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February 2020

In the absence of Moderator and Vice Moderator, we want to thank Jean Fowlkes for so capably and efficiently stepping up to handle the business meeting of the Association. Thank you!

We are all aware that the position of Moderator continues unfilled as we await a pastor to offer his/her services to the Southside Baptist Association. Your Vice Moderator was absent because of his service to Christian Veterinary Mission on a team of ten working in Kissi, Kenya, and since this is fresh on our mind it will be the focus of this report. Kissi is a seven-hour drive from Nairobi over roads that vary from decent to deplorable; the driver simply aims for the most shallow pothole and surges on. Some call it an African back passage for the passengers. We immediately had three intensive days of cattle vaccination clinics in the very remote villages near Kissi. Our work was organized by Boscovet, a local Christian based agricultural organization. We vaccinated cattle for Lumpy Skin Disease, caused by a virus and absent in the developed countries, and dewormed many of these same animals. We were divided into four teams, each with a translator who also kept count of numbers and to collect a small fee for the medications used. The fee collected gave value to the service provided and all funds went to the local organization that organized the clinics. We usually located in a school yard with open space and some trees to tie the animals for restraint. This gave us an opportunity to learn how rural Kenyans live: Passable nutrition, dirt floors in homes, no observed mosquito netting, and very limited access to potable water. Many families walk a half mile and more to get whatever water is closest. When we arrived at the work site, we were immediate centers of curiosity and gathered crowds of children who wanted to see a "misungu", Swahili for white person. The children wanted to touch us and practice the English they were learning in school. At the end of the treatment period of four to six hours we presented the school headmaster with one or two soccer balls for the children. The following week the team treated animals closer to Kissi. Wherever we went there was poverty, uncleanness, awful roads, frantic traffic. Still we met many people of faith that were quick to praise Jesus for what they had. Our team was continually awed at how people with limited necessities of life were happy, cheerful and friendly. We all tend to take our blessings, including living in the United States, for granted. I often thought, "There but the grace of God go I."

The perk for the team was a trip to Maasai Mara, a national wildlife park. We saw lions, elephants, various horned game and to top it all off there were two leopard that had climbed into a tree to rest.

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**SBA EVANGELISM SEMINAR
MARCH 1, 2020 – 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
1423 EIGHTH STREET
VICTORIA, VA 12973**

GUEST SPEAKER: ROGER ROLLER
Please RSVP to SBA Office by Feb. 27th



CHURCH NEWS

BLACKSTONE: As we have entered into a brand New Year and a new decade, we are so grateful for our many blessings at Blackstone Baptist Church. We continue to pray for our Pastor Search Team and the task of finding our next pastor which God has already selected for us. We have sub pastors filling our pulpit as well as special services with beautiful music lead by our Choir Director Carter Edmondson. We continue with our regular meetings monthly. The JOY Group came on January 14th and all enjoyed hearing about the recent mission trip to Guatemala with Rev. Holman. Our WMU will travel to Farmville on January 23rd, to feed the BCM students. The students as well as our ladies enjoy this trip. We will have a very special worship service on February 16th (our Valentine's Special for all). We will start a Bible Study time on the Truth Project on Sunday evening February 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mike and Judy Clay. This service will have a combined Sunday School with a brunch at 10:00 followed by a special worship hour and music. Then we will have desserts to follow our worship. We look forward to Springtime and the Community Lenten Services in Nottoway County.

BURKEVILLE: Our church has been very busy the last several months! So busy we didn't even stop to report, sorry about that....here is our activity list: Nov. 2019: Packed 47 Samaritan boxes; Nov. 17 - Served over 350 people with our Community Thanksgiving meal; Nov. 30 Mission Friends activity and meeting; Children's play practice every Sunday in Nov. Dec. 1st, Hanging of the Greens Service; Dec. 8th, Adult Christmas Cantata, "there's Something About That Name."; Children's Christmas Play, "The Real Christmas Story." Dec 15th, Mission Friends Meeting; Dec. 22nd Children's Choir & Congregational Christmas singing; Dec. 23rd, Christmas Caroling; 29th, 5th Sunday Breakfast; Parsonage renovations throughout the month. Jan. 5th Welcomed Pastor Paul Beith and wife, Sharon, with Luncheon. As we welcomed our new Pastor Paul and wife, Sharon, to our church family, we praise God for leading him to us rather quickly. Our Search Team is to be commended for their service! (Pastor Woody Fisher retired in July 2019).. They will be moving into the parsonage in the next several weeks. WELCOME PASTOR PAUL and SHARON!!!

DUNDAS: Feb. 16th we will Focus on WMU by having the WMU Directors in our church give an annual report of the mission project and activities of 2019. That afternoon the WMU is sponsoring showing a movie "I Can Only Imagine" at 3:00, with pizza served following the movie. Our church will be collecting the items requested for the Bland Ministry. Pastor Wolf will be bringing messages on "Favorite Love Chapters In The Bible" during the month of February.

EUREKA: What an amazing start to 2020 so far! Our Guatemalan mission team made it safely back to the U.S. after a fantastic week of mission work in Xejuyup where many accepted Christ as their Savior and many bonds were formed. It has been absolutely beautiful to witness the love our church members have not only for each other, but beyond our local church walls into the local community and beyond. We recently held a scholarship fundraiser, which not only benefits graduating high school students going off to college, but mission travel as well. Many of our ladies will travel to upcoming conferences in Richmond and at Southeastern Seminary, in addition to their monthly Bible study. The men of Eureka have completed their monthly Bible study and will soon decide on something new.

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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 Cor 15:58

Happy New Year!

That is a common greeting for many at this time of year. It may sound cliché but when it comes from your heart it can be the blessing someone may need. As we meet and greet our neighbors and friends in 2020 remember God's mercy and grace that we enjoy. Paul reminded Timothy that we should PRAY GRACE.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

Happy New Year Y'all. Let us pray and watch for opportunities to demonstrate God's kindness by meeting needs and offering His gift of grace to everyone. Thank you for all you do in your churches and for the Association. May 2020 be your year to bless others as God continues to bless us.

LOOKING AHEAD:

The WMU of Virginia will send a medical mission team to Kenya in March, 2020. We will be collecting eye glasses to take. We can use prescription or reading glasses. More information later.

BLAND MISSION TRIP is being planned for Apr 26-May 2. If you would like to go please contact Mike Clay or Sylvia Bradshaw. This is a week of ministering to and for the Bland Ministry Center. We help with clothes closet, food pantry, building projects and projects to help the ministry. Please pray about this opportunity to serve. We will have our first meeting after Christmas. If you are interested, you will need to fill out an application.



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CREWE: Quilting resumed on Jan. 6. Last year 209 quilts were made; 109 were donated to various organizations. Weighted blankets are also made for Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Home in Brookneal and for local citizens as needed. WMU met on Jan. 8. It was also announced that the Cookie Walk held in November raised \$1160 for the Trailer Fund for Disaster Relief. On January 14 SBA JOY Group met at Blackstone Baptist Church. On January 14, Baptist Men's Dinner and Deacons' Meeting were held. On January 23, WMU Bible Study at Hickory Hill took place. Planning meetings are being held in preparation for the upcoming "Going Beyond" Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer to be held on April 25 at Crewe Baptist Church. Our Church is proud to announce that we surpassed our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and thank all of those who gave so generously to this mission effort. RAs and GAs began meeting again at 5 pm every second and fourth Sunday evenings. Hand bells resumed practice after the Sunday am worship service. Fellowship Dinner was held on Wednesday, January 15. Bible Study followed. January 21 from 10 to 3 SBCV Prayer Summit was held at New Bridge Baptist Church in Sandston, VA. January 26, Baptist Men's Sunday. January 30, Peacemakers will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a day of sewing. February 9, Valentine Banquet will be held following the am service with Entertainment to follow. February 11, Baptist Men's Dinner and Deacon's meeting scheduled. February 13, WMU takes dinner to Longwood BCM Students. February 16, Potato Bar to Benefit Pastor Sean's Mission Trip to India in March of 2020. He will help to dedicate the water wells that CBC sponsored. Rescheduled date in case of bad weather is February 23. Fellowship Dinner for February will be on the 19th. Bible Study will follow. On February 27, our WMU ladies will go to Hickory Hill for a time of Bible Study. SBCV Women's Ministry Event, Experiencing God in the Unexpected will be held on February 29 at Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. VBS Workers and Sunday School Teachers should mark their calendars for SBCV Kids Ministry Conference, Saturday, March 7th at Swift Creek Baptist Church in Midlothian.

HERITAGE: December was a wonderful and busy month. Now, we are beginning a busy new year. We are looking forward to the new opportunities that 2020 will bring. On January 19, our focus was on Sanctity of Life with a special speaker giving his testimony about how doctors had encouraged abortion in light of a medical condition for his child. He and his wife chose life and are now the proud parents of a Beautiful 9 year-old boy. We will also be welcoming a guest artist from Lancaster, PA on Jan. 31st. Elva Hurst will present a "Chalk Talk" where she will draw with chalk, use special lights, accompanied by music and a story. We are blessed and thankful for God's inspiration as we move forward.

JONESBORO Happy New Year to all!! Our new year has gotten off to a busy start but so thankful we did not miss any Sundays because of SNOW. The usual meetings and observances kicked off the first week of January and on the 2nd Sunday we began with breakfast and quarterly business meeting with plans made for upcoming events. We praise God for His leading us and pray for our obedience. Several attended the SBA JOY meeting at Blackstone BC and the SBA Exec. meeting at Mt. Nebo BC. We were pleased to welcome a new member to our fellowship by transfer of letter this month. Baptist Men's Day was observed on the 26th as our men led in the worship and treated everyone to a delicious luncheon following worship. The day ended with the congregation joining in prayer and entering a 40 day prayer challenge, along with WMUV, for the upcoming Kenya Mission team, of which the Bradshaw's will be participating. The trip is scheduled for March 7 - 15 with a team of 52 medical personnel traveling to the Mully Children's Family to minister there. Your prayers for us and the team as we continue to prepare and GO to share Christ and serve the medical and dental needs of the people there. Thank you for your support. We look forward to our Sweetheart Banquet and our first "stew making" of the year coming in February. God is GOOD!!

KENBRIDGE: We had a wonderful Christmas season with many opportunities to share in community needs. We are now looking forward to the New Year. We continue to be blessed with the leadership of Pastor John Carey and his inspirational messages each Sunday. We had the first movie night January 24th, on our faith and fighting for what we believe in. Plans are to have a children's movie night in February which will be open to the community. We observed Baptist Men's Day January 26th beginning with a delicious breakfast prepared by the men followed by a business meeting and then the worship service with the men's choir blessing us with their talent. Our guest speaker was Daniel Watson who brought a very good message from John 17. We are looking forward to February 9th as we observe Baptist Women's Day with Patty Carey as the guest speaker. There will be a Valentine's dinner on February 14th. On February 15th the youth will be going Tubing at Wintergreen. We extend congratulations to Noah Dunbar for being named Fireman of the Year at the Kenbridge Fire Department.

MT. NEBO: Our church has entered the New Year running and excited about what God has in store for 2020. We are having Bible studies every 2nd and 4th Sunday nights and prayer meetings/ choir practice every Wednesday night. The SBA Executive meeting was held here on January 21st with soup & salad that was enjoyed along with fellowship. On Sunday morning the 26th we had men's breakfast with 24 in attendance that included a guest speaker, Mr. Dan Witt, who is the county administrator for Charlotte County, Dan stayed with us and delivered a strong and inspiring testimony for the worship service. Our children have a monthly Sunday afternoon activity that usually takes them on a trip for a fun outing. We are scheduled to have a catered Valentine meal and games on February 15th for the entire family. God never fails to bless us in our endeavors, we continue to pray that our endeavors are pleasing in His sight. God bless the churches as we try to work together in Jesus Name.

MT. TIRZAH: Our church started off the new year with a Men's Prayer Breakfast on Jan. 4, Communion on Jan. 5, and a fellowship dinner and business meeting on Jan. 8. The church is continuing several opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship in the new year, including hosting a 320 Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., prayer meetings on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., and a Men's Prayer Breakfast on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. There is also a new *Gideon: Your Weakness. God's Strength. Bible Study* based on best-selling author Priscilla Shirer's study. The *Gideon* Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and will continue through the third week in February. Several men from the church recently attended the Men's Prayer Advance: More Than Conquerors in Roanoke. Additionally, the church was treated with a performance by the Men's Choir on Jan. 26. As a continuation of our mission efforts to support Operation Christmas Child, Mount Tirzah is collecting items throughout the year. During January and February, the church is collecting hats and gloves in various sizes in gender neutral colors.

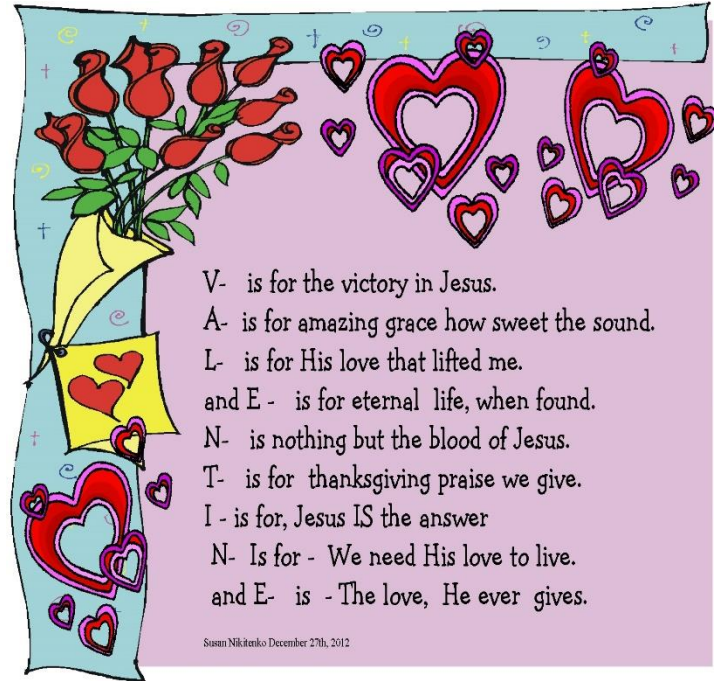
PISGAH: Happy New Year from our church to yours. January has started off with our Community Breakfast on Jan 11th with guest speaker Rev. Gary Stoots, our next breakfast will be February 8th. Speaker will be Rev. James Price. We are excited that 4 members attended a mission trip to Guatemala where they helped to get the schools ready as well as distribute clothes to the town. There will be a special presentation (during worship) on Feb 23 to show slides from the trip and to help everyone to envision what was accomplished there. Pastor Earl Wallace will be on Morning devotions on WFLO on Feb 10-14, March 23-27, April 6-10, May 18-22 & June 15-19. Mark your calendars. There are few new faces to the Choir. Men's Sunday will be February 9th. Come here the wonderful music they have to share. The youth will be attending a Youth Christian Conference in Winston-Salem in Feb. Special music was enjoyed by Robert Foley on Jan. 26th.

SHARON: We express our thanks to Dr. Ben Powers for his faithful service for the last year with us. We have enjoyed having him as our interim pastor. Our church has called Rev. John A. Mann to be our next pastor. He will begin Feb. 16th. We welcome Rev. Mann and his wife Cynthia to our church. They are coming to us from Richmond. We are planning a luncheon on Feb. 16th to welcome them into our church family.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray for the upcoming WMUV Kenya Mission Team, of which Dr. Leroy and Sylvia Bradshaw will be participating. This medical mission team are going to the Mully Children's Family on March 7-15, 2020.

Pray for the SBA churches seeking a pastor: Blackstone Baptist Church and Kenbridge Baptist Church.

Pray for the twenty-three churches in our SBA Association.

Pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministries and Rev. Janice Kiehm, minister.

Pray for IHBA church and their pastor Rev. Connie Gascon.

SBA Associational Calendar

February

- 2 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 9-16 WMU Focus Week
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 BGAV Church & Clergy Tax Seminar, BGAV Office, Henrico, VA., 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 22 WMUV Standing Rock New Volunteer Training and site Leader Meeting

March

- 1 SBA Evangelism Seminar, at Victoria BC, at 3:00 p.m., guest speaker: Roger Roller. Please RSVP to SBA Office by Feb. 27th.
- 1-8 Week of Prayer and Missions Study for North American Missionaries and Annie Armstrong Offering.
- 1-8 CBF Global Missions Offering
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 10 SBA Joy Group Meeting, at Crewe Baptist Church, at 12:00 noon
- 17 SBA Exec. Board Meeting, at Dundas BC, at 6:00 P.M.

