



**From Our DOM**  
Rev. Joe McDowell



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**"Serving Thirty Local Churches"**

Dear Association Members,

I want to encourage you to put April 24 on your calendar! We will be hosting a conference entitled, "Fresh Expressions of the Church." Gannon Sims, Director of Ministry Formation for Fresh Expressions will be our speaker. At this conference, you will:

--Be inspired by remembering the core vision of your local church, your denominational tradition, and the mission of God.

--Learn why your neighborhood needs new forms of church and how to get started.

--Discover practical methods for engaging your church members, reaching their friends and neighbors with fresh expressions of church.

We all realize we need to find new ways to share the unchanging story of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This conference will help you and your church begin to consider new ways to reach out to people who will probably never attend our churches, however, these people need Jesus and it is our biblical mandate to "go and make disciples."

The conference will be held at:

Olive Branch Baptist Church at 6:30 PM

Pastors, you come and bring your lay leaders with you!

There is a SWVA mission trip interest meeting on Sunday, March 22, 2:30PM at the Association office. The mission trip is April 3-8. Come to learn more about this trip.

The Jamaica mission trip is just about filled. At the time of this writing, we have 3 spaces open. If you have not sign up, but are considering going--jump in soon! If you have questions, call me and we can discuss the trip.

I encourage you to be in prayer for the Association Committees. Their work in one way or another is centered around ministry and missions. We are 30 churches working together of the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Blessings, Joe



**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.

**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**



**Don't forget  
To set your  
clocks forward  
1 hour on March 8**

## CBA CALENDAR

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



- 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



- 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 Church
- 24** Fresh Expressions, 6:30 PM, Olive Branch Baptist Church

## 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**

### 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.

## CBA CONTRIBUTIONS

### CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH January 2020

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
AVERETT	400.66	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	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00
JAMES SQUARE	0.00	0.00	0.00
JEFFRESS	65.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	0.00	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	0.00	0.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEW HOPE	789.63	0.00	0.00
OLIVE BRANCH	0.00	0.00	0.00
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	560.08	0.00	160.02
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	00.00
OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,869.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,013.16</b>



Total CBA Budget for Year: \$104,179.00

Budget Fund Needs to Date: \$8,297.91

Budget Income to Date: \$11,869.30

## Ministers and Wives Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- Rev. Michael Reynolds – March 3
- Rev. Kristen White – March 18
- Dr. Wayne Guynn – March 19
- Mrs. Mary Reynolds – March 22
- Rev. Steve Battaglia – March 31

### Wedding Anniversaries

- Rev. & Mrs. Charles Davis – March 1

### Minister Anniversaries

- Dr. Wayne Guynn – March 1
- Rev. Larry Propst – March 15

## 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

We enjoyed our first movie night of the 2020 season on February 7. The meal was coordinated by our dedicated social committee, and we watched Finding Normal. These winter nights are the perfect time to gather for a time of food, fellowship and fun. Stay tuned for the dates for our next fellowship event.

We welcomed Dawn Rutledge and her entire family who visited with us for worship service on February 9, and we thank Dawn for the selections she sang for our special music.

Our children ages five and under selected and prepared little Valentines for some of our shut-ins. The cards were mailed in time to be received by February 14 to let our members know they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Our traditional February Soup Sunday lunch was a hit among young and old alike! We sampled eight varieties of crockpot creations, along with side dishes and, as usual, a tableful of tantalizing desserts.

Also on that Sunday morning we were pleased to honor JoAnn Smith for the countless hours and energy she has invested for 36 years as church treasurer of Antioch. She was presented with a recognition clock for her years of service, and Ken Vaiden sang renditions of several songs associated with Elvis Presley, her favorite vocalist. Antioch's Caring Christians (ACC) met on February 19. Deputy Sheriff Doug Hatchell of Mecklenburg County spoke on the topic of Personal Safety. This group of senior citizens meets for lunch and presentations on interesting topics the third Wednesday of each month. On the first Sunday of each month we meet in our fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. for light refreshments and a brief social time prior to Sunday school.

Every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. we study various subjects. Currently we are involved in a series called, *One Minute After You Die*, which has created some interesting discussions among the group as well as sharing of intimate personal experiences when family members died. Please come join us!

We are passionate about our Meals on Wheels ministry and always collect desserts and fruits on the fourth Sunday of each month. A special thanks to the faithful ones who donate and to those who deliver each week!

A 3-Circles workshop will be held here on Sunday, March 8, from 2:30 to 4:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend this event. It will give us simple ways to share the gospel and to tell others of the love God has for them.

As Christians, we are all one in the spirit and one in the Lord. If your church has information you would like to share in Antioch's Sunday morning bulletin, contact our pastor, Kristen White, at [Kristen.n.white@gmail.com](mailto:Kristen.n.white@gmail.com) or call the church office at 434-735-8101. Her office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### Averett

A retirement luncheon was given for Rodney and Carole Barwick Sunday, December 29, 2019 following worship service in the fellowship hall at Averett. Over 100 family, friends and church members attended the luncheon. It was a great time of fellowship and food.

We had a soup and sandwich fundraiser Feb 1st followed by a dessert auction. We had 10+ soups to choose from and 90+ desserts to auction off. We made almost \$3000 at the fund raiser for future projects.

Adults on Mission Focus Sunday was held February 16th. Sharon Capps, from Raleigh, NC, was our guest speaker. She shared pictures from her visit to the Holy Land with us.

Adults on Mission will meet Monday, March 2nd, 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall. We will be collecting funds for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering during the month of March.

Young at Heart will meet Wednesday, March 11th, at noon.

There will be no movie night in March.

The youth enjoyed a trip to Wintergreen for snow tubing on Saturday, February 8th. We had 23 in attendance and then went back into Lynchburg to CiCi's pizza before returning home. Youth/Young Adult Sunday was held on March 1st with our youth and young adults in charge of the Sunday School and Worship hour. Our theme this year was "Go and Do." Our guest speaker was Morgan Card. Laci Spurlock brought our special music to us along with the youth/young adults filling our choir with a special. Lunch was served after the service to our youth/young adults and our guest.

### Bethel

February 8 we had Senior dinner hosted by Sherry Hughes. After a delicious meal games were played with prizes given.

The Valentine's Day luncheon for the widows and widowers was on Friday February 14th at Wilson's BBQ in South Hill with a total of 16 going.

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We had a nice spaghetti lunch on Sunday, February 16 after worship services celebrating Valentine's Day. During our worship services on Sunday, February 16, our pastor's wife Angela did a slide show of the wedding photos of all the couples in the church creating a video honoring them.

Sunday School attendance pins were given out to the following: Frances Breedlove -48 years, Faye and Billy Driggs- 32 years, Elfie Singleton, Jr.--16 years, CD Jones- 11 years, Betty Godsey-8 years, Stone Breedlove-6 years, Pastor Rodney and Angela Spears- 1 year. Thank you for being so faithful to your church.

We continue to pray for all the sickness going around our community and other areas. We pray for all the shut-ins. Thank our Lord and Savior for the many blessings that He bestows upon each and everyone.

On March 1 we will have Men's Day with guest speaker Mr. John Alford. He will be giving his testimony. At 9:00 that morning the men will be preparing breakfast for everyone. Please come out and enjoy the food and fellowship.

### Concord

Concord Baptist Church in Chase City will be hosting *the Powell Family in Concert* on Sunday night, March 15th, at 6:00 p.m. The concert is free but a love offering will be received for the Powell family. There will be refreshments to follow. [www.powellfamilymusic.com](http://www.powellfamilymusic.com)

### Ephesus

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, in spite of rainy weather, we had an "indorr" bonfire at the Family Life Center, where we ate hotdogs and trimmings and s'mores, a fun evening for all. We contributed 62 items for the Bread Box for January and are now collecting cans of fruit for the month of February. The Valentine's Day banquet on February 8<sup>th</sup> was very well attended and we enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner and musical entertainment. Several of our ladies who serve on the Leadership Team of the WMU went to PineView on the 11<sup>th</sup> to do our monthly program. The refreshments and craft had a Valentine's Day theme. Baptist Men's Day was held on February 16<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Bill Wright as our speaker. In the afternoon we held a baby shower for his daughter, Dare and her husband, Trevor. Weather permitting we will begin our Wednesday night Bible study on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. It is open to all would like to attend.

### First, Chase City

Our Special Activities Committee, along with help from a few Hostess Committee members, prepared a wonderful Valentine's Lunch for the congregation which was held on Sunday, February 16th after worship service. It was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the lunch and fellowship. Coming up in March we will have a guest speaker from the Gideon's International on Sunday, March 15th; we will host the Bland Music Competition on Friday, March 20th which will begin at 6:30 pm; the Appalachian Express will be in concert at First Baptist on March 21st for a fundraiser for MacCallum More Museum & Gardens. The concert will start at 7:00 pm. And last, but definitely not least, the Special Activities Committee will host another Pot Luck Soup Night at the end of the month.

### First, South Hill

Children from the First Christian School sang at our Sunday morning worship hour on February 16th. The sanctuary was full of parents, grandparents, and friends. First Christian will have its annual reverse raffle on Saturday, March 14th. Tickets are \$100.00 each. This is a big fundraiser for the school.

Joe McDowell, our interim pastor, will end his service to the church on Sunday, April 5th. Joe has been most helpful by filling the pulpit, giving advice, and otherwise being available to the church during our period without a pastor. We are still looking for a qualified pastor, but we are patient. We have recently replaced the roof over the sanctuary and elsewhere and we have replaced our sanctuary heating and air conditioning units. Several new members have joined our church over the last few months and we are very happy to have them.

### James Square

The WMU Focus day on Sunday, February 16, was a success. Our speaker, Robin R. King, brought us a message on "I've Got Gifts, She's Got Gifts, All God's Children Got Gifts". Our ladies also filled the choir and the special music was beautiful. The quartet represented four (4) generations of our WMU Director, Jean Wright's family, using God' Gifts in perfect harmony! Everyone got to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship together.

Sunday, March 1, the Brotherhood will prepare a country breakfast at 8:00 AM for everyone to enjoy good food and fellowship!

### La Crosse

The La Crosse Baptist Church family is enjoying having our new pastor, Korey Henry. His wife, Crystal, and their children, Evelyn, Felicity, Layna, Hezekiah, and Melody are a real joy. We are happy to report that Korey and

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Crystal are expecting a sixth child in August. Korey's mother, Melissa Henry, a nurse, has located to La Crosse and is now living right down the street from the parsonage. We are delighted to have this family with us. Korey is continuing to work tirelessly setting up a church website and church email account. He has also created a new visitor card which will benefit not only visitors but church members, as well. Korey has provided the church with an outline for worship services and prayer services for January - April which is very helpful for our church members. We are also given a monthly church letter created by Korey which provides various scriptures and pastor thoughts. Korey continues to visit and reach out to church members as well as non-members. On Sunday, February 23, the church is invited to the parsonage for lunch with Korey and his family after the Worship Service. We look forward to this fellowship time together. Our WMU continues to meet once a month under the leadership of Linda Martin. The Children in Action (ages 6-12) also meet once a month during Worship Service. Learning about Missions (both home and foreign) is the main focus. At our February Church Business Meeting we voted to set our Annie Armstrong Mission goal at \$1,000.00. Our Mission program will be held on Wednesday, March 4, led by our pastor. Smokey Wilson, the renowned gospel singer, will be at La Crosse Baptist on March 22 at 6:00 pm with refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Smokey's CDs will also be available for purchase. On April 28 La Crosse Baptist will host the Annual WMU Missions Meeting from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. We are pleased to have this privilege!

### Lawrenceville

Lawrenceville Baptist Church continues the Pastor Search with vigor. There have been many great speakers to fill the pulpit through Liberty University in the first months of 2020 and the church members are extremely grateful for this service. On March 8, 2020, the Social Committee will host a Soup Lunch with Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Corn Bread after Worship. After the luncheon, Dr. Randy Spencer of Liberty University (who coordinates our guest speakers) will meet with church members about the duties and responsibilities of a church family in supporting a new pastor. This should be an interesting and worthwhile event!! The Bell Choir and Choir are practicing music for the upcoming Easter Season. Also, please be in prayer for Suzanne and Ronnie Metts of LBC who will be going on a mission trip to Panama in March.

### Sanford Memorial

Sanford Memorial Baptist Church is a growing body of baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ that consists of several mission groups focused on showing the love of Christ to the surrounding community. For example this Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Royal Ambassadors, a group of boys from the church between the grades of 1-6, will cook stew and give quarts of it out to the widows, widowers and elder shut ins of our church. The Girls in Action, a group consisting of girls in grades of 1-6, recently participated in a children's mission's day where they spread the love of Jesus Christ in a local laundry mat. The GA's are involved in a mission's project every month. The Acteens, a group of girls in grades 7-12, are also involved in monthly mission's project where recently, they took cards to a local nursing home and visited with the residents.

Sanford Memorial also has a group of men, called the Baptist Men, who also keep a lookout for how they can serve the community. Camp Concord, a Christian Camp dedicated to Jesus Christ, was the recipient of a generous contribution from the Baptist Men. The purpose of the contribution was to help replace the broken windows at the camp. Finally, SMBC participates with Women on Mission (WOM) and this month their project consists of collecting personal items for Hope Tree, a Children's home in Salem, VA. Also, this Sunday will be WOM Focus Sunday with guest speaker Valerie Carter Smith giving the message. Finally, starting next Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, SMBC will conduct a prayer service starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Church sanctuary with the focus being on men stepping up and leading their families into a relationship with Jesus Christ. These prayer meetings will be conducted every Sunday with the pastor, Stephen Kendrick, leading them.

### Tabernacle

Join us every Wednesday Night at 7 PM for Bible Study. We are now studying in the book of Jeremiah.

The WOM will be collecting boxes of tissues for our Mission Project through February 16th. Our next meeting will be in March. Our last meeting was Tuesday, February 11th at Wilson's at 6 PM and our guest speaker was Camp Concord Manager, Wanda Williamson. She and Bailey Gould shared about what the camp has to offer our children and did a slide presentation. Thanks Wanda and Bailey.

Game Night is every third Saturday night!! Come join us on February 15th and enjoy playing your favorite board and card games while sharing refreshments.

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Youth Bible Study is being held this month on February 9th and 23rd at 1:30 PM.

The 2020 Whole Woman's Conference is coming up February 21-22. The theme of the conference is "Strength and Beauty" drawing on the text "Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for such a time as this"; Esther 4:14b. It begins Friday night from 7-9 PM, then Saturday from 9 AM-12:30 PM, with breakfast starting at 8 AM on Saturday. The cost is \$20, though Friday night is free! Come to one session or both! For more information or if you have questions, please see Megan Foster.

We are in the process of updating lists of people who would like a call when a church wide event needs to be publicized, such as a cancellation of service, or change in date, or time of events. While a Tabernacle Facebook page and friends group is one way we can reach out, we know that there are many that do not use this medium. If you would like to be added to a call list for this type of situation, please add your contact number to the list on the bulletin board in the Sunday School area. As always, if you have questions or concerns you may contact any deacon or Lee. Contact information for the deacons of the week and Lee are in the bulletin each week, and the full list of deacons is on the bulletin board in the Sunday School area.

### Union Chapel

Union Chapel will be in revival beginning March 8, 2020, from Sunday through Wednesday evenings. The WMU sponsored a baked potato lunch, Sunday January 19th. Donations were taken for the WMU Community Missions projects. Baptist Women's Day was observed February 9th. Guest speaker, Mrs. Gunda Taylor, spoke during the morning worship service. A Valentine Banquet was served to the church members on Saturday night, February 8th. The Wednesday night Children's Group has begun a new series of lessons entitled "The 7 C's of History". The children meet each Wednesday at 7 P.M.

### Union Level

We were very busy in January collecting items to fill a backpack for a homeless lady suffering with cancer. The WMU is currently collecting food for the foodbank and toiletry items for Hope Tree. Also, we celebrated Baptist Women's day on February 16th with the WMU holding our church services. We celebrated Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 15th with a lovely decorated fellowship hall and a great meal served by Shawna Felts. Vanessa Hensley had multiple fun games to play with wonderful prizes for the winners. Everyone enjoyed this time of fellowship. The church is holding a fundraiser on April 11th consisting of pork chop plates. Funds will be used for maintenance of the church.



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

### 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 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!

### GRAPEVINE

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Suggestions and news contributions welcomed

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