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### Mission Statement

The Shenandoah Baptist Association is a fellowship of autonomous Baptist Churches dedicated to mutual support, equipping of churches, and the fulfillment of the Great Commission by combining resources to engage in missions.

### Vision Statement

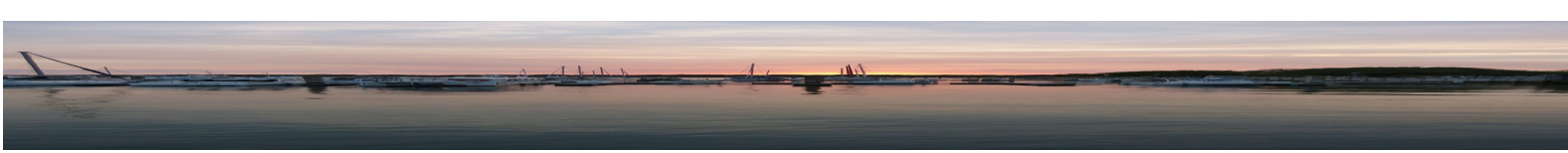
To have a strong, viable, well-supported missions/ministry presence in every community in the Shenandoah Valley.

## Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

*Packets have been mailed out to each church, we hope that each church will chose a week this summer and promote the work of the association. If you would like to have a speaker talk about the work of the association please contact the associational office.*

Offering Goal: \$1,500.00





## *Moderator's Musing's*

In case you had not noticed the heat, humidity, thunderstorms and mosquitos, summer is here! Now is the season for picnics, vacations, and lower church attendance. Yes, when families are away, our churches usually have lower attendance, especially if the pastor is away, as well. Everyone needs a chance to get away and relax. A chance to put the stress of daily life behind you and travel with children and teenagers which provides a level of stress far beyond anything you will face in daily life! Sometimes, coming home can be a vacation, too! Jesus recognized the need for rest and isolation from the daily hustle and bustle. In the Gospels, Jesus called the Disciples away from the crowd to teach, fellowship, and commune with Him. The Disciples also used that time to debate about who should have the most important place in the Kingdom, and to be afraid of the storm, though justifiably so, as the storm was intense. A couple of weeks ago, we were at Busch Gardens, and my daughter and I rode a rollercoaster called the Tempesto. We had ridden the Loch Ness Monster, and Apollo's Chariot, and Tempesto was located next to the Apollo's Chariot entrance. It didn't look to be too bad. We stood in line, and then got on, and it started. We went backwards for a piece, then stopped and were released forward where we raced through the station and through a loop up and down and around! Then we were back. Through most of the ride, we were either airborne (at least above our seat) or experiencing significant g-force and being pushed down into our seat. The ride was short. It was also one of the most intense rides I have ever ridden! I can't imagine what my blood pressure was during the ride, and afterward, I felt a bit drained. But it was FUN! I like rollercoasters, and I will ride that one again. After the day, my stress was mostly gone, and I was tired and relaxed. Jesus didn't take the Disciples on a coaster, but he did take them on a stormy water ride! God gives us the capacity to relax, and we need to do that, so we can come back ready to roll up our sleeves and work in the fields to sow and harvest as He directs. Jesus enjoyed life, and He was a fun person to be around. You can't help but notice His sense of fun as he changes the water into wine, or teaches the Disciples about the eye of the camel, or heals the man born blind, or gathers the children on His lap. Oh that we would be more like Jesus in that way, showing the world that being a Christian is fun. We can even do serious things and still have fun! How great is our God!!

In my last article, I spoke about money, and as I was writing, I was thinking about the book of James and the verse "you have not because you ask not". I want to take a moment, and a little bit of ink, and say thank you to the individuals who have selflessly contributed recently, above and beyond what their churches have given. My prayer is that God will richly bless you through your giving, and that your generous spirit will be an example of unselfish giving for all of us. I appreciate the gifts from our churches, as well. There seems to be a dichotomy in our country today; the stock market is doing great, but most people are not much better off than they were, making it more difficult for our churches to have enough money to fully fund their mission opportunities. Continue to pray with me that we may be good stewards of the resources God provides us, and that we will willingly give, not just our money, but our time, our talents, our spiritual gifts, and ourselves, so that we can make a difference for Christ in our homes, in our churches, in our communities, in our Valley, and in our world! Happy Summer!!

Your Servant in Christ,



**Executive Board Meeting**  
**September 3, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**First Baptist, Front Royal**

Each church is asked to send their Pastor and a Lay Representative to the meeting. These meetings are important for each church to give input into the





# Church News Around the Association

**Berryville** –Baptist Rascals went on Mission Trip for 2019 to Puerto Rico they left June 22 and returned on June 30th.

**Browntown**– Rev. Mike Normoyle retired after 20 years of service to the church and community. The church held a retirement celebration for him on May 19th. They also held a benefit for Mike and Vicki on June 15th *Surrounding Mike with Love* . The benefit raised \$8,000.00 toward the purchase of a prosthetic leg.

**Charles Town**– will hold its annual Music & Drama Camp July 29th– August 2 from 9:00 am to Noon for kids 1st grade-6th, with a big performance day on August 2 at 7:30 p.m. The church will be taking a mission trip August 22-26 to Canada. The church will do their VBS July 15-19th *In the Wild Amazing Encounters with God* from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

**First, Winchester**– Is doing a Faith and Arts Camp every Tuesday in July from 6-8 p.m. Each Tuesday they will be traveling to a different country.

**Main Street**– Has called Rev. Timothy Scott, as their new pastor, him and his wife were former missionaries to India. The church held their VBS June 17-21 from 6:30– 8:45 p.m. for ages 3-8th grade. The theme was *In The Wild*.

This section is for us to learn and encourage each other as we work together to further God’s Kingdom. Would you like to see your church’s name above? Please send or email news from your church or your church’s newsletter by mail or digital copy to the associational office so that we can include your church’s news in our newsletter.



## SBA Church Contributions

	<u>Jan 1 - Jul 16, 19</u>
502 Berryville	1,400.00
504 Browntown	100.00
506 Charles Town	4,747.73
507 First Front Royal	475.00
508 First, Martinsburg	400.00
509 First, Winchester	8,521.33
510 First, Woodstock	3,727.77
511 Grace Baptist Church	450.00
515 Leetown	676.00
516 Main Street Luray	1,967.23
517 Marlow Heights	525.74
518 Mountain	477.00
521 Shenandoah Farms	700.00
522 Stanley	642.17
523 Summit Point	1,749.50
526 Primera Iglesia Bautista Peniel	63.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>26,623.27</u></b>

## “Sweet Home Alabama”

That was printed on the t-shirts of the volunteers at the Annual Meeting of the WMU in Birmingham, Alabama, June 9-10, 2019. They certainly did all they could to make us feel at HOME as only WMU ladies can. It was the 131<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the WMU and on Monday they had a hundred and thirty-one activities for our participation. WOW! Just the logistics of that blows my mind. Of course, on Sunday we had a wonderful program of worship, information and inspiration. We were introduced to three missionary couples who shared with us some of their challenges, obstacles and their blessings. The title of the program was “Pursue” and everything on the program emphasized God’s pursuit of us and our pursuit of others. It was so humbling to be among six to seven hundred women raising their voices, hearts and love in gratitude to God for what He has done, is doing and will do to pursue those He loves. It was SWEET. I need one of those t-shirts. “Sweet Home Alabama”

*Claudia Hatfield*  
WMU Director



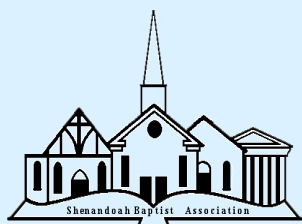
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**137th Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 19, 2019**  
**Mountain Baptist Church**



The newsletter is now being emailed. Please contact the office with your email address and we will add you to our list. Copies can always be found on the website. Printed copies are being provided to the churches. But if you need a copy mailed please contact the associational office.



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**WMU** will once again be working with First, Baptist Winchester in collecting Migrant Kits to be given to the migrant workers. If your church would like to contribute to this worthwhile ministry please complete your bags with the following items:

<b>Deodorant</b>	<b>Toothpaste &amp; Toothbrush</b>
<b>Soap</b>	<b>Shampoo &amp; hair brush</b>
<b>Bug repellent</b>	<b>Towel &amp; Wash cloth</b>

Completed kits may be brought to First Baptist, Winchester or to the Associational office by **August 26th**. If you have any questions please contact Michele at the associational office.



## **Calendar of Events**

### **July**

4 ~	Independence Day (Office Closed)
16 ~ 12:00 p.m.	Leadership Luncheon/ Perkins Restaurant– Winchester

### **August**

20 ~ 12:00 p.m.	Leadership Luncheon/ Perkins Restaurant– Winchester
13 ~ 11:30 a.m.	WMU Council Meeting– Cracker Barrel Winchester
26 ~	Migrant Kits Due to First Baptist, Winchester

### **September**

2 ~	Labor Day (Office Closed)
3 ~ 7:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting
8-15 ~	Week Prayer for State Missions– Alma Hunt Offering
17 ~ 12:00 p.m.	Leadership Luncheon/ Perkins Restaurant– Winchester

