



From Our DOM
Rev. Joe McDowell

Dear Association Members,
I praise God we are beginning to see some easing of restrictions implemented due to the pandemic. Many of you are returning to or have returned to indoor services. I have seen many of our churches continuing to practice social distancing -- that is good. As you move forward toward "normal," I want to challenge you to proceed prayerfully and cautiously. Some of your members may not be ready to come back inside for worship and some may still feel strongly about the need to wear a mask. Be sure these members can be comfortable in their choices.

I encourage you to continue some of the practices you have developed over the past year to cope with the pandemic. For example, If you have been holding drive-in church, continue using it. Many of your people will be coming back inside, but as said, some will not be ready. Continuing drive-in church will keep these members involved and you may also continue to have guests you may not have with only "inside" church. Some of our churches are using Facebook live and/or recording services, and/or projecting the service into a larger room such as a fellowship hall. Again, any of these or other practices you have developed over the past year, continue using them! Some of your church members will want to continue with these practices and you may reach people for the Kingdom that you will not reach by returning to what was normal before the pandemic. Move forward carefully and prayerfully.



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"Serving Thirty Local Churches"

Many of you have heard that Rebecca Newton has accepted a new job. She will be working with Southside Behavioral Health as a Service Coordinator/Case Manager helping families with young children. She is excited about her new opportunity and I am excited for her. This does, of course, mean we are short-handed at the Association office for a while. We are looking for a new ministry assistant. Our desire is to promote this job opening through our churches. Please see the short description within this Grapevine. Please publish it in your church's bulletin and announce it for the next few weeks. We need your assistance to fill this position. Pray about it. God will lead us to the right person.

Camp Concord will soon begin its summer program. We will be offering abbreviated camping weeks. See the schedule within this issue of the Grapevine. Pray for the camp throughout the summer. Pray for the children who will attend, for the camp counselors, the camp directors, the camp manager, the camp pastors, the cooks, and others who will be helping.

The Association office hours will not be consistent due to the nature of my work and schedule; however, I will be available! I will be in the office several days a week. I will check voicemail several times per day. I will record a message each day to keep you informed as to the Association's endeavors. Also, you can call me by calling my mobile phone -- 434-774-6560.

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

Concord Baptist Association Ministry Assistant Position:

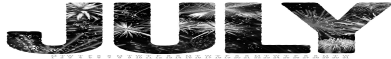
The Association is seeking a qualified applicant for the position of Part-Time Ministry Assistant. The assistant will handle the administrative needs and provide support to the Director of Missions in designing and completing various ministry and mission projects. The assistant will be a liaison between thirty churches and the Association. The assistant will open and close the office, Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-4PM. If you, or someone you know are interested in this position, contact Joe McDowell, Director of Missions, Concord Baptist Association, 121 S. Mecklenburg Ave, South Hill, VA 23970, phone 434-447-7240 or send your resume and inquiry to jmcdowell@concordbaptistassoc.org. A job description and more details are available upon request

CBA CALENDAR

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



07 State Line Board of Director's Meeting 7:00
20 Father's Day



04 Independence Day
05 (CBA Office closed for holiday)
05 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00, Camp Concord
13 Pastor's Conference, 12:00 PM (Noon), Lunch Provided, CBA
15 Administration/Finance Committees, 7:00 PM
20 Missions/Evangelism Committee, 6:30 PM
22 Executive Team Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA

CBA MEETINGS

MISSIONS/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 6:30 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEES

Thursday, July 15, 2021, 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 22, 2021 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
Rev. Jimmy Garland – June 24
Mrs. Lora Bassett – June 26

Wedding Anniversaries

Dr. & Mrs. Greg Randall – June 3
Rev. & Mrs. Joe McDowell – June 25
Rev. & Mrs. Steve Battaglia – June 6

Minister Anniversaries

Rev. Brady Bassett – June 26

CBA CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH April 2021			
CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
AVERETT	1,202.00	0.00	600.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	0.00	300.00
BETHEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETHESDA	0.00	0.00	0.00
BLACK BRANCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOYDTON	1,000.00	0.00	1,300.00
CLARKSVILLE	22.00	0.00	758.00
CONCORD	770.00	0.00	0.00
EBENEZER	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPHESUS	375.00	0.00	960.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	500.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	300.00	0.00	632.00
GRAVEL HILL	0.00	0.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	0.00	0.00	0.00
JEFFRESS	240.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	577.00	0.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	641.00	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	592.00	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	0.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	357.00	0.00	0.00
NEW HOPE	0.00	0.00	0.00
OLIVE BRANCH	3,068.00	0.00	3,068.00
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	1,030.00	0.00	450.00
TABERNACLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNION CHAPEL	1,131.00	0.00	905.00
UNION LEVEL	300.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	200.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	800.00	0.00	0.00
Totals:	\$17,101	\$0.00	\$10,624

Total CBA Budget for Year: \$104,179.00



Birthdays

Rev. Stephen Kendrick – July 1
Rev. Joey Tucker – July 3
Dr. Chad Patton – July 23
Rev. Brady Bassett – July 27

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 15th of every month

Averett

The Recognition committee has been busy with several recognition services coming up closely together. We honored our Senior Adults on Sunday, May 2nd by sending a donation to Camp Concord in their honor. On Sunday, May 9th we honored all Mothers by giving them a flower and purchasing items for both shoe box ministries that our church supports, which is Bland County and OCC. We have 2 seniors that we will be honoring on Sunday, June 6th. They are Cheyenne Stenbridge and Madison Tuck. We will honor all fathers in June for Father's Day. The youth are sponsoring the collection of items needed for Camp Concord. We have already received a good collection of items and will be delivering those soon.

We are meeting for Sunday School at 9:45 followed by worship service at 11:00. We continue to offer several options for worship. Rev. Joe McDowell filled the pulpit on May 16th while Pastor Jimmy was on vacation. Wednesday night Bible study is at 7:00. Pastor Jimmy has finished our study of the book of Acts. He will begin our next Bible study on May 26th.

Young at Heart will begin meeting again on Monday, June 7th, at 12 noon. Come join us for a time of food and fellowship. Adults on Mission will meet at 3:00 following Young at Heart. Join us as we hear about the work our missionaries are doing on the home and foreign fields. Our Adults on Mission is involved in monthly mission projects locally and elsewhere. We will meet again on July 5th. Items for the Clarksville Food Pantry for June are instant mashed potatoes/canned potatoes. July item is 1lb white rice.

Operation Christmas Child item for June is toys and for July it's clothing items.

Thank you to Rebecca Newton for all her help during her time at the Concord Baptist Association. We wish her well as she begins her new job.

Bethel

We hope all the mothers had a great Mother's Day. The Fellowship Comm. prepared lunch to celebrate the day. Everyone drove by and picked up their carry out trays. All the women received a little gift and a pack of flowers to plant. Three hanging baskets were given away and the winners were Mrs. Mary Jane Stenbridge, Mrs. Gala Hightower and Mrs. Angela Spears.

Our youth have started back meeting every other week at Pastor and Mrs. Spears. Children's church started back on Sunday, May 2 during our worship hour. The little ones are real excited. Bible studies have resumed on Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. We continue to lift everyone that is sick, in the hospital or for whatever reason they need prayer. We also pray for our country and hope that people will turn back to God. God is our only hope for America to survive.

First Baptist Chase City

We are still having Wednesday night Bible Study at 7:00pm which is live-streamed on FaceBook as well as Sunday worship service at 11:00am which is also live-streamed on FaceBook and transmitted over the radio. Our Pastor, Rev. Tom Cribb, graduated Friday, May 14, 2021 with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC. His doctorate is in Biblical Studies with a New Testament Concentration. Congrats to Tom. We had a great turnout for Mother's Day. The Church presented the mothers with a Mother's Day gift. We are looking forward to getting back to normal (as possible).

First, South Hill

We thank the Lord that attendance for our Worship Service has been increasing for the past few months, in which the Lord has blessed us with seven new church members.

Our Worship Services have been in the sanctuary Sunday mornings at 11:00 (with the usual COVID-19 precautions/procedures, which have been eased, for which we are all glad). Pastor Steve Battaglia has continued his sermon series from the book of Philippians, and we are also blessed with musical specials each week.

We had a wonderful Mother's Day appreciation and emphasis, in which we gave gifts to all the mothers, and several roses to the youngest and eldest mothers present, and the mother with the most children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The Worship Services are still available via an FM transmitter for anyone wishing to listen from his vehicle radio in the church parking lots. The service is live-streamed over Facebook, aired on the radio (WJYK 99.3 FM & 980 AM), streamed over the Internet, and placed on YouTube channels and social media platforms weekly.

Our school, First Christian School, has had an excellent year and is coming to the end of this season, our 22nd year. Enrollment for next year is up, and a new class for 5th grade will be added. We have a new teacher hired and ready to teach this class beginning in late August.

Pastor Steve has a live radio and internet broadcast, "Morning Praise," from his church office every Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., over the Southside Radio Network, which includes WJYK.

We are grateful for First Baptist Church of South Hill and we anticipate a bright future for our church. Our prayer is that God is glorified, His people "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," and that lost souls receive the Lord Jesus and join us in serving Him and one another.

James Square

The Brotherhood Barbecue Chicken (take-out only) Dinner was a success.

Our WMU Elizabeth Spence Circle met for the first time in 2021 with social distancing precautions in mind. It was reported the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering met and exceeded our goal. Our CBA Offering begins this month. We continue to support with prayer our members and those in the community with cancer and health issues. We celebrate and praise God for the good news of a member of our church family that is now cancer free. All our mothers were recognized and celebrated on Mother's Day. Pastor Donnie also recognized Ella and Carlton Connell for their 65th wedding anniversary this week. Teachers and nurses for their week were also recognized.

Our church family had a baby dedication, Nathan Emory Wright, along with his parents, grandparents and great-grandparent, We joined in singing "Jesus Loves Me".

James Square has added three new members by letter recently. We give God all the praise and glory! We continue to have worship services inside and by FM 88.9 Transmitter drive-in services outside.

Wylliesburg

All grads of the church family will be recognized on Sunday, June 6, during the worship service.

An Independence Day recognition will be observed on Sunday, July 4.



*Many Thanks to the volunteers
who helped with the June/July Grapevine*

Camp Concord News: 2021

Theme: "HOPE"

CAMP WEEKS

Jeremiah
29:11

Brochures are available at the Association Office.

2nd-3rd Grade Weekend - Grades 2-3

May 21-22: Cost -\$40.00

Father/Son Weekend

August 13-14: Cost-\$20.00

Day Camp - 4 year olds-1st grade.

June 12: Cost -\$20.00

Youth Missions Week - Grades 6-12

June 27- 30: Cost -\$70.00

2nd/3rd Grade Week-Grades 2-3

July 25-28: Cost -\$70.00

Teen Life-Youth Week - Grades 6-12

July 20-23: Cost -\$70.00

Girls Week 1 (NEW) - Grades 4-5

July 11-14: Cost-\$70.00

Girls Week 2 (NEW) - Grades 6-8

July 18-21: Cost-\$70.00

Boys Week 1 (NEW)-Grades 4-5

August 1-4: Cost-\$70.00

Boys Week 1 (NEW)-Grades 6-8

August 8-11: Cost-\$70.00

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. In 2019 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 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

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