

Concord GRAPEVINE

“SERVING THIRTY LOCAL CHURCHES”

Comments from our COM

MIKAYLA BARNES

Dear Concord Baptist Association Members,

We have entered the season of Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter, known as Lent, are a time when we reflect on how good God is in our lives, and celebrate and remember all He has done for us. When we reflect on the work that Jesus did before the cross, we can be celebrate the joy that comes on Easter morning! Before you celebrate Easter morning with brunch and an egg hunt, use this time of Lent to remind yourself about God’s great love for you!

We have some exciting things happening in our community and throughout our churches! Please make sure to read the Church News section of the Grapevine to see some opportunities to serve and fellowship with others in our community.

Impact Mecklenburg is fast approaching. To help us prepare for camp this summer, we will be hosting a Disaster Response training event, which will include child sexual abuse prevention training. This training is open to all, it is not just for Impact participants. More information is on page 2. If you would like to host a child sexual abuse prevention training at your church, please contact me, and I will connect you with our awesome trainer!

Sadly, we have gotten word of the passing of Rev. Charles Clay. His obituary is at Newcomb Allgood Funeral Home in Chase City. Rev Clay was pastor at Bethel Baptist Church and Black Branch Baptist Church. We send our love to his family.

I had the wonderful opportunity to visit Camp Concord for the February Cleanup day. This was my first time seeing camp and I am just so excited to witness God’s work here this summer. I have been told by those outside of our association that Camp Concord is a hidden gem and a diamond in the rough that deserves to be shared. I hope to make that happen! Please help us share the wonderful work of Camp Concord!

God Bless,
Mikayla Barnes



BIRTHDAYS

- REV. MICHAEL RAYNOLDS - 03/03
- REV. KRISTEN WHITE- 03/18
- DR. WAYNE GUYNN - 03/19
- REV. EARL STANLEY JR. - 03/28

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- REV. & MRS. CHARLES DAVIS - 03/01



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Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 05-11** Week of Prayer for the American Missions/Annie Armstrong
- 06** State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00PM, CBA
- 14** Impact Committee, 6:00PM
- 16** Executive Team Meeting, 7:00PM
- 21** Pastor's Conference, 12:00PM; Lunch Provided
- 25** Camp Concord Clean-Up Day

APRIL

- 03** State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00PM, CBA
- 04** Impact Committee, 6:00PM
- 07** Good Friday
- 09** Easter Sunday
- 13** Admin/Finance Meeting, 7:00PM
- 18** Missions Committee Meeting, 6:30PM
- 29** Disaster Response Training Day

A PROGRAM CONCERNING THE DANGERS OF VAPING WITH ADDITIVES

March 19, 2023 @ 4:00 PM at Bethany Baptist Church. Bethany has agreed to host a program concerning the Dangers of Vaping, and we are inviting you to come, and to bring students, parents and anyone who is concerned about this issue. We have also invited members of the Southside Drug and Gang Task Force Officers to talk about other current drug issues. There will be an opportunity given for questions to be asked. If you have questions please contact Pastor Ronnie Campbell, 434-917-1343, or at rcampbell4293@gmail.com.

PHOENIX STUDENT MINISTRY YOUTH BASH

An Afternoon of Praise for local churches to gather and share music ministry on Sunday, March 19th, beginning at 3:00 PM at the Phoenix Auditorium. Local churches are invited to have your choir, praise team, youth group, or individual soloist share in song or praise performance for 10 to 15 minutes. Please register with Miss Mikela Meredith, President of the Phoenix Student Life Ministry, at mmeredithh12@gmail.com. This will be a great afternoon of ministry for our students.

CBA'S DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING DAY

We are excited to have the Impact Disaster Response team in our area on April 29, 2023 at Tabernacle Baptist Church for a full day training event. We will have Introduction to DR, Feeding, Cleanup, Crew Chief Leadership, and Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children Training. This training event will be completely FREE! Register for all day training, or pick and choose which trainings you would like to register for. Those participating in Impact Mission Camps this summer, a child sexual abuse prevention training will be required by all adults working with the youth (chaperons, youth leaders, and crew chiefs).

Please contact Mikayla Barnes at 434.447.7240 or mbarnes@conordbaptistassoc.org with questions! Register at impactmissionsmovement.org/disaster-response/training or scan the code:



CBA News

IMPACT MECKLENBURG JUNE 25 - JULY 1

We are excited to partner with the BGAV and Impact Missions to bring another Impact Mission Camps to our area this summer! Around 200 students will come to our area to complete home repairs and other projects in the name of Jesus. This will be a community effort with the Concord Baptist Association teaming with the Mecklenburg County School System, the BGAV and other community churches. Volunteers will be needed. Impact's goal is to see this one week experience as a spring board, preparing your students for what God might do through your group when you go back home. Laurie Wright or Mikayla Barnes would love to come to your church to speak on Impact and to answer any questions you may have. Please contact them to schedule a Sunday that they can speak to your church. Laurie's contact number is 434-774-7947 or email at lauriewright5749@gmail.com Please plan to get involved as there are many areas to serve in with this mission outreach.

CAMP CONCORD STATE LINE

CAMP CONCORD WILL HAVE MONTHLY CLEAN-UP DAYS EVERY FOURTH SATURDAY TO PREPARE FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!
NEXT DATE IS MARCH 25TH FROM 9:00AM TO NOON.

DATES ARE SET FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CBA OFFICE. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!
CONCORDBAPTISTASSOC.ORG

Financial Report

CBA CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023 AS OF FEB. 28

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
AVERETT	801.00	0.00	625.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	0.00	0.00
BETHEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETHESDA	0.00	0.00	0.00
BLACK BRANCH	185.37	0.00	0.00
BOYDTON	1,000.00	0.00	1,300.00
CLARKSVILLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONCORD	1,552.50	0.00	0.00
EBENEZER	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPHESUS	375.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	166.67	0.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	100.00	0.00	158.00
GRAVEL HILL	0.00	0.00	0.00
JAMES SQUARE	0.00	0.00	0.00
JEFFRESS	160.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	792.41	0.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	447.00	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	0.00	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	3,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
MOUNT VERNON	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEW HOPE	0.00	0.00	0.00
OLIVE BRANCH	1,342.36	0.00	1,342.36
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEMORIAL	306.81	0.00	87.66
TABERNACLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNION CHAPEL	1,152.00	0.00	921.64
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	0.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS:	17,881.17	0.00	6,434.66

TOTAL CBA BUDGET FOR YEAR 2023: \$90,023.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Thank you to all of the churches that have contributed to the roof fund! We are happy to say "there are no more leaks!" The roof was replaced the week before Christmas to make sure we did not have any leaks in the office. We have ALMOST raised the goal of \$9,900 with the current total of \$8,113! Help us reach our goal and continue to update the office!
All are welcome here!

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS GOAL OF \$10,000 TO BE DIVIDED AMONG THE FOLLOWING:

• FOREIGN MISSIONS	20 %
• STATE LINE/CAMP CONCORD	30 %
• IMPACT MISSION CAMPS	20 %
• CBA LOCAL MISSIONS	25 %
• DISASTER RELIEF	5 %
TOTAL	100 %

Church News

AVERETT

At a called church conference, February 5th, the members voted to have a new elevator installed. We are excited about this new endeavor. A representative from the Books-N-Me nonprofit organization spoke at the Young at Heart meeting February 13th. Young at Heart agreed to make a monetary donation to this program to help make an impact on children's reading literacy. Young at Heart will meet again on March 13th at noon. Adults on Mission, along with the Young Women's Group, will be hosting a widow/widower's luncheon at the church on Saturday, March 18th, at noon. Adults on Mission will meet Tuesday evening, March 7th, 7:00 PM. On February 26th, we will begin celebrating Lent during worship service with readings and placing items on the cross. We are doing a Bible study on Wednesday nights from the book, "Ephesians Who We Are In Christ". Pastor Jimmy is teaching this study. Our Wednesday night Bible study and Sunday morning worship service can be viewed on facebook live.

On February 3rd 16 of our youth and youth leaders participated in a missions project for our local Food Pantry in Clarksville, Va. We enjoyed dinner out at Subway followed by a food pantry scavenger hunt at Food Lion in Clarksville, VA. We purchased over \$200.00 worth of groceries for the food pantry. The RA's continue to meet twice monthly and will be making plans for the upcoming months at their next meeting. We have placed our collection box out for the Bland County Shoebox ministry and will collect items until this fall after which we will schedule a packing party. We have set a date for Youth Sunday for April 23rd and are making plans for this now. The fundraising committee has scheduled a Soup/Sandwich Dessert-Baked Goods auction for a new elevator that will be purchased for our church.

BETHEL

December 11th we had our children and youth's Christmas program at 7 pm. They all did a wonderful job. Afterwards we had refreshments and handed out bags with goodies to everyone.

We continue to have Wed. Men's Bible study at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. On Thursday nights the Youth meets at the Pastor's house at 6:30 p.m. One week the boys cook a meal and the next week the girls cook a meal. They play Bible trivia also. The Baptist Men and Deacons hold their meetings the first Monday in every month at 6:30PM.

BETHEL cont.

Angela Spears has started another Women's Bible study every Mon. night at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book, 'A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23.;

We welcomed two new members by baptism. Sophia Hightower, daughter of Monty and Gail Hightower was baptized on Jan. 1, 2023 and Ariel Spears, daughter of Pastor Rodney and Angela Spears was baptized on Jan. 8th. We are glad to welcome these two young ladies to our church.

Choir practice has begun back every Sunday after worship. Donna Lopez is directing. On Feb. 23rd, the Baptist Men will have a luncheon at the Fellowship Hall for all widows and widowers in our church. The lunch will be at 12 noon.

Pastor Rodney is going through the Book of Acts. during our worship service. When he finishes, we will study Revelations. We continue to pray for those on our prayer and bereaved list. 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.' Matthew 5:16(NKJV)

EPHESUS

Our Women's Missionary meeting was held on January 3rd at the church. We will continue to support the Selah Center and the Bread Box as well as other outreaches.

On January 9th, our Senior Adult Ministry met at Wilson's at which time our special guest speaker was Mr. Doug Child. He had a very interesting program, detailing some of his mission work. His wife, Brenda, briefly told of her mission work, as well. We look forward to hearing more about her outreaches in the near future.

Our February at Ephesus began with our Women's Missionary meeting on the 6th at the church, when several items of business were discussed; one being the collection of personal products to send to Hope Tree Family Services in the spring. On the 11th, we had a Valentine's Day banquet when we enjoyed good food, fun and fellowship for the first time since the pandemic. It was such an enjoyable night with special music by Nancy Turner centered around a sing along of songs from the 50s and 60s. The delicious meal of tossed salad, steak, baked potatoes, etc. and cheesecake was catered by Ronnie Wells and Carleen Wells with the able assistance of

EPHESUS cont.

Tammy Brewer and others. We are grateful, too, for those who decorated the sanctuary so beautifully.

We also played some fun games and selected a king and queen for the year. Also, the children were kept busy making paper crosses to remind them of the love of Jesus.

Our Senior Adult Ministry met at Wilson's on the 13th, with special guests Warren and Loretta Loftis who told of their ministry to Bland County. We received a thank you from the Bread Box for our donation of soups for the month as well as a special thank you for our Children's Offering.

FIRST, SOUTH HILL

We enjoyed February with breakfast celebrating Valentine's Day and the sermon had focus on the Christian martyr St. Valentine. We finished the month with an Ash Wednesday service for the elementary students of First Christian School. Due to the pandemic, this was our first Ash Wednesday service in several years. The students were excited and amazed at the service and the receiving of the ashes.

During the month of March we will be observing the Season of Lent through the sermons and hymns. Currently, the Adult Choir is rehearsing for the East cantata that will be presented on April 2nd during the worship hour. This year's cantata is entitled, "Living Hope".

On March 17th at 7:00 PM we will once again sponsor Movie Night. All are invited. The movie title will be announced on the association Facebook page.

GRAVEL HILL

Gravel Hill Baptist Church is enjoying the New Year with interim pastor Todd Booth. Our WOM ladies observed Focus Week in February by planning the worship service on February 12th. Joyce Smith brought a wonderful message about God's love for us, and Pat Newton brought an uplifting message in song. Samantha Edwards, regional director of development for HopeTree Family Services, will join us on Sunday, March 5th at our 11:00 AM worship service. She will give a brief presentation about the many services provided by this organization. The program offers a wide range of ministries across Virginia,

GRAVEL HILL cont.

including foster care in Salem, Chester, Martinsville, and Richmond, an academy offering a secondary educational program, therapeutic group homes for at-risk youth, and a developmental disabilities ministry that operates nearly 20 community-based group homes. Please join us to hear Ms. Edwards speak and learn how we can be involved in the mission work of HopeTree Family Services. Please join us for a covered dish lunch after the service.

We continue to support the Clarksville Food Pantry with regular donations. The WOM delivered Christmas gifts to our loved ones who are in nursing homes. We will observe Holy Communion on Sunday, March 19th.

MOUNT HOREB

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, from Mt. Horeb Baptist Church. On February the 11th we had our annual Deacons Mission Valentines Dinner. We had over 120 people who took part. We had people from Concord Baptist Church, Salem Methodist Church, New Hope Baptist, Union Baptist, and La Crosse Baptist Church. The money that was raised will be used for Deacon's Mission projects in our neighborhood.

In March, our pastor will be preaching on prophecy and the importance of accepting Christ as Lord and Savior ("Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2). Also, we are studying I Corinthians on Wednesday evenings and it is on line at <https://mthorebbaptist.com>. All our services are to the glory of God.

OLIVE BRANCH

March finds us in the midst of the Lent season. To observe Lent this season, Pastor Wayne and Pastor Brady are preaching a sermon series on the words of Jesus to His disciples in the Upper Room from John 13-16. There are daily Scripture readings during Lent which correspond to the chapters we will study each week. Each week there are also suggestions for things or practices to fast from in order to focus our attention on Jesus and being closer to Him.

Also in March we will have a Lord's Supper and Baptism service on March 19th. On Wednesday, March 29th we will host guest speaker, Stephen Arnold from Chosen People Ministries. Stephen will share about his ministry to Jewish hikers in Brazil and also teach how Isaiah 53 points to Jesus as the Messiah.

OLIVE BRANCH cont.

All churches are invited to hear Stephen speak. We will collect a love offering for Stephen and his ministry.

Everyone is invited to attend a six week series on what the Bible says about origins. We meet each Sunday night from 6:00 pm until about 7:15 pm. We are viewing and discussing Answers in Genesis videos. The first Sunday night was February 19th. The last night will be March 26th. The specific videos are (1) Dinosaurs and More (2) Six Days, (3) Creation vs. Evolution and (4) Are Humans Related to Chimps? The class is for families, adults and children.

Our youth had a flag football game on February 5th and attended the Light the Night event, There is Always Hope, at New Hope Baptist Church on February 23rd. In March they will go the Winter Jam concert in Raleigh on March 17th to hear several Christian bands. They will also attend Camp Refuel at Camp Willow Springs in Littleton, NC the weekend of March 24th-26th. The Young Church (YC) Praise Band will share worship music at the Afternoon of Praise at the Mecklenburg County High School auditorium sponsored by the Phoenix Student Life Ministry. The event is on Sunday, March 19th and starts at 3 pm. The Phoenix Student Life Ministry is seeking choirs, soloists, and praise bands to perform. Performances will be scheduled on a 10 or 15 minute rotation based on when the group registers. Please register with Miss Mikela Meredith, President of the Phoenix Student Life Ministry, at mmeredithh12@gmail.com if you are interested.

Our children’s ministry completed another year of Another Level Basketball at the end of February. Two hundred children played on 25 teams which meant a busy Saturday of 13 games from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. We are thankful for the many coaches, referees, scoreboard operators, concession stand workers, and other volunteers who made the season a success.

OLIVE BRANCH cont.

Our pastors taught the children a lesson each week from the life of Jesus. Our Wednesday night children’s ministries, Sonshine Girls and Boys of Courage, collected coins to fill baby bottles. The money was given to the Selah Center ministry which ministers to pregnant women. Our children’s ministry will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1 for all children up to fifth grade from 2-5 pm. There will be games, crafts, food, and an egg hunts for each age group.

Our ministry to senior adults, METS, continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month. Anyone in the community 55 years and older is welcome to attend. Each month they have a devotion, guest speaker and a meal. In February their guest speaker was Dr. Fergeson, DC, (Doctor of Chiropractor). He spoke on chiropractic care and acupuncture. In March their speaker will be Leslie Williford who will speak about the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program that county residents are trying to get funded in eastern Mecklenburg County. On April 7th they will travel to Henderson, North Carolina. They will first have dinner at George's Restaurant, then see the performance of Deliver Us by the Ballet Magnificat at McGregor Hall.

Our Services for Easter are our Easter Cantata on Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 am, a Good Friday service on Friday, April 7, and our Easter Services on Sunday, April 9th. On Easter we will have a Resurrection Service at 10 am in the church cemetery, a 10:15 am breakfast, and a 11:00 am worship service in our Christian Life Center. You can always find out what is going on at Olive Branch Baptist Church by going to our website, obbcblackridge.com, viewing our church app on your mobile device, following us on Facebook, or watching our worship services on YouTube.

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