

135th Annual Session Of The
Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies



REVEREND DR. ROBERT L. ELLIOTT, JR., MODERATOR
JULY 2017 - JULY 2018

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THEME

"Equipping Saints For Kingdom Service"

*Unity * Commitment * Stewardship * Mission*

Acts 2:42

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LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES

135TH ANNUAL SESSION

Reverend Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator



SESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 8, 2018

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE & HOLY COMMUNION

Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Session Officially Opens
with Worship Service at 3:00 p.m.

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**Monday, July 9, 2018 - 11:30 A.M.**

**Pastor's Power Luncheon at Smithfield Station, Smithfield, VA**

NOTE: PASTORS ONLY - Members do not attend.

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Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

MISSIONS PROGRAM

5:30 p.m. - Registration

6:30 p.m. - Mission Session/Facilitator/March

Sis. Holly Flood, CEO, The Holly Flood Group, LLC, Portsmouth, VA

CLERGY & ASSOC. MINISTERS SESSION

7:30 p.m. Mission Message

Rev. Dr. Kim Shivers, Solomon's Temple, Smithfield, VA

YOUTH GOSPEL EXPLOSION

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Smithfield Skating Rink, Smithfield, VA

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**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

**Main Street Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA**

**ANNUAL BOLDEN BRADBY SCHOLARSHIP FUND BANQUET**

6:00 p.m. Registration - 6:30 p.m. Banquet

Session Speaker:

Dr. Christopher C. Carter

New Hope Baptist Church, Newport News, VA

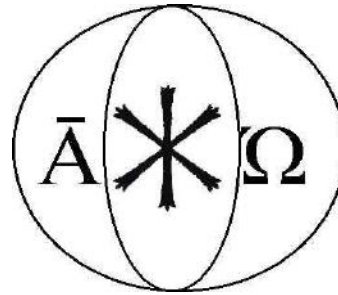
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## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.

LVBA Moderator



Dearly Beloved Association Members and Friends,

It is with a humble spirit and a grateful heart that I greet you with salutations of peace, love and joy. It has truly been an honor to serve in this prestigious position for this august body for this past year. I am extremely grateful for the cooperation of all pastors, department heads and especially the executive council during this tenure. Your willingness to work harmoniously with me has made the transition of becoming your moderator one of delight. Thus far, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve in this capacity. It is my sincere hope and prayer that we will continue in the spirit of cooperation in the future. I am persuaded that when we work together, God is pleased and will continue to bless and use us in a mighty and magnificent way.

During our 2018 Annual Session, let us take time to honor our past, celebrate our present and visualize our future. With the guidance and directives of God and with an obedient mindset of his people, I wholeheartedly believe that the future is bright for the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association. I am aware that change is not always readily accepted, but if we follow God's mandates and be obedient to him, there is no telling how God will extend and enlarge our territory.

I solicit your prayers for your Association and me, as we press onward and upward striving to continue to do God's will. In all that we do, please remember that ***"ONLY WHAT WE DO FOR CHRIST WILL LAST"***!

Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Elliott, Jr.".

Moderator

# MEMBERS

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES  
MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION  
CHURCH NAME – PHONE NUMBER – PASTOR**

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| First Baptist Church Wakefield    | (757) 899-2407 | Rev. Jerry Parham                    |
| First Gravel Hill Baptist Church  | (757) 357-5550 | Rev. Alexander Bracey, III           |
| Jerusalem Baptist Church          | (804) 834-3439 | Rev. George Brown                    |
| Lebanon Baptist Church Disputanta | (804) 541-6651 | Rev. Dr. James Barnes                |
| Lebanon Baptist Church Surry      | (757) 294-3551 | Rev. Douglas Adams                   |
| Little Zion Baptist Church        | (757) 357-4830 | Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell         |
| Main Street Baptist Church        | (757) 357-2604 | Rev. Dr. James Harrison              |
| Morning Star Baptist Church       | (757) 866-8512 | Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.      |
| Mount Nebo Baptist Church         | (757) 294-3342 | Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Baltimore         |
| Mount Sinai Baptist Church        | (757) 357-2671 | Rev. Melvin Lyttle                   |
| New Jones Grove Baptist Church    | (757) 357-7480 | Rev. Alvin E. Pierce                 |
| Poplar Lawn Baptist Church        | (757) 294-3839 | Rev. Dr. Bruce E. Childs             |
| Rising Star Baptist Church        | (757) 357-7173 | Rev. Terrell Batten                  |
| Sandy Mount Baptist Church        | (757) 520-0578 | Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Taylor             |
| Swan's Point Baptist Church       | (757) 866-0507 | Rev. Dr. Leo Whitaker (Pastor Elect) |
| Union Baptist Church              | (804) 834-3255 | Rev. Antonio Meade                   |

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First Division Tidewater Sunday School Union  
Second Division Tidewater Sunday School Union  
Surry County Sunday School Union



## 2017 - 2018 LVBA OFFICERS

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr..... | Moderator                                 |
| Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Taylor.....       | 1st Moderator                             |
| Rev. Dr. Alexander Bracey, III..... | 2nd Moderator                             |
| Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas, III.....   | Association Dean                          |
| Sis. Paulette T. Scott.....         | Executive Secretary                       |
| Sis. Linda Gholston.....            | Recording Secretary                       |
| Rev. Sylvia Flood.....              | Assistant Recording Secretary             |
| Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones.....         | Financial Secretary                       |
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| Sis. Catherine I. J. Blount.....    | Musician                                  |
| Dea. George L. Fauntleroy, Sr.....  | Assistant Musician                        |
| Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell.....   | Pres. Div. of Clergy                      |
| Dea. R. C. Montgomery.....          | Pres. Div. of Laymen                      |
| Dea. Joseph Anderson.....           | Vice-Pres. Div. of Laymen                 |
| Sis. Lillie White.....              | Pres. Div. of Missions                    |
| Sis. Dorothy Bailey.....            | Vice-Pres. Div. of Missions               |
| Sis. Henrietta Tullis.....          | Chair Div. of Christian Education         |
| Rev. Boris Kizzie.....              | Co-Chair Div of Christian Education       |
| Rev. Thomasine Wrenn.....           | Chair Div. of Youth                       |
| Rev. Tera James.....                | Co-Chair Div of Youth                     |
| Dea. Carl Smith.....                | Chair Finance Committee                   |
| Sis. Angela Williams.....           | Chair Registration Committee              |
| Dea. Edward Jones.....              | Chair Time & Place Committee              |
| Dea. Morris G. Hall.....            | Chair Ministers & Deacons Relief          |
| Rev. Predist Walker.....            | Co-Chair Ministers & Deacons Relief       |
| Rev. Sylvia Flood.....              | Chair Nominating Committee                |
| Sis. Sabrina Denson.....            | Co-Chair Nominating Committee             |
| Sis. Angelia Cosby.....             | Chair Condolence Committee                |
| Sis. Sheila Bailey.....             | Chair Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee |
| Dea. Dalton Batten.....             | Chair New Bodies Committee                |
| Dea. Edward Jones.....              | Historian                                 |
| Host Church of Annual Session.....  | Chair Hospitality Committee               |
| Dea. Ellen L. Jones.....            | Association Mother                        |
| Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones.....         | Chair Ad Hoc Committee                    |
| Dea. Carl Smith.....                | Chair Website Committee                   |



LVBA MINUTES  
&  
PLANNING  
SESSIONS

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES  
CALL MEETING**

**August 5, 2017**

**Morning Star Baptist Church – Spring Grove, VA  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator**

The meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> was a call meeting by the Moderator, Dr. Elliott as a leadership/guidance meeting for the Association.

Moderator, Dr. Elliott stated with the association that the ways we are doing ministry have to change if we want to change.

All delegates need to attend the meeting on September 9, 2017 due to the fact that we will have several important items on the agenda that will be voted on.

Rev. Lucas asked the question, "What if there are Non-Baptist churches who desire to join, what would we do. Rev. Elliott responded that if the group does not have a belief/foundation of the Baptist belief, we would need to reconsider that request. The question was also asked by Moderator, Dr. Elliott what was an allied body. After much discussion, the Moderator, stated that the executive council will look at the constitution and make revisions where needed.

Ms. Crosby asked what the duty of the condolence committee is and how are they to know the deaths among the association churches. In response to her question, we will be notifying the churches and ask them to submit deaths to the committee.

Ms. Cosby expressed her appreciation to the association for the plaque which she was presented.

*The question was asked by the Moderator as to the limitations of the executive council. Dee. Jones, the historian responded that the executive council the planning session is one and the same.*

Moderator Discussion Items

The sessions will now be moved to Sunday afternoon with different sessions for everyone to include the youth.

The Fall Session will be held at Mt. Nebo on October 29, 2017 at 3 p.m. there was also a discussion about the time and place for the planning sessions. Moderator Elliott stated that we will continue to hold them as they are for one year.

We will be developing a theme which will be used for the entire year. Rev. Lucas stated that we have had themes but as a body, we have not worked on theme.

As an incentive to improve attendance for the planning sessions, we will be doing an attendance banner to exclude the host church and church in charge of the service

The new time for the next planning session will be September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Morning Star.

#### Moderator Remarks

Dr. Elliott stated that he wanted to see more activities from the different divisions within the association and that he also wanted to see the association more active and on one accord. Dr. Elliott stated that at his objective was to leave the association at the end of his 2 years at a better place than when his position started. He also stated that the strength of the association is the Pastors.

Meeting ended at 1:39 with prayer by Moderator, Dr. Elliott.

Submitted by:

Sis. Linda Gholston



# LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES

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## THEME:

**“By The Grace Of The Cross, The Church and The Community”**

## FALL PLANNING SESSION MEETING

September 9, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Morning Star Baptist Church – Spring Grove, VA

*Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr. Moderator*

## AGENDA

### DEVOTIONS

Scripture

Prayer

- I. Minutes from previous meeting
- II. Past Business
  - a. Review of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Session – July 11 – 13, 2017
- III. Present Business
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Bolden Bradby Scholarship Report
  - c. Budget Report
  - d. Deacon & Minister Relief Fund
  - e. Other Committee Reports
- IV. Future Business
  - a. Fall Session – Sunday, October 29, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.  
Mount Nebo Baptist Church – Surry, VA  
Rev. Dr. Daniel Baltimore, Host Pastor  
Div. of Youth (Rev. Thomasene Wrenn & Rev. Tera James)
  - b. Attendance Banner
  - c. Voting on Time and Place
  - d. New Theme
- V. Moderator’s Recommendations & Comments
- VI. Presentation to Executive Dining Staff
- VII. Benediction



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September 29, 2017  
3:00 p.m.  
FALL SESSION

Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association & Allied Bodies

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator

Theme:  
Unity ~ Commitment ~ Stewardship ~ Mission

Session Focus: "UNITY"

HOST CHURCH:  
Mount Nebo Baptist Church - Surry, Virginia  
Host Pastor - Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Baltimore

GUEST CHURCH:  
Cypress Baptist Church - Elberon, Virginia  
Rev. Dr. Millard F. Boone, III, Pastor

FALL SESSION

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
&  
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FACILITATORS

\*Rev. Predist Walker

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\*Rev. Shenita Pretlow

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Presiding.....Rev. Dr.Alexander Bracey, III,  
2nd Moderator

Opening Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Welcome

Response from LVBA

Moderator's Moment

Introduction of Facilitators\*

Offering

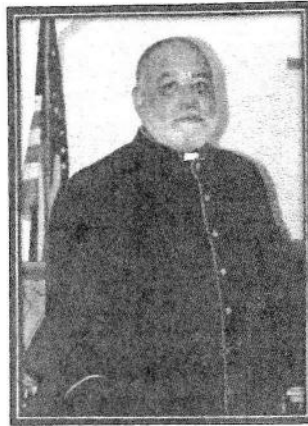
Selection

Sermonette.....Rev. Dr. Millard F. Boone, III  
Pastor, Cypress Baptist Church, Elberon, VA

Invitational Selection

Moderator's Reflections.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.



**Minister Predist Walker, Sr.**

**Minister Predist Walker, Sr. was born in Dublin, Georgia. His parents are Boise and Christine Walker-Dixon; step-father Jimmie Curtis Dixon, all deceased. He has five brothers and one sister. He is married to the former Vonda Lowery. He received his elementary and secondary school education in the Newport News public school system. He accepted Christ at age fourteen and had a dream to preach. He started ministering to other neighborhood youth in an old barn. On June 17, 2007, Min. Walker became an ordained Deacon at New Birth Baptist Church in Newport News, VA. under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Julius Evans. He was a teacher of Christian education and continued to study, search and research scripture until it became a part of him. He was called to ministry in January 2007, preached his initial sermon and was licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ on January 21, 2007 under the spiritual leadership of Rev. John Davis, III. Min. Walker attended Paul D. Camp Community College in 2007 during that time his course of study was that of Christian Education and Public Speaking. He currently hold the positions of Adult Christian Education teacher and Associate Minister under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Taylor.**

*Rev. Predist Walker was ordained, Aug 8, 2015*

**He believed then and more so now (Philippians 4:13)  
"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."**

## Psalms 133:1-3

This song is one of the fifteen degrees penned by King David (1 Sam. 13:14), a man after God's own heart (2 Chron. 30:1-9). Hezekiah also realized this Psalm was suited for his purpose. He sent word to his people and called a Passover to the Lord God of Israel (Phil. 3:13-15). The Apostle Paul would say "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended but one thing I do forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press towards the goal of the prize of the upward call of God, which is in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let us as many as are mature have this mind and anything else you think otherwise God will reveal even this to you (2 Sam. 19:9-14). After David's son, Absalom was purposed to reign as king in his father's stead, but God had seen fit to remove the king's enemies. A kingdom divided against itself will fall (Matt. 12:25) and David mourns for his son, after that he swayed all the hearts of all the men of Judah to come together as one man—bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh and he appointed them to keep the Lord's Passover. So unity was once again established in Israel.

The number one denotes Unity, Beginnings and Commencement.

The Psalmist states, Behold! which cautions us to pay attention, look and see, gaze at or be eager to apprehend through sight (Matt. 6:22, Luke 11:34). The lamp of the body is the eye. If the eye is single, then the whole body is full of light.

When studying God's word the Old and New Testaments are covenants united in one purpose. The Old is history and the New is revelations of the mysteries of God and His covenant relationship with men.

The greatest examples of Unity you will find in the Epistle of John 5:6-8. When you see the Father, you see the Holy Spirit. When you see the Son (Word), you see the Holy Spirit. Those three are complete in itself and inseparable. They are the Power and the Glory (Acts 1:8).

God commanded us to be Holy because He is Holy. If we can let this mind be in us that is also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5, 6). Those who walk in the Spirit are sons of God and Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren. He works in us to will and do his good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). When we accept Him as our Lord and Saviour, He gives us of His Spirit as a guarantee (I Cor. 5:5), a seal of ownership (Gen. 1:1-4).

The Spirit began to correct what Satan and his demons had destroyed. This was Day One (Unity). The Holy Spirit is both the Creator and Keeper of essential unity of the body of Christ (Church).



The gifts are seen in the light of Unity and result in the perfection of the Saints for the work of the ministry (Eph. 4:12).

For example, Genesis 2:24. This relationship is called marriage. the merging of two spirits as one. The woman came out of man and reunited as one in marriage. Bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh. Similar to the covenant relationship God had with that Patriarchs, the House of Judah and Israel (Ezek. 16:6-14) and also in Abraham who believed God and it was accounted righteousness. Abraham trusted whatever God would say and do. He was willing to sacrifice his son, Isaac after he had waited so long for him. His faith was tested to the limit. Abraham and God were on one accord (Gen. 22:6).

Abraham rose early that morning to do what God had asked his to do. He told his servants, "Stay here while I and the lad will go yonder and worship and we will come back to you." Abraham had no doubt in his mind that God would not take his son unless he replaced him with something better. Isaac and Abraham were united in worship to God. Isaac was bound up, he saw the wood for the sacrifice but he did not complain. He was walking through the valley of the shadow of death; he feared no evil because he knew God was with him. They trusted the Lord with all their hearts and leaned not to their own understanding, in all their ways they acknowledged Him and He directed their path.

Call upon me and pray to me and I will listen to you. And you will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart (Jer. 29:11-13; Rom. 14:7-9). I'll close with Acts 2:1-8).

After God had confounded the language of the people at the Tower of Babel, He restored the understanding of all languages in the Upper Room. They were of one mind on one accord, there was no lack.

I present to you Saints not to grieve the Holy Spirit, listen to that still small voice that the prophet Eliazah spoke of. His is always leading and guiding into all truth, study to be quiet (1 Thes. 4:11), and listen to God. He is always speaking, but some of us have too much noise in the temple to hear Him.

The Holy Spirit is like the precious oils upon the head, running down on the beard the beard of Aaron running down to the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon descending upon mountains of Zion for the Lord commanded the blessing, LIFE FOREVER. The idea is not the motion of the dew or the oil, but the uniting of the two as one—Judah and Israel, the wife and the body of Christ.

# Lady Shaneta V. Pretlow



Shaneta Pretlow is a native of Smithfield, VA. She is the daughter of James and Anginetta Pretlow of Smithfield, VA. She is a graduate of Smithfield High School. Shaneta continued her education at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a concentration in English and a minor in business. She also received her Masters of Education in Educational Leadership and Administration at Virginia State University as well. Shaneta felt compelled to continue her education by pursuing a terminal degree. She is currently in the dissertation stage of a Doctoral Degree in Education in Educational Leadership and Curriculum Design/Instruction at the

University of Phoenix.

Lady Pretlow as she is affectionately called due to her ability to uplift, encourage, and pray for those she comes in contact with; teachers, students, staff, and parents. Lady Pretlow has forever been a lover of education and has longed quenched her passion of educating children for 17 years. God has placed a gift in her to empower the world one student at a time. Her students love and respect her as a positive role model, a beacon of light and hope that students feel comfortable sharing. Her desire is to instill in her students, not to be quick to move the mountain, when challenges arise, but find a way to climb it. Lady Pretlow began her career in Richmond, VA. Today she is a proud educator in the Suffolk Public School district.

Lady Pretlow is the loving mother of one daughter, Shania. She has proven to be the apple of her eyes. The two share an unbreakable mother daughter bond. Lady Pretlow enjoys watching herself in her daughter growing in the knowledge of Christ. Lady Pretlow sticks to the practices of training a child up in the way they should go, so when they grow older they will not depart from it. The two enjoy ministering together through song throughout the Hampton Roads area.

Lady Pretlow was called into the ministry at an early age, but like most ran until she could not hide the anointing and call that was on her life. She finally accepted the call to ministry February 5, 2014 at Living Water Tabernacle Baptist Church in Hampton, VA, under the leadership and visionary of Pastor Stacy R. Porter, Sr. Her roots of ministry began at Sandy Mount Baptist Church in Smithfield, VA. Lady Pretlow has served in many capacities of the church; Youth coordinator, Church clerk, Church secretary, Youth Praise Dance Leader, Praise and Worship Team, Worship Leader, Choir, Youth and Adult Choir Director, Church Program/Events Coordinator, and Christian Board of Education Coordinator. Lady Pretlow has also been featured in gospel plays by JoMarc Productions, where she was able to display her love of singing and acting.

Lady Pretlow loves the Lord with her whole heart, mind, body and soul. Lady Pretlow would want those to know that she is a baptized, born again believer that Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and resurrected. She is a true worshiper, and worships God in spirit and in truth. She believes that God has called her for such a time as this to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in season, and out of season a workman that need not to be ashamed. Most importantly she believes that one should not be just a preacher of the word but live a life that reflects Christ. Her favorite saying is "I'm living this life just to live again."

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES  
WINTER PLANNING SESSION  
November 11, 2017  
Morning Star Baptist Church – Spring Grove, VA  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator**

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 am by Moderator Elliott. Next, we had the scripture reading Ephesians 4: 1-6 by Rev. Taylor and prayer by Rev. Bracey.

The minutes from the last meeting was read and a motion was made by Dea. Smith to accept them.

**Past Business**

**Review of the Fall Session**

- The session was well attended and enjoyed by all
- Session was too long
- The session was well planned even though it was long, churches were more able to attend because it was opened to the public

Moderator Elliott stated that the event was long because some of the speakers were longer than assigned. However, he stated that in the future, assignments will be followed as directed. When comparing the session to previous ones, attendance was a great improvement. In the past we put more focus on training sessions for the churches. Mr. Montgomery shared that he felt we had numbers but didn't have enough teaching time within the sessions. Moderator Elliott stated that at this time, our focus was to draw the people in and once they are in then we can focus on the training. He also stated that the association should not take place of the trainings which should be taking place in your home church.

**Present Business**

**Treasurer Report**

(See Finance Committee) The report was approved as read.

Instead of having individual funds, all monies will be under the LVB account. Moderator Elliott gave Mrs. Montgomery permission to get a safe deposit box and online banking. We did have an audit performed, and everything was found to be good.

**Bolden Bradley**—there have been no transactions in the account.

**Registration Committee**-- In the past at the registration table, we all signed in and put your church name on the registration sheet, however, starting with the next session there will be a pre-registration sheet sent to each church for them to complete and return before the sessions





## LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES

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### THEME:

*“Equipping The Saints of God For Kingdom Service”  
Unity \* Commitment\* Stewardship \* Mission*

### WINTER PLANNING SESSION MEETING

November 11, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Star Baptist Church – Spring Grove, VA

*Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr. Moderator*

### AGENDA

#### DEVOTIONS

Scripture

Prayer

- I. Minutes from previous meeting
- II. Past Business
  - a. Review of the Fall Session – October 29, 2017
- III. Present Business
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Bolden Bradby Scholarship Report
  - c. Deacon & Minister Relief Fund
  - d. Other Committee Reports
- IV. Future Business
  - a. Winter Session – Sunday, January 14, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.  
Main Street Baptist Church – Smithfield, VA  
Rev. Dr. James Harrison, Host Pastor  
**FOCUS: COMMITMENT** All Divisions Involved
  - b. Attendance Banner
- V. Moderator’s Recommendations & Comments
- VI. Presentation to Executive Dining Staff
- VII. Benediction



**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
REVEREND DR. ROBERT L. ELLIOTT, JR., MODERATOR**



**2018 WINTER SESSION  
Will be held at  
MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH – SMITHFIELD, VA  
Rev. Dr. James Harrison– Host Pastor**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018  
3:00 P.M.**

**The Guest Church will be  
MOUNT NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH – SURRY, VA  
The Sermonette will be delivered by the Guest Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Baltimore**

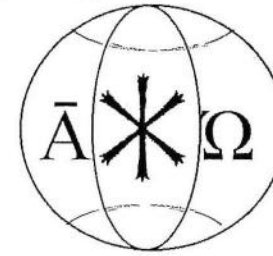
**All Divisions will focus on “COMMITMENT”**

**LVBA THEME:  
“Equipping The Saints For Kingdom Service”  
Unity \* Commitment \* Stewardship \* Mission  
Acts 2:42**

2017 - 2018

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January 28, 2018  
3:00 p.m.  
WINTER SESSION

Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association & Allied Bodies

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator

Theme:  
"Equipping Saints For Kingdom Service"  
Unity ~ Commitment ~ Stewardship ~ Mission

Session Focus: "COMMITMENT"

HOST CHURCH:  
Main Street Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. James Harrison

GUEST CHURCH:  
Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Surry, VA  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Baltimore

WINTER SESSION

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
&  
ALLIED BODIES

**Facilitators**

Minister Rashaun Hill  
Friendship Congregation Church of God  
Petersburg, VA

Rev. Jerry Holmes  
First Baptist Church  
Norfolk, VA

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Presiding.....Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Taylor, LVBA 1st Moderator

Opening Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Welcome

Response from LVBA

Moderator's Moment

Introduction of Facilitators

Offering

Selection

Sermonette by:

Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Baltimore  
Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Surry, VA

Invitational Selection

Moderator's Reflections.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.

## *Minister Hill*

In order to stay committed and keep commitments; in order to finish strong by Staying in the Boat until we cross the finish line, we need to focus on full commitment to God. We must constantly reach toward the Great Expectations He has for us with regard to commitment. His way is the only way to truly stay committed.

The Bible gives many examples of individuals who stayed committed to God and as a result kept their commitments to themselves and others as well. Their stories and lives provide terrific lessons we too can apply in our own struggle to stay committed.

Your commitment does not depend on the honesty of others. (Joshua 9)

Joshua made a mistake trusting the Gibeonites, yet he still kept his promise to them because he knew how God felt about keeping his word. Their being deceitful had no bearing upon whether or not Joshua kept his commitments even though doing so still had significant consequences.

Just because your circumstances change does not mean your commitment should. (Daniel 6)

Daniel showed commitment to God over a lifetime. His life spells out the most important aspects of keeping commitments: Extraordinary spirit, faithfulness, living according to God's will, praying continually despite consequences, living under God's protection & affecting others through commitment.

Your friends and culture do not have to agree with your commitment. (Genesis 7 & Hebrews 11:7)

Moses stayed committed to God even when he most likely faced tremendous peer and cultural pressures. Let's be clear that scripture does not say he had peer pressure. We are making a pretty safe assumption based on the corrupt culture of the day and the fact that it had probably not rained since creation (Genesis 2:5-6). Moses kept to God's instructions regardless of the influence of the surrounding culture or of his peers.

How you feel has nothing to do with whether or not you keep a commitment. (1 Samuel 1:11, 24-28)

Hannah was infertile and had prayed that God would open her womb and allow her to have a son. She then promised that son would belong to God "all the days of his life." If you have children, remember back to before you had your first child. Did you even come close to imagining the depth of love you would have for him/her? With that in mind, do you think Hannah's heart was breaking when she gave her son to the Lord while he was still very young? But she kept her commitment to God anyway regardless of what her feelings wanted her to do.

Making your life line up with God's will sometimes means fulfilling back commitments. (Philemon)

Onesimus was Philemon's slave who had escaped. He became a Christian, and Paul sent him back to Philemon to keep his commitment. Sometimes, we have back-commitments we'll have to keep when we get right with God in any area of our lives.

You can still keep your commitments when others release you from them. (Ruth 1:16-18)

Ruth was under no obligation to keep her commitment to Naomi, her husband's mother. Yet, she made the decision to stay with Naomi and never deterred from that decision. God blessed Ruth for her devotion. He blessed her for making a decision and following it all the way through totally and completely.

God Himself provides the perfect picture of commitment.

God has kept and/or is keeping His commitment to Israel (whole Old Testament), to Abram (Genesis 12:1-3 & Nehemiah 9:8, 23), and even to Satan (Genesis 3:15; 1 John 3:8; Romans 16:20; 1 Corinthians 15:25-26) just to name a few of the big ones. God was and is faithful to the unfaithful, rebellious, doubting & wandering.

He made His commitment to us before the world was even created. (Matthew 25:34), and His commitment to us shows we can trust Him. Likewise, when we stay committed, we build trust with God and with others.



# Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies

Winter Session

January 28, 2018 3:00 pm

Division of Christian Education

## “Commitment”

### **THE GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

1. The goal of this lesson is to aid the participant in understanding their commitment to Christ.
2. The objective is for the participant to see how living out their commitment empowers them to impact the world, their church and their family for Christ.

### **Dictionary** defines commitment as

the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.:

**synonyms:** dedication · devotion · allegiance · loyalty · faithfulness · fidelity

a pledge or undertaking: "I cannot make such a commitment at the moment"

**synonyms:** vow · promise · pledge · oath · contract · pact · deal · decision ·

an engagement or obligation that restricts freedom of action: "business commitments" ·

**synonyms:** responsibility · obligation · duty · tie · liability · task · engagement ·

### **Wisdom** Says

On page 140, from the book “*The Road Less Traveled*” M. Scott Peck writes that commitment is the determination to faithfully perform our vows, promises and responsibilities—is essential in all successful relationships: "Commitment is the foundation, the bedrock of any genuinely loving relationship" Without a commitment there is no marriage they are just co habituating!

What does the **Bible** say about commitments?

### **Commitment**

Several words are utilized to express **commitment**. *First*, commitment communicates the entrusting of something valuable to another person [Gk *tithemi*— to commit, commend, assign; *paradidomi*— to give over, commit]. *Second*, commitment additionally includes the responsibility to practice specific activities [Gk *poieo*— to do, cause, commit; *prasso*— to do, practice, commit].



The subject of commitment runs through the whole Bible. If we take it out of the Bible, we won't have any Bible left to read, for commitment lies at the heart of our relationship with God.

There are numerous references in the Bible addressing the Christian's commitment in various aspects of life: to our families, neighbors, employers, the church, our health, and in all things we do and say (Ephesians 6:5; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 10:31-32).

**Hebrews 10:25 Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

But the Bible also teaches that the chief commitment of our lives is to God Himself. Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38).

This is not just a New Testament thing: Old Testament, in Deuteronomy 6:5-7:

Love the LORD your God with all your **heart**, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (HCSB)

Whether you are asleep or awake, or outside the house or inside, you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. That is total commitment, plain and simple.

**1 Kings 8:61** Your **hearts** must be fully committed to the LORD our God, to live by His decrees and obey His Commands.

Our Hearts

First, we'll state the obvious: this verse is not about the heart as a vital organ, a muscle that pumps blood throughout the body. Neither is this verse concerned with romantic, philosophical, or literary definitions. The essence of who we are must be committed to our God!

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We walk down the aisle of a church and declare our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior

With tears in our eyes we say unto God, I am all yours...whatever you need Lord...If you can use anybody use me!

And you know what's funny---we mean it too!

We are going to be committed to God, Our Church and this Organization

Then Life Happens!

1. unexpected things happen
2. physically, emotionally or mentally we can not keep the commitment
3. cost us more than we thought.....time, money, or life style

Story of man that would help build a well in Africa!

He told the Missionary Ministry he would pay for a well to be dug in an African village. When the price came back, he decided he wasn't going to pay that much. See commitment sometimes cost more than we want to pay!

But we have to stay committed regardless of the cost!

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

You say that you are my sheep,  
why aren't you following Me?  
You say that I am your shepherd,  
why are you following Me?

This must be an inside job.....if we are to stay committed to our God, our Church  
and our Organizations.....it must be an inside job

Inky Johnson Story

Commitment is  
staying true to what I said was going to do, long after the moment I said it

Real commitment is staying with something even when its not going your way!

Luke: 22

41 And He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, where He knelt down and prayed,

42 "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me. Yet not My will, but Yours be done."

43 Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him....

1. Stay Connected to the One you Committed To! (prayer/devotion)
2. Stay focus on the Cause in which you committed (kingdom agenda)
3. Celebrate that God will care for you! (bless you through others)

Psalm 37:5 ESV Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Proverbs 16:3 ESV Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

2 Timothy 4:7 ESV I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES  
SPRING PLANNING SESSION  
February 10, 2018  
Morning Star Baptist Church – Spring Grove, VA  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am by Moderator Elliott with the opening song, What A Friend We Have In Jesus. Next, we had the scripture reading from Hebrews: 10:19- 24 by Rev. Bobby Taylor and prayer by Dr. Lucas.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as read.

**Past Business**

Moderator Elliott asked the attendees for a feedback of the Winter Session, these are some of those responses:

- Rev. Adams stated that it was an awesome session and he felt that this was the best session which we have held.
- Ms. Clarice Jones felt that it was a good session but suggested that we be able to hear the presentation from both of the speakers. Moderator Elliott stated that we will take that idea into consideration.
- Minister Sylvia Flood shared that the youth speaker was also awesome. She felt that he was very prepared for his presentation and he was able to hold the attention of the youth and adults that attended that session.
- Moderator Elliott also stated that he felt that session was a great success, the attendance was great and the presented material was good. It was also stated by the Moderator that in the future, he would like to see the youth session divided down into the smaller groups and he will be meeting with the division to establish this setup
- There was also a suggestion made that the sessions be recorded.

**Present business**

- **Treasurer's Report**  
(See Finance Committee) The report was received as read.
- **Bolden Bradby**  
At the present time, 13 students have applied, 11 students have submitted their paperwork



The Moderator was presented with a draft of an updated application with some needed corrections made.

The following question was presented by the Moderator:

Moderator Elliott had a concern that we would change the time of awarding to the beginning of the semester instead of January, but proof of enrollment must be provided. Rev. Blackwell stated that he agreed with that recommendation. A motion was made that the scholarship be awarded after proof of enrollment.

### **Division of Clergy**

Rev. Blackwell stated that he felt that they were off to a good start. He shared with the association that there will be an event on March 12-14 at Little Zion in Smithfield with a session for the ministers. On the second day, there will be a session for the First Ladies.

### **Future Business**

#### **Spring Session**

Moderator Elliott stated that he is looking into moving the location so that we will have more space. He is also asking the committee to consider moving the location to Lebanon Baptist Church in Surry.

The presiding church will be Rev. Batten and Rising Star

Adult facilitator Rev. Whittaker

Youth facilitator Elder Marion King

Currently, we have two churches which have given their commitment to joining the Association:

First Baptist Church Wakefield Va.—Rev. Jerry Parham

Ferguson Grove Baptist Church—Rev. Douglas Charity

A motion was made that we receive both of these churches to join the Association.

Rev. Batten asked the question as to if the churches that join had to be Baptist. The Moderator stated that they would have the same Baptist standards as the Association.

### **Attendance Banner**

The banner was awarded to Sandy Mount Baptist Church.



In a previous meeting, the vote was to award the banner by percent, but Morning Star as the only church that submitted their numbers by percent. At the next session, if the churches do not submit their percent, they will not be eligible for the banner. The registration forms need to be completed when submitted. Moderator Elliott stressed again that the purpose of the banner is to increase attendance.

#### **Moderator Recommendations & Comments**

Moderator Elliott is pleased with the direction that the Association is going and the main objective is to get the Pastors to the Association and on one accord. The more we have involved, the stronger we are. He also stressed again that each division needs to have a program each year.

A suggestion was made by Minister Flood that the scholarship applicants need to attend the Annual Banquet.

#### **Adjournment**

A love offering was presented to the dining staff by Rev. Taylor

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Moderator Elliott at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by:

Sis. Linda Gholston  
Recording Secretary



**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES**

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**THEME:**

***“EQUIPPING SAINTS FOR KINGDOM SERVICE”***  
***Unity \* Commitment \* Stewardship \* Mission***

**SPRING PLANNING SESSION MEETING**

**February 10, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Morning Star Baptist Church – Spring Grove, VA**

**Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., *Moderator***

**AGENDA**

**DEVOTIONS**

**Scripture  
Prayer**

- I. Minutes from previous meeting**
  
- II. Past Business:**
  - a. Review Winter Session - January 28, 2018**
  
- III. Present Business:**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report**
  - b. Bolden Bradby Scholarship Report**
  - c. Deacon & Minister Relief Fund**
  - d. Website for LVBA**
  - e. Other Committee Reports**
  
- IV. Future Business:**
  - a. Spring Session**
    - 1. Date – Sunday, April 8, 2018 – 3:00 p.m..**
    - 2. Place – Poplar Lawn Baptist Church- Surry, VA**  
**Rev. Dr. Bruce Childs, Host Pastor**  
**FOCUS: STEWARDSHIP All Divisions Involved**
  - b. Attendance Banner**
  
- V. Moderator’s Recommendations & Comments**
  
- VI. Benediction**



**NEED BY  
JUNE 1, 2018**

**To help us escalate our Annual Session activities, each church is requested to send their updated Statement of Church and any other forms to the Executive Secretary Paulette T. Scott as soon as possible to the mailing address of:**

Lebanon Virginia Baptist Assoc. & Allied Bodies  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator  
19121 Brandon Road  
Spring Grove, VA 23881

**or email to:**  
*ptscottblessed1@gmail.com*

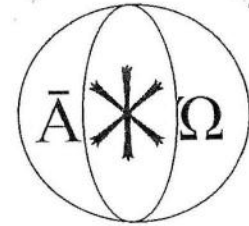
Forms may be copied from any previous Annual Session Journal or you may download the forms from the LVBA website. This will assure us that we have the correct and most current information to represent each church location.

We thank everyone for coming together in unity to make this first year with Dr. Elliott as Moderator a successful one thus far.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Session!

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**April 8, 2018  
3:00 p.m.  
SPRING SESSION**

Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association  
&  
Allied Bodies  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator

Theme:  
"Equipping Saints For Kingdom Service"  
Unity ~ Commitment ~ Stewardship ~ Mission

Session Focus: "STEWARDSHIP"

**HOST CHURCH:**  
Lebanon Baptist Church, Surry, VA  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Douglas Adams

**GUEST CHURCH:**  
Rising Star Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA  
Pastor: Rev. Terrel Batten

**SPRING SESSION**

**LEBANON VIRGINIA  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
&  
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Offering

Selection

Sermonette by:  
Rev. Terrel Batten  
Rising Star Baptist Church  
Smithfield, VA

Invitational Selection

Moderator's Reflections.& Benediction  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.

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**Facilitators**

**(Ages 5-12)**

**Rev. Joan Brown**  
Greater Works Childcare  
Surry, VA  
&

Bibleway Baptist Church, Assoc. Min.  
Surry, VA

**(Ages 13 -18)**

**Elder Marion King, Assoc. Min.**  
New Mount Calvary Holy Church  
Richmond, VA  
&

A Surry County Educator

**Adult**

**Rev. Dr. Leo Whitaker, Pastor Elect**  
Swan's Point Baptist Church  
Spring Grove, VA  
&

Baptist General Convention of VA  
Executive Minister

Presiding  
Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Taylor  
LVBA 1st Moderator

Opening Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Welcome

Response from LVBA

Moderator's Moment

Introduction of Facilitators

## **YOUTH WORKSHOP (AGES 5-7)**

**FACILITATOR – MRS. JOAN NEWBY BROWN**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

*"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."*

~ Psalm 24:1 ~

I. Icebreaker to engage students.

If you are happy and you know it, clap your hands (song).  
Introduction of the children and adult participants.

II. What is a steward? What does stewardship look like? What is faithful stewardship?

(Taking care of and managing what God has given each of us, including money, talents and time).

III. Psalm 24:1 - Students memorize this verse and learn its meaning.

IV. Students will be prepared to quote Psalm 24:1, individually and as a group.

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### **BIOGRAPHY OF MINISTER JOAN NEWBY BROWN**

Minister Joan Newby Brown is the daughter of A. Elizabeth Newby and the late Robert H. Newby. She is the spiritual daughter of Bishop Howard Daniels of Bibleway Baptist Church in Surry, VA. She is the mother of Jovan and Ronald Richardson, Jr. She has a god daughter, named Ebony Newby and six grandchildren. Her favorite scripture is Galatians 6:9.

Minister Brown is an Associate of Bibleway Baptist Church. She is the Founder of Greater Works Outreach Child Care of Surry, VA. She has a special love for all of God's children.





Theme: "Equipping for Kingdom Service," Through...

# "STEWARDSHIP"

Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association  
Youth Division (Ages 12-18)  
Sunday, April 8, 2018  
Elder Marian King, Facilitator

**I. Definition of Stewardship:**

- 1) the act of being a steward (caring for the possessions of another)
- 2) we must take care of what God has provided us that He owns

**II. What are three components of Stewardship?**

- 1) Commitment - of ourselves and possessions to God's service
- 2) Leadership - where faith, ethics, work, and economics intersect
- 3) A Choice - the decision to place value on/in our assignment as stewards

**III. Four important principles of Stewardship:**

- 1) Ownership (Psalm 24:1)
- 2) Responsibility (I Peter 4:10)
- 3) Accountability (I Corin. 4:1-2)
- 4) Reward (Colossians 3:23-24)  
Matthew 25:21

**IV. Examples of Stewardship:**

- 1) Managers
- 2) Bankers
- 3) Assistants
- 4) Pastors
- 5) Teachers
- 6) Parents

**V. What Am I A Steward Of?**

- 1) my time
- 2) my talent(s)
- 3) my abilities
- 4) my opportunities
- 5) my influence
- 6) my finances/my time

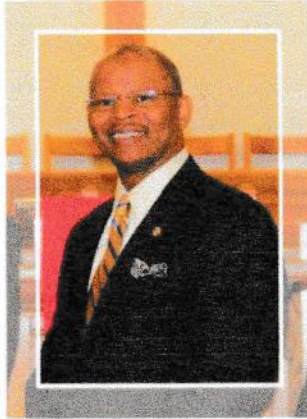
**VI. Can I Be A Better Steward?**

(activity)

**VII. How Is My Stewardship Equipping Me For Kingdom Service?**

(activity)





**Rev. Dr. Leo Whitaker**  
*Pastor Elect*  
**Swan's Point Baptist Church, Spring Grove, VA**

The Rev. Dr. Leo Whitaker is a native of Newport News, Virginia, where he was born the eighth of nine children to the late Perry David and Realer Whitaker. As a young boy, he became a member of the First Church of Newport News (Baptist), where the late Dr. Fred J. Broddie, Jr. was his pastor. He graduated with honors from high school and onto Howard University earning a Bachelor of Arts, Virginia Union University, School of Theology earning a Master of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary earning a Master of Arts in Christian Education, and to earning the Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Union University, School of Theology.

Dr Whitaker broadened his professional scope and training by completing a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program with Sentara Hospital and began serving as full-time chaplain at Sentara Obici Hospital, Suffolk, Virginia, where he most recently served for over six (6) stellar years. In addition, he is the pastoral leader for the Swan's Point Baptist Church in Spring Grove, Virginia.

During the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, in June 2017, he was unanimously invited to serve as it third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Executive Minister, and as of January 1, 2018 Dr. Whitaker has returned to BGC as he firmly believes the BGC is the place to be.

At the BGC, he leads over 1,075 Baptist churches, 29 associations and BGC office staff to greater ministry. Dr. Whitaker has been married to Mrs. Cathy W. Whitaker, a public-school counselor, since December 5, 1987 and together they have two sons, both honor graduates of Norfolk Academy and the College of William and Mary.

Dr. Whitaker believes that the Baptist General Convention of Virginia is the place to be and encourages its member churches and associations to continue to love and support each other while serving the Lord. BGC IS THE PLACE TO BE!

*Video On-Line*



**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES**

**THEME:**

***“EQUIPPING SAINTS FOR KINGDOM SERVICE”***  
***Unity \* Commitment \* Stewardship \* Mission***

**2018 ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION MEETING**  
**May 12, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Morning Star Baptist Church – Spring Grove, VA**  
**Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., *Moderator***

**AGENDA**

**DEVOTIONS**

**Scripture  
Prayer**

- I. Minutes from previous meeting**
- II. Past Business:**
  - a. Review Spring Session – April 8, 2018**
- III. Present Business:**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report**
  - b. Bolden Bradby Scholarship Report**
  - c. Deacon & Minister Relief Fund**
  - d. Website for LVBA**
  - e. Other Committee Reports**
- IV. Future Business:**
  - a. Annual Session**
    - 1. Date – Tue. , July 10, 2018 – Thurs., July 12, 2018**
    - 2. Place – Little Zion Baptist Church  
Smithfield, VA  
Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell  
FOCUS: MISSION All Divisions Involved**
  - b. Annual Journal & Banquet**
  - c. Attendance Banner**
- V. Moderator’s Recommendations & Comments**
- VI. Benediction**

**Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association  
And Allied Bodies  
2018 Annual Planning Session Meeting  
May 12, 2018  
Morning Star Baptist Church – Spring Grove, VA  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am by Moderator Elliott. Next, we had the scripture reading Ephesians 4: 1-15 and prayer by Rev. Bobby Taylor.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.

**Old Business**

Review of the Spring Session

- There was some discussion on the fact that the session facilitators are not staying within the time frames as set by the association. In the future, we will stress that they abide by the set time frame.
- Dea. Montgomery stressed the he felt that the speakers were very capable of providing the information but they could not because of the time restraints which were set. He felt that breaking the youth classes down by age was a very good idea.
- Moderator Elliott stated that he did understand that concern but if the speaker prepares themselves properly they should be able to get their message over in the requested time.
- Dea. Smith stated that the introduction of the facilitators need to cut down.
- Dea. Montgomery stated that he felt that the bio. of the facilitators need to be eliminated. He also suggested that instead of taking time to get to the youth to the different sessions, he felt it would save time if they went directly to their sessions after completing registration. Moderator Elliott along with Rev. Taylor expressed that they felt that the youth need to be in the devotionals so that they can learn how to carry out that portion of the service. Rev. Taylor also shared that at Sandy Mount he is spending time



with the youth training them about the association. Moderator Elliott stated that we will look at this issue in the Fall Planning Session.

### **Treasurer Report**

(See Finance Committee)

Moderator Elliott asked questions as to the objectives. The treasurer report was accepted as presented. Rev. Childs asked if the pastors could receive a copy of the financial report. Moderator Elliott stated that they will be provided with that information

### **Bolden Bradley**

The revised application is currently on the website and the due date is June 15<sup>th</sup>. The checks will be presented to the students at the annual banquet. The applicants will all receive a free ticket for the banquet.

### **Deacon Relief Fund**

Sis. Perlene Montgomery stated that she will like to put all bank statements and minutes into the safe deposit box.

### **Website**

No new information

### **Future Business**

The time and place information is needed by June 1, 2018.

The LBVC history needs to be updated.

The duties and responsibilities of the Deacon Relief committee need to be defined.

The annual session will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Choir Workshop

July 8<sup>th</sup> Opening session at 3pm, but with no facilitators, but instead we will have Communion.

July 9<sup>th</sup> Pastors meeting with Division of Clergy Chairperson-Pastors luncheon 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Smithfield Station  
Equipping session for assistant ministers

July 10<sup>th</sup> Youth Gospel Explosion at Smithfield Skating Rink

Mission program at Little Zion—divisions will meet at the Missions session.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Banquet only which will be held at Main Street Baptist Church.

The price of the tickets will remain the same. Rev. Blackwell asked that the cut off dates for the banquet tickets be 6/22/2018.

A motion was made and seconded that we go forward with the new agenda for the Annual Session.

Attendance Banner—Sandy Mount

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Elliott.

Submitted by:

Linda Gholston

Recording Secretary

ANNUAL  
SESSION  
PROGRAMS

**MODERATOR'S MESSAGE & COMMUNION**

Sunday, July 8, 2018 - 3:00 P.M.

**Worship Leader:**

Dr. Alexander Bracey, III

First Gravel Hill Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

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Opening Selection.....Morning Star Baptist Mass Choir
 Scripture.....Rev. Melvin Lyttle, Jr.,
 Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Ivor, VA
 Invocation.....Rev. Jerry Parham
 First Baptist Church, Wakefield, VA
 Chant.....Choir
 Selection.....Choir
 Greetings.....Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell,
 Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
 Response & Greetings From BGC.....Rev. Dr. Leo Whitaker,
 Swan's Point Baptist Church, Spring Grove, VA
 Offertory Appeal & Offering
 Selection.....Choir
 Introduction of Moderator.....Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Taylor,
 Sandy Mount Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
 Moderator's Moment
 Sermonic Selection.....Choir

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.
Morning Star Baptist Church
Spring Grove, VA

Invitation to Discipleship.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.
 Invitation Selection.....Choir

HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell, Officiant
And
LVBA Pastors

Closing Selection.....Choir
 Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.

MISSIONS PROGRAM

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

WORSHIP LEADER:

Rev. Terrell Batten

Rising Star Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

Music by: Solomon's Temple Church, Smithfield, VA

Opening Selection.....Solomon's Temple Choir,
Solomon's Temple, Smithfield, VA

Scripture.....Rev. Dr. Millard Boone, III,
Cypress Baptist Church, Elberon, VA

Invocation.....Rev. James Harrison,
Main Street Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

Chant.....Choir

Selection.....Choir

Associate Ministers Workshop.....Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell

Introduction of Facilitator.....Rev. Sylvia Flood,
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

Facilitator.....Sis. Holly Flood
Founder & CEO, The Holly Flood Group, LLC, Portsmouth, VA

Offering.....Finance Committee in Charge

Lighting of Memorial Candle

Sis. Lillie White..... Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

Sis. Dorothy Bailey..... Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

***CANDLELIGHT MARCH - ALL MISSIONARIES ***

Introduction of Speaker.....Rev. Melvin Lyttle, Jr.,
Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Ivor, VA

Sermonic Selection.....Choir

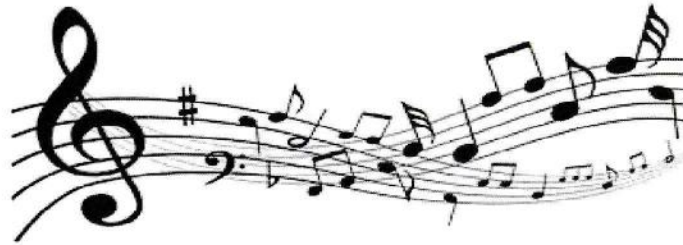
Sermonic Message.....Rev. Dr. Kim Shivers,
Solomon's Temple, Smithfield, VA

Invitation to Discipleship Invitation Selection.....Choir

Reports & Moderator's Moment.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.

Closing Selection.....Choir

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Kim Shivers



"THIS IS MY MISSION"

(Sung to the tune of "Blessed Assurance")

Blessed with His goodness, blessed with His love,
Blessed with His showers that come from above.
Blessed with His sunshine, blessed with His air.
I'll go on helping everywhere.

God gives the courage, faith leads the way.
Onward we travel, happy and gay.
Thinking of others, willing to share,
Taking God's message everywhere.

Re-mem-bering others, whenever I pray.
Looking to Jesus. He is the way.
Onward I travel. He's by my side.
I'll never falter. He is my guide.

CHORUS

This is my Mission; this is my prayer,
Helping the needy everywhere.
This is my Mission; this is my prayer,
Helping the needy everywhere.

Author - Unknown

Holly Flood

SPEAKER | TRAINER | COACH



Holly Flood is an international speaker, certified trainer and coach, award-winning television producer, and on-air personality. As CEO of The Holly Flood Group, she empowers leaders, high-achievers and Christian believers to live a life of significance and have a lasting impact through their calling. She is the Co-host of Agape in Action, a podcast about genuine compassion and justice.

Holly is an Executive Director with The John Maxwell Team, one of the fastest growing leadership organizations in the world. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors at Parkway Christian Center, where she is also a Women's Ministry Leader.

During her 20+ year television career, Holly has inspired millions of viewers around the world. She has filmed on-location in ten countries and interviewed best-selling authors, award-winning singers, and celebrities including T.D. Jakes, CeCe Winans, Kirk Franklin, Priscilla Shirer and Myles Munroe.



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2018 MISSIONS MESSENGER



Rev. Dr. Kim Shivers
Pastor
Solomon's Temple
Smithfield, VA

Rev. Dr. Kim D. Shivers, a man after God's own heart, is a native of Smithfield, Virginia. He began his spiritual nurturing in the Little Zion Baptist Church where he was licensed as a minister in 1986 and ordained in October 1989. He served as pastor of the Little Bethel Baptist Church of Smithfield from 1989 until Oct. 2000.

Currently, he is the founding pastor of Solomon's Temple, Smithfield, Virginia. This church was organized under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit on October 06, 2000. He is a 1980 graduate of Smithfield High School and John Tyler Community College, Chester, Va. in the Funeral Service curriculum. With the call of the ministry compelling him to become endowed with more knowledge, secularly and spiritually, he pursued baccalaureate study in psychology at Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia. After completion in 1990, Dr. Shivers matriculated at the School of Theology, Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, and received the Master of Divinity in 1994. With the help of the Lord, the Doctor of Ministry was conferred upon him on December 13, 1997 after completing studies at the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

Indeed the Lord has laid his hands upon Dr. Shivers, he has been instrumental in the developmental paths of many people from both the secular and sacred perspective-mentoring them in many aspects of the funeral service profession and ministry. He has served as professor with Evans-Smith Theological Institute (an extension of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. He has traveled extensively across the country, most recently to Nairobi, Kenya as a preacher/teacher. Presently he owns and operates along with his wife, Edith Robinson Shivers, the Shivers Funeral Chapel. They are the proud parents of two sons, Zachary and Kinston.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP FUND BANQUET

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Main Street Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

WORSHIP LEADER:

Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Taylor

Sandy Mount Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

Music by: "LVBA Workshop Choir"

Opening Selection.....	LVBA Workshop Choir
Invocation.....	Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas, III, <i>Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA</i>
Welcome.....	Rev. Dr. James Harrison, <i>Main Street Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA</i>
Response.....	Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Baltimore <i>Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Surry, VA</i>
Purpose.....	Rev. Dr. Bruce E. Childs, <i>Poplar Lawn Baptist Church, Surry, VA</i>
Selections (2).....	Choir
Blessing of the Banquet Meal.....	Rev. Dr. Douglas Adams <i>Lebanon Baptist Church, Surry, VA</i>

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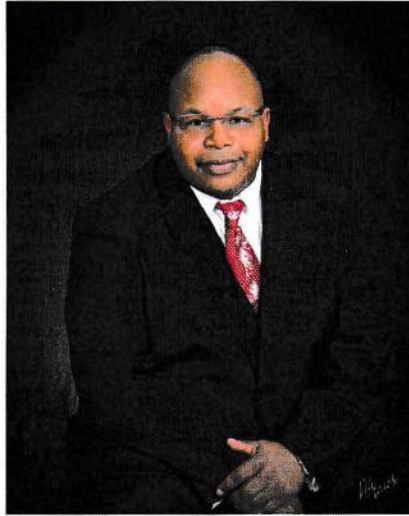
Selections (2).....	Choir
Introduction of Speaker.....	Rev. Dr. Antonio Meade, <i>Union Baptist Church, Waverly, VA</i>
Sermonic Selection.....	Choir
Banquet Proclamation.....	Rev. Dr. Christopher C. Carter, <i>New Hope Baptist Church, Newport News, VA</i>

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Sheila B. Bailey, Chairperson
Bolden Bradby Scholarship Fund

Remarks & Benediction.....	Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., Moderator
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2018 Bolden Bradby Scholarship Banquet Speaker



Rev. Dr. Christopher C. Carter, Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church
Newport News, VA

Pastor Christopher C. Carter, Sr. is a native of Newport News, VA. He was reared in Hampton, VA and educated in the Hampton Public School System. He was called into the Gospel Ministry in 1993 and served as an Associate Minister at First Morning Star Baptist Church in Gloucester, VA.

He is currently the Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, where his preaching and bible-teaching ministry has flourished for 23 years.

Pastor Carter holds an Associate Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Human Services from Thomas Nelson Community College; a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Multi-Disciplinary Studies from Liberty University and a Master of Arts Degree in Management and Leadership from Liberty University.

Pastor Carter is currently enrolled at McAllister Institute of Funeral Service located in New York City. He is also a Licensed Apprentice.

As one who is always ready to render service and commitment at home and abroad, Pastor Carter has been in the funeral business for over twenty years. He serves on many boards and community action committees, and he is a member of Kappa Iota Iota, Chapter Fort Eustis, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and a member of the Peninsula Chapter 100 Black Men of America.

A formidable and outstanding undertaking has been accomplished by him becoming the newly, independent owner and Business Manager of C.C. Carter Funeral Home, LLC.

His personal commitment is to minister, comfort, and offer services with the ultimate professionalism and dignity as only Pastor C.C. Carter and staff can provide to bereaved families.

Pastor Carter is married to the former Anita R. Burley of Newport News, Virginia; they have one son Christopher C. Carter, Jr. (CJ). They reside in Hampton, Virginia.

**BOLDEN BRADBY
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

**Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association
 Bolden Bradby Memorial Scholarship
 Annual Report
 July 7-11, 2018**

The students listed below received the 2017 Bolden Bradby Memorial Scholarship.

2017 Recipients	Church
Beamon, De`Shuan	Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Blackwell, Nijeria	Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Blake, Donielle Alexander-	Poplar Lawn Baptist Church, Surry, VA
Denson, Taylor	Rising Star Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Hamlin, Mikaiiah	Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Howell, Franshaun M.	Morning Star Baptist Church, Spring Grove, VA
Irving, Justin A.	Morning Star Baptist Church, Spring Grove, VA
Johnson, Brianna A.	Rising Star Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Jones, A`Shantee C.	Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Jones, Jalessa	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Osborne, Jakhya	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Towles, Jasmine	Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

Scholarship Applications for 2018 were received from the students listed below.

2018 Applicants	Church
Diggs, Karlana Marie	Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Drew, Briana Nicole	Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Surry, VA
Drew, Jr., Willie R.	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Edwards, Jamal Shaheem	First Gravel Hill Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Holmes, Jordan C.	Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Johnson, Kara De`nnay	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Key, Derrick, L.	First Gravel Hill Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Meekins, Jakayla Rebecca	Poplar Lawn Baptist Church, Surry, VA
Savage, Jr., Andre` Duane	First Gravel Hill Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA
Stewart, Tatianna Zaykia	Morning Star Baptist Church, Spring Grove, VA

**Respectfully Submitted,
 Sheila Bailey, Ph.D.
 Committee Chair**

REPORTS

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AND ALLIED BODIES
2017 – 2018 Session Attendance

October 29, 2017

Number of Churches Present	14
Clergy	16
Delegates	23
Youth	31
Members	154
Visitors	0
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE	224

January 28, 2018

Number of Churches Present	14
Clergy	23
Delegates	21
Youth	22
Members	166
Visitors	2
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE	234

April 8, 2018

Number of Churches Present	12
Clergy	14
Delegates	25
Youth	16
Members	115
Visitors	2
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE	170

Submitted by: Angela Williams, Chairperson
Dea. Edward Jones, Asst. Chairperson

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES
DEATHS July 2017 through July 2018
(As REPORTED By Churches)

CHURCH NAME	DEATHS (NAME)
Cypress Baptist Church	Bro. Zelna Haywood Parsons, Jr.
	Sis Rosa Ellis Moton
	Sis Eunice Parson Wyche
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Sis, Gwendolyn Cypress
	Bro. Waverly Thompson
	Bro Bernard Wrenn
First Baptist Church Claremont	No Report
First Baptist Church Wakefield	No Report
First Gravel Hill Baptist Church	Sis. Middle Tyler
	Sis, Elinor Jones
	Sis. Mary Mitchell
Jerusalem Baptist Church	No Report
Lebanon Baptist Church Disputanta	No Report
Lebanon Baptist Church Surry	Sis. Edna Haskett
	Sis. Rebecca Johns Wooden
	Bro. James Winfield
	Bro. Franklin Ruffin
	Bro. Paul Howell
	Sis. Rosa Graves
	Bro. Ralph Bailey
	Sis. Linda Griffin
Little Zion Baptist Church	No Report

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES
DEATHS July 2017 through July 2018
(As REPORTED By Churches)

Main Street Baptist Church	No Report
Morning Star Baptist Church	Sis. Ebonee Claiborne
	Sis. Delphine Claiborne
	Sis. Edna Graves
	Sis. Louise Allen
	Bro. Percell Blizzard
	Bro. Tazwell Whiting
Mount Nebo Baptist Church	No Report
Mount Sinai Baptist Church	No Report
New Jones Grove Baptist Church	No Report
Poplar Lawn Baptist Church	Sis. Georgia Ellis
Rising Star Baptist Church	No Report
Sandy Mount Baptist Church	None
Swan's Point Baptist Church	No Report
Union Baptist Church	No Report

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the success of this Association. It has been the embodiment of all our churches through the years that has allowed us to reach this 135th Annual Session.

The progress of our Association could not have been possible without the participation and assistance of the Past Moderators who bring a depth of knowledge and the desire to always aim towards progressive goals. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

We would like to remind each member, and any other contributor, of how grateful we are for your enthusiastic participation and dedication in supporting all of our efforts towards the theme of the 2017-2018 LVBA Sessions-

"Equipping Saints For Kingdom Service"-

Unity * Commitment * Stewardship * Mission

Above all, to God Almighty, the author of knowledge and wisdom, for His countless LOVE.

TRAINING MANUAL

**THE LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AND ALLIED BODIES
REVISED COMMITTEE TRAINING MANUAL
(Adopted for Revision on November 17, 2012)
Note: Revisions and additions are in red**



FOREWORD

The work of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association is contingent upon the smooth and methodical workings of the committee, which has been established. This manual has been prepared to provide each committee with its purpose, method of operation and its responsibilities to the Association.

We have attempted to provide the basic framework for each committee, bearing in mind that all items have been completely detailed and that each committee may find the need to make minor adjustments as they meet and work.

Each committee is responsible for making an annual report to the Association and some committees may be required to make additional reports during the year to the Executive Council. Deadlines for each report will be established so that the report may be printed in advance of a scheduled meeting or function and then made available at that meeting for our members and delegates. We thank you for your prayerful and cheerful cooperation as we work together.

CONDOLENCE COMMITTEE

The Condolence Committee is to make record of and report to the Association the names, addresses and the name of churches of members who die within the reporting period (each of the four meetings of the Association).

- 1) The committee will function throughout the year.
- 2) The committee will establish and maintain contact with specific individuals of member churches in the Association.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee will work with an ad hoc committee established by the church which hosts a meeting or function of the Association. The responsible include:

- 1) Making provisions for **banquets and other gatherings** for the Association (e.g., meals, parking, and directing of guests throughout the **facility**).
- 2) Any additional needs or services to be performed by this committee will be requested through the Pastor of the host church.
- 3) The Association through this committee will extend its formal thanks to the host church at the end of the meeting or function.

NEW BODIES COMMITTEE

The New Bodies Committee will serve as the instrument through which perspective churches will become familiar with the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies. When perspective churches are presented, the New Bodies Committee will hold dialogue with the candidate congregation to inform them of the atmosphere of fellowship found in the Lebanon Association rules and regulations, expectations, etc. The New Bodies Committee, after the dialogue, will make recommendations pertaining to the perspective congregation at the Annual Session.

The New Bodies Committee will actively solicit the involvement of Baptist Churches which have no affiliation with any Association.

The New Bodies Committee will maintain accurate records of meetings and this report will also be made at the Annual Session.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The members of the Executive Council will share equally in the responsibilities of guiding the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies. The Executive Council will exercise the rights and authority to form policy, give directions and set action under the auspices of the Association. The duties of the Executive Council will be:

- 1) To give leadership and direction to the Association
- 2) Preparing and recommending the annual budget
- 3) Developing the annual calendar for the Association
- 4) Outlining the programs for the Association
- 5) Selecting speakers, preachers and presenters for the Association
- 6) Confer meetings to consider the concerns of the Association
- 7) Fulfill all other duties as specified by the Association
- 8) Urge Association churches to canvass the community for issues and concerns and report these concerns back to the Association or direction

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget and Finance Committee shall prepare and monitor the budget for the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies and will have the responsibility of attending to the fiscal concerns of the Association.

- 1) This committee shall consist of no more than seven (7) members and no less than three (3) members; one of whom will be the treasurer. Members serving will be appointed by the Executive Council. Terms of service will be staggered (4 years). The Treasurer and the Chairman will not be limited to term.
- 2) The names of three (3) members of the committee will be registered at the banking institution(s). Any two (2) names of the three registered names will make a check valid.
- 3) The committee will receive recommendations and reports from sources (i.e., Moderators, Presidents, Scholarship Committee, Public Relations, individuals, etc.) in preparation of the budget.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

- 4) The budget shall be based upon the annual contributions of the member churches at the annual meeting.
- 5) The budget becomes effective January 1, subject to approval by the Association following the annual session.
- 6) Member churches will be encouraged to make semi-annual, tri-annual r quarterly contributions
- 7) The fiscal year for the Association shall be from January 1 through December 31.
- 8) All requests for funds shall be by voucher, be the request budgeted or not. All vouchers must bear the signature of the Moderator.
- 9) The Committee shall be sure of the balance of the Association. A bi-annual typewritten report will be submitted to the Executive Council and will include the following information:
 - a) Numerical listing of each check
 - b) Date of each check
 - c) To whom the check was written (purpose and amount)A quarterly report should be made at each session listing the receipts and expenses. A complete annual finance report should be made at the Annual Session.
- 10) The committee shall submit its books for annual audit by January 31 of each year. The results of the audit will be reported at the annual session.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Committee has the responsibility of relaying the occasions, events, items of interest and business of the Association to its officers, member churches and delegates and to the media (newspaper, radio, t.v.) where applicable. The committee is also responsible for compiling, printing, and distribution of the minutes of each session of the Association; training or seminar materials and the Annual Journal. The Executive Secretary of the Association shall chair this Committee. Specific duties and responsibilities shall include:

- 1) The committee shall review all reports and items which will be entered into the Annual Journal and to conduct all editing procedures necessary for or printing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Cont'd)

- 2) The journal shall be prepared and submitted to the Executive Council by April 1 each year. (council should submit Journal for publication by May 1)
- 3) The Journal shall be ready for distribution to member churches by June 15.
Each church will receive 6 copies of the Journal. The Council will indicate time and place for distribution.
- 4) An annual report shall be made to the Association.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Registration Committee has the responsibility of accurately registering all delegates, representatives and guest on all occasions, functions and events of the Association where registration is applicable. Pre-registration will be encouraged for the session. The registration information will include:

- 1) The occasion and date
- 2) Name of delegate, representative or guest
(their name, address [zip code] telephone number [area code])
- 3) Church represented/name of Pastor or organization
 - a) The committee will prepare appropriate badge and other forms of identification for registrants and the packets for the annual session
 - b) The committee will work together with the Public Relations and Hospitality Committees to provide technical or logistical support to member churches who will host functions or events of the Association.
 - c) The committee will make a report on the number of registrations after each session. An annual report shall be made in the July session.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The History committee is responsible for compiling the history of the Association and Allied Bodies from their beginnings through the merger and following. The committee shall maintain good records of the development of the Association and place those records in narrative form annually. Each tenth (10th) year, the history should be presented in booklet form.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee is responsible for providing the music for each session.

BOLDEN BRADBY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The duties of the Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee shall be as follows: to insure applications are received by the deadline, to review applications to ensure that all documents are completed according to requirements, and to write checks and send them to the financial secretary for second signature, and also to ensure that the churches are in good standing.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

The Time and Place Committee has the responsibility for communicating with Association Churches for the purpose of scheduling hosts for the individual division sessions (Fall, Winter, Spring, and Annual), and other gatherings that the Association may hold.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Duties to be added)

MINISTERS AND DEACONS RELIEF COMMITTEE

(Duties to be added)

OTHER COMMITTEES

The Moderator may appoint other committees as needed for the growth of the Association.

**The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association
and
Allied Bodies**

**The Bolden Bradby Memorial
Scholarship Application**



***Rev. Bolden Bradby
1897-1959***

**Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies
Bolden Bradby Memorial Scholarship Application**

Print Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ M/F _____

High School Attended _____

College you are planning to attend _____

List any hobbies or special interests _____

How do you plan to finance your education (scholarships, loans, etc.)

Describe your Community Service Activities _____

Size of your family _____ Sisters _____ Ages _____ Brothers _____ Ages

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Address(es) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Occupation(s) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s) _____

Attach a 300-500 word essay describing your future plans, goals, etc.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

All Applications are due on or before June 15, 2018

Return to: Sheila B. Bailey, Ph.D.
Chairperson, Bolden Bradby Memorial Scholarship
5409 Silver Fox Court
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Statement of the Church

Name of the Church _____

Pastor's Name _____

Church Clerk _____

Church Address _____

Church Phone _____

Church Email _____

Name of Applicant _____

Is the Applicant a Member? _____ Number of Years _____

Is the Applicant involved in Church Activities, Committees, Auxiliaries,
etc. _____ If Yes, please list them _____

List any offices that are held by the Applicant _____

Describe the Applicant's character _____

Signatures:

Pastor _____ Date _____

Church Clerk _____ Date _____

Statement of the School

Name of the School _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Principal _____

Principal's Email _____

Current GPA: _____

List School Activities and any Leadership Involvement _____

Describe the Applicant's Character and Academic Commitment

Principal's Signature _____

Date _____

**Constitution
of
The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association
and
Allied Bodies**

**Adopted June 23, 2012
(Revisions are in red)**

We, the officers and members of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association, The South James River Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention and The Women's Missionary and Educational Circle, in order to form a more unified thrust in our Christian life decided to merge and become one organization in 1991. The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association had existed for one hundred and eight years, The South James River Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention had existed one hundred and three years and the Women's Missionary and Educational Circle has existed for seventy years.

Realizing that the Christian Front should be united in love and brotherhood to promote the general welfare, and secure the blessing of God to ourselves, and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies.

**ARTICLE I
Name**

This body shall be known as The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies.

**Article II
Membership**

Section I:

This association shall be composed of Baptist Churches which are approved by the Association, Sunday School Unions, Ministries, Laymen and Life Members who are Baptists and remain Baptist and pay the required sums of monies as required by the Association.

- a) Churches, Sunday School Unions, Ministers and Laymen who are Baptist may become members by request and acceptance of the Association and by paying the required fees and paying the minimum sum of money for appropriations. Fees and appropriations may be changed from time to time by the Association while in session.
- b) ~~Ministers and Laymen may become members by paying a joining fee and an annual fee. These fees shall be determined by the Association.~~

The language in this statement is deleted and replaced with the following revision (per unanimous vote by the Delegates and Pastors at the April 13, 2013 Session)

Revision:

(b) In order to serve as an officer of the Association, an individual must be a member in good standing of one of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies churches.

c) Every church in the Association shall be entitled to representation in the Association; five (5) delegates and the Pastor shall be admitted from each Church for voting purposes.

d) Each church shall send a list of no more than five (5) delegates (The list shall be signed by the pastor or the church's designated representative, in the absence of the pastor). Form is included in the Annual Journal forms section. Churches shall assign one person to pick up their church's journals.

Section II

The Association shall have five (5) Divisions **whose general duties will be to bring forth programs, seminars or workshops for both adults and youths. These programs, tec., will be presented or facilitated at the sessions of the association by the persons knowledgeable in the field or topic(s) being presented. Duties of each division shall also be as needed or requested by the Moderator.**

The Division of Clergy – **Duties to be added**

The Division of Christian Education

Duties: To support the LVBA in carrying out its objectives, to provide training which shall enhance Christian growth, to promote support to churches of the LVBA in their Christian Education development, and to preform any duties specified by the Moderator.

The Division of Missions

Duties: To provide leadership to the Missions' body, to keep members abreast of all activities of the Association pertaining to missions, beneficial in making the Missions' Division more effective, to attend meetings as necessary, to perform any other duties specified by the Moderator.

The Division of Laymen

Duties: To exalt the Savior, equip the saints, evangelize the sinner. The laity is the mighty army in every church, capable of reaching people in church, capable of reaching people in their own church and area for Christ. Lay people and pastors work together. The church is built up and the mighty work of God is accomplished.

Division of Youth

Duties: To promote friendship and collaboration with other youth ministries within LVBA, to provide educational experiences that will enhance the growth and development

of our youth through program development, workshops, seminars, activities, and field trips that will lead to Christian maturity.

Section III

All churches and/or organizations who wish to leave the Association to join another body are requested to notify the Association in writing.

Section IV

The association and its Allied Bodies shall reserve the right to withdraw the Hand of Fellowship from Churches and Organizations who shall cherish principles contrary to the Gospel of Christ.

Article III Objectives

Section I

The Objectives of the Association and its Allied Bodies shall be:

- (a) To spread the Redeemer's Kingdom (Jesus Christ) upon the earth by doing all in their power to support the Chartered Foster Homes and Foreign Missions, and., Lott Cary Foreign Mission,
- (b) To support certain educational institutions and colleges; Virginia Union University, Virginia University of Lynchburg, and the United Negro College Fund.
- (c) To support the Children's Home of Virginia Baptist, Inc.,
- (d) To provide scholarships through the Bolden Bradby Memorial Scholarship Fund for worthy students from member churches. **Satisfaction of the approved criteria shall determine the scholarship recipients,**
- (e) To provide training which shall enhance the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
- (f) To provide a Relief Fund for Ministers and Deacons.

Article IV Officers

Section I

The Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, First Vice-Moderator, Second-Vice Moderator, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Executive Secretary and five Division Presidents.

- (a) The Moderator shall serve one term (two years) and may succeed himself one term (total of four years) **If for any reason the offices of Moderator, 1st Vice-Moderator, or 2nd Vice-Moderator becomes vacant, the 1st Vice-Moderator, or 2nd Vice-Moderator will move forward to the uppermost office. The Moderator or Executive Council will have the discretion of filling the vacant position for that particular term. This will not affect the term that is already in session.**
- (b) Officers shall be elected biannually and shall remain in office until others are elected in their place.
- (c) The duties of the Officers shall be such as are common to such offices.
- (d) The treasurer shall be bonded for such amounts as the Association may deem necessary.
- (e) The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies “Committee Training Manual –Revised” shall guide the Committee in their duties. The duties of the Committees may be changed from time to time to meet the needs of the Association.
- (f) The Committees shall be: Budget and Finance, Condolence, Hospitality, New Bodies, Registration, **Bolden Bradby** Scholarship, **Nominating, History, Music, Time and Place, Ministers’ and Deacons’ Relief.**
- (g) The Moderator may appoint committees as needed to further the work of the Association.

Section II

There shall be an Executive Council. The Executive Council shall be composed of the Moderator, First Vice-Moderator, Second Vice-Moderator, Executive Secretary and the Presidents of the Five Divisions, a total of nine (9) members.

Article V Meetings

Section I

The Association shall meet the following dates:

- (a) The Annual Session shall be held on the week following the second Lord’s Day in July, beginning on Tuesday and ending on Friday.
- (b) The Fall Session shall be held on the Saturday following the second Lord’s Day in October.
- (c) The Winter Session shall be held on the Saturday following the first Lord’s Day in January.

(d) The Spring Session shall be held on the Saturday following the first Lord's Day in April.

Article VI

Any entity of the Lebanon Baptist Association and Allied Bodies that requires a membership fee or amount change for membership shall have approval of the Moderator and Executive Council in order to become effective. (Example: Deacons and Ministers Relief Fee increase).

Article VII Dean

The honor of "Dean" shall be bestowed upon a member. The title of Dean shall be appointed by the Moderator when it becomes vacant.

Article VIII Amendments

The Constitution may be amended or addendums added at a meeting of the Moderator's choosing prior to any session, provided that proper notice is given to each eligible member church. Notifications will be sent out at least two weeks prior to the meeting.