



From Our DOM
Rev. Joe McDowell

Dear Association Members,

COVID restrictions are fading. Our churches and the Association are making steps to return to some form of normal, as written in the “Church News” section of this edition.

The Fall Meeting will be the Association’s first large scale in-person gathering since COVID hit in full force in March of 2020. The Fall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26 at Bethany.

Rebecca Newton left Concord Baptist Association (CBA) employment in mid-May to begin a new career. She is a Part C/Early Intervention Service Coordinator for the Southside Behavioral Health Agency. Rebecca’s new position is utilizing her degree and is very rewarding. Rebecca is sorely missed at CBA.

The Administrative/Finance Committee members have been working with me to find a new Ministry Assistant. I am happy to report that Claire Lucy will be coming onboard Monday, July 26. I am very pleased to have connected with Claire and I feel she will be excellent in the Ministry Assistant role.

I want to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Sandra Ittner. Sandra has jumped in to help the Association in many ways—primarily with our finances. I don’t know what we would have done without her help!

Camp Concord is going very well this summer. Wanda Williamson and the Stateline Board of Directors worked hard and wonderfully, adjusting to ever-changing guidelines. Our directors and camp counselors are great! I have the privilege of being the pastor for both girls’ weeks, both boys’ weeks and to direct the older boys’ week.

As I think of the many ways our churches showed creativity and resilience over the past 16 months, I believe our Lord is pleased. I am very thankful to be in His magnificent service with all of you!

As we move forward in the latter half of 2021, our committees will be spinning up to full speed. Pray for them as they seek God’s will. Our Nominating Committee is busy filling our committees with needed members.

I pray we will be able to return to Jamaica in 2022. We have an attic filled with full suitcases ready to be taken to Harmons, Jamaica. Pray for God to open the door for us to return.

Remember, I am here to be a resource to both churches and individuals as you seek God’s best. I am certified

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from our DOM (continued)...

as a Congregational Coach and as a Christian Leadership Coach. I can assist your church as you seek God’s direction. I can assist married couples find the relationship God intends for you to have. I can assist individual growth through coaching. I would be thrilled to walk alongside you as you discover God’s good, pleasing, and perfect will.

In Christ,
Joe

RISE AGAINST HUNGER
Saturday, September 18, 10AM-Noon
Ephesus Baptist Church

Needed: Donations and Volunteers
Donation Goal: \$3,451.68 – Volunteer Goal: Googol
Contact: Nathan Cobb, nlcobb13@live.com

ANNUAL FALL MEETING
Tuesday, October 26, 7PM
Bethany Baptist Church

Our 1st, Large Scale, In-Person Meeting since COVID
Make plans to attend!

IMPACT MECKLENBURG (Summer) 2022

Calling all churches to get involved! Committees and commitments are forming. Informational Meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 6:30PM, CBA Office. Butch Meredith, BGAV, will discuss ‘all things’ construction for IMPACT Mecklenburg ’22. Everyone is invited to attend and hear about the exciting ministry opportunity coming to our area next summer. Contact Laurie Wright for more questions - lauriewright5749@gmail.com. More details to come!

SWVA PARTNERSHIP MISSION TRIP

Sunday May 1 — Friday May 6, 2022

Areas to Serve:

Construction Workers and/or Food Pantry Helpers

Willing hearts and hands

CAMP CONCORD REPORT

God is good! Camp is open and at this time we have had 4 amazing sessions! Due to COVID restrictions, we have had to limit the number of campers who could attend each session to 25. We have been close to that number, or have reached it for each session. More sessions have been available for campers to choose from and each session has lasted from Sunday through Wednesday evening. This has worked out well! Even though we were disappointed we could not have camp last year, God has shown us different and maybe better ways for the camp to operate. The campers who have attended are so attentive and eager to hear God's Word! Many of the young people are already talking about coming back next year! The staff (directors, counselors, kitchen staff and the board) have all worked hard to make this a memorable and safe summer for the campers. Your prayers and gifts are appreciated more than you will ever realize! Thank you for your continued support as we strive to teach our children and youth about Jesus.

Wanda Williamson

Theme: Hope – Jeremiah 29:11

August - Remaining Camp Weeks:

Boys Week -Grades 4-5, August 1-4: Cost-\$70

Boys Week -Grades 6-8, August 8-11: Cost-\$70

Father/Son Weekend, August 13-14: Cost-\$20

Brochures and information available at the Association Office.

INVESTORS CLUB

Investors play an important role in the operations of Camp Concord through annual giving. It is through support we are able each year to maintain and improve the buildings, programs and ministries of Camp Concord. The State Line Board of Directors deeply appreciates your donations. In 2019 (pre-COVID) nearly 250 campers attended Camp Concord. We had numerous rededications during the season. Many campers were able to attend because of your support through camperships. Would you consider investing in the future of our children by first of all, praying; and then, giving financially?

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION for 2021

Name _____

Address _____

Amount of Contribution:

\$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other Amount \$ _____

Annual investors' dinner, Saturday, September 18, 2021.

CHAPLAIN MINISTRY – The Need for Chaplains

By Craig Duck

The average person seldom thinks about the need for chaplains. The fast-paced life most Americans lead leaves little time to think of others. George Washington, a native Virginian, and firefighter with the Alexandria Fire Department, understood the need for those serving under him to have chaplains available. He, along with the Continental Congress allowed for one chaplain per Regiment and sought out "persons of good character and exemplary lives" to fill those positions (Founders Archives General Orders, 9 July 1776).

Today's firefighters and first responders serve in challenging and stressful times.

Gone are the days when firefighters and first responders were looked upon as heroes. Many firefighters today quietly struggle with the stresses of the profession and are crying out for help. Suicide is on the rise and for the first time more firefighters have died because of suicide than from line of duty deaths. Divorce is higher than any other profession and alcohol and drug abuse is at alarming numbers. The need for chaplains still exists.

Small town America, while it struggles to hold on to Christian values, is a tougher place for first responders to serve in. Answering an alarm at 2:00 in the morning after working all day can exhaust even the healthiest of people. Our first responders must then deal with the ugliest of situations, even knowing the people they are responding to help. After the alarm members then return home and try to go to sleep with images of the incident still in their heads. Where can firefighters and first responders turn for help? To many in America chaplains are available to work through those issues that are threatening their faith. This is not the case in Southside, Virginia.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. Isaiah 61:1-3

Not every fire department, rescue squad, dispatch center, and police agency have a chaplain available to help. The Fellowship of Christian Firefighters International desires to start a chaplain ministry in this local area. Are you willing to serve? Local church members can serve as chaplains right here in Virginia, serving God by serving others in need. If you would like to learn more about becoming a chaplain, contact Craig Duck at FCFmissionary@gmail.com. Together, let's fulfill the Great Commission and minister to first responders.

CBA CALENDAR

August

- 02 State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7PM, CBA
- 19 Discipleship Committee, 7PM, CBA



- 06 Labor Day (CBA Office closed for holiday)
- TBD State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7PM, CBA
- 12-19 Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer
- 14 Pastor's Conference/Lunch, 12Noon, CBA

OCTOBER

- 04 State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7PM, CBA
- 14 Administration & Finance Committees, 7PM, CBA
- 19 Missions/Evangelism Committee, 6:30 PM, CBA
- 21 Executive Team Meeting, 7PM, CBA
- 26 Concord Baptist Association Fall Meeting, 5PM, Liberty Baptist Church

CBA MEETINGS

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 19, 2021, 7PM

MISSIONS/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 6:30 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEES

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 7PM

EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Officers, Chairpersons of committees, Pastors, and church lay person (representative) from each church (visitors always welcome) will meet together on **Thursday, October 21, 2021, 7PM, CBA.**

CBA CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH June 2021			
CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	1500.00	0.00	1,250.00
AVERETT	2,404.00	707.00	700.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	0.00	300.00
BETHEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETHESDA	0.00	1,375.00	0.00
BLACK BRANCH	533.58	0.00	0.00
BOYDTON	1,000.00	0.00	1,300.00
CLARKSVILLE	516.70	40.00	1,016.70
CONCORD	1,899.45	0.00	500.00
EBENEZER	0.00	345.00	0.00
EPHESUS	750.00	0.00	960.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	1,000.02	334.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	600.00	605.00	948.00
GRAVEL HILL	800.00	370.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	3,196.50	460.00	750.00
JEFFRESS	480.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	1,352.05	245.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	1,136.95	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	1,183.92	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	380.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	865.93	75.00	200.00
NEW HOPE	2,492.18	445.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	3,718.80	210.00	4,891.06
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	2,925.20	266.00	835.98
TABERNACLE	1,514.70	370.00	55.00
UNION CHAPEL	2,169.66	0.00	1,735.72
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	210.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	900.00	110.00	0.00



Total CBA Budget for Year: \$104,179.00

Ministers'

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Rev. Jackie Wray – August 12
Rev. Donnie Edmonds – August 30

Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Michael Reynolds – August 7
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen DeOrnellas – August 9
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Guynn – August 11
Rev. & Mrs. Ronnie Campbell – August 16

Church News

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

Church news is due on the 15th of every month

Bethel

We celebrated all the fathers on July 20 with a drive-thru luncheon. All the men were given a gift bag. We had one graduate, Nick Abernathy, to graduate from Bluestone High School this summer. Congratulations to Nick. Wed. morning Bible studies are from 10-11AM. We are studying through the book "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel. The evening Bible study is from 6:30-7:30PM and we are studying through the book of Revelations. The WOM are starting back up meeting after over a year off due to the pandemic. Worship services have been increasing inside the church for the past three weeks. The sermons are still available on the radio for those who still feel comfortable outside. Phillip Pritchett, our Chairman of the Deacons will be having back surgery in Charlottesville on July 16. We lift him up to the Lord that all will go well and Phillip will be rid of the excruciating pain he has been in for several weeks. We are very saddened by the loss of one of our members who was a real sweet and caring person, Justin "Hank" Williams, son of Horace and Wanda Williams and grandson of Stone and Frances Breedlove. Our hearts go out to the family during this most difficult time in their lives. The Bethel church family will miss Hank very much also. On Aug. 14 we will have our annual church picnic at the church and it will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a wonderful meal and have games for the children and adults. We thank God for providing us with the opportunity in trying to get back to doing the things we were not able to do last year. We are in the planning stages of having the Women's Retreat this year. We really missed having it last year and not being able to have fellowship with all the ladies from other churches. Details will be coming up soon for all the churches. We continue to give God all the praise and glory.

Ephesus

Ephesus enjoyed a very nice Mother's Day at which time we had a Parent/Child dedication during the morning worship service. Three little ones were dedicated to the Lord, with the parents and congregation affirming their commitment to help nurture these children as they grow in their understanding of the ways of God. We had been

collecting for the Selah Center in Clarksville with a "baby bottle" in the entrance table for that purpose. As of Father's Day, we were able to send more than \$400 to that ministry. We also support them through the WMU with our regular donations each quarter. On June 13, we were happy to welcome two new members who came by transfer of letter. We plan to hold VBS from 6-8PM, Aug. 13-14. It was good to get back in the sanctuary a few weeks ago after so many months in the Family Life Center, but thank our God we had that nice facility to use in the meantime. We will have our Senior Adult Meeting in the Family Life Center on July 12, with a box lunch from Subway for our meal.

New Hope

New Hope Baptist Church is in full swing since Sunday, July 4; Sunday School at 10AM and Church Services at 11AM. It is great to see our friends and participate in Sunday School once again!
Check Out New Hope's Facebook page and FM Station 88.1.



*Thanks to the volunteers
who help with the Grapevine and who serve the
Association in many capacities.*

GRAPEVINE

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Suggestions and news contributions welcomed

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