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THE YOUTH EXPLOSION @ THE ANNUAL SESSION

The 123rd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation began on Sunday evening with the Youth Explosion. What a blessed time it was! We were ushered into an atmosphere of praise and worship by the energy and authentic expressions from the youth and young adults participating on the program.

Minister Jarae' Jones from the Greater Grace Church in Portsmouth, Virginia was the worship leader for the evening, and she was a great demonstration of the power and anointing God has placed on young people. The opening prayer and one of the thematic scriptures were delivered by a brother and sister team – McKenzie and Will Whitaker - from the Covenant Fellowship Baptist Church in Chesterfield. They blessed us and set the tone for the rest of the evening. There was a beautiful ballet-inspired praise dance by Hannah Paige from the First Baptist Church Lamberts Point in Norfolk to the song "No Gray". As the evening progressed, we were blessed by powerful and inspiring songs from Atiyah Banks and two Gospel Rap songs from Anthony Cook-Moore, both representing the Greater Grace Church in Portsmouth. The second and third thematic scriptures were read eloquently by Lynell Johnson from the First Baptist Church of Midlothian and McKenzie Whitaker as she shared her talents with us a second time. The Shalom Praise Group from the Metropolitan African American Baptist Church in Richmond truly blessed us all with two powerful and anointed praise dances. There was an opportunity for other youth worshiping with us to share their talents. At which time, we were blessed by a spoken word from Madisyn Thornton from the First Mount Olive Baptist Church in Newtown.

This year's Youth Explosion was indeed an awesome representation of how God is using and blessing our young people. We thank God for the energy and power with which our young people led us into worship and praise!

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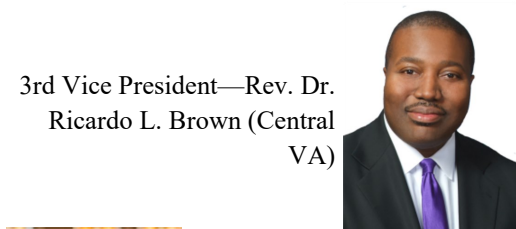


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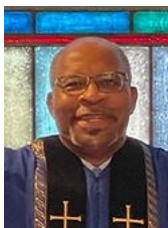
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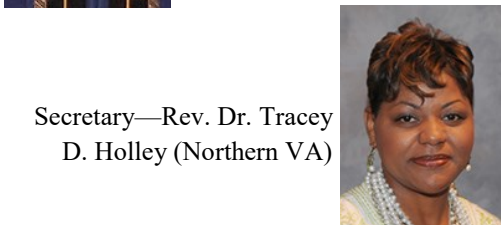
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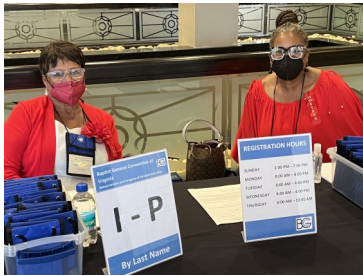
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~ Act 1:8; Matthew 9:35-
38; Mark 10:13-16



123RD ANNUAL SESSION AND CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION HIGHLIGHTS



A Resolution of Esteemed Respect for A Job Well Done Thy Good and Faithful Servant

Mrs. Sheryl Blowe McDowney



BE IT RESOLVED, Mrs. Sheryl Blowe McDowney has served as the Director of Christian Faith Formation (Formerly Christian Education) of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia since April 1, 1987.

BE IT RESOLVED, Mrs. Sheryl Blowe McDowney will retire as Director of Christian Faith Formation on April 1, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, during her tenure, the Baptist General Convention of Virginia made several major achievements, including HOWEVER, not limited to:

S – Study - To show herself approved by GOD as not ashamed of the Gospel rightly dividing the word of truth by planning and presenting thematic notebooks and Study Series for African American Heritage.

H – Humble - She is a humble person guided by the Holy Spirit. She is a dedicated to prayer, meditation, and study with an anointing upon her life.

E – Equip - The saints for the work of the ministry as she traveled from church to church, association to association, convention to convention, sharing good news of Jesus Christ.

R – Resourceful - Sheryl provides **resources** through people, places, and platforms to equip, encourage, and empower congregants to move to the next level of Christian Service. She was responsible for the Congress of Christian Faith Formation for the past 35 years.

Y – Yearn - **Sheryl yearns when she passes a bookstore.** Sheryl loves books and loves to read. She has more books than she can count from seminary, to conferences, to references, to just because, and I like that or I want one too.

L – Love - Sheryl loves the people and teaching them around the Commonwealth of Virginia, this nation, and the world sharing her expertise as the Baptist General Convention of Virginia third Director of Christian Faith Formation with the American Baptist Churches of the South, the Lott Carey Mission Convention and our beloved, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University from her heart and soul.

TEACHING Christian Faith Formation around the Commonwealth and the world.

BE IT RESOLVED, over a 35-year vocation with the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, Mrs. Sheryl Blowe McDowney distinguished herself with deep knowledge and abilities related to Christian education, faith formation, and mission matters. Her Godly Spirit, expertise, accuracy, and leadership shared during her career have been invaluable to the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and our 1079 constituent churches and 28 regional Associations.

BE IT RESOLVED, we, the members of the Executive Committee, the General Board, Staff, and Constituents wish to thank Mrs. Sheryl Blowe Mc Downey for her many contributions in making sure all information shared across the Commonwealth of Virginia, during her tenure was accurate and current.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Board hereby expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Sheryl Blowe McDowney for her outstanding service to the Baptist General Convention of Virginia for her Godly work ethics, sound education advice, valued counsel, excellent teaching and, for all that she has contributed to the General Board; the BGCVA State Office; and, the individual churches and associations, and, constituents, across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, with grateful hearts, WE truly thank God for you and ask God's blessings upon your continued success in your future endeavors. Our prayers and hopes to Mrs. Sheryl Blowe McDowney for her continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Sheryl Blowe McDowney as a token of our love, respect, honor, and blessings.

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HOW CAN CHURCHES ENGAGE OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL POPULATION?

Social, Physical, Mental, Emotional, Moral

- **Cultural Events**- where different cultures are presented
 - ◇ Introduce the church
 - ◆ Info stand
 - ◆ Pamphlets/flyers
- Before/Afterschool Activities- a club or organization that takes place after school
 - ◇ **Volunteering**
 - ◆ For the church
 - ◆ To support the school
 - ◇ **Conflict Resolution**
 - ◇ **Goal Setting**
 - ◇ **Grief support**
 - ◇ Public speaking lessons
- Engage the Students- student involvement
 - ◇ **Provide assignments/ "missions" for the students to complete**
 - ◆ Not necessarily religious but involves Christian thinking
 - ◇ **Games and competition related to the gospel**
 - ◇ **Reading partners**
- Emphasize the Love of God
 - ◇ No judgment, they're just children/teenagers
 - ◇ Give advice (what would Jesus do?)
 - ◇ Create a safe space for kids to explore themselves and the word of God
- **Assemblies**
 - ◇ Special event in school speaking

about the true purpose of education

- ◆ Clarification and stopping the spread of misinformation

- **Meet Me at the Flag Pole/ See You at the Flag Pole**
- Go into Urban Spaces- higher population means more students
 - ◇ **Talk with community centers to arrange youth events**
- Adult Involvement
 - ◇ **Parents acting as chaperones**
 - ◆ Field trips
 - ◆ School events
 - ◆ Drivers/transportation
 - ◇ **Retired Teachers acting as club sponsors/chaperones**
- What Churches Can Do for the Students
 - ◇ Funding
 - ◆ **College Application Fees**
 - ◆ Supplies to keep the organization running
 - ◆ **Clothes**
 - ◆ **Food/lunches & breakfast**
 - * Giving out food
 - * Subsidizing the cost of meals
 - ◇ Transport
 - ◆ Church van
 - ◆ Individual volunteers
 - ◆ Petitioning for a school bus to pick up the kids
 - ◇ **Tutoring**
 - ◆ Flexible hours
 - ◆ Group setting
 - ◆ College preparedness
 - * Career development
 - ◇ **Social Programs**
 - ◆ Community Service
 - ◆ Mentorship
 - ◆ Gatherings

- * Dinners
- * Block parties

- ◇ **Children's Emotions**
 - ◆ Regulation
 - ◆ Productivity
 - ◆ Creativity
- ◇ Scholarships
- **Empathy seminars**
 - ◇ **Anti-bullying**
 - ◇ **Anti-racism**

50 Ways to Engage Local Schools - Lewis Center for Church Leadership

- Fundraisers
- **Spirit Week**
- **Counseling Services**
- Quote of the Day
- Back-to-school Events
- **Showing enthusiasm**
- Ask "how can we help?"
- Partner with existing organizations
- Engage with PTA meetings
- Have consistency
- **Summer Academic Program**
- Offer church facilities to host school events
- Support Group
- Provide Volunteering opportunities



People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- Mark 10:13-16, NRSV

August 2022



BGCVA Children & Youth Encouragement Calendar

Reaching Higher!

Welcome to the first calendar designed just for the children and youth of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia. This calendar is filled with ideas of fun things you can do; Bible scriptures and wise quotes to inspire you; and tips to help you be healthy and have a good life! We hope this calendar will encourage you to strive to do your best and continue to reach higher!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Here's a Bible scripture for you to read, study & remember! Proverbs 16:3	2 Remember to get your sleep! Look on back of this calendar to see how many hours you need.	3 Here's a Good Study Tip: Make a schedule!	4 Wise words: "The past is behind, learn from it. The future is ahead, prepare for it. The present is here, live it."	5 Do something to help a neighbor or family member, today.	6 Spend some time today doing your favorite hobby or pastime. Have fun!
7 Here's a Bible scripture for you to read, study & remember! Psalms 139:14	8 Here's a Good Study Tip: Take 3 deep breaths before you begin studying.	9 Wise words: "My ability is not based on what I can do. My ability and strength come from the One who can do all things."	10 Here's a Bible scripture for you to read, study & remember! Jeremiah 29:11	11 Remember to drink plenty of water! Many doctors recommend drinking eight glasses each day.	12 Wise words: "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face."	13 Say a special prayer today for the teachers and administrators at your school.
14 Here's a Bible scripture for you to read, study & remember! Matthew 7:12	15 Exercise is fantastic! You should get at least 1 hour of physical activity a day.	16 Say a special prayer today for your classmates.	17 Wise words: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."	18 Spend some time today memorizing one of the scriptures or wise words for this month.	19 Here's a Good Study Tip: Have a place to study that is quiet with good lighting.	20 Spend some time today doing your favorite hobby or pastime. Have fun!
21 Here's a Bible scripture for you to read, study & remember! Psalms 31:24	22 Write a thank you note to someone who has helped you this month.	23 Wise words: "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."	24 Here's a Good Study Tip: Check your work before you consider it done.	25 Use craft supplies to make something fun today.	26 Remember the importance of regular exercise. Do something fun, today!	27 Wise words: "You who have received so much love, share it with others. Love others the way that God has loved you, with tenderness."
28 Here's a Bible scripture for you to read, study & remember! Proverbs 3:5-6	29 Here's a Good Study Tip: Keep your school materials organized.	30 Wise words: "The best way to know God's will is to be familiar with the Bible."	31 Here's a Bible scripture for you to read, study & remember! Psalms 25:4-5			

Here are some songs to add to your playlist this month:

Hold Us Together by: H.E.R. & Tauren Wells - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwqU78VEmNc>

Royalty by: Tasha Cobbs Leonard - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5HAYx8pjbA>

Joyful by: Dante Bowe - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwr3KPOzOVg>

Bible Scriptures to Read, Learn, & Remember:

August 1st

Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.
Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

August 7th

I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful, I know that full well.
Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

August 10th

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

August 14th

So, whatever you wish that others would
do to you, do also to them, for this is the
Law and the Prophets.
Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

August 21st

Be strong and take heart, all you who
hope in the LORD.
Psalm 31:24 (NIV)

August 28th

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own
understanding. In all your ways
acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

August 31st

⁴Show me your ways, LORD, teach me
your paths. ⁵Guide me in your truth and
teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)

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*Be sure to get enough of those wonderful "Zzzz"!
Do you know how much sleep you should get each night?*

Sleep - Number of Hours Per Age Group

Pre-School Children (ages 3 to 5yrs): 10 to 13 hours (including naps)
Grade School Children (ages 6 to 12 yrs.): 9 to 12 hours
Teens (ages 13 to 18 yrs.): 8 to 10 hours

Source- "Healthy Sleep Habits: How Many Hours Does Your Child Need? Last Updated
11/16/2020 at healthychildren.org. American Academy of Pediatrics (Copyright©2016)

Here's a Tip to Have Good Mental Health!

Identify what helps you feel joy.

You didn't choose to come into this world,
but you do get to choose why you stay in it.
Figuring out what's important to you, for
example: family, learning, love, art, serving
others, or building memories;
remembering what your strengths are; and
planning for the future are just a few of the
thoughts we can choose to hold onto to
protect ourselves from despair.

***Loving Who I Am!
Learning Who I
Want to Be!***

Consider Joining an Organization to Help You Be Your Best!

YMCA Youth Development Programs

"Together, the nation's more than 2,400 YMCAs are the largest not-for-profit community service organizations in America...The YMCA strives to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities."

Contact your local YMCA for information on what youth programs are available.

Wise Words to Live By:

August 4th

Quote by: Thomas S. Monson

August 9th

Quote by: Lysa Terkeurst

August 12th

Quote by: Eleanor Roosevelt

August 17th

Quote by: Theodore Roosevelt

August 23rd

Quote by: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

August 27th

Quote by: Mother Teresa

August 30th

Quote by: Pat Robertson

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES' HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE 123RD ANNUAL SESSION AND CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION



During the 123rd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation, the children and youth explored the theme: “Loving Who I Am! Learning Who I Want to Be!” Each day, they were actively engaged in Bible-based, character-building lessons and activities related to the theme which were prepared and delivered by the Youth Ministry Advisory Team (YMAT). The following topics were covered: “What is Love?”; “Know Who You Are – You Are Enough!”; “Jesus Loves Me and I Love Myself & Others”; “I Am: Affirmations”; “The 5C Network – Christ-centeredness, Character, Confidence, Courage, & Compassion”; “I Am: Growing, Learning, Becoming!”. There was also a presentation on “Weatherization and Energy Efficiency” for the young people to watch, participate in, and be inspired by. This presentation challenged them to make a difference in their communities through community service to others.



Time was spent doing Arts & Crafts where the children and youth made greeting cards, bookmarks, a heart gift box, and colored pictures related to Bible stories. During the ministry-focused activities, they learned praise dancing; explored the topic - “Seeing God Through Nature”; wrote a Prayer of Thanks

and “My Now” and “My Later” letters to themselves. There was also time set aside to play games such as Jeopardy, Hop-Scotch, Code Name, Word Search, and have fun! On Wednesday, the children, youth, youth workers and YMAT took a field trip and explored the past achievements of some famous African Americans. We visited the home of Maggie L. Walker; the statue of Bill “Bojangles” Robinson; and the historic & beautiful Ebenezer Baptist Church. It was truly inspiring!



In conclusion, the Children and Youth Ministries sessions at the 123rd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation were truly blessed and inspirational. They were filled with lessons and activities where the children and youth spent time talking and learning about God, themselves, their world, and others; enjoyed opportunities to fellowship, laugh, play, have fun and make new friends; and reflected on who they are in the eyes of God and what they can become through His love and power.

MEET TAMIA—SHE'S LOOKING FOR HER FOREVER HOME

Tamia, age 10, needs a forever home. Tamia can be a girly girl. She likes all things pretty, frilly, and sparkly. So, of course her favorite colors include pink and purple. Tamia enjoys making jewelry and likes to showcase her creations. Tamia has recently taken an interest in fashion. She participated in a fashionista summer camp where she was able to design clothes and strut on the runway.



Tamia can present as a bit reserved but easily engaged. She is inquisitive which contributes to her talkative nature. She likes to ask questions and can hold a conversation. Tamia also craves attention and likes to spend one on one time with the adults in her life.

Tamia enjoys school. She feels a sense of pride when she earns good grades and positive reports from teachers. Tamia likes to read books and does so in her spare time. Tamia is accustomed to attending Christian church and has been active in church. She has participated in the youth programs and really enjoys it.

Tamia desires a family that will be patient with her as it takes time to develop trust. She also desires a family that is active, whether going on vacation, spending the day at the park or beach, being involved in church or having game night at home.



Click on “Contact Us” on the Virginia One Church, One Child website at www.vaonechurchonechild.org to inquire about adopting Tamia.



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



WHAT THE CHURCH DID TO SHAPE ME!

By Jordan Nicole Narcisse
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From the day I was born, I was destined to be a part of the ministry. My grandfather, the late Reverend Doctor Clifton Whitaker, Jr., was the pastor of Grayland Baptist Church, the church I grew up in, and where my family was deeply interwoven into the fabric of the congregation. My mother and aunts sang in the choir and were deaconesses, and my father was a deacon, too. It was only natural that I explored the full array of activities that the church had to offer, many of which catered to the youth. From the traditional baptism to gatherings, the church did many things that shaped me into who I am today, but with any positive influence, it had its setbacks as well.



Baptism, one of the cornerstones of the Baptist faith, was introduced to me at a very young age. The act was one of giving yourself fully to Christ, and although it took most people many years of contemplation to commit, I knew early on that I wanted to do so. Fully supportive, my family and church were eager to help me on my journey to become baptized, and a few weeks later, I was. I still remember the admittedly nasty taste of communion, but I knew that this was something I would never regret. And now, I can soundly say that this was one of the first major steps that defined who I am.

After that, I became invested in Sunday School. This specialized service, catered to youths, was certainly more engaging than regular services, and for that I was grateful. I was notorious for falling asleep in church, but Sunday School kept me awake with the interaction that was had between the teach-

er, students, and the Bible. This service fostered a love for learning that I can attribute to my academic success, and I don't know where I'd be without it.

I was a shy little girl, still am to an extent, yet get-togethers were always a fun time. From dinners to movie nights to block parties, it was an excellent time to socialize. We came together to celebrate but also to worship, and I must say that it formed key memories for me. The food was a nice bonus, too. Additionally, there was Vacation Bible School, a program for the summer, broken down into age groups, that provided age-appropriate biblical education. It was the highlight of my summer. As I got older, I even helped with the activities as a volunteer. Overall, I'd say that social skills were refined by these events and getting community service hours helped my school prospects as well.

As great as my experience within the church was, undoubtedly there were some aspects that could have been improved. Most notably, the outreach for youth was lacking. That isn't to say that there wasn't any but getting young people to stick around was a challenge. As the years went by, the numbers of children in the congregation dwindled, and there was little that could be done about it. That leads me to my next point which is to encourage parents to bring their kids. The children sure aren't driving themselves to church, and without leading by example, the youth will be lost.

So, what can be done? Increasing the regularity of youth-oriented programs is a start. Throwing together an event once every blue moon isn't going to draw the masses but forming habits will. How can you expect anyone to keep coming back if what drew them in isn't a regular occurrence? It's basic logic. Another is to really sell the idea of coming to Sunday School to the youth. Most kids think that church is boring, but it's actually how the message is conveyed that determines how well it is received. For example, we, the youth, can become the voice of the church. As we read the scripture, we can make our own sermons and influence the adults of the congregation. This will make the youth active in Christ and lay the foundations for lifelong attendance.

Now you may be reading this wondering where I'm drawing inspiration from, and that would be Second Baptist Church Southside. Pastored by Reverend Ralph Hodge, the

church has many programs meant to shape the youth, and it is paying off. There is Sunday School, as is common, but they also have boy/girl scouts affiliated with the church. This intersection between community service and gospel gives the kids something to do that's fun and keeps them in the



house of the Lord. Second Baptist also has age divided groups such as Kids for Christ and the Young Adults Ministry (YAM) that includes the youth in planning for themselves on how to make things interesting around the church. And if none of that suits their palates, there is the community garden that you can volunteer for to upkeep. Notice how all these activities engage and maintain attention consistently. This is what we need to make the youth ministry alive, to help our youth to survive, and to assist the church so it may thrive.

Reflecting on my experiences, the church shaped me into who I am in these ways, and I'm sure that with a few improvements here and there, more can reap the benefits and blessings that I gained. And as an Hermitage High School honors recipient, 6th in my class ranking, enrolled student at Old Dominion University, I know that the church helped me on my journey.



[Second Baptist Church \(2bcsouthside.org\)](http://2bcsouthside.org)



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To: The Pastors, Churches, Moderators, Associations, and Friends of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA) and the Virginia Baptist State Convention (VBSC)

Re: URGENT: Maintaining and Securing the Legacy of the "Children's Home"

This year we are embarking upon seventy-five years of having the Children's Home positively influence and shape the lives of children and renew the bonds of families. However, this legacy is being threatened because the loan for the Children's Home and its two-hundred sixty (260) acres of land has reached its maturity date. This means that the outstanding balance of \$1.2 million is due in full by October 1, 2022.

While this may seem like an insurmountable amount, we believe that with your help, it is possible to maintain and secure the legacy of the Children's Home. There are over 1200 member churches and associations between the VBSC and the BGCVA. If each member church and association were to give \$1000 by September 19th, the outstanding mortgage would be paid off by the October 1, 2022 due date. **With God, it is possible to do this!**

We owe it to the founders, former presidents, and supporters and of our two Conventions to retire the Children's Home mortgage in a manner that is pleasing to and glorifies God! Join us in maintaining and securing the legacy of the Children's Home. Let us proudly tell the story of "what these stones mean." (Joshua 4:21-24).

You may give by joining the **GIVE 3 Blessings Ministry**. This involves pledging to donate on the 10th of July, August, and September. Suggested monthly amounts to give are: **\$333 for Churches and Associations and \$167 for Pastors, Ministers, Moderators, and Friends**. See the next page for giving options. Make checks payable to your respective convention and write "Children's Home" in the memo section.

Your Church and Pastor will be contacted by someone from your respective Convention to record your pledge, encourage your support, and partner in prayer as we strive to maintain and secure the legacy of the Children's Home.

We stand on the Word of God that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Gratefully Yours,

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~ Act 1:8; Matthew 9:35-38; Mark 10:13-16

Baptist General Convention of VA

2023 Event Calendar



January

- 16-17 MLK Celebration and Day of Ministry Service
- 21 Virtual Church Finance and Tax Compliance Conference
- 22 Statewide BGCVA Day

February

- 3 Virtual VUU Founders' Day

March

- 24-25 Mega Ministries Retreat, TBD
- 24-26 Youth Retreat I, TBD

April

- 8 Virtual VBS Conference
- 20 Virtual Spring General Board Meeting
- 22 VUU Church Leadership Conference

May (First Responders Month)

June

- 3 Virtual Children, Youth, & Youth Workers Conference & Empowerment - No Judgement Zone!
- 25-29 Hybrid 124th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation, Norfolk

Weekly

- Every Tuesday @ 6:00 PM – Youth Ministry Advisory Team: Meeting & Training

July

- 8 BGC Day @ Kings Dominion
- 8 Virtual Children's Home Founders' Day
- 21-22 Virtual Youth Retreat II

August

- 25-26 Virtual Back 2 School Weekend

September (Christian Faith Formation Month)

- 14 Virtual General Board Strategic Planning Meeting
- 16 Virtual Faith Formation Conference

October (Clergy Appreciation Month)

- 8 Clergy Appreciation Day
- 8-14 BGCVA Week of Prayer
- 12 Virtual Fall General Board Meeting

November

- 7 Day of Social Action
- 10-11 Hybrid Fall Session
- 13-15 Virtual Children's and Youth Revival
- 13-16 VUU Ellison Jones Convocation

December

- 16 Virtual Youth Ministry Lock-In

Monthly

- Every 1st Thursday @ 12PM – Clergy Conversations
- Every 3rd Monday @ 12 PM – Ministry Training Track
- Every 4th Thursday @ 12 PM – Moderators' Meeting

**** Some Events are Virtual Due to COVID-19. ****

*** Dates and Locations are Subject to Change. ***

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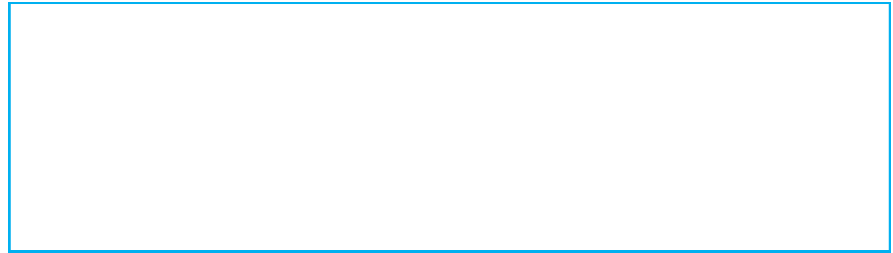
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