



**From Our COM  
Mrs. Mikayla Barnes**

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“Serving Thirty Local Churches”**

Dear Concord Baptist Association Members,

I would like to officially introduce myself as the new Coordinator of Missions for Concord! I am Mikayla Barnes and my husband is Matt Barnes. We live in Jarratt, VA, not too far away, where my husband farms nearby in Emporia. I am originally from Southampton County and I am a graduate of Longwood University where I received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. I have worked off and on with the BGAV through Impact Mission Camps since my Freshman year of college. I began full-time at the BGAV as the Communications and Volunteer Coordinator in 2020. I have a passion for local missions, event coordinating and social media marketing. I will continue to have a strong relationship with Impact Mission Camps and the BGAV, and I hope this connection will be an asset to CBA.

Our goal is to focus on local missions for the coming years and to do so, my goal is to help our churches and CBA identify major needs of the communities and plan projects and programs to support those needs. This month will be a lot of familiarizing myself with the association and setting up the office so that we can hit the ground running the first of the year.

We do plan to have an open house in January so all members will be welcome to stop by and we can start building connections (details will come shortly). The Association office will now be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 – 4:00pm. Please fill free to contact me or Sandra through the Concord Office at [office@concordbaptistassoc.org](mailto:office@concordbaptistassoc.org) or call and leave a message and one of us will get back to you. I am beyond grateful for God’s will and I cannot wait to get started!

God Bless,  
Mikayla Barnes



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
From CBA Staff,  
Mikayla Barnes and  
Sandra Ittner



**Birthdays**

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

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Garland – Dec. 5  
Rev. & Mrs. Jackie Wray – Jan. 31

**Minister Anniversaries**

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

**ATTENTION: ACP REPORTS ARE DUE December 30<sup>th</sup> if mailing back to office!!!**

**CBA CALENDAR**

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



- 04-10 Week of Prayer for International Missions, Lottie Moon Offering**
- 22-29 CBA Office Closed Christmas Day and for Holiday**



- 01 New Year's Day**
- 02 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM, CBA**
- 17 Pastor's Conference, 12:00 PM, Lunch Provided**
- 19 Administration/Finance Committee, 7:00 PM**
- 24 Missions/Evangelism Committee, 6:30 PM**

**WMU News**

**From: Pamela Darden**

Please do not send any more donations for CBA WMU to me. I have closed out the checking account. If you have funds anyone wants to donate please send them directly to the Concord Baptist Association office and mark them for WMU account. Sandra Ittner will ensure the funds are kept separate for WMU use only. I pray that God will revive the WMU into a women's Christ serving group again.

**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 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>

**CBA CONTRIBUTIONS**

**CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH November 29th 2022**

CHURCHES	CBA CONTR.	ASSOC. MISS.	STATE LINE
ANTIOCH	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
AVERETT	4,807.98	0.00	700.00
BETHANY	4,500.00	249.00	300.00
BETHEL	1,700.00	0.00	200.00
BETHESDA	2,600.00	1,465.00	1,300.00
BLACK BRANCH	499.81	0.00	0.00
BOYDTON	1,000.00	0.00	1,300.00
CLARKSVILLE	1,256.29	0.00	2,106.29
CONCORD	5,733.55	537.00	500.00
EBENEZER	750.00	170.00	0.00
EPHESUS	1,125.00	675.00	1,060.00
FIRST, CHASE CITY	1,833.37	352.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	1,100.00	0.00	1,738.00
GRAVEL HILL	800.00	221.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	7,546.14	220.00	800.00
JEFFRESS	800.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	1,979.57	425.00	200.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	1,427.67	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	1,578.56	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	3,000.00	365.00	1,109.00
MOUNT VERNON	1,116.61	40.00	200.00
NEW HOPE	4,520.53	0.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	8,002.78	210.00	8,002.78
REEDY CREEK	200.00	100.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	3,836.75	0.00	1,096.24
TABERNACLE	2,341.01	100.00	285.00
UNION CHAPEL	4,882.10	0.00	3,905.67
UNION LEVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	200.00	140.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	900.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$71,537.72</b>	<b>\$5,269</b>	<b>\$27,002.98</b>



**Total CBA Budget for Year: \$91,824.00**



**Impact Mecklenburg County**  
**June 25 -- July 1, 2023**

We are excited to partner with the BGAV to bring an Impact Mission Camp to our area again in 2023. 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. Laurie Wright would love to come to your church to speak on Impact and to answer any questions you may have. Please contact her to schedule a Sunday that she can speak to your church. Her contact number is 434-774-7947 or email at [lauriewright5749@gmail.com](mailto:lauriewright5749@gmail.com) Please plan to get involved as there are many areas to serve in with this mission outreach.

**Light the Night Ministries**  
**presents**  
**“Back to the Future”**

by Light the Night Ministries

When: **Thursday, December 29, 2022**  
Where: New Hope Baptist Church  
255 Union Mill Road  
La Crosse, VA 23950  
Time: **6:30pm – 8:30pm**

Dinner will be provided.  
***There will be food, fun, fellowship, games, worship with ChOsen and a message by Anthony Wall.***  
*This event is a youth ministry for our community. Everyone is welcome (including families).*  
For more information on this event, please contact:  
**Anthony Wall 606-831-2163**  
**Denny Hardee 434-917-4545**

**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 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 had a great time packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, after worship service. Two hundred and forty six boxes were packed. What a great way to share God’s Love around the world. Averett served 70+ families at the Clarksville Food Pantry November 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This is such a great and needed ministry in this area. Adults on Mission will meet Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 in the fellowship hall. Our mission project for December will be collecting funds for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our goal for this offering is \$900. Young at

Heart will have their Christmas party December 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. We are to wear hats decorated for Christmas to this meeting. We will begin celebrating Advent Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Each Sunday morning during worship service, church members will be sharing a special Advent message and lighting a candle/candles. Our Sunday morning worship service continues to be available on Facebook live and can be listened to in the church parking lot on 88.7 FM. We also are meeting inside the church sanctuary at 11:00. Sunday school opening assembly is at 9:45AM in the fellowship hall before Sunday school at 10:00. The first Sunday of each month we are having pastries and coffee/juice in the fellowship hall 9:15-9:45. Wednesday night Bible study is held in the fellowship hall at 7:00. It can be seen on Facebook live. Pastor Jimmy continues to teach from the book of Genesis.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Always remembering that Jesus is the reason for the season.

## Bethel

The Baptist Men cooked their stew a few weeks ago and did a wonderful job on this fundraiser for their organization. Pastor Rodney along with his wife, Angela and the Youth participated in the Trunk or Treat on October 30<sup>th</sup>. They passed out a lot of candy. There will be a Finance meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> to work on the church budget for 2023. The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Thanksgiving luncheon on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> following worship service. Recently we have had two to come forward to join in membership with Bethel. They are Ariel Spears, daughter of Pastor Rodney and Sophia Hightower, daughter of Monty and Gala Hightower. A date will be set soon for the baptism. Our Christmas play will be Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The title is "Peace, Joy, Hope and Love- The Story of Christmas". Following the play there will be refreshments. We want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe one.

## Ephesus

WMU met on November 1<sup>st</sup> – The order of pecans that we sell each year should be in by Thanksgiving. There are many outside the church that particularly enjoy the gift boxes of chocolate covered, etc. to give as gifts for Christmas. It was decided that our December meeting be held at Luca's if possible, to have our Christmas luncheon there. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we plan to have our Senior Adult Ministry meeting

and luncheon at Wilson's. They are preparing a good old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner for those in attendance. Ephesus plans to have the Hanging of the Green service on November 27<sup>th</sup>, which is the first Sunday of Advent. That will also begin the International Mission Board week of prayer, followed by the Lottie Moon offering emphasis. Our Nativity Service will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We continue to donate to the Bread Box, through individual donations of food and money, as well as our Children's Offering. They are always so thankful for the contributions. As usual, we continue to pray that the gospel will speed ahead and be honored. Happy Thanksgiving to all of our sister churches.

## La Crosse

La Crosse Baptist Church is looking forward to the Christmas season as we celebrate the Christ Child's Birth. Pastor Craig Duck and wife, Hollie continue to lead our church in worship and Bible study. They are both attending the BGAV conference in Hampton, VA on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Duck also serves as the President/Missionary of the Fellowship Fire Fighters International.

Our Harvest Day on October 30<sup>th</sup> was a great success with hot dogs, chips, drinks, and desserts, as well as, singing, playing games, scripture reading and decorating pumpkins. A good time was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Duck lead in a Dedication Service for the OCC shoeboxes during worship. We prayed that each shoebox would reach the lost for Christ during this Christmas season and into the New Year. We are happy to report that we dedicated 146 shoeboxes that we packed on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, was we came together and enjoyed lunch and the packing of shoeboxes after worship service.

A Praise and Pie Service is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, taking the place of our weekly Prayer Service. Our focus will be praising and thanking God for our blessings, praying, giving our testimonies, and, of course, enjoying delicious pies. Pastor Duck will be leading this service.

On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the ladies of the church will meet after worship service for the purpose of restarting our WMU. During this time we will have lunch and then decorate cookies which we will take to shut-ins in the community.

Our annual Christmas Candlelight Service is planned for Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. During this service the pastor will read scripture and lead in prayer. Those in attendance will



light candles and sing Christmas hymns in celebration of Jesus' birth.

Christmas poinsettias will again adorn our sanctuary this year!

We wish everyone a very "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and a very "BLESSED NEW YEAR!"

## Mt. Horeb

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, from Mt. Horeb Baptist Church.

We have had a busy fall spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Beginning with October, on the 30<sup>th</sup> we had Smokey Wilson to grace our church by singing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and lunch followed. In the late afternoon on October the 30<sup>th</sup>, we had Trunk or Treat for the children in our neighborhood. We handed out candy and a religious bookmark to around 60 people, adults included.

In November, on the 9<sup>th</sup> we had supper that was hot dogs roasted on our new fire pit followed with Bible Study. On November the 20<sup>th</sup> our youth came and decorated the church for Christmas, it looks beautiful. On November 23<sup>rd</sup> we had Thanksgiving Eve Service at Salem Methodist Church. This is a tradition that has been in the making for a number of years. Our WMU collected shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

In December, we look forward to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as a way we can spread the gospel around the world. Also, our Deacons are preparing Christmas Baskets for the shut-ins in our community. We are looking forward to hear from Mrs. Laurie Wright of "Impact Mecklenburg" to share with us about the ministry. Also, we will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service 6:00PM on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December.

In January, our Pastor will be preaching on "A New and Living Way, 1<sup>st</sup>"; The Gospel and The Natural Man, 8<sup>th</sup>; God's People, 15<sup>th</sup>; and Sanctity of Human Life. On January 29<sup>th</sup> we will have 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing from a local gentleman, Mr. Ken Vaiden, during the 11:00AM worship service.

All meetings and services are to the glory of God.

## Olive Branch

Our Fall Revival, October 16-19 was a blessing. Evangelist Roger Roller was our speaker. Two people were saved, one person rededicated her life and five people joined the church!

In November, we collected toys for children in Bland County, Virginia. 335 toys were donated as well as 400 flip flops! We also had our 15th annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for the adult group homes in the area on

November 23. We prepared 225 meals and delivered them to 8 group homes as well as to homebound church members.

Young Church (YC) for youth in grades 6-12 meets every Wednesday from 6-8 pm. God's Young Ladies for girls in 5th -12th grades meets every other Friday night from 6:30-8:30 pm. The YC events in November were a "Turkey Bowl" flag football game on November 20 and helping with the church's Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 23. In December, they will help the Salvation Army with bell ringing at Walmart on December 3, they will have a Christmas party on December 14 and attend Light the Night's worship event, "Back to the Future" at New Hope Baptist Church in South Hill on December 29. They will also have a Winter Retreat at Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg January 13-15. In December, God's Young Ladies is planning a trip to Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg to see "The Virginia Christmas Spectacular."

Our Wednesday night children's ministry for children in 1st through 5th grades meets each Wednesday night during the school year from 6-8 pm. In November they packed 38 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Our ministry to senior adults, METS, meets on the second Thursday of every month. They had their first outing of the church year on October 8th to Cedar Creek Gallery in Creedmoor, North Carolina for a Pottery and Glass Festival. At their October and November meetings they collected money for Heifer International to empower impoverished families by giving them farming resources they need to support themselves. They raised enough for a water buffalo and four flocks of chickens. On December 11 they will go to lunch, and then see the play "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" at the Colonial Theater.

Our Christmas Events are:

**Lottie Moon Offering** – Our Goal for the IMB offering is \$2,500.

**Sunday, December 18** – Christmas Cantata: We will begin the morning with a breakfast together at 9 am, Sunday School will follow at 10 am and then the sanctuary choir at 11 am will present the Christmas Cantata, "City of Light."

**Christmas Eve** – at 6:00 pm we will have a candlelight service with contemporary music, carols, and a devotion. **Christmas Day** – We will celebrate our Savior's birth with a combined worship service at 10:00 am.

You can always find out what is going on at Olive Branch Baptist Church by going to our website, [obbblackridge.com](http://obbblackridge.com), viewing our church app on your

mobile device, following us on Facebook, or watching our worship services on YouTube.

## Union Level

Union Level Baptist Church decorated the church for Christmas and gathered together for fellowship and snacks immediately afterwards on Sunday, November 27. The WMU provided several large boxes of toys, stuffed animals, and school supplies along with 14 filled shoeboxes for babies/toddlers and 30 Christmas stockings for Bland County.

Christmas Eve services with communion will be held at 4:00pm on December 24 with Rev. Lee Foster bringing the service.

### ***GRAPVINE***

*A Newsletter of*

*Concord Baptist Association*

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Suggestions and news contributions welcomed

**Deadline for February Issue  
Will be Monday, January 16**



## Christmas Church Services

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### Bethel

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### Ephesus

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### James Square

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Children's Program & BBQ Dinner at 7:00 PM

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Cantata "Take Me Back to Bethlehem" at 11:00AM

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