

The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter




Million Women Movement

BRIDGEPORT - The American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia announced at its annual session the "Million Women Movement." "This movement is a way to declare God's might and goodness throughout the world as we honor the women who have blessed and impacted our lives," they said.

In introducing the movement, several women shared compelling stories about women that had impacted them. Parents, teachers, significant leaders, etc ... were lifted up as examples of women who had made a personal difference. The women then challenged everyone to make their own list and honor the women that had impacted them with a gift of \$1 for the Million Women Movement fund.

Each time they receive a list of names, they will add those names to the "Book of Honor." The proceeds of this movement will fund initiatives that will evangelize, disciple, encourage, educate and empower women in West Virginia and beyond. New initiatives include:

- New faith based programs in financially depressed areas of West Virginia



About the Logo

The Million Woman Movement logo depicts women of different shapes, sizes and appearances with arms raised in praise and adoration to God. The lifted arms also represent women wholeheartedly raising their hands together saying, "Here I am Lord, send me." The cross, which is a reminder of Jesus' death for our sins and the love of God for everyone, is roughhewn and green. This symbolizes the simplicity of life God directs His followers to lead and the forever "living and fresh each day" story of our Lord. Women moving together, throughout the ages with the Spirit of God. Graphic designer Kelli Steel Dailey served with the Million Women Movement task force to create the logo.

- Resource development for local churches
- Senior adult women's "Don't Stop Now!" program
- Hands-on mission experiences for young adult women
- New global initiatives for evangelism, discipleship and education
- Targeted programs for high school girls in leadership and service
- Women's Christian Leadership Academy
- And other initiatives as determined by the ABW Board

Make your list!
Write your check!
Send to:
ABW Ministries of WV,
% Gerry Prunty,
2522 Dutch Ridge Road,
Parkersburg, WV 26104.

Honor those who helped shape your life with a gift that will change the lives of many others.



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The Birth of Hope



Dr. David Carrico

On the edge of Advent, we gaze at our personal calendars with amazement. How can we get everything done as we see the days flying by? We say, with a philosophical twist, Christmas is a state of heart and mind, not just a date. Philosophy crumbles with the onset of social reality. Each year we proclaim next year Christmas will be different. We will not over schedule ourselves and overspend our budgets. We will do more celebrating the true meaning of the season with family and friends. And BOOM!! It happens again. We get stressed out during a holiday which should be filled with personal peace and love.

Stress also invades the church and we forget the true celebration of Jesus' birth. All the traditional things are great and needed as long as they point to Jesus. The actions that point to Jesus can become refreshingly authentic and unpretentious. People are still looking for Jesus and want to see Jesus in our lives and in our churches. The story of the Greeks wanting to see Jesus as shared in John's gospel focus on that desire. "Sir, we would see Jesus." John 12:21

The end of a year and the beginning of a new year is a great opportunity to emphasize our allegiance to the kingdom of God. It is a great time to put an end to the wars of worship styles and personal preferences within our congregations. The folks outside the church want to know what we stand for, not just what we are against. Also church-as-performance just plays itself out very soon unless it points to Jesus. The church was created to worship God and have fellowship with Him. Christian living is much more than sticking to a list of rules. Our lives must allow other folks to see Jesus in us in an authentic way. To draw folks to Jesus is not to make a few style updates, but to transform who we

are to who Jesus wants us to be. We need to be challenged to live a life of holiness, caring for a culture in such a way that they want to see Jesus. There are occasions when we need to be reminded that Christianity began as a way of life and a movement with a clear identity and purpose.

What is so profound about the birth of a baby? It happens every day! That birth - the birth of Jesus Christ - is God's intervention in the human story in a way we could understand. Each day God shouts to us that He has invested Himself in us through the life, death and resurrection of His son Jesus. What a wonderful gift of grace and HOPE!

During our annual meeting, we explored and celebrated living as a people of HOPE. We focused our attention on:

- **HANDS** - being the hands and feet of Christ - how we serve others as Christ serves us and calls us to share His message of HOPE.
- **OUTREACH** - fulfilling our mission through outreach, knowing if a church focuses inward only, it will die.
- **PROCLAMATION** - proclamation of everything we do is in word and deed for Jesus.
- **EVANGELISM** - and evangelism as the task of reaching people for Christ.

In the year ahead, our goal is to continue to live out this gift of HOPE in Christ. Consider for a moment how you can share Christ where you live. Where you can tell the story of the birth of HOPE and be part of the privilege of sharing HOPE in this world? In 2014, tell the story and share the reality of the HOPE which is Jesus. Thank you for being a partner in ministry with the West Virginia Baptist family!

Blessings

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering



"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

This culture of gratitude - where spiritual leaders give thanks for the church's fellowship and God's followers give thanks for ministers' and missionaries' spiritual guidance - is deeply ingrained in the Christian faith.

The **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering** is a personal offering, rooted in the thanks for countless ways ministers and missionaries guide each member of the church along their spiritual journey. It provides a tangible way for American Baptist congregations to say "Thank You for ..." the commitment, the service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. The offering supports those who have devoted their lives to

God's service by providing emergency assistance in their times of need and, for those eligible, as "Thank You" checks at the end of the year. In 2013, the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering** provided "Thank You" checks to more than 3,300 recipients. For 2013, the national goal is \$1.2 million.

STATE GOAL: \$120,000

Join us to say "Thank you for ..." the countless ways American Baptist Churches' retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses have contributed to our congregations.

Baptist Campus Ministries Share Thanksgiving with International Students

In Ephesians 3:20, Paul writes, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us." This verse is rooted in the context of the Great Commission. As the church, it is our responsibility to carry out God's mission of bringing hope to the world. The Great Commission is an overwhelming task. It makes sense that Paul would speak of a God who can do far more abundantly than all we ask or think because fulfilling the Great Commission and reaching all people groups is far beyond my imagination. But God gives us hope in this verse by reminding us He has the power to bring to fruition His plan of redemption. I had the privilege to watch God use Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) as part of His plan.

God has brought many international students to West Virginia. I personally believe it is so they can have a chance to hear the gospel. In an attempt to show love to international students, BCM hosted an international Thanksgiving dinner. HoneyBaked Ham Company donated the turkey, and students and local church members baked their favorite casseroles, potatoes and desserts. Forty international students came to the dinner to learn about a traditional American Thanksgiving. A Baptist Campus Ministries' student told the story of



Students show the carved pumpkins made after the BCM Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanksgiving and shared how we all have many things to be thankful for such as the free gift of salvation God offers to all nations. There were many conversations that night about Christianity. We were able to give out Bibles in English and some in the students' native languages. We prayed with students from China who were really interested in Jesus. We capped the night off with another Fall tradition: carving pumpkins - which was a new experience for many. They were so excited to take their pumpkins home.

Please be in prayer for the relationships built over the Thanksgiving dinner and for the hearts of the international students to be open and willing to receive the gospel.

*Adam Goodwin
Baptist Campus Ministries' Director*



The Don Loudermilk Society

We would like to thank our Don Loudermilk Society members who continue to support the daily operations of Parchment Valley Conference Center through their dedicated giving. It is exciting to see projects coming to completion. We witness new members joining the society and celebrate those renewing their membership for 2014. Thank you for making a difference in the lives you touch in the valley. We could not do it without your support.

Brothers' Keeper 2014

Mark your calendars now and prepare to register your youth for a bigger and better Brothers' Keeper (BK) 2014, scheduled for **July 6-11, 2014**. We appreciate the BK leadership team meeting to carve out the details for another week of blessed mission work in Jackson County in 2014. We appreciate the sponsorship from our churches and business owners that enable us to be the hands and feet of Christ. You can register to become a sponsor on the Parchment Valley Conference Center website at www.parchmentvalley.org or call our office at 304.372.3675. Thank you for your hard work in building a respected, viable and valuable ministry program.



Remembering Dorothy Santrock

Parchment Valley Conference Center is saddened to say goodbye to one who lived the Parchment Valley dream and embraced the vision with endurance for a Christian conference center. Dorothy Santrock will be forever remembered through her generosity, spirit and American Baptist Women's Ministries' leadership. She touched hearts and changed lives. We are grateful for the time God allowed her to be here.

Welcome Back Cookie Hall

Parchment Valley Conference Center welcomes back Cookie Hall. Coming out of retirement, she is a welcome sight to our Parchment Valley management team. Her knowledge of the business and her pleasant attitude is much appreciated. She comes back as a volunteer, and like all of our volunteers, we are certainly blessed through her leadership skills and dedication to serving.

American Baptist Women's Ministries' Special Project

The American Baptist Women's Ministries' Special Project is still allowing for remodeling at Parchment Valley. The old laundry room is being transformed into a new guest room. The lodge room will be dedicated in memory of our dear friend and colleague, Dorothy Santrock. Zola Miller, past president, American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia, is assisting with the room decor. What a fresh spirit of renewal American Baptist Women's Ministries bring to Parchment Valley.

American Baptist Men USA

The American Baptist Men USA recently conducted their executive meeting at Parchment Valley Conference Center and donated \$500 for wireless installation at the American Baptist Men's disaster relief building. We thank them for the gift.

The West Virginia American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief team is on standby and ready to roll on the next emergency.

Building for Generations

Through your monetary support to the Building for Generations' fund, Parchment Valley Conference Center is completing much needed repairs. However, our biggest concern is our lagoon (water waste treatment system). We are currently under a plan of reconstructive action with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) for non-compliance discharge issues. If the required repairs are not completed soon, we face possible fines and closure. We are working with the Greg Boso Engineering Firm to insure the corrected repairs are made, and in accordance with the WVDEP requirements. The cost of the project could be upwards of \$300,000. We ask for your prayers and support as we faithfully move forward to finishing the work.



Encouraged



When the disciples were on the lake with Jesus a fierce storm arose. The storm was so powerful that it made experienced fishermen fear for their lives. In their panic, they woke Jesus from His sleep and asked, "Do you not care if we perish?" Jesus calmly spoke to the wind and the waves and the storm immediately ceased. (Mark 4)

The disciples were focused on the storm instead of Jesus. They lost hope because they were looking at the situation through faithless eyes. Jesus challenged them to have faith. Jesus provided relief from the storm and gave them peace.

In our work for the Lord, we often face storms. We are challenged daily by the obstacles to ministry that are constantly present. But do we see Jesus? Do we look at the challenges through faith? Do we trust Jesus to make a way for us?

In my work with the Convention these past 11 years, there have been many, many challenges to the mission and ministry we have together. I have witnessed much change in

how we approach missions; how we relate to one another; and the very structure of our denominational relationships. I admit there have been many times when I worried about our future. But to worry about that is a lapse of faith. I know our future is safe in God's hands.

Our annual meeting in Bridgeport was evidence of a bright future for the churches and ministries of the Convention. I saw first-hand the great leadership potential in our young emerging leaders. As I visited with these young leaders I heard their passion for Christ, I sensed in them a powerful vision of what God will do in our midst, and I was encouraged about the future of our Convention.

As I visited with our missionaries and heard the stories of what God is doing through those we support, I cannot help but celebrate and be encouraged by our mission partnerships.

I know the storms are real! I know the challenges are great! But I also know Jesus!!! I am encouraged about our future because I know it is safe in God's hands.

Committed to Missions

Ten Bus Seats Available to the 2014 World Mission Conference

Join us in the celebration!

- Travel by charter bus - leaving Sunday, July 20, 2014; returning late Saturday, July 26.
- Planned departures: South Parkersburg Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m., Parchment Valley Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. and Dunbar First Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m.
- Overnight stay in Indiana, arriving in Greenlake, Wisconsin on Monday, July 21.
- Lodge rooms are reserved at the Greenlake Conference Center with meals included.
- The cost of the trip is \$850 per person for double occupancy. Single occupancy is \$1,200. Plus International Ministries' registration fee. (Discounted conference rates for early online registrations.) Register at www.internationalministries.org.
- Price does not include International Ministries' registration fee, meals in route or personal spending.
- A deposit of \$200 (non-refundable) is due by **December 15, 2013**.
- Payment schedule: \$150 due January 15, 2014, \$100 due February 15, \$100 due March 15, \$100 due April 15, \$100 due May 15 and \$100 due June 15.
- There are a limited number of ministers' scholarships available. Contact John Simmons at jsimmons@wvbc.org or 304.422.6449 for details.
- If you would like a seat on the bus, contact Joan Hall at 800.879.9822 or hall@wvbc.org.



Quotable Campers

Matt Bailey

Camp Cowen has always been a special place to me because of the way it approaches ministry and the people they are able to reach through that. The fact is there are lots of people who wouldn't dare set foot in a church, but they'll go to a camp. It brings the gospel to places it would have never gone to otherwise.

Sarah Mimms Brown



Cowen is a must experience it, must see it, must get it in your blood kinda place. You don't explain Cowen, you do Cowen, then live Cowen. I always say, "Please just give Cowen a chance, and when you love it, you can go back next year."

Monty Foster

Recently, we baptized three people: one adult and two teenagers. All three have attended Cowen the past two years and all of them made their life-changing



decisions there. We are helping them to live up to the commitments made while at camp!

Holly Fouse



I was saved at Cowen. Rob Ely talked me out of getting baptized there. It was hard, but I went home and told my parents and my home church about my decision to follow Christ. Because of this, my parents both felt moved to also get baptized. Now I feel much more free and open to discuss God with my family, and in turn, with others.

Tyler McComas

Camp Cowen is special because it matters to everyone who attends: campers and counselors, plus everyone else who, without them, the camp wouldn't be possible. It is special because it draws teenagers and younger people together with others who share the faith. It is special because it makes us feel close like a big family - messed up at times, but what family isn't!

Maci Oiler



Camp Cowen builds my community! I can't begin to explain the number of Christian peers I have met at Cowen that are still great friends to this day!

Ron Stoner



Cowen is special because God uses it as a decision-time for our church youth and the friends they bring to camp. Receiving Christ, making serious recommitments and surrendering to ministry are life changing experiences youth have every summer.

Mark Turley



When my mom and dad suggested I go to Cowen the first year I was old enough, I wasn't so sure. They said I would meet some of the best people

from all over the state and make new lifetime friends, along with learning a lot more about God. And they were right!

I attended Camp Cowen every year I could as a youth, and learned something new about Jesus each time. Even as a junior counselor, I learned more about being a Christian, and always loved the sense "that this is a little taste of Heaven, right here and now." My wife and I were counselors the first years after marriage, and we learned even more as counselors about

God's love while sharing it with our campers. When we attended our first Family Camp, when driving into the campground, my wife turned and said, "What if we don't know anybody here this week?" Instantly the thought given me was, "Then it will be a lot of new family we haven't met yet." Jim Crouch was the only person we recognized as we got out of the car, but we were welcomed by a whole new family of campers.

When our first child was old enough to go to Camp Cowen, we encouraged her as my parents had encouraged me. We took her to camp, and a week later we picked her up. When we got out of the car she

left a group of her new friends and ran over to us. The first thing she said was, "Guess what, Mom and Dad? I got saved this week!" She grew in her Christian walk the rest of her life. When she passed away, we were deeply comforted by the knowledge she was a Christian, and we know her first step was at Camp Cowen.



2014 Cowen Schedule

YOUNGER MIDLER CAMP • GRADES 2-4 •
JUNE 6-8

JUNIOR HIGH I CAMP • GRADES 7-9 •
JUNE 8-14

JUNIOR I CAMP • GRADES 5-6 •
JUNE 15-21

JUNIOR HIGH II CAMP • GRADES 7-9 •
JUNE 22-28

MID-HIGH CAMP •
GRADES 9-11 • JUNE 29-July 5

SENIOR DAY •
2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADS • JULY 12

SENIOR HIGH CAMP • GRADES 10-HS GRADS •
JULY 13-19

JUNIOR II CAMP • GRADES 5-6 •
JULY 20-26

OLDER MIDLER CAMP • GRADES 3-4 •
AUGUST 3-6

FAMILY CAMP • ALL AGES •
JULY 27-AUGUST 2

CAMP GLOBAL • ALL AGES •
AUGUST 29-31

AB MEN'S CAMP • MEN AND BOYS •
TO BE ANNOUNCED

RALEIGH, ROCKCASTLE AND GREENBRIER •
JULY 6-10

HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION •
JULY 11-13

Hispanic Ministries: Hope for a Better Future - La Esperanza de un Futuro Mejor

Hope for a better future describes quite well the reason millions of Hispanic immigrants have come to the United States. The vision of a better life justifies the perils, uncertainties and sacrifices of their journey. A house for their family; property to grow food; education for a son, a daughter or siblings; helping a relative with medical expenses; and paying a debt are among the aspirations Hispanic immigrants have when they set foot in the United States.

Their lives are inspiring stories of hope, courage and determination. Several months ago, I partnered with a photo-journalist student from Ohio University to carry out interviews that would help us gain deeper understanding into the lives of Hispanic immigrants in West Virginia. "What inspired you and what was the reason you finally decided to immigrate to the United States?" was one of the questions. The responses were many, but the constant of them all was the hope of a better and brighter future. The yearning for a better life indwells the heart of every human being. It is this longing that has propelled millions of people into this country and across the globe in search of new opportunities or to escape poverty and famine. Listen to some of the responses:

Casimiro was sixteen-years-old when he immigrated to the United States. He says, "I wanted to have a house and try to improve my life ..."

Reyna was fifteen-years-old when she made the decision to immigrate. Her mother was very ill and, when her father took her mother to the doctor, they found a tumor in her chest. She told her mother, "I will go to the United States. Do not worry because I will make lots of money and I will send money so you can go to the doctor, so my siblings do not have to suffer what I suffered, so they can study."

Dagoberto says about his experience, "I thought about the fact my family in Mexico didn't have a house." While going through the desert a cactus thorn pierced his foot. He could barely walk. The pain was searing, but he kept moving. He feared for his life and prayed, "My God, what should I do? Do I go back? Do I stay here?" The dream of a better life, a house for his mother and siblings compelled him to keep moving. To go back would have meant more of the same misery.

Teresa said, "Back home, we didn't have money, we didn't have food to eat, we didn't have the means to sustain a family. There is nothing to do, nothing to make a living. We only had our house. There wasn't even money to buy clothes or 'guaraches' (sandals) for the children. That is why we came here."

God commissions us to offer these immigrants the hope we have found in Jesus Christ. It is through a relationship with God through Jesus we can truly experience abundant life now and in the future.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support as we continue to bring the hope found in Christ to the Hispanic immigrants in West Virginia.

*Blessings,
Juan Aragon
Hispanic Ministries' Strategist*

Church Officers' Training

*February 8, 2014 at
Parchment Valley Conference Center*

All around West Virginia, people are searching for hope. Whether the result of economic struggles, joblessness or the challenge of life, West Virginians are searching

HOPE

for hope. With this search in mind, if you know Jesus, you know the source of the hope they seek. The struggle isn't then, whether we know this hope. The struggle is in how we connect our communities to this source of hope.

To further assist churches in connecting with their communities, the West Virginia Baptist Convention will host the annual Church Officers' Training Event on **Saturday, February 8, 2014.**

Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Registration
9:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Worship
10:15 - 11:35 a.m. - Workshop #1
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Workshop #2
2:30 p.m. - Head home.

Workshops Include:

- Children
- Clerks
- Deacons
- Discipleship
- Finance
- Music/Worship
- Senior Adults
- Technology
- Trustees
- Young Adults
- Youth

The investment in your community is \$15 per person for the day, including lunch. Plus, if you register eight from your church, two more can come for free. That is \$120 for ten people from the same church. Reserve the date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Register a group from your church and join in the conversation. Your community is searching for hope. Your Savior has called you to be His hands and feet.

A registration form is located on page 16.

148th Annual Meeting

of the West Virginia Baptist Convention

Christ in You, The Hope of Glory

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

BRIDGEPORT - The churches of the West Virginia Baptist Convention met at Simpson Creek Baptist Church (Union) for their 148th annual meeting. The sessions were filled with inspiring worship and fellowship. The elected officers for this year are: Mike Sisson, president; Clark Swepston, first vice-president; Sandra Phares, second vice-president; Lois Merritt, secretary; and Clark Mills, treasurer. In addition to the officers, the Convention approved the association representatives for the Executive Board, at large members and standing board members.

We were challenged by Lauran Bethell to see the human trafficking in our own communities. She also challenged us to do something about it. In the Executive Minister Address, David Carrico lifted up the theme of HOPE. The choirs from Philippi Baptist Church (Union) and Simpson Creek Baptist Church lifted harmonious praise to God in the evening sessions.

Throughout the event, ministries of the Convention were lifted up in celebration. Hispanic Ministries, Camp Cowen, Parchment Valley and the Weirton Christian Center each had a mission moment that let the delegates know what God was doing through those ministries.

Lowe Receives Bivocational Pastor Award



Dewey Lowe, pastor of Breckenridge Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), was presented with the 2013 James Anderson, Sr. Bivocational Pastor Award at the Thursday, October 17 afternoon session of the West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting by James Anderson, Southeast Area

Minister of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

Dewey grew in East Beckley. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson in 1970, Beckley College in 1972 and Morris Harvey in 1974.

He is the son of Rev. Donald A. and the late Ruth Lee Lowe. He met his wife of 38 years, Jeanne Stewart, at Camp Cowen and married her in 1975. His children are Travis Lowe of Knoxville Tennessee and Carmen Boso and her husband Lee Boso, who also met at Camp Cowen. The new woman in his life is his granddaughter, Nina Boso, who has him wrapped around



Lee Boso, annual sermon speaker and associate and youth pastor of Summersville Baptist Church (Hopewell).



Lisa Simmons (l), Associate in Mission Support, West Virginia Baptist Convention and husband, John, Associate Executive Minister, Missions and Administration, West Virginia Baptist Convention, visit with keynote speaker Lauran Bethell.

her finger.

Dewey taught for 36 years at Marsh Fork Middle School, Eccles Junior High School, Trap Hill Middle School and finished his career at the Raleigh County Board of Education as an Academic Writing Coach. He sponsored the National Junior Honor Society and the Student Council.

His extracurricular activities included coaching boys and girls' basketball, wrestling, girls' track and soccer at the YMCA for nine years.

He was called to his first and only pastorate at Breckenridge Missionary Baptist Church in 1975 and was ordained by the church in March 1976. During that time, the church has added an annex, built a new sanctuary, a gymnasium and procured lands on all sides for further development.

Dewey has had over 500 baptisms, one being a 91 year old lady, 182 weddings, one of those being his mother-in-law, Emily Phillips and 215 funerals, burying four generations of one dear family.

Dewey has held positions in the Greenbrier-Raleigh Association, and his church is very active with the Helping Hands organization.

He was active in the Greenbrier-Raleigh/Rockcastle Association Camp at Cowen for 43 years and is the camp pastor for the Younger Midler Weekend Camp at Cowen.

Each pastor has memories. Every school teacher has stories. Dewey has been blessed to have both, and God has given him the strength to be used by Him.



School of Christian Studies Graduates Nineteen

The West Virginia Baptist Convention School of Christian Studies held its annual graduation ceremony at the Thursday, October 17th evening session of the 148th Annual Meeting.

Those graduating were: Larry Rogers Bailey - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Rick Bergdoll - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Charles Frederick Callihan - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Douglas Scott Dameron - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Deborah S. Fout - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Johnna Renee Gaunch - certificate in Teaching, Hugh Marshall Harris - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Kevin G. Nuzum - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Tracy L. Mills - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Jonathan William Minear - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Arthur W. Moore - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Arthur Scott Nasby - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Thomas Scott Posey - diploma in Advanced Studies, James Anthony Pratt - diploma in Advanced Studies, James Allen Saunders - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Ralph Gerald Sevy - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Barry Sharp - diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Bradley F. Thorne - diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Gilberto Valentin - diploma in Pastoral Ministry.



Michael Stephens (l), director for the School of Christian Studies, is joined by the deans for the school: (l to r) Robert Keen - Southwest Area Dean, Ron George, Jr. - Southeast Area Dean, Mark McCloy - Northwest Area Dean, David Moutz - Central Area Dean and Allan Copenhaver - Northeast Area Dean.

Sargent Receives 2013 Ward W. Hibbs Ministerial Award

Alderson Broaddus University is proud to honor Dr. Richard Sargent, senior pastor of Main Street Baptist Church (Teays Valley) with the 2013 Ward W. Hibbs Ministerial Award. Alderson Broaddus University President Richard Creehan presented the award at the annual meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention held at Simpson Creek Baptist Church in Bridgeport on October 17, 2013.

Dr. Sargent is a native of Clarksburg and attended Bridgeport Baptist Church (Judson) during his formative years. He graduated from Fairmont Senior High School and attended Alderson Broaddus University, where he graduated with honors in 1972.

He attended Spurgeon's College in London, England where he received his Bachelor of Divinity from the University of London in 1975. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1985.

Dr. Sargent has preached the word of God at several churches throughout West Virginia during his years of ministry. He also pastored churches in London, England while attending graduate education at the University of London.



Richard Sargent (l), pastor, Main Street Baptist Church, receives the Ward W. Hibbs Ministerial Award from Richard Creehan, president, Alderson Broaddus University.

Dr. Sargent is recognized for his commitment to education which has inspired him to the development of leadership within the congregation, and is a dedicated and respected teacher within the School of Christian Studies for the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

Dr. Sargent is highly esteemed for his organizational skills, outgoing personality, community involvement and commitment to excellence. He currently serves as chairman of the

West Virginia Baptist Convention Committee on Ministerial Standing. He is the treasurer of the Mason County Ministerial Association and serves as clerk and treasurer of the Teays Valley Baptist Association. He is a board member of the Mid-Valley Christian School, a member of the Mason County Anti-Drug Coalition and a board member of the Mason County Family Resource Network.

Over the years, Dr. Sargent has served on a number of other Christian and community boards and associations as president of the West Virginia Baptist Ministers' Council, treasurer of the Braxton County Ministerial Association, president of the West Virginia Baptist Association of Evangelicals and chairman of the Alderson Broaddus Ministers' Advisory Council.

The Ward W. Hibbs Ministerial Award honors the ministry of Ward W. Hibbs, which spanned more than a half-century having served churches in all sections of West Virginia. As the first director of Town and Country Work for the West Virginia Baptist Convention, Hibbs inaugurated an in-service collegiate training program for ministers at Alderson Broaddus in collaboration with the West Virginia Baptist Convention. In honor and memory of Ward W. Hibbs, his legacy continues with the annual presentation of this award.

Turley Ordained

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (Twelve Pole) hosted the Twelve Pole Ordination Council on October 20, 2013. Following the affirmative vote of that council, **Dana Turley** was ordained to the gospel ministry.



Left to right: Maxine Turley (mother), Mark Turley (brother), Dana Turley (ordination candidate), David Turley (brother) and Martha Turley (sister)

Having served as the youth pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church for nine years, Dana has proven his ministry in the church and community. Taking part in this special celebration of God's call, Denny Brown, pastor, Tabor's Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Twelve Pole) and Craig Coster, Southwest Area Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention preached the charges to the candidate and the church. Dana's twin brother, David, who is a missionary to Okinawa, Japan, shared a scriptural reflection upon Dana's life. While the service was well-attended, it was especially well attended by his family, representing multiple congregations of the Guyandotte and Twelve Pole Associations.



An especially meaningful part of the ordination service for Dana Turley was the participation of this wonderful group of Middle School and High School students, who led the congregation in worship.

Racine First Baptist Church Honors the Late Roger Tinnel

Racine First Baptist Church (Coal River) is honoring the late Rev. Roger Tinnel by renaming its church library the "Roger Tinnel Library." Roger served the Lord faithfully at Racine Baptist Church for over 12 years. Roger loved reading and teaching God's word. A memorial fund has been established for this purpose. If you would like to help, donations to this memorial may be sent to Racine First Baptist Church, c/o Roger Tinnel Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 10, Racine WV 25165.

Stoner Ordained

On November 3, 2013, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church (Guyandotte) ordained **Jana Stoner**. She has served as the children's minister at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church since 2006. During this seven-year journey, she has completed her Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from the Palmer Theological Seminary West Virginia Program.

Speakers taking part in the service were Jana's husband, Ryan Stoner; Margie Carr, her campus pastor from West Liberty University; David Elmore, moderator of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church; her father, Dean Wright, who brought the blessing of her family; her uncle, Ron Stoner, who brought the charge to the candidate; Allen Reasons, who brought the charge to the church; and Hubert Harvey, who offered the prayer of ordination.

Stephens Retires



Dr. Michael Stephens

Dr. Michael Stephens has submitted his retirement notice to the Personnel Committee effective December 31, 2013. Mike has served as the Northeast Area Minister for the past 17 years. He has led the Christian Leadership Commission and School of Christian Studies for the past ten. Mike is a certified Christian Conciliator through Peace Making as well as a trained ministry coach. He has made tremendous contributions to the ministries of the churches and ministries of the Convention. As he moves into this next phase of his life, he looks forward to spending more time with his family, his hay and his passion to continue to make a difference for Jesus.

**Received as of November 5, 2013:
210,765.**

STATE GOAL: \$290,000

2014 church materials will be mailed at the end of January.

Celebrate Recovery at Romney First Baptist Church

*by Lester Harper, Interim Pastor,
Romney First Baptist Church (Eastern)*

Celebrate Recovery has been a real blessing at Romney First Baptist Church (Eastern), and in the community. *Celebrate Recovery* is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups and habits. It is based on the actual words of Jesus rather than psychological theory. It was designed as a program to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California said this could be the greatest outreach program a church could have. He was not kidding. In 13 weeks of meetings, the group at Romney First Baptist Church has been able to go from seven people on the first night to 35 people on other nights. We have given out over 65 Bibles and step guides to every participant, along with step guides.

Most of the program is run and supported by the participants. In the past two weeks, we have been able to see the Lord call 12 people for first-time decisions for Christ and immediately become baptized! We even dedicated four children the night we baptized the 12 participants.



(l to r) Logan Baumgardner, Byron Bollman and Chris Bohon, moments before their baptism.

Celebrate Recovery uses God's plan for recovery.

Before we really knew what addiction was, God had a solution. I will leave you with this final note that I also share with participants of *Celebrate Recovery*:

If Christ were here on earth today, He would be with us at *Celebrate Recovery*!

I encourage churches within the Convention to learn as much as they can about *Celebrate Recovery* because it is changing lives. Straight from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapter five, which contains the Beatitudes,



Also pictured before their baptism: (l to r) Sara Haines, Makayla Whetzel and Mercedes Waye.

Bridgeport Baptist Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary

On September 1, 2013, Bridgeport Baptist Church (Judson) celebrated 100 years in Bridgeport, West Virginia. They had a full day of service, beginning with a morning meet and greet for the local community. Pastor Thomas Edgell preached on God's sovereignty by addressing His work goes on "With or

Without You." There was a church picnic after the sermon and a special concert by Crossland Trio, a new country-gospel group.

Following a series of meetings in the homes of members, from April 13, 1913, until June, 1913, a church was finally organized in the home of A.J. Williams, on June 13, 1913. Twenty-eight persons comprised the charter members at the meeting. This group of people had been part of the membership of Simpson Creek Baptist Church (Union). The original structure of the church was completed in 1913 and was dedicated on October 12, 1913, when the first service was held in it. On September 10, 1914, the church was accepted into the Judson Baptist Association. Early in the 1940's, several improvements were undertaken. These improvements included new church school chairs, choir chairs, carpeting, a division of the balcony for church school classes and erection of a new altar. In September 1957, property was acquired on East Main Street, Bridgeport, to house the pastor and his family. In 1961, the complete remodeling of the church sanctuary was concluded. In 1963, a plot of ground on Worthington Drive was acquired, which now serves as the site of the current Bridgeport Baptist Church.





Joy *to the* **World,**
the **Lord** *is* **come!**

Let **earth receive**
her **King;**

Let every heart
prepare **Him** *room,*

And **Heaven** *and* **nature sing,**

And **Heaven** *and* **nature sing,**

And **Heaven,** *and* **Heaven,** *and* **nature sing.**



*May you receive the glories
of His righteousness and wonders
of His love!*



*Merry Christmas
from the West Virginia Baptist Convention Staff*

*David Carrico
Valma Adams
Jim Anderson
Juan Aragon
Craig Coster
Rob Ely*

*Kevin Emerick
Adam Goodwin
Tim Gray
Joan Hall
Karen Hargett
Max Hill*

*Tracie Longwell
Steve McCartney
Frank Miller
Ginny Prunty
Karen Radcliff
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*John Simmons
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Donna Snyder
Mike Stephens
Koreen Villers*

*Joy to the World - by English hymn writer Isaac Watts (1674 –1748). The song was first published in 1719.
As of the late 20th century, Joy to the World was the most-published Christmas hymn in North America.*

CHALLENGE 52

December 2013

January 2014

NIV

KJV

December 1

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

December 8

Romans 8:37

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

December 15

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

December 22

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.

December 29

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

December 1

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

December 8

Romans 8:37

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

December 15

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

December 22

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

December 29

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

NIV

KJV

January 5

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

January 12

Romans 3:22-23

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

January 19

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

January 26

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

January 5

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

January 12

Romans 3:22-23

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

January 14

Micah 6:8

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

January 26

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.



Visit Challenge 52 on Facebook at Challenge 52.

Look for the weekly Bible verse on the West Virginia Baptist Convention home page, www.wvbc.org, and click for more information about the verse.

Why Memorize Scripture?

(Compiled from resources by Rick Warren and John Piper.)

Here are seven simple reasons for adults to memorize scripture.

- 1.) It is the number one tool for resisting temptation.
- 2.) It helps you make wise decisions.
- 3.) It strengthens you when you are under stress.
- 4.) It comforts you when you are sad.
- 5.) It helps you witness to unbelievers.
- 6.) It helps you be more Christ-like and produces spiritual growth.
- 7.) It helps you become closer to God as you learn more about Him and store this in your mind.

Please register with Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@wvbc.org to receive additional resources and e-mail updates.



DOROTHY G. SANTROCK, 85, died October 14, 2013. She was a member of Charleston Baptist Temple (Kanawha Valley).

After joining Charleston Baptist Temple, she developed a passion for women's ministries at the local and state level. She served as treasurer for the West Virginia Baptist Convention American Baptist Women's Ministries for 37 years. She served on the board of trustees at Alderson Broaddus University from 2011 to 2013.

As the daughter of a minister, she was always active in church. As a teenager, she wrote Christmas plays and programs for young children. She also served as a church organist and piano teacher.

Dorothy was a person of great generosity. Her gift in memory of her husband, Paul, provided the funds for the Santrock Education Center (SEC) at Parchment Valley Conference Center. She also endowed a maintenance fund for the SEC to insure its upkeep for generations.

She raised countless dollars for the American Baptist Women's Ministries with her argyle socks and funny skits. She was passionate about life. She demonstrated her deep love of God and others daily.

MOLLY JANE BAYLESS BRAIN, 93, of Fairmont, died October 29, 2013. She was a member of Fairmont First Baptist Church (Fairmont) and was a member of the American Baptist Women's Ministries and served as assistant treasurer. She served as a deacon for several terms and also was on the executive board of the church.

RUTH BUMGARDNER DARBY, 97, of Charleston, died September 15, 2013. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley). She had been active in women's work and had served as a Sunday school teacher for various

classes, most recently with the Lydia Bible Class.

ALBERTA ANN DENNISON, 68, died October 9, 2013. She was a member of Broad Run Baptist Church (Broad Run) and spent many years there as the choir director.

ADA GREENE DILLON, 102, of Wayside, died September 17, 2013. She was a member of Flint Chapel Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) and a member of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

KATHLEEN FLINT HOYMAN, 96, of Wheeling, died October 23, 2013. She was a member of Wheeling First Baptist Church (Panhandle), and was prayer chairman for Heaven Bound Ministries and He's Alive for 20 years.

MILDRED RUTH MAXSON "MILLIE" GAINER, 93, of Elkins, died October 20, 2013. She was a member of Elkins First Baptist Church (Union), where she was a very active member and served on many committees, especially those involved in fund raising. She was a long-standing member and president of the church choir and very proud of being the first woman to serve on the church's board of trustees.

JOSEPH RICHARD GARRETT, 83, of Bridgeport, died October 5, 2013. He was a member of Simpson Creek Baptist Church (Union), where he served as a trustee for a term. He was the father of Sandra Lutz, wife of Jim Lutz, pastor, Hurricane First Baptist Church (Teays Valley).

BERNARD CHARLES JACOBS, "BERNIE," 77, of Melbourne, Florida, died September 28, 2013. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where he served as an ordained deacon and also as a trustee.

OLETA P. JACKSON, 84, of Little Birch, died October 17, 2013. She was a member of Sutton Baptist Church (Elk Valley), where she formerly taught Sunday school and served as a youth leader.

NANCY J. JANUTOLO, 79, of Smyrna, Tennessee, died November 2, 2013. She was a long standing member of Beckley First Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh),

where she was a Sunday school teacher, member of the Lizzie Lewis Circle, chaplain and president of the Gideon's Auxiliary Beckley Camp.

MARGARET LOUISE HOLLINS MILLS, 83, of Mullens, died September 30, 2013. She was a founding member of Black Eagle Baptist Church (Rockcastle), where she has served as the only church secretary.

JOE NELSON, 89, of Huntington, died November 1, 2013. He was a member of Beverly Hills Baptist Church, now New Baptist Church (Guyandotte). Joe served both Beverly Hills Baptist Church and Guyandotte Baptist Association for many years as treasurer.

Leadership Updates

Rev. Kenneth Adkins to Big Union Baptist Church (Elk Valley) as pastor on October 14, 2013

Rev. Robert Huffman to Big Otter Baptist Church (Elk Valley) as pastor on September 1, 2013

Mark Kays to Morgantown First Baptist Church (Goshen) as pastor on September 15, 2013

Mr. Wesley M. Williams to Flaggy Meadow Baptist Church (Fairmont) as interim pastor in June 2013

Trading Post

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FREE: CHILDREN'S MUSICALS, SHEET MUSIC and ALBUMS.

Contact Evan Frees at Emmanuel Baptist Church (Parkersburg) at 304.489.2745.

December 2013

December 1 - The ministry of Holly River Baptist Church (Elk Valley); Scott Posey, pastor
December 2 - Ann Clemmer, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to South Sudan
December 3 - The ministry of Kingwood Baptist Church (Goshen); Kevin Sions, pastor
December 4 - The ministry of Hope Christian Center (Guyandotte); Mike Lewis, pastor
December 5 - The ministry of Racine First Baptist Church (Coal River); Anthony Pratt, pastor
December 6 - The ministry of Reedy Baptist Church (Good Hope); Greg Swisher, pastor
December 7 - West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Committee and Executive Board meetings this weekend at Parchment Valley Conference Center
December 8 - The ministry of Open Arms Baptist Church (Hopewell); John Tinnel, pastor
December 9 - The ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Parkersburg); Kurt Busiek, pastor
December 10 - The ministry of Flaggy Meadow Baptist Church (Fairmont)
December 11 - John Simmons, associate executive minister, Missions and Administration, West Virginia Baptist Convention
December 12 - Tracy Mills, vice moderator, Guyandotte Association
December 13 - The ministry of Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo); Jarred Belcher, pastor
December 14 - The ministry of Weirton First Baptist Church (Panhandle); Donald Dague, pastor
December 15 - Bill Clemmer, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to South Sudan
December 16 - Craig Coster, Southwest area minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
December 17 - Sarah Chetti, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Lebanon
December 18 - Lisa Simmons, associate in Mission Support, West Virginia Baptist Convention
December 19 - David Turley, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Japan
December 20 - Mike Lowery, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Democratic Republic of the Congo
December 21 - J.D. Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Bolivia
December 22 - The ministry of North Fork Baptist Church (Harrisville); Darrell Farley, pastor
December 23 - The ministry of Fayetteville Baptist Church (Fayette); Ron George, Jr., pastor
December 24 - Our families as we gather together to celebrate the birth of our Savior
December 25 - Prayer of thanksgiving for a Savior born to save the world
December 26 - The ministry of Fort Spring Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh); Jonathan Hunt, pastor
December 27 - Koreen Villers, director, Children's Ministries, West Virginia Baptist Convention
December 28 - The ministry of Romney First Baptist Church (Eastern), Lester Harper, interim pastor
December 29 - The ministry of Sago Baptist Church (Broad Run); Wease Day, pastor
December 30 - Lori Mann, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary
December 31 - Mary Beth Stemple, clerk, Goshen Association

January 2014

January 1 - Pray for a blessed New Year
January 2 - Allan Copenhagen, moderator, Elk Valley Association and pastor, Sutton Baptist Church (Elk Valley)
January 3 - The ministry of Webster Baptist Church (Union); Bruce Hoffman, pastor
January 4 - The ministry of Danville First Baptist Church (Coal River); Geoffrey Saunders, pastor
January 5 - Ingrid Rold'an-Rom'an, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Puerto Rico
January 6 - The ministry of Stump Chapel Baptist Church (Elk Valley); Teddy Legg, pastor
January 7 - The ministry of Vermont Baptist Church (Judson); Chad Ash, pastor
January 8 - The ministry of Scarbro First Baptist Church (Fayette); Kenny Smith, pastor
January 9 - Judith Sutterlin, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to China
January 10 - The ministry of Wellsburg First Baptist Church (Panhandle); Arthur Wells, pastor
January 11 - Ann Borquist, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Brazil
January 12 - The ministry of Hamlin First Baptist Church (Guyandotte); David Burch, pastor
January 13 - The ministry of Enon Baptist Church (Little Kanawha); John Vannoy, pastor
January 14 - Randy Landes, vice moderator, Harrisville Association and pastor, South Fork Baptist Church (Harrisville)
January 15 - The ministry of Guyandotte Missionary Baptist Church (Rockcastle); Harrison Abbott, pastor
January 16 - The ministry of Sunday Road Baptist Church (Hopewell); Allen Donaldson, pastor
January 17 - The ministry of Twelve Pole Valley Baptist Church (Twelve Pole); Ralph Cazad, pastor
January 18 - The Guyandotte Association as they celebrate their Annual Meeting
January 19 - The ministry of Smithville Baptist Church (Harrisville)
January 20 - Marcia Binkley, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary
January 21 - The ministry of Spencer First Baptist Church (Good Hope); Douglas Sandy, pastor
January 22 - The ministry of Judson Baptist Church (Teays Valley); interim pastor, Bobby Goldsberg
January 23 - The ministry of Harmony Baptist Church (Fairmont); Linda Roberts, pastor
January 24 - The ministry of Independence Baptist Church (Goshen); Carl Trickett, pastor
January 25 - Gerald Bisset, vice moderator, Eastern Association
January 26 - The ministry of Union Valley Baptist Church (Parkersburg); William Law, pastor
January 27 - The ministry of Clearview Fellowship (Greenbrier-Raleigh); Roger Adams, pastor
January 28 - Karen Hargett, guest services manager, Parchment Valley Conference Center and interim pastor, Two Runs Baptist Church (Good Hope)
January 29 - The ministry of Little Capon Baptist Church (Eastern); Tony Baker, pastor
January 30 - The ministry of Mount Olive Baptist Church (Broad Run); Christopher Davis, pastor
January 31 - The ministry of Saint Paul Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley); Michael Poke, pastor

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

Coming Events

December 2013

December 7

**West Virginia Baptist Convention
Executive Board**
Parchment Valley Conference Center

December 9

Bowen Trust
Parchment Valley Conference Center

December 24-25

Christmas Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

January 2014

January 1

New Year's Day Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

January 6-10

**Palmer Theological Program West
Virginia Program Class -
M. Div. Program**
Parchment Valley Conference Center

January 7 (In most locations)

**School of Christian Studies Theology I
(T-01) Six-Week Class**
Various Locations

February 2014 Church Officers' Training REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the following information:

I am registering as (Please check all that apply.)

- an individual/couple or part of a church group
 I am the contact person for the church group.
 My church has met the requirements. I am a free participant.

Name: _____

(One form per person, but you may write one check and return in one envelope.)

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Please check the appropriate fee box(es).

- \$15.00 Leadership Conference Fee (Required)
 \$25.00 School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Single Fee
 \$35.00 School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Couple Fee
(One form per person, but you may write one check and return in one envelope.)

Total Enclosed (Please write in blank at left.)

Please list the title of the workshop(s) in the spaces below.

- 1.) List choice for a.m. workshop: _____
 2.) List choice for p.m. workshop: _____

Attention: Church Group Contact Person.

A contact person must be chosen for all church groups. Please send all church group registrations in one envelope. One check may be written for all registrations. If you plan to use the pay for eight and bring two free rule, please make sure the free participant(s) check the box on the left side of this form. After the first 10, the pay for eight bring two free begins again.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan at hall@wvbc.org or 800.879.9822.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2014.

After February 3, the fee is the same,

but lunch is not included. It will be on your own.

**Please make check payable to: West Virginia Baptist
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Church Officers' Training, Attn: Joan, P.O. Box 1019,
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Deadline for submission is the 3rd of odd numbered months.

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