



## THE BANNER

October 13, 2026

Issue 41

A promotional poster for a "Kids &amp; Youth Fall Trip" to Stickley Farms. The top section features the text "JOIN US FOR A KIDS &amp; YOUTH Fall Trip TO STICKLEY FARMS" in a mix of serif and cursive fonts, flanked by autumn leaves. Below the text is a photograph of a red barn with "STICKLEY FARMS" written on its side, surrounded by pumpkins and hay. To the left of the barn is a wooden signpost with arrows pointing to "HAYRIDES", "PUMPKINS", "PLAY AREAS", "FOOD", and "&amp; MORE!". The bottom section of the poster is a white bar with four icons and their corresponding activities: a tractor for "HAYRIDES", a pumpkin for "PUMPKIN PATCH", a play structure for "PLAY AREAS", and a cup of coffee for "SNACKS &amp; TREATS". Below this bar is a dark green banner with a calendar icon and the text "SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18" on the left, and a location pin icon and the text "STICKLEY FARMS BLUFF CITY, TN" on the right. The entire poster is framed by a green and white checkered border at the bottom with autumn leaves.

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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                | <b>OCTOBER 18</b>                        | WORSHIP |
|                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>11:00am</b>                           |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>In Person &amp; Live Stream</b>       |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>“Do Not Keep Silent”<br/>Psalm 83</b> |         |
| Listen to <a href="http://www.abingdonbaptist.org/sermon-recordings">sermon recordings</a> at<br><a href="http://www.abingdonbaptist.org">www.abingdonbaptist.org</a> |                                          |         |

### 2027 Mission Trip Possibilities

In 2025, we sent a church mission team to Panama and this year to the Dominican Republic. For 2027, we have the opportunity to participate in several trips. We can send one or more persons on the following trips. As you pray over these possibilities, ask the Lord to clarify where He may be inviting you to join Him on mission in 2027. Our church and other partners will help with a portion of the trip expenses. Don't let the cost be a barrier to participating if God is calling you to go. Please contact Pastor Bill with questions or for more details regarding how to join one of these teams.

**Guatemala: March 7-12, 2027** - This team will be led by Hannah Pollard from Cornerstone Christian School. This team will partner with Pastor German to build simple homes for Myan widows, who are the lowest social class and forgotten by their government. Estimated cost is \$2,500 per person.

**Honduras: May 29 - Jun 4, 2027** - This team will be led by Allen Jessee and Denise Carr of Highlands Fellowship along with TJ McAmis of Mt Olive Church in Wise, VA. This trip will focus on medical missions, feeding, VBS/evangelism, church ministry, and pastor training. This trip welcomes families. Estimated cost is \$2,000 per person.

**Belize: August 7-14, 2027** - This team will be led by Tim Brown and Laura Nunley of Highlands Fellowship. They partner with Body & Soul Ministries to help the Roaring Creek Village. They will do food ministry, VBS, worship and Bible study, and clean-up and repair a school playground. This is a great first time mission trip. Estimated cost is \$2,000.

### Missionary Speaker from East Asia



**On Sunday, October 25, Dr. Paul Liu** will be with us during worship. Paul is a former student of Pastor Bill in the B.H. Carroll Theological Seminary DMin program. Paul will share his **Ark Project** discipleship ministry in East Asia.

The goal of the Ark Project is to make disciples by teaching the Bible and theology to help local pastors in Asia become better equipped as they make disciples in their own churches. Leadership training is provided through an accredited Biblical Studies Certificate (eight courses) for local church pastors and leaders. The Ark Project also provides advanced training with a DMD (Disciples-Making-Disciples) curriculum of 28 courses. Four courses a year are offered in person with each course lasting three to five days. Please make plans to be in worship to hear Paul in person as his testimony will not be live-streamed due to security reasons.

### Ordination of Tim Barnett, Jr. on October 25

Tim was recently elected as a deacon by our church and will be ordained during our worship service on October 25.

### Quarterly Ministry Celebration on October 21

We will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at 6pm in the Chapel. We will hear reports from our church clerk, deacons, and other organizations and committees. **Our Youth plan to be present to bring a report of their activities.** We will also **elect messengers** for our upcoming Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) annual meeting in Virginia Beach, November 9-11. We can elect 15 messengers. If you would like to attend the BGAV meeting as a messenger, please contact Pastor Bill to add your name to the list of nominees.

# F.Y.I...

**Deacon of the Month – October**  
 Stewart Spradlin (276) 393-0467  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP**  
 Attendance for Sunday, October 11  
 Sunday School & Bible Study - 61  
 Worship Service - 134  
 Wednesday Pastor's Study - 34  
 Dinner Church - 18

## § Worship Technicians:

Tim Barnett, Jr.  
 Jerry Culberson  
 Laura Harris  
 Paxton Matney  
 Ray Minor  
 Amanda Perry  
 Tony Roberts  
 Cathy Shelton  
 Mel Shelton

## § Extended Session Workers October 18, 2026

Holly Stiltner & Carrie Blevins

## § Car Ministry October 18, 2026

Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

## § Financial Update October 11, 2026

## § Budget Funds

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Budget Needs | \$10,992.00  |
| Received 10/11/26   | \$12,042.00  |
| YTD Total Receipts  | \$406,696.33 |
| YTD Total Expenses  | \$431,350.00 |

## § Alma Hunt Mission Offering

|         |            |
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| To-date | \$3,732.63 |
|         | \$5,000.00 |



## SUNDAY

9:45am

11:00am

12:00pm

1:30pm

## October 18

Sunday School  
*In-Person/Zoom*

Worship In-person or Livestream  
*Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo*

Kids and Youth Fall Trip to  
 Stickley Farms

*Lunch Fellowship Hall*

Depart for Stickley Farms

## MONDAY

10:00am

## October 19

Ladies Canasta & Fellowship  
*1st-3rd Grade Classroom*

## WEDNESDAY

5:00pm Fellowship Meal

## October 21

*Fellowship Hall*

**Baked Spaghetti with Garlic Bread,  
 Green Beans, Dessert**

5:30pm Youth

*Youth Room*

6:00pm Quarterly Min. Celebration

*Chapel*

Team Kid

*Ext. Session Rm*

Young Adult Circle

*Common Ground*

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *ChoirRm*

## THURSDAY

6:00pm

## October 22

Dinner Church  
*Abingdon Terrace Apts.*

## SATURDAY

4:00-6:00pm

## October 24

Trunk or Treat  
*East Parking Lot*

# Gifts

Have been given in memory of:  
 ...Pearl Hayter



# *Prayer Concerns*

## Hospital:

## Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Kelly Davis, Cindy Farmer, Denise Gobble, Joel Piazza, Angie Smith.

## Long Term:

Barbara Back, Geraldine Belcher, Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Kylee Coleman, Barbara Compton, Geraldine Culberson, Barbara Dunn, Allen Garrett, Lee Garrett, Barbara Gillespie, Karen Hand, Kenna Henderson, Bruce Hicks, Ron Hicks, Sarah Johnson, Paulina Joyce, Kevin Leonard, Conner Mays, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, Julia Newkirk, George Owens, Ronnie Perkins, Joel Piazza, Charlie Pickle, Joyce Powers, Paul Rich, Park Shropshire, Jimmy Singleton, Archer Skeens, Angie Smith, Rachel Stout, Candy Tignor, Michael Woodyard, Stephanie Wyvill.

## Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Linda Belisle, Becky Corvin, Mary Davis, Orville Davis, Jan Derting, Masel Dunaway, Renva Gunter, Trula Harris, Jim Hughes, Joanna Owens, Howard Smith.

## Homebound:

Nadine Culberson, Nadine Farmer, Grace Kiser, Nora Milsap, Joyce Vanover.

### **Homebound of the Week** **Jim Hughes**

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|  | <p>This week we want to lift up<br/><b>Patrol Officer C. Barker</b><br/>Abingdon Police Department<br/><b>Emalee Belcher</b><br/><b>Kaitlyn Bentley</b><br/>Washington County Sherriff's Dept</p> |
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Sunday, October 18

- Vicki Burkett

### **We start streaming at 10:45am**

Tune in to check your connection  
and to prepare for Worship.  
Service will begin at 11:00am



Full in-person or Livestream Worship.  
Doors open at 10:45am



# Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting Registration



Make plans now to join your BGAV family for the 203rd **BGAV Annual Meeting** in **Virginia Beach, November 9–11, 2026!**

This year, we'll gather around the theme *Heart for the Not Yet*, inspired by Acts 17:6b: "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also."

Across three days, we'll worship together, learn from one another, build connections, and look toward what God is doing in and through our churches and communities.

**Contact Pastor Bill if you are interested in attending or being a messenger representing our church.** You can pre-register by following this link: <https://meeting.bgav.org/register/>.

## A COZY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS



Thursday, December 3, 2026

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*Ladies, the mountains are calling! Abingdon Baptist Church invites you to share in a warm and cozy Christmas as we gather at our annual Ladies' Cookie Exchange*

*Tickets are \$59 per lady*

*We will rejoice in a delightful time with a warm scrumptious lunch, storytelling, Christmas hymns & songs performed by "Elvis", devotion, gifts, bingo, games and cookie exchange*



*At the Old Mill Restaurant (River View)*  
*215 West Imboden Street, Damascus, VA*



*ABC Church Coach will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. (24 seats available)*

Please contact Trina in the church (276-628-8126) office by **November 9th** to make your reservation, purchase your ticket(s), place your menu choice, and confirm your seat on the bus

**{Exact Amount in Cash or Check, Please – NO Credit Cards}**

**What to bring:**

*Your warm love, smiles, and*

*your favorite cookies and/or candies (3 dozen or more)*



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|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Ministers                                          |                               |         | Entire Congregation |
| Pastor                                             | bbryan@abingdonbaptist.org    | ext. 32 | Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan |
| Minister of Music/Worship &<br>Young/Median Adults | showell@abingdonbaptist.org   |         | Mr. Shawn Howell    |
| Minister To Students                               | lwolfe@abingdonbaptist.org    |         | Rev. Lisa Wolfe     |
| Administrative Assistant                           | tvickers@abingdonbaptist.org  | ext. 21 | Mrs. Trina Vickers  |
| Children's Ministry Assistant                      | hstiltner@abingdonbaptist.org |         | Mrs. Holly Stiltner |
| Church Organist                                    |                               |         | Mrs. Carol Clifton  |
| Church Pianist                                     |                               |         | Mrs. Rose Payne     |

A church with a world mission and a world program in association with the Lebanon Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Baptist World Alliance.

Church office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Friday 9:00-12:00pm

**Phone: 276/628-8126**

PRAYER LINE: extension 42, FAX: 276/628-5743

Website: **[www.abingonbaptist.org](http://www.abingonbaptist.org)**