



December 2019 / January 2020

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Parties: Many churches participated in the wonderful program this season. As of 2018 the program, combined with partnering countries, is now sending more than 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 100 countries. Below are some highlights of BRBA churches packing boxes. First Baptist Church of Frederick (top left); Emmitsburg Community Church (top right); Pleasant Valley Baptist Church (bottom left); Buck Valley Christian Church (bottom right).



Buck Valley Christian Church

January Showcases Two Special BRBA Events...

Pastor and Spouse Appreciation Brunch

January 11, 10:30-12:30pm

Myersville Baptist Church

RSVP by Jan. 6th

karen@blueridgebaptist.org

Be our guest this year for a nice catered brunch, enjoy a White Elephant swap and great entertainment from Christian Artist **Karen England and Band!**

Bring a "wrapped" white elephant gift (under \$20); gag or unwanted Christmas gifts welcome. This is always a fun highlight of our brunch as we exchange novelty gifts!



Deacon Training

January 25, 9-1pm

South End Baptist Church

506 Carrollton Drive Frederick, MD

RSVP by Jan. 20th

BRBA Office: 240-818-8760

BRBA is providing FREE Deacon Training facilitated by Rev. Fred Caudle.

Coffee and light breakfast snacks will be served.



Please pray for the following individuals:

Prayer Requests



* Sadly, one of the families from New Life Community Church lost everything in a fire on November 16th. Should you feel led to donate to the church family, please contact New Life Community Church at 304-262-6522.

* Lisa Molnar recovery from eye surgery to correct vision issues.

* Pastor Bill Miller (retired) recovery from 2nd eye surgery to correct vision issues.

* Pastor Thomas C. Smith who is recovering from surgery to try to stop growth in a tumor in his liver.

* BRBA DOM brother, Gill Conley, recovering from a Quadruple By-Pass Surgery.

* Pastor Bob Miller and Rock of Hope Ministries in Hagerstown, MD to continue doing God's great work.

* Kenny Gooch II, son of Pastor Kenneth Gooch - of Fellowship Baptist Church in Fairfield, PA. Pray for healing from being in the Respiratory ICU at VCU/MCV Hospital with critical respiratory issues. The current prognosis is not very good. Pray for the Great Physician to heal Kenny and work through the doctors, nurses, and specialists.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH

Faith Baptist Church
Knoxville, MD

Position Objective:

The Associate Pastor of Worship & Media will provide pastoral leadership for the worship and media ministries of Faith Baptist Church, and will oversee, lead and coordinate the worship and media teams in order to accomplish the Mission and Vision at Faith. The Worship and Media Pastor is responsible to help create an environment that helps people connect with God through music and video on a weekly basis. The goal of the worship and social and multimedia ministry is to help people experience the freedom and life that come through an ever-growing relationship with Christ. This position will manage all worship, sound and media within the church. This will be accomplished by planning, organizing, delegating, and coaching as needed to support the worship and multimedia needs within the church.

If interested, please contact Senior Pastor Kevin Marr 301-834-7755 or email: pastorkevin@faithsbc.org.

In The Churches

Hagerstown Church is a new mission plant and recently baptized two more new members. They also hosted Dr. Kevin Smith, Executive Director of BCM/D, who preached from 1 Corinthians on the topic of unity. The church also started Life Groups where people come together to fulfill the "one another" of Scripture.

Berkeley Baptist Church: Formed a new men's ministry activity "Men of Mystery". Similar to the Secret Sisters where they may have dinners, secretly exchange gifts or dropping cards in the mail, etc.; end of the year they reveal the mystery. This is an opportunity for the men of the church to make a real difference in their community and in the Body of Christ.

Paramount Baptist Church: Paramount Life Groups will launch in January 2020. Register now for a PLG by calling the church office or online www.paramountbaptist.com/plg-registration. The goal of PLGs is to help build healthy Christian relationships based on the application of biblical truth in everyday life. Each group will consist of 10-12 people and will meet on a regular weekly or bi-weekly schedule. For more information visit www.paramountbaptist.com/paramount-life-groups-plg. Check it out!

West End Baptist Chapel: Great improvements at the new building! New front doors and the parking lot is finished! Praise God!! Volunteers are always welcome every Saturday. If interested, please contact Pastor Shane Wilt 304-283-7083 west-end1232@yahoo.com.

New Hope Church: They are doing amazing things with their fundraising "Invest In Hope" for their new building. As of November 13th, they only have 55 - \$250 blocks to go until they reach their goal of \$100,000! Their goal date is December 31st! They have 7 weeks left to wrap up this goal! Amazing work God is doing with their church!

BIBLE STUDY

REQUEST

Does anyone have the "Gideon" study by Priscilla Shirer that a church bible study group could borrow in January 2020?

If so, please contact Debbie McClain at her email: debbiemcclain3802@yahoo.com.

HOLIDAY EVENTS in BRBA CHURCHES

ANNUAL COOKIE CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

Summit Trace Church

December 6 @ 7p

This is an annual tradition for the families of STC. We will gather around the island at the Silvera home (for directions email kirsty@summittracechurch.org). It is a great time of fellowship and Christmas cheer! Bring a couple of batches (preferably more, see below!) of your favorite cookie, bar or candy. After testing a few you get to take home selection of your favorites!

MEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

West End Baptist Chapel

December 7 @ 5p

Attention all men! You are invited to our men's Christmas party at Broadfording Church of the Brethren (14010 Greencastle Pike). We are asking each man to bring a dish to share!

THE MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION

Antietam National Battlefield

December 7 @ 6p

*Church groups and families are welcome to drive through the, approximately 5 mile long, Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination in honor of those soldiers who fell during the Battle of Antietam.
23,000 Candles - One for Each Soldier Killed, Wounded or Missing at the Battle of Antietam.*

FBC CHRISTMAS LIGHT TRAIL

Faith Baptist Church Frederick

December 13, 14, 20, 21 @ 6-9p

An amazing free light display for the whole family. Drop in and enjoy thousands of twinkling lights decorated along a wooded trail, ending with a nativity scene. Entertainment, music, hot chocolate and refreshments will be provided.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ANTIETAM CEMETERY

New Hope Church

December 14 @ 11:30-1:30p

Wreaths Across America will be at Antietam National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Summit Trace Church

December 14 @ 2-4p

Annual Christmas event at the Rescue Mission. We will be helping provide families in the Lincoln Elementary School community an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of fun and crafts. There will be stations of "make and take" gifts where children and adults can make Christmas gifts for their loved ones. If you would like to volunteer, please email graceshof@gmail.com. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 1pm for a brief orientation & to help set up. Bringing joy to families in our community!

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR DINNER

South End Baptist Church

December 14 @ 5-6:30p

We hold a free meal for the community every 2nd Saturday of the month. Come out this month and join us for some great food and fellowship! This meal is free and open to everyone in our community!

CHRISTMAS IN THE STREETS

River's Edge Ministries Martinsburg

December 14 @ 5-7p

We serve a hot meal and hand out stockings filled with hats, gloves, scarves, socks, hygiene items, along with coats, blankets, gifts for the kids and more. Most of all, we share a smile and a prayer to let them know they are loved. We hope to see you at this year's event!

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND MUSICAL

Paramount Baptist Church

December 14 @ 5:30p

Cost is \$12.00 ages 13 and up; 12 and under FREE Stay after Dinner for a musical performance called "The Ugly Sweater Christmas Party."



Merry Christmas from everyone at your
Blue Ridge Baptist Association!



Bruce Conley



Karen Lewis-Dryden



Joi Hilton



Darlene Ely



Lisa Molnar



Phil Graves



Dave Hays



Joe Daly

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