



From Our DOM
 Rev. Joe McDowell



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"Serving Thirty Local Churches"

Dear Association Members,

This year is quickly coming to a close. We have accomplished much in 2019 and we're not finished yet! We have one more "3 Circles" evangelism training scheduled on November 17 at Tabernacle Baptist Church. I encourage you to take advantage of this training. All of us are called of God to share our faith in Christ. We will be planning more of these training seminars for 2020.

We will be collecting shoe boxes for both Samaritan's Purse and for Bland County. Churches can help to purchase fruit and potatoes to send to Bland County in December by donating \$75 to go toward to the cost.

A small group of missionaries will be traveling to Nickelsville in early December to assist the Southwest Partnership at the food bank and clothes closet.

As we look to next year, we will be sending more missionaries to Jamaica as well as within the state. I encourage you to support these missionaries directly and/or through the special Association offerings taken at the Fall and Spring meetings and during the Association Missions Emphasis Week in May I would like to ask each church to look at their giving to the Association's general fund. We are working diligently to keep expenses down, while at the same time working to expand our ministries and missions. With each passing year and with each new mission project, it takes a bit more to operate. Would your church consider giving a little more to the Association's work so that the needs of the Association could be met? The money given to the Association is used to multiply our Kingdom efforts. We are thirty churches united in MISSION!

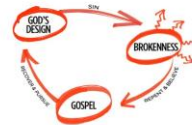
I am thankful to be in His great service with you,
 Rev. Joe McDowell, DOM



Bland County
 Shoe Boxes
 Drop Off on
 Monday,
 December 2 at
 Boydton Fire
 Department from

8 AM – 5 PM.

****We are asking each church to donate \$75 to help purchase the oranges, apples and potatoes to be taken to Bland County****



3 CIRCLES:
 LIFE CONVERSATION GUIDE
 A simple way to share the gospel

We have one "3 Circles, Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations" seminar coming up. This will take place at Tabernacle Baptist Church on November 17.

*Happy Veterans Day
 To all those who have
 Served our country!
 Monday, November 11*



**Remember...
 Sunday Morning,
 November 3**

CBA CALENDAR

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



- 04 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- 07 Youth Committee, 7:00 PM, CBA**
- 14 Discipleship Committee, 7:00 PM, CBA**
- 19 Pastor's Conference, 12:00 PM (Noon), CBA,
Lunch Provided**
- 28 Thanksgiving (CBA Office closed for holiday)**



DECEMBER

- 01-08 Week of Prayer for International Missions,
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
- 24-26 CBA Office Closed Christmas Day and for
Holiday**

CBA MEETINGS

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 7, 2019, 7:00 PM

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 14, 2019, 7:00 PM

MISSIONS/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:30 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEES

Thursday, January 16, 2020, 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Officers, Chairpersons of committees, Pastors, and church lay person (representative) from each church (visitors always welcome) will meet together on
Thursday, January 23, 2020 7:00 PM, CBA

CBA CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH September, 2019

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	375.00	0.00	0.00
AVERETT	3,065.94	1,235.00	700.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	0.00	300.00
BETHEL	1,700.00	268.00	200.00
BETHESDA	1,953.00	0.00	300.00
BLACK BRANCH	746.32	50.00	373.16
BOYDTON	1,000.00	400.00	1,300.00
CLARKSVILLE	1,207.16	733.00	1,080.00
CONCORD	3,239.15	530.00	500.00
EBENEZER	1,500.00	170.00	0.00
EPHESUS	1,325.00	545.00	1,307.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	1,398.42	342.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	900.00	1,215.00	1,422.00
GRAVEL HILL	700.00	385.00	800.00
JAMES SQUARE	4,923.49	500.00	700.00
JEFFRESS	585.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	2,150.63	269.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	2,393.56	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	1,578.56	0.00	500.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	310.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	1,157.28	200.00	100.00
NEW HOPE	3,810.75	555.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	5,013.92	0.00	5,013.92
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	4,667.93	321.00	1,333.67
TABERNACLE	1,965.88	290.00	384.51
UNION CHAPEL	3,621.49	0.00	2,897.20
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	0.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	800.00	210.00	100.00
OTHER	0.00	0.00	14,968.51
TOTAL	60,618.48	8,528.00	43,222.70



Total CBA Budget for Year: \$100,610.00

Budget Fund Needs to Date: \$68,675.51

Budget Income to Date: \$60,618.48



Rev. Joe McDowell – November 16
Rev. Lee Foster – November 18
Mrs. Megan Foster – November 18

Minister Anniversaries

Rev. Steve Battaglia – November 1

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

Antioch

September 29 was **Recovery Sunday**, a time to acknowledge the reality of addiction in our world (even our community) and give voice to the hope, healing, and freedom offered to all people in Christ. Rachael Stewart, our guest speaker, shared her own story. Another guest speaker on that day was Nury Janania who serves with **Friends of Barnabas** in Honduras. She came to personally thank Antioch for supporting this ministry through a love offering, collecting flip-flops and praying for three of our own who recently traveled to Honduras.

Our church family and friends celebrated Antioch's **185th Anniversary and 2019 Homecoming** on October 13. Special invited guests who were present were Rev. Jane Lyon who served as intern in 2007 and as Antioch's pastor from 2008 to 2014, Rev. Breana van Velzen, who served as intern in 2014-2015, and Rev. Ryan Williams who served as intern in 2013-2014, as Pastor from 2015 to 2017, and brought us our morning message. Two former interns, Rev. Alison Dunn Almaguer, who served in 2012-2013, and Rev. Lee Foster, who served in 2011-2012, were unable to come but sent letters of greeting to be read to the congregation. Following the service, a family picture was taken on the front porch of the church, and everyone dined in the fellowship hall from tables full of food in the old-time Antioch tradition. After lunch Ken Vaiden and James Hazelwood presented a Celebration of Music sharing their talent in Christian song. In honor of our anniversary, 185th Anniversary History/Remembrance booklets were available. Thanks to everyone who helped compile information for the booklet, to the social committee for their part in planning and preparing for our lunch, and everyone who took part in the worship service.

We're trying something new! On the **first Sunday** of each month we meet in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. for light refreshments and fellowship before going to our Sunday school classes at 10:00. What a great idea!

A Brunswick stew will be prepared on Saturday, November 9, to benefit **Concord Baptist Association**

Missions. Anyone who would like to assist in making the stew or place an order should call 434.917.5747 by November 4. The stew will sell for \$7 per quart.

Pastor Kristen White will be hosting a **Thanksgiving Potluck** at her home on Saturday, November 16, at 5:00 p.m. for Antioch's young adults and their children. Turkey and stuffing will be provided, and guests are asked to bring a side dish/dessert to share.

On **Thursday nights** we continue our study of *Christianity and World Religions* and will be completing it soon. With daylight hours getting shorter, now is a great time to come out and join us at 7:00 p.m.

Our **ongoing mission opportunities** are (1) Personal Care Items for students at Randolph-Henry High School, (2) non-perishable foods for students at Charlotte County schools, (3) drink tabs for Ronald McDonald House and (4) desserts/fruit for Meals on Wheels. We are also beginning to promote our yearly collection of shoebox gifts for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Again this year the WMU will pay the shipping cost for all boxes our church family prepares.

Upcoming ACC (Antioch's Caring Christians) programs include (1) November – Ruth McDonald with the **Selah Center** in Clarksville. She will be with us as we conduct a baby shower to collect items for new mothers at the Center (2) December – John Alford will join us in a **Time of Remembering** when we celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have passed away.

Kristen's **office hours** are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to schedule an appointment may call 434.735.8101.

Averett

The youth kicked off their annual collection of staple items for our Thanksgiving baskets on October 12th during their annual stew fundraiser. Items will continue to be collected as well as turkeys being purchased to go with each basket, which will be delivered to families after church on Sunday, November 17th. . Pastor Appreciation Sunday was observed on Sunday, October 13th. Rev. Rodney Barwick was presented a handmade poster made by our younger children's group. Both Rodney & Carole Barwick were presented a gift basket full of cards, gifts, and assorted items for their 10 + years of service to our church. The High School youth group have plans to go out for

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dinner on Friday, October 18th and then participate in a missions project. All youth have plans to go out for lunch after church on Sunday, November 3rd and then shopping for the Bland County Shoe Box ministry. On Friday, November 15th the youth will have a shoe box packing party to pack the boxes for Bland County.

Trivia Night - Fundraiser to Benefit Operation Christmas Child - October 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come for fun, snacks, and fellowship!

Operation Christmas Child - National Collection Week - Nov 18-25. Less than 60 days! Aren't you excited?!?! Mark your calendars-- Our packing party is November 17th following the church service. Please sign up on bulletin board. Pray for the children who will receive shoe boxes and those serving to deliver the shoe boxes. Spread the love of Jesus with us!

Join us Friday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m. for movie night at church. Adults on Mission meets Monday, November 4th, 3:00 p.m. at church. Twenty+ members from our Young at Heart group will be going to NarroWay Theater November 8th, to see "The Real Christmas Story". Sharon Capps will be our guest speaker at Young at Heart, Wednesday, November 13th at 12 noon. She will be sharing experiences from her mission trips. Come join us for food and fellowship.

Pray for our pastor search committee as we seek God's guidance in finding a new pastor as Rodney will be retiring at the end of December. He and Carole have been awesome servants for God at Averett and beyond and will be greatly missed. We wish them a Happy and Healthy Retirement!

Ephesus

Our Rise Against Hunger event was a success with many volunteers. We packed 10,800 meals in just under 2 hours. We were able to collect 78 items for the Bread Box in October, in addition to our children's offering of \$121.00. Our morning and evening WMU circles were held on October 1st. October 6th was a special day at Ephesus, when we had Sunday School Promotion and an ordination of Bill Arrowood to the deacon body. We also recognized our deacons who serve us so faithfully. Our Senior Adult meeting was held at Wilson's on October 14th. We are planning a bonfire (weather permitting) on Saturday, October 16th, with hot dogs with fixin's and s'mores.

October is pastor appreciation month when we have a special opportunity to give thanks for Rev. Cobb and his dedication to faithfully preaching the Word. We will suspend our weekly Wednesday night Bible Study when Daylight Savings Time end on November 3rd and plan to resume in March. The youth will continue to meet each Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Our WMU Leadership team continues to meet at PineView on the second Tuesday at 2:30 PM for a program, craft and refreshments. We continue to collect items for the shoe box ministry to Bland County.

First, Chase City

We will have an All Saints Recognition for all we have lost this past year on All Saints Sunday, November 3rd during our worship service. Our annual church Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Wednesday, November 20th and we will host a community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 24th at 6:00 pm with Rev. Mike West from Centenary United Methodist as the guest speaker with a light reception afterwards. Our Christmas Cantata will be on Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

James Square

Fall weather has finally arrived. The WMU Fall CBA Meeting is the 29th and we have several ladies attending. The Alma Hunt offering met and exceeded our goal. We give God all the glory. WMU members are already selecting that perfect toy or gift to fill Bland County, VA shoe boxes this year for children in western Virginia and each CBA church gives a donation for fruit. Ladies visit, prepare meals and send flowers to cheer members and those in the community. The Homebound committee sends cards and visits to remember those in assisted living facilities and not physically able to attend worship services. Each kindness extended reflects the love of Christ, so let your light shine.

Nominating committees have been hard at work and church budgets are being prepared for the coming year.

Our Brotherhood will prepare, and serve with a smile, on Sunday, November 3rd a delicious country breakfast for everyone. What a great way to begin the month of thanksgiving and share a meal and fellowship. "Count your many blessings, name them one by one" is a great hymn and attitude for November.

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La Crosse

La Crosse Baptist is looking forward to hosting the Fall Associational Meeting on Tuesday, October 29 at 5:00 pm. Plans are underway for a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship together. We are continuing our search for a pastor. Meantime we are delighted to have Reverend John Alford come and bring inspiring messages for our Sunday morning worship hour during the months of September, October and November. He has been such a blessing to our church family. We praise the Lord for His miraculous healing in John's life and the strong faith that John shows in his daily walk with the Lord. The Youth Craft Day, lead by Linda Martin and held at La Crosse Baptist, was a great success enjoyed by all who attended. On Sunday, October 13, World Hunger Day was celebrated during our Worship service. Rev. Alford gave a powerful message on John 6:1-12 as we were reminded of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the 5,000 and how God is able to work through each of us. \$226.06 was collected for World Hunger. On October 6 we enjoyed a delicious breakfast and fellowship together before Sunday School. It was enjoyed by all! On Sunday, November 3, the Children in Action are hosting a Soup and sandwich luncheon for the entire church. After the luncheon we will pack Samaritan Purse Christmas boxes for shipment. We are so blessed to share the gospel with those in need in this unique way at this special time of year.

Olive Branch

We are excited to announce that we have a new Youth Pastor, Rev. Brady Bassett! The church called him on September 29th. Pastor Brady will begin his ministry in the middle of November. He comes with his wife, Lora, and their son Benjamin (Benji) from a church in Georgia where he also served as a Youth Pastor. He and Lora are both graduates of Liberty University. He is originally from Delaware, and she originally from Indiana near Chicago. We will have a welcome Sunday for them on November 17th. We can't wait to welcome them and start ministering together for God's kingdom!

We collected \$1,583 for the BGAV's Alma Hunt Offering in September. We had a baptism and Lord's Supper service on October 6th where three people were baptized! On October 30th we will have a Trunk or Treat

event to reach out to the children in our community. Also, at the end of October our youth will spend an awesome weekend at Camp Willow Run for Camp Refuel, October 25-27th. The weekend is one of worship, Bible learning, fun, and time spent with God. Former Olive Branch youth pastor, Anthony Wall (AWall) will be the speaker for the weekend. All youth in our area in 6th-12th grades are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, go to www.lightthenight.net. In November the youth will play their annual Turkey Bowl flag football game on November 10th and enjoy a fall party and cookout on November 16th.

In November, our WMU is collecting items to be donated to Vessels of Mercy International for their project Operation Homefront: Delivering Hope to Our Veterans. Also, we will have our annual toy collection for Bland County, Virginia. Thanksgiving means will also host our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 27th where we feed over 100 residents of local group homes.

We are always thankful for God's blessing and grateful to be part of the Concord Baptist Association. You can keep up with what's going on at Olive Branch Baptist Church anytime by going to our website www.obbcblackridge.com.

Tabernacle

Bible Study Wednesday Night Bible Study is at 7 PM here at the church. We are studying the book of Jeremiah. We are now on Chapter 9.

Youth Bible Study will be October 20th beginning at 1:30 PM.

Women's Bible Study - will continue on Mondays at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer.

Deacon Elections – the deacons elected October 6th are Jamie Barker, H. P. Thomas, and Mike Greene. They begin service in January.

Trunk or Treat – Trunk or Treat event at Tabernacle is scheduled for Sunday October 27th from 4-6 PM. We need volunteers to decorate the trunks of their cars and donations of candy to fill them. We will park these vehicles from the handicap spaces around to the Church Bus parking shed to try to keep this area safe for the children to move from trunk to trunk. There will be hot dogs and drinks available as well as a wagon ride through the trails behind the church.

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The WOM meeting will be a week later due to Revival. We will meet on Tuesday October 22 at Wilsons at 6PM. Faye Hostetter will have the program. For the October Mission Project we will be giving the residents of Hazlewood House a Birthday Party and anyone that would like to give Bingo Prizes a container will be available for donations. Suggestions: snacks, old jewelry, lotions, hand sanitizer, handkerchiefs, socks, hats/gloves, word books. The Hazlewood House Birthday Party will be on Thursday October 24th at 1:30. We will need items for refreshments and volunteers to serve. See Karen Harris. Bread Box - The Donations for the Bread Box will be collected up through Sunday October 20th.

Harvest Offering – taken up today will go toward offsetting the cost of installation of the sanctuary projectors and the upgrading of the curtains in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.



We're
ThankFUL
for
YOU!

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



May each of you have a
very blessed
Thanksgiving! From
the staff of the
Association:
Joe & Rebecca

JAMAICA Mission Trip May 30 - June 6, 2020

WANTED: 30+ Youth and up to 10-15 Adults
The 2019 Jamaica Mission Trip was a huge success! 23 people partnered with *Won by One* to serve and share Christ in Jamaica. The trip filled very quickly. We are planning to take 40-50 missionaries May 30-June 6, 2020, again with the trip's emphasis on students. Adults need to be ready, willing, and able to lead, supervise, interact, and bunk with students. The Jamaica trip is an awesome trip for families (teens with their parents and/or grandparents). Youth need to be 13 years old, or older. Registration for trip includes your completed application, an interview with Joe and \$100 deposit.
Pray, plan and commit early!



Please get all your
Christmas information on
your program's and
cantata's into us
early so we can do a
special section in
our Christmas Edition!
Thanks!

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