



**From Our DOM**  
**Rev. Joe McDowell**

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***“Serving Thirty Local Churches”***

Dear Association Members,

“Twenty, Twenty” is here. It’s kinda fun to and easy to say, isn’t it? -- “Twenty, Twenty.” I believe Twenty, twenty is going to be a great year for our Association. We will continue the missions and ministries we have been doing and I hope we will see some new missions developing. One in particular that I am very excited about is the possibility of having an Impact Mission Camp HERE, in our area in 2021. We have much to do in order to accomplish this, but the BGAV has agreed for us to pursue this opportunity. The Mission/Evangelism Committee will form a sub-committee to work on this mission project.

We have two “3-Circles” evangelism training seminars already scheduled for 2020. Our hope is for 80% of our membership to be trained within the next two years. In 2019, we had four regional training seminars and three specific training seminars.

Our regional trainings:

- Ephesus: 5 people trained
- Boydton: 3 people trained
- Liberty: 12 people trained
- Tabernacle: 15 people trained

Specific trainings:

- Lawrenceville Baptist: 25 people trained
- First Baptist Church, South Hill: 10 people trained
- The Jamaica Mission Team: 10 people trained

Eighty people were trained to use the “3-Circles” evangelism method. Plan to attend a “3-Circles” training this year!

The 2020 regional training seminars are scheduled for:

- Sunday, March 8 -- 2:30PM to 4:30PM at Antioch Baptist Church.
- Wednesday March 18 -- 7:00PM to 8:30PM at Mount Horeb Baptist Church. Dinner will be served at 6:15PM

At least two additional regional trainings will be scheduled in 2020. Also, if your church would like to have a specific training, this can be scheduled, also.

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For more details on the seminars currently scheduled, see more information in this edition of “The Grapevine.” You can also check the Association website and Facebook page.

The Southwest Virginia Mission trip is scheduled for May 3 through May 8. This is a wonderful mission trip that is hosted by The Southwest Virginia Partnership. An informational meeting will be scheduled in the not too distant future. If you are interested in this trip, we hope to see you at the meeting. Also, visit The Southwest Virginia Partnership website:

<https://www.swvpartnership.org/about.html>

The Mission trip to Jamaica is scheduled for May 30 through June 6. At the time of this writing, we have 20 people signed up. We are hoping to take 30. Pray about going! This is a great trip for people ages 13 and up. It is a wonderful experience for family members to share together. This year, I am taking my daughter and four of my grandchildren--I’m so excited! The experience in Jamaica is life-changing! Words cannot express the experience of completing a trip like this with your child and/or grandchild.

We will have an informational meeting for the Jamaica trip on Sunday, February 16, 2:30PM at the Association office. Pray about attending this meeting. Also, take a look at the ‘Won by One to Jamaica’ website:

<https://www.wonbyonetojamaica.com>. For a list of items that we are collecting for the Jamaica Mission Trip please see page 6.

The Camp Concord summer schedule can be found in this edition of “The Grapevine.” Our camp is exceptional! Children who attend our camps love them. There is fun, fun, fun! It’s all about Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Everything is done to make it possible for children and young people to come to faith in Christ or to deepen their relationship with

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Him. Pass the word about Camp Concord. Send your children and/or encourage your grandchildren to attend. Camp Concord can truly make a difference in the lives of those who come.

In the spring, we will be hosting a "Fresh Expressions" workshop. "Fresh Expressions" seeks to help churches find new and innovative ways to reach people in their community. It does not matter where your church is located or what the demographic of your church is, you can find a "fresh" way to "express" the gospel. This workshop will be held at Olive Branch Baptist Church on Friday, April 24 at 6:30PM. I pray every church in our Association will have someone in addition to the pastor attending this seminar. The impact of what is shared through this workshop could impact our entire region for Christ. I encourage you to attend!

I am thankful to be in His service with you,  
Joe

**We have two 3-Circles Trainings set:**

- 1. March 8 (Sunday) at 2:30 PM at Antioch. Rev Kirsten White, Pastor**
- 2. March 18 (Wednesday Evening) 6:15PM Dinner, 7 PM Training at Mount Horeb. Grover Cleveland, Pastor**

**CBA CALENDAR**

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



- 03 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- 04 Youth Committee, 7:00 PM, CBA**
- 10-16 WMU Focus Week**
- 20 Discipleship Committee, 7:00 PM, CBA**



- 01-08 Week of Prayer for North American Missions, and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**
- 02 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- 10 Pastor's Conference, 12:00 PM (Noon), CBA, Lunch Provided**

**CBA MEETINGS**

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 7:00 PM

**DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 20, 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**

**CBA CONTRIBUTIONS**

**CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH December 2019**

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
AVERETT	4,807.92	1,235.00	700.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	500.00	300.00
BETHEL	1,700.00	268.00	200.00
BETHESDA	2,170.00	0.00	300.00
BLACK BRANCH	975.74	50.00	487.87
BOYDTON	2,000.00	400.00	2,600.00
CLARKSVILLE	2,524.91	1,240.00	1,080.00
CONCORD	4,313.96	530.00	500.00
EBENEZER	1,500.00	170.00	0.00
EPHESUS	2,000.00	545.00	2,267.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	1,864.66	342.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	1,200.00	1,215.00	1,896.00
GRAVEL HILL	700.00	385.00	800.00
JAMES SQUARE	6,556.56	500.00	700.00
JEFFRESS	780.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	2,801.53	269.00	100.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	3,158.03	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	2,170.52	0.00	500.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	310.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	2,866.90	225.00	100.00
NEW HOPE	5,375.15	555.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	6,724.88	0.00	6,724.88
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	6,219.25	321.00	1,776.90
TABERNACLE	2,537.79	340.00	384.51
UNION CHAPEL	4,736.15	0.00	3,788.94
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	0.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	800.00	210.00	100.00
OTHER	0.00	0.00	22,472.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78,983.95</b>	<b>9,610.00</b>	<b>50,317.34</b>



**Total CBA Budget for Year: \$99,510.00**

**Budget Fund Needs to Date: \$95,364.48**

**Budget Income to Date: \$78,983.95**



### Birthdays

Mrs. Sarah Guynn – February 1  
Dr. Thomas Cribb – February 5  
Mrs. Rebecca Newton – February 16  
Mrs. Mary Propst – February 29

### Wedding Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Rodney Spears – February 4  
Rev. & Mrs. Larry Propst – February 7

## Church News

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

**Church news is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month**

### Antioch

Our celebration of Christ's birth was an inspirational time of praising God and giving to others:

- (1) Collection of shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child.
- (2) Donations to "Birthday for Jesus" to enable The Gideons International to purchase more Bibles to spread the gospel around the world.
- (3) Bright red poinsettias adorning our sanctuary "in memory of" and "in honor of" loved ones
- (4) Contributions to Charlotte County Christmas Parents (under the Salvation Army) to provide Christmas gifts for less fortunate children.
- (5) Christmas caroling to spread Christmas cheer to some of our homebound folks and other Antioch members
- (6) Making a difference for Jesus with our donations to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions
- (7) The lighting of the advent candle each Sunday in December and the responsive readings that corresponded with each.
- (8) The awesome production entitled, "How the Grinch Found the Christ in Christmas" presented by the children of the church. Kudos to all the young actors, actresses and singers who put in hours of practice; and a special thanks to Erin Davis and Aimee Adams for directing the play.
- (9) The Christmas Eve time of worship, communion and candlelight service

The year 2020 is getting off to a great start with the ordination of Jeanne Newcomb as deacon. Jeanne received a towel with her name on it as a reminder of the servant leadership that Christ embodied and calls us to live out as well. She will be serving a three-year term. We also thanked God for our two deacons who have just completed their terms. Donnie Newcomb and Scott Winn have served us faithfully!

On Epiphany Sunday (January 6) each person worshiping with us received a star with a word to focus on and pray about throughout the year. Some saw a connection to their lives immediately, while others will continue to ponder its meaning for them throughout the year. We pray that each person will draw nearer to God in a new way.

January's ACC luncheon and meeting was a wonderful birthday celebration for all of those who attended. Our next ACC luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 19. All are welcome to join us.

Join us on Friday, February 7, for Family Movie Night. After eating dinner (please bring a side dish/dessert to share), we will watch an inspirational movie together. This is a great opportunity to bring family members, friends, and neighbors.

Our annual soup luncheon will be held in February, on a Sunday following the worship service. We always look forward to sampling the variety of homemade soups and filling our dessert plates with sweet treats prepared by our spectacular cooks.

Kristen's office hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to schedule an appointment may call 434-735-8101.

### Averett

The Fundraising committee will be sponsoring a Soup & Sandwich Supper on Saturday, February 1st followed by a Dessert auction. The cost for the meal is a donation with proceeds being used for future church projects. Our annual church-wide trip to the Pizza Inn in Henderson, NC was held on Sunday, January 19th at 5 pm. This is a youth sponsored event with all of our youth's meals being paid for. Youth Sunday is scheduled for March 1st. Our youth will be in charge of both the Sunday School and Worship services.

Our OCC Trivia Night fundraiser was great fun! We received all funds to ship OCC 219 shoeboxes. Averett Baptist packed 200 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes in November 2019. Glory to God! Children in Action was busy in 2019 with various acts including food pantry

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shopping/donations and in November they assisted with the cranberry sauce cups for the Thanksgiving Community Meal. 2020 is going to be an exciting year full of activities for Children in Action. Baptist Men's Day will be Sunday, February 2nd. The men will be preparing and serving breakfast for the church before Sunday School at 8:00 AM. The men will also lead the service and a special guest speaker will deliver the message. We were pleased to collect \$1060.00 for our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Our AOM mission project for January is collecting items for the Selah Center. We are fortunate to have them in our community. AOM will meet Monday, February 3rd, at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Our AOM Focus Sunday is February 16th. Our guest speaker will be Sharon Capps. She will be sharing pictures from one of her mission trips. Movie Night is Friday, February 7th, 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Our Young at Heart had our Christmas party December 11th in the fellowship hall. We enjoyed good food, fellowship and games. We will meet Wednesday, February 12th, at noon. Join us for a time of good food and fellowship. Rev. Mike Bowen is filling the pulpit as we continue our search for a new pastor. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's guidance in our search.

### Bethel

Dec. 8 we had a Deacon ordination for our new deacon Tommy Nemeth.

We celebrated Christmas with our play on Sunday, Dec 15 and our luncheon on Dec. 22.

Dec. 31 we had a New Year's Eve game night. Many games were played and we enjoyed many delicious snacks.

On Friday, February 14 the Baptist Men will be taking all the widows and widowers out for the annual Valentine's lunch.

On Sunday, February 16 we will have a Valentine's luncheon following the worship services. We wish everyone a Happy New Year and may God bless you and your family and church.

### Ephesus

After a wonderful Christmas season of special Sunday Services and musical events, we are starting the New Year with hope for a peaceful 2020. We were able to donate 52 items to the Bread Box in November and 54 for the month of December. On Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, our Senior Adult Ministry will meet at Wilson's and have a guest speaker from the Selah Center in Clarksville who

will bring our program. They have a need for baby items and we will have "shower gifts" to present to them for their ministry. Some of the ladies from our WMU Leadership Team meet at PineView on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 pm for a program, simple crafts and refreshments. Our Youth continue to meet at 7 pm on Wednesday nights for basketball and devotions. In addition, we will have our annual Valentine's Day banquet on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### First, Chase City

Thanks to Connie Tucker, our Choir Director, and her combined Choir, we had another awesome Cantata performance in December. We also welcomed a new member in December, Alden Fahringer. Our Special Activities Committee planned a Fellowship Soup Dinner for the end of January and is planning a Valentine's Lunch for the church in February. We thank the Deacons who rotated off of the fellowship for their service; Roger Bailey, Stanley Conner, and David Keim. A banquet is being planned in their honor.

### James Square

Said goodbye to 2019 on a good note! Shoebox ministry for Bland County, VA was a success and hope it will bring joy to each child when they open it, as it was also a joy to us as we filled it. Exceeded our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Ten boxes were filled with a turkey and all the fixings and delivered within the community. Both the Children's Program and the Choir's Christmas Cantata, "Come Let Us Adore" lifted our spirit's as we celebrated the birth of our Savior with our church family.

As we begin 2020 the WMU are making plans to celebrate missions at James Square. Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> will be Focus on WMU Day. Our speaker will be Robin R. King, a wife, mother and grandmother who makes a home in Durham, North Carolina. Several of our ladies have heard her speak previously and we invited her to come and share God's word in her message during our morning Worship Service at 11:00 AM. A fellowship luncheon will follow the services.

A new program, Children's Church, for our children beginning in 2020 is starting on the second Sunday of each month during the morning worship services. Several of our ladies, Katie, Angelia and Candace, made a loving commitment to share God's love. Just as Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these".

May we keep God's love alive in our hearts all year long!

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### La Crosse

As we enter into a New Year we at La Crosse Baptist Church are very happy to report that we have a new pastor. Beginning January 1, 2020 Korey Henry and his family, consisting of his wife Chrystal, children, Evelyn(7), Felicity(6), Layna(5), Hezekiah(3), and Melody(1) have joined our church family. Reverend Henry has been filling the pulpit for us over several months and says this is where God wants him to be... We were delighted. Korey completed a two year pastoral internship and a one year pastoral residency while attending Grace Church Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. After sensing the call to study Biblical languages, he and his family moved to Wake Forest, North Carolina where he attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for two years. He was ordained on December 22, 2019 at Grace Church Memphis. Korey's pledge to God and the church is, "My hope is to lay down my life as an offering to Jesus in the context of the local church as a servant of His Word, regularly preaching and teaching for His Glory." Korey has begun the New Year with Philippians 1 where Paul emphasizes "The Priority of the Gospel" , "Unity in Christ" and "Gospel Praise and Prayers". On Sunday, January 19, we are having a "Welcome" luncheon for Korey and his family after the Worship service in our Fellowship Hall. Thank you all for your prayers on our behalf as we searched and prayed for a pastor. God is so good!

### Lawrenceville

Lawrenceville Baptist Church had a wonderful and blessed Christmas season with a musical program, special Christmas Eve candlelight service and participating in providing Christmas gifts for those less fortunate. The New Year brings a renewed effort in our Pastor Search. There have been some fabulous speakers sent from Liberty University and we feel the Lord will answer our prayers in this New Year. The Baptist Men continue to meet for breakfast on a regular basis and the Lot of Living Left (LLL) Club is also renewing its efforts, this month with a luncheon featuring Rev. Donnie Edmonds of James Square Baptist.

### Olive Branch

We began the New Year and new decade by observing the Lord's Supper on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. It's our prayer that we will be an obedient, faithful and Christlike church in 2020. We also pray for God's blessing on each church in our area so we can make an impact on this community for God's kingdom.

Our youth rang in the New Year by attending Light the Night's New Year's Eve Extravaganza hosted by New Hope Baptist, South Hill, on December 31<sup>st</sup>. On January 8<sup>th</sup> YC (Young Church) started up again after Christmas break with a parent's night. YC is our weekly youth ministry to students in grades 6-12 that meets from 6:30-8:30 pm. It's a time of worship, fun, hang time and Bible study. Pastor Brady is currently teaching from the Gospel of John. The youth will be going to Liberty University's Snow Flex on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. In February the youth will be hosting a Father Daughter Banquet on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. They will also attend the D-Now hype rally at South Hill United Methodist Church on Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> to get information and to get excited about D-Now. D-Now is a community discipleship weekend which will take place March 27-29<sup>th</sup>. Our God's Young Ladies group, a discipleship group for girls in the 5-12<sup>th</sup> grades, meets every other Friday night during the school year. They also began meeting again on January 10<sup>th</sup> after the Christmas break.

Our children's ministries (Sonshine Girls and Boys of Courage) on Wednesday nights for children in 1-5<sup>th</sup> grades started again on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Children have a meal, play games, do activities and learn Bible stories each week. This quarter they will be learning about Joseph and Moses. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> they will have a move night and the Sonshine Girls will have a Mother Daughter Tea on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Another Level Basketball league for children in K-5<sup>th</sup> grades is in full swing. It meets every Saturday in January and February for games. Between games children hear a devotion from the pastors. This year we have about 140 children participating. Our Lunch Buddies ministry at La Crosse Elementary School also began again on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Each class has an adult who eats lunch with students and does an activity with them afterwards in the classroom.

The women of our church will be attending the Women Helping Women Luncheon hosted by New Hope Baptist, South Hill on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Our two WMU groups also continue to meet each month on the second Sundays and Tuesdays of the month. On February 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our quarterly business meeting to hear all the great things God has done and to look forward to working with God through the spring and summer. We are still looking for a bass guitarist and keyboardist for our praise teams in our contemporary service. If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please call the church office at 434-636-2228 or send an email to [office@obbblackridge.com](mailto:office@obbblackridge.com).

We are always thankful for God's blessing and grateful to be part of the Concord Baptist Association. You can keep up with what's going on at Olive Branch Baptist Church anytime by going to our website [www.obbblackridge.com](http://www.obbblackridge.com) or checking us out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/obbblackridge](http://www.facebook.com/obbblackridge)

## WMU News

Note WMU change: Due to unavoidable issues, Wylliesburg church will not be able to host the April 28th, 2020 annual Missions Gathering. This will now be held at La Crosse church. If your church wishes to collect personal needs items for Hope Tree (Salem Baptist Children's Home), bring these items to La Crosse that day or leave them at the Concord office. Begin to gather names of your deceased members from May 1st of last year and send those names to me or to your Area Director. Do this by April 1st and you can add others as they may occur. Then at program last minute names can be included. I greatly miss everyone and hope to come home when this intensive therapy is completed!

Much Love, Betty Lou



*Many Thanks to the volunteers  
who helped with the December/January Grapevine:  
JoAnn Bowers and Mary Ellen Boyce*

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### WEATHER ADVISORY

The Concord Baptist Association office will be closed in the event of snow and / or ice that makes transportation unsafe. Information on weather related closings will be announced on local radio stations. Please call ahead to make sure the office will be open.

## 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



### 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.

### GRAPEVINE

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