



From Our DOM
Rev. Joe McDowell



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"Serving Thirty Local Churches"

Dear Association Members,
This is certainly an uneasy time we are living in. The Coronavirus has made our present and our near future uncertain. Will we be able to have church? Will we be able to have that mission trip? Will we be able to meet on Easter Sunday? Many events and programs have been cancelled and it appears we will be cancelling events that are scheduled in the not too distant future. Can you believe some grocery store shelves have been emptied? Amazing! As Christians we need to be prudent in our actions and our planning, but God calls us to live with courage, not with fear. In the worst of times and in the best of times, God is with us. Whatever we face, God is with us and He wants us to live in the blessings He has for us and to live in a manner that will bring Him glory. Romans 8:35–39 (ESV) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us rise to the occasion and help where we can—whether it is food delivered to someone who is sick, going to the drug store to get needed medicine for someone, or helping with yardwork that someone cannot do—whatever the good work God has planned in advance for us to do (Eph 2:10). Let us do all for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). If our churches cannot meet in person, be sure to keep up with each other through phone calls, text, emails, etc. Pray for each other and for those suffering with illness and/or quarantine. Pastor, if your church has the ability to record sermons, preach your sermon on a day before Sunday and post it on your church's website or Facebook page for your congregation and other believers to listen on Sunday. Even if we cannot meet in person, we can still work together as a church and we can continue to hear and respond to the word of God. We can use technology in a wonderful way during these uncertain times. Blessings to you all! Joe McDowell
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Items we are collecting for Jamaica Mission Trip:

- Tools:** heavy-duty brick towels, paint brushes, framing hammers, heavy electrical cords, new power tools, drill bits and screw bits.
- School Supplies:** Backpacks, black composition books, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, glue, rulers, scissors, tape and construction paper.
- Medicine:** Adult and children's cold medicine, pain reliever, anti-fungus cream, pin worm medicine, vitamins, gauze, Band-Aids, antibiotic creams, bandages, muscle rub, cough syrup, first aid kits.
- Housewares:** all sizes bed sheets, pillowcases, towels and small washcloths, hard plastic plates and bowls, silverware, pots and pans, dish towels, irons.
- Clothes:** Gently used or new; children clothes (especially boys'), new underwear and socks, infant clothes, men's pants, adult clothes.
- Miscellaneous:** AAA, AA, C and D size batteries, watches, radios, toys, padlocks, hats, jewelry, soccer balls, flashlights, gallon size Ziploc bags, purses, bags (especially huge, oversized bags and purses), neckties and duct tape.



CBA CALENDAR

(CBA = Concord Baptist Association, South Hill)
(All meetings at CBA unless otherwise noted)



- 06 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- 07 Youth/Discipleship Committee, 7:00 PM, CBA**
- 12 Easter Sunday**
- 13 Easter Monday (CBA Office closed for Holiday)**
- 16 Administration & Finance Committees, 7:00 PM**
- 21 Missions/Evangelism Committee, 6:30 PM, CBA**
- 23 Executive Team Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA OFFICE**
- 28 WMU Annual Meeting, 10:30 AM, La Crosse Baptist**
- 24 Fresh Expressions, 6:30 PM, Olive Branch Baptist**



- 03-08 SWVA Missions Trip**
- 04 State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00**
- 10 Mother's Day**
- 14 Nominating Committee**
- 19 Pastor's Conference, 12 PM, CBA, Lunch Provided**
- 17-24 Associational Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer**
- 21 Discipleship Committee, 7:00 PM, CBA**
- 25 Memorial Day (CBA Office closed for holiday)**
- 30- 6/6 Jamaica Mission Trip**

CBA MEETINGS

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 7:00 PM

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 7, 2020, 7:00 PM

MISSIONS/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 6:30 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEES

Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Officers, Chairpersons of committees, Pastors, and church lay person (representative) from each church (visitors always welcome) will meet together on **Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:00 PM, CBA**

WMU Annual Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
10:30 AM
La Crosse Baptist Church

CBA CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH March 2020

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
AVERETT	1201.98	0.00	600.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	0.00	300.00
BETHEL	1,700.00	0.00	200.00
BETHESDA	2,600.00	0.00	0.00
BLACK BRANCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOYDTON	0.00	0.00	0.00
CLARKSVILLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONCORD	1,037.95	0.00	0.00
EBENEZER	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPHESUS	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRAVEL HILL	800.00	0.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	0.00	0.00	0.00
JEFFRESS	195.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	472.00	0.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	471.98	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	394.64	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	0.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	468.39	0.00	0.00
NEW HOPE	1,271.12	0.00	0.00
OLIVE BRANCH	1,179.66	0.00	1,179.66
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	1,096.04	0.00	313.15
TABERNACLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNION CHAPEL	1,253.93	0.00	1,003.14
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	0.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER	5,973.76	0.00	709.24
TOTAL	27,116.45	0.00	4,536.71



Total CBA Budget for Year: \$104,179.00

Budget Fund Needs to Date: \$30,247.37

Budget Income to Date: \$27,116.45



Birthdays

Mrs. Brandy Brown – April 11

Minister Anniversaries

Rev. Kristen White – April 1

Rev. Jeffrey Withers – April 1

Rev. Jackie Wray – April 5

Wedding Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Donnie Edmonds – April 28

Church News

Please be in prayer for all our churches especially those without pastors at this time

Church news is due on the 15th of every month

Antioch

In the midst of all that is happening in our world right now, Antioch decided to cancel all events for two weeks. Instead of gathering in person, we are looking for creative ways to share God's love (for example, phone calls to check in with one another, encouraging others, prayer times each day for one another and our world). We are hopeful to be back to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter together in the following ways:

Maundy Thursday service - Thursday, April 9 at 6:30pm
Easter Party (all are welcome! There will be an egg hunt for the children) - Friday, April 10 at 5:30pm

Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Service - 6:30am
Church Family Breakfast - 7:00am
Sunday School - 8:00am
Worship - 9:00am

Our Thursday night Bible Study group just finished an intense 8-week study called "One Minute After You Die." When this group resumes, we will spend several weeks on "The Mayberry Bible Study," using clips from The Andy Griffith Show as discussion starters.

Plans are being made for Antioch's VBS, Rocky Railway. All are welcome to join us for this adventure! We will meet on Friday, June 26 (5:30-8pm), Saturday, June 27 (10am-2pm), and on Sunday, June 28 we will have a celebration during worship and follow with a cookout for all who are present that day.

We continue to pray for all of our sister churches and our community and world as we navigate these challenging days.

Averett

March has been a busy month at Averett. March 6, 7 & 8 was a called weekend for Rev. Jimmy Garland. Saturday, March 7, we held a covered dish meal so everyone could have an opportunity to fellowship with Jimmy and his wife, Vanessa. Rev. Garland delivered the message Sunday morning after which the church voted to call him to be the pastor at Averett. We are looking forward to Rev. Garland and Vanessa being a part of our church family. We are grateful to Rev. Mike Bowen who has filled the pulpit during this time of transition.

Looking ahead - April begins with Adults on Mission meeting Monday, April 6, at 3:00 PM in the fellowship

hall. Young at Heart will meet Wednesday, April 8, at noon. Happy Easter! Remember, Jesus died on the cross for us and on the third day arose from the tomb. Thank you Jesus!

Boydton

Our year started with the launch of Celebrate Recovery. It is a Christ-centered recovery program that is for any hurt, hang-up, or habit. Anyone over the age of 18 can attend this program. We have the Solid Rock Cafe from 6-6:30 PM where we serve dinner and have fellowship with one another. This is followed by the Large Group Meeting from 6:30 - 7:30 PM where we gather to worship the Lord and also hear a lesson or a testimony. Then from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, we have our Open-Share Groups that are gender specific. We also offer the Newcomers 101 class where a newcomer learns more about Celebrate Recovery and only goes through that class once. So if you are looking for a great recovery program or if you want to attend to learn more about it, come to Boydton Baptist on Monday nights starting at 6 PM. It doesn't matter what hurt, hang-up, or habit you face, all are welcome! You can also look us up on Facebook by liking the page, Celebrate Recovery - Boydton.

Our church voted in February to begin building an extension for the church that will house three new classrooms and two bathrooms. The church is blessed to have members who have donated to help cover most of the cost of this extension and we are hoping to have the remaining cost covered by the time the extension is complete. Groundbreaking has begun and the hope is that the extension will be finished by the start of the next school year. When this happens, we will be hosting a Dedication Service as we will name the extension after two of our members who are huge supporters of our Preschool, John and Audrey Murdock. We will let the public know later this summer when we will have the Dedication Service.

Pastor Jeffrey and the Deacons are in the beginning stages of discussing a new evangelism strategy for the church. This is a part of Pastor Jeffrey's Doctoral Studies as he is writing a Ministry Project on developing an evangelism strategy. However, both the pastor and deacons feel that we can improve in this area as a church. Over the next few months, Pastor Jeffrey and the Deacons will meet to discuss and pray where God is leading us to continue to reach our community for Christ! God has also blessed us with decisions for Christ! In the month of February, we have had 3 people make decisions for Christ and will enter the baptismal waters and we have

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had one other person join us by transfer of letter and is heavily involved with our Celebrate Recovery ministry. We will have the Southern Gospel Group "Unashamed" at our church on Sunday, March 29th during our 11 AM Service. We will be collecting a love offering to support their ministry during the service.

We are also planning our Holy Week Services as well in cooperation with Boydton and Rehoboth United Methodist Churches. Please check out our Facebook page for details later this month.

God has certainly blessed us with allowing us to help our community and have had decisions for Christ! We look forward to seeing what God will do with us in the future!

Ephesus

Now that Daylight Savings Time is here, our plan is to begin our Wednesday night Bible Study on March 18th at 6 PM. Our Senior Adult Ministry was held at the church on March 9th, with St. Patrick's Day decorations and Frank Malone as our speaker. As usual, it was nice to be brought up to date on all the happenings in South Hill, and enjoy a delicious lunch of Brunswick stew and great side dishes and desserts. The WMU ladies on the Leadership Team met at PineView on the 10th, where we had crafts and refreshments with a St. Patrick's Day theme as well. We contributed 83 items to the Bread Box for the month of February and are collecting cans of vegetables for March. Our youth meet at 7 PM in the Family Life Center on Wednesday evenings. Looking ahead, we will have our Maundy Thursday service on the 9th of April at 7 PM.

First, Chase City

First Baptist Church, Chase city hosted a Lenten Service on March 11th with Pastor Michael Blythe of Salem and Shilo Methodist churches as the guest speaker. It was very well attended. The church's Hostess Committee served a light lunch following the service. The annual Deacons Banquet was held on March 14th, which honored those who rotated off the Fellowship. On March 15th, John and Carol Bowman announced they were joining First Baptist Church. The Chase City Ministerial Association is planning a community Easter Egg Hunt to be held at MacCullam-More Museum and Gardens on Sat., April 11th starting at 11:00am.

First, South Hill

We are now searching for an Interim Pastor. We thank Joe McDowell for ably filling in as our former Interim Pastor. His service to our church has been a blessing.

Many church events and activities are now uncertain due to the shutdown of many community activities, school closings, and social gatherings. We are thankful that we are Baptists who can decide for themselves how to conduct their activities weighing in on opinions and risks without intervention from an established chain of command that other denominations may experience. Each Baptist church is free to decide for itself whether or not to hold services and other activities. There is no right or wrong decision and each church is different with church members and leaders doing what is best for their respective churches.

We welcome J.D. Rimon as our church pianist and Brayden Cole as our music director, both of whom received 100% of the votes from our congregation. Our goal for this year's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$500.00 and we are now well on our way towards that goal.

James Square

The Brotherhood served a delicious churchwide breakfast on Sunday, March 1st. The Brotherhood members are busy preparing for their annual BBQ Chicken Dinner on Saturday, April 4, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 from any member. Profits to be used for their mission projects.

The WMU mission projects are "full speed ahead"! The BYW circle is honoring senior members on Sunday, March 15th, with a "Senior Sunday Fun Day" with a luncheon and time of fellowship following morning services. The Annie Armstrong Offering being collected now has almost reached our goal the first Sunday. James Square members will begin collecting items for the CBA Jamaica Mission Trip.

James Square and the community churches will have Holy Week Services again this year the week before Easter (April 6 – 10) at 12:00 Noon each day. Plans are being finalized. This allows our Baptist, Christian and Methodist churches in Southside to worship together for Holy Week.

La Crosse

La Crosse Baptist Church looks forward to hosting the Annual Associational WMU Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with lunch at 12 noon. Sarah Hubble will be our guest speaker and Becky Kidd from Ephesus Baptist Church will bring our special music. Our church is gathering "Hope Tree" items which will be brought to this meeting for disposition. Unfortunately, we

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found it necessary to cancel the Smokey Wilson concert scheduled for Sunday, March 22, due to the Coronavirus. We plan to reschedule at a later date and time and will notify all churches. Our pastor, Korey Henry, has put a Coronavirus Action Plan in place for our church. This plan includes 3 phases. The first phase involves using common sense by practicing social distancing. In Phase two, if there is a case of the virus in the counties of Mecklenburg, Brunswick, or Lunenburg, all meetings and gatherings will be suspended except for the 11 a.m. Worship service on Sundays. Older adults and those with underlying health issues are strongly advised to stay home and worship. If there is a state or national quarantine, Phase three is implemented meaning all public services are cancelled and all members worship at home. We want to keep everyone safe during this difficult time. Philippians 4:6 reminds us, "Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Beginning in April, the C.A.'s are preparing for "Operation Christmas Child". They, along with the church members will be collecting items for the Christmas boxes every month through August at which they will celebrate "Christmas in August". Have a Blessed Easter!

Lawrenceville

Lawrenceville Baptist Church had a wonderful Soup and Sandwich luncheon on March 8 after services. Special guest was Rev. Randy Spencer of Liberty University who spoke with the congregation about the future of the church. With the concerns of the corona-virus, LBC is contenting to hold services as of this time. Everyone should take precautions but also remember God is in control. LBC is looking forward to the upcoming Easter Celebrations. Plans are for a Sunrise Service on April 12 at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast to follow. The LLL club will have a devotional event on Friday, April 17 at 11 a.m. A covered dish luncheon is planned so bring an item. Meat and beverage will be provided.

Sanford Memorial

Sanford Memorial Baptist Church is a growing body of baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who are concerned with spreading the love of Christ to those around us. Lately, we have been focused on adding more information to our website and will add features such as on-line giving and recorded sermons. The pastor,

Stephen Kendrick, has been in prayer regarding the future the Lord has in store for our congregation. I have been working on a vision for the church and am in the process of discovering the direction God has for us. I am certain that the Lord has great plans ahead for Sanford Memorial Baptist Church and we are working to discover those plans and implement them. We have also been monitoring the coronavirus and will continue to seek the Lord's direction in regards to whether or not to have services. We are also taking precautions against the virus by not shaking hands and hugging others.

Union Chapel

Union Chapel had Spring Revival during the week of March 8th - 11th. Rev. Nathan Cobb was the guest speaker.

The church is supporting at least two members of Union Chapel who plan to participate with the associational mission group traveling to Jamaica this spring. The church safety meeting scheduled for March 29th at Union Chapel has been postponed to a later date which has not been set.

WMU News Betty Lou Jackson

I am thankful for caring children but there is no place like home! I am here! I have saw on the deck and looked at my huge oak tree. I know it will soon be putting out thick green leaves and housing birds and squirrels. I left in September with flowers still blooming and now they will soon bloom again. I love plants and flowers and look forwarding to working with them again this year. As we prepare for our spring activities, remember Hope Tree and the collections of personal hygiene items. We are all so fortunate to have our needs provided and lovingly like to reach out to help others. Put on your list: Deceased members to your area ,send this to your director or to me. Annie Armstrong offering to help mission's activities in North American missionaries. Always remember to reach out to your neighbors and your fellow church members. God Bless you! Betty Lou

We're
ThankFUL
for
YOU!

*Many Thanks to the volunteers
who helped with the March Grapevine:
JoAnn Bowers and Karen Harris*



Camp Concord Dates

- ✚ 2nd-3rd grade weekend-June 5-7
- ✚ Day Camp-June 13
- ✚ Teen Life Week-June 14-19
- ✚ Missions Week-June 21-26
- ✚ 2nd-3rd grade week-June 28-July 1
- ✚ Music Week-July 5-10
- ✚ Boys Week-July 12-17
- ✚ Young Ladies Retreat-July 17-19
- ✚ Girls Week-July 19-24
- ✚ Father/ Son Weekend-July 24-25

Camp Concord News

It's hard to believe, but summer will be here before you know it and we are already getting ready for camp!! Dates are being planned for the months of June and July. If you know of any children who are camp age, please encourage them to come. We have opportunities for Preschool through 12th grade. We are in need of directors, camp pastors, counselors and a lifeguard. We can always use volunteers to help prepare the camp for the summer. A wish list will be sent to all churches in the association, if you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry. This is a tremendous help in keeping the cost of the camp at a minimum. This allows many children to come who may not have the opportunity.

If your church is interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry, please contact the association office or Wanda Williamson at 434-917-0960. We appreciate all the help that has made this camp a success, and what God wants it to be!

Wish List for Camp Concord- 2020

- Napkins, Toilet tissue, first aid supplies
- Storage and Freezer bags (pint and quart)
- Plastic (sturdy) forks, spoons, knives
- Small 5 or 8 oz cups

- Styrofoam bowls (12 oz)
- Flat plates and 3 compartment plates (sturdy)
- Take out 3 compartment trays
- Paper towels
- Large dish detergent
- Bottled water (large and small)
- Sunny Delight Large Jugs: original flavor
- Great Value brand large jugs apple juice
- Canisters of Country Time Lemonade and Fruit Punch Kool-Aid
- Individual wrapped snacks: cookies, donuts, chips, candy bars, cheese balls, cereal bars, salted peanuts, chex mix
- Large tubs of ice cream: vanilla and chocolate
- Variety of cake mixes
- Variety of 2-liter drinks
- Twist room deodorizers
- Lysol Air freshener (clean linen scent)
- Fresh fruit and vegetables, (tomatoes, small cucumbers, cabbage, strawberries, blueberries)

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