

Baptist Herald

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Christmas Blessings



**May the blessing of joy abide within you;
May the blessing of peace rest upon you;
May the blessing of love flow out through
you; May all the blessings of the Lord be
yours today and in the new year.**

Merry Christmas

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Baptist General Convention of Virginia Family,



Hallelujah Everyone! As we begin our journey together of SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: REIMAGING, REASSESSING, AND REALIGNING TO RELEVANCE, the promises of God remain sure and steadfast. The familiar Scripture passages of the Christmas story contain many themes, including: "Do not be afraid" or "Fear not." The shepherds as well as Mary, Joseph, and Zechariah all needed this reassurance from the angels.

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in a town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

Our trust in God is one way to manage fear. During Advent we focus on the waiting time before Christmas. It is a time to reflect on the birth of Jesus which shows God's love for us. As your loving convention, BGCVA hopes you will find this special and spectacular season of the year to be a time of spiritual uplift, family joy, and fun with those in your community. We love each church, association, ministry and every individual receiving this edition of the Herald!

I must add, if you would like to give a special financial gift to the Baptist General Convention of Virginia in honor of Christ's birth, please use the normal methods to send your love offering that will enable us to continue to go tell it throughout the landscape of the Commonwealth of Virginia that Jesus Christ is alive and well!

May Christ be born afresh and anew into each of your hearts this Christmas season.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke: 2:14) Fear not, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in Advance! See you Soon!

James E. Coleman, Jr., D.Min.
President

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER

Christmas is every day because of CHRIST!



Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA) have celebrated the wonderful GIFT of JESUS in all our ministries and missions over these 125 years. It is quite amazing that the LORD has gifted our beloved, BGCVA with people who love the LORD and each other. We can look back and reflect on each ministry opportunity and say, "the LORD has blessed us mightily, and it is marvelous in our eyes." This Herald captured only some of our fall events, and it offers our leaders' compliments of the Season. Our Heating, Ventilation and Air Condition systems are in the second phase! These 33-year-old systems will be replaced with energy efficient HVAC systems. We are replacing another system on Monday, December 23, 2024.

Please reach out to us for any of your 2025 ministry needs and share with your congregations our 2025 Calendar. Join us in our Virtual Finance Conference on January 25, 2025. We encourage each church to have its financial officers to participate in this learning opportunity. We are so grateful for your financial support!

We praise GOD for our BGCVA leaders and all the ministries we share “Bringing People Together, Growing Churches, and Changing Communities Shoulder To Shoulder. We remember fondly those who received the gift of life eternal this year, as well as recall the impact of loved ones whose memories we cherish. We are humbled and honored to be included in your prayers and ministries. The Whitakers, Leading Lady Cathy, the Reverend Yohance, Adom and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Blessed New Year! May the presence of peace greet you; the power of GOD keeps you, and the provision of the LORD nurture your soul, mind, and body. We look forward with great expectancy to both the arrival of the Babe of Bethlehem and for the shouts of PRAISE for 2025!

Dr. Leo Whitaker, Executive Minister

ELLISON JONES 75TH ANNIVERSARY



The BGCVA family applauds the recipients of

the prestigious Circle of Proctor Fellows!

The 75th Ellison Jones Anniversary Banquet on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, recognized the impactful, positive influence of some theological leaders associated with the School of Theology. The International Order of Proctor Prophetic Voices – the Proctor 10 Circle paid homage to the memories of Dr. Miles Jones, Dr. E. D. McCreary, Dr. Ella Mitchell, Dr. Henry Mitchell and Dr. Gloria Taylor. The living honorees were Dr. Barbara Amos, Dr. Nathan Dell, Dr. Victoria Pratt, Dr. Marion Tapscott, Dr. Mary H. Young, and a special salute to Dr. Paul Nichols.



FALL SESSION HONOREES

The 2024 BGCVA Fall Session on November 2, 2024, at Fifth Baptist Church, 1415 W. Cary Street, Richmond VA, was a spirited and celebratory event. Pastors Earl M. and Ricardo Brown and the Fifth Baptist congregation were gracious hosts. One of the major highlights of the session was the formal honoring of politicians from the Central Virginia Region.

These honorable politicians were:

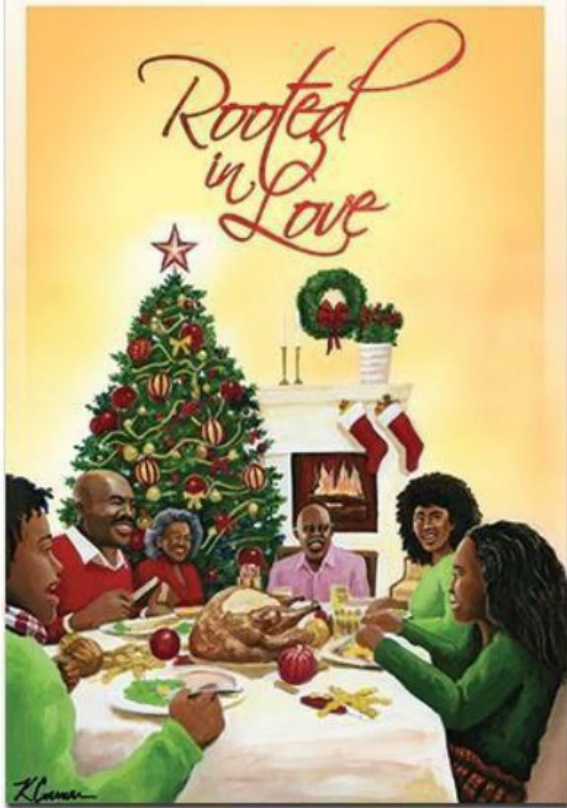
- Senator Mark R. Warner
- Senator Tim A. Kaine
- Congresswoman Jennifer L. McClellan
- Delegate Delores L. McQuinn
- Delegate Michael J. Jones
- Supervisor Roscoe D. Cooper, III
- Supervisor Robert L. Elliott, Jr.
- Supervisor James M. Holland
- Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson

They were presented with BGCVA Medallions and certificates of recognition.

Delegate McQuinn’s preached a WORD of Faith and encouraged the audience to fulfill its civic duties. Each ministry also met for transformative leadership lessons with their respective peers in the Youth Ministry, Women’s Ministry, Men’s Ministry, and Clergy Ministry. We praise God for the Spring Creek Baptist Church’s Music Ministry, the Usher’s Union of Richmond and Vicinity, and our exhibitors and authors for blessing all of us with your spiritual gifts. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

For more pictures of the Fall Session see pages 6-7 of this Herald.





Baptist General Convention of Virginia
SACRED SPACES

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
**The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among others,
 To make music in the heart.**

Howard Thurman

Love, Peace & Blessings to You and Yours!

“Think of the past, of the time long ago; ask your parents to tell you what happened, ask the old people to tell of the past.”

(Deuteronomy 32:7 – GNT)

**Dr. J. Elisha Burke, Dr. Stephanie Wilkes, Mr. Benjamin Ross
 & Mr. Jae Howard**

Baptist General Convention of Virginia

*Dr. James E. Coleman, Jr., President
 Dr. Leo Whitaker, Executive Minister*

THE GIFT OF BLACK THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

A conversation between Dr. Delores F. Brisbon and Dr. John W. Kinney at Union Station in Washington DC where they discussed the importance of black theological education, and the inherent responsibilities and duties of the entities entrusted with securing its longevity has had a resounding and positive impact on black faith communities.

From that conversation, The GIFT of Black Theological Education was launched. Since that time, The GIFT has applied for and received a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., which allowed Christian denominations and their educational institutions to collaboratively develop, implement, and structure practices that addressed ways to sustain the merits of black theological education despite ongoing struggles.

The primary Black theological seminaries and their denominations are: Payne Theological University, African Methodist Episcopal (AME); Interdenominational Theological Center, the Christian

Methodist Episcopal (CME), National Baptist Convention-USA (NBC), Progressive National Baptist Convention (NBC), and the Church of God in Christ (COGIC); Shaw University, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (GBNC); Hood Theological Seminary, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ), and Virginia Union University, the Baptist General Convention of VA (BGCVA).

These institutions have successfully educated leaders throughout the years. When we look at our dear VUU and BGCVA. While the list of notable students and graduates associated with Virginia Union University and the BGCVA cannot be counted, some of them currently impacting theological training are: Dr. Angela D. Sims, President Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School; Dr. Micah D. McCreary, President, New Brunswick Theological Seminary; Dr. John Guns, Dean, School of Theology at Virginia Union University; Dr. Gregory Howard, former Dean, Shaw Divinity School and Interim Dean of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology; Dr. James Harrison, Executive

Secretary, American Baptist Churches of the South; Dr. James Victor, 2nd Vice President Lott Carey Foreign Missions Board; and Dr. James E. Coleman, Jr., Dean, School of Religion at Virginia University of Lynchburg and President of the BGCVA. Dr. Leo Whitaker serves as BGCVA’S Executive Minister. More than ninety percent of our BGCVA Presidents are also graduates of VUU. In addition, Dr. Peter Wherry, a graduate of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University was recently named Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Howard University.

The leadership of these individuals attest to the strength, credibility, importance, and the gift that is inherent in the black theological educational experience! Therefore, in this season where we celebrate the Gift of JESUS CHRIST, we encourage you to make a gift to your church, faith institution, and denominational entity. “Shoulder-to-Shoulder, we are Bringing People Together, Growing Churches, and Changing Communities!”

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY UPDATE

The Baptist General Convention of Virginia, Inc. is partnering with the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, Inc. for its "Day for All People," which is an annual Advocacy Day that brings together people of faith and goodwill from across Virginia. Join us in-person for inspirational presentations, informative workshops, and effective advocacy on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. All are invited to join with other motivated Virginians to make your voices heard on economic, racial, and social justice issues. You will learn about our priority policy issues from dynamic speakers and workshops, meet with your state legislators, and engage with advocates in your region. It will be held on Wednesday, January 15 from 7:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. at the Centenary United Methodist Church (411 E Grace St., Richmond, VA 23219), where we will begin and then move over to the General Assembly of Virginia to meet with your elected officials. Lunch will be served. Register before December 31 to receive early bird pricing (\$30)! Please use the link below to register.

<https://virginiainterfaithcenter.org/day-for-all-people-2025/>

2024 Priority Issues for Public Policy

The Baptist General Convention of Virginia, Inc. (BGCVA), through its Commission on Social Justice, focuses its justice efforts on the needs and challenges of members of our congregations and those living in the Commonwealth of Virginia. BGCVA focuses on five main areas: ecology (where we live, what we breathe, what eat, and health), education (where and how we learn), employment (how and where we earn and gain resources), economics (where and how we spend our resources), and election (who represent(s) us). This document outlines areas for advocacy and action that the BGCVA is requesting all congregations and association to focus on in 2024, as was presented at the BGCVA's 125th Annu-

al Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation in July 2024.

HEALTH EQUITY (Matthew 25:36b) – *Health disparities impact communities across the United States, but the history of America's medical treatment of African Americans became exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. The work of health equity must address disparities in healthcare that affect our communities.*

- Engaging in BGCVA Food Network with local church, legal association and food pantry/bank access to community feeding people is one of greater health challenges.
- Ensure African Americans have access to healthcare without racial bias in the training, licensure, and credential renewal of healthcare professionals.
- Focus on providing greater access and choice to healthcare for women and those who are pregnant.
- Have greater preventive care and food security in communities where this challenge exists.

HOUSING (Isaiah 32:18) – *Access to affordable and fair housing impacts communities across the nation but has greater impact on African-American communities. The policy priorities are three-fold.*

- Ensure there is control on the cost of housing in locales beyond issues of simple inflation.
- Aim to allow congregations to use their land to develop housing for local communities.
- Ensure African-American communities have fair fiscal equity in housing values and valuations, as housing is part of building generational wealth.

EDUCATION (Hosea 4:6) – *This history of education is built on disparities across the United States, but the Commonwealth of Virginia still set up laws against literacy for African Americans as far as the Code of Virginia in 1849. We must mandate educational equity for our communities.*

- Provide and ensure support for literacy at or above grade level.

- Give guidance on book banning, regardless of content, as it aims to dismantle holistic conversations on diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Ensure equitable funding and access for schools for education reform.

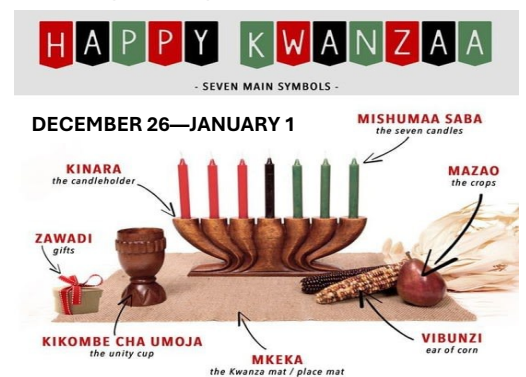
CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM (Matthew 25:36c) – *We must address the prison-industrial complex that objectifies black bodies. Laws have been adapted to make incarceration a perpetual reality for our community.*

- Fight for automatic restoration of rights for returning citizens.
- Strengthen greater access to higher education in prisons.
- Develop policy on free communications for those who are incarcerated.

VOTING (Romans 13:1) – *The access to the ballot box is the greatest threat to democracy. The ability for African Americans to vote without intimidation was not present until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We see the fragility of the vote in the piecemeal dismantling of this act on the federal level. Voting decides who represents us on all levels of government. We must ensure fair and equal access to the ballot box and to those who represent us.*

- Strengthen our precinct level voting access and expand voter registration within our congregations and communities.
- Fight against voting restrictions and redistricting designed to dilute the influence and impact of our communities.
- Develop leadership that is positioned to serve in public office to move the priorities forward that affects our communities.

For more information, please email info@bgcva.org or call 804-228-2421





Fall Session 2024 Highlights





Greetings from the Clergy Ministry!

The BGCVA Clergy Ministry brings you greetings and thanksgiving blessings for the many sacred moments we shared in praying, studying and learning the word of God.



You blessed us with your presence and thirst for wisdom, knowledge and understanding as we shared in our Clergy Conversations and Ministry Training Tracks. It has been a joy seeing you in person as well as on our virtual platform.

Let me take a moment to encourage you in this festive season of Christmas by sharing a word about a man who embraced Christ throughout times in his life of being in poverty and ill health, and God brought him through.

In the year of our Lord, 1742 (April 13) in Dublin, Ireland, George Frideric Handel at the age of 56, composer of the oratorio, "Messiah," requested the proceeds be donated to prisoners, orphans and the sick. Handel stated, "I have myself been a very sick man, and am now cured, "I was a prisoner and have been set free." It is recorded that 142 men were freed from debtors' prison because of Handel's generosity.

This Christmas, remember that Christ is the reason for the season. We encourage you to receive the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love this season that will lead and guide you into another day, week, month and year. Handel had been counted out due to his debilitating stroke, but God healed him, gave him a new perspective and lease on life and then he produced one of the greatest oratorios known to the world, "Messiah." You can also rejoice with those of us who rejoice by embracing the greatest gift given to the world in Jesus the Christ.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (KJV).

We ask God to continue blessing and keeping you in perfect peace and harmony as we walk "Shoulder to Shoulder" this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Reverend Michael E. Shannon, Sr.
Clergy Ministry President

A MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Let us all spread the Good News that, "Jesus is the reason for the season!" Be blessed as you continue to be a blessing!!



Dr. Griselda Amy Bayton, 1st Vice President

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

"Christmas is not a time nor a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy is to have the real Spirit of Christmas." This statement made by Calvin Coolidge at the turn of the 20th century inspires us to intentionally rejoice during the Christmas Season with the joy that is expressed by the birth of Christ. Now, spread joy, peace, and good will wherever you go in the New Year!



Dr. Ricardo L. Brown, 2nd Vice President

Greetings from the Women's Ministry!

We do hope that this message finds you in good health, good spirits and with a renewed zeal for the work of "Christ". I just want to remind



you that the holiday itself is of pagan origins that has taken on the flavor of "Christianity" since the first century AD. So, for those who follow Christ, it is about the "gift" and not gift giving from a materialistic perspective. It is about "The Light" and not many lights. It's a time for introspection, where one ponders – "What and where is my position in Christ?" Am I closer to Christ? How have I shown our fellowman the Christ within me? What improvements do I need to make in order to build my family, my community, and my faith relations? The focus is on what more we can give and on not what we can get. With that being said, consider this perspective as you ponder the meaning of **CHRISTMAS**.

C – Am I as caring as I should be for all that the Living God has created?

H – How can I be more focused on hearing from the Holy Spirit?

R – How do I foster great spiritual, physical and mental relationships with my neighbor?

I – Am I taking proper inventory of the stuff that inhibits my praise of the Holy Trinity?

S – Am I truly seeking the things of God?

T - How well do I keep temptation at bay?

M - Am I moving toward Christ or am I in the same place that I was last year this time?

A – How well do I actualize the brand of Christ in my everyday living?

S – Can I be more effective in silencing the distractions that interrupt my

productivity as I walk this Christian journey?

It is a good time to reflect on becoming more Christ-like and to turn our minds to the things that matter most. Have you accepted the “true gift”? Are you working to spend eternity with the “true gift” and the great Giver of that gift? This is one way to be sure to move toward the mind of Christ as we move through the New Year. Be blessed.

Greetings from the Men’s Ministry!

As we look in joyful expectation to the New Year of 2025 let us not move too hastily without reflecting upon the goodness of the Lord. Let us not



only look at the blessings of 2024, but also look back at how God through His providence has met every need over our lives. During Christmas time, I find it hard to look forward without remembering Christmases past. I think back to the visions of my earliest Christmases. I can remember the first Christmas tree and the hand-made toys and gifts that people made to share with family and friends. My mother made me a stick hoppy horse. She fashioned the horse’s head from an old broom, which she covered with the remnants of my grandmother’s old black wool coat. She used red velvet to fashion the mane and mouth. She then craftily used white buttons to make the eyes.

In later years, around the 18th of December when school was out, we would prepare the house for Christmas. As the eldest son, I was responsible for getting the Christmas tree. Usually, I identified the choice tree while gathering firewood. There was plenty of work for everyone. My sisters would clean the house from top to bottom. My brothers and I would gath-

er enough firewood so we would not have to cut any on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or the day after Christmas. We would get the house toasty warm so we could roll out the new rug. This rug would give the room a new look and provide a new layer of insulation to cover the many cracks in the wooden floor.

Soon it was time for my mother to start cooking the Christmas meal. The house was filled with the sights and smells of Christmas. The smells of pine, cinnamon, potatoes, greens, meats and so much more were forever etched in my memory.

When I became a family man, I shared these stories with my wife and children. I also tried to recreate the sights and smells of Christmases past. Most of all, I tried to instill the true meaning of Christmas. My children learned early that Jesus was born to identify with sinful man. Jesus’ primary purpose for coming to earth is to shine the light of truth into this dark world of sin. He became the supreme sacrifice for our sins so we could experience true deliverance and salvation from our sins. They learned that we can experience eternal life.

This Christmas, as we enjoy the lights and beautiful decorations, tell the stories of Christmases past to your families. Please do not forget to tell the true story of how the baby in the manger became “a man of sorrows acquainted with grief. Our sins were placed upon Him who knew no sin.” This same Jesus in now King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He has regained His rightful place at God the Father’s right hand. He stands ready to make intercession for you and me.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. MAY GOD BE FOREVER PRAISED! AMEN!

Rev. Dr. Johnnie E, Hopkins, Sr.
Men's Ministry President

Greetings from the Youth Ministry!

Celebrating the True Gift of Christmas: A Message of Faith and Reflection?



As we celebrate the Christmas season, it is important for all of us—youth, parents, youth leaders, and church leadership—to remember the true essence of this time of year. Christmas is a reminder of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the immense gift of love and salvation He brings to the world.

To our youth, as you enjoy the festivities and gift exchanges, I encourage you to reflect on the deeper meaning behind Christmas. While giving and receiving gifts is a joyful tradition, it is the birth of Jesus that stands at the heart of our celebration. His arrival into the world reminds us of God’s profound love for us, a love that offers grace, hope, and eternal life.

I want to express my gratitude to our youth leaders, parents, and church leadership for your continued support and dedication to nurturing the faith and growth of our youth. Your guidance plays a significant role in helping our young people understand and embrace the true meaning of Christmas.

This holiday season, let us focus on the message of Christ’s birth—His life of love, humility, and sacrifice. As we come together with loved ones, let us share not only gifts but also the love, peace, and joy that Christ has so freely given us. May this Christmas be a time of reflection, gratitude, and renewed faith for all.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas filled with peace and the light of Christ.

Sincerely,
Alexandria Hunt-Quarles
Youth Ministry President

"But let all be done properly and in an orderly manner." (1 Cor. 14:40 NASB)

BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF VA



This informative one-day conference is designed for Pastors, Trustees, Deacons, Treasurers, Finance Ministry, Finance Committee, etc.

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BGCVA LILLY ENDOWMENT INITIATIVE CHURCH LEARNING GRANT

Congratulations to the 2024 recipients of the Lilly Endowment Initiative Church Learning Grant. Thirteen churches from around the state, representing each region will receive the \$1,500 grant. The awardees are as follows:

- Faith Community Baptist Church (Richmond)
- First Baptist Church Hampton (Hampton)
- First Gravel Hill Baptist Church (Smithfield)
- Greater Brandon Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (Alton)
- Mount Olive Baptist Church (Centreville)
- Mount Olive Baptist Church (Northumberland)
- New Life Faith Center (Henrico)
- New Mount Calvary Baptist Church (Eastern Shore)
- Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church (South Boston)
- Providence Transformation

- Church International (Lynchburg)
- St John Baptist Church (Williamsburg)
- Thirty-first Street Baptist Church (Richmond)
- Union Street Missionary Baptist Church (Danville)

Applicants were asked to respond to a series of questions that expressed how the grant funds will be used to expand upon the church's current mission in the community. Twenty-three churches submitted applications for the first of five grants. The grants will be offered every year for the next five years.

The selection of learning grant awardees was a blinded process that involved having reviewers who were both skilled in these types of processes as well as steeped in the missional work of the church. The BGC grant staff were intentional in selecting persons from across the five regions of the state to review applications and provide feedback using a carefully constructed assessment rubric. Due

to three churches receiving the same score, the Lilly Grant staff increased the number of recipients from the original plan to award 10 churches a grant, to awarding 13 churches a grant.

The awardees will begin the process of implementing their proposed ideas over the next several weeks. The Lilly Grant staff will provide continued support as churches embark upon their expanded ministry.

All churches are encouraged to consider applying for the \$1,500 grant during next year's cycle. For more information on the Church Learning Grant and the other [Lilly Endowment Grant](#) opportunities, please call the BGCVA office at (804) 228-2421, or email info@bgcva.org





Baptist General Convention of VA

2025 Event Calendar

January

- 15 Day for All People at General Assembly
- 19 Statewide BGCVA Day
- 20-21 MLK Celebration and Day of Ministry Service
- 25 **Virtual Church Finance and Tax Compliance Conference**

February

- 4 Heart Health Webinar
- 6 SACRED SPACES Webinar
- 7 VUU Founders' Day
- 22 FAMILY ACP Workshop, Richmond

March

- 13 SACRED SPACES Webinar

April

- 10 Hybrid Executive Committee Meeting
- 17 Virtual Spring General Board Meeting
- 27 FAMILY ACP Workshop, Richmond
- 26 **Hybrid VBS Conference**

May (First Responders Month)

- 2-3 Regional Institute, Roanoke
- 17 FAMILY ACP Workshop, Richmond
- 22 SACRED SPACES Webinar

June

- 7 Hybrid Children, Youth, & Youth Workers Conference & Empowerment - No Judgement Zone!
- 22-26 **Hybrid 126th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation, Hilton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Ave NE, Roanoke, VA 24016**

July

- 5 77th Children's Home Founders' Day
- 12 BGC Day @ Kings Dominion
- 18-20 Lilly Grant and Youth Retreat, Eagle Eyrie – Lynchburg

August

- 15-16 Virtual Back 2 School Weekend

September (Christian Faith Formation Month)

- 11 Virtual General Board Strategic Planning Meeting
- 13 **Virtual Faith Formation Conference**
- 20 SDPSTVU Leadership Conference

October (Clergy Appreciation Month)

- 2 Hybrid Executive Committee Meeting
- 9 Virtual Fall General Board Meeting
- 12 Clergy Appreciation Day
- 12-18 BGCVA Week of Prayer

November

- 1 **Hybrid Fall Session, Fifth Baptist Church, Richmond**
- 4 Day of Social Action
- 11-13 Virtual Children's and Youth Revival
- 11-15 VUU Ellison Jones Convocation

December

- 19 Virtual Youth Ministry Lock-In

Weekly

- Every Thursday @ 7:30 PM – Virtual Youth Ministry Advisory Team: Meeting & Training

Monthly

- Every 1st Monday @ 7PM – Virtual Men's Ministry Meeting
- Every 1st Thursday @ 12PM – Virtual Clergy Conversations
- Every 3rd Monday @ 7 AM – Women's Ministry Prayer Call-in
- Every 3rd Monday @ 12 PM & 6 PM – Virtual Ministry Training Track
- Every 4th Thursday @ 7 PM – Virtual Moderators' & Association Leaders' Meeting

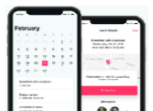
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More information on our events can be found at www.bgcva.org.

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





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