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**WEATHER ADVISORY**

The Concord Baptist Association office will be closed in the event of snow and / or ice that makes transportation unsafe. Information on weather related closings will be announced on local radio stations. Please call ahead to make sure the office will be open.

**CBA CALENDAR**

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



- 07 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 14-19 WMU Focus Week
- 17 Discipleship Committee, 7:00 PM, CBA



- 06-13 Week of Prayer for North American Missions, and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 07 State Line Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM

**CBA CONTRIBUTIONS**

**CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH December 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	256.00	300.00
BETHEL	1,700.00	0.00	200.00
BETHESDA	2,600.00	1,375.00	0.00
BLACK BRANCH	1,382.33	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	2,050.00	334.00	0.00
FIRST, SOUTH HILL	1,200.00	605.00	1,896.00
GRAVEL HILL	800.00	370.00	900.00
JAMES SQUARE	4,881.84	460.00	700.00
JEFFRESS	960.00	0.00	0.00
LA CROSSE	2,546.21	245.00	100.00
LAWRENCEVILLE	2,124.12	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	2,170.52	0.00	0.00
MOUNT HOREB	2,500.00	400.00	750.00
MOUNT VERNON	1,628.71	75.00	200.00
NEW HOPE	5,629.22	780.00	300.00
OLIVE BRANCH	6,881.82	210.00	7,954.08
REEDY CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANFORD MEM.	5,590.02	316.00	1,597.37
TABERNACLE	3,205.69	370.00	55.00
UNION CHAPEL	4,439.67	0.00	3,551.72
UNION LEVEL	300.00	0.00	0.00
WARFIELD	200.00	0.00	0.00
WYLLIESBURG	900.00	110.00	100.00

**Total: \$76,565.70 \$7,373.00 \$24,570.81**



**Total CBA Budget for Year 2021: \$104,179.00**



### **Birthdays**

Mrs. Sarah Guynn – February 1  
Ms. Claire Lucy – February 2  
Mrs. Rebecca Newton – February 16

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Rev. & Mrs. Rodney Spears – February 4

## **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**

### **Averrett**

Our Sunday morning worship service is available in the church sanctuary, on facebook and can be listened to on 88.7 FM in the church parking lot. Sunday school is at 9:45 followed by worship at 11:00. Wednesday night Bible study can also be seen on facebook at 7:00 or in the fellowship hall. Pastor Jimmy is teaching from the book of Genesis. We are studying about Abram. Choir practice follows Bible study at 8:00.

Adults on Mission will meet Monday, February 7th, at 3:00 in the fellowship hall. We enjoy hearing about our missionaries as they serve on home and foreign fields reaching out to the lost. Young at Heart will meet Monday, February 14th, at noon. We enjoyed good food and fellowship at our Christmas party in December. Come join us in February for a time of fellowship and good food.

We mourn the loss of three very special ladies in our church, Nancy Arrington, Betsy Loftis and Bettye Tucker. Please keep the families of these three ladies in your prayers.

### **Bethel**

Happy New Year to everyone. We ask God's blessing for 2022 and pray it will be better than the last two. Bethel had their Christmas play on Sunday night, Dec. 19th at 7 PM. It was the story of Jesus' birth. Pastor Rodney's son, Roddy sang Mary, Did You Know and did a wonderful job. After the play we had some refreshments in the fellowship hall. On Dec. 24th we had a Christmas Eve candlelight service. We enjoyed singing songs and lighting of the candles. Our pastor's family joined us that night. The Baptist Men will be cooking a stew on Jan. 28 and will be ready for pickup on Sat. Jan. 29 at noon. It will be \$7.00 a quart. Valentine's Day will soon be upon us and the Fellowship Comm. plan on having a Valentine Luncheon on Feb. 13th. We continue to pray for all on our prayer list and others in the community. We thank God for allowing us to be able to worship in our church and we give Him all the praise and glory.

### **Ephesus**

Ephesus enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season, beginning with the week of prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. We had the Hanging of the Green Service, the lighting of the Advent Wreath as well as a Nativity Service. In addition, our Women's Missionary Union met at Wilson's for their December meeting, and our Senior Adult Ministry had its meeting at Roma's. We continue to support the Bread Box with both non-perishables and monetary gifts. We sent shoe boxes and other items to Bland County and our WMU supports the Selah Center. We were saddened by the passing of several of our faithful members, but take comfort in the assurance that our loss was Heaven's gain. As we begin a new calendar year, we pray that the gospel will speed ahead and be honored.

### **First, South Hill**

We thank the Lord that during the last few months we have been blessed with:

- A Christmas Cantata by our church choir.
- A beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service.
- A very generous Lottie Moon Christmas Missionary Offering during December.
- Collection of Christmas Shoe Boxes for children in Bland County.
- Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinners.
- A singing concert by The Powell Family, from Raleigh.
- Steve Amburgey of Fellowship of Christian Athletes presenting his ministry.
- Movie Night in which we watched "Luther" based on Martin Luther.
- Monday night Bible study. Currently we are studying "God Alone" which is a study of the 5 Solas from the Protestant Reformation and why they are important for us to understand biblically.
- Friday Ladies Night with fellowship, and activities.
- Wednesday Ladies Exercise Class
- Children's ministry training.
- Continued growth of our school, First Christian School. We are planning on our 5th Sunday Night Sing, which will be January 30th at 6:30 p.m. It will be an evening of musical instruments and singing (solos, groups, choirs, etc.) from people in our church, and it's also open to people from other churches to come and participate as well. If you would like to participate, then please contact our pastor, Steve Battaglia, or our music director, Fina Savelli-Lynn.

We are grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness, and we pray that we will be faithful to Him and to His Word.

### **James Square**

"Jesus Loves The Little Children" is a favorite song and the Children's Christmas Program, always a favorite, was held on Sunday night, December 5. A delicious meal and fellowship was enjoyed before the program.

The Elizabeth Spence WMU met on Monday, December 6 at Wilson's Barbecue for a brief meeting, devotions and a delicious meal, fellowship and Christmas ornament exchange. Pastor Donnie Edmonds was able to join us. The WMU and church members collected and packed shoeboxes in November for our annual

Bland County, Virginia mission project, along with new toys. Our WMU and James Square met and exceeded our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the Week of Prayer for International Missions.

The choir's, "What Christmas Really Means" Christmas Cantata was presented on Sunday, December 12. The four Advent Sundays reminded everyone of God's love as four families read scripture, candles were lighted and prayers given to our living Savior.

The Brotherhood and church members provided ten baskets filled with turkeys and all the trimmings to families in our community for Christmas. This remains an annual tradition and way for everyone to participate in missions locally.

James Square members give God all the praise for the good things He has done and pray He will continue to bless everyone In the New Year!

### **Union Level**

Union Level Baptist Church continues to be served in the pulpit by Rev. Stuart Patti. The church and the WMU were very busy in December completing its missions for the year. Sixty Love Journals were delivered to the Oncology center, nine large hand crochet crib blankets along with crochet hats were delivered to Labor and Delivery VCU/CMH, a case of food and a financial donation was delivered to the South Hill food bank, and thirty-two filled shoeboxes along with thirty filled Christmas stockings were delivered to Mr. Loftis for delivery to Bland County. We celebrated the birth of Christ with communion during candlelight Christmas Eve service at five o'clock.

### **Wylliesburg**

Christmas program was held on Sun, Dec 12, with a time of fellowship afterwards. WBC held its annual Chili Challenge on Sun, Jan 16. The chef with the most popular chili won a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Wylliesburg will have its annual Valentine's spaghetti meal on Sun, Feb 13, following the worship service.

Sunday school and worship services are held every Sunday, both inside and outside of the church, at 10 and 11 am, respectively. Please join us!



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