

**JAMES RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936**  
***Accomplishing Together What We Cannot Do Alone***

**AUGUST 2024 UPDATE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Personnel Committee Update**

The JRBA Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Jennifer Hellerstedt will be the new Office Manager for the Association. Jennifer attends Calvary Chapel Church in Fluvanna. She is familiar with Baptist beliefs as well as the work of the JRBA.

Before retiring from her previous job, Jennifer had lots of experience working with people, both as a supervisor and co-worker. She also has experience with various computer programs and other skills that should be an asset to the Association.

An actual starting date for her to begin work has not yet been set. The committee will be meeting again in mid-August to finalize some details. However, it could be around the first of September. We will let you know as soon as a date has been determined.

In the meantime, we appreciate your patience as we work through this process. We look forward to working with Jennifer and welcome her to the Association as our new Office Manager.

Respectfully submitted,  
*H. Gwynn Tyler*  
Committee Chair

**Office Telephone**

If you have tried to reach the JRBA Office by telephone, it has been out of service. The problem should be solved in the coming week. If you need information or have a question, you can call Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, at 434-581-3957, or Gwynn Tyler, Vice-Moderator, at 434-969-4378. If you have a Benevolence Fund Question, please call Betty Toney, Benevolence Chair, at 434-983-2232. You can also send an email to [jamesriverbaptistassociation@gmail.com](mailto:jamesriverbaptistassociation@gmail.com).



**2024 RISE AGAINST HUNGER  
JRBA MEAL PACKING EVENT  
OCTOBER 13, 2024 – 3:00 PM**

**Maysville Baptist Church/Multi-Purpose Center**

**UPDATED 7/23/24 MONETARY DONATIONS TOTAL:**

**\$12,264.67**

**(The total listing of donations will be coming out soon.)**

**Plan now to come out and help pack meals for the hungry on October 13!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August 3**

**VBS Fun Day at Buckingham**

**Noon to 4:00 PM**

Bible Study, Food, 2 Bounce Houses, Games, Popcorn, Snow Cones, and More!  
Come and join the fun!

**August 4**

**Homecoming at Cedar**

Sunday School – 10:00 AM; Worship – 11:00 AM; Lunch; Song Service – 1:30 PM, featuring Glory Bound

**Revival – August 5 – 9**

Special Music nightly at 7:00 PM with Worship at 7:30 PM

Rev. Jerry Gray from Iva, SC, is the Guest Speaker.

Special music: Monday – Floyd Reed and Worm Patterson

Tuesday – Tommy England

Wednesday – TBA

Thursday – Barry Snoddy

Friday – Andrew Bowles

**August 4**

**Homecoming at Goshen**

**Revival – August 5 – 7**

Pastor Steve Tyree will be preaching at 7:00 PM nightly

**August 4**

**Homecoming at Mt. Zion**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Don Campbell

**August 11**

**Homecoming at Sharon**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dave Vogt, Antioch (Scottsville)

**Revival – August 12 – 14**

Guest Speakers: Monday – Paul Palmore

Tuesday – Mitch Crickenberger

Wednesday – Derek Keiser

**August 11**

**Homecoming at Mulberry Grove**

Rev. Austin Williams, Pastor, will be speaking at the 11 AM Worship Service

A fellowship covered dish lunch will follow the service.

**Revival – August 12 – 14 at 7:00 PM**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dane Gressett, Jones Chapel

Special Music nightly

**August 17**

**Jones Chapel's River Float**

**8:30 AM**

**August 25**

**Homecoming at Enon**

Worship at 11:00 AM – Lee Davis is the Guest Speaker and the Enon Choir will present special music.

**Revival – August 25 – 28**

Sunday: 6:00 PM Monday – Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Special music will be presented by Chris Lewis, The England Family, Enon Baptist Singers, and Barry Snoddy.

**August 25**

**Homecoming at Mt. Tabor**

Worship at 11:00 AM, with Pastor Ron Nida preaching

Lunch will follow the service.

**Revival – August 26 – 28**

Nightly Services at 7:00 PM featuring Special Music and Rev. Russell Snoddy as the Guest

Speaker. Rev. Snoddy is the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Amherst. He is the son of Wane & Sharon Snoddy.



**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**.



**WALK FOR LIFE**

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

Amelia: Amelia Courthouse Lawn

**Buckingham: Central Virginia Christian School**

Keysville: Osborne Park

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

Appomattox: Courland Festival Park

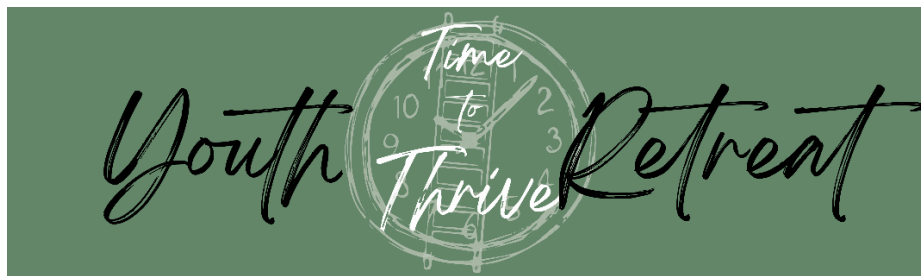
**Farmville: High Bridge Trail**

**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.

- September 15** Homecoming at Tar Wallet  
Revival – September 16 – 18
- September 29** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Sing at Chestnut Grove at 6:00 PM  
Chris Lewis will be the Featured Guest.
- October 6** Homecoming at Jones Chapel  
Rev. Jim Lamb, Former Pastor, will be the Guest Speaker.  
Special Music by Lauren Talley



**“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.

- October 14** JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Dillwyn **7:00 PM**
- October 17** 190<sup>th</sup> JRBA Annual Fall Meeting at Sharon Baptist Church **4:45 PM**
- October 19** Family Fun Festival at Jones Chapel **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**
- October 30** Due Date for Hope for Appalachia Winter Wear Items  
Coats, Hats, Gloves, Cookies for Teachers, Kindergarten Bags

**WMUV Women’s GETAWAY**

**November 1 -2 or 2 – 3, 2024**

**Eagle Eyrie Conference Center**

Worship, Bible study, dozens of breakout opportunities, and space for rest and reconnecting with God and others.  
Registration opens through Eagle Eyrie on **August 1**.

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/>.

December 4 – 7

**JRBA Hope for Appalachia Fall Mission Trip**



**VBS Follow Up**

MULBERRY GROVE: VBS was held nightly July 16 – 19, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. 42 students and 19 workers were enrolled. \$148.75 was collected for the Knights' Pantry Ministry. The theme was *Lego and Let God*, with lessons and activities created in-house. Alex Lewellyn was the Director.

**ATTENTION: VBS DIRECTORS**

*Please note that the 2024 VBS Church Report has been emailed to you. Please complete and return to JRBA, P. O. Box 1219, Dillwyn, VA 23936, as soon as you can after your VBS ends.*

*Thank you for sending in this information.*



**JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting  
July 8, 2024**

Marilyn Snoddy, Moderator, opened the JRBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting with a devotional from Habakkuk. Churches are involved in revivals throughout the summer, providing us with a time to leave all our sins, worries, troubles, and problems on the altar, and feel renewed – we can breathe again! Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burdens are light." Habakkuk was a prophet who lived in the last days of the southern kingdom of Judah, before the Babylonians invaded it and took the people into captivity. The prophet struggles because God used the evil people to judge his people. He struggled with whether or not God

was fair for doing so. Most prophets talk to people, delivering a message, or a warning from God. But Habakkuk was talking TO God

When I'm engaged in prayer, I find myself asking, "Why is there so much evil in the world? Why is there so much violence, abuse, and killing? Why don't you intervene? Why are there so many children being killed? Why is it that we can't walk down a street without fear of being attacked? In Habakkuk 1:5, the prophet prompts us to "trust God's sovereignty", even when we don't understand. He invites us to draw near to God even when we don't get all our questions answered, even when it seems God is working against us. The book of Habakkuk teaches us we can take our stand and praise God, even when we don't grasp what he is doing. Habakkuk 2:4 says, *'The righteous one will live by faith.'* We must live by faith, not sight. Habakkuk 3:2: *Lord, I have heard of your fame, I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day (revive us again), In our time make them known, In wrath remember mercy.* Marilyn then led us in singing, *Revive Us again* and had a prayer.

Marilyn then called the meeting to order and Gwynn Tyler had the roll call of churches. There were 20 in attendance, representing 10 churches. The minutes of the April Executive Board Meeting were presented and approved. The minutes of the Semi-Annual Spring Meeting were presented and approved.

Rev. Austin Williams, Treasurer, presented the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. As of June 30, 2024, the checking account balance stood at \$39,764.65. This total included Additional Missions Fund - \$100; Mission Trips - \$750; Rise Against Hunger - \$8,439.05; Mission Blitz - \$648.52; Bland - \$100; Christian Education/Training/Evangelism - \$35; Baccalaureates - \$150. Receipts for the quarter totaled \$17,089.11 including: Donations from churches - \$7,274.93; Interest on checking - \$4.83; Rise Against Hunger donations- \$7,506.35; and Bland - \$2,303. Disbursements totaled \$14,386.16. These disbursements included: Mission Trips (Bland Team, 2 Youth Mission Camps) - \$400; Bland (Contributions to team & Bland Ministry Center) - \$4,540; and Youth Explosion - \$2,434.67. The CD account balance as

of June 30 was \$10,503.19. Austin also presented the Budget vs. Actual Report for 10/1/23 – 6/30/24. Remaining funds for the Missions portion of the budget are \$10,222.57. Funds remaining for Office Expenses total \$4,978.11, and remaining payroll for the associational year is \$4,431.73. Budgeted remaining funds total \$19,632.41. Mrs. Betty Toney then gave the John E. Mann, Sr. Benevolence Fund Quarterly Report. From April 1 – June 30, 2024, two individuals or families with overdue electric bills were assisted. Two individuals or families were assisted after the loss of their home in fires. Total disbursements equaled \$1,000. Goshen contributed \$200 to the fund. The balance on hand stood at \$6,383.53. The CD balance is \$5,251.58. Gwynn Tyler noted that one of the families assisted after a fire was most appreciative.

Marilyn then gave the Moderator's Report:

- She expressed thanks to those who went on the Bland Mission Trip and noted that Gwynn Tyler is always willing to show pictures and talk about the trip in your church.
- The Youth Explosion was wonderful and it was great to see everyone doing things with great willingness because our youth need our encouragement. She thanked everyone who participated, whether in a great or small way – all efforts were needed to make the event a success.
- Marilyn noted that many of our churches are planning VBS events – a great mission of planting Jesus in little hearts. The number enrolled doesn't matter – each child matters!
- The Buckingham Walk for Life for the Southside Pregnancy Center is being held on September 14, and in Farmville on September 21. The unborn babies matter to God and they should matter to us. Thanks to all who are making monetary donations or going to participate – thanks for showing the community that every life matters. As Christians we have been silent long enough, it is time to stand up and show up for what we believe.
- Our Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing event will be on Sunday, October 13, at 3:00 PM, at Maysville Baptist Church. If you can help or get someone from your church to help unload the truck, and set up, you need to be there by 1:00 PM. Folks will also be needed to stay later to clean up at the end. You will be able to register online ahead of time which will help with check-in. Looking forward to Christian fellowship of working together and "Accomplishing Together What We Cannot Do Alone". Last year made Jimmy's day with 165 folks showing up to help. Let's put it on our calendars and do it again! Thank you for working together to do great things.

#### **Officers Reports**

WMU DIRECTOR: Betty Toney noted that the JRBA WMU Spring Meeting was held in April and was well attended. Not much is going on during the summer, but activities will get started back up in September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Rev. Jimmy Dunn encouraged everyone to invite children and families who participated in VBS to come to Sunday School. Teach all you can about Jesus in both VBS and Sunday School in order to reach children for the Lord.

#### **Committee Reports**

MISSIONS:

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: Rev. Jimmy Dunn encouraged all churches to try to reach what you gave last year in order to feed hungry people. He said we should have a goal of \$10,000 – \$12,000 this year. The fellowship at meal-packing events is great, working together with Christian friends doing God's work.

BLAND MISSION TRIP: Gwynn Tyler told about the JRBA Mission trip to the Bland Ministry Center. Nine team members worked at the center May 20 – 24. Many of the JRBA churches and several members of the community supported the trip with funds for expenses, donations to the Bland Ministry Center, and donations of peanut butter and underwear. A total of \$10,500 was donated through the association along with 447 jars of peanut butter and 935 pairs of underwear, 6 t-shirts, and 36 pairs of socks. Of the monetary donations, \$8,875.47 was donated to the Ministry Center, along with \$800 for love gifts to the staff. The team cleaned and organized the mission house, worked in the food warehouse, helped distribute food to 160 families, worked in the clothes closet, planted shrubs, replaced/hung blinds in the mission house and new office, installed a new faucet, did repair work at the center's Wytheville dental clinic, and sang at the local nursing home. Some of the team also participated in a new ministry to hikers on the Appalachian Trail. The team had a great trip, helping with the work and ministry of the center as well as enjoying times of fellowship and growing spiritually. May 18 – 23, 2025, has been reserved for JRBA to again work at the BMC so be thinking and praying about if this is something you would like to participate in.

YOUTH EXPLOSION: Gloria Newton noted that we plan to show a Powerpoint slideshow of the Youth Explosion at the JRBA Fall Meeting. She expressed the committee's thanks to everyone who worked, prayed, or gave financial support for the event. It was a real success and although the building was not packed, it was definitely filled with the Holy Spirit!

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA: Rev. Woody Moore announced the dates for the Fall Trip – December 4 – 7. The due date for coats, hats, and gloves will be **October 30**. Woody also requested baked goods for the teachers and Kindergarten bags. (The list for the Kindergarten bags is available online at [www.hfvateam.com](http://www.hfvateam.com). Drawstring bags are recommended.) Distributions are planned for 5 schools. He also noted that there would be a few children to help for Christmas. (If interested in helping with this, contact him.) He thanked everyone for their continued support for Hope for Appalachia through prayers, resources, and good attitudes. They had a large team of 30 people in the spring, actually more than was needed! Antioch (Scottsville) is hoping to have their own team in the future. Another team needed additional help so some of our folks joined them. The two teams ministered to 7 schools this year. With so many on the team, they were able to reach more children individually. They had the opportunity to share the Gospel in Grades 5 and up. The spirit was moving and several children accepted Christ. JRBA is encouraged to pray for them year-round. During the fall trip, the cold weather gear will be delivered to the school resource officers to distribute to needy students. The Kindergarten bags will be distributed to Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. Woody reminded everyone that Gloria Newton or Wayne and Linda Gough are available to come to your church to tell about Hope for Appalachia. A video is also available of a Resource Officer's testimony. Woody mentioned that he knows it has been somewhat of a challenge to deliver the HFA items prior to trips. If you call Laura Higgins, she may be working so be sure to leave a message. You can also contact Wayne Gough to meet you at the Mt. Zion Mission House on Wednesdays. The location is 33 Pump Road, New Canton. All items for the fall delivery must be in BEFORE Thanksgiving.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE: Gwynn Tyler, Chair, thanked everyone for their patience as the committee seeks to fill the position of JRBA Office Manager. Some interest has been shown and the committee is following up. He asked that church announcements and other pertinent information be emailed to JRBA in the meantime. It will be sent out by the committee. There will not be another newsletter until an office manager is in place. Contact him with any questions or concerns at 434-969-4378.

### New Business

NEW PASTOR: Rev. Daniel Packard was in attendance. He is the new Summer Interim at Chestnut Grove.

Announcements were then made. Buckingham Baptist will be having an VBS Fun Day on August 3, from Noon – 4:00 PM. Sharon is hosting a Patriotic Service on July 14; Antioch (Scottsville) and Goshen had great floats in the Scottsville July 4<sup>th</sup> parade; it is great to get the churches involved in community events! Mt. Zion will be hosting KOZ on the third Saturday of July. There will be a Bland presentation at Fitzgerald on August 4. Goshen will have a Gospel Sing during July. Their revival and homecoming is scheduled for August 4 -7.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jimmy Dunn.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Phyllis R. Tyler*  
Clerk