLLOW-UP**

(Not included in March newsletter)

**March 24**

**Easter Cantata at Fitzgerald Memorial**

**5:00 PM**

The event was a wonderful time of music, food, and fellowship. Members, now living out of town, from 25 years ago were in attendance. Everyone enjoyed renewing the friendships! The cantata was directed by Fitzgerald's new Choir Director, Robbie Spiers.



**March 24**

**Enon's Easter Egg Hunt** was a great success with over 125 in attendance. Enon gives God all the praise and Glory! Great things He has done and continues to do!

**March 29**

**Easter Movie, *Risen*, at Antioch, Scottsville**

**6:00 PM**

**Good Friday Service with Communion at Jones Chapel**

**7:00 PM**

**March 31**

**Services at Antioch (Scottsville)**

**Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM, Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**Sunrise Service at Chestnut Grove**

**7:00 AM**

**Followed by breakfast prepared by the men of the church. No Sunday School**

**Special Easter Program at Jones Chapel after Worship**

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

Church	Donations
Buckingham (Individual)	\$100
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!**

**KNIGHTS' PANTRY UPDATE**

About 12 – 15 students receive items from the Knights' Panty weekly. There have been no financial gifts during March, but Goshen contributed food items for the ministry.



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Update**

CHURCH	Updated Total
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$5,500.00
Buckingham	\$1,250.00
Cedar	\$ 925.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 445.00
Enon	\$ 315.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$2,240.00
Fork of Willis	\$ 300.00
Goshen	\$ 450.00
Jones Chapel	\$1,570.00
Mt. Tabor	<b>\$ 160.00</b>
Mt. Zion	\$ 595.00
Mulberry Grove	<b>\$ 550.00</b>
Sharon	\$ 235.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 210.00

## CHURCH OUTREACH



CEDAR: Offerings for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are still being received. On Friday, March 1, the Youth committee hosted a Lock-In for Middle & High School students. This event was from 6 PM on Friday night until 6:00 am Saturday morning. It was attended by 30 kids. Many thanks to the adults who provided food, fun, fellowship, and the many activities needed to keep this many youth busy for that long! Strangely enough, some of the “adults” taking the leadership role were attending this same kind of event (it seems just like yesterday) as youth themselves! Many thanks to all who helped make the BBQ Benefit for Alex Poole and her family on March 3, a huge success. After many hours of planning and organizing and contacting other churches, groups, and organizations, this benefit was held and very well attended and supported. Many thanks again to each and every one that supported this event and to everyone who helped spread the word, especially many of the area churches. GOD IS SO GOOD!

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: The church hosted the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Wednesday, March 13, and are thankful for the 35 units of blood that was donated. Through the leadership of the Helping Hands Ministry, meals consisting of soup, muffins, and dessert, was delivered to about 100 persons of the area on March 10. Helping Hands carried out many ministries during March including giving a donation to the JRBA Youth Explosion, paying the yearly tuition for a young child in Liberia to go to school, supporting Christy Davis on her mission trip to Liberia, reaching out to help individuals with Easter cards, visits, calls, cards, and financial help.

GOSHEN: Members have been visiting in the neighborhood and carrying bags of goodies to everyone visited. Food was collected and donated to the Knights' Pantry Ministry during March.

MULBERRY GROVE: In addition to the Hope boxes and cookies baked for the Kentucky trip, the church gave \$500 to help the team with fuel and other expenses. The WMU delivered 12 “Blessing Bags” to folks in the community to give them a bit of cheer during difficult times.

SHARON: The Rose of Sharon (WMU) continues sharing meals, cards, phone calls, and visits with those in need of a little extra love. Current efforts are focused on the Annie Armstrong Offering, and JRBA's upcoming Bland Mission trip.

## **JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>**

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Twelve men from FBC recently attended the “Ignite” Conference at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg.

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: On March 17, a Youth Group was started. They had a great time of food, music, and fellowship!

JONES CHAPEL: The Jones Chapel Prime Timers have been meeting at Payne Memorial Lent Lunches for several weeks and through the end of March. There was food and a guest speaker each week. Pastor Dane Gressett spoke one week and Rev. Lewis Brandt spoke at the end of March.

### 2024 PREACHING CONFERENCE

JRBA sponsored Rev. Dave Vogt, Rev. Dane Gressett, and Rev. Austin Williams who attended this conference, held at Eagle Eyrie, March 10 – 12.

### Church & Clergy Tax Webinar

Two of our church treasurers, Judy Ownby (Jones Chapel) and Kathy Weaver (Tar Wallet) participated in the Church & Clergy Tax Webinar. (Kathy was sponsored by JRBA and Judy participated on her own.)

We appreciate the work of our Church Treasurers as they handle the financial end of ministry!

## **OTHER EVENTS>>>**

JONES CHAPEL: The Pastor Tuttle Memorial Chili Cook-Off was held on March 3, after Worship. Many tasty pots of chili and soup were enjoyed, as well as desserts and some extras. Winners were: Avery, Marley, and Jake Fulcher, and Angie and Kevin Dunfee. Pastor Dane and Lewis Brandt led everyone in songs after the lunch. A great time of fellowship was had by all!



## IN APPRECIATION>>>

### JRBA Program Committee

The JRBA Program Committee met on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the JRBA Office to plan the program for the upcoming Semi-Annual Spring Meeting. Judy Ownby, Clarence Gormus, Marilyn Snoddy and Rev. Alan Gough and Kathy Weaver (representing Tar Wallet, the host church), were in attendance. The meeting opened with prayer. The committee went over all responsibilities of the Host Church and made plans for the Semi-Annual Meeting, deciding on a theme, selecting music, etc. They selected the theme verse: Proverbs 22:6 – *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.* An inspirational meeting is planned, centering on children and youth. It will include the commissioning of the Bland Mission Team. The offering will be taken for our 2024 Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing event. Committee members have contacted those to be on the program and is looking forward to an enjoyable evening focusing on our young people as our churches strive to provide for their spiritual growth. The program and offering designation will be presented for approval to the Executive Board on April 8. (Watch for any changes in the May newsletter.) Phyllis Tyler, Program Committee Chair, extends a hearty thanks to all committee members for their attendance and input in planning our spring meeting.

### Habitat for Humanity

Dear James River Baptist Association,  
Construction on Kylene's home in Nelson County continues, as everyone is working to complete her home over the next couple of months. This includes students from Nelson County High School, who have built much of this home!

Over in Nottoway County, the three new homes in Crewe are near the finish line, with the home dedication for the first of them taking place soon. For that home, all the finishing touches are being completed, from installing the appliances to hanging blinds and ceiling fans. Latrice is excited for her upcoming ribbon cutting, as she becomes our newest homeowner.

And in Charlotte County, Habitat partner families continue to prepare for their upcoming builds, slated to begin this summer.

**Thank you for helping make these current and future builds possible!**\* Your generosity will continue to help local families experience the solid foundation from which to thrive for a lifetime. On behalf of each of them, THANK YOU.

With deepest gratitude,  
Sam Rabon  
Director of Resource Development, Piedmont Habitat for Humanity.

\*JRBA gave \$100 to Habitat for Humanity as budgeted for 2023-2024.

### The Gideons International

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$100\* to The Gideons International. Your donation helps Gideons and their wives around the world win others for the Lord Jesus Christ. We are ready to reach other people who need the hope of God's Word because of your support.

The power of the Gospel is illustrated by the testimony of a mother, gripped with addiction, who had her life completely changed through a Gideon-placed Bible. After suffering the loss of a child, Dee and her husband turned to drugs and alcohol until she became pregnant again. She contemplated terminating the pregnancy due to her baby's predicted disabilities by doctors. As she considered her choices, she looked over to the Bible and read the following verse: *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.* Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV) In that moment, her initial decision not to keep the baby changed, and she promised God to live for Him and raise her son, John, to follow the Lord. John is a shining example of the transformational impact of God's Word. He shares his mother's story of hope today, stating: "I thank God for The Gideons. I'm here today because of your good work."


Your support of our mission not only saves one life at a time, but generations are impacted. To learn more about Dee's story please visit [www.gideons.org/blog/Fearfully\\_Wonderfully\\_Made/](http://www.gideons.org/blog/Fearfully_Wonderfully_Made/).

Thank you again for your contribution. May God bless you.

In Christ,  
Dan Heighway  
Executive Director

\*JRBA gave \$100 to The Gideons International as budgeted for 2023-2024.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION>>>



**AVAILABLE PIANISTS**

The JRBA Pastors and Pianists have been contacted to see if there are folks who play the piano that might be willing to fill in at our churches on Sundays when a pianist is away or if a church without a pianist would like to have one for a special event. Those listed below are willing to help out, when available.

Teresa Johnson (Antioch-Scottsville) – [treasurer@antiochva.org](mailto:treasurer@antiochva.org)  
Jennifer Crews (Mulberry Grove) – 630-303-1167  
Barbara Bersch (Tar Wallet) – 434-969-5712

**Pastors and Pianists**

*If there are others that are willing to be on this list, please call JRBA with their names and phone numbers.*



**IRPG Ministry**  
**Evangelist – Brother Derek O. Keiser**

The ministry of IRPG Mission has a burden to support, encourage, and edify the local Church. The ministry focuses on preaching the Gospel message by fulfilling the Great Commission, as well as strengthening Christians and exhorting them to continue growing in faith.

IRPG Mission provides pulpit supply, as well as preaching evangelistic messages for harvest Sundays and revival meetings. Contact the ministry by emailing [info@irpgmission.com](mailto:info@irpgmission.com) or call 540-460-8642 to discuss an opportunity to serve your Church.

**CAMP CROSSROADS SUMMER CAMPS**

Registration is now open! Go to <https://www.crossroadscamp.com/camp> for camp description and registration links.

June 17 – 22: Classic Camp - Girls Week  
June 24 – 29: Classic Camp - Coed Week I  
July 1 – 5: Classic Camp - Youth Week (Grades 6 – 12)  
July 8 – 13: Classic Camp - Coed Week II  
  
June 13 – 15: Adventure Days & Family Camp



**JRBA CELEBRATES>>>**

**ENON:** A young teen gave his heart to Jesus on March 17 – Praise the Lord! The children's department continues to grow and is involved in the worship services. They sang a beautiful song on March 24, and used sign language as they presented their song.

**TAR WALLET:** Congratulations to Andrew McHenry on his recent accomplishments at the State Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in February. He won a Silver Medal at the event. He also won a Silver Medal at the Area 12 Special Olympics Meet on March 9. Way to go, Andrew!

**JONES CHAPEL:** On Sunday, March 10, Christina Newman presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Angel Chambliss, compliments of Rochette's Florist. This was in recognition of Angel's dedicated and loving service to the Youth and Children. Congratulations!



**FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>**

It's spring and I'm excited about a lot of things that have happened and things that will be happening:

- March: Hope trip to Kentucky, spreading the love of Jesus and sharing the Gospel with the children; JRBA collected 1,127 Hope boxes!  
Celebrating Resurrection Sunday, remembering what Jesus did for us on the cross to pay the debt for our sins, and rising from the dead so we can have eternal life with Him in heaven
- April 14: JRBA WMU Annual Meeting at Antioch (Scottsville) – hearing from Gwynn Tyler about his mission trip to Honduras
- May: Baccalaureate services/recognition of high school graduates for three counties of our Association.  
"it's All About You" Evangelism Workshop at Arvon on May 5  
JRBA Semi-Annual Meeting at Tar Wallet on May 9, with music by the CVCS Junior Music Troupe, and a testimony by Michael Moss  
May 19 -24: JRBA Bland Mission Trip  
May 31 – June 1: JRBA Youth Explosion

Let us pray for God's blessings on each of these events. Spring has sprung, and JRBA is springing into action. Hope to see you at each event!

In Christ,  
*Marilyn Snoddy*

**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
- JRBA upcoming events: JRBA WMU Annual Meeting, Baccalaureates & Area Graduate Recognitions, Evangelism Workshop, JRBA Semi-Annual Meeting, Bland Mission Trip, Youth Explosion, and Vacation Bible Schools
- Leaders: Local, State, National, and World
- JRB 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

**Philippians 4: 6 – 7**

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

Church	March	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)		\$ 1,000.00
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 438.00
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 600.00
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 207.00	\$ 1,138.00
Mt. Tabor		\$ 715.43*
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$4,000.00
Sharon		\$ 548.50
Tar Wallet		
Individuals	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Offering – Fall Meeting		\$ 540.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,657.00</b>	<b>\$16,779.93</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 March

**Balance: \$100.00**

**Missions Blitz**

Carryover: \$648.52

No Expenditures in March.

**JRBA 2024 Youth Explosion**

Donation	March	Total-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$ 500.00
Buckingham		\$ 500.00
FBC Helping Hands	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,000.00
Mt. Zion WMU		\$ 500.00
BGAV Kairos Initiative	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,700.00</b>

**Bland Ministries**

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

**Expended in March:**

Hope for Appalachia Team Members:

Rev. Woody Moore, Rochelle Moore, Brenda McAllister, Gloria Newton, Nancy Kidd, Ashley Branham, Misty Christian, and James

Christian - \$50 each (-\$ 400.00)

Fuel Assistance (Hope trip) \$100.00

**Balance: \$1,150.00**

**Christian Education/Training/Evangelism**

Budgeted: \$300.00

Expended in February: \$100.00

Rev. Austin Williams and Rev. Dane Gressett

(Preaching Conference - \$50 each)

**Expended in March: \$ 165.00**

Rev. Dave Vogt (Preaching Conference) - \$50

Kathy Weaver (Tax Seminar) - \$15

Antioch-Scottsville (Youth Revival) - \$100

**BALANCE: \$ 35.00**

**NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES**

(ALL monies by donation)

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

Donations	March	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
Sharon		\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 7,878.48</b>

Expended in February: \$214.00 - None in March

Total Expenditures 2023-2024: \$ 589.00

**BALANCE: \$7,289.48**

**Rise Against Hunger**

Church	March	Year-to-Date
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 42.70	\$ 42.70
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 440.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 92.70</b>	<b>\$ 932.70</b>

**Knights Pantry**

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

Expenditures in February: \$124.21

**NO RECEIPTS OR EXPENDITURES IN MARCH**

**BALANCE: \$2,698.02**

**Individual Designated Offerings Received/Expended**

Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100

BGAV Disaster Relief - \$100

Gideons International - \$100

**ACCOMPLISHING TOGETHER**  
**WHAT WE CANNOT DO ALONE**

