



**Executive Board Meeting—  
December 3, 2019**

Please note this will be a conference call instead of traveling to Front Royal. Those of you on the Executive Board watch your email for more details.

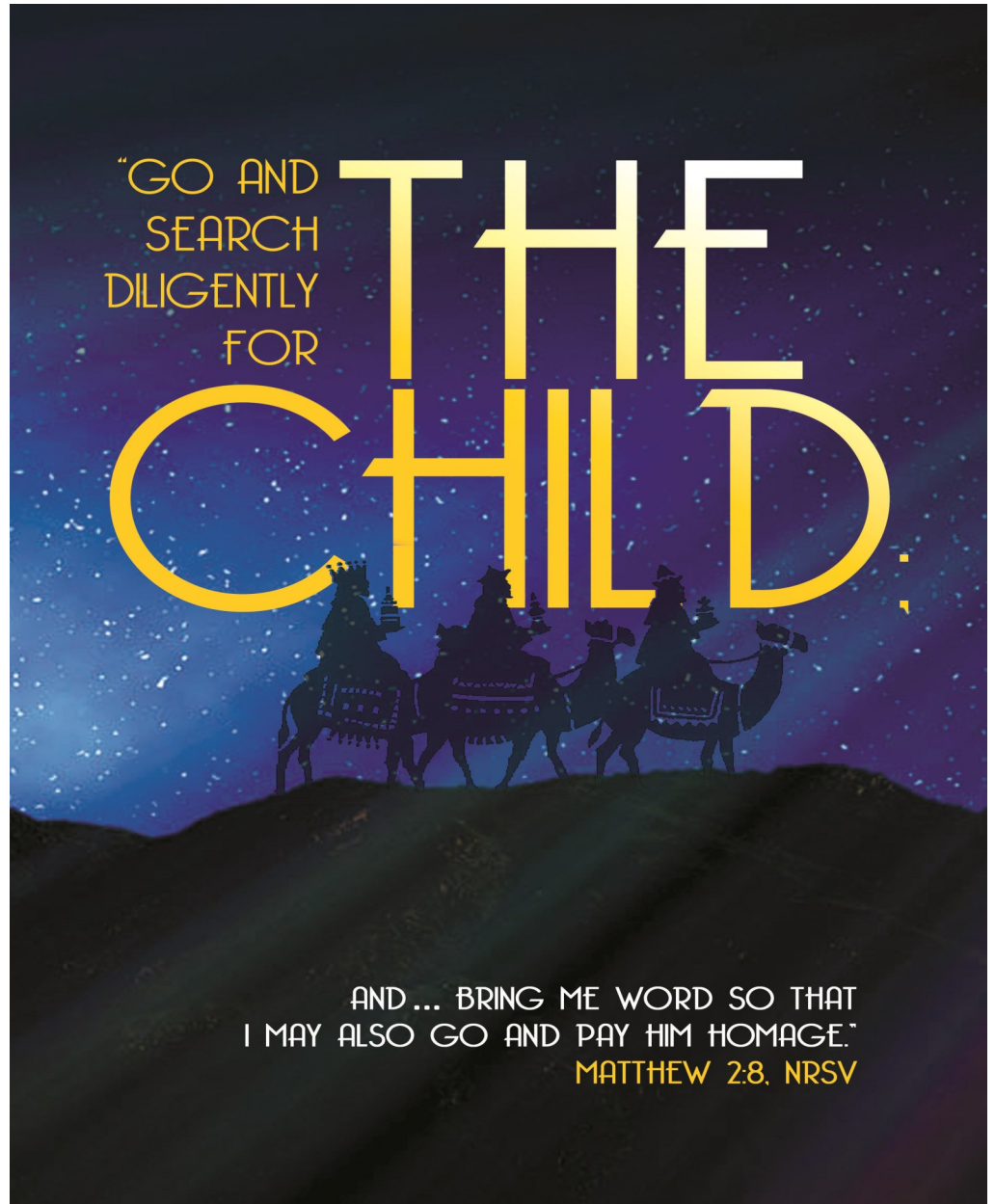


**Mission Statement**

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.



AND ... BRING ME WORD SO THAT I MAY ALSO GO AND PAY HIM HOMAGE."  
MATTHEW 2:8, NRSV



*Your friends from the SBA*

*Brian*

*Jim C.*

*Claudia*

*Mike*

*Michele*

*Highlights from Our 137th Annual Meeting  
October 19, 2019 at Mountain Baptist Church*  
**Empowering the Ministry of the Local Church**

**Skip Wallace, guest speaker spoke about** The three shifts are:

- ➔ From being primarily internally focused to being primarily externally focused  
He talked about the fact that God has always called his followers to bless people, not to curse them  
Abraham – Genesis 12  
Jesus – Luke 6:28  
Paul – Romans 12:14
- ➔ From developing programs to developing people  
We hold onto our programs like the Pharisees held onto their traditions, and Jesus condemned them for that Mark 7:8
- ➔ From church-based leadership to kingdom-based leadership  
He pointed out that the kingdom of God is much larger than the four walls of any church

His material came from the book *Missional Renaissance* by Reggie McNeal



We also heard from Dorothy Hariman, from Northwest Workshop on how to minister to the Mentally Ill, from Brian Hotaling on ministering through Missions within our churches and from Lori Pendleton, Minister of Music and Senior Adults– First, Winchester on ministering to the Baby Boomer within in our churches. These were just some of the different ministry ideas that your church can do to think outside your walls and minister to folks in your churches. We hope to highlight some of these different areas that our churches are doing to help you and your church reach your potential.



**A SEASON  
of JOY**



***Church News Around the Association***

**Charles Town**– Thanksgiving Worship Service on Nov. 28th at 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts afterwards. Children's program on Sunday Dec. 8 at 11:00 service. Christmas Cantata and Hand bell Performance on Saturday, Dec 14 & Sunday, the 15th both at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service Dec. 24– Family Worship at 7 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service at 9:00 p.m.  
**First, Martinsburg**–Children's Pancakes & PJ Christmas Party Dec. 7th @10 am Youth Christmas Party at Bowling Alley @Shepherd University. Christmas Eve service at 4 & 7 p.m.  
**First, Winchester**– On Dec. 1st the church will have a Hanging of the Green's service at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Children's Christmas Play Dec. 4th at 6:00 p.m. followed by Church Christmas Dinner. December 8th at 6:00 p.m. White Christmas Service  
**Main Street**– will be doing their Annual Roby Janey Memorial White Christmas. They filled 20 boxes of food for families with a need last year. Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 24th at 5:00 p.m. with their pastor Tim Scott bringing the message.

**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.**

*A Note from Deb Deming*— member of Charles Town Baptist and an Executive Board member of the association

## Mission Opportunity.... In Kenya, Africa!

On March 7-15, 2020, I will join a team of medical specialists and we will host a week-long medical clinic for Mulli Children's Family (MCF) Many of the children are orphaned due to the AIDS epidemic or were unable to be cared for by their families who live in extreme poverty. We anticipate treating 2000 children and adults during the week. Complete physicals treatment for intestinal parasites and head lice, vitamin K shots, immunization and treatment of any other condition within the capability of the team.

God has put together a uniquely gifted group of physicians, dentists, dental assistant, dental hygienist, pharmacist, pharmacy technicians, CMAS, physical therapist, EMTS, premed students teachers, chaplain, musicians and servant leaders to be apart of this trip.

I am excited about this opportunity to serve the Lord! I am asking you to join me in ministry, I am seeking your prayers and financial support for this mission trip. To support me:

**Become a Prayer Partner** - email me at [dleedeming@gmail.com](mailto:dleedeming@gmail.com) or text me at 304430165 to let me know that you will pray daily while we are on the field.

- Receive my prayer requests by your preferred method and pray for me and the team
- Receive my final testimonial report and offer prayers of thanksgiving and share the stories.

**To Make a Financial Gift** - Forward any donation to me with the check or money order payable to the Woman's Missionary Union of VA (WMUV). You may request within a separate note the funds be used for my trip expenses but agree that WMUV has complete control over how the funds are spent. Anything donated over the cost will not be refunded but used within the ministry. Please know that to be deductible, the charity must have discretion and control over the contribution without any obligation to benefit the individual.

Thank you for prayerful consideration! May God Bless you richly!

*In His Service, Debra Deming*



## Moderator's Musing's

The only constant is change. Death and taxes are the only sure things. Money won't buy happiness, but it sure helps with everything else. Of the three previous statements, only one is true. Things are always changing! Yes, death is inevitable, though Elijah and Enoch did not die, and while taxes are a reality for most of us, a few have figured out how to cheat and avoid paying taxes. Money won't buy happiness, but it often brings pain, suffering and stress, so everything else is not so good either. The time has come for change in the SBA. It is time for new leadership, new ideas and new energy. We welcome, Rev. Brian Hoteling, as your new Moderator. For those of you who don't know Brian, he retired from a military career in the Army where he was a Ranger, went to Seminary, went back for his Doctorate and is currently the Pastor at Charles Town Baptist Church. Brian is a unique man with a strong missions commitment and a passion for community involvement. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your moderator for the past few years. It is a humbling role when you realize how much trust is placed in you. I have been honored to meet such wonderful, inspiring saints in all of our churches. I know you will honor Brian with that same trust. I am not going away, I will still be involved in the SBA because I believe that we can do more together and I want to do ministry and missions with you. Give Brian your money, through your church, of course. I have recently written about how we need more money so we can provide additional ministries and services, and about how our Association is only as strong as our churches are. At our annual meeting, we talked about some ways and ministries our churches are doing, that more of our churches can do, so I challenge you to look for a new ministry to be a part of, or better yet, start a new ministry in your church. At the BGAV Meeting in Roanoke, Michele and I met some old friends, and made some new ones, including having dinner with an association Director of Missions and his wife where we had great fellowship and discussion about how associations work.

# Shenandoah Baptist Association

Continued from Moderator's Musing's

They gave us some ideas that we will be looking at to consider, but even more, the fellowship encouraged us. In today's world, it is not easy being a Christian. Sometimes it is really hard, but Christ gives the strength to endure and prosper, even in difficult times and circumstances. Let's live like we believe it. Thanks again for the privilege of serving you as your moderator, and join me in giving Brian our support as he leads us into 2020 and beyond.

Your Servant in Christ,



## COUNCIL MEETING & MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS JANUARY 7, 2020 FIRST BAPTIST, FRONT ROYAL

Council Meets @ 5:30 p.m.  
Ministry Teams @ 6:30 p.m.



Council & Ministry Association

If you are serving on a team for the association please plan to attend at 6:30 p.m. for your team meeting.



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### Calendar of Events

#### November

28 ~

Thanksgiving/ Office Closed



#### December

1-8

Week of Prayer International Missions

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Executive Board Meeting— Virtual

14 10:00

International Missions Study, FBC, Martinsburg

17 12:00

Leadership Luncheon/ Perkins Restaurant— Winchester

24

Christmas Eve/ Office Closed

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Christmas Day/ Office Closed

#### January

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New's Day/ Office Closed

7 5:30 p.m.

Council Meeting/ FBC, Front Royal

8 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Team Meeting/ FBC, Front Royal

14 ~10:00 a.m.

WMU Leadership Meeting -Cracker Barrel, Winchester

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Martin Luther King Day/ Office Closed

21 12:00 p.m.

Leadership Luncheon/ Perkins Restaurant— Winchester



**Inclement Weather Policy:** When schools are closed or dismissed early for bad weather then the association meetings will be rescheduled for the following Tuesday.