

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>.

Abingdon Baptist Church
361 W Main St.
Abingdon, VA 24210

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Baptist Church

... Where a warm welcome is just the Beginning...

THE BANNER

October 20, 2026 Issue 41

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)



Entire Congregation	ext. 32	bbryan@abingdonbaptist.org	Ministers
Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan		showell@abingdonbaptist.org	Pastor
Mr. Shawn Howell		lwolfe@abingdonbaptist.org	Minister of Music/Worship & Young/Median Adults
Rev. Lisa Wolfe	ext. 21	tricklers@abingdonbaptist.org	Minister To Students
Mrs. Trina Vidlers		hstltnr@abingdonbaptist.org	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Holly Stillner			Children's Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Carol Clifton			Church Organist
Mrs. Rose Payne			Church Pianist

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.abingdonbaptist.org



Missionary Speaker

This Sunday morning October 25, Paul Liu, a former doctoral student of Pastor Bill will be with us in worship to share about his Ark Project Ministry in East Asia. You won't want to miss this missionary testimony.

Quarterly Ministry Celebration

This Wednesday October 21, we will have our Quarterly Ministry Celebration at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Highlights will include a report from our Youth and information on three church mission trip possibilities for 2027.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25

11:00am

In Person & Live Stream

Dr. Bryan

“My Strength Is In You”

Psalm 84

Dr. Liu

“Seek First God’s Kingdom and His Righteousness”

Matthew 6:30-34

WORSHIP

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

This 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 18
Sunday School & Bible Study - 72
Worship Service - 138
Wednesday - 30
Dinner Church - 21

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Worship Technicians:

Tim Barnett
Jerry Culberson
Laura Harris
Paxton Matney
Ray Minor
Tony Roberts
Cathy Shelton
Mel Shelton

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Extended Session Workers

October 25, 2026

Holly Stiltner & Charlene Phelps

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Car Ministry

October 25, 2026

Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

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Financial Update

October 18, 2026

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,992.00
Received 10/18/26	\$7,130.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$414,086.33
YTD Total Expenses	\$450,076.00

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Alma Hunt Mission Offering

To-date	\$3,992.63
Goal	\$5,000.00

Gifts

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



SATURDAY

4:00pm

October 24

Trunk or Treat
Church Parking Lot

SUNDAY

9:45am

October 25

Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom

11:00am

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

MONDAY

10:00am

October 26

Ladies Canasta & Fellowship
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm

October 28

Fellowship Meal *Fellowship Hall*
Sub Sandwiches, Salad, Chips, Assorted Desserts

5:30pm

Youth Youth Room

6:00pm

Adult Bible Study Chapel
Team Kid Ext. Session Rm

Young Adult Circle

Common Ground
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Choir Rm*

THURSDAY

6:00pm

October 29

Dinner Church
Abingdon Terrace Apartments



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

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, Debbie Crigger, 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

Joanna Owens

