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Serving 23 Churches



March 2019

Thanx to each of you for adding your church's future events to your newsletter article. One of the ways we can grow and fellowship together is to share in the ministries of our different churches, whether it's a revival, a local mission project or any activity where we can worship and/or serve together. And if anyone is being called to venture outside their comfort zone, there are some great opportunities coming up. The Bland Mission trip is scheduled for April 28th through May 4th. Contact Sylvia Bradshaw for more details. Also, we have a request from a church in Marion, VA that wants to host some teams of adults and youth to help with several Vacation Bible Schools in their community. Would any of you want to put a team together, or do you have some youth in your church who would want to participate with another group? Bring those possibilities to the Executive Council Meeting on March 19th and let's make the connections happen. The "harvest is great" and I know we have some laborers ready to "go into all the world" and share the Good News in many ways. Maybe we can't all go, but surely, we can identify and encourage those who can!

Our Association Training Team has scheduled Part 2 of this year's discipleship Training at Burkeville on the 24th of March. We look forward to another great time of fellowship and training with Rev. Greg McCormick from 4:00-5:30 p.m. that Sunday afternoon. It would be wonderful to have each of our 23 churches represented as we explore how we can deepen our understanding and commitment to our mission. Special thanx again to Rev. Woody Fisher and Burkeville for hosting this training.

As we enter the month of March and a time of reflection, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the Easter season, may we be praying for each other and the witness of the Christian church. In a world that seems to have lost so much of the civility it once had, we have such an opportunity for the Church to show the world the love of Christ. Jesus said, "by this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35). It is indeed the challenge of a lifetime, but we can do it, especially if we do it together.

Hope to see you at every opportunity ...

Blessings,
Mike Clay
SBA Moderator



CHURCH NEWS

CREWE: Our church surpassed its goal for the Lottie Moon Christ Offering. Our WMU ladies met on Wednesday, February 6th. They enjoyed a program on "Love" presented by Peggy Stewart. Afterwards we made valentines to send to our shut-ins. As usual we enjoyed a delicious covered dish luncheon. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6th. We will not have a program but will go as a group to the first Lenten service at Ward's Chapel UMC at noon. Our Valentine's Banquet was held on Sunday, February 10th. We entertained ourselves with Karaoke. Many of our members participated and a grand time was had by all. A delicious meal preceded the entertainment. Baptist Men's Supper was held on Tuesday, February 12th. Discussion was continued on SBCV Training for Disaster Relief on Saturday, March 16th, in Lynchburg, or on Saturday, April 13th at Swift Creek Baptist Church, Midlothian, VA. The men also enjoyed a delicious meal. The next supper is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at :00 p.m. The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Thursday, March 7th, at the Crewe Community Center.

Crewe Baptist Church will present the GOING BEYOND Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer on Saturday, April 6th. The Simulcast begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. each and includes lunch and a snack. Visit www.crewebaptist.com for additional information. Our last two Fellowship Dinners have been canceled due to inclement weather. Our next dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th, prior to our Bible Study which begins at 6:30 p.m. The next Joy Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th, at noon at Crewe Baptist Church.

2019 Community Lenten Service Schedule is as follows:

Wed., March 6, Ward's Chapel UMC, Lane Spigener
 Wed., March 13, Lighthouse Church of God, Curtis Hurte
 Wed., March 20, Crewe Christian, Woody Fisher
 Wed., March 27, Bagby Memorial Baptist, Lisa Taylor
 Wed., April 3, Macedonia Baptist Church, Sarah Coleman
 Wed., April 10, Crewe UMC, Jeff Eason
 Wed., April 17, Union Baptist Church, Ibn Munir

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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.

Upcoming Planning Meeting:

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Victoria Restaurant, Victoria, VA

All SBA church WMU Directors/Mission Leaders are invited to join us in a planning session as we work towards getting our WMU back in action and plan for some upcoming events for the near future. We also invite any others who are interested in missions but may not be involved in WMU to come and share how we can best meet the ongoing needs of our Associational mission goals. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

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 will be attending and hope to take a lot of you with me as we travel to South Hill. Give me a call if interested.

Mom & Me:

Date: April 26/27 or April 27/28

Place: Eagle Eyrie

Theme: No Borders: Taking God's Love Everywhere

Mom & Me, and overnight retreat, is designed for grade school girls, their moms and /or adult leaders. All girls are welcome. Meet a Missionary, Make a Craft, Learn a Dance, Study God's Word all while learning to take God's love everywhere. Registration is now open!!

Standing Rock Sewing Project:

The sewing project for this year's Standing Rock mission trip is Backpacks again for the children as they are very popular. A pattern for backpacks is available, but purchased backpacks are inexpensive and acceptable. They are also requesting a nice bag for women to carry groceries and other items when shopping. Please visit the WMUV website for patterns and other details about this project. Your help is much appreciated.

R A Family Weekend:

Date: May 31 - June1, 2019

Place: Kings Dominion

Cost: \$50.00, includes tee shirt and full day at Kings Dominion.

Registration is now OPEN!!!

Collection of CAPS & LIDS:

The collection of plastic caps & lids continues throughout our churches in the state. Flyers have been sent to each of our churches and I hope this is an ongoing project at your church. Collected items may be brought to the Assoc. office or to our spring Assoc. meeting which comes up on April 14, 2019. I will be taking them to CRCC the first of May. Thanks for your help with this project.

Bland Mission Trip:

Date: April 28 - May 4, 2019

Open to ALL Associational members who would like to DO missions

NO COST

Once we receive word from Bland on the needed food items for the food pantry, we will make it known so that churches can help with this project. Your help is greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to join us on this team needs to call Mike Clay or Leroy Bradshaw. WE NEED MORE MEN!!! More details coming soon!!

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

& Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:

Date: March 3 - 10

Emphasis: Sending Hope

WMU leaders should have received a packet for promoting this from WMUV containing prayer guides, envelopes and posters. Please promote this in each of our churches. Remember that 100% of your gifts support North American missionaries and their ministries.



Church News

BLACKSTONE: We held our annual Chili Cook-off on Feb. 23 and raised \$481.60 to donate to the H.E.L.P organization here in Nottoway County. This organization helps residents of Nottoway with food and electric bills. This year's Chili Cook-off winner is Rebekah Brown! We enjoyed lots of different chili pots with fun and fellowship that made it a great evening. We are embarking upon the Lenten Services which will begin on Wednesday, March 13th at noon in the Crenshaw United Methodist Church on Church Street. These services are each Wednesday at noon with lunch to follow the service until April 17th. They request you leave a donation to help cover lunch expenses. We will host a CPR/First Aid class with the Civil Air Patrol on Sat. March 16th from 1:00 till 6:00 in our fellowship hall. The cost is \$60.00 and you will need to call and register as we can only have 15 to a class. This will help those who need a recertification in CPR. Our youth group will be busy during their Spring Break helping to repair a roof on a home of a disabled lady. Our Ladies group will sponsor a baby shower on March 2nd for the Bintz family. The Daniel Plan which is led by Gail Williams will meet each Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Come hear about how to eat healthier. Great things are happening here at Blackstone Baptist Church.

DUNDAS: Our mission projects for this month: The children made Valentines for the residents at Heritage Hall; the collecting of small stuffed animals to be given to the residents at a Rest Home in Nicklesville, VA during our mission trip this summer. Our sympathy is extended to Bernice Wilkinson in the homegoing of her sister Julia Beck who lived to be 96. We are praying for our Home Missionaries who are supported by the Annie Armstrong offering. We will receive this offering March 10th. On March 17th, Rev. Janice Kiehm will be presenting the work of the BCM Ministry. March 31st, James Moore will be our guest speaker.

EUREKA: Our church has had a great start to 2019. With missions projects: offering free firewood to families in need; to Valentine's Day Kid Care, which offered babysitting services so couples could enjoy a quiet evening together; we have been able to share the Gospel with those in our community. Our kids continue to attend AWANA at Tussekiah Baptist Church each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. Please join us at Tussekiah at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23rd for a catfish dinner and skit to raise funds for a Guatemalan Mission Trip. Our Wednesday night Bible study continues its study on Biblical Theology. The WMU remains very active in their mission work as they collect baby items to donate to the Pregnancy Support Center in Farmville. They also visited the center in late-February.

FARMVILLE: Our church is reaching out to the children in the church and community with monthly fun activities. The January activity was a "Movie Night." The evening included more than just watching a movie. The children enjoyed a dinner of pizza and sub sandwiches and making snowflakes out of coffee filters to decorate a winter tree. The big event was watching the movie *Ferdinand* while munching on popcorn. The Rev. Janice Kiehm and children's leader Janett Southall are the organizers of this activity and have indicated that it is a successful mission and outreach activity for FBC. The next fun activity is a "paint party" at 104 Red Door.

JONESBORO: February has been all about LOVE, FELLOWSHIP, MISSIONS, TEACHING AND WORSHIP. In spite of all the rain and wintry conditions, we were thankful to be able to have worship each Sunday in the month, unlike the past two months. Spring can't be far away now and we anxiously await it's arrival. Observance of the Lord's Supper was held on the first Sunday. Our Sunday of LOVE and CHOCOLATES was held on the second Sunday as we celebrated with a Valentine/Sweetheart party following worship beginning with a delicious meal followed by lots of chocolates for dessert and ending with fun games which all seemed to enjoy with special prizes for all. It was a fun time. A box of chocolates and cards were prepared by our young people and delivered to Heritage Hall for each nursing station as a mission project by our youth. We also continue to collect caps and lids for a WMU mission project. A prayer retreat followed worship on

the third Sunday with special prayers for our church family, our community, state and nation. There are so many needs. On Saturday, February 23, we all gathered for a day of fellowship and working as we made a huge pot of stew. The fun began early as we peeled potatoes and onions as our men began the cooking process. Our children were entertained with Bible stories and crafts led by our older youth. It was a fun day as we all gathered around the table and enjoyed our delicious stew that evening for dinner. It is so good to have it available in the freezer for special times as needed in the future. We ended our month with Gideon Sunday as we welcomed a local Gideon to share with us the work of the Gideons and how we could help. A love offering was collected to help with this ministry. It's been a busy month and we praise God for the many blessings He continues to shower on us. We look forward to SPRING and look forward to where He will lead us.

KENBRIDGE: On January 27th we observed Baptist Men's Day with a full choir of men and Ray Elliot, one of our own giving the message on "Jesus Is Calling." We thank him for a great message and his willingness to be our speaker. February 1st the Youth enjoyed a Pizza and movie night with good attendance and fellowship. On February 3rd the Youth sponsored a "Souper Bowl Sunday" collection, which they gave to the Kenbridge Fire Department. A Covered Dish Lunch after the Worship Service on February 17th was enjoyed with good food and fellowship. A delicious Church-Wide Breakfast cooked by the men was enjoyed and there was a good attendance on February 24th. This was also Baptist Women's Day with the ladies in charge of the service. We had a wonderful guest speaker, Katrina Brooks, to bring us a very thoughtful message. Thank you Katrina for sharing with us. We are looking forward to Spring and new opportunities to serve God.

PISGAH: We've enjoyed a quiet January and now it's time to kick February off with events coming up in March. We had Men's Sunday on February 17. The men filled the choir and they were accompanied by guest pianist, Ben Lapp. Breakfast was a wonderful success. The next one will be on March 16th, a week later than usual since our men will be attending the Bible Conference in Ricky Mount, NC. Come enjoy the wonderful food and hear a great message. Rev. Earl Wallace will be on Morning Devotions on WFLO on March 18-22. Robert Foley was our special guest and blessed us with music on Sunday, February 10th. We so enjoy all of these special guests with their amazing talents. Daylight Savings begins March 10th. Don't forget to spring ahead. There will be a Women's Retreat on March 31st at the Church of Christ on Milwood Road from 6-9 pm. Dinner will be served. Please sign up. Spring is approaching faster than we can imagine.

VICTORIA Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 6th, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary. In preparation for Easter and in observance of the season of Lent, there will be an Ash Wednesday Service open to Victoria Baptist and the community to participate. Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. At the conclusion of the service you will be invited to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead reminding you that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent and believe in the Gospel!"

Lunenburg County Concert March 8th 6:40 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. On Friday, March 8, Victoria Baptist Church will host the sixth in the series of community concerts. The evening's entertainment will begin at 6:40 PM with pre-concert music provided by VBC's own pianist, Stacy Sharpe Branch. At 7:00, the evening's concert will commence with a variety of musicians and singers who will share an eclectic mix of secular, contemporary Christian, and gospel music. Those scheduled to perform include the duo of Mark Queensbury and Vern Otey, Lauren Lawson Atkinson, and Steven Hurt & the choir from Cellar Creek Baptist Church.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will take place on Friday, March 15. Victoria Baptist Church is located at the intersection of 8th Street and Washington Avenue. Handicapped parking is available near the side entrance, as is elevator access to the sanctuary level. For more info, please visit the Facebook page of Lunenburg County Community Concerts.



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SBA Associational Calendar

March

- 2 WMU Directors/Mission Leaders Planning Meeting, Victoria Restaurant, 9:00 a.m.
- 3-10 Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Mission.
- 8 Lunenburg County Concert, at Victoria BC, at 6:400 p.m.
- 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.

April

- 5-7 CBF Mission Madness 2 – Bybee’s Road BC, Zion Crossroads, VA.
- 6 Going Beyond Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer, at Crewe BC, 9:00 am to 5:30 p.m., Tickets \$20.00. register at www.crewbaptist.com.
- 14 SBA Spring Meeting, at Eureka Baptist Church, at 3:00 p.m.
- 19 Good Friday
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 26-27 Mom & Me I & II
- 28 SBA Bland Mission Trip

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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.