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4:00 p.m. Session

Organ Prelude Mr. Harold B. Wright

Timothy Mark

Call to Order Mrs. Lois Stevens

Election of Moderator *Pro Tem*

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer Rev. Vernon DeLong

History of Trinity Baptist Church Rev. Rick Dellinger

Welcome and Introduction of New Ministers Rev. Steve Manuel

*Hymn 571 “Let Others See Jesus in You” COLEMAN

Introduction of Speaker Rev. Steve Manuel

Timothy Mark

Business Session:

(Ends at 5:15 p.m., with unfinished business carried to evening session)

Nominating Committee Report Rev. Richard C. Mallory

Missions Partnerships Committee Report Mrs. Kathy Smith

Switzerland Mrs. Evelyn Giles

Disaster Relief Mr. Tommy Smith

*Hymn 611 “Let Your Heart Be Broken” WYE VALLEY

Missions Reports:

River Rock Church Rev. Marc Jantomaso

Special Presentation to North Bedford Rev. Steve Manuel

Timothy Mark

Budget Committee Report Mr. Douglas J. McDaniel

Adoption of *Book of Reports* Mrs. Lois S. Stevens
Memorial Service Rev. S. Woody Elliott
Special Music Rev. Rick Dellinger
Prayer and Blessing Rev. Bryon LePere

6:30 p.m. Session

Organ Prelude Mr. Harold B. Wright
Praise and Worship Praise Choir
Call to Order Moderator *Pro Tem*
Prayer Rev. David Williamson

Timothy Mark

Conclusion of Business:

(Unfinished business from afternoon session)

Evangelism Committee Report Mrs. Rita Calhoun
Nominations from the floor for Nominating Committee Members (7)
Attendance Report Mrs. Esther Woodford

Timothy Mark

*Hymn 566 "Tell the Good News" RHEA
SBA Missions and Ministries Report Rev. Steve Manuel

Timothy Mark

*Praise Benediction with Timothy Mark

Organ Postlude Mr. Harold B. Wright

* *Please stand as you are able*

Program Personalities

Guests

Timothy Mark.....Recording Artist/Evangelist
Nashville, TN
Mr. Harold B. Wright.....Sales Representative
Ridenhour Music Center, Salem, VA

Strawberry Association

Mrs. Ginger Bell.....Minister of Music, Trinity
Mrs. Susan Batten-Bell.....Minister of Music, Bedford
Mrs. Rita CalhounChairman, Evangelism Committee;
Member, Palestine
Dr. Eldridge Cullum Pastor, Thaxton
Rev. Rick Dellinger Music Evangelist; Member, Trinity
Rev. Vernon DeLong.....Pastor, Trinity
Mrs. Carol Easterly.....Pianist, Trinity
Rev. Woody Elliott..... Pastor, Bethel
Mrs. Evelyn Giles..... Member, Morgans
Rev. Marc JantomasoPastor, River Rock
Mr. Douglas J. McDanielBudget Committee;
Member, Mount Hermon
Rev. Richard C. Mallory Chairman, Nominating Committee;
Pastor, Morgans
Rev. Steve Manuel..... Director of Missions and Ministries
Praise Choir Trinity
Mrs. Kathy Smith Director, Missions Partnerships;
Member, Palestine
Mr. Thomas L. Smith Member, Mentow
Mrs. Lois S. Stevens..... Clerk; Member, Flint Hill
Rev. David Williamson Pastor, Hunting Creek
Mrs. Esther O. Woodford..... Administrative Assistant;
Member, Mentow

VOTING PRIVILEGES

Voting privileges at regular or called meetings of the Association shall be extended to:

- A. Four messengers elected from each member church;
- B. One additional messenger for each \$500 budget contribution up to \$2,000; one additional messenger for each \$1,000 budget contribution between \$2,000 and \$6,000; and one additional messenger for each \$2,000 budget contribution over \$6,000;
- C. Officers of the Association.

All messengers must be members of the Strawberry Baptist Association church which they represent.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

North Bedford Baptist Church, Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Upon arrival, everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by North Bedford Baptist Church. The Vice-Moderator, Mike Jones, called the 7:00 p.m. session to order.

Rev. Charles Stinson, Pastor of North Bedford Baptist Church, welcomed everyone, read scripture taken from Acts 4:32, and lead in prayer.

1. **New Ministers:** Steve Manuel introduced three new ministers in the Association: Eldridge Cullum, Thaxton; Vernon DeLong, Trinity; and Rick Kallstrom, Mount Hermon. This was followed with prayer by Harry Leland thanking God for the new ministers.

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Meeting were included in the 2003 Annual Report, which had been distributed.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Reports showing January-December 2003, and January-March 2004, were distributed prior to the meeting. Following are summaries of those reports which are on file:

Financial Summary January 1, 2003-December 31, 2003	Beginning Balance 01/01/03	Year-to-Date Receipts	Year-to-Date Disbursements	Ending Balance 12/31/03
Designated Funds:				
Bedford Jail Ministry	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
Assn. Missions Week Offerings (Prior Yrs.)	4,778.54	0.00	0.00	4,778.54
Mission Partnership Trips	213.11	4,238.00	4,238.00	213.11
Assn. % of State Missions Offerings	2,939.61	755.37	0.00	3,694.98
River Rock Church	0.00	3,107.55	3,107.55	0.00
Bedford Christian Ministries	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	\$7,931.26	\$10,300.92	\$9,545.55	\$8,686.63
Budget Fund (Includes Legg Mason & AMW)	\$19,164.28	\$96,419.02	\$99,542.60	\$16,040.70
Checking Account	\$27,095.54	\$106,719.94	\$109,088.15	\$24,727.33
Va. Bapt. Fdn. Acct.	\$14,837.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,837.82
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS	\$41,933.36	\$106,719.94	\$109,088.15	\$39,565.15

Financial Summary January 1, 2004 - March 31, 2004	Beginning Balance 01/01/04	Year-to-Date Receipts	Year-to-Date Disbursements	Ending Balance 03/31/04
Designated Funds:				
Assn. Missions Week Offerings (Prior Yrs.)	4,778.54	0.00	0.00	4,778.54
Mission Partnership Trips	213.11	0.00	0.00	213.11
Assn. % of State Missions Offerings	3,694.98	571.54	0.00	4,266.52
River Rock Church	0.00	825.00	825.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	\$8,686.63	\$1,796.54	\$1,225.00	\$9,258.17
Budget Fund (Includes 2004 AMW)	\$16,040.70	\$21,961.55	\$25,861.30	\$12,140.95
Checking Account	\$24,727.33	\$23,758.09	\$27,086.30	\$21,399.12
Va. Bapt. Fdn. Acct.	\$14,837.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,837.82
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS	\$39,565.15	\$23,758.09	\$27,086.30	\$36,236.94

The floor was open for questions and discussion. The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved as printed.

4. **Nominating Committee Report:** On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Rev. Rick Mallory presented the slate of officers for 2004-05. He stated that all of them have been contacted and all have agreed to serve. The recommended officers are: Moderator, Jeff Powers; Vice Moderator, Rev. Michael S. Jones; Clerk, Mrs. Lois Stevens; and Treasurer, Mrs. Esther Woodford. Coming as a recommendation it needed no second. The floor was open for questions and discussion. A vote was taken and the slate of officers was approved as recommended. They will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

5. Jackie Carver touched on ***“It’s Not About Us” (our priority in ministry)***. He stressed that it is our job to go and tell and to share because 75% of our world does not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

6. **Evangelism & Youth Report** was given by Steven Manuel. He urged everyone to begin thinking about Centerfest which will be the last Saturday of September. On that single day, 25,000 people come to Bedford, and we have an opportunity to minister to them in various ways. They have not had a great response for participation yet so he encouraged everyone to go and tell. As for the Youth, there is a real concern in reaching teenagers in this area. There have been several moving youth events around the Association; again, there has not been very good participation. We are not reaching our teens.

7. **Missions Partnerships Committee Report** was given by Mrs. Kathy Smith. She reported that the Virginia Baptist Mission Board is still looking for people to fill positions on a team to Interlaken, Switzerland, from July 2-9; the estimated cost is \$1,500 per person. She noted that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors did not approve financial assistance for the Transformers coming to Bedford this year, so Transformers will be in Williamsburg June 2-5. A \$50 deposit is due by May 7. She encouraged everyone to go ahead and fill out the form.

8. Tim Mathia then spoke on ***“The Fruit of Obedience” (obedience demands risk taking that will reward us with vision, power and focus)***. He shared a little bit about what is going on in Mentow and how they have gotten involved in going on mission trips. He went on a trip in September, and then in February a group of 16 people stepped out in faith and went on a trip. He stated there was a sense of unity in getting ready for the trip and when they returned home it only got better. There has been truly a transformation in their Church. They have another trip planned for July and ten people have already signed up to go. I Samuel 15:22 - People who are willing to, listen to God.

A moment of silent prayer and prayer by Rick Kallstrom was given to remind us that mission work starts here.

9. **English as a Second Language** – Steven Manuel shared how a small group of people have been quietly working, reaching out to internationals, sharing Christ with them. Some have not taken time off for two years. They work with folks from a dozen different countries. He stressed that the need is so great and the number of teachers and workers has declined. They have about four who come and faithfully work. There is a need for more volunteers to work in missions right here in Bedford County. Esther Woodford, one of the newest teachers, shared her experiences about one she is working with.

10. Marc Jantomaso shared about another mission opportunity—**River Rock Church**. The River Rock Church is about a year and a half old and he is very pleased with its progress. Between 45-60 people come on Sunday. He expressed thanks to everyone for their support—for being a part of it.

11. Dennis Moore talked about “**The Mission Field Across the Street**” (*how away mission efforts prepare us for local evangelism and ministry*). Rev. Moore stated that we go on mission trips and help start churches. His church just participated in a mission trip to Romania; three people went and the church paid for it. However, the trip has convicted him to do more locally. Are we too busy doing the wrong things? We have to work as a team. If you listen to God, He will direct you.

12. Rev. Larry Ross presented the **Baptist Men on Mission Report**. He spoke of RA training opportunities and the great need for people to teach our young people, teaching our young boys. He noted training offered at Cave Spring Baptist Church on April 30-May 1. Disaster relief training will be offered at this same time; two sessions – Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m.. They are repeat sessions so do not have to go to both of them. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of this training. He stressed the real problem is getting good, consistent leadership. He noted that our young people are facing some real hard issues. Rev. Ross also encouraged everyone to take advantage of the Christmas in April opportunity. He also mentioned a joint men and women’s training conference on September 11. Jim George is coming to lead the men’s meeting at Bedford Baptist Church. More information will be sent out later. He again encouraged everyone to get a group of men and women together and participate in this conference.

13. In the **Stewardship Committee Report**, Jim Kistner shared concerns regarding the financial situation in the Association. Bottom line is that over the past four years the SBA has been spending more than brought in and the reserved funds have been systematically going down. It was agreed that Pastors and key lay leaders need to let people know, to raise the issue and spell it out clearly. We need to let them know what the SBA does and why we should support it. One suggestion made was to encourage churches to have every member contribute \$1 a day for a certain period of time. All agreed that while we do need to own the problem, God is the answer—we need to pray. A special meeting to pray for and specifically address this issue was scheduled for May 25 at Trinity.

14. **Attendance Report:** Esther reported an attendance of 46 people; 12 pastors, 24 other representatives; 10 visitors; with 20 churches represented.

We had a moment of silent prayer and then prayer by Rick Mallory.

15. **SBA Missions and Ministries Report** was given by Steve Manuel. Steve talked about “The Church Across the Street”—we are that church across the street. We have those who are lost in our area crying out for the answer—we have the answer. We need to get pastors involved—noted pastors in attendance tonight. There is a desperate need for a youth coordinator. Talked about the financial situation. Good news—we have actually taken in a couple thousands more this year than we did by the same time last year. We need to get this moving; it will not go away and disappear. Good news—new pastors are coming in. At one time we had nine churches without pastors, currently we have one (Timber Ridge). He encouraged everyone to get the word out about the financial situation and then decide where we want to go from there. Steve closed his report by having prayer.

Vice Moderator, Mike Jones asked, “Do we feel SBA has a purpose?” If so, we need to let our churches know.

16. Eldridge Cullum adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Sumner, Clerk *pro tem*

GENERAL OFFICERS REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

Rev. Steve Manuel

Many of our 2004 ministries have been continuations of those established in previous years, though a few new ones came about out of urgency.

Our efforts in **evangelism and missions** remained top priority. Individuals from a number of churches joined together to minister in Nicaragua, Romania, Switzerland, Uganda, the Dominican Republic, and Florida.

For several years some of us have had opportunity to partner with "*Because We Care Ministries*" in some very worthwhile projects in Somotillo, **Nicaragua**. This town is located in the north near the border with Honduras. Six or seven trips a year are made, and this year SBA volunteers took part in four of them. Ministries are so broad and diverse that no one would find themselves without an important task to do. From evangelism in remote villages to intensive training of national pastors and leaders to feeding programs to construction, a week in Nicaragua is one of the most rewarding personal investments in foreign missions that you may experience.

Dennis Moore and a couple of Beaverdam folks partnered with some in the Roanoke area and enjoyed another wonderful experience ministering in **Romania**. Jackie, Glynda, and Clayton Carver and several others of Palestine went to **Uganda** and later shared with us how God did some amazing things in the lives of those they were allowed to minister with. Rick Mallory of Morgans, along with his son Andy traveled to the **Dominican Republic** and had a fruitful and exciting time with those they worked with. Any of these would be more than happy to tell you more of their mission efforts and how you can share in similar experiences.

Pam Turpin and Evelyn Giles traveled to **Switzerland** to take part in this year's Euroventure youth camp. They served 240 young people from all over the European Baptist Convention. The experience was rewarding and the views breathtaking, as you can see on our Website's Missions page.

Florida occupied a great amount of our time and energy in August and September. We shared in sending two teams to help with disaster relief. Part of the time we related through NAMB's ministries, but when NAMB pulled our Baptist units out, a number of our men signed on with Samaritan's Purse, who chose to stay put in the face of Frances. Their experience was very positive and full of blessing. We received about \$1,700 from individuals, SBA churches, and even others from outside our area that was a tremendous help in getting our volunteers to Florida and back.

CenterFest was a success, even though only half of our churches are participating. Close to 3,000 cups of water and lemonade were distributed to the thirsty visitors, the baby changing station was used numerous times, and many SBA folks walked the streets handing out tracts and recipe booklets while others were prayer walking. Besides Matt and Patti Stafford, no one signed up this year to help with stage ministries like puppets, mime, face painting, clowning, or interpretive movement. This was very surprising, considering past involvement and the depth of ability among the many people in our 31 congregations. I want to thank the churches and individuals who made a personal contribution or commitment of time or money to our evangelistic effort. Please tell others what great things God did as a result, and let's help them experience the same blessing in 2005.

ESL has had a very good year as far as students, but we still desperately need workers who will share their lives and faith with the internationals who look to us for help and support in their adopted culture. Unless we go and tell how will they hear?

River Rock has grown to about 60 folks. It is a joy to worship with them and to see how the congregation relates. They've been very faithful in financially supporting Strawberry, and I commend their faithful example. One of their greatest needs at the moment is to find a suitable meeting place.

One of the big concerns of 2004 had to do with our **churches' financial commitment** to the Association. During the first few months of the year we noted the trend of the last many years—more money was going out than coming in. It was obvious that at this spiraling trend the Association would be unable to continue as it was accustomed. Serious consideration had to be given to how this challenge would be met and whether or not we indeed wanted to cooperatively serve our Association and County.

In mid-April a stewardship team was formed and met to address the concern. A special Association meeting was called for on May 23, and with very good church representation, there was a unity of spirit as testimonies were given regarding the importance of our Association and the need to encourage our congregations toward stronger giving to the work. Several pastors shared that they had been unaware of the difficult circumstances and would do what they could to lead their churches to increased giving and support.

We also took advantage of our annual **Associational Missions Week** to promote "one dollar per member per day for seven days." Though we were far from having each member contribute seven dollars to the Association during the week, we did receive more gifts during the 2004 emphasis than had been received in Strawberry since 1989. This offering goes a long way not only to help our current budget but to show us that there is still strong interest in local

congregations sharing together in ministry. We are expecting 2005 to be a better financial year as churches move to increase their budget giving to Strawberry and become more involved in ministry.

In January and April there were two more **youth events**; a movie night at Thaxton and a field day at Trinity. Ron Borer, a friend who moved to the area in 2003, served as our Association's "Youth Coordinator," and he did a most excellent work. Unfortunately for us, he accepted a paid position in a church in Clifton Forge, and we lost him as an enthusiastic and committed servant. The latter part of 2004 has thus far been without further SBA youth events. Thankfully, Judy Ward of Mount Olivet is coming on board for the new year, and we anticipate good things for the teenagers of our area.

Thanks to the sweet spirit of another friend, many of our congregations have shared in the ministry of **Timothy Mark**, an internationally known concert artist from Nashville, Tennessee. Tim comes on a love offering basis to minister through his concerts and revival ministry. He has now been in about a third of our churches, and my hope is to have him in all of our churches within another two years. His love, insight, and concern for the local church is obvious when you hear him sing or speak, and he has a powerful message we need to hear.

I am grateful for the **new pastors** we received this year. Vernon DeLong is at Trinity, Eldridge Cullum is at Thaxton, and Rick Kallstrom is at Mt. Hermon. I appreciate their friendship and the way they have not been afraid to become involved. I am also thankful for the better participation of our pastors at the monthly ministers' conference. Each month a different pastor has the responsibility to either share some personal word or invite a guest to share with us.

I've been busy **speaking** to many of our congregations, and I love this part of the work. It means a lot to me that I am trusted to share the pulpit. Whether Bible studies, singing, training, or preaching, I look forward to being with you in 2005. I am also grateful for the interest shown to Barbara and her jail ministry. It is good to see the encouragement and support she receives from the members of our Strawberry churches.

Barbara and I still get invited to a lot of "**missionary**" events. As I've said before, our hearts in many ways are still on the mission field, and to tell the story again and again never bothers us. To be privileged to handle the things of the Lord in English is an undeserved blessing, but to permit us to do this in Spanish humbles us all the more. We will go and tell and report back as long as the Lord allows.

This month "**www.sbava.org**" celebrated its third full year online. Many thousands of people have been to our site, some becoming actively involved in a

congregation they met through the Website and others asking prayer or help via our Prayer Page. It has been an excellent investment and a wonderful way to promote our diverse ministries and get out information.

Some of our churches have still not taken advantage of the free Web page that is available through www.sbava.org. All that is necessary is for someone to send us some minimal information on weekly schedules and staff, easy directions on how to get to the church, and a brief paragraph outlining those things that make your church unique and poised to touch the lives of neighbors who will visit the Internet site. This is a static church page, so there is no need for regular updates. It is designed simply as a promotional tool, and when taken together with our other church pages becomes part of a handy church directory of our Strawberry churches.

Day to day work in an office can sometimes be a thankless or underappreciated task. I hope you will make an effort to express to Esther how much she means to you and our churches. Her heart and hand have touched just about every ministry mentioned in this report tonight, and even this meeting itself is a direct result of her personal commitment and love for the churches of our Association. We rarely communicate to her just how much she is valued. Tonight would be a good opportunity to express your appreciation.

My prayers for the Strawberry Association have remained unchanged over the years.

1. I pray for more fellowship and shared ministry among our churches. Too many churches are caught up in their corner of the world and are missing opportunities to learn from and minister to sister churches. An association must enjoy a cooperative spirit or it is an association in name only.
2. I look for pastors who live out the mind of Christ serving one another in true humility. There are many among us who are isolated and striving alone.
3. I look to the Lord to stir hearts to much deeper financial commitment to the ministries of the SBA. There are many other ways we can do a better job and join God where He is at work, but unless we walk together and share in the financial requirements it will not happen.
4. I pray that local churches will become so burdened for the unchurched families in their backyards that they dynamically look for exciting, friendly, and innovative ways to reach out and become involved.
5. I ask God's Spirit to break, melt and mold us so there is a greater emphasis on what we have in common and less on what makes us different.
6. I pray that we will not grow weary in our multiple evangelism and mission efforts throughout the year—to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

Rev. Dennis E. Moore

I have just finished my second consecutive term on the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. (That's all the constitution allows.) It's been an informing and challenging time.

The two-year old Kingdom Advance theme continues to take shape as the reorganized Board income remains almost flat. The divisions of the Board have adjusted their budgets to meet the realistically lowered budget amounts. The largest controversy is over a religion professor at Averett and his comments sympathetic to homosexuality. That issue is still being dealt with, and their funds in the BGAV budget are still in escrow.

The most recent big issue is the report of the appointed Property Committee. The most notable recommendations are the following:

1. Possible sale of Peaks of Otter property.
2. Possible sale of Hoover Center at Eagle Erie.
3. Possible sale of two campus ministry centers at UVA & VCU.

Coming up at the November 9-10 meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) in Roanoke is an issue regarding World Mission Causes in the World Missions 2 Track that reduces by three percent the budget allocation for the International Mission Board and adds it to the budget allocation for the Baptist World Alliance.

Also, the Virginia Baptist Mission Board is going to recommend for approval by the messengers that the BGAV seek membership in the Baptist World Alliance.

See Dennis if you want any of the above explained.

There are many fine people on the Board. I've enjoyed my fellowship and my assigned tasks. Thank You.

TREASURER

Mrs. Esther O. Woodford

On the next three pages is the treasurer's report for the 2003 fiscal year and a financial summary for the first nine months of the 2004 fiscal year.

Department	2003 Budgeted	2003 Disbursements
Brotherhood	\$500.00	\$0.00
Bible Teaching/Discipleship	500.00	0.00
Evangelism	500.00	81.13
Internet Evangelism	250.00	238.40
Missions Development	9,000.00	6,403.88
Missions Partnerships (Czech Republic/Brazil)	4,000.00	760.00
Stewardship Development	200.00	0.00
Vacation Bible School	200.00	52.44
Woman's Missionary Union	300.00	200.39
	\$15,450.00	\$7,736.24
Committee		
Christian Life	\$100.00	\$0.00
Media Center	300.00	0.00
Music	325.00	28.79
Program	500.00	500.00
Property and Grounds	1,000.00	(675.27)
Singles	100.00	0.00
Youth	1,500.00	379.00
	\$3,825.00	\$232.52
Personnel		
Clerk's Expense Reimbursement	\$100.00	\$0.00
Director of Missions': Salary	20,400.00	20,400.00
Housing Allowance	12,100.00	12,100.00
Retirement	4,100.00	4,100.00
Insurance	6,452.00	6,882.65
Ministry Related Expenses (Auto/Conv/etc)	5,200.00	5,292.01
Social Security Allowance	4,500.00	4,500.00
Administrative Assistant's: Salary	18,100.00	18,100.00
Insurance	5,553.00	5,530.32
Retirement	4,375.00	4,375.00
Training Conferences/Conventions/etc.	300.00	0.00
Social Security on Admin. Asst's Salary	1,385.00	1,385.62
	\$82,565.00	\$82,665.60
Associational Office		
Office Supplies	\$5,500.00	\$3,517.59
Mileage Reimbursement	300.00	146.88
Condominium Owners Association dues	480.00	480.00
Insurance	1,095.00	1,377.00
Utilities	2,500.00	1,747.81
	\$9,875.00	\$7,269.28
Other		
Associational Annuals	500.00	275.16
Ministers Conference	200.00	6.98
Eagle Eyrie	1,600.00	1,356.82
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
	\$2,300.00	\$1,638.96
TOTAL	\$114,015.00	\$99,542.60

Receipts: January 1, 2003-December 31, 2003						
Church	Assnl. Missions Budget	Assnl. Missions Week	Jail Ministry	River Rock Church	Partner-ship Missions	Bedford Christian Ministries
Beaverdam	\$5,029.37			2,665.00		
Bedford	7,095.00					
Bethel	357.54					
Bethlehem	400.00	124.00				
Big Island	3,000.00	235.00				
Diamond Hill	500.00					
Flint Hill	4,389.65					
Glade Creek	1,415.00	100.00				
Hunting Creek	3,096.69		600.00			
Mentow	6,153.37	508.00				
Morgans	7,673.17					
Mount Hermon	2,039.63	170.00				
Mount Olivet	2,200.00					
Mount Zion	3,847.08	365.00				
Mountain View	200.00					
North Bedford	6,428.90					
Norwood	529.89					
Palestine	4,618.41				2,000.00	
Pecks	850.00					
Quaker	2,500.00	241.25		442.55		500.00
Radford	4,542.43					
Rainbow Forest	2,000.00					
Sedalia	2,000.00					
Shady Grove	5,842.56					
Staunton	500.00		500.00			
Suck Spring	550.00		550.00			
Terrace View	118.73					
Thaxton	3,064.87					
Timber Ridge	4,276.38		50.00			
Trinity	3,858.33					
Walnut Grove	150.00	820.00				
River Rock	2,319.43					
Total from churches	\$91,546.43	\$2,563.25	\$1,700.00	\$3,107.55	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,309.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,238.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$93,855.77	\$2,563.25	\$1,700.00	\$3,107.55	\$4,238.00	\$500.00

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Mission Partnership Trips	213.11	4,238.00	4,238.00	213.11
Assn. % of State Missions Offerings	2,939.61	755.37	0.00	3,694.98
River Rock Church	0.00	3,107.55	3,107.55	0.00
Bedford Christian Ministries	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	\$7,931.26	\$10,300.92	\$9,545.55	\$8,686.63
Budget Fund (Includes 2003 AMW)	\$19,164.28	\$96,419.02	\$99,542.60	\$16,040.70
Checking Account	\$27,095.54	\$106,719.94	\$109,088.15	\$24,727.33
Va. Bapt. Fdn. Acct.	\$14,837.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,837.82
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS	\$41,933.36	\$106,719.94	\$109,088.15	\$39,565.15

Financial Summary January 1, 2004 - August 31, 2004	Beginning Balance 01/01/04	Year-to-Date Receipts	Year-to-Date Disbursements	Ending Balance 09/30/04
Designated Funds:				
Assn. Missions Week Offerings (Prior Yrs.)	\$4,778.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,778.54
Mission Partnership Trips	213.11	0.00	0.00	213.11
Assn. % of State Missions Offerings	3,694.98	571.54	0.00	4,266.52
River Rock Church	0.00	2,475.00	2,475.00	0.00
Jail Ministry/Florida Mission Team	0.00	2,900.00	1,990.93	909.07
Total Designated Funds	\$8,686.63	\$5,946.54	\$4,465.93	\$10,167.24
Budget Fund (Includes 2004 AMW)	\$16,040.70	\$81,121.31	\$75,862.55	\$21,299.46
Checking Account	\$24,727.33	\$87,067.85	\$80,328.48	\$31,466.70
Va. Bapt. Fdn. Acct.	\$14,837.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,837.82
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS	\$39,565.15	\$87,067.85	\$80,328.48	\$46,304.52

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT

Mr. Carl Wells, Chairman

We certify that we have examined the books of Mrs. Esther Woodford, Association Treasurer, and find all funds of record coming into the hands of the treasurer in the fiscal year 2003 have been properly accounted for.

BAPTIST MEN ON MISSION

Rev. Larry Ross, Director



Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Baptist Men On Mission Director. We have a good number of Baptist men who are involved in a wide variety of mission activities. Men have participated in disaster relief training and have been out on various disaster relief teams, including Florida. Baptist men are involved in mission activities right in their own community, including participation in Christmas In April projects. Baptist Men On Mission involvement and awareness are growing.

Thanks, again, to Bedford Baptist Church for hosting another Baptist Men On Mission training event this year. John Gordon, Director of Missions for Piedmont Baptist Association and Baptist Men On Mission Consultant for the Baptist General Association of Virginia, was our speaker. Eight men attended.

This year brought more changes to the Baptist Men On Mission materials and ordering of materials. Watch for a material order form in the mail to you church. Pastors are asked to channel this on to the person responsible for ordering. The Baptist Men On Mission wrap-around to the On Mission Magazine is no longer available. Now order a new quarterly publication called *Men @ Work* which includes valuable information for leading meetings with your Baptist Men On Mission group. You can still order the *On Mission Magazine* as well as Royal Ambassador materials. Look for other important publications and material on the order form. Call the North American Mission Board toll free at 1-866-407NAMB to order materials or to request an order form. Visit the web site at www.namb.net for a wealth of information about Baptist Men On Mission as well as order materials.

May God bless you, your Baptist Men On Mission group, and your church in the coming year.

BUDGET

Comparing our current financial situation with where we were at the same time last year, we see marked improvement. Even though expenditures through September this year are \$2,200 more than last, our receipts have increased by more than \$10,000. We appreciate the individuals and churches who saw the need and were willing to become part of the solution.

Response to the "One Dollar per Day" Associational Missions Week offering was great! Ideally, we would like to be able to meet budget needs through regular percentage giving by our churches and use Associational Missions Week offering receipts for special projects, but this year's offering gave a much needed boost to our budget receipts.

Though the financial picture has improved, this committee has increased the proposed budget for 2005 as printed on the next page by only \$100 and recommends its adoption.

<u>Department</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2005 Budget</u>
Baptist Men on Mission	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Bible Teaching/Discipleship	500.00	0.00	0.00
Evangelism	500.00	585.00	585.00
Internet Evangelism	250.00	250.00	275.00
Missions Development	9,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Missions Partnerships (Slovakia/Brazil)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Stewardship Development	200.00	0.00	0.00
Vacation Bible School	200.00	100.00	100.00
Woman's Missionary Union	300.00	300.00	300.00
	\$15,450.00	\$13,535.00	\$13,560.00
 <u>Committee</u>			
Christian Life	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Media Center	300.00	0.00	0.00
Music	325.00	325.00	200.00
Program	500.00	500.00	500.00
Property and Grounds	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00
Singles	100.00	100.00	100.00
Youth	1,500.00	1,000.00	750.00
	\$3,825.00	\$2,925.00	\$2,300.00
 <u>Personnel</u>			
Clerk's Expense Reimbursement	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
Director of Missions': Salary	20,400.00	20,400.00	20,400.00
Housing Allowance	12,100.00	12,100.00	7,500.00
Retirement	4,100.00	4,100.00	8,700.00
Insurance	6,452.00	9,390.00	10,000.00
Ministry Related Expenses (Auto/Conv/etc)	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Social Security Allowance	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Administrative Assistant's: Salary	18,100.00	18,100.00	18,100.00
Insurance	5,553.00	6,021.00	6,500.00
Retirement	4,375.00	4,375.00	4,375.00
Training Conferences/Conventions/etc.	300.00	200.00	200.00
Social Security on Admin. Asst's Salary	1,385.00	1,385.00	1,385.00
	\$82,565.00	\$85,871.00	\$86,910.00
 <u>Associational Office</u>			
Office Supplies	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Mileage Reimbursement	300.00	250.00	250.00
Condominium Owners Association dues	480.00	480.00	480.00
Insurance	1,095.00	1,340.00	1,500.00
Utilities	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	\$9,875.00	\$9,570.00	\$9,730.00
 <u>Other</u>			
Associational Annuals	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Ministers Conference	200.00	100.00	100.00
Eagle Eyrie	1,600.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
	\$2,300.00	\$2,450.00	\$1,950.00
 TOTAL	<u>\$114,015.00</u>	<u>\$114,351.00</u>	<u>\$114,450.00</u>

EVANGELISM

Mrs. Rita Calhoun, Director

Once again our churches in Strawberry Baptist Association participated in CenterFest on September 25. This event was held in Bedford City. There we provided a service with a "Baby Changing/Feeding Station." Visitors to our booth were refreshed with lemonade or water. Gospel seeds were planted in many hearts as we talked with them and passed out tracts, including our own *Strawberry Sensations Recipe Booklet*. Youth groups also walked the streets sharing, praying and witnessing. It was a time of training and participation in the Great Commission.

Our workers enjoyed the fellowship while being servants of Christ. The "Prayer Walking" teams prayed for many while enjoying the beautiful day the Lord had given us. The children were delighted to wear the balloon hats that were made by Matt and Patti Stafford and their helpers.

We have found it difficult to keep up with numbers. Our purchases of water and lemonade were increased by 20 percent this year and we still ran out. At least 14 churches were involved. God has blessed this endeavor in many ways, and the Evangelism Committee thanks you for your support. Mark your calendars for next year and plan to send a team to our Jerusalem.

MEDIA CENTER

Mrs. Helen Chambers, Chairman

During the past associational year, churches/individuals have checked out 9 videotapes, used the video projector 12 times, and the overhead projector 3 times. Thirteen other resources (VBS stand-up, books, kits, etc.) were checked out.

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Kathy Smith, Director

Partnership trips come about through partnering with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board and with the North American and International Mission Boards. Virginia is currently partnered with China, Czech Republic, Panama, Jamaica, Russia, Liberia, and Romania and during the next few years will include the Baptist Unions of Italy and the Caribbean. Virginia also works with Impact Northeast which includes mission work in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington, DC. As requests come in for volunteers, the call goes out to our Association churches to respond.

Several individuals who were involved in partnership mission opportunities have

blessed our Association this year. Evelyn Giles and Pam Turpin participated in a trip to Interlaken, Switzerland. This location is part of the Italian Baptist Union, European Baptist Convention's English language churches. Evelyn served as a nurse and Pam supervised youth teams working in the kitchen. Approximately 240 youth attended from all over Europe and they were mostly children of missionaries and military personnel. Per Pam, "Decisions were made for Christ and we all came away spiritually enriched by the experience. It was a wonderful experience for me to see youth who are proud to exhibit their Christian ideals in their daily walk."

Several folks in the Association responded to the need for assistance in Florida due to damage from the hurricanes. They partnered with the Virginia Baptist feeding unit and clean-up and recovery groups and some people worked along with Samaritan's Purse. We still need to be in prayer for the people in these southern states.

Seventeen ventured to Nicaragua where they were involved in evangelism and leadership training, construction, medical services, food relief, and even baseball. The gospel message was shared with hundreds everywhere the group visited.

Where is God calling you to serve? When the call goes out, will you say, "Here am I, send me."

MUSIC

Dr. Judy Edwards, Chairman

During the Associational year the following events were held for church musicians:

Workshop for Leaders of Children's Choirs led by Judy Edwards, November 10, 2003, Trinity Baptist Church.

Planning for Worship Workshop led by Judy Edwards, January 19, 2004, Trinity.

Adult Choir Workshop with Rev. Barry Green, Minister of Music, Bonsack Baptist Church, Roanoke Valley Association, as guest clinician; March 19-20, 2004, Trinity.

I would like to personally thank SBA for the opportunity to serve as associational Music Director for the past three years. It has been a joy to meet the SBA church musicians and to serve with you in training sessions, children's music day camp and in opportunities to praise God with His gift of music. May God continually bless your life and ministry.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Rebekah Overstreet, Director

The WMU Executive Board met at Rebekah Overstreet's on May 22, 2004, with the following in attendance: Rebekah Overstreet, Bedford; Esther Woodford, Mentow; Phyllis McDaniel, Mount Hermon; Wanda Goodrich, Mount Olivet; Becky Harris, Morgans; Jeanette Southall, North Bedford; Thelma Divers and Alma Blankenship, Quaker; Rachel Hudson, Sedalia; Dolphine Swofford, Thaxton; and Director of Missions, Steve Manuel. The meeting opened with a devotional led by Wanda Goodrich which was followed by a covered dish brunch. The WMU theme for the next two years is "Christ Followers" and the focus will be on poverty.

WMU Annual Training was September 11, 2004, at Bedford Baptist Church. Breakout sessions were "Missions Nicaragua" with Steve and Barbara Manuel; "Healthy Cooking for Southern Comfort Foods" with registered dietitian Kathy Shaw; and "WMU for Beginning Directors" with Rebekah Overstreet. Represented were Beaverdam, Bedford, Diamond Hill, Hunting Creek, Mentow, Mount Olivet, Thaxton, and SBA.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is November 1, 2004, at Thaxton Baptist Church. Barbara Manuel will lead a prayer seminar which will be followed by a covered dish meal.

Minutes of the 115th WMU Annual Meeting

The one hundred fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Strawberry Baptist Association was held on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at Sedalia Baptist Church, with the theme "Arise, shine; for your light has come." (Isaiah 60:1 NAS)

Mrs. Rebekah Overstreet, Director, called the meeting to order and welcomed all at 10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Worship hymn was "We've a Story to Tell."
2. Invocation was given by Rev. Mike Jones, Pastor, Sedalia Church.
3. Mrs. Rebekah Overstreet introduced the speakers: Carol Fike (GA 1950s) Mt. Olivet, Barbara Woodford (GA 1950s) Mentow, Mary Elizabeth Woodford Pemberton (GA 1970s) River Rock, Sarah Woodford (GA 1990s) Mentow, Stephanie Harrison (GA 1970s) Bedford, and Kara Harrison (GA 2000s) Bedford.

The Light Shines through our Giving

4. Offertory hymn was “Send the Light,” and prayer was offered by Miss Alma Hunt (GA 1920s) Roanoke.

5. The special music was “Shine Jesus Shine” sung by Thera Craun, Tracey Reichard, Pearl Gross, and Phronia Massie, all of Sedalia.

The Light Shines through our Witness

6. Mrs. Rebekah Overstreet gave the Director’s Report as well as the report for the Missions Involvement Consultant, Mrs. Winnie Agee, who was unable to attend the meeting.

- 7. Mrs. Jeanette C. Southall, Secretary-Treasurer, moved that:
 - a. Those present and those coming in later, constitute the voting body of this annual meeting;
 - b. The printed program, with any necessary changes, be adopted as the order of business for this 115th Annual Meeting;
 - c. That \$300.00 be give to the Bedford Group Homes, Inc.

All motions carried.

8. The Financial Report for 2003-2004 as printed in the bulletin was accepted.

Beginning Balance 03/15/03	\$3,576.22
Annual Meeting Offering	170.00
Dues (24 churches)	868.00
Total Receipts	1,038.00
Cross Roads Camp & Conference Center	300.00
CRCCC (2 round tables).....	400.00
Total Expenditures	700.00
Ending Balance 03/15/04 (Includes \$418.43-Acteen Activators)	<u>\$3,914.22</u>

9. The Proposed Budget for 2004-2005 as printed in the bulletin was approved.

Director’s expenses	\$150.00
Women on Mission	50.00
Acteens.....	100.00
Acteens Activators Team	275.00
Girls in Action.....	175.00
Mission Friends.....	50.00
Associational Leadership Team Training.....	275.00
Our Missionary Kid	125.00
Annual Meeting.....	125.00
Miscellaneous	<u>125.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,450.00

The Light Shines through our Prayers

10. The prayer calendar was presented by Mrs. Lelia Yates (GA 1930s)

11. The Nominating Committee Report was given by Mrs. Lois Stevens.
Director Mrs. Rebekah Overstreet (Bedford)
1813 Oakwood St., Bedford 24523 540-586-2956
Missions Involvement Consultant Mrs. Rosie Minter
2663 Hales Ford Rd., Moneta 24121 540-297-7111
Acteens Consultant..... Mrs. Alma Blankenship (Quaker)
2730 Chestnut Fork Rd., Bedford 24523 540-297-7271
Mission Friends Consultant.....Mrs. Wanda Goodrich (Mount Olivet)
404 Juniper Dr., Lynchburg 24502 434-525-0315
Secretary/Treasurer Mrs. Jeanette Southall (North Bedford)
2306 Old Farm Rd., Lynchburg 24503 434-384-1030

12. Installation and Challenge to 2004-2005 WMU Leadership Team and prayer of dedication by Rev. Steve Manuel.

The Light Shines as We "Go Forward"

13. Former and current GAs from the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s passed a candle flame from one generation to the next. The group then recited the GA Pledge followed by the GA Lifestyle Verse: As a GA, I will do my best to live a missions lifestyle that honors God by ❖Learning about missions ❖Praying for missions ❖Giving to missions ❖Doing missions ❖and Participating in the work of the church.
The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must treat people fairly. You must love others faithfully. And you must be very careful to live the way your God wants you to. (Micah 6:8 NirV)

14. The closing music was "This Little Light of Mine."

15. There were 87 present, including 5 pastors and 6 guests, with 18 churches represented.

16. The pianist was Mrs. Thera Craun.

17. Mrs. Mary Jane Salyer, Thaxton, offered the closing prayer and the blessing for the meal to follow. A covered dish luncheon was prepared by all of the WMU ladies and Sedalia Church and served in the Fellowship Hall so attractively decorated and enjoyed by all.

18. A special "Thank you" to Sedalia Church for their warm hospitality and

the use of their facilities. Everyone did an outstanding job of providing for the needs of the group.

19. The next annual meeting will be March 19, 2005, at Shady Grove Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Jeanette C. Southall, Secretary/Treasurer

Note: A CD and a DVD of the GA 90th Birthday Celebration are available as well as pictures taken at the Annual Meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Rick Mallory, Chairman

The following are submitted for election, to begin serving at the close of this annual meeting:

Moderator Rev. Dennis E. Moore
Clerk Mrs. Lois S. Stevens
Treasurer Mrs. Esther O. Woodford
Missions Eldridge Cullum
Youth Judy Ward
Audit Janet Miller
Budget Doug McDaniel
Property & Grounds John Goodrich

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

The following were elected by churches to serve as representatives on the Executive Board of the Association as well as on associational committees. Committee assignments have been made based on the individual's preferences if expressed. Those with question marks need to contact the association office to indicate where they want to serve. Also, churches who have not done so are encouraged to elect their representatives.

Beaverdam	Clarence Hash, Prop/Grnds	Louise Hash, Prop/Grnds
Bedford	Lora Padgett, Christian Life	Barbara Peterson, Missions
Bethel		
Bethlehem	Gary Nichols, ???	
Big Island		
Diamond Hill	Rosie Minter, ???	Ray Minter, Prop/Grounds
Flint Hill	Billy L. Bryant, Baptist Men	Ron Smith, Baptist Men
Glade Creek		
Hunting Creek	Joe Flowers, Christian Life	Shirley Radford, Evangelism
Mentow	Phyllis Dowdy, Christian Life	Haywood Crouch, Bap Men

Morgans	Harry Saunders, ???	
Mount Hermon	Phyllis McDaniel, Child/Youth	
Mount Olivet	Wanda Goodrich, Evangelism	
Mount Zion	Randy Board, Evangelism	Rodney Franklin, Media Ctr.
Mountain View		
North Bedford	Carolyn Dixon, ???	
Norwood	Leon Myers, Baptist Men	Steve Everett, Music
Palestine		
Pecks		
Quaker	Richard Goode, ???	
Radford		
Rainbow Forest	Jonathan Grooms, Missions	Steve Dollar, Christian Life
Sedalia	Nelson Smith, ???	
Shady Grove	Howard Hendrick, Prop/Grn.	Bobby Pollard, Audit
Staunton		
Suck Spring	Rev. Bruce Barrett, ???	Trish Childress, ???
Terrace View	John Tyler, ???	
Thaxton	Ouida Witt, Partnerships	Mary Jane Salyer, Partnerships
Timber Ridge	James Wilkerson, Christian Life	David Stanley, Christian Life
Trinity	Doug Kennedy, Music	Eva Smith, Missions
Walnut Grove	Matt Stafford, Evangelism	Patty Stafford, Evangelism

Calendar of Events for 2005

JANUARY

- 01 New Year's Day
- 02 Collegiate Ministries Emphasis Day
- 04 SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
- 10 WMU Planning Meeting, SBA office, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**
- 11 Executive Committee, Richmond
- 11 Managing Conflict in the Local Church:
Level I, Peacemaker Seminar, VBRC
- 15 Virginia Baptist All-State Children's Choir Rehearsal, location TBA
- 16 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 17-18 Male Chorale Rehearsal/Retreat, EE
- 18 Baptist Extension Board, VBRC
- 27-29 21-C Conference, Saint Paul's Baptist Church, Richmond
- 31-Feb.2 Interim Ministry in Today's Church, EE

FEBRUARY

- 01 SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
- 04-05 SBCV Staff Wives Affecting Tomorrow (SWAT) Retreat,
Hotel Roanoke
- 06 Baptist World Alliance Day
- 10-11 Virginia Missions Forum, Roslyn Conference Center
- 11-12 Virginia Baptist Handbell Festival, EE
- 14-18 Church & Clergy Tax and Compensation Seminars
Newport News, Richmond, Manassas, Roanoke, Abingdon
WMU Focus
- 18-19 Virginia Baptist Handbell Festival, Richmond
- 20 Virginia Baptist Colleges and Schools Day
- 21-22 Evangelism Conference Southwest
- 24 Conquering the Crisis of Termination, VBRC
- 25-26 Mission InnoVAtors Training, VBRC
- 25-27 Virginia Baptist All-State Children's Choir Rehearsal/Concerts,
location TBA
- 26 Church Building Conference, Chapel, VBRC

MARCH

- 01 **SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
03-04 Pastors & Friends Conf., Missionary Learning Center, Rockville
06 Day of Prayer for Virginia Baptist Churches
6-13 Week of Prayer for North American Missions,
North American Mission Study 2005,
and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
07 SBCV Evangelism Conference
08 Executive Committee, Richmond
11-12 Co-Missioners Celebration, First Baptist Church, Newport News
11-13 Emerging Leaders Track at Sr. High Weekend, EE
11-13 Senior High Weekend, EE
17-19 Children, Family, & Church Conference, VBRC
18-19 RA/Challenger/Acteen Basketball Tournament, Northern Virginia
18-19 CBF of Virginia's General Assembly,
Huguenot Road Baptist Church, Richmond
19 **SBA WMU Annual Meeting, Shady Grove**
20 Special Education Day
27 Easter

APRIL

- 01-03 Acteens Weekender, EE
01-03 Leadership Track at Acteens Weekender, EE
04 Budget Committee, Richmond
04 VBS Tour, Thomas Village Baptist Church, Duffield
04-08 Intentional Interim Ministry I, Eagle Eyrie
05 **SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
05 VBS Tour, Green Valley Baptist Church, Lebanon
05-06 Virginia Baptist Mission Board, Richmond
08 SBCV VBS Clinic, Roanoke, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
10 Cooperative Program Day
11 Spiritual Growth Seminar:
"Helping Your Members Grow in Their Faith," VBRC
15-16 SBCV Revive Our Hearts Weekend with Nancy Leigh DeMoss,
Thomas Road Baptist, Lynchburg
15-17 Emerging Leaders Summit, Location TBA
15-17 Collegiate Spring Conference, EE
18-20 Minister's Personal/Professional Development Workshop, VBRC
19 **SBA Executive Board, 7:00 p.m.**
22 Retreat for Ministers: Appalachian Trail Hike
23 SBCV VBS Clinic, Lynchburg, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
29-30 GA Mom & Me I, EE
30-May 1 GA Mom & Me II, EE
30 Christmas in April, Bedford area

MAY

- 01 Virginia Baptist Homes Day
03 **SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
06-07 Empowering Leaders for Kingdom Advance
(for pastors, deacons, key church leaders, and their spouses), EE
08 Mother's Day Benevolent Sunday
09-10 Senior Adult Festival of Praise, Location TBA
10 Executive Committee, Richmond
10 Budget Committee, Richmond
12-13 Managing Conflict in the Local Church:
Level 2, Strategies for Managing Church Conflict
Level 3, Mediation Skills Training, VBRC
13-15 Media Library Workshop, EE
16-17 Summer Youth Ministry Conference, TBA
16-19 SBCV FAITH Clinic, Danville
16-19 "Gathering of Silence" retreat combined with
"Meeting God in Your Transitions" retreat, CRCCC
16-20 Pre-Retirement Choices Seminars—Newport News, Richmond,
Manassas, Roanoke, Abingdon
21 SBCV State Bible Drill
21 Bible Drills/Speakers' Tournament,
Monument Heights Baptist Church, Richmond
22-29 **Associational Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer**
23-25 Senior Adult Chautauqua, EE
27 Stewardship Leaders Conference, VBRC

JUNE

- 07 **SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
10-12 Virginia Baptist Conference for the Deaf, EE
19 Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services Day
19-20 SBC Pastors Conference
19-25 Impact Virginia, South Boston
21-22 Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, TN
26-July 1/2 Impact Virginia, Galax
26-July 2 Virginia Baptist Heritage Week
27-July 1 Virginia Centrifuge I, EE
30-July 2 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship-National, Grapevine, TX

JULY

- 03 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 05 SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
- 04-08 Virginia Centrifuge II, EE
- 11-15 SBCV Studentz Camp
- 11-15 Family Missions Week, EE
- 17-23 Impact Virginia, Culpeper
- 18-19 Virginia Ministers' Golf Tournament, EE
- 18-22 Summer Music Camp, EE
- 19 Baptist Extension Board, Virginia Baptist Resource Center
- 21-22 Appalachian Ministers and Staff Retreat, Holiday Inn, Wytheville
- 25-29 Ministers' Family Retreat, Oak Hill Academy
- 25-29 Centri-Kid I, EE
- 27-31 Baptist World Alliance Centenary Congress, Birmingham, England
- 29-30 Retreat for Ministers, Staunton River Canoe Trip
- 31-Aug 4 Impact Virginia, Richmond

AUGUST

- 01-05 Centri-Kid II, EE
- 02 SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
- 04-05 Youth Evangelism Conference, Richmond, VA
- 06 Saturday Bonus Mission Service Project (in conjunction with YEC)
- 06 Church Weekday Education Conference
- 09-10 SBCV Youth Evangelism Conference
- 19-20 SBCV Church Leadership Conference

SEPTEMBER

- 09-10 WMUV Advisory Board Meeting, CRCCC
- 06 SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
- 10 Regional Church Leadership Conference, location TBA
- 11-18 SBCV Week of Prayer for State Missions
- 11-18 Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis/
Week of Prayer
- 12 How to Get the Most from a Contemplative Retreat Workshop,
VBRC
- 13 Executive Committee, Richmond
- 13 Budget Committee, Richmond
- 15 Ministers New to Virginia Orientation, Richmond
- 17 Regional Church Leadership Conference, location TBA
- 23-24 SBCV Pastors/Staff and Wives Retreat
- 24 CenterFest**
- 24 Learning to Lead: Change Your World Now! Locations TBA
- 25 *Religious Herald* Sunday
- 26-28 Forum on Ministry Education, EE
- 26-28 Conquering the Crisis of Termination, VBRC

OCTOBER

- 03-05 Intentional Interim Ministry II, EE
04 SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.
04-05 Virginia Baptist Mission Board, Richmond
07-08 African American Church Growth Conference, VBRC
07-08 Church Music Conference, Location TBA
07-09 Emerging Leaders Track at Junior High Weekend, EE
07-09 Junior High Weekend, EE
09 World Hunger Sunday
10-13 "A Gathering of Silence" retreat, and
"Meeting God in Your Transitions" retreat, CRCCC
14-15 SBCV Women's Retreat
14-16 Retreat for the Mentally Handicapped Youth & Adults, EE
17-19 Ministry Retirees and Spouses Retreat, EE
20 Annie Mae Broyles Group Meeting
21-22 "Real Kids, Real Faith" with Dr. Karen-Marie Yust, VBRC
21-23 Collegiate Fall Conference, EE
24 SBA Annual Meeting, Timber Ridge
24-26 Growing Faith and Human Thought:
Implications and Reflections for Leaders—
A Professional Growth Retreat, Richmond area, TBA
(Sponsored by the Virginia Baptist Religious Education Association)
30 "Consider Your Call" Sunday

NOVEMBER

- 01 SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.**
04 Deacon Trainers Network Meeting, VBRC
04-05 Women on Mission Get-Away I, EE
05 Women's Rally/WMUUV Annual Meeting, EE
05-06 Women on Mission Get-Away II, EE
07 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
10-11 Baptist General Association of Virginia,
Hylton Memorial Chapel, Woodbridge
14-15 SBCV Annual Meeting
28 New Board member Orientation, Richmond
29-30 Virginia Baptist Mission Board, Richmond

DECEMBER

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions,
International Mission Study, and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
06 SBA Ministers Conference, Trinity, 10:30 a.m.
25 Christmas

Year and Place of Future Annual Meetings

2005 Timber Ridge
 2006 Hunting Creek

If your church would be willing to host the Annual Meeting in 2007 or 2008, please contact the associational office.

Deceased Members from October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004		
<p><u>Beaverdam</u> H. Vernon Burroughs Rowena Craig</p> <p><u>Bedford</u> Mrs. Marie P. Adams Mrs. Richard Anderson Mrs. Dorothy Arthur Mr. Welford A. Franklin Mrs. Frances Goggin Mr. Albert Goodall Mrs. Lydia Griffin Mrs. Lorene Morgan Ms. Dorothy Thompson Mrs. Grace Turner Mrs. Margaret Witt Mrs. Ruth M. Wright Mr. William R. Wright</p> <p><u>Bethel</u> None reported</p> <p><u>Bethlehem</u> Ruby Blankenship Lena Brown Travis Hensley</p> <p><u>Big Island</u> Cheryl Day Page Hall Sylvia Mason</p>	<p><u>Diamond Hill</u> Norma Cabiness Gale Catron Lowena Martin</p> <p><u>Flint Hill</u> Mrs. Beatrice Huddleston Mrs. Willie Spradlin</p> <p><u>Glade Creek</u> James Campbell Alfred Lawhorn Claudine Porter</p> <p><u>Hunting Creek</u> Jessie Burks Curtis Fainter Earl Hughes Audrey Johnson Ethel Manley Silas Markham Princess Wilson</p> <p><u>Mentow</u> Mr. Elbert H. Goad Mr. W. Orville Howell Mrs. Wilma T. Howell Mr. Ernest R. Johnson Mr. Edward H. Lane III Miss Shannon Murphy Mrs. Sandra W. Rowland</p>	<p><u>Morgans</u> Rosa Brown Eleanor W. Clement Bessie S. Roberts</p> <p><u>Mount Hermon</u> Linda Ash</p> <p><u>Mount Olivet</u> Nancy Pillot</p> <p><u>Mount Zion</u> Ruby Dooley Margie Hawkins Abner Orange Maynard Thomas Sherman Waldron</p> <p><u>Mountain View</u> Rubin M. Gross</p> <p><u>North Bedford</u> None reported</p> <p><u>Norwood</u> Bonnie Nichols Hull Kenny Padgett</p> <p><u>Palestine</u> Gusta K. Crouch Judy B. Dellis Letha O. Dellis Frances F. Overstreet</p>

<p><u>Pecks</u> Margaret Livingston</p> <p><u>Quaker</u> Robert C. Holdren Rev. Gilbert Profitt</p> <p><u>Rainbow Forest</u> Helen Austin Percy K. Bishop Ralph Booth, Sr. Charles Dooley Tommie Bruce Hall Robert Hickok Elizabeth V. Lantz Bill Pike Ruth Spinnato</p> <p><u>Sedalia</u> Mrs. Maria W. Fenson Mr. Hugh R. Hughes Mr. Royston Reynolds Mr. Jack L. Vereen</p>	<p><u>Shady Grove</u> Fleda Blankenship Genice A. Foster Christine F. Garner Carol White</p> <p><u>Staunton</u> Jess Mitchell Alf Palmer Margaret Rodgers Billy Saunders</p> <p><u>Suck Spring</u> Peggy Croft Linda Karnes Vernon Toms</p> <p><u>Terrace View</u> None Reported</p> <p><u>Thaxton</u> Lois C. Grant Ralph P. Overstreet R. Carlton Thomas</p>	<p><u>Timber Ridge</u> Harold Blankenship Goldie Cadd Richard Craig James Dunnivan Sam Kendrick Erma Padgett J. B. Wilford</p> <p><u>Trinity</u> None Reported</p> <p><u>Walnut Grove</u> Viola Gray</p>
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Annual Church Profile Summary: Year Ending September 30, 2004

Congregations	Total Mems	Baptisms	Other Adds	Sunday School	VBS	Disciple-ship	Music	WMU	Men/Boys	Total Recpts	SBA Msns Budget	Total Missions
Beaverdam	396	4	3	137	126	8	45	21	0	\$199,945	\$5,338	\$44,658
Bedford	687	9	11	190	112	0	71	152	9	\$354,590	\$6,401	\$58,420
Bethel	50	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	\$6,452	\$323	\$743
Bethlehem	198	4	2	113	103	52	35	23	0	\$107,189	\$400	\$9,615
Big Island	399	15	11	163	57	288	251	49	11	\$128,729	\$3,225	\$15,730
Diamond Hill	236	17	8	113	81	15	35	25	0	\$129,262	\$500	\$8,786
Flint Hill	327	5	2	76	63	0	16	22	15	\$114,145	\$5,339	\$18,233
Glade Creek	232	6	7	57	77	30	30	4	0	\$83,680	\$1,200	\$7,549
Hunting Creek	427	9	1	196	98	39	15	26	0	\$160,923	\$3,335	\$22,661
Mentow	391	8	3	181	180	190	57	59	13	\$209,111	\$7,421	\$44,588
Morgans	419	20	6	194	90	0	26	23	0	\$105,418	\$7,196	\$14,844
Mount Hermon	129	3	3	29	53	11	10	8	0	\$59,475	\$2,335	\$9,822
Mount Olivet	294	10	5	141	118	77	70	45	10	\$156,516	\$2,000	\$22,361
Mount Zion	247	9	12	132	103	101	23	48	16	\$91,769	\$3,876	\$18,556
Mountain View	96	2	5	24	0	8	20	0	0	\$40,258	\$200	\$14,993
North Bedford	355	11	4	155	103	0	34	15	0	\$237,712	\$7,713	\$105,160
Norwood	116	6	7	45	15	0	11	6	7	\$111,226	\$668	\$5,568
Palestine	375	21	21	255	168	0	98	4	0	\$212,688	\$7,107	\$18,007
Pecks	296	3	3	174	95	0	55	105	23	\$148,055	\$500	\$32,189
Quaker	332	2	0	66	93	46	35	17	6	\$85,527	\$2,500	\$12,712
Rainbow Forest	2,964	74	57	1,325	450	375	225	0	0	\$1,847,061	\$3,200	\$424,007
River Rock											\$3,260	
Sedalia	355	9	8	213	127	48	45	56	0	\$170,387	\$2,000	\$30,173
Shady Grove	316	13	10	136	131	97	22	10	10	\$129,277	\$7,071	\$38,281
Staunton	275	4	8	79	22	0	15	0	0	\$152,010	\$375	\$13,586
Suck Spring	291	9	2	141	168	0	35	53	0	\$102,435	\$600	\$22,364
Terrace View	91	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	\$21,127	\$364	\$589
Thaxton	484	8	22	228	148	18	57	29	0	\$174,752	\$3,210	\$26,994
Timber Ridge	602	9	2	184	175	135	50	15	0	\$231,762	\$3,952	\$37,958
Trinity	515	12	17	163	93	77	35	5	16	\$125,975	\$4,105	\$14,817
Walnut Grove	164	3	2	136	180	104	26	0	0	\$30,414	\$300	\$3,625
2004 Totals	12,059	305	242	5,064	3,229	1,719	1,449	820	136	\$5,727,870	\$96,013	\$1,097,589
2003 Totals	12,425	293	238	5,541	3,358	1,565	1,790	657	159	\$6,280,554	\$89,050	\$1,169,222
Increase(Decrease)	(366)	12	4	(477)	(129)	154	(341)	163	(23)	(\$552,684)	\$6,962	(\$71,633)