



From Our DOM
Rev. Joe McDowell



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“Serving Thirty Local Churches”

Dear Concord Baptist Association Members,

It has been my delight to serve as your Director of Missions (DOM) for the past five years. We have accomplished so much in this time. I carry fond memories serving as DOM. Some of the highlights for me are:

> -- Fall Meetings where we gathered in a large group to fellowship and to take care of Association business. Your support was felt each and every year as you voted ‘yes’ to the various projects, ministries, missions and renovations, etc. that were brought to you.

> -- The Jamaica Mission Trips will always be an extremely fond memory. I hope we can return there in the not too distant future. We have suitcases filled with clothing, tools and such sitting in the office attic waiting for the opportunity to be taken. I hope the Association will go back when it is possible. If at all possible, I will be on that trip!

> -- Southwest Virginia Mission Trips were always productive and filled with wonderful fellowship. We worked hard during the day and sat together resting and talking in the evenings.

> -- Ministry and Mission training was an opportunity for us to grow together. The Three Circles, The Story, Sunday School, Fresh Expressions were some of our seminar topics.

> I could go on and on.

> -- Camp Concord...How do I put these experiences into words? Teaching, preaching, baptizing and hanging out with students — awesome!

> I am pleased this transition is not taking me out of this great Association. I will continue to be involved as one of the pastors of our thirty churches. Part of my role which I hope to continue is to provide coaching and pastoral counseling for the members of our Association. As a certified Christian coach, I want to continue to be available. Contact me directly



MERRY CHRISTMAS
From CBA Staff,
Joe McDowell and
Claire Lucy

DOM Continued

if I can be of help. Pastors, I welcome you to continue sending folks my way. I am more than happy to continue this service to you and your people.

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

CBA CALENDAR

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



23-27 CBA Office Closed Christmas Day and for Holiday



01 New Year's Day

- 03 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA
- 16 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 18 Pastor's Conference, 12:00 PM, Lunch Provided
- 20 Administration/Finance Committee, 7:00 PM
- 25 Missions/Evangelism Committee, 6:30 PM
- 27 Executive Team Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA



Birthdays

- Rev. Nathan Cobb – Dec. 27
- Rev. Rodney Spears – Dec. 21
- Rev. Billy Tatum – Dec. 26
- Mrs. Ellen Campbell – Dec. 2
- Rev. Nathan White – Jan. 4
- Mrs. Angela Spears – January 22

Wedding Anniversaries

- Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Garland – Dec. 5
- Rev. & Mrs. Nathan White – Dec. 18
- Rev. & Mrs. Jackie Wray – Jan. 31

Minister Anniversaries

- Rev. Charles Davis – January 2
- Dr. Stephen DeOrnellas – January 3

**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 November 15th 2021

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	1,500.00	0.00	1,250.00
AVERETT	9,306.00	707.00	775.00
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	1,089.61	0.00	0.00
BOYDTON	1,000.00	0.00	1,300.00
CLARKSVILLE	781.64	40.00	1,281.64
CONCORD	4,136.91	0.00	500.00
EBENEZER	375.00	345.00	0.00
EPHESUS	1,775.00	375.00	960.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	1,666.70	334.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	1,000.00	605.00	1,580.00
GRAVEL HILL	800.00	370.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	4,881.84	460.00	700.00
JEFFRESS	800.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	2,129.71	245.00	0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	1,834.41	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	1,973.20	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	400.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	1,374.03	75.00	200.00
NEW HOPE	4,049.15	780.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	6,294.06	210.00	7,366.32
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	4,865.16	316.00	1,390.26
TABERNACLE	2,414.27	370.00	55.00
UNION CHAPEL	4,439.67	0.00	3,551.72
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	255.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	900.00	110.00	0.00
Totals:	\$69,241.36	\$7,117	\$23,159.94

Total CBA Budget for Year: \$104,179.00



**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

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.

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

(1) The youth and youth leaders continue to stay busy. We cooked our annual stew as a youth fundraiser on October 23rd. Our church has partnered with Clarksville Elementary School to help support them during some holiday functions. Our first event was to set up and participate in Trunk or Treat on October 31st and we also are sponsoring all 3rd grade classrooms for their holiday parties. We held Trunk or Treat at our church for the community with 15 vehicles participating. A fun evening was enjoyed by all. Our youth and youth leaders will go out for lunch after church on Sunday, November 14th followed by shopping for the Bland County Shoebox ministry. We have a shoebox packing party scheduled for Saturday, November 20th. We are sponsoring the collection of staple items for Thanksgiving baskets which will be delivered after church on Sunday, November 21st. The RA's got their group started back up and are meeting on Wednesday nights. They currently have 3 leaders and 3 boys. They are currently making plans for some future projects. Averett will be having a Christmas play on Sunday, December 19th at 7pm followed by light refreshments in the fellowship hall as of now.

(2) Hope everyone has enjoyed watching the leaves change color this fall. Now comes the fun part, raking them! God continues to remind us daily of His handiwork. Many of our church family participated in the "Hanging of the Greens" Sunday, November 28th, during worship service. The choir presented music from "Colors of Christmas". Adults on Mission will meet Monday, December 6, at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Our focus for December is the Lottie Moon Christmas

Offering. Adults on Mission will meet in January on the 3rd at 3:00 PM. Young at Heart will be having our Christmas lunch Wednesday, December 13th, at noon. We will be having a gift/ornament exchange. Young at Heart will meet in January on the 10th at noon. Averett will be serving at the Clarksville Food Pantry December 8th and 11th.

We continue to meet at 9:45 AM Sunday morning in the sanctuary before going to our Sunday School classes at 10. Worship service is at 11:00 in the sanctuary. Service can also be seen on Facebook live and listened to in the church parking lot on 88.7 FM. Wednesday night Bible study is at 7:00 in the fellowship hall. It is available on Facebook live, also. Come join us as we continue studying in the book of Genesis. Choir practice follows Bible study at 8:00.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season!

Bethel

For Pastor Appreciation Month in October, the church gave a lovely gift to Pastor Rodney. We appreciate all the work he does for the church. So many in our community are suffering from loss of loved ones, so Pastor Rodney has started a Grief Counseling Group that meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Anyone can come to the meetings whether you are from this community or not. It is for everyone. For more questions contact Pastor Rodney at 434-372-5250. The Youth, along with Pastor Rodney and Angela, participated in the Halloween Trunk or Treat in Chase City. The Youth decorated our church van. On Sunday, Nov. 21 we will have our Thanksgiving Meal after worship service. The week of Thanksgiving Charles Layne will be cooking turkey breasts for those who ordered them. They will be ready on The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day. This is a great fundraiser for the Baptist Men's Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am at church and Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm at the Pastor's house.

We have not discussed any plans for Christmas yet except we do plan on having snacks on the Sunday before Christmas.

We may start Sunday school back in January depending on Sunday School teachers wanting to come back inside the church.

We still have a few that are still outside during worship.

We continue to lift those up in prayer and we give God all the glory and praise. May everyone have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Ephesus

We have been collecting items for Christmas shoe boxes and other needed items to be sent to Bland County at the end of November. Our WMU meeting was held the beginning of the month and it was reported that we continue to support the Selah Center as well as another family in our community. The Christmas cards we ordered are now on sale at the church. Also, the pecans have arrived and the sale of those is another way to raise money for the WMU. We had our senior Adult Ministry meeting at Wilson's on November 8th, where we enjoyed a delicious pre-Thanksgiving dinner paid for by the church. After enjoying the meal, several stayed to play Bingo, which was a lot of fun. The church continues to support the Bread Box with non-perishables and monetary gifts. They are always so quick to send a Thank You note. Now as we prepare for the lovely Christmas season, we will be collecting for the Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Several special Sunday morning Worship Services will include the lighting of the Advent Wreath, as well as the Hanging of the Greens and a Nativity Service. Our prayer is that all our sister churches stay healthy in spite of the Covid threat.

James Square

A fun-filled evening at the Trunk or Treat was enjoyed in October by the young and young-at-heart. The costumes, food and fellowship were enjoyed by all attending.

WMU members and everyone is busy trying to find and fill shoe boxes for Bland County, VA for our November mission project.

The James Square Choir, led by Kim Weaver, will bring the message in song with a Christmas Cantata entitled, "What Christmas Really Means" on Sunday, December 12, during the morning worship services at 11:00 AM. We are thankful for our musicians and choir members and the spiritual gift of music that brings joy to everyone listening. "I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Psalm 104:33 We give thanks for this past year. All our programs are active again and praise God for His many blessings at James Square.

LaCrosse

As we begin the Christmas season we are so grateful at LaCrosse Baptist to once again participate in

“Operation Christmas Child” by packing Christmas boxes for deserving children all over the world. Thus far, we have packed and collected 132 boxes. Our dedication service was held on Sunday, November 14th, during our Worship hour. We plan to go Christmas caroling and have a Children’s Christmas program with scripture readings and Christmas hymns. The children’s program and candlelight service will be held the Wednesday evening before Christmas day. We look forward to these Christmas activities.

Our pastor, Korey Henry, will be having services along with other pastors in the Association beginning in November at Pineview Rest Home. Pastor Korey is looking forward to fellowshiping with the residents and sharing God’s word.

Hopefully, we will begin our in person Sunday School hour in the New Year of 2022. We look forward to gathering together to read and study God’s word.

We pray and wish everyone a joyous Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our precious Savior. Have a blessed new year with love and peace to all!

Mt. Horeb

The Mt. Horeb Baptist Church Women on Mission worked on the shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse in November. We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving Eve Service (24th of November) and our Christmas Eve Service (24th Of December) each will begin at 7:00 PM. We are looking forward to our baptismal service for April Cox on November 28, 2021 at the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Also, we will be celebrating Advent Services the four Sundays before Christmas Day. Mr. Steve Whitten will bring the Advent meaning along with our pastor’s messages on the biblical characters at Christ’s Birth. On January 16th, our pastor will preach on the Sanctity of Human Life using the Scripture where Mary visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45). We hope everyone will have a happy Thanksgiving with their families and a very Merry Christmas. Let us all give thanks and praises to God as we approach a new year serving Him.

We want to thank Rev. Joe McDowell for his services as the Director of Missions for the Concord Baptist Association and wish him the best as he pastors Concord Baptist Church in Chase City, Virginia. Great work Joe our prayers are with you.

Yours in Christ,
Mt. Horeb Baptist Church

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