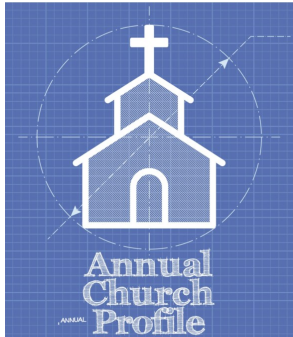




FEBRUARY / MARCH 2021



It's that time of year! Your Annual Church Profile (ACP) is DUE to BRBA NO LATER than February 8, 2021!

You should have received an email from BCMD and a mailed letter from BRBA regarding your church information. **The form is available online only this year.** You can also find the Short Form of the ACP on BRBA's website. Once you complete the Short Form, it will be sent directly to us and we can input your information on the BCMD form. Should you have any questions, concerns or need us to fill your form out, please contact Karen at karen@blueridgebaptist.org or 240-818-8760.

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) is a way to keep track of your story, the attendance, confessions of faith, baptisms, leadership, discipleship and other pertinent information. The ACP is comparable to a family portrait or a report card for your church — not something to be judged by, but a snapshot in a moment in time that captures measurable information about your church's successes, challenges, plateaus, growth, plans, and leaders. (<https://bcmd.org/2020/01/2020-acp-your-church-has-a-story/>)

Showcase of February and March Events...

FEBRUARY

- 2:** Minister's Fellowship Meeting
Topic - Expository Preaching
Dr. Jim Shaddix **ZOOM 11:30am**
- 7:** George Liele Church Planting /
Evangelism / Missions Sunday
- 13:** Children's Missions Day
- 14:** Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 16:** Mental & Spiritual Health Check with
Pandemic
Dr. Tom Rogerson - CenterPointe
Counseling Center
- 18:** * Church Revitalization Webinar Series
BCM/D **Topic - Blueprint for Revitalization**
Dr. Kenneth Priest **ZOOM 10:00am**
- 23:** BCM/D 2021 VBS Mini Clinics (**Virtual**)
2:00pm & 7:00pm
Topic - Sharing the Gospel with Kids
Topic - Safety, Security, and COVID

MARCH

- 2:** Minister's Fellowship Zoom Meeting
**Topic - Encouraging the Hurting Pastor -
Through a Pandemic**
Dr. Tate Cockrell **ZOOM 11:30am**
- 7-14:** Week of Prayer for North American
Missions (Annie Armstrong)
- 7-14:** Youth Week
- 11:** * Church Revitalization Webinar Series
BCM/D **Topic - Re-digging Old Wells:
Revitalization and Renewal in the African
American and Multicultural Church**
Dr. LaMonte Newsome **ZOOM 11:00am**
- 21:** Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- 21:** Substance Abuse Prevention
Sunday
- 23:** BCM/D 2021 VBS Mini Clinics (**Virtual**)
2:00pm & 7:00pm
Topic - VBS on a Budget
Topic - Promotion & Follow Up
- 28:** Palm Sunday

IN THE CHURCHES



North Valley Church (formerly Myersville Baptist) ~ On January 17th, they baptized 3 more individuals making a total of 4 in 2 months! Thank you for your support; it is changing people's lives for the sake of Christ. God bless you. This is exciting news on how God is working in this restart church!

Hagerstown Church ~ On January 24th, they celebrated the second birthday of Hagerstown Church. It was a great day of reflecting on God's faithfulness in preserving us these past 2 years. When we planted Hagerstown Church, we could have never anticipated that we would spend almost half the life of the church during a pandemic. But in spite of this current reality, God has blessed the church with many wonderful things in this 2nd year.



Smithsburg Valley Church ~ February 13 & 14 there will be (4) food collection sites around Washington County - our church parking lot will be used for the Smithsburg area food collection drive. This food will be given to Smithsburg High School's food pantry. On January 22nd, our church provided 20 meals (Chik-fil-a) for frontline workers at Meritus Hospital. This will be an on-going ministry.

Berkeley Baptist Church ~ We will have a concert on February 28th at 6:00pm. Visit our Facebook page for more information.

2021 VBS MINI CLINICS (VIRTUAL)

Join BCM/D online for their first ever **VBS Mini Clinics!** This is a great option for those that cannot make it to one of the in-person clinics. Each of the three mini clinics will feature two of the breakouts from the in-person clinic! Attend all three mini clinics and you'll get all six breakout sessions from the in-person clinic! Missed a few breakouts at the in-person clinic? Hop online and join us for the ones you missed!

Each mini clinic is an hour and half with a Q&A at the end, so bring your VBS questions! The evening mini clinic session will be a repeat of the afternoon mini clinic sessions, giving you lots of options to get everything and everyone covered! If you're using one of LifeWay's VBS' (Concrete & Cranes or Destination Dig) it's recommended that you preview the online training videos prior to attending the mini clinic.

You will receive a link to the training videos once you register for the mini clinic.

<https://bcmd.org/event/2021-vbs-mini-clinics-virtual/2021-02-23/>

BCMD

kids

Church Revitalization Webinar Series

Join BCM/D in their webinar series on Church Revitalization! These webinars will take place on ZOOM. This webinar series will feature nationally known experts and focus on training, equipping, resourcing, and mapping out a long term strategy for church revitalization.

The Cost to Attend Each "Live" Webinar is \$5.00
Cost to Receive a Recording Link to View Each Webinar
After the Event is \$20.00*
See (*) on the front page calendar

***Bi-Vocational Pastors/Leaders email Randy Millwood or Demetra Bennett for a 50% discount on the Recording Link option only. Registrants who opt to view the recording will receive the link within 24 hours after the event and have one week to view the webinar.**

Event Questions: Contact Randy Millwood at rmillwood@bcmd.org

Registration Questions: Contact Demetra Bennett at dbennett@bcmd.org



Church
Revitalization
Webinar Series

Prayer Request

How can we pray for you?

* Pray for Pastor Joey Giles of Berkeley Baptist church (and moderator of BRBA) as he recovers from spinal meningitis. He will need occupational therapy for a few months.

* Pray for Pastor Todd Heishman who is now in round 9 of chemo-therapy treatments for cancer.

* Pray for Adamstown Community Church as they search for a new pastor.

* Pray for Pastor Shane Wilt recovering from a blood clot.

* Pray for First Baptist Hagerstown as they begin to search for a new pastor.

* Pray for Linda Conley, estranged wife of DOM Bruce Conley - as she is dealing with ALS.

FREE Virtual Events

Blue Ridge Baptist Association and Montgomery Baptist Association are partnering with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) through Chris Allen, to have Professors from the Seminary minister to our Pastors and Leaders at our Minister's Fellowship, from January through April 2021.



These are **FREE** virtual events for our churches to join! The coronavirus has upended people lives around the world, killed thousands of people, caused markets to plummet and has instilled tremendous fear. Stress and depression are at all time highs in ministry during this pandemic.

The Blue Ridge Baptist Association will be hosting a ZOOM session with Dr. Tom Rodgerson, CenterPointe Counseling Center. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CHECK-UP for our pastors and spiritual leaders. You can contact BRBA at karen@blueridgebaptist.org if you would like to receive an email reminder the day before the meeting (along with the link to attend). We will also post the ZOOM link on our Facebook page 24 hours before the session.

We are excited about the opportunities churches will have, as we focus on church revitalization in 2021. BCMD's Church Services Director, Dr. Mark Dooley, has dubbed 2021 "the year of revitalization" in the BCMD Church Services sphere.



Mark your calendars and join us through Zoom to learn about the topics of *Expository Preaching, Encouraging the Hurting Pastor - Through a Pandemic and Evangelism - New book "Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out"*.

February 2nd: Topic - Expository Preaching

Dr. Jim Shaddix jshaddix@sebts.edu Professor of Preaching W.A Criswell Chair of Expository Preaching

February 16th: Mental & Spiritual Health Check for Pastor's with Dr. Tom Rogerson - Center Pointe Counseling Center **9 - 10:30am**

March 2: Topic - Encouraging the Hurting Pastor - Through a Pandemic

Dr. Tate Cockrell tcockrell@sebts.edu Director of DMin Studies Associate Professor of Counseling

April 6th: Topic - Evangelism - New book "Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out"

Dr. Scott Hildreth shildreth@sebts.edu Director of the Center for Great Commission Studies Assistant Professor of Missiology

BRBA 2020 Financial Reports

The year-end 2020 BRBA financials are available on the BRBA website.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about the financials, please contact Darlene Ely at darlene@blueridgebaptist.org.



2021 theme is "*The Mission Moves Forward*"



The offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$1 billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals.

The scripture verse is 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – **100 percent** – goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada and their territories. Our partnership with Southern Baptist Convention churches and individuals makes this work possible. The national offering goal is \$70 million.

The annual Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® is officially the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday (March 7-14). Your church may choose to observe the Week of Prayer during that time or at a date that is best for your congregation.

*If you would like more resourceful information, visit their website at
<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/>*

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