



From Our DOM
Rev. Joe McDowell



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“Serving Thirty Local Churches”

Dear Association Members,

I pray this edition of the Grapevine finds you and yours well. While I do not have official numbers, it appears COVID cases in our area, are down from what they have been. Many people within our Association have been vaccinated and many more will be in the near future. I have heard the availability of the vaccine is such that the age for those who can receive the vaccination has been lowered.

Many of our churches have moved services back inside and some are having services both inside and outside via short range FM transmitters. A few of our churches have opened up Sunday School and other in-person ministries and Bible studies. Although church-life seems to be moving toward “normal,” to my knowledge social distancing and the use of masks suggestions/requirements have not changed for indoor gatherings. I encourage you to “be safe”--continue to follow the appropriate guidelines when gathering. Be Safe!

We are planning to open Camp Concord this summer! I am so excited to see this ministry will be operational this year. Camp director, Wanda Williamson, is working closely with the Mecklenburg health department to insure the camps are run as safely as possible this summer. The number of children and students attending camp will be less than normal. Also, the camping weeks will be shortened. These schedule changes along with other steps and changes to the normal camp routine will help us to have “safe” camping weeks. We have heard a few concerns about opening the camp, but the Camp board and I feel very good about the precautions that will be put in place to make the camping weeks as safe as possible. Again, the health department is working with us and we have observed the measures other camps have taken or are going to use to run their camps. Forms and needed information for this year’s camp can be found on the Camp Concord page of the Association website or they can be picked up at the Association office.

The Association Mission Emphasis will run from Sunday, May 16 to Sunday, May 23. Please promote this emphasis diligently. Money given through this emphasis is important to the mission work of the Association to get back on its feet.

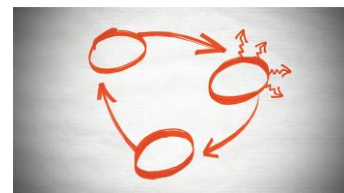
We will be sending a small group of missionaries to SouthWest Virginia. We are very pleased. Our group will be the first mission group to go to and work with the Southwest Virginia Partnership since the COVID pandemic brought many things to a stop last March.

Keep us posted on what your church is doing as restrictions ease. Many of our churches are in very interested to learn how other churches are responding to current suggestions and executive orders.

We will not be returning to Jamaica this year. We pray we will be able to return in 2022. At this point, we are planning to have the Fall Meeting in person this year and we are planning a seminar for the fall. Specific information will be forthcoming and we will have a Plan B to conduct the Fall Meeting if executive orders should prevent us from holding the meeting in person.

Many thanks go out to committee members and Association officers who have functioned by way of Zoom meetings and/or email meetings. Remember the Association is here to assist your church in any way possible. Do not hesitate to contact us.

I am always thankful to be in HIS service with you,
Rev. Joe McDowell



Joe is available to teach the three circles training to anyone who may be interested. This has been very successful in years past.

CBA CALENDAR

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



- 02-07 SWVA Missions Trip**
- 03 State Line Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- 09 Mother's Day
- 11 Pastor's Conference, 12:00 PM (Noon), CBA, Lunch Provided, CBA**
- 16-23 Associational Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer**
- 20 Discipleship Committee, 7:00 PM, CBA**
- 31 Memorial Day (CBA Office closed for holiday)**



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

CBA MEETINGS

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

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**

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER

Scripture: Isaiah 43:19

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

May 16-23, 2021

**Associational Missions Offerings Goal of \$10,000
To Be Divided Among the Following:**

➤ Foreign Missions	40 %
➤ State Line/Camp Concord	30 %
➤ CBA Local Missions	25 %
➤ Disaster Relief	5 %
Total	100 %

CBA CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH March 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

Mrs. Ann Davis – May 29

Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Brady Bassett – May 25
Rev. & Mrs. Rodney Barwick – May 29

Minister Anniversaries

Rev. Joey Tucker – May 18

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

Buffalo Baptist, Gravel Hill and Averett joined together for the Easter Sunrise Service at Buffalo Baptist April 4th.. Pastor Jimmy brought the message that morning. The sun helped warm us on that chilly morning. Averett held its Easter morning worship service on the front lawn of our church. Pastor Jimmy's message was about the Easter story. Following the worship service there was an Easter egg hunt for the children sponsored by the Young Women's Bible Study. Fifteen children enjoyed the hunt. On Monday, April 19th, Pastor Jimmy and Vanessa took a truck and trailer load of items donated for the flood victims of Booneville, Kentucky where they previously served. Adults on Mission will meet Monday, May 3rd, at 3:00 in the fellowship hall. Our mission project for April was making a donation towards helping the flood victims in Kentucky. Food pantry item for May is juices (apple, cranberry and grape 40 oz bottles. OCC item for May is hygiene items. The Selah Center is in need of boy's clothes 2T-3T, (gently used or new).

Wishing all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

The young children continue to meet for Sunday School class on Sunday mornings while the worship service is going on through Drive-In, Facebook, and church members gathering on the front lawn of the church yard. The Recognition committee honored Pastor Jimmy and Vanessa Garland with a gift basket of many items on Sunday, April 18th for their 1 year anniversary with Averett Baptist Church. The youth continue to collect items for the Bland County shoebox ministry.

Ephesus

Ephesus enjoyed Easter Sunday morning worship service during which we were able to celebrate The Lord's Supper with individually wrapped elements. We continue to support the Bread Box with grocery items and monetary donations. It is so nice to have a local food pantry to help those truly in need. We greatly exceeded our Annie Armstrong goal this year. We always set our goal to correspond with the year, this being 2021. Donations this year total \$2,940 thus far. Praise God for everyone's generosity. Soon we will begin to collect for Alma Hunt Virginia Missions. We began having our Nursery Department and it is so good to see all the little ones. We had our WMU meeting following morning worship on April

11th and will meet again on May 16th. We continue to support the Selah Center in Clarksville, with our quarterly monetary donation. Some in our congregation have experienced the loss of loved ones, and our prayers go out to them. God bless all of our sister Churches!

First, South Hill

We received our new pastor, Steve Battaglia, on February 21st. Our Worship Service attendance and giving have been very good for the past two months and we welcomed a new church member this month, for which we thank the Lord.

We participated in the Annie Armstrong Missionary Offering and exceeded our goal by nearly double.

Our Worship Services have been in the sanctuary Sunday mornings at 11:00 (with the usual COVID-19 precautions and procedures) in which we have been blessed with expository sermons from the book of Philippians, special video features, congregational singing led by our newly hired Music Director Fina Lynn, and musical specials each week. We had a wonderful service on Resurrection Sunday with an early Easter Flowering of the Cross service conducted prior to the 11:00 Worship Service.

The Worship Services are also 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 and streamed over the internet (WJYK 99.3 FM & 980 AM), and placed on the church website, the church YouTube channel, the pastor's YouTube channel, and on the church's and pastor's social media page on a weekly basis.

Sunday School has been offered via Zoom during the pandemic, but all classes resume at the church facilities May 2nd.

We have revamped and restarted Children's Church and the Nursery, and children's workers received two days of children's ministry teacher training and were equipped with materials for this ministry to our families and children.

Our school, First Christian School, has had an excellent year and enrollment for next year is up. A new class for 5th grade will be added.

Our pastor and Music Director (who is also a Camp Concord Board Member), participated in the Camp Concord Workday, and the church anticipates more involvement in the Camp ministry.

We are excited about the future of First Baptist Church of South Hill, and pray 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.

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James Square

We continue to hold Sunday School classes for all ages at 10:00 AM, Worship services at 11:00 AM inside and by FM transmitter Drive-in Services outside each Sunday. Bible Study is held each Wednesday Night at 6:45 PM. Children's Church is held the second Sunday at 11:00 AM each month unless noted on our calendar. Beginning, Sunday, May 2, the Brotherhood will have their monthly Brotherhood breakfast at 8:00 AM.

Easter Sunday, April 4, began with a Sunrise Service. The Worship Service sermon, "The Easter Experience" was from Matthew 28:1-10, and members sang the familiar old hymns sung at Easter. Earlier, the Children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt as they searched for their colorful prizes.

Saturday, April 10th, the Brotherhood held a Takeout Only BBQ Dinner. Profits, after expenses, will be used for mission projects.

Lawrenceville

Spring has sprung in Lawrenceville Virginia and at Lawrenceville Baptist Church. We had a wonderful Easter celebration and feel blessed by the beauty of the season. The exciting news is that Sunday School classes will return on May 2, 2021. We have missed our special learning, sharing and caring time for so long during the pandemic. We continue to enjoy some wonderful sermons from the pulpit supply at Liberty University and are working and praying for a permanent pastor to lead our church. God has a plan and we are continuing to patiently and prayerfully wait. May God richly bless all in our Association.

Olive Branch

We had a wonderful Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection on April 4th! We are grateful to announce we had \$2,580 given to the Annie Armstrong offering for North American Missions. On Sunday, April 11th the church recognized Travis Belcher as an Honorary Deacon. Travis has served Olive Branch for many years as a deacon but for health reasons has had to step down from serving. We also remembered the late Jim Hitson who had been an honorary deacon in the last years of his life before his passing. It was a special morning to honor and remember to very dedicated and faithful servants of the Lord.

Our youth will attend the Christian rock band, Skillet, concert in Roanoke Rapids on Thursday, May 6th. The church will also recognize our graduating high school and

college graduates on Sunday, May 23rd. By May 1st our youth will have made a commitment to their youth mission project this summer, the BGAV's Impact Virginia. They will be attending the Danville camp from June 27-July 3rd.

During the month of May the Women on Mission group are asking the church to donate school supplies and hygiene items for the Standing Rock Mission team that will travel to the Dakota Reservations in July.

On Sunday May 2nd we will have a child dedication service, and our Wednesday night children's ministries Sunshine Girls and Boys of Courage will finish up for the school year on Wednesday night, May 26th. Also, we are excited to begin our Nursery and toddler care ministry on Sunday mornings again in May after not having them for the last year because of COVID.

Pastor Wayne will hold a class on Sunday, May 16th, "Making Olive Branch Home" for those who want to know more about Olive Branch Baptist or are interested in joining the church. We will have our quarterly congregational business meeting on Monday, May 17th.

You can always find out what's going on at Olive Branch at our website, obbblackridge.com, our Facebook page, @obbblackridge, and our YouTube channel, obbblackridge.

Sanford Memorial

Sanford Memorial Baptist Church is continuing to have Sunday School at 9:45 and one church service at 11 a.m. Right now, I am preaching through the one book in the New Testament that most deals with problems in the local church and how to handle them, 1 Corinthians. Paul teaches many timeless truths concerning the wellbeing of the church that continue to resonate today.

Tabernacle

Sunday morning services continue at 11 AM inside with social distancing as well as drive in for those that do not feel comfortable coming inside. Mask are asked to be worn inside. We continue to have very good attendance and hope to resume some normal worship services inside starting in June.

Our services that are live through FM transmitter on 92.1 FM will probably discontinue in June. We continue putting our service on Facebook. Wednesday night Bible Study that is being held at church inside the sanctuary at 7 PM with Lee continuing a study on the book of Revelation. Sunday school classes are beginning to be held with social distancing. The Agape Adult class is meeting at 10:15 AM in the sanctuary unless otherwise announced and hope to start back in SS classrooms in June.

Camp Concord News: 2021

Theme: "HOPE"

CAMP WEEKS

Jeremiah
29:11

Brochures will be 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
June 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 \$ _____

CHURCH NEWS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Normal activities are now being held with social distancing. Our Youth continue to meet for Bible Study and activities. Our WOM will meet in May with a program on Associational Missions by Carolyn Carter. WOM continues with mission projects each month for our community.

Wylliesburg

The Spring Wing Fling was held on Sun, April 18, with social distancing rules in place. It was very enjoyable to fellowship together again.

There was a large number attending Easter services and the accompanying breakfast, which was cooked by the men of the church.

Men's Day will be observed on Mother 's Day this year. We are holding services inside & outside, Q & A Sunday @ 10am, worship svc at 11 a

Also Wed worship service @ 7 p.

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