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**FEBRUARY 2019**

Happy New Year! Even more we wish you a year filled with the joy that only Christ can give! For me, and maybe for you too, it's too easy to let the activities and circumstances of the world gain my focus so much that I lose sight of my sovereign God being with me every moment. It's not that I forget that He has promised to be with me always, never to forsake me and having the grace that is sufficient for all my needs. It's just that sometimes circumstances steal my focus. So, for this brand-new year, I wish you all the comfort and peace that only He can give, and the constant reminders to give our Lord thankfulness, glory and honor for Who He is and what He has done for us. And even more, may we work together to share that good news as we live our lives for Him!

So, have you made any New Year Resolutions yet? I hope you have included both prayer and participation for our Association and the work we do together. In a recent devotional, Pastor Rick Warren (Saddleback Church, author of Purpose Driven Life). Reminded us that God blesses goals that are motivated by our love for Him and others. He offered two questions to ask of ourselves when setting those goals, or resolutions for the coming year. First does it honor God? Does it help me trust Him more, depend on Him more, love Him more and serve Him more, and love people more like He loves us? And very importantly, am I making this resolution with an attitude of gratitude, and will it help me to become the person He wants me to be?

The second question he recommended we ask is this: is my goal motivated by love? It seems reasonable that God will not honor our efforts if they are built on pride, selfishness or fear. So, will that resolution help me build better relationships and learn to love more like God loves, or will it be focused just on me? Just as an example, if I want to get in better shape, or lose weight, am I seeking that goal to enhance my pride or might it be so that I can feel better and have more energy to serve? Is my motivation all about me, or do I understand how that goal will help me show my love for God and love others more?

Thank you all for a wonderful year of 2018 in the Southside Association. As we go forward together, I do believe 2019 will be even better as we continually set our sights on honoring our Lord in everything we do. It's such a blessing to be able to work together, remembering that together we can do more for Him than any of us could do separately.

Blessings to you all for a wonderful, Christ filled 2019.

Mike Clay  
SBA Moderator



## CHURCH NEWS

**ASH CAMP:** We continue to have Kingdom Kids after school on Wednesday's. In January our nursery school and preschool had family night with the children performing and a covered-dish dinner following! January 20th was a breakfast to reveal our secret prayer partners. January 27th we had Baptist Men's Sunday with Pastor/Missionary Ned Stewart speaking at the breakfast. We look forward to Baptist Women's Sunday on February 10th with our speaker Sandy Flynn. Our Winter Bible Study "The Story Of Israel's Ancestors - Living Toward a Promise" will begin Sunday, February 10th for four consecutive Sundays and Thursday afternoons.

**BLACKSTONE:** January events are always subject to date changes just like our winter weather. We had to make last minute changes due to ice and power outages, however, God always provides us with wisdom to make these changes. Our ladies enjoyed a lovely tea at the Rosewood Café in Lunenburg County on Sat. Jan. 19th. Lots of fun and a time to get to know others in our community. The program and food was delightful. We continue to entertain the residents at Heritage Hall with Bingo once a month! We are organizing a Children's Ministry that will start in February. Our Youth will start back with the fourth Sunday as their Sunday Funday. Plans are being made for a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30 pm. Our Music Team, with the help of Sarah Labriny, our new Music Director, is bringing us different songs and ideas to help our music to be more inspiring during worship. Sarah has some new ideas to try in the Spring and a possibility of a concert. Our Men's Ministry has been busy helping others with some repairs and they meet each month on the second Saturday, which begins with breakfast at 7:45 a.m.

**CREWE:** Our church participated in the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on Nov. 5th by having our church open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for those wishing to have a personal prayer time. On Saturday No. 10th, our church sponsored a stew by Stew Master Orrey Lloyd. Proceeds were donated to Weekday Religious Education. A potato bar was held after the morning worship service on Sunday, Nov. 11th, with the proceeds going to Steve Winn and family. Several ladies from our church attended the Joy Group Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, at Eureka Baptist Church. As usual a time of fellowship, singing, and eating was enjoyed by all. If you have not attended a Joy Group Meeting, make plans to start attending in the New Year. You will be blessed! Our church held a Cookie Gobble Walk on Sunday, Nov. 18th. All proceeds went to King's Kids, a ministry for youth grades 1-6. The King's Kids meetings consist of Dinner, Bible Study, and a time for games. Our annual Thanksgiving Banquet and Service were held on Sunday, Nov. 18th starting at 5:00 p.m. with a service in the Sanctuary, followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Our Church reached its Alma Hunt State Missions Offering goal of \$2,000. Our final total collected was \$2,286. On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, our evening service centered on decorating the Chrismon Tree. Our Music Ministry presented "The Story of Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 8th. We were proud that this year's Christmas Mother was Jane Shorter from our church. This ministry is sponsored by Crewe United Methodist Church. This year 39 families and 82 children were blessed with gifts. Our Quilting Group at CBC contributed quilts to this worthwhile cause. Our Angel tree ministry reached 29 families and 52 children from our community. The gifts were picked up by the parents on Dec. 15th. It was such a joy to see the expressions on the parents' faces as they received these gifts for their children. We observed the week of Prayer for International Missions by participating in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. We were able to surpass our goal of \$4,250. We have been blessed through the generosity of our members. Our annual Live Nativity was held each evening on Dec. 17th - 19th. As well as members of the church participating, the Christmas Story was played in the background. This is a wonderful ministry that blesses our community and those traveling through. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight program was held at 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 24th.

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### EMPHASIS: "UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT"

**WATCHWORD:** "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for Him is worthwhile." I Cor15:58.

### What Does It Mean To Be A REFUGEE?

This year our focus in WMU will be learning more about being a refugee and what we can do to support and help these people. Laura Davis, our WMUV Director of Missions Involvement, will present a program at Bonsack Baptist Church in Roanoke on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. If you are in the Roanoke area this would be very worthwhile to attend. It will include a refugee simulation and there is NO cost to attend and lunch and child care will be provided, but you must register by February 1. Let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

### Come To The Table:

Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019

Time: 8:30 - 3:00

Place: Ephesus BC, South Hill

Cost: \$15.00 which includes lunch

Come to the table to learn what's fresh and new in WMU and spend time with other missional women in your area. This event will be for church and /or Associational leaders involved in missions. I plan to attend this event and would love to have a number from our Assoc. to go as well. Let me know if you would like to travel together. We will need to register by March 15th. Thanks!

### RA Family Weekend:

Date: May 31-June 1, 2019

Place: Kings Dominion

Cost: Only \$35.00 if register by February 15, after that date will be \$50.00, and includes tee shirt and full day at Kings Dominion, PLUS an RA racer. This is open to the entire family with camping available there at the campsite at Kings Dominion. Visit the WMUV website for more info. This is the 3rd year for this event and is growing each year.

### Mission Project for our Churches:

We are beginning a project where we would like to collect PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS. This is a statewide WMUV project and we need your help!! A flyer was presented to each church represented at the recent SBA Exec. meeting and I will get another one out to each WMU director in our Association or you may go to the WMUV website to learn more. The children attending the Mom & Me in April are asked to collect these to bring to the event but our collection will continue beyond this time. The collected lids will be sent to a site in Indiana where they will be used to make BENCHES FOR CROSSROADS!!!

You may bring your collected lids to any of our Assoc. events or to the SBA office and I will collect them to carry to CrossRoads. It takes 250 lbs. of lids to make 1 bench, so we need LOTS of lids!! Thank you for your help with this project.

### ELEVATOR UPDATE:

Construction is slated to begin SOON with completion of the elevator in Hunt Hall at CRCC by end of April, 2019. Thanks to all who contributed to this very worthwhile cause and we look forward to another update in the very near future as work begins "on top of the mountain"!!!



## Church News

**Bagby Memorial:** Our Church was happy to call and welcome Julie J. Marshall as our new pastor beginning in November. Julie works as a Chaplain at the McGuire VA Hospital and serves our congregation and community bi-vocationally. A resident of Chesterfield County, Julie is related to an original charter member of Bagby Memorial Baptist Church. In the same month, we welcomed back Sandi Thomas as choir director and pianist. Sandi directed the choir for our Christmas cantata and leads music each Sunday. We are fortunate and glad to welcome back her talents. The Youth group led the efforts for Operation Christmas Child this year, and we were excited to meet our goal of shoeboxes. In the past few months we are happy to have welcomed new members into the congregation and in January two of those members were baptized. The WMU remains active in its support of missions causes, most recently campaigning to collect toilet paper for donation to Alms House. As the winter weather lingers, please reach out to Wesley Inge (434-294-4109) if there are needs related to heating in your congregation or community that could benefit from assistance.

**DUNDAS:** February 17<sup>th</sup>, will be Focus on WMU Sunday during the Worship Service. The WMU Directors will be giving a report on their activities as they lead the church in mission projects. Our emphasis during the month of February will be hearts of love for family, for God, for our church, for the lost, and love for our nation and our flag.

**DRAKES BRANCH:** Our Church is resuming with our Wednesday evening programs on Feb. 6 at 7pm. We will continue with our survey of Christian doctrine and devote ourselves to voluntary prayer for our church and community. We will also be resuming on February 10 at :00 p.m. "That The World May Know" video series. Please join us for a spiritual time! A youth event is planned for March 8 at 3:00 p.m. to go bowling in Farmville. If anyone with youth would be interested in going please contact us here at the church. Senior Outing is planned for February 22 in South Boston for lunch at Ernie's and bingo to follow. We will leave the church parking lot at 11:30am.

**EUREKA:** Our church ended Oct. with a fantastic Fall Festival that not only entertained, but most importantly, shared the Gospel with a large number of kids and their families. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of Nov., Eureka hosted the JOY group. Later in the month, our pastor and deacons went to Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox to learn about their model of church leadership. Working with Social Services, the WMU ladies provided items for a Thanksgiving meal to be given to a needy family in our community. They also went shopping together to buy Christmas gifts for a foster child. After missing a week of worship from the snow in Dec., we gathered on Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, for a full day. The day started with the kids performing a Christmas skit for the congregation. The Youth met later that afternoon for Christmas caroling at the Wayland Nursing Home and the day ended with church members gathering at the pastor's house for a Christmas Open House. It was a wonderful day of worship and fellowship! We also met at the church on Christmas Eve for a service to celebrate Christ's birth

**FARMVILLE:** Members of Farmville Baptist Church were on a visioning journey of rethinking the mission and goals of the church during 2018. The journey began with a study of the book Sailboat Church by Joan S. Gray. They read the book and met weekly to discuss the week's assignment with the purpose of learning how to reframe the mission of FBC. With the guidance of the Rev. Bill Wilson, president of Center of Congregational Health, Winston-Salem, NC, and the input of those involved in the study three teams were formed to move forward on implementing plans gleaned from the study. The Koinonia Team focuses on engaging members in fellowship; the Communication Team publicizes activities of the church through various forms of media; and the Faith Expressions Team reaches out to FBC members and community citizens through art, music, banners, faith symbols, and other expressions of worship. The church is seeing benefits of the process, even though it is in the early stages of implementation.

**JONESBORO:** Mother Nature came to visit us in December and January, causing us to miss one Sunday each month because of SNOW

or ICE, but we were thankful we did not lose power or suffer any damage. Our new year began with observance of the Lord's Supper and the quarterly Harvest Day meeting was held on the 20th, having been postponed from the 13th because of weather. Prayer warriors met on the 20th with a "stew" lunch and time of prayer and concerns for our church family and community. Baptist Men's Day was observed on the 27th with our men filling the choir and one of our own, Dan Sherwood, bringing the message. Following the service, we enjoyed a "potato bar" as our young people or Crusaders For Christ provided lunch as well as a movie with a love offering taken for their future mission projects. It was an exciting day with great fellowship and food. Ladies assisted with bingo at Heritage Hall on the 29th. We look forward to February and our Sweetheart party to be held following worship on the 10th and a winter "stew making" on the 23rd.

**KENBRIDGE:** November 18th we had an "Appreciation Service in Honor of Betty Marker". Dr. John Upton was the speaker. Following the worship service we enjoyed a wonderful covered dish lunch. We are very appreciative of Betty's leadership and dedication to missions for many years. The month of December we enjoyed the beautiful Christmas music and the many special projects pertaining to Christmas sharing. We had a very inspiring Christmas Eve Service led by Rev. John Carey. Rev. Carey is serving our church as interim pastor while our Pastor Search Committee seeks God's guidance in finding His choice for a full time pastor. Looking forward to new opportunities for 2019.

**MT. TIRZAH:** The 320 ladies community Bible Study has been going strong and returns on January 22nd with the study of Revelation. This Bible Study is held in Mt Tirzah's fellowship hall every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Our weekly Prayer Meetings resume on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m., also held in the fellowship hall. For Operation Christmas Child, we are collecting items each month now and plan on having a packing party in July. For information on how to get involved, please call 542-5904! Remember, Men's Prayer Breakfast is held at 7:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month. All men are welcome! The second Wednesday of each month is our fellowship dinner and business meeting - this is also an open invitation to join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**PISGAH:** Happy New Year to all of our Churches. We have been very busy and can't wait to share it with you. Our Missions team just got back from Guatemala. They spent 6 days helping the community with different projects. You can find daily pictures and updates on our church Facebook page. Community breakfast was held on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> with a good attendance. Next breakfast will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Please come and enjoy the wonderful food and hear a wonderful message. Our youth instrumentalist group is growing and will perform on February 3<sup>rd</sup> during worship. Bible study is held every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. February will host special Music by Robert Foley on February 10<sup>th</sup> and our Men's Sunday will be on February 17th and have special music by them. We had a very successful Christmas program entitled Nightwatch. Linda Reid did an amazing job of organizing this event. God is amazing and continues to watch over all of us daily.

### **VICTORIA: NEW PASTOR INSTALLATION:**

Victoria Baptist Church installed their new pastor, Dr. Timothy D. Lipp, at the morning worship service on January 20, 2019. Dr. Ted Fuson brought the message, and Mike and Judy Clay were in attendance from SBA and BGAV. Other guests included Dr. Dan Lipp, and Dr. Danny Owen from Hampton, VA, previously pastor at Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, VA. We are very blessed to have Dr. Lipp with us and welcome him to our church family! Our church will observe Focus on WMU on Sunday, February 17th, during the Morning Worship service. Our speaker is Margaret Fuson, the wife of our previous interim pastor, Dr. Ted Fuson. After the worship service, we will have a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall. All are Welcome! We thank all who participated in the Baptist Men's Day service on January 27, 2019. Our men cooked us a delicious breakfast. Music was provided by Brent Hood and the Blue Grass Band, our Men's Choir, Robert Foley, Jonathan Anderson, and Mooch Johnson. Gary Anderson from the South Carolina Baptist Convention was our guest speaker.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUEST**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**I hope to get a letter out to all SBA WMU Directors in the next week or so with news about a PLANNING MEETING where we can come together and make plans for our own Association WMU to begin working and moving forward with meetings and events. I've surely missed our time together and while I am still recovering and not at 100% just yet, I feel we can begin to move forward, and of course I will need everyone's help and support, as I hope you have missed our gatherings as much as I have and are ready to "get back to work" as we continue to keep missions alive in each of our churches!! Thank you for your support!!**

**SBA Associational Calendar**

**February**

- 5 Pastor's Meeting, Pisgah BC, 11:00 a.m.**
- 10-17 WMU Focus Week**
- 14 Valentines Day**
- 16 Children's Missions Day (WMUV)**
- 23 Standing Rock Training (WMUV)**
- 28 Church & Clergy Tax Seminar, VBRC, Henrico, 9:30a.m. – 12:00 noon.**

**March**

- 3-10 Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Mission.**
- 12 SBA Joy Group Meeting, Crewe Baptist Church 12:00 noon.**
- 19 SBA Executive Board Meeting, IHBA, 6:00 p.m.**
- 22-24 CBF Mission Madness I, Walnut Hills BC, Williamsburg, VA.**
- 24 SBA Discipleship Training, Part II, Burkeville Baptist Church, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**
- 30 Come to The Table WMUV, Ephesus BC, South Hill.**

**COOKBOOKS COOKBOOKS COOKBOOKS!!**

**Still only \$10.00!! A lot were sold during Christmas but more remain!! Contact Lois at the SBA office to get more for your church. All proceeds go to support mission trips!! Thank you!!**

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***PRAYER REQUESTS:***

**The twenty-three churches in our SBA Association.**

**The Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Rev. Janice Kiehm, Minister.**

**Rev. Ted Smith, pastor of Ash Camp Baptist Church.**

**Rev. Alden Hicks, member of Heritage Baptist Church.**

**Rev. & Mrs. James Allcock, members of Heritage Baptist Church.**

**Mr. W. Earl Southall, a member of Drakes Branch Baptist Church.**

**Mrs. Valerie Shelton, a member of Bagby Memorial.**

**Rev. & Mrs. Coan Agee, members of Ash Camp Baptist Church.**

**The following churches in the Southside Baptist Association seeking a pastor: Friendship Baptist Church, Kenbridge Baptist Church and Sharon Baptist Church.**