



# Connections

## APPOMATTOX BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WINTER 2025

TOGETHER IN CHRIST, TOGETHER ON MISSION

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

### Upcoming Events

#### **Reedy Spring**

November 12-Operation Christmas Child Box Packing Night-6:30pm  
November 16-Dedication Service for OCC Boxes-11am  
November 23-Joint Thanksgiving Service with Union Hill-6:30pm  
December 13-Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Appomattox Walmart  
December 14-Adult Choir Music Program & Children's Play-5pm  
December 21-Community Christmas Caroling-3pm  
December 23-Christmas Candlelight Service-7pm

#### **Glenn Memorial**

November 23-Prospect Community Thanksgiving at Riverside Church-7:00pm  
December 7-Children's Christmas Play-7:00pm  
December 24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Services-4:30pm and 9:00pm  
**Glenn Memorial will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2026.**  
**Special Homecoming activities are planned for the 3rd Sunday in September.**

#### **Providence**

November 25-Community Thanksgiving Service-7pm, Rev. Lewis Watson preaching  
November 30-Hanging of the Greens Ceremony  
December 24-Christmas Eve Service

#### **Falling River**

December 21-Christmas program-7pm

**Rise**  
**AGAINST HUNGER**

November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Starting at 3pm  
Grace Hill Baptist Church  
4320 Pumping Station Rd  
Appomattox, VA 24522  
Register online at

[http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/  
appomattoxAssn2025](http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/appomattoxAssn2025)

**Appomattox Baptist Association has a new website!**

Check us out at: [Appomattoxbaptist.org](http://Appomattoxbaptist.org)

**Our newsletter will now be posted on the web site.** Bundles of paper copies will be sent out to churches that request a paper copy. If you wish to still receive a paper copy you will need to contact the office at 434-352-5806. If no one answers you can leave a message with your address and name. The Association will no longer be doing a bulk mailing due to the high cost of postage and production. Pastors, Secretaries, and Clerks, please make sure your information is correct and up to date with the Association.

### **WMU/HerMission News Update:**

WMUV (Women's Missionary Union of Virginia) has officially rebranded to HerMission, and this change coincided with a transition in leadership. After more than a decade of faithful service, Dr. Valerie Carter Smith heeded God's call to serve in new ways and Dr. Bethany Warren Hunter took on the mantle of Executive Director / Treasurer of HerMission. Dr. Hunter is a local of Appomattox and lives on a family farm in Red House, Virginia. She is an active member at Grace Hills Baptist Church and prior to her role with HerMission, spent almost 20 years as an educator in Appomattox County Schools.

Since she began in July, Dr. Hunter has been busy. She joined a team that served in Cajamarca, Peru in July and has started looking for the next HerMission partnership by meeting with people from Europe, Guatemala, and Ghana. She has also spent some time at CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center volunteering in the kitchen and assisting with housekeeping. HisMission, the men and boys' mission group, had a successful "Passing the Fire" retreat at CrossRoads in early October, and the annual Women's Getaway will take place at Eagle Eyrie November 7-9. Dr. Hunter has also been invited to speak at several churches and hopes to add more to the calendar. Please reach out to have her come speak about HerMission, HisMission, and what programs and events your church can get involved in.

Blessings, Bethanie Hunter

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### **Update from Lucianne Warren:**

The partnership between HerMission (WMUV) and Villa Milagro in Cajamarca, Perú has officially ended. However, I was able to join a team from Arkansas in October; the ministry of which is providing protein enriched bread to 138 schools, has volunteers providing Christian programming in schools and is drilling wells for clean drinking water. I was able to visit one well site that is currently being drilled. The money for it was collected by the WMUV Abigail Girls. It was gratifying to see what these girls from WMUV accomplished for a needy community. I will likely be going again so if you would like to go or know someone who might, please let me know. There is a place for everyone!

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### **Missions Team Update:**

The Mission Team of the ABA met in August to plan for the coming year. Our budget was approved at the Fall Meeting in Brookneal. We endeavor to spend the mission funds wisely and are always looking for additional needs within our communities. If you have anything to share with us, please leave the information with Carolyn at the ABA office. Please continue to pray for the Rise Against Hunger event on November 16 at Grace Hills and register to attend and help us pack food for thousands of those in need.

In His Name,

Linda Mays, Chairman, Carolyn Dolan, Eloise Foster, Becky Jordan, Carolyn Lawson, pastor Doug Lee, Ann Seamster, and Pastor Michael Duncan.



## Annual Fall Business Meeting Report

The annual ABA Fall Business Meeting was October 23, 2025. Our host was Brookneal Baptist and there were fourteen churches represented. The new 2026 budgets for the ABA and Missions Team were presented. Our new 2026 Teams were presented along with the 2026 calendar and all motions carried. The Leadership Team presented a motion to replace the HVAC system in apartment #2 and the motion carried. The new HVAC system was installed October 29 and paid for out the building fund. Kevin Jones from Hebron presented information about the new ABA website ([Appomattoxbaptist.org](http://Appomattoxbaptist.org)) and Pastor Shelton Miles from Union Hill, the current BGAV president, spoke about the exciting things going on within the BGAV and about the upcoming convention. A Love Offering was collected for Holly Friesen, a medical missionary serving in Ukraine through pro-life ministry and medical evangelism. All donations collected will be mailed directly to ABWE International in Harrisburg, PA. A big thank you to Brookneal Baptist for hosting and Pastor Doug Lee from Rocks for moderating. Our Spring Gathering will be at Glenn Memorial on April 23, 2026, and the Fall Business Meeting will be October 22, 2026, at Falling River.



The Leadership Team sponsored a coat collection during the months of September and October and they will be distributed at the ABA office on November 8. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

On November 16, Grace Hills will host the Rise Against Hunger event. Please consider helping as it is a wonderful opportunity to serve others. In January 2026, the Leadership Team will be sponsoring a collection of hygiene items and school supplies. The items will be packaged and distributed to the nurses in our ABA middle and high schools by Valentines Day.

Carolyn Dolan and Belinda Pillow delivered some donations to the Isaiah 117 House in Lynchburg. Please take the time to view their website and read about their mission ([isaiah117house.com](http://isaiah117house.com)). This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in our community.

The Leadership Team along with the ABA secretary have made the decision to stop sending printed copies of the newsletter to individuals. We will now do everything electronically, sending the newsletter straight to our churches and posting it on our website. This move will save a great deal of money and hopefully more individuals will be reached electronically. If you wish to continue receiving a printed copy, please notify the ABA office and one will be mailed to you, also if you need your email address added please notify the office at 434-352-5806.

The ABA is immensely proud of the fact that we have four individuals serving statewide! Annette Bennett from Providence is on the BGAV Board of Directors; Bethany Warren Hunter from Grace Hills is the Executive Director/Treasurer of HerMission (WMUV); Rhonda Luckie from Hebron is a member-at-large on HerMission and Pastor Shelton Miles from Union Hill is the outgoing BGAV President.

Please remember to support the Association and all the wonderful things we are doing for our area. Team members are always needed and if you would like to help, please call Carolyn Dolan at the ABA office.

Belinda Pillow, Carolyn Dolan, Karen Elder, Joyce Jones, Kevin Jones, George Jones (Moderator) and Pastor Michael Duncan (Vice-Moderator)

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**deadline is the 15th**  
**of each month.**

<b>Church</b>	<b>ABA</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Church</b>	<b>ABA</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i><b>YTD total</b></i>								
Bethel	500.00		500.00		Hollywood	922.50	175.00	1,097.50
Bethpeor					Hebron	600.00		600.00
Beulah	565.28		565.28		New Chapel	3,200.00		3,200.00
Brookneal	3,227.16		3,227.16		New Hope	400.00		400.00
Calvary	1,050.00		1,050.00		Providence	2,191.83		2,191.83
Central					Reedy Spring	562.50		562.50
Cullen	476.00		476.00		Rocks	3,038.92		3,038.92
Elon					Salem	1,000.00		1,000.00
Falling River	4,119.78		4,119.78		Staunton River	750.00		750.00
Glenn Memorial	2,000.00		2,000.00		Union Hill	900.00		900.00
Grace Hills	583.31		583.31					