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Serving 23 Churches



NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2018

I want to thank all of you who were involved in the preparation and in attendance at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Southside Baptist Association. Special thanks to Rev Ted Smith and Ash Camp for hosting us, and to Dr. Sean Lee for a challenging message that will be impacting us in special ways for a long time to come. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration, a time of sincere worship, a time of reflection and commitment to what will be our best days yet as we serve together.

We all have those seasons in our lives that excite special memories and expectations with family and friends. Admittedly, Thanksgiving and Christmas have to be at the top of most of our lists, and rightly so. We have so much to be thankful for, most especially God's gift of Himself to all of us. We normally celebrate from now through the end of the year with many opportunities for the deepest, most wonderful fellowship, and this year should be no exception. With 23 churches in our Association, there will probably be something special going on at least several times each week. What a great opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving, Advent Season, Christmas and all our special events together! So, whatever your church is doing over the next couple of months, in your church or in your community, please make sure you invite the rest of us! It's always better with additional family and friends!

But speaking of invitations, there's another one we need to share. Certainly, for those all around us who do not yet know Christ, His invitation is open and His grace is available and sufficient. Can we be found faithful enough to ensure they receive His invitation this season? And for those of us who already know Christ as our Lord and Savior, can we accept His invitation to know and love Him more? Wherever we are in our walk with Him, He has so much more to reveal and share with us. Even the Apostle Paul said "I want to know (more of) Christ ..." (Phil 3:10a)

There will be many opportunities to come together, to celebrate and pray together. Pastor Rick Warren wrote: "It's important that you know the real God. If you have a misconception about him, then prayer is going to be a duty and drudgery. God doesn't want you to pray out of guilt! He wants you to talk to him because you love him. And you will love him more as you get to know him better through his Word." So let's share the opportunities, and let's share Him more with the world around us. After all, 'tis the season!

Happy Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas! Hope they will be the best ever for each of you. Just remember, we're just too blessed to keep it to ourselves.

Mike Clay
SBA Moderator

PS ... Send your special events to Lois at the SBA office. She will send the announcement/invitation to all our churches so we can worship and serve together!

Baptist Collegiate Ministries Report

What a great weekend we had at Eagle Eyrie Fall Gathering this past weekend! Our BCM students had the opportunity to worship with hundreds of others. Breakout sessions helped students to discern God's voice in their lives. Through music, games, community groups, and time with one another we learned more about what it means to be a Christian in a world that is confusing at times. The focus of our Bible Study/sermon times was on Elijah. We learned Elijah was brave, bold and close to God. Our challenge as we live to share Christ will require us to be willing to trust and be brave in the calling of God to us all. As a BCM group, we are thankful for the opportunity to have Eagle Eyrie as a resource for retreat in spending time with God. We get to have the experience of meeting other college ministries to walk in this life of faith. Do we need sleep? YES, but the nights of sharing our desire to continue to follow God as individuals and a BCM was well worth losing sleep. As always, I thank God for all of you! Thank you for all the many ways you support us.

Serving God Together,
Janice Kiehm



CHURCH NEWS

BLACKSTONE: We are looking forward to the time change and seeing all the leaves change as we prepare for the winter months. Our ladies will attend the Women's Get A Way at Eagle Eyrie the first weekend in November. All churches in Blackstone will participate in a Veteran's Day Service in Seay Park on Sunday, Nov. 11th, at 11:00. There will be a guest speaker, wreath laying and church bells ringing to honor those who have fought for our freedom. You are welcomed to join us at this service. Our Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes have been distributed for our members to fill with nice gifts for children as a mission project. We will hold our annual "In As Much Mission Day" on Saturday, Nov. 10th. One project we have completed, we brought nice warm coats for Nottoway School students and filled hygiene bags for children. We will have the prayer time and snacks in November for the students at Nottoway High School on Wednesdays at 7:55 a.m. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 for those who will not have a special dinner with families. We plan to help prepare the food and serve the meals again this year. Sunday, November 25th we will begin this time of Advent with the Hanging of the Greens Service during worship. December 16th we are planning to go Christmas Caroling and have a party with the residents at Clay's Rest Home. The Blackstone Christmas Parade will be December 14th at 6:00 p.m. Our Youth Group will serve hot chocolate and give away candy canes.

CREWE: On Sunday, October 7th, our annual church picnic was held at the Redford Farm. The Luau theme and the "Crewe Baptist Got Talent" presentation plus the delicious food and time of fellowship made for a wonderful afternoon. Five new members were recently added to the church. The WMU Mission Action for October is a food collection drive in collaboration with World Hunger Sunday and Global Hunger Sunday. Items collected will be delivered to the local community church food bank. Mission Action for November will be Operation Christmas Child. It is that time of the year to pack shoeboxes for distribution around the world. National Collection Week is November 12-18. All packed shoeboxes collected at CBC will be taken to our local drop-off at Blackstone Presbyterian Church. From there they will be taken to Charlotte, NC for distribution. The Baptist Men's Dinner was held on Tuesday, October 9th. The speaker was our Pastor, Dr. Sean Lee. The fellowship dinner for October was held on Wednesday, October 17th, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A time of Bible study followed. Our Fall Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, desserts and lots of candy will be served!

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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.

Update from SBA Day Trip to CRCC:

It was a cloudy, cool, drizzly morning on October 16th as 33 Associational members loaded into 3 of our church vans for a trip to the mountains, and a first for many to CRCC. What a great time of fellowship and sharing we enjoyed as we arrived at CrossRoads by noon and in time for a great lunch in Hunt Hall, meeting Kenny Lane, camp director, and Eric, the chef!! Even though the sun remained hidden behind clouds, the rain had stopped and we enjoyed the cool weather. We missed seeing any leaf change but enjoyed the beautiful fog line on top of the mountain. We visited the Ukrop center, House of Happiness and the cabins before leaving. Everyone really enjoyed the 5 mile journey up the mountain on the narrow road, this will be remembered!! Next stop was Saunders Orchard just a few miles away. Time to purchase apples, pears, pumpkins and even an ice cream cone. It was fun and we arrived safely back at Heritage BC before dark. Special thanks to Heritage, Crewe and Eureka for sharing their vans for our travel, not to mention the trusty drivers. It was a great trip!!

BWA Women's World Day of Prayer:

Date: Monday Nov. 5, 2018

Everyone is encouraged to pause around noon to PRAY for women around the world and to give to Day of Prayer offering.

Week of Prayer for International Missions, Lottie Moon

Offering:

Date: December 2 - 9, 2018

Emphasis: Refugees

Materials should have been received in each of our churches for promoting this and learning about how we can minister to the many refugees coming into our country. Many of our materials this year will be addressing the concerns and the work being done with refugees, watch for this.

Elevator Update for CRCC:

GREAT NEWS: The contract has been signed and work will begin soon with completion expected by next June for the elevator in Hunt Hall.

Bridge the Gap:

Prayerfully consider your financial gift to the Annual Fund between October 1st and December 31, 2018. Help WMUV remain relevant in a constantly changing World!

COOKBOOKS:

Still available but GOING FAST!! Still only \$10.00!!! A great Christmas gift. Thanks for your ongoing help to move these!!



Church News

ASH CAMP: It was a privilege to host the SBA Annual Fall Meeting on October 21st. Most churches were represented and we enjoyed fellowship with a spaghetti dinner afterwards! We sent "Encouragement Boxes" to our 9 college students. October 28th will be our Homecoming with speaker Dr. Michael DuVal. We will have Trunk-or-Treat for a community outreach on October 31st. We look forward to participating in Hands for Christ on November 10th! Kingdom Kids on Wednesday's after school continues to grow. Our church will be a drop-off center for Operation Christmas Child in November. Let's continue to seek opportunities to serve Him!

DRAKES BRANCH: There will be a church-wide Thanksgiving meal and program at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14TH. Luthnch and bingo at Ernie's Restaurant in South Boston on Friday, Nov. 9 is in the plans for the senior saints. Each Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. we are having a study of the Bible with a tour of the Bible lands and learning faith lessons that we can apply to our lives today. We also have a Bible study for the Middle School students from 7:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. ever Wednesday evening. For the adults we have intercessory prayer and theology study group that meets from 7:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 11th we will be honoring our veterans. On Sunday, Nov. 4th DBBC will take part in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. On December 23rd the Christmas cantata will be presented at DBBC. This year's cantata is "Prince of Heaven". Please join us. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and a Blessed Christmas.

DUNDAS: Nov. 3rd, our church is honoring our widows and widowers with a supper at a local restaurant. Nov. 21st, our church is host to the Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. Dec. 15th, our children will have their Christmas program, and light refreshments will follow in the fellowship hall. Dec. 16th, our choir will present a cantata, "Let Earth Receive Her King," during the worship service at 11:00 a.m. A church-wide mission project is under way to donate new toys which will be taken to the young people in western VA.

EUREKA: Our church has exciting news to share! We have the pleasure of hosting a Liberty University student for the next four years. Please be in prayer for Derrick and Maria as they join and serve at our church. Several ladies from the church attended the Extraordinary Women's Conference in Roanoke on October 5th and 6th and enjoyed fellowship with one another. October 20th was a morning of fellowship for several members of the church as we worked together to clean up around the church. The youth continued the work by helping at the home of one of our members. The day ended with a night of fellowship and members gathered to welcome those in the community to try out the field maze. Our church welcomed community members back on the night of October 27th and again on October 31st for a night of fun, which included a trunk or treat. As we look to the holidays, we've already started preparing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child where children across the globe will receive a shoebox full of small gifts and hear the Gospel, many for the first time. Eureka will host the JOY Group on November 13th with a pot luck, devotions, and singing at 12:00 noon. The Eureka Baptist Church family would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

JONESBORO: Our month of October got off to a really good start with a WORK DAY on Saturday, 6th, with much accomplished and grounds looking so much better and lots of cleaning inside the buildings completed. The following day, 7th, we observed the Lord's Supper followed by a Baked Potato luncheon with all the trimmings and then our Annual Harvest Day meeting. It was a full but really good day. Plans were made for our planned Homecoming the following Sunday, 14th, then Hurricane Michael arrived with LOTS of rain and wind, causing lots of power outages throughout the area,

including our church. Thankfully, there was no damage, just lots of mess in the yard. Power remained out from Thursday until Saturday night. Many members gathered again on Saturday to clean up the yard and the decision was made to POSTPONE our Homecoming until November 11th as this suited our guest minister, Rev. Alden Hicks, and our special musicians. This was a first, but it was for the best as water had washed over the Jonesboro Bridge and the road was closed. We look forward to Nov. 11th. The Bradshaw's led an Associational group of 33 on a day trip up to CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center on the 16th. It was much fun and all really enjoyed the cool, beautiful day. The Bradshaw's were away on the 21st as one of our own, Mike Elliott, filled the pulpit. A church member's wedding was held on the 27th, always a fun celebration. World Hunger was recognized on the 28th as we returned our rice bowls containing loose change collected throughout the past year. A "rice" luncheon followed our worship. Following lunch, we celebrated the approaching birth of a son to one of our newest members, Dan and Shana Sherwood, with a baby shower. Another full and fun day! Celebrating Halloween at church is always a good thing and this year we offered hot dogs and trimmings as well as lots of "trick or treat" surprises for the children. We look forward to November with our Homecoming planned as well as Thanksgiving luncheon and the beginning of decorating for Christmas. God is good and we praise Him for His blessings and protection during October.

KENBRIDGE: We recently welcomed Renae Crowder as a new member by letter transfer. Also, two new deacons were ordained, Jerry Barnette and Jason Stokes. We look forward to their position of leadership. We enjoyed hearing the 5th Sunday Men's Choir. As always a real blessing. On October 14th, we had a Ground Breaking ceremony of the new Building Project. The Youth sponsored a Hot Dog luncheon for the entire church on October 21st. Thank you to all who helped to make this a big success. We will be participating in the Community Trunk or Treat activities on October 31st at the Town Hall parking lot. We observed the Alma Hunt Emphasis for the month of September. We are presently preparing Samaritan Shoe Boxes to be collected by November 11th. Church wide we are gathering bags of food for "Thanksgiving for Four" to be distributed by The Lunenburg County Ministries. We continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they seek God's leading in finding the right pastor for our church.

MT. TIRZAH: Our church is busy collecting Operation Christmas Child boxes for this year AND planning the collection for next year to better improve our efforts. We are collecting a different item each month and plan to have a "Christmas in July" packing party so stay tuned for that! Believe it or not, it's also time to start planning for the Christmas play. Meetings have already begun and parts are being casted. Christmas will be here soon! Before then, though, is Thanksgiving, and we are looking forward to be able to provide Thanksgiving boxes to area families in need. This helps support the ability for all families in our area to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Let's all be thankful that we have the means to provide for ourselves and help others. What a blessing! Enjoy Thanksgiving and celebrating Jesus' birthday! 'Til next year....

PISGAH: What a wonderful time of year it is. Our church has a lot going on. Pastor Wallace will be on the morning devotions on November 19-23 and December 24-28 on 870am WFLO. Please tune in for a great message. Community Breakfast will be held on Nov 10th & Dec 8th. Enjoy the food and hear the messages. Operation Christmas Child has been going on all year and now the Youth will be packing the boxes and blessing them. The Youth participated in the Hands for Christ in November. Our Christmas program will be Dec. 8th, at 7:00 p.m. Come join in the fun. Our Youth continue to amaze us with their musical talents. They perform each month for the church while the new instrumental group graces us with their talents. It's wonderful to see our youth attendance and involvement growing. The Thanksgiving Eve Service will be November 21st, at 7:00 p.m. with light refreshments. Christmas Eve service will be December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. Let's all remember the REASON for the SEASON and Praise GOD for everything He's done and will do for us. Merry Christmas!

VICTORIA: Our church will host the next Lunenburg County Community Concert which will be held on Friday, Dec. 14th.

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SBA Associational Calendar

November

- 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 SBA Pastor's Meeting, at Pisgah Baptist Church, at 11:00 a.m.
- 9-10 Virginia Church Library Assoc. Fall Conference at Monument Heights Baptist Church in Richmond. email VAchurchlibrary@gmail.com. for additional information.
- 10 SBA Hands for Christ (for Youth in Grades 6-12). at Heritage Baptist Church in Farmville.
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12-14 BGAV Annual Meeting, at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Glen Allen, VA.
- 13 SBA Joy Group Meeting at Eureka Baptist Church, at 12:00 noon. Bring a covered dish and join us for a good time of food and fellowship.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day – SBA Office Closed.

December

- 2-9 Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Offering.
- 2-9 CBF Global Mission Offering
- 4 SBA Pastor's Meeting, at Pisgah Baptist church, at 11:00 a.m.
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- 25 CHRISTMAS



CHURCH NEWS CONT.

BURKEVILLE: Our church will be hosting it's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 18th starting at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The meal will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, yams, green beans, dessert & drink. No charge for the meal. On Sunday, December 16th, the church choir will be presenting the Christmas cantata in the morning worship service. At 6:00 p.m. that evening our youth will be doing a Christmas program & the choir will perform selections from the cantata. On Sunday, December 23rd, the musical group PolyCeltic will be doing a concert for the morning worship service. The program will feature traditional & celtic Christmas music to the accompaniment of guitar, hammer dulcimer & flute.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The twenty-three churches in our SBA Association.**
- The Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Rev. Janice Kiehm, Minister.**
- 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 Victoria Baptist Church.**