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Serving 23 churches



JUNE/JULY, 2010



WHAT IS GRADUATION?

During this time of the year, many students will be graduating and going forward into the military, school, or vocations of their choice. Each year high school students will start college and their parents are "wondering were will we get the money to pay for this education?" It is interesting how people continue to learn everyday of their lives. We take courses on line and at night, and we are responsible to "keep our accreditation" active. What about being a Christian? Do we continually read our Bibles to better understand God's word? Do we pray daily to God for our needs? Should we try to learn more about our faith and God's kingdom? It is obvious that we as Christians never really graduate from learning about God's kingdom. Praise the Lord that He continues to teach us through prayer and daily Bible reading. Remember, " A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels." Proverbs 1:5.

BCM WORK DAYS - JULY 17TH & 24TH

Please help us paint new, bright colors inside our building, July 17th and July 24th. We will work both Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Just come for as long as you can each day. Bring painting equipment and tall ladders, if you have them, and a sandwich for lunch. If you cannot help those day, please consider providing \$25. for a gallon of paint. Write your check to BCM and mail to 303 Griffin Blvd., Farmville, VA 23901 by July 4th. Please call Cheri at 434-392-5733 to let us know how many from your church are coming!



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR...

Recently, I was visiting my home church and discovered that I was out of touch with what was going on. I had not been present since I was working and visiting our churches and did not understand what the important topics were in the church. As we come to summer and a time of vacation, mission trips, and other meetings, let us not forget to support our local churches with our time, talents, and treasures.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
II Timothy 2:15

Dennis K. Myers,
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16



SBA Youth News:

Our Association's fourth annual 30-Hour Famine was a huge success! Seventy four teens and fifteen adults came together from seven churches on May 14-15 to love God, raise funds, and feed the world on an empty stomach. Thanks to their hard work, we raised \$9,200. – Our new record! Coupled with a 10:1 matching grant, our efforts have insured that 255 children will live for another year! Thank you, SBA churches, for making this possible! (Find us on Facebook! Just search "SBA Youth").

**Standing Rock Mission Trip to North/South Dakota
August 1-7, 2010**

Mission Project:

The following items are needed to teach sewing and knitting on the mission trip:

Sissors, fabric, needles, thread, fleece/cotton (not scraps), and short or long knitting needles (prefer wooden needles) size US 13. Money is also needed to purchase basketballs and volleyballs.

Please bring these items to the SBA Office.

SBA LEADERSHIP TRAINING TEAM NEWS:

A huge THANK YOU to all those who attended the Sunday School Training Seminar in May. We are in the process of planning a training seminar on Discipleship this Fall.

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Watchword: "Love the Lord your "God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself".
Matthew 22:37-39

CrossRoads 25th Anniversary Celebration:

Seven Associational members traveled "up the mountain" on Saturday, May 22nd, to share a wonderful day of celebration and fellowship with approx. 200 other Virginia Baptist men and women. And what a day it was!! We were able to take tours, see pictures, hear stories, and share in a wonderful meal together, after which we gathered for a time to remember how it all began. Mrs. Jane Clarke, Kenbridge BC, served as WMUV President from 1979-1983, and was able to share the "vision", and how she had traveled across the state in an effort to "sell" the idea of one centrally located camp. The vision became reality in 1985 when the camp opened its doors to the first campers. Many lives have been changed, and will continue to be impacted by spending time at this beautiful place. More information can be found at www.crossroadscamp.com.

Summer Camp Dates for CrossRoads:

June 21-26	Girls Week
28-7/4	Girls High Adventure
July 5-10	Coed High Adventure
12-17	Coed High Adventure
19-24	Coed Week
26-31	Girls Week
August 5-7	Family Adventure

Standing Rock Mission Trip:

There will be 23 SBA members going on the mission trip to Standing Rock August 1-7. Please keep this team in your prayers as they travel, and spend a week sharing Christ with the Native Americans. Special thanks to Betty Marker for her leadership of this team. Our love and prayers go with you all.

Ellen Gravatt Scholarship Fund:

This fund began over 12 years ago when SBA WMU produced a cookbook with recipes from WMU ladies in each of our churches. It was a difficult task, and after many hours of work the completed project was ready for delivery, and the sales began. The sales went so well that a second printing was ordered. When all were sold, we had a profit of over \$7,000.00, which went into the establishment of this scholarship fund with the sole purpose of assisting Associational members to go on mission trips. Thanks to generous donations by Associational members and churches, this fund has grown through the years, as it has continued to assist members to go on mission trips each year. The good news is that more and more people are going on mission trips this year, but that has led to the depletion of our fund. We have given \$500.00 to the Standing Rock mission trip, and \$2000.00 to the Kenbridge BC mission trip to Mexico, scheduled for July 3-10. This leaves our balance at \$0.00. We praise God for the way these monies have been used through the years, and know that lives have been changed because of the ability to go on mission trips. We also pray that we can begin a new fund in the near future for this purpose. The WMU leadership team will be working on this in the months ahead. We welcome any and all suggestions you may have for these needs.

Note of Sympathy:

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Virginia Jones, Sharon BC, and faithful WMU member, who passed away on May 10, 2010. She will be missed.



Church News

ASH CAMP: The nominating Committee has started working to fill the slate of officers and committees for 2010-2011. May God guide them. The Graduates of High School were recognized on May 16th. They were presented Bibles and honored with a church family luncheon. College graduates were also honored. Bible School will be held June 6-11 from 9:00 – 12:00 O'clock. The study is "Egypt: Joseph's Journey From Prison to Palace." Ten attended the 30 Hour Famine Event held at Heritage Baptist Church on May 14-15. They raised \$2,000. Plus. We were happy to have the Sunday School Meeting, "Bring New Energy To Your Church By Revitalizing Your Sunday School." This was sponsored by the Leadership Training Team of SBA. The graduation of eight 4 yr. olds and promotion of fourteen 3 yr. olds was held on May 21st. An hour of fellowship and refreshments followed.

BAGBY MEMORIAL: On Sun., May 2nd, the Youth Group led the Worship Service. Christopher Moore delivered the morning message. The Youth hosted the Annual Pancake Supper to benefit World Vision in advance of the 30-Hour Famine. Bagby Youth participated in the SBA 30-Hour Famine at Heritage Baptist May 14-15. For the second consecutive year, Bagby earned the trophy for the most money raised. On May 19th, Wesley Inge hosted a Youth group cookout at his home. During May, the WMU sponsored collection of new underwear to benefit the Bland Ministry; "Undies Sunday" was May 22nd. Graduate Recognition Sunday was observed on May 22; graduates were honored with a Bible from the church. A church clean-up day is planned for May 29. Sunday, May 29th is Fifth Sunday Fellowship; a time of food and fellowship will precede Sunday School. Please join us on July 4th at 5:00 p.m. for our Annual Pig Pickin'.

BURKEVILLE: VBS will be held Sun., June 6th –Thur., June 10th, 6:15-8:30 p.m. Early registration will be held Sat., June 5th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Sun., June 13th there will be a Covered Dish Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Our theme this year is "Saddle Ridge Ranch". All children are welcome! Our church serves the ALMS House on June 26th. On Sun., July 18th there will be an Installation Service for our new pastor, Rev. Woody Fisher, at 4:00 p.m.

CREWE: The Widows Banquet, served by the Men's Fellowship, was held on May 4th. We celebrated Mother's Day on the 9th with recognition of the mothers, and a parent-child Dedication Service for five beautiful young ones. Congratulations to Estelle Jenkins on being the oldest Mom present. On May 17th all our choirs were recognized. The children performed the call to worship at the morning service, and the Chancel Choir, Men's Choir, Ladies Choir, handbells and chimes performed in the evening. It was a wonderful service of praise. May 19th saw the second monthly fellowship dinner and devotion, all to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. : June 14-18 – VBS; July 4 – *This Is My Country* by the Chancel Upcoming Events Choir; July 19-23 – Student Life Mission Camp.

DUNDAS: The WMU hosted two sewing events during May to make garments for the Sioux Indians preparing for the missions trip in August. June 6th is "Graduation Sunday". We will recognize all our graduates with a gift and refreshments after the morning service. June 11th our church will sponsor a "Spaghetti Supper" at the Dundas Ruritan Bldg. Proceeds go for expenses for the mission trip in August. Father's Day, June 20th, all fathers will be honored with a gift for all Dad's present. Our Vacation Bible School, "Saddle Ridge Ranch", will be held July 5th – 9th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. with a "kick-off" cookout on Saturday, July 3rd at 11:00 a.m. with patriotic songs.

HERITAGE: VBS at Heritage Baptist will be June 13-17. All children age 4 – 5th grade are invited to join us for our *High Sea Adventure* from 5:30-8:00 p.m. each evening.

JONESBORO: Our month of May kicked off with Family & Friends day, and a BIG breakfast on the 2nd. It was a special day! We observed the Lord's Supper during worship. All MOTHERS were recognized on the 9th with gifts for each mom, and flowers for the oldest and youngest. The SBA WORK DAY was held at Jonesboro on

the 15th with lots of work completed on the parsonage where the Gascon family lives. We would liked to have had more workers, but are so thankful for those who were able to help. Special thanks to James Allcock for his leadership in this area. Sunday, May 16th, was a busy day with prayer retreat following worship and dinner and movie that evening. It was a busy day but great fellowship. Emphasis was placed on the Assoc. Week of Prayer, 16-22, with announcements and envelopes for the special offering. Four of our Sunday School teachers attended the SBA S.S. Leadership at Ash Camp on the 20th, which was excellent. The Bradshaws carried a group of Assoc. members up to CrossRoads on the 22nd for the 25th Anniversary Celebration. What a great day!! Fifth Sunday fellowship breakfast was held on the 30th and this was a special day as we recognized our 2 graduates on this day during worship. We look forward to a busy summer with plans for S.S. Picnic, VBS and our special loooooong Banana Split Sunday.

MT. TIRZAH: You can tell summer is around the corner because everyone is getting busy with Vacation Bible School. The date is June 14th-18th. This past Sunday we honored our graduate with a breakfast and during the morning service. We are enjoying the music ministry of Bobby Hines, and our church choir. Our church council is preparing activities for the next quarter.

MT. ZION: Our church will celebrate Memorial Day with a cookout at the church pavilion at 5:30 p.m. on Monday the 31st. We will be visiting Britthaven Nursing Facility on the second Tues. of both June and July. The congregation is looking forward to a great summer. We pray blessings to all!

PISGAH: Our church would like to thank Dr. Gates for visiting us on behalf of the Gideon's this month and sharing with us some information on this wonderful work. We would also like to thank Henry Fulcher for his inspiring words at the season's last community breakfast. The breakfasts will resume in September. AWANA also come to a close for the season. We ended with a trip for bowling and pizza. Everyone, especially the children, had a great time. Thank you Commander Melissa Wallace. Congratulations to Joe and Katina Trent on their dedication of son, Jakob Wesley Trent, grandson of Joyce Trent. Children are truly God's gifts to us. Our church family would like to extend Christian sympathy to the family of Freda Goodwin Tucker in her passing on May 18th. We're "rounding up" what we need to have a great VBS this year. We have a western theme should be lots of fun. We'll begin on Sunday, June 13th, and end on Friday, June 18th, with commencement and a cookout. Bible school will be held nightly from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Grab a "partner" and come out for a great time learning God's word at "Saddle Ridge Ranch"! Thank you, Pastor Wallace for the great "Superman" sermon on Sunday! Oh the things we can do with Jesus! We pray for all to have a safe and blessed summer.

SHARON: We had our "first ever" inside baptism in our church building on Sun., May 23rd with 5 adults being baptized. Those baptized were Todd Atkins, Kristen Bowen, Mark Collmann, Chopper Mayhew, and Theresa Murray. 85 people were in attendance at the service with finger foods social following in honor of those baptized. A spaghetti dinner is planned for Sat., June 5th followed by the movie "The Blind Side." A new Children's Church is scheduled to begin on Sun., June 6th for those age 4 – grade 3, during the Morning Worship Service. VBS will be held July 11-16 in the evening for ages 3-18. A cruise boat tour is scheduled for all ages in the Hampton Roads – Norfolk Naval Base area, Sat., July 31st.

VICTORIA: Our church is hosting the SBA Executive Board Meeting on June 15th. On Father's Day, June 20th our men will be recognized, and the children's hand bell choir will share during the service. Our youth "Stickin' With Christ" team will share on Sunday, June 27th, during the worship service. Vacation Bible School is planned for July 12-16 in the Victoria Town RR Park. We will be reaching out into the town and community. We have 10 going to Eagle Eyrie for the MC2 Mission Week, July 19th – 24th. We are having a fundraiser lunch on Sunday, June 6th, following the worship service. We are sewing, collecting items, and planning fundraisers for the Standing Rock Mission Trip, August 1st – 7th. We have 9 volunteers from our church planning to go with the team.



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Calendar of Events

June

- 15 Executive Board Meeting, Victoria BC, Victoria, 6:00 p.m.**
- 15-16 Southern Baptist Convention, Orlando, FL
- 19-22 Passport Kids 1, Eagle Eyrie
- 20 **Father's Day** – Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 20 Home Tree Family Services Day
- 20-26 Impact VA Mission Camp
- 21-8/7 Summer Camp at CrossRoads, Lowesville, VA
Registration forms at www.crossroadsccc.com/Summercamp
- 24-25 CBF General Assembly National Meeting
- 24-27 Passport Kids 2, Eagle Eyrie
- 27 Mission: Dignity Sunday
- 27-7/3 VA Baptist Heritage Week
- 27-7/3 Impact VA Mission Camp
- 29-7/2 Passport Kids 3, Eagle Eyrie

July

- 4 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 4 Independence Day**
- 5-9 Centri-Kid I, Eagle Eyrie
- 11-17 Impact VA Mission Camp
- 12-16 Summer Music & Worship Arts Camp, Eagle Eyrie
- 13 Joy Group, Union Grove BC, Keysville, 12:00 Noon**
- 18 Impact VA Mission Camp
- 19-24 MC2, Eagle Eyrie
- 20 Baptist Extension Board – Semi Annual Meeting, VBRC
- 25-31 Impact Metro! Mission Camp
- 26-30 Centri-Kid 2, Eagle Eyrie
- 30-8/1 Centri-Kid 3, Eagle Eyrie



PRAYER REQUEST:

Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos Gascon & family, pastor of IHBA
Rev. Earl Wallace, pastor of Pisgah BC
Blackstone BC and Bagby BC as they seek pastors
Associational Mission Offering that we will reach our goal of \$7,000.
BCM at Longwood and Hampden-Sydney campuses
Kenbridge BC mission trip to Mexico, July 3-10
Standing Rock Mission Trip to North/South Dakota, Aug. 1-7, 2010

YARD SALE:

The Heritage Weekday Education Center, A ministry of Heritage Baptist Church in Farmville, VA is having a Yard Sale on Saturday, June 5th beginning at 7:30 a.m. You are welcome to submit items for the Yard Sale, or to come by and pre-purchase items. Some of the items for sale are book cases, children's tables and chairs, a computer hutch, and more. All proceeds will go toward the creation of a new play ground at Heritage. For inquires please contact Jerry Brickeen at (434) 392-1956.

CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center – JUST FOR PASTERS!

CrossRoads is offering a special summer retreat package for Pastors: Lodging: \$40. Per room; Meals: \$5. Per person, per meal; Available: Tue. Night – Friday Night, June 1 – July 31st; Includes: A tour of the facility, access to hiking trails, and time to refresh yourself. Contact: CrossRoads at Phone: (434) 277-8465. E:Mail: crossroads@crossroadsccc.com; www.crossroadsccc.com. Space is limited – reserve early!!!