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Serving 23 Churches



November 2019

This Thanksgiving season let us thank God for our roots. Family and friends gather toward the end of this month to take inventory of the plentiful blessings represented in the lives gathered. The cornucopia that is the center piece of many a Thanksgiving table derives its name from the Latin meaning for "horn" and the "copia" which means plenty. To be sure, we thank God that, as members of our Lord's church, we have "received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, and are rooted and built up in him" (Col 2:6-7). We also thank God for nurturing us in a congregation and association that is rooted in the teaching of Love, Grace, Faith, and Scripture. In short, we thank God for being grounded and rooted in Christ alone.

For many people Thanksgiving is a day to dress up in our Fall favorite clothing and cook copious amount of food to share with family and friends. For many Christians Thanksgiving is a time to focus on that which we are most thankful. As the day approaches may we prepare our hearts and minds with an attitude of gratitude. Over the course of the next couple of months we celebrate God's work through his perfect son as the free gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

During the month of November I encourage you to take some time to remember all the people, things and gifts of life for which you are most appreciative. The core teachings of Christian literature can be distilled down to "thanks-living" for the extravagant gift our Savior Jesus and a new life available to us now and in our eternal future. If Thanksgiving is observed properly, it can be argued that it is a dress rehearsal for our eternity with God. "Blessed is the person who will eat at the feast in the Kingdom of God" (Luke 14:14). Be comforted by the fact that God continues to work through all his followers, helping turn others from sin and error so that they might seek refuge and peace in Jesus Christ. Hold tight to the truth that God provides more than we deserve and need and saves us from sin and preserves our life in Christ. Now that is something in which we can be truly grateful.

I remain, In Your Service,

Ronnie Kiehm
SBA Moderator

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR LEGAL SEMINAR:

Sunday, Nov. 17th, 300-4:30 p.m.
Victoria Baptist Church
1423 Eighth Street
Victoria, VA

PRESENTED BY VIRGINIA LEGAL AID SOCIETY
SPONSORED BY
THE SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

This Seminar includes Power of Attorney, Living Wills, HealthCare Power of Attorney and other legal documents. It is a free Seminar but please RSVP to the SBA office at 434-676-2252 with the number from your church that plans to attend this Seminar by Nov. 10th. Thanks!

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On Friday, December 6 @ 7:00 pm, Lunenburg County Community Concerts, together with host site Victoria Baptist Church, will present its annual **Christmas Concert** featuring Patricia Mahaney and Maurice Ellis, along with local student musicians from Central High School's Charger Blues Jazz Ensemble, Charger Saxophone Ensemble, and Charger Brass Ensemble. The Salvation Army—Victoria Unit is the local organization that will be "In the Spotlight." Contributions to their "Kettle Fund" will be gratefully received. Pre-concert piano music will begin at 6:40 pm. Handicapped parking is available near the side entrance, as is elevator access to the sanctuary level. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will take place two weeks later on December 20. For more information and concert-related updates, please visit the Lunenburg County Community Concerts' facebook page or call 434-696-2025.

CHURCH NEWS

BLACKSTONE: Fall has arrived at Blackstone Baptist and this means a new physical year with new committee members and new groups have been put into place. We will move forward with a new Pastor Search Team that has been formed, as Pastor Mat Brown and Rebekah have begun their move to Phoenix, Arizona. We have guest speakers filling our pulpit at the present time. Rev. Dr. Tony Brooks, Rev. Dr. G. C. Harbuck and Rev. Woody Fisher will serve us in November. We will hold a Deacon Ordination on Nov. 10th for Jimmy McDaniel. Several ladies will attend the UMU get a way at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, Va. on Nov. 1st and 2nd. Then we will send messengers to the BGAV annual meeting at Bonsack Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va. The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes have arrived and we are busy packing those boxes as a group. Our Tuesday Prayer Group is busy with an outreach card sending to members and doing bumble bee visits weekly. Our Choir Director, Carter Edmondson is doing a great job getting our music for services as well as preparing our choir for the holidays and choir specials. The Community Thanksgiving Meal will be held on Thanksgiving Day at the Blackstone Primary School and we will be helping with this special event for those who do not have family in the area or that need food. We were able to collect 26 coats for the school children here in Nottoway County. We are so blessed to be able to give back to this community. Please be in prayer for Blackstone Baptist Church as we seek the next pastor that God has in his plans for us.

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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

Friends,

Hope you have been enjoying this beautiful fall weather that God has given us. The brilliant blue fall sky, the colors of autumn; we are so blessed to be serving in this place at this time.

My prayer for you as you go and serve:

Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,

For in You do I trust;

Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,

For I lift up my soul to You. Psalm 143:8

Please be in prayer for the staff and speakers who are participating in the **WOMEN'S GET-AWAY at EAGLE EYRIE**

The theme for the conference is

Make Me Mindful

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and

MIND

Southside Baptist Association will be represented by Sylvia Bradshaw, (Jonesboro BC) Judy Clay, (Blackstone BC) Janet King (Sharon BC) and Marjo Mullins (Heritage BC).

NOV 4, 2019: BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Please let me or the office know if you are planning something at your church for this.

NOV 11-13, 2019: The BGAV Annual Meeting will be at Bonsack Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA

If you are interested in attending see your pastor.

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

DEC. 1-8, 2019 Week of Prayer for International Missions - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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.



CHURCH NEWS

ASH CAMP: We celebrated Pastor Ted's 25th Anniversary at Ash Camp on September 1st with a special service and lunch! We are excited that a new Sunday School class was started "Twenty - thirty five". This was started and is led by their peers and is already growing! Some of our adults and students participated in Hands for Christ and we are getting ready for Trunk or Treat! We are getting ready for Operation Christmas Child. ACBC is a drop off center (Nov. 18-25). You can call the church for exact time and dates. October 27th was our 217th Homecoming! We had a full church with testimonies of members telling "What Ash Camp means to Me"! We also had a dedication of our beautiful Memorial Prayer Garden. Rev. Coan Agee's life was celebrated on October 20th as we remembered Coan and his life that served and honored God, family, church and community. He was the pastor of Ash Camp for 28 years and will always be remembered and missed.

BAGBY: As the holidays approach, we are preparing for Operation Christmas Child, an effort led by the youth group and congregation together. Following a younger turnout at Vacation Bible School this summer, we began a monthly children's program for the younger children that has been well received and attended. The WMU continues to support the children's program and other ministry efforts, including presently a food drive to support our local food bank, Alms House. We are excited to be preparing for a Christmas cantata directed by Sandi Thomas, which will reunite our choir for this special event.

CREWE: Sunday School training was held on October 6 and 13 at 6:00 pm for Sunday School teachers and assistants. More training is scheduled for October 27, November 3 and 17. The Baptist Men's Dinner and mtg. was held on October 8, followed by a Deacons' meeting. The next dinner and meeting are scheduled for November 12 with Deacons' Meeting to follow. Pastor Appreciation Sunday was observed on October 13. The Service was followed by an appreciation dinner. SBA Fall Meeting took place on Sunday, October 20 at 4 p.m. at Crewe Baptist Church, followed by dinner. Crewe Baptist Church sent \$5,000 to the Wells Project. This is enough for two clean water wells! The Crewe Baptist Fall Festival will be held on Thursday, October 31, 5-7 p.m. in the church parking lot. The next meeting of the WMU will be on Wednesday, November 6 at 10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes are due November 10. This project is sponsored by the WMU. The Joy Group meets on Tuesday, November 12th at Eureka Baptist Church at 12 noon. Come join this group of JUST OLDER YOUTH and enjoy a delicious lunch and a time of devotion and singing! There will be no Fellowship Dinners in the months of November and December. Our Thanksgiving Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 24 at 5 p.m. On December 15, our Hand bells Christmas Program will be presented during the worship service. Our Live Nativity will take place each evening, December 16-18. On Saturday, December 21 we will have our annual Christmas Program.

DRAKES BRANCH: Our Church has a full schedule for the month of November. We will be having our Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 20th at 6pm. On Nov. 26th we will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service. We will be honoring our Veterans on Nov. 10 during the Worship Service. DBBC is participating in the Charlotte County Christmas Parents Program and in Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. The Charlotte County Community Choir is practicing for this year's Christmas Cantata entitled "Light and Life". This will be a beautiful presentation and everyone is invited. We would like to wish everyone a beautiful and blessed Thanksgiving.

DUNDAS: Four members from our church attended the SBA Fall Annual Meeting at Crewe Baptist Church. We had one boy accept the Lord as his Savior, and two adults join our church during the month of Oct. Praise the Lord! The widows & widowers of our church will be treated to a meal at Moes Restaurant on Sat. Nov. 2, 2019. The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Perseverance Church in Dundas Wednesday, Nov. 27th, at 7:00 p.m. Our choir will have the special music. Our church will prepare Thanksgiving meals to share with those in need. Our two WMU groups will meet during November to prepare gift boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child and gifts for the children in South West Virginia. What a blessing it is to have the opportunity to give through-out the year.

EUREKA: What an exciting time for Eureka Baptist Church. We just celebrated 100 years on October 6 with a wonderful worship service, tree planting, and lunch. It was a great time of fellowship and looking towards the future and celebrating all God has done and continues to do at Eureka. We've started collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and look forward to this time every year as we know children all over the world will hear the gospel, some for the first time in their lives. Our ladies met for the second time for their study on biblical womanhood, which has been a blessing to everyone. We are discovering God's purpose for men and women and striving to become that person for God's glory alone. The study is True Woman 101: Divine Design by Mary Kassian and Nancy Leigh DeMoss and comes highly recommended! Our men are set to complete their study on biblical manhood soon (The Resolution for Men by Stephen Kendrick). The two studies complement one another well. Again, please continue to pray for our 10-member mission team that will travel to Guatemala with the gospel in January.

JONESBORO: October was a busy month as we welcomed fall and all the busy but fun times together. Our month began with breakfast and quarterly harvest day meeting on the first Sunday. A "surprise" birthday party was pulled off for one of our members, Betty Quinn, as many out of town family members were in attendance for a very special evening for a special lady. And she was SURPRISED!! Many preparations created a wonderful HOMECOMING on the second Sunday as we welcomed the Old Time Gospel Singers to provide special music and retired missionaries, Jerry and Kathy Parker, joined us to bring a wonderful message. Following the service, we all enjoyed a time of fellowship as we gathered around the table for a delicious luncheon. The weather was perfect, and we really enjoyed the special day. Several members attended the SBA Fall meeting held at Crewe BC on the 20th. A Fall Festival was enjoyed on the 26th as we gathered to enjoy games, movies, food

and a little "trick or treating" by the children. World Hunger was observed on the 27th as we returned our "rice bowls", filled with change for our special offering. A RICE luncheon followed worship. Shoeboxes have been given out to be filled and returned by Nov. 24th for Operation Christmas Child. It's been a busy but good month and we look forward to all the happenings coming in November and December. Happy Fall!!

KENBRIDGE: This is a busy time of the year with the holidays fast approaching along with many opportunities to serve others. Our WOM is sponsoring several projects that are open to the entire church. We are preparing shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Collecting items for an Assisted Living Facility in the county, collecting an annual offering for the Chaplain Christmas Offering. We are also preparing bags of food for a Thanksgiving meal for 4. The food will be taken to Lunenburg Ministries to be distributed. October 17th, we served a meal to the BCM at Longwood. On October 20th, following the worship service we enjoyed a potluck luncheon with good food and fellowship. Plans are being made to have a Movie Night once a month at the church, which is open to all. Watch for date and time. Come join us for a good time of fellowship. This year we are planning to have a living nativity that will include animals and a choir. The ladies are meeting on the second Monday of each month for lunch and prayer at Mildred's Meals at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us. We congratulate the Central High School Golf Team for being the runner-up in the tournament which included three of our members. Our church will be participating in the community Trunk or Treat Halloween. In September some of our ladies prepared recipes from the Association Cookbook for Arts and Crafts show.

PISGAH: Happy Thanksgiving. OH what a busy month October was. Let's get under way. Our community breakfast was held on Oct 12 and approx. 40 were served. Brock Robinson of Spring Creek Baptist Church brought the message. Next breakfast will be held Saturday, November 9. Pastor Earl Wallace will be on Morning Devotions on WFLO 11/25-11/29. The youth hasn't slowed down at all. They had a food/bake sale at the Farmers Daughter during their Fall Festival. Pisgah hosted the Hands for Christ event this year. There were approx. 60-70 that participated in helping the surrounding communities. A wonderful effort by all the churches involved. Pastor Earl Wallace was the speaker at Revival for Sharon Baptist in Darvils VA from Oct 20-23. Special congratulations to our member Morgan Bowen at her wedding to David Thompson. Special music was enjoyed by Robert Foley on Oct 13 and Charlie Knapp on Oct 27. Sharon Baptist will be hosting the Rice Thanksgiving Service, Wed. Nov 27th at 7:00, Pastor to speak. We are wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. Colossians 3:17- **And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

SHARON: STEW AT SHARON BC, Sunday, Nov. 24th, Immediately following our morning service. You are welcome to join us for the 11:00 worship service or just come for the stew. Everything is provided and we hope to see you! We will have salad, corn bread, desserts and other goodies to go along with the stew.

UNION GROVE: On Sept. 14th, we enjoyed Movie Night that began with a pizza supper. The children had a great time outside with the Heasleys while the movie was playing. Homecoming was Sept. 29th. So many came that seating was close to capacity. Much work went into preparing the church, outside and inside, for this special day. The front of the church was beautifully decorated for Fall. The guest musicians, The Trinity Quartet, gave a great concert of Southern Gospel music. They closed with one of their long-time members giving his testimony of how he had grown up in church, knew all the right words and actions, but had never come to Christ for salvation. Hearts were touched by his admission and how he came to the Lord. After the service everyone enjoyed a great time of food, fun and fellowship with family and friends. Homecoming is always a special day at our church. Next year will be a milestone-the 125th Anniversary. Christmas is right around the corner and donations for our Piedmont Regional jail outreach to the female inmates and the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are steadily coming in. The church also supports the Lottie Moon Fund and the Gideons International. It is good to spread the Gospel anywhere possible!

VICTORIA: Our church is having their Hanging of the Greens Service on Sunday, Dec. 1st, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, refreshments will be served following the service. SBA is sponsoring a Legal Seminar at our church on Nov. 17th, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Lunenburg Community Concerts is having their Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 6th at 7:00 p.m.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST

SBA Associational Calendar

November

- 1-3 Women's Get-Away Conference Center
Eagle Eyrie Conference Center.
- 3 Daylight Savings Time ends.
- 4 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 11-13 BGAV Annual Mtg., Bonsack BC, Roanoke, VA
- 12 SBA Joy Group Meeting, at Eureka Baptist
Church, at 12:00 noon.
- 17 Legal Documents Seminar, Victoria BC,
3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Please RSVP to SBA Office
(434) 676-2252 by Nov. 10th.
- 28 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 1-8 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for
International Missions.
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day

Church Reporters:

Please send your December/January church news
articles for the SBA Newsletter to the office by the
deadline November 25, 2019. Thanks!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

The twenty-three churches in our SBA Association.

Sympathy extended to Mrs. Velda Agee and family as
Coan went home to be with the Lord Oct. 17th.

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

Rev. Connie Gascon, pastor of IHBA.

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

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

Mrs. Shirley Wallace, wife of Rev. Earl Wallace, pastor of
Pisgah Baptist Church.

The following churches in the SBA seeking a pastor:
Blackstone Baptist Church, Burkeville Baptist Church,
Kenbridge Baptist Church and Sharon Baptist Church.
