



Connections

APPOMATTOX BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FALL 2025

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Homecomings/Revivals/Fall Events 2025

Brookneal

October 23rd: Fall Business Meeting at 7pm

Calvary

Sunday, September 7th: Awana's Kickoff 1-6pm - water slide, games, cookout, registration

Saturday, September 13th: Youth Group Service Day - providing household services to members of the community;

Saturday, September 20th: Free Community Clothes Closet 9am-12pm; Community Fall Festival 3pm-6pm with horse and pony rides, petting zoo, dispersing Bibles, popcorn, cotton candy, funnel cakes, hotdogs. Entry and all events free.

Sunday, September 21st-Wednesday September 24th: Tent Revival 6pm on Sunday and 7pm on weeknights with children's program each night

Saturday, October 18th: Free Community Clothes Closet 9am-12pm

Sunday, October 19th: Homecoming and luncheon

Friday, October 31st: Trunk or Treat 5:30pm

Tuesday, November 25th: Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 26th: Youth Flag Football Game 6:30pm

Thursday, November 27th: Community Thanksgiving Meal 12pm

New Hope

September 21st: Homecoming

October 25th: Fall Festival

Providence

Sunday, October 12-October 14th: Revival Service with R.G. Rowland, lunch after morning service on Sunday

October 25th: Trunk or Treat

Salem

August 24th: Summer Ice Cream Social at noon

Staunton River

September 28th: Homecoming at 11am

October 25th: Fall Festival at 5pm

November 23rd: Joint Thanksgiving Service at 11am (Roanoke Presbyterian Church)



Special Announcements

- ACP's are now ready to be filled out online. Please be sure to complete these and return them to the ABA office by mail or email.
- September 24th is Meet you at the Pole day! This is a special morning of prayer before school starts. Please encourage your high school children and others to participate in this moving event.



Missions Team Update

The mission team will be meeting very soon to plan for the new year. If you have suggestions for projects to be considered, please leave a message with the ABA office and we will get in touch with you. Please pray for us as we plan for another good year!

There are plans to host a **Rise Against Hunger** possibly this fall. We will need lots of volunteers. Information will be mailed to each church in the coming weeks! This is such a fun event and we hope all the churches will participate.

Check out the new web site: www.appomattoxbaptist.org

Leadership Team Update: Chair, Belinda Pillow

The Leadership Team has met several times and we are beginning to plan for our Fall Business Meeting which will be October 23, 2025 at Brookneal Baptist Church.

We have had some apartment and building issues, but with the help of Carolyn Dolan any problems have been quickly addressed.

Please go to the Appomattox Baptist Association website which is appomattoxbaptist.org and make sure your church information is correct. You may send any pictures and upcoming events to the ABA office and they will be added to the calendar. This is a wonderful way for the area to see what we continue to do in the community.

Please remember to support the association and all the wonderful things we are doing. Team members are always needed and welcomed so if you would like to help, please call Carolyn Dolan at the ABA office. Team list of names will be approved at the fall meeting.

If your church has something coming up in 2026 like a special anniversary, please let us know to get it on the annual calendar. This calendar will also be submitted at the fall meeting for approval.

Belinda Pillow, Carolyn Dolan, Karen Elder, Joyce Jones, Kevin Jones, Rhonda Rowland, and Doug Lee, Moderator

My Place, My Service?

Ava, Bell, Crimpy, Dawn, Eva, Faye, Gay, Hope, Ida, Joy, Kay—They all had names. They were all Roses' daughters. One of the random chores that we had on the dairy farm was naming the heifers' first calves as they became part of the milking herd. Rose was our foundation cow and the majority of the herd could be traced to her bloodline. She produced 11 heifers that we named, starting with "A" all the way to "K," a new letter each year. Every cow had a name and a place in the stanchion barn. Rose always stood in the fourth stall on the right side. If another cow mistakenly got in her stall, Rose would stand quietly for a few minutes and then start butting her to get out or just squeeze into the stall beside the uninformed offender. We would eventually correct the problem. It was her place and no uppity youngster was going to take it. One of the rites of passage on the farm was getting to milk Rose by hand twice a day, every day. I thought it was neat *at first*. I got the stainless-steel bucket, three legged stool, washed her, and went to work. I thought it fun for about four minutes, then at six minutes my hands were cramping and Dad had to finish. Eventually I could milk her about half as fast as a machine. Rose knew her place and did her job, and I had my place and did my chores. Similarly, we each should find our place of service in the church and be listening for God's plan for us.

Throughout the Old and New Testament there are verses that assure and inspire us to be part of God's plans. God tells us in Isaiah 43:1 that he knows us by name and that we are His. Proverbs 16:9 tells us "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." God knows every aspect of our individual lives—from the simple to the profound. David in Psalms 139 acknowledges, "O Lord you have searched me and know me. You know when I fall down and when I rise up: you discern my thoughts from afar." Repeatedly in the Bible, God demonstrates his extraordinary attention and concern for his beloved children. He knows us. He calls us to worship and service. The other side of this call from God is whether we hear, and most importantly, *are we willing to serve?*

As Paul described in 1 Corinthians 12, we are called as different parts of the body to serve in unique and personal ways and giftings. Like the cows in our barn, we respond to our names, know our places and can find fulfillment in serving. But left to their own devices, Rose and her daughters would have spent their days in the green grass and shade. It was the work of the farmer to guide them into stalls instead of being left out in storms, and milk them to produce for the good of the farm instead of leaving them to become sick from not being milked. When we reflect on our involvement in God's kingdom, it may also feel like a chore. But it seems very appropriate that Paul follows the description of the body of Christ in chapter 12 with the essentiality of love in chapter 13: "*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing*" 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. It's the work of God to call us to serve, and it's ultimately our choice how we respond. But essential in the process is love - for God, His church, His children, and His kingdom.

We are moving at FRBC. We have a good supply Pastor who is intuitive about our needs. It's time to begin the process for searching for a Pastor. We are blessed with many that are qualified and capable of helping in this search. The nominating process is not complicated, but getting people to serve could be challenging. We need representatives from all areas/aspects of the church. As we consider God's plans for us as individuals and as a corporate body, please consider how you can serve if nominated. If you cannot serve, would you pray for those who will, and consider how you *can* serve at Falling River? If you simply don't want to serve, could you pray for a greater capacity to love: the fundamental component for service in the body of Christ? We need your service, FRBC needs your service, and God is calling us to service. We love (and serve) because He first loved us.

P.S. Cows that didn't milk got carried by James Poindexter or Cecil Hendren to the livestock market. I, for one, am grateful that our Heavenly Father isn't as quick to condemn, thanks to the grace of Jesus! Thank you, Mr. George Jones, Falling River, for this wonderful devotion.

Since the writing of this devotion, FRBC now has a full-time pastor, Rev. Nate Faith.

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**The new ABAA website is
up! Check it out**
www.appomattoxbaptist.org

Church	ABA	Other	Total	Church	ABA	Other	Total
<i>YTD total</i>				Hollywood	615.00	175.00	790.00
Bethel				Hebron	600.00		600.00
Bethpeor				New Chapel	2,300.00		2,300.00
Beulah	417.97		417.97	New Hope	300.00		300.00
Brookneal	1,492.64		1,492.64	Providence	1,752.74		1,752.74
Calvary	750.00		750.00	Reedy Spring	562.50		562.50
Central	200.00		200.00	Rocks	2,316.60		2,316.60
Cullen	228.50		228.50	Salem			
Elon				Staunton River	500.00		500.00
Falling River	2,687.58		2,687.58	Union Hill	600.00		600.00
Glenn Memorial	2,000.00		2,000.00				
Grace Hills	583.31		583.31				

Time Change is November 2, 2025! Daylight savings ends. Fall back.

