

The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter

Little is Much When God is in It - Parkersburg Baptist Temple Mission Team Travels to Nicaragua

The 2014 Nicaragua mission team from Parkersburg Baptist Temple (Parkersburg): Larry and Susan Dale; Donna Gibson; Sandy McCoy; Mike Stephens; Jake and Leisa Stover; Joyce McVicker, Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont); Lucky Ray, Bethel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley); Donna Shanholzer, Spencer First Baptist Church (Good Hope); and Adam and Vicki Stover, Union Mission Church, Buckhannon traveled to Managua, Nicaragua on May 9, 2014 and returned May 18.

The team's motto was "God does not always call the qualified, but He qualifies the called" citing the potential disqualifications of Biblical characters.

After arriving at the new and remodeled AMOS (A Ministry of Sharing) compound on the opposite rim of Laguna Nejapa from the old CEPAD (Council of Protestant Churches in Nicaragua) facility and orienting with team coordinator Felicia Zamora and David and Laura Parajon, the team set off early Sunday morning for the seven hour truck ride to Tapasle in the high mountains of Matagalpa, which is nearly as high as the highest mountain in West Virginia.



Sandy McCoy (l) of Parkersburg Baptist Temple leads a game with the Tapasle children.

As usual, the community welcomed the team with joyful worship and warm hospitality at the borrowed farmhouse on a real working dairy farm. Community health promoter, pastor and local hero, Salvadore Lopez demonstrated his pastor's heart as he mentored other health workers, coordinated clinical visits by dozens of families throughout the week, led the team on home visits, directed the painting in and outside the clinic, constructed and installed a latrine, hand washing station and connected a power line to the clinic.

Salvadore was also present as the team participated in health training, Vacation Bible School and a final celebration at the local school. As we focused on the Ten Commandments through games, skits and music, the children responded enthusiastically and even more impressive was the teacher's tearful

appreciation as we presented the visual aids and supplies including crayons, coloring sheets and a set of cardboard "stone tablets." Like water on parched ground, the people of this community soaked up the word of God and the love with which it was shared.

Speaking of water, we usually take several five gallon commercially purified water bottles, which we consume exclusively, but this time we were able to drink water purified in the five gallon plastic bucket filters on site. The team participated in water testing, which revealed E. coli (Escherichia coli) in all water sources except for what had been processed through the filters. We also noticed healthier, joyful people and a much cleaner environment along highways and in the community. "Little is much, when God is in it."

Larry and Susan Dale mentored team leaders Jake and Leisa Stover, who did an excellent job leading the team.

The team was also privileged to partner with several church and association groups to deliver 162 baby layettes and sufficient multi-vitamins with iron to fill the annual quota for the AMOS ministry. We are learning that mission, ministry and evangelism are all based on partnerships. In this case, the partnership began with the AMOS team nurturing relationships with community leaders in Nicaragua to identify needs, coupled with the leading by the West Virginia team to go, train and gather resources to meet the need. The partnership continued with the actual trip and work done alongside community members and will continue as the story is told here at home, potentially inspiring others to go and/or support this and other mission opportunities. None of this happens, but for the call of God and His continued empowering presence.



A baby is weighed by health workers at the clinic.



A young man shows his salvation bracelet.

*Michael Stephens
Transitional Consultant*

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.



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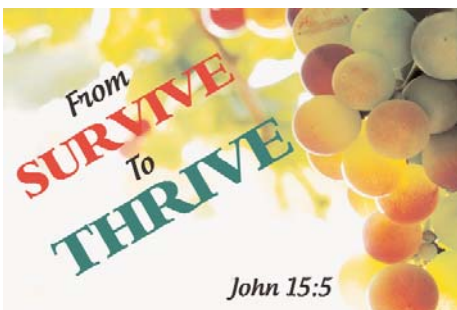
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God's Plans

*For I know the thoughts
that I think toward you,
says the Lord, thoughts of
peace and not of evil, to
give you a future and a
hope. Jeremiah 29:11
(NKJV)*



Dr. David
Carrico

At times, we want to believe the Christian life is all about happiness. We want to grow, but many times growth comes through painful experiences. We want to be strong in the Lord, but we don't want to walk the road to Calvary. We look for an easy kingdom, but the kingdom comes with hard work and, at times, pain. God's heart in Jeremiah is not that we escape difficulties, but that we thrive in the midst of them. We need to celebrate what our Lord proclaims ... "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10b KJV

How do we prepare for and practice God's plans in our lives? The key concept for our thriving in the church and in our lives is *discipleship*. As the word connotes, discipleship requires certain disciplines and practices. We are disciples of Christ because we obey what He tells us. Worship is important, yet we must be intentional about our Biblical learning experiences. Worship in itself is not enough.

The early church as pictured in the book of Acts gathered each day in the temple and in the believers' homes. They shared meals and grew in their faith in Christ. One of the casualties of the modern church movement is the Sunday School emphasis, as many churches today have walked away from the significance of the Sunday School experience. Sunday School was a specific, intentional learning experience in the word of God. As the church attempts to meet the many needs of its

congregation, we create teams for anyone who wants to play in a church sports league, a choir for anyone who wants to sing and specialty groups for anyone who has a specific interest. That is not a bad thing because believers begin to feel part of the church family. Yet, we must not miss the instructional foundations of our faith.

During the summer months, we have a wonderful opportunity for equipping, training and sharpening our skills and enriching our spirits. These opportunities come to us through our association meetings, Vacation Bible Schools, camps, conferences and special events. As in the past, our camps and conferences have been well-attended this summer as we have resourced and refreshed many folks for the work for the kingdom.

Our West Virginia Baptist family continues to develop opportunities to do mission projects and have missional experiences in our state and around the world. As we move to the fall season, the Convention is working to grow our ability to communicate in every way possible. Our vision-casting includes growth in getting the word out about the Lord and supporting our churches with creative concepts of ministry.

Your West Virginia Baptist staff is eager to resource your church. We want hear from you! Please share with us what would be most helpful to you, your church and your association. Use these summer months to develop your insights into your church, grow your situational awareness, discover where your church is going and how your church can thrive. Celebrate this grand promise of Jeremiah 29 ... God plans to give you hope and a future!

Blessings



Mountain State Mission Offering

2014 STATE GOAL: \$290,000
Received as of July 7, 2014: \$114,247

The psalmist wrote, "*The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.*" When we look at the beautiful landscape of West Virginia where we are so fortunate to live, our heart tells us it is true. It's grandeur and rugged beauty speak to the glory of the Creator.

A look at the conditions in which many of our friends, family members and neighbors live, however, is far less lovely. Our people are hurting. Their physical, emotional and spiritual needs are great.

- How do we respond to what we see?
- What can you and I do to meet needs and see them come to faith in Christ?

The **MOUNTAIN STATE MISSION OFFERING** is one of the ways we support the mission and ministries of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. The Mountain State Mission Offering supports such ministries as Camp Cowen, Parchment Valley Conference Center, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry and Area Minister work, among others.

100% supporting the mission and ministries of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

American Baptist Women's Ministries



36th Annual

Spiritual Growth Retreat

Catching Your Breath:
Discovering Your Sabbath

You lead me beside quiet waters;

You restore me to life. Psalm 23:2-3

Have you considered the Sabbath and what it means for your life?

Bring your thoughts and let us discover together this gift of Sabbath rest.

September 26-28, 2014
Parchment Valley Conference Center

Leader: Rev. Mary Beth McCloy

A registration form is available at www.wvbc.org.

West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen - Now, I Need You

by Libby Farmer, Oak Hill

In August 1959, I attended the Senior High Camp at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen after my sophomore year in high school. I was 15 and had been actively involved in my home church in Charleston since I was a young child. On the last night of Senior High Camp, we were at the closing worship service in the amphitheater. We were given candles as we entered and we were to light our candle from the Christ candle in the center of the altar/pulpit area at the appropriate time when our commitment was announced.

The first group of people called forward were those who were rededicating their lives to Christ that night. I started to get up from my bench seat, but an unfamiliar voice said, "No, Libby, not now." I knew no one around me had spoken as I sat holding my shaking unlit candle and wondered what was happening. Several other categories were called, but none applied to me. Finally, Rev. Elizabeth Caudill, camp pastor said "All those committing themselves to full-time Christian service come forward and light your candles." The very same voice I heard before said, "Yes, Libby, now I need you." I made my way to the altar, lit my candle, and returned to my seat with hands shaking so fiercely I thought my candle would go out. I had no idea what that commitment meant at the time.

When the service was over, we all walked quietly to our cabins, went to bed without speaking and went to sleep. The next morning I was the first one up. I quickly took my shower,

and headed to the dining hall at 6:40 a.m., even though breakfast was not until 7:00 a.m. I desperately needed someone to talk to about what had happened. Rev. Caudill was on the porch and greeted me warmly (we knew each other from the Kanawha Valley Association). I blurted out, "What did last night mean? I don't want to go into the ministry." She kindly explained I had committed myself to taking God with me into whatever vocation He led me. I finally took my first deep breath since Friday night.

I went to Eastern Baptist College in Saint Davids, Pennsylvania, and got a teaching certificate in English and French. I returned to West Virginia and taught high school English for three years. Later, I worked for the state of West Virginia as a social worker for nine years. I then worked as a social worker at a Christian group home for adolescents for four years before completing my Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy at Virginia Tech. After that, I taught at a Christian college in Kentucky for three years and began a private practice as a marriage and family therapist. I returned to West Virginia after 20 years as a Christian counselor and realized I had fully understood the call God put on my life at Cowen in 1959. With every job I had, I kept as a priority the commitment to let God lead me. I continued to work six more years for the federal government and retired at the age of 70. I look back on my time as a camper at Cowen with great fondness. I know my life was shaped by the experiences I had there. I have never had God speak as clearly throughout my life as He did in 1959, but I have heard His voice and felt His hand on many occasions. I pray the same will happen for other young people as a result of their camping experiences there, too.

Fall Golden'eers Conference

\$10.00 discount for First-Timers!

The conference is planned for those who are at least 55 years of age.

September 8-10, 2014

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Theme: Count Your Blessings

**Bible Study Leader:
Jay Chambers**

**The conference will begin on Monday
with registration at noon in Hill Hall
and end on Wednesday at 11 a.m.**

**For more information, visit www.wvbc.org.
If you have questions, please contact Valma at
adams@wvbc.org or 800.879.9822.**

Retired Ministers & Mates' Fall Meeting

October 7, 2014

**Parchment Valley Conference Center
Noon**

*A complimentary luncheon will be served.
Sponsored by the Ministers and
Missionaries Benefit Board.*

**Please reserve your space by
contacting Mrs. Linda Carpenter
at 304.863.8890 or
llecgrandma@yahoo.com.**

The Joy of Missions

I get excited when I hear about the many things God is doing through International Ministries. Even though I am writing this article a couple of weeks before the World Mission Conference, I can already feel extreme joy about what that experience will be. Over 100 missionaries, 130 international guests, IM staff and hundreds of mission supporters gathered to celebrate 200 years of God using American Baptists to share the Gospel around the world.

We have a mission worth celebrating! American Baptists have been working with international partners in mission for 200 years. We have planted churches, built hospitals, established schools, created economic opportunities for disenfranchised peoples, funded education needs, brought water and sanitation to remote villages, rescued women and children out of prostitution, given sanctuary for HIV positive women and much, much more all in the name of Jesus so people may know Him as their personal Lord and Savior.

For all the mission we have done, our most important work has been equipping others for mission. Our first missionaries, Adoniram and Ann Judson, established the model of missions we still use today. Invest the Gospel in local people and equip them to do God's work. This model has served the Kingdom of God very well over the past 200 years. When the

missionaries were expelled from Burma in the 70s, God's work did not stop. Now, 40 years later, the Baptists in Burma are among the strongest Baptist bodies in the world.

In North East India, our partners there have not had a resident missionary for many years. But because they were equipped by our missionaries to do God's work, that work has continued and flourishes today. The Manipur Baptist Convention is one of the seven state conventions there. They alone support 400 missionaries that are sharing the Gospel throughout the region - often working in countries that are closed to outside mission agencies.

We need to celebrate more what God is doing! We need to realize the wonderful things we are part of as American Baptists; as West Virginia Baptists. Because of our obedience in supporting God's global work, thousands upon thousands - even hundreds of thousands have heard the Good News. Countless numbers have received the gift of eternal life in Christ. This should give us cause for JOY!

I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:9

Committed to Missions

Camp Global 2014



Family Mission Camp

"We Are Unstoppable with God"

August 29 - 31, 2014
Camp Cowen

Cost: \$90 per person
\$350 maximum per household
\$40 Saturday only

Groups of five or more - call for discount pricing.

Programming for children, youth and adults!

Details and registration available online at www.wvbc.org.
For more information, contact Joan at 800.879.9822 or hall@wvbc.org.



Bible Study Leader:
Dr. Charles Jones,
Area Director for Africa, Europe and the Middle East



Missionary Guests:
Carlos and Mayra Bonilla-Giovanetti,
Missionaries to Nicaragua



and David and Leslie Turley,
Missionaries to Okinawa



International Guest:
Manuel Moises Quembo,
General Secretary, Baptist Convention of Mozambique, Africa

Schedule

Friday

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Opening Music and Introductions
7:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Vespers - David and Leslie Turley
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Store and Evening Activities for All Ages

Saturday

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Hands-On Activities
10:30 a.m. - Gathering Music in Hylbert Hall, Bible Study and Small Groups
12:00 p.m. - Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Gathering Music, Samaritana Transformation Ministries - Debbie Mulneix
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Elective Options
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Conversations with Charles Jones (by appointment)
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Carlos and Mayra Bonilla - Giovanetti
5:30 p.m. - Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Intergenerational Games
7:15 p.m. - Vespers - Debbie Mulneix
8:00 p.m. - Pink Piggy Party

Sunday

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Gathering Music, Adult Study, Youth Activity, Children Activity
10:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Break
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Gathering for Worship, Sermon - Manuel Quembo
12:00 p.m. - Lunch

Baptist Campus Ministries: West Virginia Baptist Convention, Our Extended Family

A few years ago, I met a high school student at Senior High Camp who was headed to Marshall University in the fall. This student immediately got involved with Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) and served the Lord faithfully on the college campus and in a local church. Now, this student is a counselor at West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen and is recruiting students to BCM and to her home church in Huntington.

I can think of so many students who fit the above scenario. Being part of the West Virginia Baptist Convention has many advantages. One of those advantages is the connection between Camp Cowen and BCM. This fall, Baptist Campus Ministries will welcome hundreds of freshmen to the college

Hispanic Ministries: A Family that Offers Hope - Una Familia que Brinda Esperanza

Throughout Scripture, God consistently reveals His deep concern for the poor, the vulnerable and the strangers by calling His people to care for them (Exodus 22:21; 23:9; Leviticus 19:10; 19:33-34; Deuteronomy 24:21; 27:19). However, time and again they treated foreigners ambiguously, ignored what God required of them (Micah 6:8) or abandoned altogether His ordinances to care for the alien. In spite of their rejection towards foreigners, God repeatedly uses aliens to play a key role in accomplishing His mission and purposes (Joshua 2:1-21; Ruth 4:16-17). God's agenda has not changed and He still calls His people, the church, to be a community, a family that welcomes and cares for the poor and vulnerable (Matthew 25:35; Hebrews 13:2) which includes, among many others, immigrants - documented and undocumented.

In the Old Testament, there are at least three terms which refer to the English word alien or immigrant. The original Hebrew terms are *gēr*, *zār*, and *nokrî*. Depending on the version of the Bible, the English renders this word as alien, sojourner, stranger, foreigner, immigrant or temporary resident alien. The most common is the Hebrew word *gēr*. The word *gēr* describes a non-Israelite foreigner who has settled into a new community and has no land or a family support network. The word *gēr* could clearly describe the reality of Latinas and Latinos who are undocumented immigrants.

Immigrants live in the shadows of reality. They come to live in a land where their labor is desired and needed, yet they are unwanted and unwelcome. They live half lives in what for them is a strange culture and cannot fully integrate their lives into the life of the community. They live in constant fear. They live alienated lives. Daniel Groody asserts that, "[The experience of immigration] leaves an indelible mark on the heart of the immigrant. It forces one to be a stranger in a foreign land, a pilgrim without a home." They experience an excruciating alienation from all that is well-known and intimate for them: family, culture, God and even themselves.

Immigration is indeed a highly emotional experience with heartbreaking consequences not only for the individual

campus. Many of these students already have close relationships with current BCM students because of the relationships developed at Camp Cowen. I love how the Convention truly operates as an extended church family.

This fall there will also be hundreds of students entering the college world who have never heard the truth of the gospel, and who have no clue what the letters WVBC even mean. But what I love about our Convention is I know there are already people praying for these students too. Through your partnership with Baptist Campus Ministries, you are such an integral part of reaching both students raised in the Convention and those who will have their first exposure to the gospel on the college campus. Together I pray we can encourage the faith of the believer and reach those who have never believed. To God be the glory.

*Adam Goodwin
Baptist Campus Ministries' Director*

migrating but also for the families, relatives and communities left behind. Those of us who have not gone through this harrowing experience may rightly wonder, "What would lead people to risk their lives? What kind of conditions, circumstances and pressures would lead people to leave their families, women endanger their children and even face the prospects of torturous deaths?" Responses are bountiful. Some view immigration as a strategy of survival and development that individuals and families adopt in the context of global socio-economic and political disparities and instabilities. Others argue it is their devotion to family and work - two central tenets of American culture - which propels them in their journey to the United States.

Constantino and Teresa, a couple from Oaxaca, Mexico that I met a few years ago told me why they took the chance. I asked, "Why did you take such a risk and leave your children with relatives?" Constantino replied, "Why not if we have nothing? We have no land; we have no house and no food to feed our children. Why not go through all this peril if after working for two or three years we will have enough money to buy land to produce crops to feed our family and build a decent house to live in?" Constantino and Teresa went back to Oaxaca over a year ago. They worked hard as farmworkers and saved enough money to build a house and buy land to grow *rosa de Jamaica* (Hibiscus tea), which has become their family business. A few months ago my wife received a surprise call from Teresa. Besides saying hello, she wanted to tell her she had a new baby and that they were doing very well. In a sense, Comunidad Nueva Esperanza, our Hispanic church in Ravenswood, became a family for them while they lived in the USA.

The church as God's household (Ephesians 2:19) is called to share Christ's love and to provide support and care to immigrants who live in the shadows and are often invisible. I believe that as we embrace the gift of hospitality bestowed by the Spirit there will be a home, a community, a family for migrant people wherever there is a church. Dr. Loida Martell-Otero from Palmer Theological Seminary rightly proclaims, "If the church truly loves God, she is obligated to treat and love strangers as familia."

Thank you for your support as we share the gospel and become a familia for the immigrants in our midst.

*Juan Aragon
Hispanic Ministries' Strategist*

149th ANNUAL MEETING

of the

West Virginia Baptist Convention



Annual Meeting Insert:

- Worship Leaders
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Theme:

From *Survive* to *Thrive*

Thursday, October 16 -
Friday, October 17, 2014

Vienna Baptist Church,

3401 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna

Featuring:



Guest Speaker: Gary McIntosh

President of the Church Growth Network and Professor of Christian Ministry and Leadership at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University



Annual Sermon Speaker: Greg Creasy

Pastor, Pea Ridge Baptist Church, Huntington



Executive Minister: David Carrico

West Virginia Baptist Convention



Worship Leader: Brad Krigbaum

Youth Minister and Interim Praise Band Director, New Hope Baptist Church, Parkersburg

Scripture Verse:

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10

Schedule

Thursday, October 16

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1 - Sanctuary

Mission Moment - Michael Sisson

Annual Sermon - Greg Creasy

Ward Hibbs Award - Alderson Broadus University

Business Meeting 1 - Michael Sisson

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

6:30 p.m. Session 2 - Sanctuary

School of Christian Studies' Graduation

Mission Moment - Larry Dale

Keynote Speaker - Gary McIntosh

Alderson Broadus University Reception

Friday, October 17

8:45 a.m. Session 3 - Sanctuary

Mission Moment - David Hulme

Executive Minister Address - David Carrico

9:45 a.m.- Workshops and Discussion Groups (See options on following page.)

9:45 a.m. - Workshop Session I

10:45 a.m. Workshop Session II

11:45 a.m. - Lunch Break

Luncheon Opportunities

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon

Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon

1:45 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Meet and Greet

2:45 p.m. Session 4 - Sanctuary

Mission Moment - Charles Drake

Business Meeting 2

Recognition of New Ministers

Recognition of Retiring Ministers

James Anderson, Sr. Pastoral Ministry Award

Installation of Officers

6:15 p.m. Session 5 - Sanctuary

Mission Moment - Lucky Ray

Keynote Speaker - Gary McIntosh

Communion



**Vienna Baptist Church,
Vienna, West Virginia**

To the West Virginia Baptist Family:

We here at Vienna Baptist Church count it an honor to host the West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting on October 16-17, 2014. We are excited to extend a warm invitation to our Convention family as we gather round a theme that encourages us to learn to thrive in Christ together.

The City of Vienna and the surrounding Parkersburg Area offer multiple hotels and numerous restaurants just a short drive from our campus that should make your stay enjoyable. More importantly, our local arrangements team will be working hard between now and your arrival to ensure that your visit to Vienna Baptist to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and to worship our Lord is a trip you were glad you made.

I am reminded of Paul's words to the church of Thessalonica in his first letter to them. It is a prayer and yet an instruction:

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

May God direct our ways to cross this October in a gathering of people abounding in love for the Lord and one another. May our time together be used by Him to establish our hearts, blameless in holiness as we look forward to the coming of Christ.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. William E. Brown, Senior Pastor
Vienna Baptist Church

Directions:

From the East: Take Route 50 to Parkersburg. Exit onto 14 North. Follow to Vienna. Church is on the left about two miles past Grand Central Mall.

From the South: Take I-77 to Parkersburg, exit 176. Route 50 West to Route 14 North. Church is on the left about two miles past Grand Central Mall.

From the North: Take I-77 to Parkersburg, exit 176. Route 50 West to Route 14 North. Church is on the left about two miles past Grand Central Mall. Alternatively, exit I-77 in Williamstown and follow Route 14 South to Vienna.

3401 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105

304.295.4578

Workshops and Discussion Groups:

9:45 a.m. - Session I

From Survive to Thrive: Roundtable Discussion

You will have the opportunity to share experiences of surviving and thriving. Our goal is to have more communication among our churches to enable and empower one another by sharing stories and ideas. Each group will have a facilitator to guide and report on the experience.

Christian Mountain: Matthew's Mountain Ministry - Ron George Jr.

This is an introductory gospel living session based on the book of Matthew. Session will include a lesson from Matthew with emphasis on the ministry of the mountains. From the downtown church to the church in the wildwood, what do the principles of Matthew's gospel tell us in the modern day church? Workshop will include discussion on the basis of ministry through the eyes of the tax collector, suggested ministry emphasis for the church in the mountains from Matthew, and a list of resources to enable the ministry at your church to attain new heights of effectiveness and further study.

Community Ministry - Mark McCloy

If your church ceased to exist, would your community notice? Christ did not create the church merely to exist, but instead sent it into the world to make a difference. The world begins right outside the church doors. Beginning with the biblical foundation for missions, this workshop will place primary emphasis on practical ideas for community outreach. This workshop will explore how churches can move from an inward focused survival mentality to an outward focused thriving missional ministry.

Seminar: There's Hope for your Church (Part 1) - Gary McIntosh

This two-part seminar is based on Dr. McIntosh's book: There is Hope for Your Church. Session one helps you see hope in most any situation and how to keep hope alive. The training is based on years of practical experience and offers tools to help in your local ministry setting.

International Ministries: Appreciative Inquiry - Lisa Simmons (Part 1)

During this time, the Appreciative Inquiry process will be used to assist International Ministries with its vision and goal setting process for the next five years. The process is easy and fun and will be done as a group. Those who are interested in our overseas mission work, have participated in our overseas work or have thoughts and comments to make concerning our overseas work are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to give input to the future of International Ministries.

10:45 a.m. - Session II

From Survive to Thrive: Roundtable Discussion

Christian Mountain: Matthew's Mountain Ministry - Ron George Jr.

Community Ministry - Mark McCloy

Seminar: There's Hope for your Church (Part 2) - Gary McIntosh

Session two gives a practical guide to help you revitalize your church. You will learn a clearly defined process for revitalization that builds on the hope you define for your church.

The Laborer Deserves to Be Paid: Negotiating Pastoral Compensation -

Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board

The seminar is designed to review and to discuss key elements of staff compensation and how that compensation ties into the annual budget cycle, benefit plans as well as retirement and tax planning for members and employers.

International Ministries: Appreciative Inquiry - Lisa Simmons (Part 2)

11:45 a.m. - Lunch Break

Lodging Options:

Wingate by Wyndom

1502 Grand Central Avenue
Vienna, WV
304-295-5501
1.13 miles from the church

Comfort Inn - Parkersburg

401 37th Street
Parkersburg, WV
304-424-5300
2.51 miles from the church

Blennerhassett Hotel

320 Market Street
Parkersburg, WV
304-422-3131
5.07 miles from the church

Lafayette Hotel

101 Front Street
Marietta, OH
740-373-5522
9.31 miles from the church

Hampton Inn - Marietta

508 Pike Street
Marietta, OH
740-373-5353
9.78 miles from the church

Microtel - Marietta

506 Pike Street
Marietta, OH
740-373-7373
9.78 miles from the church

Holiday Inn - Marietta

701 Pike Street
Marietta, OH
740-945-9081
10.52 miles from the church

Comfort Inn - Marietta

700 Pike Street
Marietta, OH
740-374-8190
10.74 miles from the church

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, October 16

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

New Hope Baptist Church, 1777
Rosemar Road, Parkersburg
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Purchase tickets on registration form or in the registration area.

Alderson Broaddus University

Reception

Vienna Baptist Church

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Musical Groups will be there to perform and refreshments will be served.

Friday, October 17

West Virginia Baptist Education

Society

Golden Corral, 1302 Garfield Avenue,
Parkersburg

Time: 7:30 a.m.

For members only.

West Virginia Baptist Historical

Society

Location: To be determined

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: To be determined

Program: Judson Legacy in West Virginia by
Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoven, Executive
Director of the American Baptist Historical
Society

For reservations, contact Sally Cyrus at
304.522.1030.

Shuttle available, but limited space.

Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon

Parkersburg Country Club, 4910 First Avenue

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$12.00

Advanced registration required. To register,
contact Lynne Stauffer at 304.721.8307 or
staufferlynnne@gmail.com.

Palmer Theological Seminary

Luncheon

Vienna Baptist Church

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$10.00

Contact Person: Allan Copenhaver,
304.765.5442, 304.765.5811 or
allancopenhaver@yahoo.com.

The offerings will go to the local church ministries and Convention expenses.

*The Pastors' Emergency Fund will also be collected throughout
the church in the red buckets.*

Delegate Registration

Registration Fee:

Please use a separate form for each person. (Copy as needed.)

Name:	
Name on Tag:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
E-mail:	Phone:
Church:	
Association:	

*Delegates MUST have this form signed by church clerk or pastor.
Clerk or Pastor signature:*

*(Please check the meal reservations you wish to secure and include the cost
with your total registration. Registration packet and meal ticket(s) will be
available for pickup at the annual meeting registration area.)*

	\$20.00 Delegate and Visitor Fee (REQUIRED)
	\$20.00 - Members Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$25.00 - Non-Members (Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$10.00 - Baptist Campus Ministries' Dinner
	Total Enclosed Make checks payable to WVBC and mail to: Annual Meeting Registrar, P.O. Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102.

Child Care:

Please check appropriate box(es). List names and ages of children.

Women's Day	WVBC Session 1	WVBC Session 2	WVBC Session 3	WVBC Session 4	WVBC Session 5

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 16

Women's Day

American Baptist Women's
Ministries of West Virginia

Theme: Women as Agents of Change

Place: Vienna Baptist Church

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: Sack lunches can be purchased for
\$6.00.

Pastors4Pastors: Ministers' Council

Featuring: Dr. Gary McIntosh

Theme: Taking Your Church to
the Next Level

Place: New Hope Baptist Church,
1777 Rosemar Road, Parkersburg

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 for members;
\$25.00 for non-members.

Lunch is provided.

For more information, contact Mike

Sisson at 304.252.2610 or
mbsisson@suddenlink.net.

Sponsored by the Ministers and
Missionaries Benefit Board.

American Baptist Men

Place: Campus Martius Museum, 601
Second Street, Marietta, Ohio

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00

R.S.V.P. to Harry Drake at

304.462.7933 or hdrake@wv.net.

Sutle available, but limited space.



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

Camp Cowen Summer Staff - Why They Serve



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Often, people feel they need to travel great distances to serve, but 13 young people have chosen a little mission station hidden away in Webster County to serve the God they love - the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen! The staff of Camp Cowen is halfway through their summer mission adventure and have provided a few comments on why they chose to serve at Camp Cowen:

To be able to pour back into the community that has shown me who Jesus is. - Kasey Madden

I chose to work at Camp Cowen, honestly, to strengthen my own relationship with Christ, and build a servant's heart, working for His glory. - Maci Oiler

To facilitate the same atmosphere I was personally raised and taught in for another generation of campers. - Andrew Ely

After years of being a camper and experiencing life-defining friendships as well as spiritual growth, there's no place I would rather spend my summer. - R.L. Ely

To use my gifts and passions to serve God by serving the campers and counselors at Cowen. - Claire Digman

I work at Camp Cowen so campers are able to experience and grow a relationship with Christ as I have and continue to do at camp. - Caleb Villers

I wanted to give back and serve under the camp the Lord used to work in my heart. - Kristen Kirkpatrick

I wanted to work this summer and I wanted to do something that mattered for God, so being on the Cowen Staff was a perfect fit. - Jared Lockhart

I wanted to work this summer to help people in their relationships with Christ, and to give back to the camp as a whole. - Quinten Burton

This camp was so important in my walk with Christ. Now that I am old enough, I felt I needed to give back to the camp, so these kids can have the same opportunity to experience the love of God I did. - Nick Sandy

I wanted to work at camp this summer so I could provide a place for campers to know God, and so I could take more responsibility to equip me to lead my family and grow in the ministry God is preparing for me. - Sam Kiger

I hope as you have read these comments, you understand God is working in the lives of these young people, giving you hope for the future leadership of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. I count it a privilege to work with these young people. They have grown up in the West Virginia Baptist Convention and continue to make an impact for God!



The 2014 West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen summer staff.

Leadership Updates

MR. BENJAMIN BLAIR to West Union Baptist Church (Broad Run) as youth pastor on April 1, 2014

Celebrate Recovery Observes First Anniversary at Clarksburg Baptist Church

Many years ago, Clarksburg Baptist Church (Union) made the prayerful decision to remain on the corner of Sixth and Pike Streets and serve the downtown Clarksburg community.

The neighborhood around us has changed, and as a church we had to refocus our ministry strategies to best reach our neighbors with the message of God's love.



One year ago, we officially welcomed ***Celebrate Recovery*** to our church as a vital ministry to help fulfill our vision of sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with our community, while making new disciples.

Every Tuesday night at ***Celebrate Recovery***, over 175 men, women and children walk through the doors of our church and experience the life-changing power of God's grace. We have been amazed at how God has used this ministry to heal the hurts, habits and hang-ups of so many people and bring them into a relationship with their Creator.

Over the past year at ***Celebrate Recovery***, we have seen:

- **24 Baptisms**
- **30 First-time decisions for Christ**
- **5 Child dedications**
- **11 Step Studies** (gender-specific small groups) have formed to help individuals work through the steps to recovery. Many of those who attend ***Celebrate Recovery*** now call Clarksburg Baptist their church home and are actively involved and serving in other areas of ministry.

Thanks to your faithful prayers and support of this ministry, Clarksburg Baptist Church is a safe place where lives are truly transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit!

On May 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary, ***Celebrate Recovery*** hosted a very special first anniversary celebration. For those in attendance, thank you for being a part of this special time of celebration in the life of our church.

As we head into the second year of ***Celebrate Recovery*** at Clarksburg Baptist Church, I ask that you continue to lift this ministry and its leaders, Lou and Donetta Ortenzio and Jimmy and Chrissy Doak, up in your prayers. I am excited to see how God will continue to use ***Celebrate Recovery*** to make a kingdom impact in our community.

*David Hulme,
Senior Pastor, Clarksburg Baptist Church*

Adult Discipleship: One Size Does Not Fit All

Not long after arriving in Thailand, I went shopping at the famous Night Bazaar. Just about everything you can think of is sold at the Bazaar, and fun, excitement and adventure fills the air. Eager to take advantage of the cheap prices, I expectantly walked the road looking for clothes. It was not long before reality set in and I found that the "sizing" of clothes in Thailand was different than in the United States. The Thai people are generally shorter and much more petite; however, I found many articles of clothing were "free size." This is Thai wording for one size fits all; however, the one size that fits all only seemed to fit the Thai people or small Americans and Europeans! One size does not fit all!

The same is true in our local churches: one adult discipleship program does not fit all. Many times I have heard, "We want you to give us a program that works for us and we will do it." Adult discipleship in a church must be adapted, designed and fitted to each particular community of faith. There is not one program that will fit all. Your church is as unique as your own body. Sometimes a discipleship program is a poor fit, sometimes it works, but is not perfect.

Again, while in Thailand, I learned there were many places that would tailor clothes for you. These clothes were beautiful and were made to fit. I took advantage of this opportunity a few times. The tailor took careful measurements everywhere on my body. We worked together in thinking about the design and the fabric to be used. The tailor made a pattern just for me and set to work. It took a bit of time, but the outcome was great. The outfit looked good, fit well and I loved it.

It takes time to get the right fit when focusing on adult discipleship. Churches must be intentional, focused and be willing to be in it for the long run. Measurements must be taken. For example, answer these questions: Where on a spiritual growth continuum are the adults in your church? What are they seeking? What needs to happen for them to move forward? What changes need to be made in programming? What needs to be added and what needs to be deleted? What resources do you have (material and people) and what resources do you need? Who can be involved in helping study the situation and developing a strategy?

Getting the right fit in adult discipleship can and will move your community of faith toward more mature service in Christ's name. Take the time, do the work and see what God will do.

*Lisa Simmons
Associate in Mission Support and Adult Discipleship*

Book Suggestion: Intentional Disciplemaking by Ron Bennett, published by NavPress



CHALLENGE 52

Scripture Verses for August and September

*Are you on target to
complete the goal?*

August 2014

NIV	KJV
<p>August 3 Matthew 6:19-21 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.</p>	<p>August 3 Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.</p>
<p>August 10 James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.</p>	<p>August 10 James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.</p>
<p>August 17 Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.</p>	<p>August 17 Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.</p>
<p>August 24 Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."</p>	<p>August 24 Matthew 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.</p>
<p>August 31 Romans 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?</p>	<p>August 31 Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?</p>

September

NIV	KJV
<p>September 7 Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, light on my path.</p>	<p>September 7 Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.</p>
<p>September 14 Psalm 19:14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.</p>	<p>September 14 Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.</p>
<p>September 21 Luke 6:37-38a "Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you."</p>	<p>September 21 Luke 6:37-38a Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you.</p>
<p>September 28 Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you.</p>	<p>September 28 Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.</p>

Count the number of verses memorized so far and e-mail to: lsimmons@wvbc.org or mail to: West Virginia Baptist Convention, Attn: Lisa Simmons, P.O. Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102-1019.

PEGGY LOU COOK BLACKBURN, 68, died May 3, 2014. She was a member of Tonedea Missionary Baptist Church (Rockcastle), where she served as pianist and piano teacher. She was a member and former president of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

M. CECILIA BROADOUS, 62, died June 19, 2014. She was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to South Africa.

WILLIAM CLARK DOBBIE, III, 68, of Lake Floyd, died June 26, 2014. He was the owner and operator of Ann Street Printing. He printed *The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter* for the West Virginia Baptist Convention for 24 years.

NANCY REED GAGE, 75, died May 14, 2014. She was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand.

PAUL EDWARD HARBERT, 90, died May 6, 2014. He was an active member of Cheylan First Baptist Church from 1954 to 1974 and served over the years as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher, choir member and trustee. He served for four years in various offices, ending as president of American Baptist Men, Kanawha Valley. After moving to Bridgeport, He was an active member of Simpson Creek Baptist Church (Union), and served as deacon, Property Committee member, choir member, Sunday school teacher and in other roles. He served in the United States Navy in World War II.

VIRGINIA CLARK-HÉBERT, died June 11, 2014. She was a life member of Scott Street Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), where she served as the former treasurer, assistant treasurer, Sunday school teacher, Bible school teacher and finance office worker. She was a member of the General Missionary Society, Pastor's Aid Society, The Helping Hand Circle and The Women of Destiny Auxiliary.

MARGARET LYNN VANCLEVE FINNEY, of Charleston, died June 22, 2014. She was a lifelong member of Charleston Baptist Temple (Kanawha Valley), where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and volunteered in many groups over the years.

BOYD CURTIS HUMPHREY, SR., 88 of Beckley, died May 31, 2014. He was a member and former deacon of Beckley First Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), where he served on the board of trustees and was a former Sunday school teacher of the Barraca Class.

HERMAN C. JAMES, 93, of Parkersburg, died May 28, 2014. He was a member of Parkersburg Baptist Temple (Parkersburg) for over sixty years, where he served as a



DORIS SHELTON GREEN HARTWELL, of Saint Albans, died Friday, June 6, 2014. She was an active member of Saint Albans First Baptist Church (Teays Valley), a former Sunday school

teacher, member of the deaconess board, served many offices for local American Baptist Women and was a past state officer of American Baptist Women.

deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was currently a member and deacon at Emmanuel Baptist Church (Parkersburg). He was a pilot for the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

LARRY O'DELL LINVILLE, 73 of Glasgow, died June 10, 2014. He was a member and a youth leader of Cedar Grove Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) where he served as an ordained deacon and was the Sunday school superintendent. He was also a United States Air Force Veteran.

JACQUELINE (JACKIE) PENDRY MEADOWS, 88, of Crab Orchard, died July 2, 2014. She was a 45-year member of Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), where she was a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class and circle one of the American Baptist Women.

E.M. NELSON, 92 of Kanawha City, died June 8, 2014. She was a member of Kanawha City Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) and the Baptist Women's Fellowship.

PATRICIA ANN PENNOCK, of Parkersburg, died June 24, 2014. She was a member of Harmony Baptist Church (Parkersburg), formerly known as Broadway Baptist Church, for over 50 years where she served as a deaconess, was a member of the Rebekah Circle and was involved in American Baptist Women at the church and association level.

MICHAEL PERNELL, 66, of Witcher, died July 3, 2014. He was a member and deacon of Diamond Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley). He had a cross ministry which touched many lives.

JAMES SALISBURY JR., 90, of Morgantown and formerly of Charleston, died June 7, 2014. He was a lifelong member of the Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont), served on the board of deacons several times and was an usher for many years in his youth. He served in the United States Naval Air Force.

BARBARA RAE "BOBBIE" SHAY, 64, of Flemington, died, May 26, 2014. She was a member of Middleville Baptist Church (Union).



TERRY KENTON HOLLEY, 62, of Huntington, died May 18, 2014. He was the former pastor of Newark Baptist Church (Parkersburg), French Creek Baptist Church in St. Marys, and Madison Baptist Church (Coal River).

He was a member of New Baptist Church (Guyandotte). He was the director of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Cabell Huntington Hospital and was a United States Army veteran.

FREDA WYLENE SMITH, 93, of Leroy, died June 7, 2014. She was a member of Meadowdale Baptist Church (Good Union), where she was Sunday school treasurer for many years.

EWEL A. SULLIVAN, 93 of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Saint. Albans, died May 14, 2014. He was a member of Highlawn Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where he served as a deacon and trustee. He served his country during World War II in the United States Navy.

ELOISE LEE TETER, 87, of Elkins, died June 26, 2014. She was a member of Elkins First Baptist Church (Union), where she served in various positions, was elected as president of American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia and later, held the office of chairperson of literature on the national board of American Baptist Churches.

ROSE MARIE THOMPSON, 71, of Saint Albans, died June 2, 2014. She was a member of Saint Albans First Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where she served as a deaconess for several years.

EUGENE E. WEBB, 88, of East Bank, died June 18, 2014. He was a member of Hampton Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley). He served in the United States Army during World War II.

FRANKLIN JUNIOR WEEKLEY, 74, of Sistersville, died June 3, 2014. He was a member of Sistersville First Baptist Church (Panhandle) where he served as a deacon.

ROBERT N. "BOB" WHITE, 70, of Cedar Grove died April 19, 2014. He was a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) where he served as a deacon. He was a United States Army Veteran.

BERNARD "BILL" WILLIAMS, 79, of Parkersburg, died July 1, 2014. He was a member of South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where he served on the Property Management Team. He served in the United States Air Force.

August 2014

AUGUST 1 - Max Hill, associate executive minister, Missions and Ministry, West Virginia Baptist Convention
AUGUST 2 - The ministry of Mount Vernon Baptist Church; Robert Marino, pastor (Broad Run)
AUGUST 3 - Older Midler Camp begins today at Camp Cowen
AUGUST 4 - Debra Mulneix, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Philippines
AUGUST 5 - The Greenbrier-Raleigh and Harrisville Associations celebrate annual meetings
AUGUST 6 - Keith Myers, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Mexico
AUGUST 7 - The Little Kanawha Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
AUGUST 8 - American Baptist Men's Camp begins today at Camp Cowen
AUGUST 9 - Michael Mann, Global Specialist, International Ministries
AUGUST 10 - The ministry of Portersville Missionary Baptist Church; Harry Moore, pastor (Guyandotte)
AUGUST 11 - Bailie Myers, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary (youth) to Mexico
AUGUST 12 - Bob Keen, pastor, Mill Creek Baptist Church (Good Hope) and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
AUGUST 13 - The ministry of New Hope Baptist Church; Larry Coffman, pastor (Elk Valley)
AUGUST 14 - The Broad Run Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
AUGUST 15 - The ministry of Sardis Baptist Church; O.D. Harman, pastor (Judson)
AUGUST 16 - The Goshen Association as it celebrates its annual meeting tomorrow
AUGUST 17 - David Carrico, executive minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
AUGUST 18 - The ministry of Fairview Baptist Church; Warren Eades, pastor (Hopewell)
AUGUST 19 - Don Fowler, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
AUGUST 20 - Dan Meadows, pastor, Goshen Baptist Church (Goshen) and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
AUGUST 21 - Deliris Carrion-Rosa, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Haiti
AUGUST 22 - Scott Coats, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand
AUGUST 23 - The Elk Valley Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
AUGUST 24 - The Eastern Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
AUGUST 25 - The ministry of Flint Chapel Baptist Church; Jim Anderson, interim pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
AUGUST 26 - The ministry of Forks of Cheat Baptist Church; Charles Bowers, pastor (Goshen)
AUGUST 27 - Anthony Perry, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
AUGUST 28 - The ministry of Gilboa Baptist Church; Larry Greathouse, pastor (Good Hope)
AUGUST 29 - Camp Global begins today at Camp Cowen
AUGUST 30 - Jorge Damasceno, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Great Britain
AUGUST 31 - The ministry of Worthington Baptist Church; Everett Palmer, pastor (Fairmont)

September 2014

SEPTEMBER 1 - Rhonda Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Bolivia
SEPTEMBER 2 - The ministry of Union Baptist Church; Chad Griffith, pastor (Union)
SEPTEMBER 3 - The ministry of Turkey Creek Baptist Church; Glenn Hatfield, pastor (Rockcastle)
SEPTEMBER 4 - The ministry of Agape Baptist Church; Willie Stinson, pastor (Panhandle)
SEPTEMBER 5 - The West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Board meeting tomorrow at Parchment Valley Conference Center
SEPTEMBER 6 - Adam Goodwin, director, Baptist Campus Ministries, West Virginia Baptist Convention
SEPTEMBER 7 - Carole Sydnor, staff, International Ministries
SEPTEMBER 8 - The Fall Golden'eers Retreat begins today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
SEPTEMBER 9 - Mark McCloy, Northwest Area Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
SEPTEMBER 10 - Lois Merritt, secretary and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
SEPTEMBER 11 - Bruce Borquist, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Brazil
SEPTEMBER 12 - Rosemary Harmon, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
SEPTEMBER 13 - The Hopewell Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 14 - The Fairmont Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 15 - Craig Kellar, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
SEPTEMBER 16 - The Parkersburg Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 17 - The Fayette Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 18 - The ministry of Leon Baptist Church; Fred Sparks, pastor (Teays Valley)
SEPTEMBER 19 - The Twelve Pole Association as it celebrates its annual meeting tomorrow
SEPTEMBER 20 - The Fall Youth Rally at Camp Cowen
SEPTEMBER 21 - The Judson, Panhandle and Teays Valley Associations celebrating their annual meetings
SEPTEMBER 22 - The ministry of Rush Run Baptist Church; John Vannoy, pastor (Little Kanawha)
SEPTEMBER 23 - Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Mexico
SEPTEMBER 24 - The ministry of Two Ripple Baptist Church; Gary Richmond, pastor (Parkersburg)
SEPTEMBER 25 - The Kanawha Valley Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 26 - The West Virginia American Baptist Women's Ministries' Spiritual Growth Retreat begins today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
SEPTEMBER 27 - The Coal River Association as it celebrates its annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 28 - The Logan-Mingo and Union Associations celebrate annual meetings
SEPTEMBER 29 - The ministry of Ebenezer Baptist Church; Mark Booth, pastor (Twelve Pole)
SEPTEMBER 30 - Carol Moats, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission

Coming Events

August 2014

August 3-6

Older Midler Camp (grades 3-4)
Camp Cowen

August 5

Greenbrier-Raleigh Association Annual Meeting
Beckley First Baptist Church

August 5

Harrisville Association Annual Meeting
South Fork Baptist Church

August 7

Little Kanawha Association Annual Meeting
Enon Baptist Church

August 8-10

American Baptist Men's Camp
Camp Cowen

August 14

Broad Run Association Annual Meeting
Fisher Baptist Camp

August 16

**School of Christian Studies
Community Ministry (Mod-1)
One-Day Class**
Parchment Valley Conference Center

August 17

Good Hope Association Annual Meeting
Hopewell Baptist Church

August 17

Goshen Association Annual Meeting
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

August 18-22

**Palmer Theological Seminary WV
Program Class - M. Div. Program
BIBL510 Old Testament Pentateuch
Instructor: Dr. Stephen Kim**
Parchment Valley Conference Center

August 23

Elk Valley Association Annual Meeting
Gassaway Baptist Church

August 24

Eastern Association Annual Meeting
Dorcas Baptist Church

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