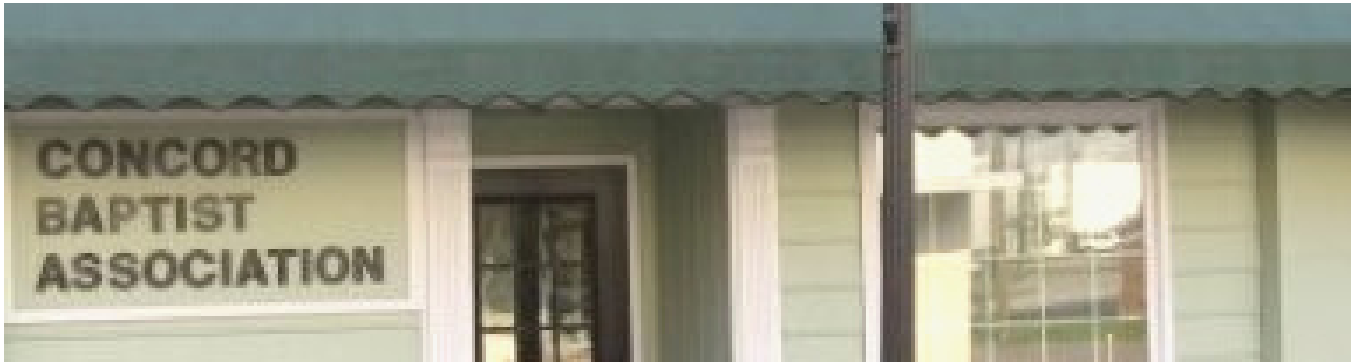


# Concord GRAPEVINE

“SERVING THIRTY LOCAL CHURCHES”



## Comments from our COM

**MIKAYLA BARNES**

Dear Concord Baptist Association Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone's new year is starting on the right foot. Something I am trying to implement in my new year is openness to change, knowing that God is with me through new paths this year and to not let fear affect God's plan for me.

First, I would like to invite you all to our CBA Open House on February 9, 2023! All are welcome to stop by for refreshments, fellowship and see some updates to the office. Open House will be open during the following times: 9:00-11:00AM; 1:00-4:00PM; and 5:00-7:00PM with a small presentation at 6:00PM. I hope to meet many new faces and fellowship with those I have already gotten to meet!

Second, please follow our Concord Baptist Association Facebook page! All association information will be shared on Facebook. Also, any office updates or changes will be posted. If you have information you would like shared, feel free to send it to us!

Next, keep a lookout for information and registration for a Disaster Response training CBA will be hosting this spring to prepare us for Impact Mecklenburg. Training will consist of of the following: Intro to DR, Feeding, Cleanup, Crew Chief and child abuse prevention.

Last, for now, my CBA email is [mbarnes@concordbaptistassoc.org](mailto:mbarnes@concordbaptistassoc.org). Please email me or the [office@concordbaptistassoc.org](mailto:office@concordbaptistassoc.org) email to reach us! The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. I am very excited for this year and all that we will do in God's name!

God Bless,  
Mikayla Barnes



### BIRTHDAYS

REV. GENE BURRIS - 02/14  
REV. CHARLES DAVIS - 02/15

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

REV. & MRS. RODNEY  
SPEARS - 02/04



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ALL CBA NEWS, FOLLOW  
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**

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## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

- 06** State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00PM, CBA
- 07** Impact Committee, 6:00PM
- 09** CBA Open House
- 12-18** WMU Focus Week
- 16** Discipleship Committee, 7:00PM
- 25** Camp Concord Clean-Up Day

### MARCH

- 05-11** Week of Prayer for the American Missions/Annie Armstrong
- 06** State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00PM, CBA
- 14** Impact Committee, 6:00PM
- 16** Executive Team Meeting, 7:00PM
- 21** Pastor's Conference, 12:00PM; Lunch Provided
- 25** Camp Concord Clean-Up Day

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH HILL INVITES YOU TO THE FIRST MOVIE NIGHT!**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AT 7:00PM**  
**MOVIE WILL BE "FENCED OFF"**  
**LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR CAN BE COMPLICATED**  
**NO SNACKS PROVIDED**  
**NO FOOD IN THE SANCTUARY**  
**DRINKS ARE ALLOWED WITH LIDS**  
**PLEASE COME AND ENJOY!**

### **LIGHT THE NIGHT MINISTRIES' CAMP REFUEL MARCH 24-26, 2023**

One of the coolest things Light the Night is able to do is offer an action packed Jesus filled weekend for a ridiculous low price at Camp Willow Springs in Littleton, NC! This is a perfect time for youth groups to connect deeper with each other as well as for students who may not have a youth group to experience Christ in an incredible way! Registrations are beginning to roll in!

### **LIGHT THE NIGHT MINISTRIES PRESENTS "THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE"**

Have you and your students ever experienced loss? Wondered where God was in the midst of tragedy? On this night our speaker Bill Lester from Carson Va will share a story of the tragic loss of their only son who left behind a young family of his own. After a time of deep suffering God allowed Bill and his wife Rosemary finally let go and gave it to God who walked with them every step of the way. God continues to use Bill and Rosemary to remind people that they are never alone!

Doors Open at 6pm: Every Light the Night begins with hang-time, snacks, games, and time to connect!  
 Dinner Menu: Hot Dog Bar & Sides! (Dinner begins at 6:20pm) Dessert: Brownies & Ice Cream  
 Service: Youth Group Fun, Worship, Message and more!

\*\*\*Light the Night Gatherings are geared towards students, but we WELCOME the whole family to come and experience it together!

# CBA News

## IMPACT MECKLENBURG JUNE 25 - JULY 1

We are excited to partner with the BGAV and Impact Missions to bring another Impact Mission Camps to our area this summer! Around 200 students will come to our area to complete home repairs and other projects in the name of Jesus. This will be a community effort with the Concord Baptist Association teaming with the Mecklenburg County School System, the BGAV and other community churches. Volunteers will be needed. Impact's goal is to see this one week experience as a spring board, preparing your students for what God might do through your group when you go back home. Laurie Wright or Mikayla Barnes would love to come to your church to speak on Impact and to answer any questions you may have. Please contact them to schedule a Sunday that they can speak to your church. Laurie's contact number is 434-774-7947 or email at lauriewright5749@gmail.com Please plan to get involved as there are many areas to serve in with this mission outreach.

## Financial Report

### CBA CONTRIBUTIONS

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
AVERETT	4,807.98	0.00	700.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	249.00	300.00
BETHEL	1,700.00	0.00	200.00
BETHESDA	2,600.00	1,465.00	1,300.00
BLACK BRANCH	499.81	0.00	0.00
BOYDTON	1,000.00	0.00	1,300.00
CLARKSVILLE	1,256.29	0.00	2,106.29
CONCORD	5,733.55	537.00	500.00
EBENEZER	750.00	170.00	0.00
EPHESUS	1,125.00	675.00	1,060.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	2,000.00	352.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	1,200.00	0.00	1,896.00
GRAVEL HILL	800.00	221.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	9,438.72	220.00	800.00
JEFFRESS	960.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	1,979.57	425.00	200.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	1,544.67	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	1,578.56	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	3,000.00	365.00	1,109.00
MOUNT VERNON	1,116.61	40.00	200.00
HEW HOPE	6,283.83	0.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	8,766.92	0.00	8,766.92
REEDY CREEK	200.00	100.00	0.00
SANFORD MEMORIAL	4,352.91	0.00	1,243.72
TABERNACLE	3,198.68	100.00	285.00
UNION CHAPEL	4,882.10	0.00	3,905.67
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	200.00	140.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	900.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>77,875.20</b>	<b>5,059.00</b>	<b>27,872.60</b>

TOTAL CBA BUDGET FOR YEAR 2022: \$91,824.00

## BGAV NEWS

### APPLY FOR A BGAV SCHOLARSHIP (COLLEGE, MINISTERIAL, AND MORE!)

THE FOLLOWING BGAV SCHOLARSHIP AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
- ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS
- MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUNDS
- NONTRADITIONAL MINISTRY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS
- CHURCH INTERNSHIP GRANTS

FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR, BGAV AWARDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO 43 DESERVING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND AWARDED MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUNDS TO 17 STUDENTS PURSUING MINISTRY DEGREES. VIEW PHOTOS OF THESE RECIPIENTS IN THE WINTER 2023 ISSUE OF BGAV EXPRESS, AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

COULD YOU BE ONE OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS? GET MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY TODAY. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 12:00 P.M. NOON ON APRIL 1, 2023.

LEARN MORE AT [BGAV.ORG](http://BGAV.ORG)

# BGAV

A network of churches  
for missions & ministry

**Camp Concord (State Line) will be having monthly clean-up days every fourth Saturday to prepare for camp this summer. All are welcome to join! Next dates are February 25th and March 25th from 9:00AM to Noon.**

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS GOAL OF \$10,000 TO BE DIVIDED AMONG THE FOLLOWING:

• FOREIGN MISSIONS	20 %
• STATE LINE/CAMP CONCORD	30 %
• IMPACT MISSION CAMPS	20 %
• CBA LOCAL MISSIONS	25 %
• DISASTER RELIEF	5 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## Church News

### EPHESUS

Ephesus had a wonderful November and December, beginning with our Senior Adult Ministry luncheon at Wilson's on November 14th. The church held the Hanging of the Green service on the 27th. The sanctuary looked so pretty with all the decorations and poinsettias that were given in honor or memory of loved ones. There were over thirty of those beautiful plants. The Women Missionary Union met at Luca's on December 6th for our Christmas luncheon. The Senior Adult Ministry met again on December 12th, and the guest speaker was Ann Hardin. She had a lovely program based on the story of the Gifts of the Magi. Our Nativity service was held on December 18th, a service that featured the children of the church. We also served Holy Communion at the end of the service. We had worship service on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day. We continue to donate to the Lottie Moon Offering and to the Bread Box, as well as the Selah Center. We pray always that the gospel will speed ahead rapidly and be honored and we wish all of our sister churches the very best in the new year. May Christ be lifted up and be the object of our worship.

### LAWRENCEVILLE

Happy New Year to all. Lawrenceville Baptist had a wonderful and meaningful Christmas with a special day of song and bells and goodies, a peaceful and beautiful Christmas Eve service and a nice Christmas day service as well. Into the New Year, we are pursuing a full time pastor but lucky enough to have Rev. Brad Antill as our speaker for the month of January.

On January 14, we celebrated another year and honored Phyllis and W. Jr. Brockwell as they celebrated 70 (yes--70) years of marriage on January 10, 2023. This couple has served LBC in many capacities over the years and been an integral part in the success of the ministry of the church. Best wishes to this special, special couple and many more.

### LA CROSSE

Lacrosse Baptist Church is looking forward to a Blessed New Year!

In the last several months we have welcomed eight new members to our Church family! We are delighted to have Bill & Cheryl Doherty, Jimmy & Pam Ezell, Ray & Patsy Kennedy and Buck & Rachael Gittman join by transfer of church letters.

We began the New Year by celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, January 1, 2023. The following Sunday, January 8, the WMU met after Worship Service for a light lunch and to pack totes for victims of house fires. We included such items as blankets, wash cloths, soap, towels, toiletries, knit caps, socks, stuffed animals for children, and other items. These totes will be distributed to local Fire Departments. The WMU will be meeting the first Sunday of each month after Worship Service. Baptist Men's Sunday will take place on January 26. The men of the church will be in charge of the service.

We continue to have Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Pastor Craig Duck will lead in a study in the book of Hebrews. Pastor Duck and his wife, Holly, will visit Pineview Rest Home each Monday at 3 pm involving the residents in singing, devotionals, playing games, and fellowship. Each week on Thursday Pastor Duck will host a Discipleship Training Class in the church office at noon.

Beginning Sunday, February 5, LaCrosse Baptist will have a contemporary Worship Service at 9 am, followed by Sunday School at 9:45 am, and a regular service at 11 am. On Sunday, February 19, Mrs. Janet Williams, widow of our former pastor, Tom Williams, will be our guest speaker for WMU Sunday. We are delighted to have Janet come and join with us.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to two very special ladies in our church, Mrs. Ruth Lynch who is 94 years old and Mrs. Ruth Walker is 95 years old. Both ladies continue to be an inspiration to us all!

## FIRST, SOUTH HILL

First Baptist Church in South Hill had a busy holiday season. The choir presented the cantata "Born a Savior, Born a King" on Dec 11th and finished 2022 with a communion and candlelight service. The next day, Christmas Day, we celebrated the birth of our savior with music, prayer, and meditation. Many service projects were done including stuffing 45 shoe boxes for Bland County, VA, about 40 stockings for the John Northington Workshop, our Care Ministry delivered prayer afghans and visited with church and community members sharing God's love.

First Christian School also had a busy holiday season and is looking forward to the second half of the school year. 2023 looks to be an exciting year. Some of these activities will include movie nights, game nights, and special mission activities. We are still in the planning stages to have children and youth activities. In addition, we will be involved in community activities helping to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. All activities will be posted on our Facebook page.

## MOUNT HOREB

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, from Mt. Horeb Baptist Church. The last Sunday in January, we will be graced by Mr. Ken Vaiden singing the gospel with lunch to follow.

Our youth will have Movie night from 4:30 to 6:30 on Sunday January 22nd with supper following (grades 6 thru 12) and games for grades K to 5th grade with supper following. In February, on the 11th we will have our annual Deacons Mission Valentine's Supper from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$18.00 per person which covers steak, baked potato, salad, dessert, and drink. You can eat in or take out. The money raised will be used for Deacon's Mission projects in our neighborhood. Deacons have the tickets if you would like to attend.

Our pastor will be preaching on Signs of the New Birth, The Love of God in Salvation, The Life Changing Meeting, and Jesus Christ-Prophet, Priest, and King. All our services are to the glory of God.

## OLIVE BRANCH

We enjoyed a great Christmas season celebrating Jesus' birth! We had special services on December 18th, 24th and 25th. We thank God we had \$3000 in gifts for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering which surpassed our goal.

The new year has begun well too. We had a baptism and Lord's Supper service on January 8th. Three people were baptized who also joined the church. January 8th was also commitment Sunday for our sanctuary renovation. We had a goal to raise \$150,000 in pledges and gifts. Praise God we raised \$157,000. We plan to begin a complete sanctuary renovation in March and be done before the summer.

Our youth finished 2022 by having a Christmas party on December 14th and attending a Light the Night event on December 29th. Thirty-five of them went on a winter retreat to Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg January 13-15th.

Our children's ministry is hosting Another Level Basketball again this year. Another Level Basketball is each Saturday in January and February for children in K-5th grade. This year we have almost 200 children participating. In addition to playing a game each week, the children hear a devotion from one of our pastors.

Our ministry to senior adults, METS, continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month. Each month when they meet, they have a devotion, a guest speaker and a meal. They also take three trips a year. Their next one will be in the spring.

In January our WOM (Women on Mission) our collecting items for a missions trip a church member and others are taking to Honduras with Vessels of Mercy. The focus of the trip will be visiting some rural villages that need water filtration systems and they will also be providing VBS items at two of the locations.

**OLIVE BRANCH cont.**

Ruth McDonald from the Selah Center spoke in our services on January 15th about the mission of the Selah Center and how we can help support their ministry to all parents and especially mothers considering an abortion. Pastor Wayne will be preaching from the book of Job in January and February and we will have a special Another Level Basketball Sunday on February 19th. We will also have a new members class on January 22nd.

You can always find out what is going on at Olive Branch Baptist Church by going to our website, obbcblackridge.com, viewing our church app on your mobile device, following us on Facebook, or watching our worship services on YouTube.

**AVERETT**

In November we held our shoebox packing party for Bland County. We are proud to say that we were able to send 230 shoeboxes, 14 gift bags, 1 large box of children's books, and 1 large box of assorted items. We are once again sponsoring the collection of items for the Bland County shoebox ministry and have already put our collection box out. In December the youth gave fruit baskets to all widows in our church. Our youth Christmas play, "Amazing Love - God's Gift to All" was held on December 18th followed by refreshments being served in the fellowship hall along with a visit from Santa. A youth leader meeting is being scheduled soon to make plans for the upcoming months. The RA's continue to meet and will be having their first meeting on Wednesday, January 25th at 7pm.

Adults on Mission met January 3rd at 7:00 PM. Four of the ladies from the Young Women's Bible Study group joined us. It was decided at the meeting to ask the church to join us in donating items for the Selah Center in recognition of Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 22nd. This will be our mission project for January and February. We will meet again in February on the 6th at 3:00 PM. Young at Heart met Monday, January 9th.

**AVERETT cont.**

We had a guest speaker who talked about home security systems. Young at Heart will meet Monday, February 13th, at noon. We always have a great time of fellowship and food. January started off with ten people from church volunteering at the Clarksville Food Pantry. We had the joy of being able to serve 60+ families. February 6th we have doughnuts and coffee in the fellowship hall 9:15-9:45. Sunday school opening assembly will follow with Sunday school starting at 10:00 AM. Worship service begins at 11:00 AM. If you cannot join us in the church sanctuary for worship, it can also be viewed on facebook live and listened to in the church parking lot on 88.7 FM. Pastor Jimmy will be finishing up our Bible study on the book of Genesis in January and we will begin studying the book of Ephesians next. Study books are available. Wednesday night Bible study is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. It can be viewed on facebook live. The Young Women's Bible Study group continues to meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Averett has the pleasure of joining the residents of Clarksville Health and Rehab every third Sunday for a time of worship and song. We wish everyone a healthy and happy 2023.

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