



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

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**"Serving Thirty Local Churches"**

Dear Association Members,

The last few months have been interesting, to say the least. The social distancing regulations have prevented our churches from meeting. However, we are now in Phase 1 of returning to life as "normal." (Side note: What will the new normal be?) In Phase 1, churches can meet in their buildings at 50% capacity while upholding social distances. This does not apply to families who live in the same house, who can sit together. Some of you have already begun to meet. You have initiated cleaning protocols and attendance protocols. These are essential to keeping COVID-19 in control. Other safety measures to discuss include the using of gloves and masks.

I pray for each church as you pray and discern your plan of action to reopen. I pray for those who have already reopened that safety measures enacted will be beneficial and prevent everyone attending to avoid the virus.

There are many things we have learned during this time of isolation including: utilizing "drive-in church"; live-streaming services; and, prerecording sermons. I have also heard of Sunday School lessons taught through Zoom meetings, Facebook posts, group texts, and emails. Some of the things we have learned will be beneficial as we move forward into an uncertain future. Consider each thing you have done during this social distancing time and determine what isolation programs you might continue to reach those who are not likely to come to church otherwise.

As always, I am here to help anyway that I can — coaching, strategic planning, training and so on.

If you need help — Ask! If I cannot help directly, I probably know who can.

I look forward to the time, hopefully by fall, when we are able to get back to ministry and outreach 'business' as usual.

**Fresh Expressions Workshop**  
**Thursday, September 24 at 6:30PM**  
**Olive Branch Baptist Church**

Gannon Sims, Director of Ministry Formation for Fresh Expressions will lead the conference hosted by the Concord Baptist Association. Be inspired, learn, and discover new ways to share the unchanging story of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We can impact our region in a 'fresh' way to 'express' the gospel with 'fresh expressions' of church. Church leaders, this is for you. All are welcome!



**Sunday, June 21**

**INVESTORS CLUB**

**As an investor, you play an important role in the operations of Camp Concord through annual giving. It is through support like yours that 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. Last year 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 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**CBA CALENDAR**



- 01 State Line Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 P
- 21 Father's Day



- 03 (CBA Office closed for holiday)
- 04 Independence Day
- 06 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00, Camp Concord
- 16 Administration & Finance Committees, 7:00 P
- 21 Missions/Evangelism Committee, 6:30 PM
- 21 Pastor's Conference, 12:00 PM (Noon), CBA, Lunch Provided, CBA
- 23 Executive Team Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA

**CBA MEETINGS**

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 13, 2020, 7:00 PM

**DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 13, 2020, 7:00 PM

**MISSIONS/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 6:30 PM

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEES**

Thursday, July 16 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, July 23, 2020 7:00 PM, CBA**

*June*  
**EVENTS**

**Birthdays**

- Mrs. Ashley Cobb – June 2
- Mrs. Anita Wray – June 4
- Rev. Ronnie Campbell – June 14
- Dr. Stephen DeOrnellas – June 20

**Anniversaries**

- Dr. & Mrs. Greg Randall – June 3
- Rev. & Mrs. Joe McDowell – June 25

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- Rev. & Mrs. Steve Battaglia – June 6

**CBA CONTRIBUTIONS**

**CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH March 2020**

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
AVERETT	1,201.98	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	500.01	0.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	200.00	0.00	316.00
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	200.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	800.00	0.00	1 00.00
OTHER	9,931.01	0.00	709.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,773.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,661.95</b>



**Total CBA Budget for Year: \$104,179.00**

**Budget Fund Needs to Date: \$40,247.37**

**Budget Income to Date: \$32,773.71**



**Birthdays**

- Rev. Joey Tucker – July 3
- Rev. Jeffrey Withers – July 22
- Dr. Chad Patton – July 23

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- Rev. & Mrs. Lee Foster – July 11
- Rev. & Mrs. Nathan Cobb – July 18

**Minister Anniversaries**

- Rev. Ronnie Campbell – July 16

## 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

Since Easter Sunday, we have been worshipping together drive-in style on Sunday mornings. Though we have remained in our vehicles and miss the meet-and-greet time of hugs and handshakes, we are grateful to share a parking lot and offer our thanks to God. Our deacons and pastor will be developing a plan for transitioning back into the sanctuary, taking into account the guidelines from the CDC, government, and BGAV, and after carefully considering the ways we can do our best to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are trying to use our journey down this new road as an opportunity to love our neighbors as best as we can.

### Averett

We continue to hold Wednesday night Bible study online at 7:00 PM. Pastor Jimmy is teaching from the book of Acts. Sunday morning worship service can be viewed online on Averett Baptist Church's Facebook page or by joining us for drive-in service at 11:00 on Sunday mornings. We will be having a drive-in Communion service, Sunday, May 31st, at 11:00 AM. You are asked to bring juice and bread/cracker for those in your car for Communion.

Praying everyone stays safe and well. Looking forward to being able to worship together soon in God's House.

### Bethel

We continue to have our "drive-in" services but hopefully we will be back inside our church by the end of May. It will be a challenge going back inside because of the strict guidelines you still have to follow. The "drive-in" services have been wonderful thanks to Pastor Rodney and Angela; however, it is starting to get hot now and you won't be able to sit in your vehicle for the heat. During our "drive-in" services we still were able to have communion by each person bringing their own juice and crackers, we sang songs and Pastor Rodney honored the mothers with a great sermon on Mother's Day.

We continue to pray for everyone during this difficult time in our lives. We pray for all those that have been affected by the coronavirus and their families. God has gotten us through all of this and He will continue to be the one to get us through whatever lies ahead, whether it be hard times or good times. We just need to continue to keep our faith and hope in Him. We praise Him and give thanks for his glory and grace.

### Boydton

The new extension for the church and preschool is coming along nicely. The frame, shingles, plumbing, and electrical are up, as well as the windows and doors. Now the sheet rock and bricks are left, as well as some painting in the rooms. The hope is to have the extension done by the end of

June or early July. If we are able to obtain cleaning supplies, we are hoping to reopen on Sunday, May 31st with just the 11 AM Worship Service. Please contact Pastor Jeffrey for details. In the meantime, we are still and will continue to livestream after reopening our 11 AM Worship Service on the church's Facebook Page, the Free Church Online Website, and over the radio on WJYK 99.3 FM or 980 AM. We are also hoping to open Celebrate Recovery back up when the state moves into Phase 2. We are taking a break from Wednesday Night Bible Study for the summer and will resume in September.

### Ephesus

Due to restrictions, we at Ephesus are continuing to have our drive-in service on Sundays at 10 am and an internet message at 11. We were able to give our children's collection for just over \$100 to the Bread Box and we will continue to donate what we can on an individual basis. It is our prayer that we will set aside personal items for Hope Tree Family Services for collection later in the year. Plan for Vacation Bible School are in limbo at the time but, thankfully, we have a large Family Life Center where we can socially distance ourselves from one another and utilize that space for services and activities in the near future. God is great and He has a plan that cannot be thwarted.

### First, Chase City

We are continuing to hold our parking lot services and due to the efforts of Pastor Tom Cribb, Alden Fahringer, and Connie Tucker we have had an enjoyable service that has been well attended. On Mother's Day, our Special Activities Committee gave out beautiful Begonias to all the women present; as well as delivering to those unable to attend and to our members at Chase City Health and Rehab. Pastor Tom has started a live stream Bible Study on Facebook on Wednesday evenings. We will be honoring our 2020 graduates, Molly Lawson and Madison Bates, during a special service later this summer.

### James Square

Starting Sunday, May 17, 2020 James Square will have Drive-in Worship Services at 11:00 AM, in addition to our Teleconference and recorded messages via Facebook at 10:30 AM each Sunday. Special thanks to Pastor Donnie, Corey Morefield, Joe Conwell, and David Peterson for using technology available that allows our church family to be blessed by messages from Pastor Donnie each Sunday while remaining "apart, but all together" in these uncertain times. One thing that is "always certain", God is always the same, never changing and always up to any challenge. "Can you hear me now" has taken on a new meaning as we reach out in any way we can to show God's love and let our light shine! Two of our WMU members, Barbara Childrey and Bonnie Clements are still busy making masks.

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### La Crosse

We at La Crosse Baptist are happy to report that we were able to attend Church on Sunday, May 17, with safe measures in place such as social distancing, use of face masks, shorter preaching service and no handling of bulletins, hymn books or passing of offering plates. We enjoyed our time together. In past weeks we have listened to our pastor, Korey Henry, on the radio station, 99.3 FM at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings during this pandemic. On Wednesday evenings for Prayer and Bible Study, led by Rev. Henry we have listened by teleconference to a study in the Old Testament book of Psalm chapters 2-6. During the pandemic, Sunday School will be postponed until further notice. We are uncertain about Vacation Bible School at this time. All other meetings and activities have been cancelled. We continue to have patience and pray for our church family and yours, as well. We know that God is in control and we have seen some good come out of this horrible situation. Stay safe and May God Bless us All!

### Lawrenceville

Praise the Lord!! Lawrenceville Baptist Church was open for business on Sunday, May 17, 2020. It was a great day to be able to worship in our sanctuary while keeping socially distant. A great message was provided by Dr. Fred Malacci of Liberty University who has been our guest speaker a number of times while we are in our pastor search mode. We are not holding Sunday school or other activities at the church at this time but certainly are encouraged by being able to hold in-person worship services. Thus far, it seems most of our membership has remained Covid-19 free, another blessing for us. We continue to pray for our church, state and nation.

### Sanford Memorial

Right now, Sanford Memorial Baptist Church is planning on returning to church on June 7th with one service at 11. I am hoping to have Sunday School as well. I am working on live streaming services so people who do not desire to go back to church just yet can watch them online. Also, I am planning on having our worship services put on DVD's and CD's for all the people but especially for those who want to stay in for now and do not have a computer or a smartphone. I am still recording sermons and putting them on the church website, they can be accessed at:

[sanfordmemorialbaptistchurch.net/sermons.html](http://sanfordmemorialbaptistchurch.net/sermons.html).

### Tabernacle

Sunday services continue to be held as drive-in services at 11 AM on Sunday morning with very strict regulations.

Bible Study continues to be held on line for now. Join Lee on Wednesday Nights at 7 PM on the Tabernacle Baptist Church, South Hill, VA website.

Your contributions can be mailed to H.P. Thomas, 1212 Chalk Level Road, South Hill, VA also your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering can be mailed in marked for this.

WOM Focus Day – Is now put on hold. Rhonda Marstin will be our Guest Speaker for our special day. Rhonda is the wife of Rev. Lynn Marstin of Midway Baptist Church in Gretna, VA. Lynn and Rhonda were with us for our Fall Revival back in October. Rhonda is the Children's Missions Consultant for WMUV. The WOM are planning a "Salad Luncheon" so all ladies please bring your favorite pasta, veggie, bean, Jell-O/fruit salads. Hope to see you there!! Please mark your calendars to support this event and be in prayer for the speaker and the service. Thank You!!

Your giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering allows you to do your part to "SHINE" God's Light in dark places!!

Our mission project will be donating BIRTHDAY PARTY supplies to the South Hill Bread Box. This is to hopefully give a child a SPECIAL DAY to remember! Examples: cake mixes; paper plates; cups; balloons; party hats, etc.

### Wylliesburg

We will continue to do drive-in church until further notice. We will recognize graduates on Sunday, June 7 and we will recognize fathers on Sunday, June 21. All Mothers in the church were presented with gifts on Sunday May 10. VBS will be July 12-16.



*Many Thanks to the volunteers  
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### GRAPEVINE

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Suggestions and news contributions welcomed

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