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## James River Baptist Association

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Hours: Monday & Wednesday

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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### EVENT DETAILS

May 1	<b>Bible Study at Enon (Every Wednesday)</b> Enon extends an invitation for all to come out and join them as they learn from God's word!	6:00 PM
	<b>Adult Bible Study at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Wednesday)</b> Currently studying the book of Revelation. Led by Brandon Shumaker	6:30 PM
May 1, 16 & 22	<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting at Goshen</b>	7:00 PM

#### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, May 2, 2024**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. (from [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Day_of_Prayer))

Let us take time on this day to pray for our churches, our ministries, our families, our communities, our schools, and our elected officials.

#### **Cedar Baptist Church**

Cedar will be open from 6 AM – 10 AM for anyone who would like to come in and pray.

Also, there will be short services with a word from Pastor Tommy Armstrong followed by a time of prayer at the following hours:

6:00 – 7:00 AM

Noon – 1:00 PM

7:00 – 8:00 PM

#### **EVANGELISM WORKSHOP**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**Arvon Baptist Church**

**3:00 PM**

**"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ONE"**

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 BCHS Gym**

*Sponsored by JRBA*


**4:00 PM**

#### **MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024**

**ALL DONATIONS FOR THE BLAND MISSION TRIP ARE DUE TODAY  
TO THE JRBA OFFICE.**

Monetary donations, as well as 16 oz. peanut butter, and NEW underwear (all sizes) should be dropped off at the JRBA Office before 3:00 PM.

<b>May 6</b>	<b>Cumberland Baccalaureate Service at Cumberland High School</b> <i>Sponsored by JRBA and Tar Wallet Baptist Church</i>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>May 7</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> Currently studying the book of Acts	<b>10:00 – 11:30 AM</b>
	<b>All Blessings Flow at First Baptist Dillwyn (Every Tuesday)</b> Medical equipment is given out and received. Call 434-422-8888 for information or to request needed equipment.	<b>10:00 AM – Noon</b>
	<b>Youth Bible Study at Mulberry Grove (Every Tuesday)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Senior Citizens' Fellowship at Mulberry Grove</b> Bluegrass/Gospel Music and Covered Dish Meal	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	<b>WMU &amp; Brotherhood at Goshen</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>



**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 PM  
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.

<b>May 10 &amp; 24</b>	<b>Blue Ridge Food Distribution at Crystal Cathedral, Dillwyn</b> Volunteers needed at 9:30 AM	
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Worship on the Lawn at Mulberry Grove</b> Led by Ryan and Karin Goude Come out, bring a lawn chair, and join in for a time of praise and worship!	<b>6:00 – 7:30 PM</b>

**DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
**8:00 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Fitzgerald Memorial Baptist Church**  
14 Fitzgerald Road, Cumberland

Training includes:  
Introduction to DR  
Hands-On Mass Feeding  
Clean-Up  
DR Hat and T-Shirt  
REGISTRATION FEE: \$20

Register at: <https://impactmissionsmovement.org/disaster-response/training/>  
If you have questions or need additional information, contact Kristen Curtis at [kristen.curtis@bgav.org](mailto:kristen.curtis@bgav.org).

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**Mother's Day Breakfasts**

**Mt. Zion – 8:00 AM**  
(The men of the church will be cooking Mother's Day Breakfast.)

**Enon – 9:00 AM (Worship at 10:00 AM)**

**Mulberry Grove – 10:00 AM (Worship at 11:00 AM)**  
(The men of the church will be preparing Mother's Day Breakfast.)



**JRBA OFFICE CLOSINGS**

The JRBA Office will be closed on May 13 and 15, 2024.  
It will also be closed on May 20 and 22, 2024.

**May 16** Church Financial Administration Webinar (ONLINE via Zoom) **9:30 AM - Noon**  
Training for all church financial officers providing opportunities to learn about the latest resources and approaches to church finances. Presented on Zoom by Jeff Cranford, BGAV's church finance specialist. A recording will also be available. The cost for Treasurers & Stewardship Chairs of a BGAV church is \$15. (To view live AND receive a recording, the cost is \$20.) Register online at <https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/kfxyej119fffe/>.

**May 18** Spring Fest at First Baptist Dillwyn

**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).

**PRAY**

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**

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

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

Please include May outreach and celebrations. Be sure to include a count of your church's donations for Bland: \$\$\$, # jars of peanut butter, and # pairs of underwear.

If you did not include 2024 graduates from your church last month, please send their names/schools for the June edition.

**May 24** Fluvanna Graduation  
*Gift bags will be distributed to the 2024 graduates.  
Sponsored by JRBA and Antioch (Scottsville) Baptist Church*

**May 25** Loaves & Fish Ministry Meal at Antioch (Scottsville) **9:30 – 10:30 AM**  
**LifeSpring Walk4Life, Charlottesville**  
*Antioch (Scottsville) participating.*



**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!**

**JRBA NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

- First and foremost, **PRAY** for this event and the young people attending.
- **FLYERS** and cards for mailing are available at the JRBA Office to help get the word out to area Youth.
- **WORKERS** – would you be willing to serve food, help set up, or pray at the altar? Sign-up sheets were distributed at the April Executive Board Meeting.
- **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! 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. *THANK YOU* to those who have given so generously to this important effort to reach our youth for Christ.
- **DOOR PRIZES:** If your church can provide age-appropriate door prizes, please let us know.

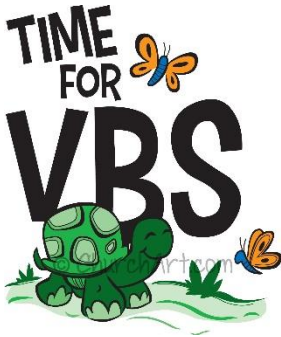
*Gloria Newton*

JRBA Missions Committee  
434-981-5470

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

Cedar – June 23 – 27

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Chestnut Grove – June 3 – 7

Theme: Beach

Commencement and Picnic on June 7

First Baptist Dillwyn – June 10 - 14

Jones Chapel – June 23 – 28

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Ages 3 – 12; *Camp Firelight (Summer Camp Adventure with God)*

Mt. Zion – June 8 – 9

Mulberry Grove – July 15 – 19

Goshen – July 29 - 31

**HOMECOMING & REVIVAL**

Chestnut Grove – Homecoming – July 28

Rev. Les Greeley - 11:00 AM – Followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Revival: July 28 – 31

Special music at 7:00 PM followed by preaching at 7:30 PM

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

Jones Chapel – Homecoming – October 6



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

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**.

**Pregnancy Support Center**



OF SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA

**WALK FOR LIFE**

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

Amelia: Amelia Courthouse Lawn

Buckingham: Central Virginia Chrisitan School

Keysville: Osborne Park

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

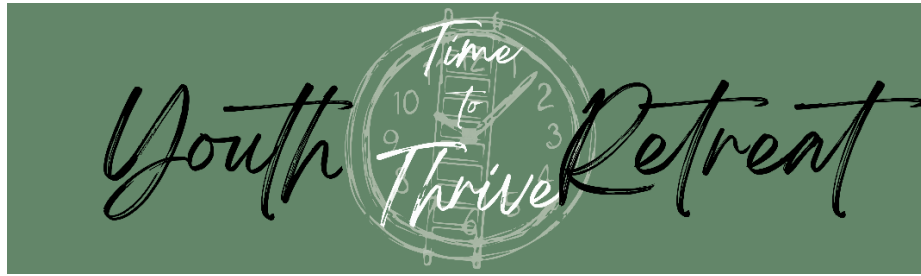
Appomattox: Courland Festival Park

Farmville: High Bridge Trail

**REGISTRATION & OPENING – 8:30 am**

**WALK BEGINS – 9:00 am**

Sponsorship opportunities are now open – Contact Donielle Yoder at [donielle.yoder@pscsupport.org](mailto:donielle.yoder@pscsupport.org) or call 434-391-1011.



**“Time to Thrive” Youth Retreat  
October 11 – 13, 2024  
Eagle Eyrie Conference Center**

For Middle and High School Students

Registration includes event ticket, meals from Saturday breakfast – Sunday breakfast; and other service fees. Bring your own linens or add \$10/person. Register before **July 1** to get the early bird pricing of \$95! After July 1, the cost will be \$112/person.

To register, go to <https://eagleeyrie.wufoo.com/forms/time-to-thrive-2024-registration/>.

For additional information, contact Cadance Tyler, Impact Mission Camps Coordinator at 434-944-3914.

**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 continue 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



**October 14 JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting (Location TBA) 7:00 PM**

**October 17 190<sup>th</sup> JRBA Annual Fall Meeting at Sharon Baptist Church 4:45 PM**

**November 11 – 13 2024 BGAV Annual Meeting at First Baptist Church of Alexandria**

2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA

Theme: John 8:36

Dr. Wayne Faison, BGAV Executive Director, hopes for this to be the most diverse and the most technological meeting ever!

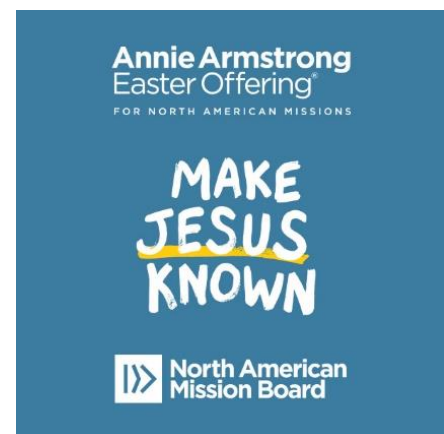
NEW THIS YEAR: There will be a Tail Gate and a Town Meeting.

For more information, go to <https://meeting.bgav.org/>.

**JRBA REACHES OUT>>>**

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

Church	Offering-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 5,800.00
Buckingham	\$ 1,061.00
Cedar	\$ 990.00
Chestnut Grove	\$ 600.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 1,070.00
Enon	\$ 300.00
Fitzgerald Memorial	\$ 725.00
Goshen	\$ 700.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 1,530.00
Mt. Zion	\$ 745.00
Sharon	\$ 460.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 290.00



**DONATIONS FOR BLAND MINISTRY CENTER**

Church	Peanut Butter	Pairs of Undies
Mt. Zion		9
Mulberry Grove	23	57
Individual	60	

See the Financial Page for all Monetary Donations.

**EASTER FOLLOW-UP**

JONES CHAPEL: On Friday, March 29, at 7 PM, Pastor Dane led in the Good Friday Service. Communion was prepared and each person was given time to partake in this Holy ordinance. On Saturday, March 30, there was an easter egg hunt for all ages and around 800 eggs were hidden (mostly in plain sight). Thanks to Michelle Tuttle, and everyone who helped or contributed items, for making this a fun and special day for the children. On Easter Sunday, everyone enjoyed the Sunrise Service with a brief sermon by Rev. Lewis Brandt and singing led by Pastor Dane. Breakfast and fellowship followed the service. Worship began at 9:00 AM and all in attendance were excited to worship the Risen Lord!



Tanner (Laura Bryan's son) has filled his basket!



Shepherd and Adaline Pleasants are enjoying refreshments after the egg hunt.



Above: Mark Tuttle, Jackson Zerick and Gloria Tuttle are enjoying breakfast



Above to the Right: Pastor Dane gave the Easter children's message after the sunrise service. Shown are: Tanner, Eli, Chance, Marshall, Emmitt, and Kailey

A perfect ending to Easter Sunday was a beautiful rainbow over the church!  
(Photo credit: Marilyn Gressett)



MULBERRY GROVE: Easter gatherings at Mulberry Grove were well attended. A Good Friday (Tenebrae) Service was held with 40+ in attendance. It was an impressive service characterized by the gradual extinguishing of candles signifying Christ's suffering and death on the cross, followed by communion in remembrance of His sacrifice for each of us. The Easter Egg Hunt was a big success with about 65 in attendance. The children enjoyed finding hundreds of candy-filled eggs and everyone enjoyed a fellowship lunch on the grounds. About 65 were in attendance on Easter Sunday morning for the Sunrise Service and Breakfast. Worship was also well attended as the Risen King was celebrated!



Mulberry Grove children enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt!

Below is a picture at the Mulberry Grove Sunrise Service.



TAR WALLET: The Community Sunrise Service, hosted by Tar Wallet, was well attended. There was good worship, fellowship, and food!

**CHURCH OUTREACH**

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Antioch has finalized the sale of the Slate Hill property. A 10% tithe of this sale was given to various missions and mission groups. *(What a testament to their stewardship and desire to grow the Kingdom!)* Gloria Newton will be serving on the JRBA Bland Mission Team. \$3,000 was recently sent to the Bland Ministry Center.

BUCKINGHAM: The revival held April 21 – 24, with Jerry Gray, was a huge success. The fellowship meal on Sunday, April 21, was good with plenty of food and fellowship. Each night of the revival was well attended with decisions made each night. Those in attendance were challenged to tell everyone that Jesus loves them and to put feet to their faith, following the book of James which instructs us that our faith is shown by our works for Jesus.

CHESTNUT GROVE: A donation of \$35 was given for the Ruth School.



JONES CHAPEL: There will be a competition between the boys and girls during the month of May to raise money for Rise Against Hunger. Angie Dunfee and Cassie Tomlin will be part of the JRBA Bland Mission Team.

MT. ZION: The WMU made a donation of \$500 to the JRBA Bland Mission Trip.

SHARON: Rose of Sharon has contributed to the Bland Mission Trip. They are also collecting peanut butter and undies to send in May. They continue to visit, fix meals, send cards, and make calls to those that need a little cheer. Audrey Ragland will participate on the Bland Mission Team.

MULBERRY GROVE: Four members, Wayne and Linda Gough, and Gwynn and Phyllis Tyler, will be serving on the JRBA Bland Mission Team. The WMU gave gas cards to two families with members in the hospital. The ladies met on April 28, after worship to complete cards of congratulations for the 2024 BCHS graduates. Fourteen youth and adult volunteers enjoyed pizza after the service and then helped pick up trash along Mulberry Grove Road.

Ben Snoddy, Austin Williams, Thomas Snoddy,  
Jackie & Tommy Bowles

Ben Snoddy, Thomas Snoddy, Suzanne Snoddy, Stephani Jones,  
Jay Jones, Bobby Crews, Lily Jones, and her friend, Luke



TAR WALLET: The church is co-sponsoring the Cumberland High School Baccalaureate with JRBA on May 6, at 6:00 PM. Tar Wallet is also hosting the JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting on May 9. Joe Weaver will be a member of the Bland Mission Team.

## JRBA CELEBRATES>>>

### Youth Awakening 2 – Antioch (Scottsville)

The Youth Awakening 2 held on April 20 – 21, was a huge success! Over 200 youth in grades 6 – 12 registered for the event. Many accepted Jesus as their Savior followed by a Sunday baptism in the (very cold) Hardware River!

There were 16 baptisms (14 youth and 2 adults) from Antioch Baptist, Scottsville Baptist, Effort Baptist, and Calvary Chapel.



## JRBA LEARNS AND GROWS>>>

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL: A study has begun on the Promises in Psalm 23. It is full of promises for the believer and those precious promises will be looked at throughout the series.





MT. ZION: The KOZ boys met on April 19 at the church to build birdhouses under the instructions of Ted Flippen.

Pictures are Charlie Anderson, C. J. Elliott, and Ted Flippen.

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: Youth Sunday was held on April 28, with the youth participating and serving during the worship service. Abigail Byant, Scarlett Davis, Michael Moss, Lillie Palmore, Piper Scialdo, Kelsi Steinruck, Liam Steinruck, Carter Taylor, Sawyer Taylor, Emma Wallace, Mollie Ruth Walker, and Brayden Wright performed *My Lighthouse*, *Death Was Arrested*, and *Glorious Day*. Liam Steinruck, Brayden Wright, Carter Taylor, Sawyer Taylor, and Michael Moss collected the offering while Lillie Palmore and Piper Scialdo performed a powerful sign language interpretation of *Gratitude*. A dramatic reading of *The Dark Place* was done by Lillie Palmore, Piper Scialdo, Piper Scialdo, Liam Steinruck, and Sawyer Taylor. A skit illustrating the competing forces that fight for the attention of today's youth and Jesus' ability to conquer them all was performed by Kelsi Steinruck, Liam Steinruck, Abigail Bryant, Emma Wallace, Mollie Ruth Walker, Michael Moss, Lillie Palmore, and Scarlett Davis. Finally, Piper Scialdo delivered a powerful sermon. In March, the adult choir performed *Arise, My Love*, an Easter Cantata. The Youth group enacted the Easter story. A "Resurrection Celebration" was also held to help kids really experience the Easter story with all senses.

### **JRBA WMU Annual Meeting**

The Annual Spring Meeting of the James River Associational WMU was held on April 14, at Antioch (Scottsville) Baptist Church with 24 in attendance. There were 8 churches represented. After the Antioch Praise Band sang several old-time favorites, a short business meeting was held. The new budget and officers were approved. Then Gwynn Tyler presented pictures of his mission trip to Honduras. The team consisted of 26 people from several churches throughout Southside. They had no trouble entering Honduras and were able to complete the work as scheduled and reunite with many folks they have worked with over the years. At Iglesia Bautista Nuevo Pact, they built a baptistry and put a roof over the pavilion for their Awanas group. At Iglesia Bautista Hermón, they completed the stucco on a wall and replaced the ceiling in their fellowship hall. The team also held VBS for 100+ children at Iglesia Bautista Betania. After his presentation, Gwynn entertained questions concerning the work and the country. An offering of \$170 was taken for the Bland Ministry Center. Many thanks to all who came and to the members of Antioch (Scottsville) for all their help in making the meeting a success.

### **OTHER EVENTS>>>**

FIRST BAPTIST DILLWYN: The youth of the church took a trip to Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park for fun and fellowship.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE>>>**

#### **BCHS GRADUATION CARDS**

If anyone would like to send graduation cards to the 2024 graduates of Buckingham County High School, you should get them to me no later than Tuesday, May 14. I will gladly meet you to pick them up, or you can drop them by the high school.

You may call or text me with any questions at this number: 434-547-2214.

*Michelle Wright*, Buckingham Chair  
JRBA Baccalaureate Committee

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

#### **Baptist Collegiate Ministry**

Longwood University/Hampden-Sydney College

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the BCM.\* Your continued support is making a difference in the lives of students at Longwood and Hampden-Sydney!

Sincerely,  
*Rev. Candance Tyler*

\*\$100 donated per JRBA Budget, Additional Missions Line Item

## IN LOVING MEMORY>>>

MT. ZION: Barbara Shumaker, a dedicated and beloved member, went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on April 12. She is missed by the church family.



## JRBA CELEBRATES>>>



### 2024 GRADUATES

ANTIOCH (SCOTTSVILLE): Robert Bunch – Fluvanna County High School  
Clara Cannady – Fluvanna County High School  
Alivia Gibson – Fluvanna County High School  
Conner Harris – Fluvanna County High School  
Zoie Shreve – Fluvanna County High School  
Madie Vogt – Fluvanna County High School  
Jon Farmer – Fork Union Military Academy  
Rose Bunch – Liberty University

FITZGERALD MEMORIAL: Madison Jamerson – Powhatan High School  
Anthony Price – Cumberland High School

### OTHER CELEBRATIONS

MULBERRY GROVE: The WMU ladies hosted a Gift Card Wedding Shower and Brunch for the pastor, Rev. Austin Williams, and Kristie Klement, on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The couple received numerous gift cards and the WMU gave them a monogrammed Wedding Quilt. Those in attendance circled around the quilt for a prayer of blessing. Everyone enjoyed a delicious array of brunch goodies and played some shower games as well as writing out suggestions for future "date nights" for the couple.



## FOR YOU INFORMATION>>>

### WMUV Offers Mission Grants to Local Churches

Every year, WMUV offers grants to churches that are affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) by their participation in giving through the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV), the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, or the Missions Network of WMUV. In 2023, a WMUV Grant helped fund a community art ministry created by Rev. Amy Hall.

We are offering grants in 2024 to our participating churches with the following areas:

- Feeding ministries
- Financial Assistance ministries
- Providing online and on-site training related to mental health, domestic violence, and human trafficking
- Missions ministries to support women's and children's outreach ministries with a hands-on involvement component
- Other creative ministries that align with the core work of WMUV

Please submit a request for a grant to be considered! These grants are made possible through gifts to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. Make your application at <https://wmuv.wufoo.com/forms/zktpb2h17n2ngn/>.



### 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 Personnel Committee
- MAY 19 – 24: JRBA Bland Mission Trip  
Team Members: Gloria Newton, Angie Dunfee, Cassie Tomlin, Wayne & Linda Gough, Gwynn & Phyllis Tyler, Audrey Ragland, and Joe Weaver
- May 31 – June 1: JRBA Youth Explosion
- 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  
April 8, 2024**

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, opened the JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting with a devotional on Acts 16:9: *During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."* God will put a burden on your heart when he wants you to do something! This request of Paul is called the Macedonian call – the man was reaching out to Paul to come to Macedonia and God wanted him to preach the Gospel to the Macedonians. As we get ready for our Youth Explosion, we need to realize that the young people are reaching out for something. We need to make sure they learn that Jesus is what they need in their lives! Please encourage the youth in your church to come out – those who already know the Gospel and have accepted Jesus need to be there for those who will learn and accept Him in their hearts. They need to come alongside them and encourage them in their new faith. We aren't just supposed to invite others to church, but rather show them the way to salvation and then disciple them. Marilyn then led us in singing *Send the Light*. Sheree Silby played the piano.

Marilyn then called the meeting to order and Gwynn Tyler had the Roll Call of Churches. There were 25 in attendance, representing 12 churches. The Minutes of the January 8, 2024, Quarterly Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved. The Treasurer's Quarterly Report and the Budget vs. Actual Report were presented by Rev. Austin Williams, Treasurer, and approved. As of March 31, 2024, the Checking Account Balance stood at \$34,364.71 with outstanding deposits of \$1,260.00. This total includes Additional Missions Fund - \$100; Mission Trips - \$1,150; Rise Against Hunger - \$932.70; Mission Blitz - \$648.52; Christian Education/Training/Evangelism - \$35 and Baccalaureates - \$450. Receipts for the past quarter totaled \$15,617.84. This includes donations from JRBA churches of \$8,906.68; Designated Gifts of \$300.00; Interest on Checking - \$3.46; Youth Revival - \$4,200.00, Rise Against Hunger - \$707.70; Individuals - \$400.00; and Bland - \$1,100. Total Disbursements: \$9,945.37 which includes \$700 for Mission Trips, \$300 Additional Missions (designated funds), and \$265 – Education (3 pastors to Preach 2024 Conference, Youth Rally at Antioch-Scottsville, and 1 Treasurer to attend the Tax Seminar). The CD Account Balance is \$10,406.14. Per the Budget vs. Actual Report, of the Total Budget (\$28,618.52), actual expenditures for quarters 1 - 2 totaled \$8,545.37, with \$20,505.85 remaining. Austin noted that the \$300 designated donation was for Piedmont Habitat for Humanity, BGAV Disaster Relief, and Gideons International which had been removed from the regular budget. He also noted that JRBA had secured a grant of \$2,000 from the BGAV Kairos Initiative for Student Evangelism for our Youth Revival. Austin also presented a report for the Knights' Pantry ministry. The checking account balance stands at \$2,698.33 (Outstanding Deposit of \$281). He said that about 15 students are utilizing the pantry each week and a few others occasionally pick up items as well. Disbursements for the quarter totaled \$124.21 for the purchase of paper bags. He thanked the churches for their contributions, both monetary and goods. The Knights' Pantry Report was approved as presented.

Next, Mrs. Betty Toney, Chair, presented the Quarterly Report for the John E. Mann Sr. Benevolence Emergency Fund. From January 1 – March 31, 2024, this fund was able to assist one individual with Food Lion gift Cards after a fire, two individuals with overdue electric bills, and made the annual donation to the Dillwyn Frie Department that serves the office area. Disbursements totaled \$389.00. Contributions for the quarter totaled \$600. (FBC - \$500 and Mt. Zion - \$100 – outstanding deposits). Available Funds, as of March 31, totaled \$7,289.48 with outstanding checks of \$214. The Benevolence Fund CD Balance is \$5,203.06. The report was approved as presented.

Marilyn, Moderator, commented on the past quarter and events coming up this spring.

- Rev. Skip Wallace, BGAV Field Representative, could not be in attendance for this meeting.
- There have been no changes in pastors since the January meeting.
- Two church Treasurers participated in the Church & Clergy Tax Webinar (Judy Ownby & Kathy Weaver)
- Three pastors participated in the Preaching Conference (Rev. Dave Vogt, Rev. Austin Williams, & Rev. Dane Gressett)
- Our JRBA Hope for Appalachia Team had a very good trip to Kentucky, spreading the love of Jesus and sharing the Gospel with the children. JRBA churches collected 1,127 Hope boxes as well as many other items for the schools as well as some monetary donations.
- Churches continued to generously give to missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.
- JRBA thanks Austin for making a trip to the office and working on the computer.
- Funds are slowly coming in for our Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing event in October. Those funds are due by July 15.
- A couple of churches have already made a donation for the Bland Mission Trip. Please remember that the Bland Ministry Center has recently lost a lot of its funding and it serves many needy people in SW Virginia and beyond. Please encourage your churches to make a donation by May 6. The team will also be taking donations of peanut butter and NEW packaged underwear (all sizes). These items are also due by May 6.
- Our Missions Committee has been working hard to make the JRBA Youth Explosion (May 31-June 1) an event that will help our Youth know what Jesus did for them and is still doing for them, if they will let Him be Lord of their life. The response from our JRBA churches, other churches, and businesses of the community, has been incredible. Austin has also secured a Kairos Initiative Grant of \$2,000 from BAV for the event. I know the event will be spectacular! There should be funds left over for another Youth event in 2025!
- JRBA WMU Spring Meeting will be at Antioch (Scottsville) on April 14 when Gwynn Tyler will be telling about his recent mission trip to Honduras.
- "It's All About You" Evangelism Workshop at Arvon on May 5. Rev. Woody Moore and Rev. Geoff Bruschi will be leading this workshop.
- The JRBA Semi-Annual Meeting will be held at Tar Wallet on May 9, with music by the CVCS Junior Troupe and a personal testimony by Michael Moss.
- The JRBA Bland Mission Trip is May 19 – 24.
- JRBA-sponsored Baccalaureates for Buckingham and Cumberland are coming up in May as well as recognition of seniors in Fluvanna.
- Vacation Bible Schools are being planned to reach the children with the Gospel during the summer months.

Please keep all of these events in your prayers. It is exciting to see JRBA planning and reaching out to our children, youth, and high school students as they are the future of the church and need to know the Lord!

Mrs. Betty Toney, WMU Director, reiterated the upcoming JRBA WMU Annual Meeting and encouraged everyone to attend. A written BCM report by Rev. Cadance Tyler was included in the meeting packet. She told about several things the Longwood BCM students had participated in during the past quarter and welcomed partnership from churches for next year. Donations are encouraged such as snacks, toiletries, and medical supplies (tissues, Tylenol, cough drops, etc.) Churches are also encouraged to provide a meal for the students or make a monetary donation for their mission projects. She also asked for prayer for the ministry and the students. She can be reached at [cadance.tyler@bgav.org](mailto:cadance.tyler@bgav.org) or at 434-944-3914.

Next, Rita Harris, presented the Nominating Committee Report, including the Slate of Officers for 2024-2025. She noted her thanks for those who have agreed to serve. There are several positions that have not been filled – both the job of Treasurer and Vice Moderator are essential to our operation. If anyone can fill a vacant position, please contact her as soon as possible. The Slate of Officers was approved as presented.

Moderator – Mr. Gwynn Tyler  
Vice Moderator – VACANT  
Clerk – Mrs. Phyllis Tyler  
Treasurer – VACANT  
Reporter/Historian – Mr. Terry Towler  
Sunday School Director – Rev. Jimmy Dunn  
Discipleship Director – Rev. Steve Emory  
Baptist Men's Director – VACANT  
VBS Leader – VACANT  
Music Director – Mrs. Marilyn Snoddy  
Disaster Relief Coordinator – VACANT  
VA Baptist Historical Society Rep. – Mr. Terry Towler

Parliamentarian (Appointed by Moderator) – VACANT  
WMU Director (To be elected by the JRBA WMU at the Annual Meeting)  
BCM Contact Person – Rev. Cadance Tyler

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Program Committee Phyllis Tyler, Chair

The Program Committee presented the program for the 190<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Spring Meeting for approval. It will be held on May 9, at Tar Wallet, with registration at 5:45 PM, Opening Session – 6:00 PM, Fellowship Supper – 6:15 PM, and Worship at 7:00 PM. The theme will be Proverbs 22:6. The program will include the election of our 2024-2025 slate of officers, commissioning of the Bland Mission Team, a performance by the CVCS Junior Troupe and a personal testimony by Michael Moss. The committee recommends that the offering be designated for the JRBA Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event since it is not included in the regular budget this year. The program was approved as presented.

##### Missions Committee

- JRBA Youth Explosion – Gloria Newton  
There are 54 days until the Youth Explosion on May 31 – June 1 – that is 54 days to pray for this event that the youth of our area will come out and hear the Gospel. She also asked us to reach out to churches within a 5-mile radius of our church to invite the youth of the area to come! Gloria thanked the churches for their support and distributed sign-up sheets to help with the event. Flyers will be coming out soon to post all around the area. She asked us to be EXCITED about the event – Excitement Breeds Excitement! We are going to win children to the Lord!
- Bland Mission Trip – Gwynn Tyler  
Nine people have signed up to again go to Bland and work at the Ministry Center the week of May 19 – 24. Gwynn asked that everyone PRAY for the team and the on-going work of the Ministry Center, DONATE to the team and the ministry of BMC, and COLLECT peanut butter and underwear in all sizes to be taken to the center. (The team will not be taking other food items, school supplies, or clothing due to lack of space. If those items are collected in your church, please arrange transportation to the center.)
- Rise Against Hunger – Rev. Jimmy Dunn  
JRBA has generously given to this effort for several years and packaged many meals to feed the hungry around the world. The event last year was a great time of fellowship and working together! Jimmy is hopeful that this year's event will be just as great and he encouraged everyone to set aside money on a regular basis for this effort. Our 2024 meal packing event will be on October 13 – plan now to be there and it will be a great day for the Lord! Money is due to JRBA by July 15. He also spoke as the JRBA Sunday School Director and encouraged everyone to make Sunday School a priority in our churches. We need to be persistent in getting people to come out to study and understand God's Word.

There were no other committee reports or Old Business.

Under New Business, Marilyn read a letter from Phyllis Tyler tendering her resignation as the JRBA Secretary, effective June 15. Many complimentary comments were made on her performance and Rev. Jimmy Dunn moved that the resignation be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded and approved.

Marilyn went over several announcements. A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Steve Emory.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Phyllis R. Tyler*  
Clerk

#### FROM YOUR SECRETARY>>>

Dear JRBA Friends,  
It is after careful consideration and prayer that I submitted my letter of resignation to the JRBA Executive Board in April, effective June 15, 2024. I have made the decision to retire in order to spend more time with my grandchildren and extended family.



Working for JRBA has been a wonderful second career and a meaningful ministry experience. Working with my brothers and sisters in Christ in Kingdom work has been both inspiring and challenging. I have had valuable opportunities to grow my faith, learn new skills, and gain friends locally and across the state. I love all of you and I am very grateful to be a part of this mission-minded group. I will continue to be involved and to fulfill my responsibilities as Clerk and in current committee positions.

May God bless the James River Baptist Association and its work. May JRBA always be open to the Lord's leading and to the opportunities He will bring for service in His name.

In Christ,  
*Phyllis R. Tyler*



#### FROM YOUR MODERATOR>>>

Greetings,  
I want to thank everyone for coming out to the April Executive Board Meeting, and I am looking forward to the JRBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting on May 9. I feel blessed to know that the children from Central Virginia Christian School are willing to share by testimony and music how Jesus has come into their lives.

The Mission Committee will meet during the mealtime to make sure all the things are being taken care of for our upcoming Youth Explosion (May 31 – June 1). I have been thinking about Mr. Gordon Ragland during this planning time and what he did when JRBA hosted a Youth Encounter. He loved JRBA and did all he could to build the Kingdom of God, by spreading the love of Jesus.

Mrs. Phyllis Tyler is another person who loves the JRBA. Even though she is retiring from the position of Secretary, she is still willing to work and do whatever she can in supporting the JRBA. She's going to remain as Clerk and on the committees she serves on, as well as going on the Bland Mission Team. What a blessing she is to the Association and each one of us. We love you, Sister.

My prayer for each of you is, no matter what we go through, "May the Peace of God that surpasses understanding guard our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." Philippians 4:7

In Christ's Love,  
*Marilyn Snoddy*  
Moderator

**REGULAR BUDGET RECEIPTS**

**2023 – 2024**

Church	April	Year-to-Date
Antioch (SV)	\$3,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Antioch Union		
Arvon		
Buckingham		\$ 1,000.00
Cedar		\$ 3,000.00
Chestnut Grove		
Enon		
FBC Dillwyn		\$ 1,000.00
Fitzgerald		
Fork of Willis		\$ 438.00
Gladstone Memorial	\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00
Goshen		
Jones Chapel	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,343.00
Mt. Tabor		\$ 715.43*
Mt. Zion		\$ 1,800.00
Mulberry Grove		\$4,000.00
Sharon	\$ 274.25	\$ 822.75
Tar Wallet		
Individuals	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Offering – Fall Meeting		\$ 540.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,479.25</b>	<b>\$21,259.18</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

Southside Pregnancy Center, Grace Inside Prison Ministry, BCM Longwood, Fellowship of Christian Athletes - \$100 each

No Expenditures from this Line Item to date.

**Balance: \$100.00**

**Missions Blitz**

Carryover: \$648.52

No Expenditures in April.

**JRBA 2024 Youth Explosion**

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

**Christian Education/Training/Evangelism**

Budgeted: \$300.00

Rev. Austin Williams and Rev. Dane Gressett (Preaching Conference - \$50 each = \$100)

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

Kathy Weaver (Tax Seminar) - \$15

Antioch-Scottsville (Youth Revival) - \$100

**BALANCE: \$ 35.00**

**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

No expenditures in April.

**Balance: \$1,150.00**

**Bland Ministries**

Donations	April	Year-to-Date
JRBA Budget		\$ 500.00
First Baptist Dillwyn (Helping Hands)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Jones Chapel	\$ 175.00	\$ 775.00
Mt. Zion WMU	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mulberry Grove		\$ 500.00
Sharon	\$ 405.00	\$ 405.00
Tar Wallet	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
JRBA WMU Spring Meeting	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
Individual Donations	\$1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,740.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,340.00*</b>

\*+Antioch (Scottsville) sent Bland Ministry Center \$3,000 directly.

**NON-BUDGETED MINISTRIES**

(ALL monies by donation)

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

Donations	April	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>

Expenditures in April: \$500.00

Total Expenditures 2023-2024: \$ 1,089.00

**BALANCE: \$ 6,789.48**

**Rise Against Hunger**

Church	April	Year-to-Date
Antioch (Scottsville)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
First Baptist Dillwyn	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Fitzgerald Memorial		\$ 42.70
Gladstone Memorial		\$ 440.00
Mt. Zion		\$ 400.00
WMU	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,482.70</b>

**Knights Pantry**

Church	April	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 APRIL**

**BALANCE: \$2,698.02**

**Individual Designated Offerings Received/Expended**

Piedmont Habitat for Humanity - \$100

BGAV Disaster Relief - \$100

Gideons International - \$100

