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Serving 23 churches



MAY, 2010



Associational Mission Offering Goal: \$7,000 **Supporting the BCM Building Fund**

God has brought a great increase of students to BCM this year! We averaged 80 last semester and 88 this semester in our weekly Thursday night program called "Connections." This is a significant jump from last year and has caused us to suddenly be cramped for space. What a happy problem to have! Our vision is to enlarge our building so we can accommodate more students who want to worship Christ.

The problem of space has forced us to think in new ways. Instead of mostly inviting students to come to us, we are going out and serving them where they are. We are also expanding our small group ministry on both Longwood and Hampden-Sydney campuses. Please help us pray about: 1) growing outside our walls on both campuses, and 2) getting the necessary funding for a building addition!





FROM YOUR COORDINATOR...

We had a great Semi-Annual Meeting. Thanks to all the committees who worked so hard to make it successful. Everyone enjoyed the Stewardship Seminar prior to the meeting. James Allcock did a great job as moderator. At the meeting we had good fellowship, music, and a fantastic message by Rev. Jon Wolf. The 70 people who attended the meeting really enjoyed the afternoon. Thanks again for all who worked so hard to make this day possible, so we could give praise and honor to God!

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16

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Christian Sympathy Extended to Ms. Glenda Hudson

We recently learned of the death of Rev. Virgil Hudson, who lived in Farmville with his wife, Glenda, for many years. Many of you may remember Glenda as she was the pianist for many of our WMU gatherings as well as the SBA JOY meetings. She is living in Chesapeake, VA, and her address is Ms. Glenda Hudson, c/o Lynette Pope, 1013 Geneva Ave., Chesapeake, VA 23323 for those who may wish to send her a card.

Associational Work Day
Saturday, May 15, 2010, 8:00 a.m.
Projects: Home of Juan Carlos Gascon
Jonesboro Church Parsonage
1977 Jonesboro Road
Blackstone, VA 23824

There will be some painting, and other home improvement jobs that you may help with. For more information contact the SBA Office at 696-2252.

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Leadership Training Team

Bring New Energy to Your Church
By Revitalizing Your Sunday School

A Dynamic Training Seminar for Anyone
Involved in Sunday School

May 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Ash Camp Baptist Church
Seminar Leader: Bill Alphin

Sponsored by the SBA Leadership Training Team
To RSVP of for more information, contact Jeff Hudgins at
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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

Update from Hands On Mission Day III:

What a wonderful day we had on Saturday, April 10th, at Heritage BC as 65 ladies, youth and a few men, representing 14 of our Assoc. churches, gathered to DO missions. Sewing machines were buzzing, dolls were being stuffed, salvation bracelets assembled, do-me books completed, notes of encouragement written, and prayer walkers walking as we held our third missions day. The weather was perfect and things went more smoothly. We really appreciate Heritage BC for hosting us again. Many of the items made will go to Standing Rock Indian Reservation on the upcoming mission trip planned for Aug. 1-7. The Do-Me Books will be divided between Madeline’s House and the Southside Pregnancy Center. The offering collected, \$154.00, will be placed in the Ellen Gravatt Scholarship Fund. It was a VERY good day. We missed those of you who were not able to join us. Hopefully, we can do this again next year.

“UNDIE SUNDAY”:

The Bland Ministry Center is encouraging churches to designate Sunday, May 9th, (Mother’s Day) as “Undie Sunday” by inviting the entire church to collect NEW underwear, children’s, youth & adults, to be sent to the center for distribution. Items collected can be mailed directly to the center at PO Box 211, Bland, VA 24315. If using UPS, please send to Hwy. 52, Bland, VA 24315. Thank you for your support of this mission project.

Summer Camp at CrossRoads:

What: Weekly camp for those in grades 4-12
When: Beginning June 21 - August 7
Where: Lowesville, VA, a place where you can build lifelong relationships, strengthen your relationship with God, and have an AWESOME time in the mountains.
Registration forms and additional information at www.crossroadssccc.com/Summercamp

Wish List for CrossRoads:

- \$10.00 gift cards for Target or Walmart
- Click Lighters
- Paper Towels
- Duct Tape
- Clorox Wipes
- Masking Tape
- Trash Bags (13, 32 or 60 Gal.)
- Heavy Duty Work Gloves
- Batteries (9 volt, AA, AAA, D)
- Monetary Donations

If your church would like to collect any of the above items, they need to be sent directly to CrossRoads Camp & Conference, 2247 Little Piney Road, Lowesville, VA 22967.

A **day trip** is planned to **CrossRoads** on Saturday, May 22nd. Cost is \$10.00 for lunch and registration is due by May 1st. Let me know ASAP if you can go!!

Ellen Gravatt Scholarship Fund:

Funds continue to be available for use on mission trips either within the US or outside. Contact your WMU director or SBA office for an application.



Church News

ASH CAMP:

A wild game supper was held in the fellowship hall on Friday, March 26th. A variety of wild game and good ol' country favorites were served. The proceeds were used to benefit the Scholarship Funds. Ash Camp sponsors six scholarships to help deserving Christians with financial assistance in obtaining an education. VBS is being planned for June 7-11. The study will be entitled, *Egypt: Joseph's Journey From Prison To Palace*. Hands on Mission Day, Sat., April 10th was a wonderful day. Workers of all ages helped to be Christ's hands in many areas of work. Thanks to Heritage for hosting it. A wonderful study of Proverbs has been completed as our annual Bible study. It was taught by our beloved pastor, Rev. Ted Smith. The Semi-Annual Meeting of Southside Baptist Association held April 18th at Jonesboro was very inspiring. Three attended from Ash Camp.

BAGBY MEMORIAL:

On Thursday, April 1st, members participated in a Maundy Thursday Service to commemorate the Last Supper. On Saturday, April 3rd, area children participated in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the church. Some of the WMU ladies attended the "Hands on Missions" day at Heritage Baptist on Sat., April 10th. The Youth Group traveled to Camp CrossRoads for a Spring Retreat, April 9-11. Youth helped clean up the camp in preparation of Camp Crossroads' 25th Anniversary Celebration. Youth Sunday is May 2nd and they will provide a Pancake Supper to help raise money for World Vision as a part of the upcoming SBA 30-Hour Famine on May 14-15. Guest accompanists Bruce Jenkins and Sandi Thomas have been leading music.

CREWE:

The Congregation and the Chancel Choir enjoyed the musical, *I Know My Redeemer Lives*, presented on Easter Sunday. Students from the Longwood Baptist Campus Ministry participated in the worship service on April 25. A Spaghetti luncheon to benefit the BCM summer mission trip followed. The Children's AWANA Awards Ceremony was that evening.

Coming Soon: Youth 30-Hour Famine at Heritage, May 14-15; Choir/Bells/Chimes Recognition Service, May 16; Vacation Bible School: *Saddle Ridge Ranch*, June 14-18; Student Life Mission Camp, Liberty University, July; Beth Moore Living Proof Live Trip to Richmond Coliseum, August 27 & 28.

DUNDAS:

Easter Sunday at our Sunrise Service we gathered around the cross singing "HE LIVES" and placed a white cloth around the cross for a Risen Savior, other songs and scripture of the risen Lord were given and this service was followed by a delicious breakfast in the fellowship hall. Our choir presented the cantata, "He Lives" in the 11:00 Worship Service.

The Coachman Quartet presented a concert on April 11th, which was enjoyed by all who were present. Our Spring Revival, April 18-21 was well attended. Rev. Jonathan Dundalow, pastor of Western Heights BC in Petersburg was the guest speaker, and he and his wife Cindy were a great blessing to us. The Jonesboro BC Choir and Perseverance Church Choir presented the special music and they were great.

JONESBORO:

The month of April began with a glorious **Easter** morning as our sister church, Cedar Creek, joined us for **Sunrise Service**, followed by a bountiful **sunrise breakfast**. A brief service at our outside cross followed, where we replaced the black drape with fresh flowers, indicating the **risen Lord**. What a beautiful day. Five of our members attended the SBA SMU event, **Hands On Mission Day III**, held at Heritage BC on Saturday, April 10th. Another great day of **DOING** missions!! Our quarterly **Harvest Day** meeting was held on the 14th, and a full work day and **stew making** followed on Sat., the 17th. This was our last stew until the fall and it was delicious. We were happy to host the **SBA Spring** meeting on Sun., 18th. Our Jonesboro choir was pleased to sing at the Dundas BC revival on the 19th. A prayer retreat followed worship on the 25th, and our monthly "**dinner & movie**" was enjoyed that evening. What a beautiful Spring we have enjoyed. Thank you Lord, for your blessings on us.

MT. ZION:

Our church will be visiting Britthaven Nursing Facility on May 11th at 7:00 p.m. May 30th is the Fifth Sunday and we have scheduled breakfast at the church at 8:00 a.m. followed by our regular Sunday program. We will celebrate Memorial Day with a cookout and covered dish supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. We have had a successful exercise class, but it has been postponed until September.

PISGAH:

We'd like to start by recognizing our youth on the wonderful job they did with their spaghetti lunch fundraiser. Over ninety people were fed, and between ticket sales and donations, they contributed \$500. To the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, which brought our total contribution to \$2,328.00 surpassing our goal. Way to go! The youth have a roadside cleanup planned in May for Pisgah's adopted Hwy 617. Thank you to the Sandy Creek Gospel Bluegrass Group for joining us with their wonderful music at April's community breakfast. Our next breakfast is set for May 8th, which will be the last one until we resume in the Fall. Thanks again to our fellowship committee for all of your hard work. Our AWANA program is also coming to its close for the year. The group is planning a putt-putt-trip before we wrap up towards the end of May. We'd like to invite all youngsters to join us for Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS this summer where we'll be "Roundin' Up Questions, and Drivin' Home Answers". This year's motto is "Need Answers? Ask God!". We will begin on Sunday, June 13th, and meet nightly with closing and cookout on Friday, June 18th. We're looking forward to a great week of fun and worship.

SHARON:

Our church hosted the Rice Community Easter Sunrise Service on April 4th at 7:00 a.m. Other participating churches were Jamestown Presbyterian and Pisgah Baptist. 85 people were in attendance and an offering of \$419.50 was collected and given to the Rice Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad. The children, youth, and adults are planning to go roller skating at A.J. Skateworld in Appomattox on Sat., May 16th, to recognize Lydia Bass, who will graduate from Prince Edward County High School; Dena O'York, graduating from Southside Virginia Community College; and Justine Scruggs, graduating from Bridgewater College. A "first even" baptismal service will be held in the new baptistery on Sun., May 23, at 3:00 p.m., followed by a finger foods social.

VICTORIA

The pastor has challenged members to listen to the New Testament in 40 day. Approximately 15 of our ladies attended a Beth Moore Conference, April 24th in Colonial Heights. Five members attended the "Hands On Mission Day" on April 10th. Our women will be recognized during the worship service on Mother's Day, May 9th. Our graduates will be recognized during the worship service. The Baccalaureate Service will be at Central High at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the Lunenburg Ministerial Association.

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, thread, fleece/cotton (not scraps), and short or long knitting needles (prefer wooden needles) size US 13.

Please bring these items to the SBA Office by May 31st.



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Calendar of Events

May

- 3** Pastor's Meeting at Heritage Baptist Church, 11:00 a.m.
- 6** National Day of Prayer
- 9** Mother's Day
 "Undie Sunday", Missions project for Bland Ministry Center
 Additional information in WMU Column, page 2.
- 11** Joy Group Meeting, Pisgah Baptist Church, 12:00 noon
- 14-15** SBA Youth Task Force – Fourth Annual 30 Hour Famine,
 at Heritage Baptist Church, Farmville – Time: Friday
 May14th starting at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday, May15th ending
 at 7:00 p.m.
- 14-16** VA Baptist Media Library Assoc. Spring Workshop, Eagle Eyrie
- 15** Associational Work Day, IHBA, 9:00 a.m.
 Projects: Hispanic Church and Gascon's home
- 16-22** Associational Mission Emphasis/Week of Prayer
- 17-19** Senior Adult Retreat, Eagle Eyrie
- 18** VA Baptist Historical Society Annual Meeting, Second BC,
 Richmond, 7:00 p.m. Topic: "Peace-Bearers Than & Now"
- 20** Leadership Training Meeting, Ash Camp BC, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 Bill Alphin, Seminar Leader
- 31** Memorial Day – SBA Office Closed

June

- 15** Executive Board Meeting, Victoria BC, 6:00 p.m.
- 15-16** Southern Baptist Convention, Orlando, FL
- 19-22** Passport Kids 1, Eagle Eyrie
- 20** Father's Day
- 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
- 27-7/3** VA Baptist Heritage Week
- 27-7/3** Impact VA Mission Camp
- 29-7/2** Passport Kids 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.
Associational Work Day at the home of Rev. Juan C. Gascon
BCM at Longwood and Hampden-Sydney campuses
Standing Rock Mission Trip to North/South Dakota, Aug. 1-7, 2010

Disaster Relief Training Schedule for 2010

- May 15th** – Huguenot Road BC
 10525 Huguenot Rd.
 Richmond, VA
- May 22nd** – Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
 1 Eagle Eyrie Dr.
 Lynchburg, VA

Contact Jeanette Hildebrand at 1-800-255-2428, ext. 7260, for registration. For those already trained disaster relief volunteers whose photo ID badge has expired or will expire within the next year, you may go online and complete the recertification test and your new ID badge will be sent to you.

Log on to: <http://www.vbmb.org/globalmissions/disaster-relief/DR-Refresher> and take the online refresher course. If problems occur, contact Nichole Bulls at 1-800-255-2428.