



**From Our DOM**  
Rev. Joe McDowell



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**“Serving Thirty Local Churches”**

**Dear Concord Baptist Association,**

I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed being the Director of Missions (DOM) for this wonderful Association. You have supported me in the many mission activities and endeavors — some new opportunities and others, tried-and-true.

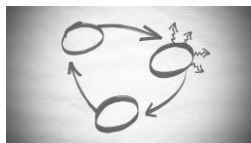
Since spring 2020, we have all struggled to maintain ministry and mission. I have witnessed you make some innovative steps to carry on discipleship and evangelism. “This time” is not over. I trust God will continue to guide us.

I will be stepping down as your DOM as of November 30, 2021. I will be answering the call to become the pastor of Concord Baptist Church. I am excited about the challenge and blessing of pastoring again. I will always have fond memories of my time with you as your DOM, but God is leading me back to ministry within the local church.

I will certainly remain active within the Association as a pastor of one of the thirty churches that make up the Association. Also, I will be happy to help in any way possible during the time of searching for a new DOM.

I have been and will continue to be thankful to be in His service with you,

Joe



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)



- 06 Camp Concord cleanup day, 9:00 AM**  
If you are able, please consider volunteering your time to help keep Camp Concord clean and running smoothly for next season
- 08 State Line Board of Director’s Meeting, 7:00 PM, Camp Concord**
- 25 Thanksgiving (CBA Office closed for holiday)**
- 28- 12/4 Week of Prayer for International Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**



**23-27 CBA Office Closed Christmas Day and for Holiday**

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

➤ Foreign Missions	20 %
➤ State Line/Camp Concord	30 %
➤ Impact VA	20 %
➤ CBA Local Missions	25 %
➤ Disaster Relief	5 %
Total	100 %

**CBA CONTRIBUTIONS**

**CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH October 13th 2021**

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	1,500.00	0.00	1,250.00
AVERETT	3,604.00	707.00	700.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	0.00	300.00
BETHEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETHESDA	2,600.00	1,375.00	0.00
BLACK BRANCH	832.00	0.00	0.00
BOYDTON	1,000.00	0.00	1,300.00
CLARKSVILLE	516.70	40.00	1,016.70
CONCORD	2,923.75	0.00	500.00
EBENEZER	0.00	345.00	0.00
EPHESUS	1,775.00	0.00	960.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	1,500.03	334.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	900.00	605.00	1,422.00
GRAVEL HILL	800.00	370.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	3,196.50	460.00	700.00
JEFFRESS	720.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	1,745.91	245.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	1,672.62	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	1,775.88	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	400.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	1,129.03	75.00	200.00
NEW HOPE	2,492.18	445.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	4,978.92	210.00	6,051.18
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	4,270.29	316.00	1,220.30
TABERNACLE	2,414.27	370.00	55.00
UNION CHAPEL	3,299.79	0.00	2,639.82
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	255.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	900.00	110.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$53,546.87</b>	<b>\$6,407</b>	<b>\$20,265.00</b>

Total CBA Budget for Year: \$104,179.00



**Birthdays**

Rev. Joe McDowell – Nov. 16  
Rev. Lee Foster – Nov. 18



**Impact Mecklenburg County  
June 26 -- July 2, 2022**

We are excited to partner with the BGAV to bring an Impact Mission Camp to our area. 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. Impacts 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. Testimonies in our churches, information about meetings, camp registration, and other opportunities will be rolling out in the not too distant future.

**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION TRIPS

### **Jamaica Mission Trip**

Dates: July 17 – 24, 2022

Information Meeting: November 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM

### **Southwest VA Partnership Mission Trip**

Dates: May 1 - May 6, 2022

The Mission: To advance the Kingdom of Christ by putting His love into action - one person, one family, one community at a time. Opportunities to serve include working in a food pantry, working on construction projects, visiting assisted living homes to spend time with residents and to lead residents in musical worship. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or a designated adult leader.

### **Impact Mecklenburg**

Staff Information from BGAV: We are looking for young adults to join the Impact staff team. There are 5 weeks of camp that staff will be part of, plus about two weeks of orientation and preparation. We're able to pay \$2500 for the summer, plus cover their expenses. It would be beneficial if they are from the area, have photo/video/social media skills, or are musically gifted. Please reach out to us if you know of anyone that may be interested. The same goes for worship leaders, though we hire them typically week-by-week instead of for the whole summer, and the pay is a little different.

## OTHER NEWS

**Bland County Shoe Boxes:** The collection date for the Bland County Shoe Boxes this year will be Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. This will take place at Boydton volunteer fire department from 8AM-4PM. Every year we ask for \$75 from each church to cover the costs for the fruit and potatoes. All of this money and other donations can be sent to the Concord Baptist Association office or to Mr. Warren Loftis. His phone number is 434-738-6651.

**Samaritan's Purse:** Lacrosse Baptist will once again serve as a drop-off site for Samaritan's Purse Operation

Christmas Child. This ministry seeks to reach children that have very little and many have never received a gift in their life. After receiving a shoebox, each child is given the opportunity to participate in "The Greatest Journey" discipleship program where they learn about Jesus and how to share their faith with family and friends. Collection week is November 15-22 with the following times:

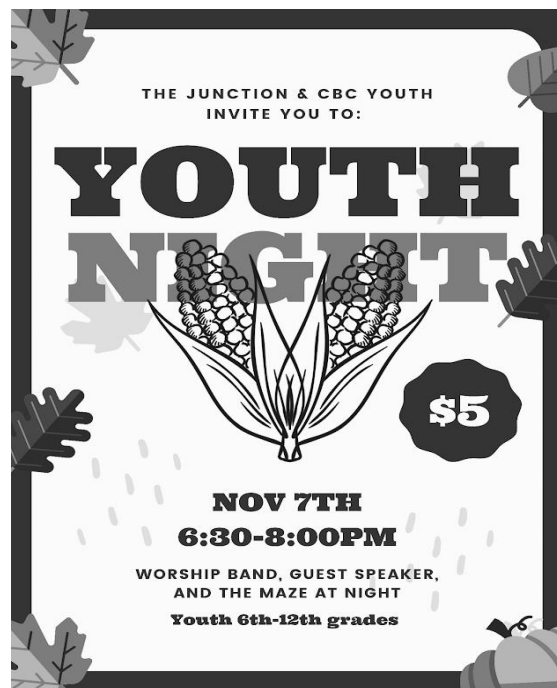
Monday-Friday, 4 PM to 6 PM

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 1 PM

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 to 3 PM

Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 to 9 AM

We will be leaving sharply at 9 to transport boxes to Farmville where they will then head out to the distribution center. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Betty Puryear at 434-689-5517



Youth Night will be happening at Clarksville Baptist Church on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM. All church youth groups are invited and encouraged to come have a good time filled with music and worship!

## 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**

### **Averett**

We have a lot of activities going on at church. Adults on Mission meets Monday, November 1st, at 3:00 in the fellowship hall at church. There will be an OCC packing party Saturday, November 6th, at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to pray, pack gospel opportunities and fellowship. National Collection Week is November 15-22. Young at Heart will meet Monday, November 8th, at noon. Bring your favorite dish and join us for a time of good food and fellowship.

Opening assembly is each Sunday morning at 9:45, followed by Sunday school at 10:00. Worship service is at 11:00. It is still available on Facebook live or in the church parking lot on 88.7 FM. Pastor Jimmy is teaching from the book of Genesis on Wednesday nights at 7:00. Choir practice follows at 8:00 in the sanctuary. Acteens, led by Vanessa Garland, meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00. Young Women's Bible study meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00 at the church. They continue to study women in the Bible.

Happy Veterans Day to all our veterans. Thank you for your service.

### **Ephesus**

The Rise Against Hunger event went well, and we are happy to report that the goal for this cause was exceeded. We are once again having our regular monthly meetings for our Senior Adult Ministry on the second Monday of each month, as well as our WMU meetings on the first Tuesday. Both of these meetings take place in the Family Life Center of the church, unless otherwise noted. We recognized World Hunger Sunday on the third of October. Due to covid restrictions, we did not have our usual soup luncheon, but did collect over \$400. Our Deacon Body selected two deacons to serve for the upcoming term, one of whom will be ordained in the near future. We continue to pray earnestly for those presently battling covid as well as for those grieving the loss of loved ones. Our needs are great but our God is greater!!

### **First, Chase City**

We recognized our interim pastor, Rev. Gene Burris, on October 3rd with a gift from the church for Pastor Appreciation Month. We were able to host The

Churchmen on October 10th and had a nice turn out for the event. We continue to have our Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:30pm which is led by David Keim and Rev. Michael Blythe of Shilo Methodist Church. All are welcome and we look forward to new visitors. Although it is not mandatory, we are encouraging "face masks" to all events in the building.

### **First, South Hill – First Christian School**

October is a very busy month at First Christian School, but now it's time to calm down and enjoy November and focus on our many blessings.

We have several mission projects for November. All FCS students are packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our preschool students are having a food drive.

The FCSA will be selling smoked turkey breasts for Thanksgiving. The turkey breasts are \$40, and weigh between 10-12 pounds. The cut off to order a turkey breast is November 19 or until we have sold out. Turkey breasts must be picked up Tuesday, November 23 at the FCS Gym from 8-4. Please call the school office if you are interested in purchasing a turkey.

Our Kindergarteners will be performing at the Chapel service on November 18th at 2:00 at First Baptist Church, which is also our Chapel for the OCC Shoebox dedication. We invite everyone to join us for the worship.

### **James Square**

Looking forward to Fall. "Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

The Brotherhood is planning a fellowship breakfast on Sunday, November 7, at 8:00 AM for everyone.

Thanks to everyone contributing to the Alma Hunt Virginia Offering as we met and exceeded our goal. Visitors are still not allowed because of the virus at nursing homes, so WMU members made Fall Pumpkin Tray Cards for residents at Envoy. Our October Mosaic program, given by Barbara, encouraged letter writing as a way to lift someone's spirits. Members wrote notes/letters to a young man away from home and family.

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

The WMU mission project for November will be packing shoe boxes for Bland County, Virginia.

## Lacrosse

Here at LaCrosse Baptist Church we continue to worship each Sunday morning at 11 am with social distancing and mask wearing encouraged, preceded by a time of prayer at 10 am. Our pastor, Korey Henry, is continuing to preach through the New Testament book of Matthew each Sunday. The sermon is then made available each Monday on our church website – facebook.com/lacrossebaptistchurch and Apple Podcast.

We look forward to the Christmas season and our participation in preparing of the Samaritan Purse Christmas boxes. Our packing party which involves our children and adult volunteers will take place on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at church. On Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will dedicate our packed boxes during Worship Service. LaCrosse Baptist is a drop-off site for our Association. The following are dates and times to drop off your boxes: November 15-22 (Monday-Friday-4pm-6pm) (Saturday-pam-1pm) (Sunday1pm-3pm) (Monday 7am-9am). On Sunday, October 31, a Reformation Hymn Sing will be held at LBS from 5-6 pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy fellowship and singing praises to our Lord. Each month we collect a food item for our local Bread Box. October was dried beans. November will be canned meat. December is jelly.

## Lawrenceville

Lawrenceville Baptist Church has a new pastor!! Rev. Spencer Johnson was accepted by the church on Sunday, October 10, 2021! God has richly blessed the church and everyone is excited for this new chapter in the history of the church. Rev. Johnson and his wife, Bethany, will move to Lawrenceville, VA from Wake Forest, NC. A native of Maryland, his education includes ESL Certificate, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2020 Masters of Divinity in Missiology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2020 Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology, Florida Institute of Technology, 2008. An ordination and induction service will be held at LBC on November 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon. After four years without a pastor, LBC is excited to see God's continued plan for us. The church Outreach ministry is collecting food to provide meals for needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. A special devotional breakfast will be held on November 6, 2021 at 8 am with Rev. Donnie Edmonds as special guest.

## Mt. Horeb

We at Mt. Horeb Baptist Church are looking forward to hear Rev. John Alford's testimony at the 11:00 AM

Worship Service on October 31, 2021. Also we are looking forward to our Homecoming speaker Rev. Rod Hale (Consultant Building and Site Plans Review for the BGAV) at our 11:00 AM Worship Service on November 14, 2021. Rod helped us design our renovated baptistery and choir area. During the 11:00 AM Worship Service, we will be dedicating to God our newly renovated baptistery/choir area and our newly renovated social hall area. May God receive all the glory for the things that are happening at Mt. Horeb Baptist Church.

### ATTN CHURCH CLERKS:

If they have not been picked up by now, the 2021 Annual Church Profile Reports will be mailed to you.

Please complete these and return to the Concord Baptist Association Office by February 1st, 2022. If you have any questions, feel free to call (434) 447-7240 or email me at

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