



From Our DOM
Rev. Joe McDowell

Dear Concord Baptist Association Members,

We have not met together since The Fall Meeting of 2019! I hope and pray we will be able to meet for our 2021 Fall Meeting. This meeting is scheduled for October 26 and will be held at Bethany Baptist Church. You will find more information on this within this edition of The Grapevine.

Two Thousand and Twenty and the beginning of 2021 will be looked upon in the future as we look back on the Great Depression. Our history books will contain facts and stories about the COVID era. While we are beginning to see a little bit of normalcy rising from the COVID ashes, there is also the realization COVID may not be finished yet. We will do what we have to do, but for now, the Association is planning and moving forward with plans for missions, activities, seminars, meetings, etc.

I am excited to let you know of several projects we are working on:

1. Rise Against Hunger -- Sept 18, 2021; 10AM at Ephesus Baptist Church
2. Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission trip scheduled; May 1--6, 2022
3. Jamaica Mission Trip scheduled; July 17--24, 2022
4. Impact Mecklenburg County; June 26--July 2, 2022

Rise Against Hunger will be very close at hand when you receive this edition of The Grapevine. At the time of this writing, we are far behind our goal of \$3,450 needed to pack approximately 10,000 meals.

We are very excited about the return to Jamaica. We already have many donations packed and ready to go! There will be an initial information meeting on Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 PM at the Association office.



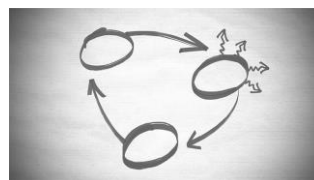
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“Serving Thirty Local Churches”

We have several churches that participate in the BGAV's Impact Camps each summer. In 2022, we will be bringing an Impact Camp to Mecklenburg County! We are thankful to have Laurie Wright, member of Olive Branch Baptist Church, as the overall coordinator of this effort. Laurie as dreamed of bringing Impact to our area for quite some time. I too had been thinking about that potential, originally discussed for 2021. We will bring Impact to our area! See more details within this edition of the Grapevine. Additional information will be going out in the weeks and months to come. This will need to be an all-out effort by our churches!

Camping at Camp Concord had its challenges, but we had great camping weeks! Many hurdles were jumped to make camp possible and we are very pleased with the success of the weeks we held. I truly believe Camp Concord is one of the greatest ministry/mission opportunities and it has had more impact on lives than anything else we do. That being said, we need to complete all of the good works God has prepared in advance for us to do!

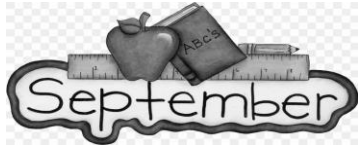
I am thankful to be in His service with you,
Joe



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 Labor Day (CBA Office closed for holiday)
- 06 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA
- 12-19 Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer
- 14 Pastor's Conference, 12:00 PM (Noon), CBA, Lunch Provided, CBA



- 04 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA
- 14 Administration/ Finance Committees, 7:00 PM, CBA
- 19 Missions/Evangelism Committee, 6:30 PM, CBA
- 21 Executive Team Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA OFFICE
- 26 Concord Baptist Association Fall Meeting, 5:00 PM, Bethany Baptist Church

CBA MEETINGS

MISSIONS/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 6:30 PM

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 14, 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, October 21, 2021 7:00 PM, CBA

FALL MEETING

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 5:00 PM
Bethany Baptist Church

**Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Emphasis/Week of Prayer
September 12-19**

**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 JULY 2021			
CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	1,500.00	0.00	1,205.00
AVERETT	2,404.00	707.00	700.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	0.00	300.00
BETHEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETHESDA	0.00	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	750.00	0.00	960.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	700.00	605.00	1,106.00
GRAVEL HILL	800.00	370.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	3,196.50	460.00	700.00
JEFFRESS	560.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	1,352.05	245.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	1,136.95	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	1,183.92	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	400.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	865.93	75.00	200.00
NEW HOPE	2,492.18	445.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	3,718.80	210.00	4,791.06
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	2,925.20	266.00	835.98
TABERNACLE	1,514.70	370.00	55.00
UNION CHAPEL	3,299.79	0.00	2,639.82
UNION LEVEL	300.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	210.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	800.00	110.00	0.00
Totals:	\$42,975	\$6,023	\$18,257



Total CBA Budget for Year: \$104,179.00



Birthdays

Mrs. Janis Battaglia – Sept. 17
Dr. Greg Randall – Oct. 19
Rev. Josh Brown – Oct. 22

Minister Anniversaries

Rev. Chad Patton – Oct. 26

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

We continue to meet at 9:45 on Sunday mornings for opening assembly before adjourning for Sunday school at 10:00. Worship service is at 11:00 in the sanctuary. You can also watch the service on Facebook live or listen in the church parking lot on 88.7 FM. Pastor Jimmy is doing a series of teachings on "Creation" Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the fellowship hall. These are also on Facebook live. Choir practice follows Bible study at 8:00. Pastor Jimmy is also teaching a visitation/witnessing class on Thursday nights at 7:00 in the fellowship hall. Adults on Mission will meet Tuesday, September 7, at 3:00 in the fellowship hall. Our mission project for September is supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia missions. Young at Heart will meet Monday, September 13, at noon in the fellowship hall. Join us for a time of fellowship and food.

Bethel

We had our church picnic Sat., Aug. 14th and this was our first meal inside our Fellowship Hall since the pandemic locked us down last March. We had a good crowd of about 45-50 people in attendance. We enjoyed fish, chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and cobblers for dessert. The kids played some games outside, but it was too hot for us older ones. Everyone had a good time.

The youth met Sunday, Aug. 15th after church at Pastor Rodney and Angela's home to enjoy a meal, a movie and worship.

Next Sunday we will be nominating Deacons to replace the ones going off this year. We continue to lift those up in prayer who are going through sickness and other trials. We should pray for all our children going back to school in September especially with what they are trying to teach them now and all the other things going on in the schools. We ask our Lord to be with all the children and teachers as they prepare for their return to school.

First, South Hill

The 2021 summer for First Baptist Church of South Hill has been quite busy so far.

We trust, by the will and grace of God, that it hasn't been only busy but also fruitful.

Our July 4th Sunday Morning Worship Service was at Lake Kerr, with fellowship and a covered-dish lunch afterwards.

The July 18th was our Graduate Sunday in which we celebrated our High School Graduates and saw them participate in the Service.

First Christian School was recognized and dedicated at the July 25th Service and we also gave special recognition to our Headmistress, Erinn Baird, for going far beyond the call of duty for FCS. We will soon have a new upper playground and we are adding back 5th Grade! We look forward to a wonderfully fruitful year coming up.

Our church held Vacation Bible School the last week of July, and the attendance was very good, and we were blessed with many volunteer workers for which we are very thankful. We had an exciting Opening Assembly each day, and had several stations for the children, such as Bible Station, Singing Time Station, Creative Time Station (crafts), Game Time Station, and the Horse Station on Friday. The premiere of the First Praise Puppet Team was quite well received by the children – so much so, that we added a third appearance!

Our VBS theme was from "The Great Commandment" taught by Jesus. This commandment was first recorded in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Our Lord Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, as recorded in Matthew chapter twenty-two and Mark chapter twelve. His reply, as recorded in Mark 12:29-31, was, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as

yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Each day the children sang our theme song, which is an upbeat and active motion song "Love the Lord your God" - and I trust, by the working of the Spirit of God, that they (and we who worked in VBS) come to better love God with all our being (heart, soul, mind, and strength.) We pray that God prepared the hearts of the children to receive the seed of the Word of God so that they trust in Jesus, grow to love Him more and more, bearing the fruit of the Spirit the glory of God, for their good, and for the good of others.

Pastor Steve Battaglia is preaching a new sermon series entitled, "Multiplied Grace and Peace in a Divided World: 1 Peter"

FBC ordained several new deacons recently.

Late Summer/early autumn events planned are a Baptism Sunday, a Communion Sunday, and a weekly Bible Study to be held each Monday at 6:30 p.m.

We are grateful to the Lord and praise Him for it all!

James Square

Thankful for AC during these hot days of summer! The Brotherhood held a church wide breakfast on Sunday, August 1st for everyone. Good food and fellowships were enjoyed by all attending. Homecoming and revival services were held on July 18-21. Former Pastor Joey Giles was the guest speaker. His wife and daughter were able to attend the Wednesday night service to meet everyone from his first church serving as Pastor.

Vacation Bible School was held on August 11-13 with commencement program on Sunday, August 15. The theme was "Concrete & Cranes" from Philippians 1:6. Everyone had fun while learning! The offering taken up will be used to help someone in the community.

We remain ever thankful for God's blessings for James Square and all our CBA churches.

Lawrenceville

Lawrenceville Baptist Church continues to pursue a new pastor. We are encouraged by recent prospects but continue to pray for the right person to lead us. Robert Blanchard, Outreach Director, hosted a church breakfast on August 7. Many attended and heard a great message from our former interim pastor, Rev. Carl Bagley. It has been wonderful to be able to have events such as this and re-open Sunday school. In July, there was a church wide luncheon to celebrate Independence Day. Summer is coming to a close and we pray for a fruitful and faithful autumn ahead.

Olive Branch

We had our annual Lake Service on June 13th. We praised God for the beautiful weather, and great fellowship at our church picnic and Lord's Supper. More than that we praise God two young men were baptized and four people joined the church! Also, in June we had an Ice Cream Social at Pastor Wayne's home on the 27th.

With sadness and heavy hearts, we said goodbye to Mary Mosier and her family on July 4th. Mary had been our worship leader at our traditional service for over ten years. She and her family moved to the Richmond area. Since they are not moving too far away, we look forward to the times we will get to see them again in the future.

We will end the church year with a combined service and special business meeting on Sunday, August 29th. We will hear reports of what God has done over the last year and hear the exciting plans and new ministries for the coming year. We will be renovating our sanctuary in the coming church year and will be especially excited about the plans our Sanctuary Committee will present.

One of our new ministries we're excited about is called "METS" which is our revamped senior's ministry. METS will meet on the second Thursday of each month for a meal, fellowship and a guest speaker. They will also take special day trips during the year. All seniors in the community are welcome to attend.

Our youth had a busy summer. They studied apologetics on Wednesday nights. They had a fun day at Kings Dominion on July 10th and finished up the summer with three events in August. On August 4th they had an End of Summer Bash at Pastor Brady's house. August 16th-20th was YC Week with worship, games, food and fellowship. The biblical theme for the week was the life of Elijah. Also, during YC Week on Thursday night, August 19th, the youth joined other youth in the community at Light the Night's Back to School Bash at New Hope Baptist Church in South Hill. The youth will begin meeting again on Wednesday nights on September 8th. Also, in September they will attend Light the Night's Camp Refuel from September 17-19th at Camp Willow Run. All youth in the community are welcome to attend and can register at lightthenet.net. The cost is only \$25.

In other news, our Vacation Bible School was August 16-20th each night. Our Wednesday night children's ministry will begin again on September 8th. Our Women on Mission are collecting school supplies for our local elementary students. They will be collecting them through Sunday, September 19th. 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, obbcblackridge.

Rise Against Hunger

Our Funding Goal = \$3,451.68

Number of Meals Provided = 10,000+

Packing Meals on September 18, 2021

Location: Ephesus Baptist Church

Year after year, the Concord Baptist Association has met its goal to provide a minimum of 10,000 meals to this world-wide effort. We are running well beyond our funding goal this year. Please consider helping to fund this effort as an individual and as a church. Send funds to The Concord Baptist Association and label the funds for Rise Against Hunger. Plan to participate in packing the meals on the 18th at Ephesus Baptist Church at 10AM.

Camp Concord News: 2021

Theme: "HOPE"

CAMP SUMMARY

Jeremiah
29:11

Enthusiastic campers and staff were so glad to be back at camp and enjoyed one of the best camping seasons ever!

Campers enjoyed kayaking, archery, paddle boating, swimming, arts and crafts, games, scavenger hunts, outdoor movies, campfires, mission projects, and most important of all- hearing God's Word.

Even though sessions were shorter (Sunday-Wednesday evening), more camping sessions were offered. We learned to be flexible and totally rely on God's protection. Over 150 campers were able to attend camp this summer. Due to COVID concerns, we were unable to have our 2 boys weeks, but we are already looking forward to next summer!

A BIG thank you to all members of the board, camp directors, kitchen staff and counselors for a wonderful job! Thank you to all our churches for prayers and financial support. God has truly blessed our association by allowing us to be a part of this ministry!

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

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 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.

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Suggestions and news contributions welcomed

Deadline for October Issue

Will be Wednesday, September 15