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West Virginia Baptist

Weirton Christian Center - Getting Back to Its Roots

by Kim Weaver

director, Weirton Christian Center

As 2013 moves us through our 96th year, the Weirton Christian Center is getting back to its roots: being a resource center for the community families. This year, we are focusing more on building character through biblical principles and helping our children learn life skills in many areas.

As more children come, we see more needs to meet in so many areas. We have become more of a resource than ever before for hurting families. We have a brother and sister that have supervised visitation with their mother. There is nowhere except the public library to do that, so we have offered our garage activity room. We have several children who need to meet with counselors and we provide the space for them in the director's office or the music room. Please be praying with us for the Lord to lead us in the right direction.

When children come to the center, they receive positive reinforcement, help with homework and rewards for their grades through the quarters program. Daily snacks and meals along with "blessing bags" of food for long weekends is part of the benefit of coming to the Christian center. There are many opportunities for learning in the areas of literacy, math, nutrition, fitness and daily character reminders. We also offer weekly Bible study to all ages to help them know the importance of having a personal relationship with our Lord. We provide clothing and hygiene kits, camp supplies and school items, when needed. Our new job skills training program for high school students offers six weeks of study through Learning Express about careers, with mock interviews, and all the skills being taught to adults through the West Virginia SPOKES (Strategic Planning in Occupational Knowledge for Employment and Success) program. Friday nights have become women's Bible study night, and with funds received for dinner one more night each week, we decided on pizza Fridays. Moms

can come eat with their kids, stay for Bible study and couponing. Now, we are starting a Bible study for "Young Men and Women of Excellence." Our volunteer instructors (a married couple who splits the group) will talk about the Bible's answers to becoming one.

The harvest is plenty - the workers are few. Please keep our ministry in your prayers. We have realized the important role that Weirton Christian Center plays in the lives of our children. We have found temporary homes for displaced children, and even schools, when they are needed. When four children were pulled from their home, as their dad went to jail and their mom to rehab, we were the first to be called for help. Our program director, Tammy Quiroz opened her two-bedroom apartment to them and we made sure they had all they needed, with help from our CFF (Christian Fellowship Foundation) Life Support Fund. After moving to a homeless shelter in Kentucky, (the two oldest children going with an aunt) the children recently returned to Weirton, solely for the support they received from the Weirton Christian Center: meals, tutoring, clothing, love, and most importantly, learning about the Lord. Although they are not with their mom, many of us make up their support system even more than family.

Here are what the three youngest children had to say about the Christian Center:

Savannah, 10, "What I like about Weirton Christian Center is we get to hang out with each other and learn about God and Jesus. I like that we have so much fun and we all do things together like crafts and projects. That's why I like Weirton Christian Center!"

Katie, 9, "I like having camp in the summer time and learning about God because you learn more. I like to get to eat and play at Weirton Christian Center."

Timmy, 7, when asked what he liked best about Weirton Christian Center said, "Playing with cars and dancing. Why? Because it makes me dance!"

The mission of the West Virginia Baptist Convention is to **empower** local churches to be Christ honoring communities of faith and to help them fulfill their mission by **enabling** them to do together what they cannot do alone.

COMMENTARY



*Dr. David L.
Carrico*

Pick and Choose

How do you make decisions?

Decisions that involve your work, your family or your church? Many of us are good solid decision makers, yet I fear some of us are not quite as good as we may think we are. There is a great deal of state staff time devoted to enabling churches to make Godly decisions. We are here to encourage and empower churches with their decision process no matter what the subject may be. Many of our

churches do the right things in the right way and get good results, but there are other occasions when decisions are made and the results are not so Christ-honoring.

Decisions are sometimes made in our churches by voting on them. And at other times, someone assumes they have the power to decide on an issue for the church. The problem with voting is when someone "wins," it may mean someone also "loses." Those that assume power may be making the wrong assumption.

Another approach being used by many church bodies is a consensus process of decision-making. This process takes time, but builds upon relationships. In today's world, time is the new "coin of the realm." Time is valued more than money. We have seen decisions made by what people like or dislike, but the church must seek God's will in all things. God does not care about our opinion. He cares about us. We were made for Him, He was not made for us.

As we pick and choose our way through life, some beliefs become more significant than others. That may be the reason we can hold conflicting beliefs at the same time without much difficulty. A scholar named Milton Rokeach was interested in the structure of beliefs and values. His idea was some beliefs are more significant to us than others. Rokeach taught that we organize our beliefs into a hierarchy. He listed categories such as primitive beliefs, shared beliefs, derived beliefs and matters of taste. In his hierarchy, matters of taste lie on the outer rim of decision making and are seen as arbitrary and inconsequential. How many times in our churches do we make decisions based on what we like or don't like? It is important to understand what we value and why, and to make our decisions accordingly.

Another aspect of our picking and choosing is being accountable for our actions. There are consequences to our actions, both intended and unintended. In our present culture when things go wrong, we attempt to fix blame and not fix the problem. When decisions are made we need to own them and praise the Lord for His guidance. It has been said we are becoming a nation of God blamers.

It is time for the church to be the representative of God in this day, to pick and choose our actions to proclaim God's love to a people who need to realize the love of Christ and hope found within that love. May we all pick and choose wisely for God's glory.

*Blessings,
Dr. David L. Carrico
Executive Minister*

Worship and Music Conference

Each June participants come away from our Worship and Music Conference in a state of afterglow. We hear comments like, "I'm going to tell others about this great opportunity." We have also had numerous requests to include in the conference help for churches with praise teams as well as for churches just struggling to keep music as an integral part of their worship experience. Lauren Lindsey and her team from Alderson-Broadus College as well as our workshop leaders come with specific and comprehensive gifts to help the broad spectrum of church music and worship leaders, from those with choirs to those who just like to sing or play instruments - or learn how. Among the featured workshop leaders and/or task force members are Pam Powers McClain, Jan Powers Corrothers, Judy Prater, Ginny Prunty, Eddie Bucklen, Mike Barnhouse and Mike Stephens.

Also, Dr. Mike Hopkins of Simpson Creek Baptist Church (Union) brings with him years of experience in teaching and organizing worship that truly honors God. Even if your church is not one who has a choir or a praise team and you just like to make a joyful noise to the Lord, the thrill of sitting in the midst of a 75-100 member choir during the reading and worship sessions can only be called true worship, and is well worth the price of admission!

WEST VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONVENTION **WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE**

"Tune My Heart to Sing God's Praise"

True worship is not about getting excited or about "feeling the Spirit." True worship is giving all of yourself to God.

June 14-15, 2013

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Guest Clinicians: Lauren and Logan Lindsey

***Conference begins on June 14 at 9:00 a.m. and
ends on June 15 at 3:30 p.m.***

***For more information, contact Ginny at
prunty@wvbc.org or 800.879.9822.***

***School of Christian Studies ADVANCED credit
will be available. A mailing will be sent to students in May.
Contact Donna at snyder@wvbc.org or 800.879.9822
for more information.***

Hispanic Ministries: Together for His Glory - Juntos para Su Gloria

"How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers [and sisters] live together in harmony! ...there the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting." Psalm 133:1, 3

"Christian mission in the twenty-first century has become the responsibility of a global church." ~ Samuel Escobar

The blessing of God in our lives is not for us to keep. Those who are blessed by God are called to be a blessing beyond themselves; it is because we have been blessed that we are to be a blessing. God promised Abraham, "I will bless you... and you will be a blessing to others... all families on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:2-3). In Christ we are participants of this marvelous promise. It is our mission to shine the light of Jesus. West Virginian Baptists have taken seriously the call to be a blessing to "all families on earth" and have blessed nations across the globe.



In 1959 a team of West Virginian Baptists traveled to Puerto Rico to help build temples for Iglesia Bautista Esperanza (Hope Baptist Church) and Iglesia Bautista El Verbo de Dios (The Verb of God Baptist Church) both in the city of Caguas. In March 2013, 54 years later, a team from the West Virginian Baptist

Convention (David Carrico, John and Donna Vetter and Juan Aragón) visited "The Enchanted Island" to uphold a new beginning, a new relationship. We joined our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters in the celebration of their 111th Annual Meeting where our new partnership was announced to the churches

attending the assembly. While in Puerto Rico we experienced another dimension of God's kingdom - lively and passionate worship with a Caribbean touch. Our team was lavished with great hospitality and delicious Puerto Rican cuisine. God has orchestrated a new beginning, a new partnership to be a blessing, to make disciples.

As a symbol of this partnership between the Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico and the West Virginia Baptist Convention, David Carrico presented a beautiful handcrafted glass water bottle manufactured by Blenko Glass Company in Milton. While presenting the gift, Carrico remarked, "We are united in a partnership, where we will walk together in equality and mutual respect - none is superior or inferior - ...the bottle may not hold much water, but it can overflow with the love for Jesus and the presence of God in both regions." The overflow God bestows on His children is to be a blessing.

Our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters are extremely excited about this partnership and are looking forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit will use Puerto Ricans and West Virginians to bless with the gospel "all families on earth." In June 2013, a team of youth and young adults from Puerto Rico will be coming to West Virginia to join hearts and hands in mission with the Eastern Baptist Association, Comunidad Luz y Vida, Moorefield (Eastern) and Comunidad Nueva Esperanza Ravenswood (Good Hope) to bless Hispanics and Americans through a series of mission outreach projects.

As we join hands in mission, may the Holy Spirit use this partnership to lift up the name of Jesus for the glory of God!

Juan Aragón
Hispanic Ministries' Strategist

Adult Discipleship - Let's Stop Just Talking About It!

You have heard the phrase, "He/She is all talk and no action!" It is not a compliment. Many times when it comes to adult discipleship church leaders can be all talk and no action. Discussion is good when it moves us toward positive change in our understanding, behavior or attitudes. The operative word is "moves." As our new year continues to unfold, I encourage you to read and learn, not just for knowledge sake, but for the sake of healthy spiritual movement within the church!!!

Think about it, learn about it - in the new book, MOVE, authors Greg L. Hawkins and Cally Parkinson share their discoveries from a spiritual life survey conducted in over 1,000 diverse congregations. Here are some of their discoveries:

- Church activities do not predict or drive long term spiritual growth.
- Lots of apathetic non-believers who attend church are unlikely to ever accept Christ.
- Nothing has a greater impact on spiritual growth than reflection on Scripture.
- Spiritually stalled or dissatisfied people account for one out of four church congregations.

What do you think? How do these findings impact your adult discipleship ministry? Want to learn more about these discoveries? Read MOVE (What 1,000 Churches Reveal about Spiritual Growth) by Greg L. Hawkins and Cally

Parkinson, published by Zondervan.

What does a Healthy Adult Disciple "look like"- what are the characteristics of a healthy adult disciple? How can individuals know if they are on a path to spiritual health? In plain terms, what distinguishes a spiritually healthy adult from an unhealthy one? Steven Macchia, in his book, Becoming a Healthy Disciple, lists 10 traits. They are as follows:

1. Experiences God's empowering presence
2. Engages in God-exalting worship
3. Practices the spiritual disciplines
4. Learns and grows in community
5. Commits to loving and caring relationships
6. Exhibits Christ-like servanthood
7. Shares the love of Christ generously
8. Manages life wisely and accountably
9. Networks with the body of Christ
10. Stewards a life of abundance

Teaching suggestion: Consider using Becoming a Healthy Disciple published by Baker Books as the focus resource for an adult study on Wednesday. evenings Sunday evenings, or for a small group elective. Get the discussion started and let the movement begin!

Please contact Lisa Simmons, Associate in Mission Support/Adult Discipleship, (lsimmons@wvbc.org) for assistance with Adult Discipleship. She is available for local church and association workshops and consultations.

Brothers' Keeper 2013



Brothers' Keeper is celebrating their 12th year of community ministry in Jackson County! Please mark your calendars once again and rally the troops for another incredible week from July 7-12, 2013. Parchment Valley Conference Center will provide meals and accommodations. Each youth group and their adult counselors will provide funding for

their own transportation, meals and lodging while attending the **Brothers' Keeper** mission camp. All project work sites are reviewed and qualified by a cooperative effort of the Jackson County office of Community Resources, Inc. and the **Brothers' Keeper** leadership team. The project sites are qualified as being on one of three levels of priority: those site owners who qualify in the first priority level will not be required to provide any funds nor materials for their project; those who are qualified as second priority may be asked to provide some materials for their projects (based upon their household financial basis); and those of third priority projects will be asked to provide materials for their projects.

Following each day's work, Monday through Thursday, work crews will return to the conference center for recreation followed by the evening meal, group activities and awesome and inspiring worship led by Dr. Matt Lyons and his evangelism

team. The event will include a closing ceremony on Thursday night at which time the Jackson County community will be invited to come and share their personal experiences in our celebration of the work accomplished.

In order to accomplish this task, our teams are seeking financial support from churches, individuals and local businesses to help provide building materials, supplies and tools as well as funds for the programming and the purchase of their **Brothers' Keeper** '13 t-shirts.

Brothers' Keeper '13 hopes to be one of the most blessed times of work-fellowship ministry. We appreciate your prayers and financial contributions toward our 138 youth and their crew leaders as they prepare to embark on this spiritual and physical challenge in our community. They give 100% of themselves to accomplish the mission work that truly "changes people for the kingdom."

You can register your youth group now by going to the Parchment Valley Conference Center website at www.parchmentvalley.org and completing the **Brothers' Keeper** '13 registration form. Don't miss the early bird special rate for early registration. Thank you for supporting the amazing ministry of **Brothers' Keeper** 2013.

*Be Blessed,
Frank Miller*

*Director of Operations
Parchment Valley Conference Center*

Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council Spring Retreat

**May 6-8, 2013 at Camp Cowen
with Kirk Byron Jones
"FULFILLED"**

The retreat begins with lunch on Monday and ends with lunch on Wednesday.

For more information, contact Jeremy Myers at fbcsa.jeremy@frontier.com.

Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council Spring Retreat Registration Form

ONE FORM PER PERSON.
Please complete the following:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____
Church/Organization: _____

Please check the appropriate box below:

_____ \$70.00 - Ministers' Council MEMBERS
_____ \$85.00 - Ministers' Council NON-MEMBERS

Registrations must be post-marked with check enclosed by April 30, 2013. Make checks payable to: West Virginia Baptist Convention Ministers' Council. Please mail your form and check to: Mark Stauffer, Highlawn Baptist Church, 2304 Jefferson Avenue, Saint Albans, WV 25177.

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*May 6-8, 2013,
Parchment Valley Conference Center*

**BIBLE STUDY LEADER:
MIKE HOPKINS**

For more information or a registration form, please contact Valma at 800.879.9822 or adams@wvbc.org.

THINKING MISSIONS

Feeling with the Heart of Jesus

Several times in the Gospels, we are told that Jesus had compassion and then met the needs of the people. It was compassion that led Jesus to feed the hungry multitudes that had been with Him for days in the middle of nowhere. It was compassion that led Jesus to heal the multitudes when He got off the boat and saw them in need. It was because Jesus had compassion that He healed two blind men who came to Him for sight.

There are many other times where we learn Jesus was moved to help people because of His depth of feeling for their needs. It is easy to believe from the scriptures that Jesus had a tender heart. He often felt the pain of others and was moved to help them in their time of need. When He visited Mary and Martha after the death of their brother, Lazarus, we are told, "Jesus wept."

Does your heart break for those in need around you? Do you weep over those who are lost in your neighborhoods as

Jesus mourned over a lost Jerusalem? Does your compassion move you to action?

We are told in Colossians 3:12 that we are to clothe ourselves with compassion and kindness. Compassion is love that moves us to action for the benefit of those for whom we see in need.

I invite you to open your heart to the compassion of Jesus and try to feel about people as Jesus feels. When we feel (experience emotion) with the heart of Jesus, we are much more likely to respond as Jesus would.

The world is full of hurting people. The world is full of hungry people. The world is full of people in great need. Let us open our hearts to those in need and make a difference in their lives in Jesus' name.

*Committed to Missions,
John Simmons
Associate Executive Minister
Missions and Administration*

2013 Camp Global Dates Announced

Camp Global will begin a new tradition this year by having our annual event on Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 1, 2013. We have worked with Camp Cowen to find dates each year and have had different experiences sharing the camp during our times there. After taking last year off to attend the World Mission Conference, we wanted to establish a consistent time slot for one of our premier mission education events. We hope you will make this hands-on, family friendly mission exposure a part of your Labor Day celebrations.

Camp will begin on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. We will have a Friday evening (optional) program for those who want to come early. Be sure to watch future mailings and our web page for more details, pricing and registration information.

Baptist Campus Ministries: Everlasting Generosity

It has been over a decade since an appeal was made in *The West Virginia Baptist* Newsletter for financial support for a new full-time campus ministry position at Morgantown. Mrs. Virginia Iams of Vienna saw that appeal and responded by giving monthly offerings for Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM).

Virginia was a very generous person. She loved missions. Her love for missions led her to support countless mission trips from the church as well as a multitude of ministries across the country and around the world. In her advanced years and declining health, she fulfilled her Great Commission calling by helping send others.

Her life was a true testimony of generosity. She was in no way wealthy; but she, like each of us (2 Corinthians 9:11), had been blessed with enough that she could be generous. She gave cheerfully from her heart and passion for God's work.

Virginia did not want the support she was giving to

There is Hope for your Church Conference

The American Baptist Churches of Ohio is hosting a conference with Gary L. McIntosh, April 12, 2013 for pastors and April 13, 2013 for all church leaders in Columbus, Ohio. To learn more about this conference you can go to: www.abc-ohio.org. American Baptist Churches of Ohio has invited anyone from the West Virginia Baptist Convention to attend.

the ministries she loved to end with her life. So, she in her estate plans included those ministries. She named her church and Baptist Campus Ministries as beneficiaries in her end of life documents. Because of her generosity and planning, her annual gift to BCM will be multiplied more than five times over until the Lord returns.

Virginia's gift to BCM will keep giving forever. Her legacy of generosity will make a tremendous difference in the work on our campuses for generations to come.

Gifts like this should not be the exception. Through the work of the WVBC Foundation, Inc., and our partnership with the American Baptist Foundation, we have a variety of product offerings and preparation guidelines that can assist you in your estate planning. As my friend Bob Matherly often said, "Does your will truly reflect and support the things you valued and supported in life?" Thank God for Virginia Iams and her life's witness - for even in death she exhibited everlasting generosity.

To learn more about planned giving, gift annuities or other giving opportunities, contact John Simmons at jsimmons@wvbc.org.

2012 TOP 50



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as we advance the kingdom
of God together!

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Doing together
what we cannot
do alone!

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AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT		UNITED MISSION		LOVE GIFT		AMERICA FOR CHRIST		ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING		WORLD MISSION OFFERING		RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING		MOUNTAIN STATE MISSION OFFERING		WEST VIRGINIA MISSION SUPPORT	
<i>Fifth Avenue</i>	120,697	<i>Fifth Avenue</i>	97,574	<i>Fifth Avenue</i>	10,074	<i>Sutton</i>	6,765	<i>Simpson Creek</i>	7,658	<i>South Parkersburg</i>	22,854	<i>Sutton</i>	5,420	<i>Hurricane First</i>	32,761	<i>Fifth Avenue</i>	63,108
<i>South Parkersburg</i>	105,818	<i>South Parkersburg</i>	61,374	<i>Hurricane First</i>	7,169	<i>Williamson First</i>	6,053	<i>Hurricane First</i>	6,914	<i>Hurricane First</i>	21,931	<i>Emmanuel, Parkersburg</i>	4,782	<i>Ravenswood First</i>	14,704	<i>Crab Orchard Missionary</i>	49,412
<i>Saint Albans First</i>	92,356	<i>Charleston Baptist Temple</i>	35,611	<i>Beaver First</i>	4,438	<i>Fifth Avenue</i>	5,225	<i>Emmanuel, Parkersburg</i>	5,633	<i>Emmanuel, Charleston</i>	20,285	<i>Romney First</i>	3,869	<i>New Baptist</i>	13,000	<i>Saint Albans First</i>	45,948
<i>Simpson Creek</i>	89,145	<i>Oak Hill</i>	23,291	<i>Vienna</i>	3,954	<i>Saint Albans First</i>	3,182	<i>Fifth Avenue</i>	4,833	<i>Saint Albans First</i>	16,173	<i>Fifth Avenue</i>	3,311	<i>Barboursville</i>	11,750	<i>Simpson Creek</i>	42,018
<i>Hurricane First</i>	79,563	<i>Emmanuel, Charleaton</i>	19,433	<i>Breckenridge</i>	3,339	<i>Charleston Baptist Temple</i>	3,025	<i>Saint Albans First</i>	4,503	<i>Simpson Creek</i>	15,843	<i>Charleston Baptist Temple</i>	2,672	<i>Wayne</i>	8,101	<i>South Parkersburg</i>	39,667
<i>Crab Orchard Missionary</i>	78,265	<i>New Martinsville First</i>	17,819	<i>Oak Hill</i>	3,291	<i>Old Greenbrier</i>	3,023	<i>Indian Fork</i>	3,413	<i>Crossroads CC</i>	14,740	<i>Gassaway</i>	2,584	<i>Parchment Valley</i>	7,816	<i>Hurricane First</i>	36,704
<i>Vienna</i>	71,355	<i>Rainelle First</i>	17,700	<i>South Parkersburg</i>	3,281	<i>Beulah, Grafton</i>	3,000	<i>South Parkersburg</i>	3,233	<i>Williamstown First</i>	14,376	<i>Union, Simpson</i>	2,540	<i>Summersville</i>	7,333	<i>Vienna</i>	34,734
<i>Emmanuel, Parkersburg</i>	52,599	<i>Vienna</i>	17,145	<i>Emmanuel, Charleston</i>	3,188	<i>Open Arms</i>	2,641	<i>Mount Vernon</i>	3,165	<i>Willow Tree</i>	13,592	<i>Williamstown First</i>	2,537	<i>Williamstown First</i>	5,751	<i>Beckley First</i>	27,129
<i>Charleston Baptist Temple</i>	49,398	<i>Madison</i>	16,737	<i>Fayetteville</i>	3,014	<i>Beckley First</i>	2,638	<i>Sand Fork</i>	3,158	<i>Crab Orchard Missionary</i>	11,762	<i>Sand Fork</i>	2,500	<i>Harmony, Southside</i>	5,400	<i>Charleston Baptist Temple</i>	23,461
<i>Emmanuel, Charleston</i>	48,167	<i>Weirton Heights Memorial</i>	15,514	<i>Milton</i>	2,969	<i>Bethesda, Barrackville</i>	2,420	<i>Williamson First</i>	2,900	<i>Vienna</i>	11,098	<i>Mount Vernon, Teays Valley</i>	2,477	<i>Reynoldsville</i>	5,118	<i>Emmanuel, Parkersburg</i>	20,501
<i>Beckley First</i>	44,838	<i>Judson, Belle</i>	15,190	<i>Charleston Baptist Temple</i>	2,637	<i>South Parkersburg</i>	2,278	<i>Beckley First</i>	2,891	<i>Wheeling First</i>	9,203	<i>Hurricane First</i>	2,458	<i>Judson, Winfield</i>	4,861	<i>Elkins First</i>	20,185
<i>Williamstown First</i>	36,778	<i>Lubeck Community</i>	14,580	<i>Racine First</i>	2,250	<i>Vienna</i>	2,096	<i>Madison</i>	2,856	<i>Beulah Ann Missionary</i>	9,168	<i>South Parkersburg</i>	2,450	<i>Toned Missionary</i>	4,738	<i>Ravenswood First</i>	15,260
<i>Gassaway</i>	30,393	<i>Glenville First</i>	14,494	<i>Beckley First</i>	2,069	<i>Shuck Memorial</i>	2,038	<i>Charleston Baptist Temple</i>	2,785	<i>Milton</i>	8,890	<i>Vienna</i>	2,350	<i>Dunbar First</i>	4,667	<i>Oak Hill</i>	14,811
<i>Mount Vernon, Hurricane</i>	30,281	<i>Calvary, Oak Hill</i>	14,054	<i>Everson</i>	2,049	<i>Mount Vernon, Hurricane</i>	1,871	<i>Sutton</i>	2,510	<i>Enon, Salem</i>	8,596	<i>Shuck Memorial</i>	2,252	<i>Genesis Fellowship</i>	4,600	<i>Summersville</i>	14,467
<i>Williamson First</i>	29,535	<i>Williamson First</i>	13,392	<i>Crab Orchard Missionary</i>	1,936	<i>Emmanuel, Parkersburg</i>	1,845	<i>Beulah Ann Missionary</i>	2,400	<i>Emmanuel, Parkersburg</i>	8,334	<i>Crab Orchard Missionary</i>	1,825	<i>Pea Ridge</i>	4,600	<i>New Baptist</i>	13,110
<i>Fairmont Baptist Temple</i>	28,537	<i>Highlawn</i>	12,484	<i>Emmanuel, Parkersburg</i>	1,885	<i>Baptist Temple Fairmont</i>	1,719	<i>Milton</i>	2,394	<i>Mount Vernon, Hurricane</i>	6,644	<i>Old Greenbrier</i>	1,787	<i>Mill Creek, LeRoy</i>	4,598	<i>New Martinsville First</i>	12,922
<i>Crossroads CC</i>	27,888	<i>Shuck Memorial</i>	11,816	<i>Saint Albans First</i>	1,806	<i>Dunbar First</i>	1,650	<i>Albright</i>	2,205	<i>Dunbar First</i>	6,390	<i>Fayetteville</i>	1,674	<i>Lacoma Missionary</i>	4,567	<i>Emmanuel, Charleston</i>	12,210
<i>Elkins First</i>	27,676	<i>Summersville</i>	10,616	<i>Madison</i>	1,737	<i>Milton</i>	1,615	<i>Mount Pisgah</i>	2,036	<i>Hope, Frametown</i>	6,275	<i>New Martinsville First</i>	1,500	<i>Pine Grove, Parkersburg</i>	4,258	<i>Barboursville</i>	12,052
<i>Summersville</i>	27,592	<i>Sistersville First</i>	10,384	<i>Page</i>	1,620	<i>Summersville</i>	1,555	<i>Weirton Heights Memorial</i>	1,909	<i>Sabraton</i>	6,183	<i>Elizabeth</i>	1,442	<i>Kanawha City</i>	4,200	<i>Rainelle First</i>	11,990
<i>New Baptist</i>	27,358	<i>Racine First</i>	10,250	<i>Fairmont Baptist Temple</i>	1,585	<i>Nutter Fort First</i>	1,507	<i>Crab Orchard Missionary</i>	1,848	<i>Romney First</i>	6,025	<i>Indian Fork</i>	1,418	<i>Gassaway</i>	3,742	<i>Williamstown First</i>	11,520
<i>Madison</i>	26,986	<i>Fayetteville</i>	10,239	<i>Lauckport</i>	1,524	<i>Weirton Heights Memorial</i>	1,504	<i>Shuck Memorial</i>	1,763	<i>New Baptist</i>	6,000	<i>Saint Albans First</i>	1,392	<i>Tallmansville</i>	3,547	<i>Fairmont Baptist Temple</i>	11,289
<i>Oak Hill</i>	26,832	<i>Logan First</i>	9,981	<i>Summersville</i>	1,411	<i>Bethany</i>	1,488	<i>Fairmont Baptist Temple</i>	1,590	<i>Philippi</i>	5,941	<i>Wellsburg First</i>	1,385	<i>Big Clear Creek</i>	3,403	<i>Weirton Heights Memorial</i>	11,078
<i>Milton</i>	26,413	<i>Morgantown First</i>	9,208	<i>Main Street</i>	1,405	<i>Philippi</i>	1,481	<i>Old Greenbrier</i>	1,532	<i>Sutton</i>	5,865	<i>Dunbar First</i>	1,369	<i>Hopewell, Mount Alto</i>	3,227	<i>Madison</i>	10,655
<i>New Martinsville First</i>	26,349	<i>Gauley Bridge</i>	8,985	<i>Parkersburg First</i>	1,393	<i>Indian Fork</i>	1,418	<i>Mountain</i>	1,512	<i>Williamson First</i>	5,520	<i>Beckley First</i>	1,356	<i>Crab Orchard Missionary</i>	3,109	<i>Williamson First</i>	10,336
<i>Independence</i>	25,447	<i>Dorcas</i>	8,930	<i>Bethel, Kirby</i>	1,351	<i>New Hope, Parkersburg</i>	1,416	<i>Summersville</i>	1,497	<i>Matewan</i>	5,517	<i>Spencer First</i>	1,322	<i>Beulah, Grafton</i>	3,055	<i>Judson, Belle</i>	10,255
<i>Sutton</i>	24,469	<i>Main Street</i>	8,905	<i>Sabraton</i>	1,342	<i>New Martinsville First</i>	1,365	<i>Kanawha City</i>	1,467	<i>Pea Ridge</i>	5,395	<i>Sabraton</i>	1,276	<i>Parkersburg Baptist Temple</i>	3,000	<i>Lubeck Community</i>	9,955
<i>Wheeling First</i>	24,249	<i>Shinnston First</i>	8,585	<i>Judson, Belle</i>	1,314	<i>Page</i>	1,351	<i>Scarbro First</i>	1,452	<i>Union, Simpson</i>	5,058	<i>New Baptist</i>	1,243	<i>Buckhannon First</i>	3,000	<i>Calvary, Oak Hill</i>	9,613
<i>Beulah Ann Missionary</i>	23,528	<i>Hurricane First</i>	7,169	<i>Goshen</i>	1,278	<i>Morgantown First</i>	1,325	<i>Elkins First</i>	1,450	<i>Rockcastle</i>	4,900	<i>Hanover Missionary</i>	1,200	<i>Danville First</i>	3,000	<i>Glenville First</i>	9,363
<i>Weirton Heights Memorial</i>	23,471	<i>New England</i>	6,945	<i>Dorcas</i>	1,269	<i>Guyandotte Missionary</i>	1,281	<i>Mount Hope Temple</i>	1,445	<i>Hope, Forest Hill</i>	4,871	<i>Tallmansville</i>	1,194	<i>Peterstown</i>	2,952	<i>Highlawn</i>	8,345
<i>Dunbar First</i>	21,879	<i>Nitro First</i>	6,923	<i>Beulah Ann Missionary</i>	1,238	<i>Cowen First</i>	1,243	<i>Grafton First</i>	1,387	<i>Broad Run</i>	4,700	<i>Philippi</i>	1,150	<i>Open Arms</i>	2,641	<i>Shuck Memorial</i>	8,147
<i>Rainelle First</i>	21,829	<i>Oakwood</i>	6,077	<i>Harmony, Southside</i>	1,217	<i>Pea Ridge</i>	1,200	<i>Goshen</i>	1,350	<i>Connolly Memorial</i>	4,440	<i>Mannington First</i>	1,136	<i>Parkersburg First</i>	2,559	<i>Wayne</i>	8,101
<i>Shuck Memorial</i>	20,551	<i>Olive Branch, Nettie</i>	6,057	<i>Bridgeport</i>	1,186	<i>Connolly Memorial</i>	1,200	<i>Mountain</i>	1,512	<i>Old Greenbrier</i>	4,407	<i>Wheeling First</i>	1,118	<i>Crab Orchard Missionary</i>	2,539	<i>Ebenezer</i>	8,040
<i>Lubeck Community</i>	20,383	<i>Elkins First</i>	6,014	<i>New Martinsville First</i>	1,157	<i>Goshen</i>	1,200	<i>Oak Hill</i>	1,314	<i>Fairview, Forest Hill</i>	4,400	<i>Hope, Frametown</i>	1,100	<i>Beulah, Grafton</i>	2,500	<i>Dunbar First</i>	8,017
<i>Ravenswood First</i>	19,987	<i>Meadow Grove</i>	5,950	<i>Pea Ridge</i>	1,136	<i>Elkins First</i>	1,165	<i>Gassaway</i>	1,300	<i>Hanover Missionary</i>	4,200	<i>Broad Run</i>	1,040	<i>New Hope, Parkersburg</i>	2,500	<i>Parchment Valley</i>	7,997
<i>Calvary, Oak Hill</i>	18,077	<i>Diamond</i>	5,905	<i>Mount Hope Temple</i>	1,108	<i>Hope Frametown</i>	1,100	<i>Page</i>	1,296	<i>Elizabeth</i>	3,973	<i>Weston First</i>	1,025	<i>Broad Run</i>	2,496	<i>Shinnston First</i>	6,763
<i>Petersburg First</i>	17,816	<i>Gilboa</i>	5,635	<i>Diamond</i>	1,105	<i>Weston First</i>	1,085	<i>Racine First</i>	1,250	<i>Spencer First</i>	3,909	<i>Little Capon</i>	1,020	<i>Ten Mile, Tallmansville</i>	2,342	<i>Crossroads CC</i>	6,733
<i>Pea Ridge</i>	17,741	<i>Page</i>	5,521	<i>Hope, Frametown</i>	1,086	<i>Racine First</i>	1,035	<i>Weston First</i>	1,238	<i>Harmony, Southside</i>	3,883	<i>Rockcastle</i>	1,000	<i>Poca</i>	2,132	<i>Sistersville First</i>	6,723
<i>Highlawn</i>	17,737	<i>Dallas Pike</i>	5,480	<i>Mount Vernon, Hurricane</i>	1,083	<i>Sabraton</i>	1,002	<i>Calvary, War</i>	1,200	<i>Poca</i>	3,850	<i>Fairmont Baptist Temple</i>	905	<i>Sago</i>	2,049	<i>Racine First</i>	6,668
<i>Judson, Belle</i>	17,730	<i>Hope, Frametown</i>	5,238	<i>Judson, Winfield</i>	1,083	<i>Holly River</i>	1,000	<i>Union, Simpson</i>	1,158	<i>Breckenridge</i>	3,800	<i>Beulah Ann Missionary</i>	900	<i>Emmanuel, War</i>	2,035	<i>Fayetteville</i>	6,575
<i>Willow Tree</i>	17,622	<i>Salem</i>	5,075	<i>Weirton Heights Memorial</i>	1,062	<i>Rockcastle</i>	1,000	<i>Bethesda, Barrackville</i>	1,125	<i>Wilsonburg</i>	3,711	<i>Diamond</i>	880	<i>New Hope, Saint Albans</i>	2,032	<i>Wheeling First</i>	6,413
<i>Fayetteville</i>	17,473	<i>Petersburg First</i>	5,062	<i>Wilsonburg</i>	1,018	<i>Fayetteville</i>	978	<i>Lubeck Community</i>	1,120	<i>Fairmont Baptist Temple</i>	3,671	<i>Springdale First</i>	873	<i>Grass Lick</i>	2,014	<i>Logan First</i>	6,373
<i>Morgantown First</i>	17,469	<i>Calvary, Charleston</i>	5,000	<i>Shinnston First</i>	1,000	<i>Calvary, Charleston</i>	891	<i>Rainelle First</i>	1,108	<i>Bethel, Morgantown</i>	3,638	<i>Rainelle First</i>	851	<i>Simpson Creek</i>	2,000	<i>Clarksburg</i>	6,314
<i>Romney First</i>	17,144	<i>Summit Missionary</i>	4,782	<i>Bethel, South Charleston</i>	985	<i>Rainelle First</i>	872	<i>Hope, Frametown</i>	1,100	<i>Everson</i>	3,600	<i>Wilsonsburg</i>	848	<i>Mannington First</i>	1,898	<i>Main Street</i>	6,308
<i>Main Street</i>	17,130	<i>Mount Zion, Mineral Wells</i>	4,632	<i>Saint Paul, Fairmont</i>	958	<i>Mount Carmel</i>	842	<i>Pleasant Grove, Kingwood</i>	1,100	<i>Highlawn</i>	3,561	<i>Madison</i>	840	<i>Indian Fork</i>	1,418	<i>Petersburg First</i>	6,302
<i>Barboursville</i>	17,117	<i>Cooper Memorial</i>	4,619	<i>Dunbar First</i>	950	<i>Gilboa</i>	838	<i>Buckhannon First</i>	1,052	<i>Fifth Avenue</i>	3,504	<i>Petersburg First</i>	838	<i>Spencer First</i>	1,400	<i>Morgantown First</i>	6,257
<i>Racine First</i>	16,989	<i>Big Tygart</i>	4,580	<i>Coons Run</i>	920	<i>Kanawha City</i>	824	<i>Reedy</i>	1,000	<i>Bethesda, Barrackville</i>	3,501	<i>Forks of Coal</i>	820	<i>Wilsonburg</i>	1,300	<i>Romney First</i>	6,200
<i>Glenville First</i>	16,953	<i>Enon, Grantsville</i>	4,518	<i>Boothsville</i>	913	<i>Petersburg First</i>	790	<i>Mount Vernon, Salem</i>	1,000	<i>Fayetteville</i>	3,430	<i>Flaggy Meadow</i>	814	<i>New Martinsville First</i>	1,212	<i>Harmony, Southside</i>	6,069
<i>Hope, Frametown</i>	16,528	<i>Beaver First</i>	4,438	<i>Morgantown First</i>	875	<i>Parkersburg First</i>	789	<i>Springdale First</i>	1,000	<i>Cook Memorial</i>	3,358	<i>Buckhannon First</i>	759	<i>Sabraton</i>	1,200	<i>Grass Lick</i>	5,917
<i>Philippi</i>	16,092	<i>Philippi</i>	4,413	<i>Minden</i>	855	<i>South Fork</i>	788	<i>Guyandotte Missionary</i>	949	<i>Summersville</i>	3,209	<i>Point Pleasant, Troy</i>	725	<i>Man First</i>	1,200	<i>Gauley Bridge</i>	5,878
<i>Spencer First</i>	16,051	<i>Sabraton</i>	4,042	<i>Highlawn</i>	851	<i>Ravenswood First</i>	782	<i>Handley</i>	924	<i>Genesis Fellowship</i>	3,180	<i>Mount Hope Temple</i>	713	<i>Concord</i>	1,200	<i>Beulah Ann Missionary</i>	5,681
STATE TOTAL \$1,706,277		STATE TOTAL \$638,366		STATE TOTAL \$98,364		STATE TOTAL \$89,400		STATE TOTAL \$107,244		STATE TOTAL \$367,353		STATE TOTAL \$82,939		STATE TOTAL \$225,524		STATE TOTAL \$753,574	

78TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
**AMERICAN BAPTIST
 WOMEN AND
 GIRLS' WEEKEND**



"Shaped by the Potter's Hands to go Forth"
Matthew 28: 19-20

JUNE 7-9, 2013
 PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER

**Praise and Worship, Special Music,
 Special Speakers and Bible Study**

Workshops: Administration, Personal Development,
 Mission and Service, White Cross and Love Gift, Church
 and Community, Scholarship and Event Planning.

Special activities for American Baptist GIRLS.

For a registration form, see the April issue of Seasons or
 contact Kim Jones at kimjones@wvdsi.net. Questions, contact
 Sandra Foster at 304.343.7234 or slfoster@access.k12.wv.us.

MINISTERS' WIVES' RETREAT

APRIL 26-27, 2013
 PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER

- Wanting to do more for God,
 but lack the time and energy?
- Needing to find purpose and
 place in your local body of believers?
- Looking for a fresh perspective
 and a renewing of your spirit?

THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOU!

SCHEDULE: Friday night program begins at 7 p.m. in the
 Santrock Building. Saturday's program begins at 9 a.m. and con-
 cludes at 4 p.m.

COST: Friday night lodging and Saturday program - double occu-
 pancy at \$50 per person, single occupancy at \$70 per person.

COST FOR SATURDAY ONLY: \$35 per person (includes a light
 breakfast, lunch, snacks and a copy of *The Door to Fruitfulness* by
 Tammy Jordan).

For more information contact Lynne Stauffer, treasurer, Ministers'
 Wives' Fellowship at staufferlynnne@gmail.com or 304.721.8307.

**AMERICAN
 BAPTIST GIRLS' FESTIVAL**

*"God's Amazing
 Promises"*

for grades 1-8.

MAY 17-19, 2013
 PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER
 Cost: \$63.00

Friday evening groups may begin arriving at 6 p.m. The program will
 begin with early bird crafts from 7-8 p.m. The weekend will wrap up
 on Sunday morning and groups will be able to leave for home between
 11 and 11:30 a.m.

For registration
 information, please see
 the January 2013 issue of
Seasons, visit
www.wvbc.org or
 contact Tracie Longwell at
longwell@wvbc.org
 or 800.879.9822.

Any questions? Contact Lou Ann Nicholas
 at 304.838.6462 or lanicholas13@aol.com.

Registration due date: May 1, 2013.

MINISTERS' WIVES' RETREAT

APRIL 26-27, 2013

REGISTRATION FORM

ONE FORM PER PERSON.

Please complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Church/Organization: _____

Roommate(s): _____

Please check the appropriate box below:

_____ \$70.00/Single - Friday night lodging and
 Saturday program

_____ \$50.00/Double - Friday night lodging and
 Saturday Program

_____ \$35.00/Day Only Cost (Saturday)

_____ TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED

*Mail registration form with check enclosed and payable to The Ministers'
 Wives' Fellowship no later than April 20, 2013 to: Lynne Stauffer,
 2606 E Parkview Dr., Saint Albans, WV 25177.*

Childrens Art Camp

For children entering grades 3-6.

June 12-14, 2013

Parchment Valley Conference Center



Camp Director: **Koreen Villers**
Art Director: **Jocelyn Robison**

Cost: \$135.00, includes meals, lodging, instruction, supplies, camp picture and camper address sheet.

Registration deadline: May 22, 2013. Space is limited to the first 36 children registered and paid in full. Send in the full amount with registration.

For more information or a registration form, please visit www.wvbc.org, click on the Commissions' tab and then Discipleship/Youth or contact Valma at 800.879.9822.

Racine First Baptist to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Racine First Baptist Church (Coal River) will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary on April 21, 2013. Former pastors, Dr. Richard Sargent will be preaching the morning message and Rev. David White will be preaching the afternoon message. The church would like to invite all former pastors and church members to join them for this celebration. If you have pictures of church events, please e-mail them to racinefbc@hotmail.com.

Fallon Ordained

Seth Fallon was ordained into the gospel ministry on January 13, 2013 at South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg). Michael Stephens, Northwest area minister of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, brought greetings from the convention. Bill Brown, pastor of Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg), gave the prayer of ordination. The laying on of hands was given by the ordained pastors and deacons. Ed Rogers, pastor of South Parkersburg Baptist Church, presented the certificate. Joe Busch, associate pastor at South Parkersburg Baptist Church, welcomed Fallon into the fellowship and gave the benediction. A reception was held in the family center.

Mission Trip Scholarships Available



If you are a Pastors4Pastors: Ministers' Council member, there is a \$250 scholarship available to you for your mission trip this year. Simply e-mail Mark Stauffer at: markstauff@suddenlink.net for an application. If you are not a member of Pastors4Pastors, you may join for \$15 per year and become eligible for the scholarship after six months. Please

visit www.wvbc.org, click on the Partners' tab and then Pastors4Pastors: WV Baptist Ministers' Council for more information about becoming a member.

Billy Graham Association Announces the My Hope Outreach Program

The Billy Graham Association has created a comprehensive, yet simple outreach program for use in churches across the world. This year as a part of the celebrations of Billy Graham's 95th birthday, the association is focusing its energies on the MY HOPE outreach program. Online training is now available through: www.MyHopeWithBillyGraham.org. You may also call them to receive more information and materials at 1.877.769.4673. The goal is to have thousands of small group gatherings in November of this year where the group leaders share their testimony after watching a nationwide broadcast with their friends and neighbors. Area ministers have information packets available to help you use this ministry in your church setting.

Leadership Updates

Mr. Ray Bevan to Zion Baptist Church (Teays Valley) as pastor on September 1, 2012

Mr. Rick Watson to Union Baptist Church (Guyandotte) as pastor on November 15, 2012

Childrens Drama and Dance Camp

For children entering grades 3-6.

June 9-11, 2013 at Parchment Valley Conference Center

Camp Director: **Koreen Villers**
Art Director: **The Academy for Dance and Theatre Arts**

Cost: \$125.00, includes meals, lodging, instruction, supplies, camp picture and camper address sheet.

Registration deadline: May 22, 2013.

Space is limited to the first 48 children registered and paid in full. Send in the full amount with registration.

For more information or a registration form, please visit www.wvbc.org, click on the Commissions' tab and then Discipleship/Youth or contact Valma at 800.879.9822.

Trading Post

FREE: Large number of choir anthems for all seasons. Most have 20-40 copies. There are more than 70 titles. For more information, contact Jean Cunningham of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) at 304.982.5092 or jeanchm1@suddenlink.net.



Obituaries

PHILIP C. ALFRED, 95, of Bridgeport, died January 17, 2013. He served the Lord in many ways throughout his life at both Clarksburg Baptist (Union) and Simpson Creek Baptist Churches (Union), working as Sunday school superintendent, usher and deacon.

ALMA BETTY BLEAU, 92, of Nitro, died January 10, 2013. She was a member of Nitro First Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where she was a former deaconess.

WILLIAM LEE BOBLETT SR., 72, of Huntington, died March 1, 2013. He was the senior pastor at Prosperity First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha) for five years, Locust Grove Baptist Church for 18 years, where he retired and was given emeritus status and Wayne Baptist Church (Twelve Pole) for three years. He also served as interim pastor for various churches. He was also on the pastoral care staff at Saint Mary's Medical Center and was a member of the Twelve Pole Association.

EVA JEAN CASTO, 77, of Lost Creek, died January 26, 2013, following an extended illness. She was a member of Broad Run Baptist Church (Broad Run), where she was a very active member of the American Baptist Women's Ministries and the women's choir.

ELIZABETH CHAMBERS, 96, of Claremont, California, died February 6, 2013. She was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary who served in the Philippines.

JOAN (JOANN) WAHL CLAY, 75, of Saulsville, died February 28, 2013. a member of Saulsville Baptist Church (Rockcastle), where she served as Sunday and Bible School teacher, pianist and choir member.

EMMA LEA SMITH COX, 83, of Charleston, died January 7, 2013. She was a devoted member of Calvary Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) since 1973.

DONALD SPENCER DEER, of Claremont, California, died January 5, 2013. He was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary who served in the Congo.

DALE C. ELSWICK, 61, of Glasgow, died,



March 3, 2013. In his 33 years of ministry, he served as pastor to Faith Baptist Church (formerly in Hugheston), Eskdale Missionary Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley),

Chesapeake First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) and Cedar Grove Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley).

JOANN LOU FINDLEY, 84, of Fairmont, died January 9, 2013. She had been a member of Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont) since 1945. In earlier years, she taught Sunday school, Vacation Bible school and had been a member and chair of the Shafer Circle.

BERTHA LUCILLE FOX, 91, died January 22, 2013. She was the last charter member of Quinwood First Baptist Church



BETTY J. KILLIAN, 73, of Weirton, died March 14, 2013. She served for 45 years as the executive director of the Weirton Christian Center and was a member of the Weirton First Baptist Church (Panhandle), where she served as chairman of the finance committee, was a Sunday School supervisor and teacher and was the vice-president of the Women's Organization.

(Hopewell).

H. POSEY GAINES, 93, of Evansville, Indiana, died January 5, 2013. He was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary who served in the Philippines.

DOROTHY GERTRUDE GATES, 98, of Saint Petersburg, Florida, died March 1, 2013. She was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary who served in China and Burma (Myanmar).

AMY R. GATEWOOD, 42, of Scott Depot, died January 10, 2013. She was an active member of Judson Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where she was greatly involved in the Vacation Bible school program and Sunday school in the nursery.

JOANN GAWTHROP, of Braxton County, died January 31, 2013. She was an active member of Gassaway Baptist Church (Elk Valley), where she taught women's Bible studies, Sunday school and Vacation Bible school. She was a member of the choir, a deaconess and served as Pastor Appreciation chairwoman. She began the first ladies' small group class.

REVA MAE HICKS, 88, of Cross Lanes, died February 13, 2013. She was a member of Amy Baptist Church (Coal River) for 59 years.

BEULAH K. HUFFMAN, 98, of Grantsville, died February 9, 2013. She was a member of Enon Baptist Church (Little Kanawha), serving in various capacities.

RUTH BOYCE LOUDERMILK, 97, died January 15, 2013. She was a member of Charleston Baptist Temple (Kanawha Valley), where she was a member of the American Baptist Women's Ministries' Betty Killian Circle.

ROBERT W. MYERS, JR., 65, died November 4, 2012. He was a member of West Warren Baptist Church (Fairmont). He served as a trustee. He served his country from August 29, 1966 through May 30, 1972 in the United States Navy.

LINDA SUE TOOTHMAN ROBINETTE, 62, of Fairview, died February 3, 2013. She was a member of Saint Paul Baptist Church (Fairmont), where she served as a deaconess.

HENRY THOMAS ROY, 85, of Philippi, died January 6, 2013. He had been a member of Philippi Baptist Church (Union) and served on its board of trustees and other church boards. **JAMES H. SANDERS**, 79, died December 17, 2012. He was a member of West Warren Baptist Church (Fairmont Association).

MAXINE "BECK" CORE MYERS SHRIVER, 84, died October 18, 2012. She had been a member of West Warren Baptist Church (Fairmont) for 70 years. She had served as American Baptist Women's Ministries' Love Gift chairperson.

MITCHELL STUMP, 55, died November 26, 2012. He was a member of Enon

Baptist Church (Little Kanawha).

RENE SWEEZEY, 97, of Alhambra, California, died November 20, 2012. She was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary who served in Japan.

ROGER GLEN TINNEL, 66, died February 12, 2013. He was ordained at Birch River Baptist Church (Elk Valley) in 1968. Later, he received his master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before serving and retiring from Madison



Baptist Church (Coal River), he was pastor for the following churches in West Virginia: Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo); Racine First Baptist Church (Coal River), his longest tenured church; Big Clear Creek Baptist Church (Hopewell); New England Baptist Church (Washington); Hope Baptist Church (Elk Valley); and Oceana First Baptist Church (Rockcastle). He also served as a pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Crothersville, Indiana, while in seminary. He served one six-year term on the general board of ABC-USA in the West Virginia Baptist Convention; two terms on the executive board and as the dean of the School of Christian Studies. He was active in the associations where he served in the West Virginia Baptist Convention, including serving as moderator of the Coal River Association. He also served as a volunteer chaplain at Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg and Appalachian Regional Hospital in Williamson. He also served for 11 years as the chaplain to the Sherman High School football team. Shortly after his retirement, he received the Ward W. Hibbs' Ministerial Award from Alderson-Broadus College.

NELMA FRANCES PITZER

VANGILDER, 93, of Fairmont, died February 4, 2013. She was a member of Fairmont First Baptist Church in Fairmont (Fairmont). She had served as the church organist for Weirton First Baptist Church (Panhandle) for 23 years and later as the organist for Bethesda Baptist Church (Fairmont).

GARRY WAYNE VANNOY, 65, of Grantsville, died December 26, 2012. He was a member of Enon Baptist Church (Little Kanawha).

CECIL GERALD "JERRY" WEAVER SR., 89, died January 5, 2013. He was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary who served in the Congo.

JOANN WILSON, 83, died January 11, 2013. She was a member of Lauckport Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where she served as Sunday school teacher, treasurer, pianist and organist for over 40 years.

PRAYER CALENDARS

April 2013

April 1 - The ministry of Athens Church; Charles Drake, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
April 2 - The ministry of Matewan Missionary Baptist Church; Carl Butler, pastor (Logan Mingo)
April 3 - The ministry of West Warren Baptist Church (Fairmont Association)
April 4 - Larry Hooper, member of the West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
April 5 - Chris Layfield, treasurer, Harrisville Association
April 6 - Karen Radcliff, bookkeeper, West Virginia Baptist Convention
April 7 - The ministry of Dallas Pike Baptist Church; Phillip Elliott, pastor (Panhandle)
April 8 - Susan Hegarty, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Costa Rica
April 9 - Grace Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary (youth) to Bolivia
April 10 - The ministry of Highland Avenue Baptist Church; Warren Gilpen, interim pastor (Rockcastle)
April 11 - Stephen James, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Haiti
April 12 - The ministry of Page Baptist Church; Delmas Wolfe, pastor (Fayette)
April 13 - The ministry of Strait Creek Baptist Church; Dobby Thrash, pastor (Harrisville)
April 14 - The ministry of Mount Carmel Baptist Church; Leon Brown, pastor (Union)
April 15 - Ginny Prunty, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
April 16 - Roger Raikes, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
April 17 - The ministry of Two Runs Baptist Church (Good Hope)
April 18 - Clark Sweptson, second vice-president and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
April 19 - The ministry of Mountain Baptist Church; Reginald Berry, pastor (Hopewell)
April 20 - The ministry of Shinnston First Baptist Church; Kevin Nuzum, pastor (Judson)
April 21 - The ministry of Milton Baptist Church; Allen Stewart, pastor (Guyandotte)
April 22 - The ministry of Nitro First Baptist Church; David Bess, pastor (Teays Valley)
April 23 - The ministry of North Mill Creek Baptist Church; Bradley Thorne, pastor (Eastern)
April 24 - Corene Smith, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Brazil
April 25 - The ministry of Pleasant Dale Baptist Church; Wayne Litton, pastor (Elk Valley)
April 26 - Ministers' Wives' Retreat this weekend at Parchment Valley Conference Center
April 27 - Omega at South Parkersburg Baptist Church
April 28 - Pray for Camp Cowen staff, counselors and attendees as we celebrate Camp Cowen Celebration Sunday
April 29 - Joyce Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Mexico
April 30 - Debbie Harpold, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission

West Virginia Baptist Convention staff and missionaries listed are on the occasion of their birthday.

May 2013

May 1 - Todd Jarman, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
May 2 - The ministry of Madison Baptist Church; Jim Butcher, pastor (Coal River)
May 3 - Wendy Bernhard, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
May 4 - American Baptist Men's Work Weekend at Camp Cowen
May 5 - Tom Myers, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Bulgaria
May 6 - The Spring Golden'ers Retreat at Parchment Valley Conference Center
May 7 - Nora Kalkman, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Czech Republic
May 8 - Pastors4Pastors: Ministers' Council Spring Retreat at Camp Cowen
May 9 - The ministry of Chesapeake First Baptist Church; John P. Reed, pastor (Kanawha Valley)
May 10 - Jill Lowery, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Democratic Republic of the Congo
May 11 - Tim Gray, director, Baptist Campus Ministries' West Virginia University Campus
May 12 - Nzunga Madudiga, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Haiti
May 13 - Frank Miller, director of Operations, Parchment Valley Conference Center
May 14 - Baptist Campus Ministries' Beach Week this week at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
May 15 - The ministry of Poca Baptist Church; Michael Derry, pastor (Teays Valley)
May 16 - Judy Schroeder, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
May 17 - The Youth Work Weekend at Camp Cowen
May 18 - American Baptist GIRLS' Festival this weekend at Parchment Valley Conference Center
May 19 - The ministry of Mount Zion Baptist Church; Kent Cutright, pastor (Parkersburg)
May 20 - Hemelinda Damasceno, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Great Britain
May 21 - Lee Ann Hwang, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Japan
May 22 - Donna Vetter, clerk, Eastern Association
May 23 - The ministry of Hilton Village Baptist Church; Eric Keister, pastor (Hopewell)
May 24 - Kevin Emerick, site maintenance manager, Parchment Valley Conference Center
May 25 - David Hulme, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
May 26 - Wayne Niles, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
May 27 - Those who have gone on before us as we celebrate Memorial Day
May 28 - Vonnice Wykle, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
May 29 - Abie Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary (youth) to Bolivia
May 30 - The ministry of Center Branch Baptist Church; Shirley Gilmore, pastor (Broad Run)
May 31 - The ministry of Bethlehem Baptist Church; Gene Johnson, pastor (Little Kanawha)

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 2013

April 6

West Virginia Baptist Convention
Executive Board
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 7-12

Palmer Theological Seminary West
Virginia Program - Ethics of
Ministerial Relationships Class
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 13

School of Christian Studies Worship
and Music (E-03) One-day Class
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 23

School of Christian Studies Church
History (H-01) Six-week class begins
Various Locations

April 26-27

Ministers' Wives' Retreat
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 27

Omega
South Parkersburg Baptist Church

April 28

Camp Cowen Celebration Sunday
Various Churches

MAY 2013

May 3-4

American Baptist Men's Work
Weekend
Camp Cowen

May 6-8

Pastors4Pastors: Ministers' Council
Spring Retreat
Camp Cowen

May 6-8

Golden'eers Spring Retreat
Parchment Valley Conference Center

May 13-20

Baptist Campus Ministries' Beach
Week
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

May 17-18

Youth Work Weekend
Camp Cowen

May 17-19

American Baptist GIRLS' Festival
Parchment Valley Conference Center

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April 27, 2013

South Parkersburg Baptist Church

Cost: \$15.00, includes lunch.

Please mail by April 22, 2012.

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