



Executive Board Meeting
March 3, 2020
7:00 p.m.
First Baptist, Front Royal



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.

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
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SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)



The SBA has purchased a one year site license agreement, for the use of our churches in the Association, The License agreement allows our churches to hold showings of the movie *Overcomer* at their church's during this year. This agreement granted by Provident Films allows showing the film in our churches as long as a paid employee of the association is present.

The Executive Board agreed to purchase this license agreement in order to help support the ministry of your church. To really show *Overcomer* in a group setting you must have a site license.

Please contact Michele at the Associational office if you would like to schedule a showing of the movie *Overcomer* at your church. Poster's are available to help promote the event and build interest at your church. We are glad to provide bulletin insert's if you would like to help promote the event in your church and community. This can be a good outreach tool for your church.



Moderator's Musing's

Opportunity Knocks

With a new year comes a new opportunity, and I am privileged to be able to serve as the Association's Moderator for a season. Having participated in the life of the Association for the past ten years, I am excited to ponder where we have been, and where we might be going in the future.

The Shenandoah Baptist Association serves two primary purposes. First, we are here to cooperate in the movement of the Gospel, which enables us to accomplish together what no single church can achieve by itself. Secondly, we are here to support and encourage the work of the individual churches, to enable each ministry that is part of us to reach its fullest potential.

My experience with this Association has enabled me to identify some of the obstacles that we face. First, we are incredibly diverse in our ministries, in our geography, and our communities. We cover five counties and two states, almost a hundred miles from north to south. The needs of some areas are very different than that which are found in other areas. We have a couple of urban areas, we have many rural and small-town churches, each with their own set of ministry concerns.

Secondly, many of our churches seem to be reluctant to be hands-on participants. And when we meet for whatever purpose or project, many of our churches are not represented. Please understand, I am not trying to be critical, and I understand that everybody is busy with their unique set of priorities. Just like in your individual churches, and most places where there is a designed cooperative effort, the few seem to share the burden for the many. Finally, we are facing some financial pressures. Income to expenses has been in deficit for a period of time, and coming close to a point of financial unsustainability. With fewer resources, we will limit our opportunities and ability to serve the region and the churches. Just as in the churches, we rely on the contributions of our membership, and we have to count every penny. And the remedy is the same that the churches face as well.

Review for a minute the second paragraph, where I reviewed our purposes. Working together for the gospel, and supporting the local church. We can and will do these things, and in my tenure as Moderator, I intend to focus on those primary goals. I am confident that we can overcome the obstacles that we face, and I am certain that God will be at work in our midst to enable us.

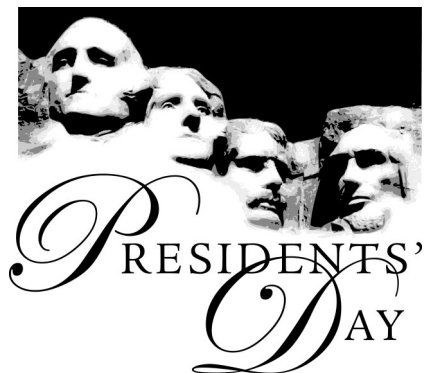
With the diversity of our region, we have common concerns. Each community has places of poverty, pockets of lost people, and points of suffering. We can work together to express love and mercy and hope at the point of need. And we do that best when each of us takes a seat at the table, each of us shares our portion of the load, and we all trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Moderator for the upcoming year. If I can be of service to you or your church, please contact me. Email works best, brianh766@yahoo.com. My office is at Charles Town Baptist Church, 304 725 5917.

Many Blessings to You,
Brian Hotaling, Moderator



Due to recent security concerns, First Baptist, Front Royal, has installed a new security system. If you are planning to come to the associational office or stopping by, please call ahead so I will know you are coming and can let you in.



WHERE DID 2019 GO??



How did 2020 get here so fast? I am sure it was only 2000 yesterday and we were looking at a new millennium! But two decades have slipped by while I wasn't looking. But it's good news, we have a brand new year that hasn't been touched yet! I am excited for the next year in missions. Lots of projects, learning and growing to do. Ya whoo!

We have a couple of exciting projects to recommend. I feel strongly these projects were positioned by the Holy Spirit for us and we will be richly blessed by them. Recently in the Winchester Star there was an article about a homeless man who had crawled under a truck to sleep. Unaware of the man sleeping by his wheels, the truck driver ran over the man and he was killed. The Winchester Rescue Mission director indicated "we failed him". I contacted the mission office and inquired as to what we could do to help. We were told they need:

- long underwear, sizes large/XXX large (you could have "long undie Sunday");
- breakfast cereal and
- someone to help serve lunch on Tuesdays.

None of those seem too difficult. I am sure that your local homeless shelters could use these same articles if you prefer to give in locally.

Also on pages 6/7 of January's *Mosaic** is information about making "comfort pillows" for women undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Making the pillow takes about 3/8 of a yard of material. I contacted the oncology department of the Winchester Medical Center and they were excited about having these to give their patients. Mountain Baptist WMU is making these at their February meeting. (Did you know Mountain has organized a WMU under the leadership of Mary Reilly?) I would like to see more pillows than they have patients! Wouldn't that be something?????

Also, WMU Focus Week is February 9-16. I am encouraging the ladies of the churches (even if you don't have a WMU) to ask your pastor if you could have some time in the worship service on February 9th to focus on missions.** It might be effective if the choir director could let the women do the special music for the morning. It is not ourselves but the work that is important and the church needs to understand that the "fields are white but the workers are few". **PLEASE REMEMBER:** "Come to the Table" will be held on March 28th, 8:30-3:00pm at Wilderness Baptist Church, 9701 Plank Road, Spotsylvania, VA. Cost is \$15 per person and March 13th is the deadline to register. If you would like to carpool, please let me know. This is a very informative meeting and worth our time and effort.

I recently heard that WMU is stronger in Virginia and Texas. As we look at our rich heritage, let us covenant to pray that God will guide our plans, our steps and our hearts as we proclaim His love in 2010. I think we have an exciting year ahead.

Claudia Hatfield

COMING EVENTS: Special World Hunger Event and Annual Meeting – more information will be forthcoming.

**If you do not have a copy of the January Mosaic, please let me know and I will get you a copy. My cell number is 540 686 2734.*

***I have a short drama that would take about 5 minutes that is effective. If you would like a copy, let me know.*

Shenandoah Baptist Association



The following note was received from Windswept Academy

Merry Christmas Shenandoah Baptist Association

Dear Shenandoah Baptist Association,

We are overjoyed with our recent donation to Windswept Academy! We received seven boxes full of underwear, socks, thermals, and t-shirts for our students. We appreciate your generous gifts and the donations that were given to send the packages to us.

Our older students were given the opportunity to go through the boxes. They were so excited to be able to get new socks, t-shirts, etc. The word quickly spread throughout the high school about how nice the socks were, so others were coming to "shop" in the office for what nice things they could find. It was such a blessing for me to see the joy on their faces!

Thank you to each one who had a part in this gift. We are thankful for your ongoing support of our ministry. We will be keeping some of the items at the school for when we see a need this school year. Please know that your gift was welcomed and loved! We are praying that you all will have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year as you serve our Savior.

CHILDREN'S
MISSIONS
DAY™

February 16, 2020

11 a.m.– 2:00 pm

Charles Town Baptist Church

The Greatest of These

Kindergarten– 4th grade

Bible and missions stories, crafts, activity sheets, Music, drama and a mission project. Lunch provided.

If you can not make the 11:00 time you are welcome to join them anytime.



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Calendar of Events



February

9-16 ~
14 ~
16 ~ 11 am-2 pm
17 ~
18 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Focus On WMU
Valentine's Day
Children's Mission Day
President's Day
Leadership Luncheon/ Perkins Restaurant– Winchester

March

2-8 ~
3 ~ 7:00 pm
17 ~ 12:00 p.m.
28 ~ 8:30 a.m.

Week of Prayer for North America Missions
Executive Board Meeting– First, Front Royal
Leadership Luncheon/ Perkins–Winchester
Come to the Table—Spotsylvania
Wilderness Baptist Church

April

5 ~
12 ~
14 ~ 5:30 p.m.
15 ~ 6:30 p.m.
21 ~ 12:00 pm

Palm Sunday
Easter
Council Meeting/ First Front Royal
Ministry Team Meetings/ First, Front Royal
Leadership Luncheon/ Perkins– 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.