



# Connections

APPOMATTOX BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2026

TOGETHER IN CHRIST, TOGETHER ON MISSION

[appomattoxbaptist.org](http://appomattoxbaptist.org)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Join us as we celebrate the anniversary of the following churches in 2026!

*Providence Baptist Church*

*Red Oak Baptist Church*

*Union Hill*

250 YEARS

# VBS

The ABA is seeking churches that are willing to share gently used VBS materials.

They can be large and expensive so sharing resources would be helpful.

If your VBS Director has materials to share, please Carolyn Dolan at the ABA office.

## Bus Trip!

The ABA Leadership Team would like to coordinate a fall associational trip to Lancaster, PA to the Sight & Sounds Theater Production of "Joshua." If anyone would like to organize this event on behalf of the association, please contact Carolyn Dolan at the ABA office.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please call or email the office with your Easter schedules and VBS dates by March 1, 2026.

We would also like to post your church anniversaries, revivals, and other church celebrations. Call 434-352-5806 or email the office at [appomattoxbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:appomattoxbaptist@gmail.com).

The Leadership Team is in the process of setting up a meeting, hopefully by the end of January to begin planning for our annual Spring Gathering, which is April 23, 2026, and will be hosted by Glenn Memorial Baptist Church in Prospect. This will be a worship service, and all are welcome to attend. If you have any suggestions for music or a speaker, please contact the office as soon as possible and if your church would like to host a meeting in 2027, please call Carolyn Dolan at 434-352-5806. The ABA office sponsored a coat drive in the fall of 2025; we still have some children's coats available. If you know of someone in need, please let us know.

The ABA and Leadership Team are sponsoring a hygiene products collection drive for the month of January. These items will be donated to our ABA middle and high school nurses, hopefully by the middle of February. Please call the ABA office to make sure someone will be there before you deliver your items.

The Leadership Team is hoping to be a part of lots of activities this year, if you have ideas or suggestions, let us know.

The ABA is now posting the newsletter on our website, (appomattoxbaptist.org) and Carolyn will also send an electronic copy to the church offices. Anyone wishing to receive a paper copy can call the ABA office and request one. We are hoping the electronic copy will reach more people!



## Missions Team News

The Missions Team will be meeting to distribute the 2026 donations in February. The team would like to thank all those who came out to support the Rise Against Hunger program. Plans are to host another packing in 2026. More information will be coming out soon.

It has been several years since the association has hosted a Take a Kid Fishing outing and we would like to find someone who can help oversee the planning and making arrangements to host in 2026.

The Missions Team would like to thank all those who helped with the children's coat giveaway. We raised over 100 coats. We also received a bonus of gloves, stocking caps, and socks this year. Thank you for the donations and the time to come set up and take down/clean up.

Team: Chair Linda Mays, Ann Seamster, Carolyn Lawson, Rebecca Jordan, Eloise Foster, Pastor Doug Lee, and Carolyn Dolan

## James Puckett Obituary

April 23, 1942 - December 10, 2025

James Douglas Puckett (J.D.) passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at Forest Rehab in Lynchburg, Va surrounded by his family. J.D. was born in Campbell County on April 23, 1942. He was the son of the late Samuel Letcher Puckett and Maryon Jenks Puckett. He is survived his wife of 60 years, Nona M. Puckett; his two children, Patricia P. Marstin (Ronald) and James D. Puckett, Jr. (Maureen); four grandchildren, Taylor M. Carwile (Daniel), Brad Marstin, Cole Puckett and Casen Puckett; two great-grandchildren, Bobby and Ben Carwile.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 11. He was a faithful member of Falling River Baptist Church for 63 years where he served as Trustee, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, R.A. Leader, Chairman of the Building Committee for the Sanctuary, Co-Chairman of Balcony Building Committee and Church Clerk for 19 years. He also served in Leadership roles with the Appomattox Baptist Association. He was a beef cattle farmer since 1972.

He was Co-Chairman of the Frazier Sizemore Jr. Scholarship Advisory Board with Lynchburg College. He was the founder of the Campbell County Heritage Festival held annually for several years, he was also an Ex-officio member of Campbell County Social Services Board, he served as liaison to the Community Park Committee, served on the County Planning Commission, served on the Community Services Board, served on the Area Agency on Aging Board, served on Central Va. Mental Health Assoc. Board, served on Campbell Co. Airport Authority, served on Campbell Co. Utilities Services Authority and also served on the Stripers Landing Condo Assoc. Board.

A visitation was held on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Funeral service was held on Sunday, December 14th at 2 p.m. at Falling River Baptist Church. Memorial contributions can be made to BEAM or FRBC Meal Ministry or an organization of your choice. Thank you, JD, for your years of service with the Appomattox Baptist Association.

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### Spring Church Leadership Training

HOST: Heritage Baptist Church in Farmville

DATE: March 14, 2026

TIME: 9:00 am to Noon

Advance registration is required.

**Call Sandra Lttner**

**at the CONCORD Baptist Association**

**434-447-7240**

**[office@concordbaptist.org](mailto:office@concordbaptist.org)**

### Congratulations Class of 2026

Scholarship deadlines are here!

BGAV scholarship due by January 30, 2026.

ABA scholarships due in the office no later than April 1, 2026.

Please call and leave a message to have an application mailed to you.

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**The newsletter is officially available by email  
or posted on the ABA website.  
Contact the office if you wish to receive  
a printed copy by mail.**

<b>Church YTD total</b>	<b>ABA</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>ABA</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Dec. 31 2025				Hollywood	1,403.00		1,403.00
Bethel	500.00		500.00	Hebron	600.00		600.00
Beulah				New Chapel	4,000.00		4,000.00
Brookneal	6963.79		663.79	New Hope	400.00		400.00
Calvary	1,500.00		1,500.00	Providence	2,575.58		2,575.580
Central				Reedy Spring	750.00		750.00
Cullen	476.00		476.00	Rocks	3,011.92		3,011.92
Elon	500.00		500.00	Salem	1,000.00		1,000.00
Falling River	4,119.78		4,119.78	Staunton River	1,250.00		1,250.00
Glenn Memorial	2,000.00		2,000.00	Union Hill	900.00		900.00
Grace Hills	784.97		484.97				



Time changes March 8<sup>th</sup>! Clocks Spring forward!  
Happy St Patties Day Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>!

