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Baptist Church

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THE BANNER

November 17, 2026 **Issue 46**



SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 22

11:00am
In Person & Live Stream

"Darkness is My Closest Friend"
Psalm 88

Listen to sermon recordings at
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Trustee nomination forms are available outside the sanctuary or by stopping by the church office. Nomination forms will be received from now until Sunday, November 22 at noon. Completed forms can be given to Trina in the church office or directly to Pastor Bill. The list of nominees will be published in The Banner the week of November 23. A vote by secret ballot will be taken by church members at the end of the worship service on Sunday, November 29. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be our new church Trustee. Please be in prayer for God to guide us to the person who will best serve in this position.



For 2027, we have the opportunity to participate in several overseas mission 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.

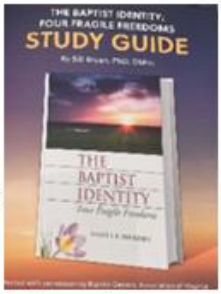
Honduras: May 29 - Jun 4, 2027 - This team will be led by Allen Jessee and Denise Carr of Highlands Fellowship along with TJ McAmis of Mt Olive Church in Wise, VA. This trip will focus on medical missions, feeding, VBS/evangelism, church ministry, and pastor training. This trip welcomes families. Estimated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

Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting Report - Pastor Bill and Deborah attended the 2026 BGAV Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach November 9-11 as our church messengers. Pastor Bill also served as one of two BGAV Parliamentarians for the meeting. The theme was "Heart for the Not Yet", drawn from Acts 17:6b and emphasizing mission and outreach to those "not yet" reached with the gospel as we "turn the world upside down" with the good news.

In the business sessions the 2027 BGAV Budget was approved, officers and committee personnel were elected, and Resolutions of Appreciation were approved for Mark Black, Israel Galindo, Ken Kessler, Tom Stocks, and Craig Waddell. Mark Mofiled, Senior Pastor of Melrose Baptist Church in Roanoke, was elected as President. Pastor Bill was elected to a three-year term as a member of the BGAV Scholarships Committee.

Four main sessions were held with addresses on the meeting theme by guest speakers Miriam Swanson (National Director of Fusion USA), Alan Hirsch (author/entrepreneur), and Rick Warren (pastor/author). Other events and activities included Worship services, Learning Labs, a Ministry Fair (30+ exhibitors), and the first-ever art exhibit "Art for the Not Yet." Wayne Faison, BGAV Executive Director, introduced a new statewide initiative — "A Place at the Table, A Place to Call Home" — to help churches collaborate in helping those in their communities who are struggling with food insecurity and housing challenges.



Messengers and pastors attending this year's annual meeting received a paperback copy of Walter Shurden's *The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms* and a new, accompanying printed study guide written by Pastor Bill, compliments of BGAV's Religious Liberty Committee with support from EverBless Foundation, Micah 6:8 Fund, and Cooperative Missions giving. If you would like a free copy of the study Guide, you may download it and access other supporting resources using this link: Four Fragile Freedoms Study Guide.

The next BGAV annual meeting will be held November 8–10, 2027 at Main Street Station in Richmond.



F.Y.I.

Deacon of the Month – November
David Lavery (804) 683-4484

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
Attendance for Sunday, November 15
Sunday School & Bible Study - 63
Worship Service - 135
Wednesday - 24
Dinner Church - 17

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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
November 22, 2026
Holly Stiltner & Mary Garrett

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Car Ministry
November 15, 2026
Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

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Financial Update
November 15, 2026

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	$10,992.00
Received 11/15/26	$5,492.00
YTD Total Receipts	$447,210.28
YTD Total Expenses	$493,665.00



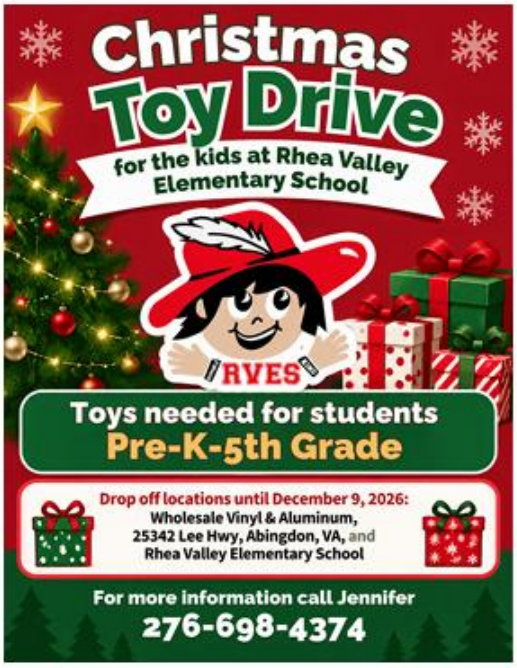
SUNDAY **November 22**
9:45am Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom
11:00am Worship In-person or Livestream
Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

MONDAY **November 23**
~OCC DROP OFF UNTIL NOON~

WEDNESDAY **November 25**
NO ACTIVITIES
~Office Closed~

THURSDAY **November 26**
~Office Closed~
Happy Thanksgiving

FRIDAY **November 27**
~Office Closed~



Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Abingdon Health & Rehab

Nadine Farmer

Johnston Memorial Hospital

Luedell Bailey

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 Piaza, 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 Millsap, Joyce Vanover.

HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK

Linda Belisle





Tuesday, November 23

- Jan Derting

Wednesday, November 25

- Courtney Berry



There will be a Called Business Meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, November 29. The purpose of the meeting is to elect one new church Trustee and to vote on both our proposed 2027 Budget and Nominating Committee report. Please be present as we consider and vote in person on these important matters. Copies of the 2027 Budget and Nominating Committee report are available in the church office or on the literature stands outside the Worship Center.

Ministers			Entire Congregation
Pastor	bbryan@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 32	Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan
Minister of Music/Worship & 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

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