

Parchment Valley Conference Center News

Temple Challenge Comes to Parchment Valley Conference Center

Parchment Valley Conference Center is now host to a new training program in Jackson County, **Temple Challenge**. **Temple Challenge** exists to help motivate, inspire and educate people to their best obtainable levels in life. The unique training system caters to all individuals and their training goals in a comfortable atmosphere.

Temple Challenge will help create road maps that transform individuals' /communities' mindsets, lifestyles and habits to instill the value of health in fitness. Their motto is *YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE*, and **Temple Challenge's** success will be achieved when their motto becomes the way you live.¹ **Temple Challenge** is biblically based on 1 Corinthians 6:19, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you



have received from God? You are not your own."

**The
 TEMPLE CHALLENGE
 Mission:**

**NUTRITION + EXERCISE
 + COMMUNITY + FAITH
 = SUCCESS**

This instructional fitness program is open to all persons at a very affordable cost, and your first session is free! The twelve week session cost is \$120.00 and the 24 week session cost is \$200. Individual sessions are \$5.00 each.

This new training program is gaining much recognition and participation. Classes are conducted in the Greenlee Activity Center at Parchment Valley Conference Center on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Stacy Houser is the founder of **Temple Challenge** and Becky and Rick Marshall are trainers for this location.

For more information on the program, please visit thetemplechallenge.com. To register, please contact Parchment Valley Conference Center at 304.372.3675.

*Your body is a temple ...
 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

¹"Our Mission," 2015, <<http://thetemplechallenge.com/#club>> (accessed January 6, 2015).

As I look over the 2015 Parchment Valley Conference Center financial data in regard to monetary donations, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation.

I attended as many association meetings as I could work into my schedule this past fall and distributed information showing the areas of giving from our West Virginia Baptist Convention churches. Many of you read and absorbed that information, and we now are seeing donations from new churches as well as those that have always been supportive.

The operation of Parchment Valley Conference Center is no small task. The weekly operating costs are almost overwhelming, but because of the generosity of West Virginia Baptist Convention churches, we are alive and well and looking forward to an even busier year than last. How blessed we are to live in the state of West Virginia, where people give so generously.



Tracy Mills speaks at the Guyandotte Association meeting.

Our invitation is always open to you to visit and/or reserve Parchment Valley Conference Center facilities for your church or church group. We will do our very best to accommodate your needs and make your visit pleasant and meaningful.

My deepest thanks are extended to all the churches and individuals who have contributed financially to Parchment Valley Conference Center: *"a place where lives are changed."*

*Frank Miller
 Director of Operations,
 Parchment Valley Conference Center*

by David L. Carrico, Executive Minister



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The Promise of a Redo

Our spiritual journey as a believer is going to take a lifetime. The Lord knows us and provides us with a map for the journey, but still, during that lifetime we will stumble from time to time and take the wrong path. To begin we must understand where we are on the journey. Life is a struggle and there are times of confusion that create a fog of doubt about our relationship with God. We do not always allow the wind of the Holy Spirit to clear away the fog. Surrender of self to the Holy Spirit requires we give up control to the Lord in all aspects of our life. Many of us forget who is in charge even when we mess up.



Dr. David Carrico

The story of the potter in Jeremiah 18 lifts up a celebration of a divine redo. The potter takes a wrecked vessel and reworks it into something new and usable. He sees beyond the now into the possibilities of the future. On many occasions we forget we see now, but God sees forever. We see the world, but God knows the universe.

Max Depree, in his book, *Leadership Is An Art* (New York: Doubleday, 1989) says, "The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality." That applies to church leaders as well. Our present reality must be seen in the light of a divine future

reality. That divine reality can shape the kingdom work we attempt now.

One of the stumbling blocks of our witness as the church is our integrity. We must take our commitments seriously within the walls of the church and outside of our community of faith. Every organization, even the church,

suffers when folks say they will serve and then never show up. Others sense our lack of integrity and commitment. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:37, "*Let your yes be your yes and your no be your no.*" The good news is we can repent of our lack of integrity and be a people of the Word by keeping our word!

Discipleship can make a positive impact on our lack of integrity in the church. What a difference that would make in our witness to our communities! The good news is we can work on it until Jesus returns. The bottom line for now and always is God is in charge and He stills loves and forgives us. Psalm 103:11-12 says, "*For as high as the heavens are above the earth so great is His love for those that fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*"

Thank God for His wonderful good news and the reality of His eternal redo.

Blessings

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee of the West Virginia Baptist Convention in its meeting of January 8, 2016 accepted the retirement notice of Rev. Dr. Victor Shields as area minister for the Northeast effective February 29, 2016. It recognized his 20 years on the Convention staff and expressed deep appreciation for his effective ministry.

The Committee also approved the contract for Rev. Dr. Michael Stephens to serve as the Interim Area Minister for

the Northeast area.

The Committee appointed a search committee that is responsible to search and recommend to the Executive Committee someone to replace the retiring Shields.

The West Virginia Baptist Convention will receive resumes from applicants for the position of Northeast Area Minister for the West Virginia Baptist Convention. Resumes complete with references may be mailed to: P.O. Box 1019 Parkersburg, WV 26102, ATTN: Dr. David Carrico. Submission deadline for consideration is March 7, 2016.

Discipleship Ministries

by Lisa Simmons, Director

Adult Discipleship: New Year, New Offerings

With the new year comes new offerings and opportunities from Discipleship Ministries. In addition to the productive and effective ministries for youth and camping, led by Rob Ely; children, led by Koreen Villers; senior adults, led by Jerry Losh; and conferencing, led by Frank Miller, Discipleship Ministries is enthusiastically announcing a new periodic resource newsletter titled **Discipleship Now!**

This newsletter is available to anyone interested in growing and maturing personally in their walk with Christ, and it is for local churches who want to begin or step up their encouragement and support to believers. **Discipleship Now!** will be full of practical suggestions and ideas as well as having material for individuals to use as they intentionally move toward spiritual maturity. The publication will include helps in the areas of adult, youth and children's discipleship. **Discipleship Now!** will be published each quarter and is available to anyone who signs up to receive it. If you are interested in this **FREE** publication, please contact Valma Adams at 304.422.6449 or adams@wvbc.org.

With the help and guidance of the Discipleship Commission, a new local church resource, titled **Household Discipleship** will be available in February 2016. The discipleship commission is encouraging every church to set aside one month

in 2016 to focus on discipleship in the home. The resource includes recommended readings for parents/guardians, practical ideas for use with families, four sermon topics (includes scripture, main points and illustrations) and four print ready bulletin inserts. This resource will be first distributed at the Church Officers' Training event on February 6, 2016 and will be available online. Hard copies can be ordered from the West Virginia Baptist Convention office from Valma Adams.

Also at the Church Officers' Training event, a discipleship workshop will be offered by Rich McClure of Parkersburg First Baptist Church (Parkersburg). This workshop is open to anyone interested in local church discipleship, whether you hold an official discipleship office in the church or not. Consider attending this workshop and learning and sharing with others who have a goal of strengthening the local church discipleship plan.

Lisa Simmons, director of Discipleship Ministries, is interested in working with you and your church to assess your discipleship program and plans to assist you in moving forward in encouraging and supporting discipleship. Contact her at lsimmons@wvbc.org or 304.273.9693. Let's work together to find God's plan for your congregation!

Discipleship: Becoming More Like CHRIST

EPHESIANS 2:10



AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2016

The *America for Christ Offering 2016* reminds us that service is a way of life for Christ's church. Extending the hope, love and compassion of our Lord to our neighbors and communities is a powerful demonstration that we have been transformed. We are reinvigorated by this year's theme to come alongside people as they journey through life. I am asking you to give generously to this year's *America for Christ Offering 2016* and in doing so, help us to reach our state goal in support of home mission.

One third of this offering supports the mission and ministries of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life (Ephesians 2:10).

For additional information: www.abhms.org.

Your America for Christ Offering provides life changing ministries and resources that impact neighborhoods and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico with the love and hope of Jesus Christ.

**STATE GOAL:
\$125,000**

Hispanic Ministries: Lessons for the Journey - Lecciones Para El Viaje

Noemi was 16 years old when she left her home in Ejido Manacal in Chiapas, Mexico. She was the oldest of seven siblings and saw how her mother and father, a Pentecostal pastor, struggled to make ends meet. Manacal is a coffee-producing area, but not everyone profits from the crop. Those working on coffee plantations make \$3.00 a day or \$60.00 a month. The dire economic conditions in her village force most men, young adults and even teenagers to seek better opportunities elsewhere in Mexico or “El Norte,” as they call the United States. Unable to find a job in her community, Noemi followed the path taken by many of the young adults in her community and headed to Tapachulas, an important city in Chiapas. There she got a job at a store making \$60.00 a month.

After six months in Tapachulas, she returned home for a few weeks. With a strong sense of duty to support her family, she ventured to Mexico City, where she hoped to make more money. Working as a housemaid she made \$80.00 a month. Life in one of the world’s largest cities was not easy; she was alone and missed her family. She worked for six months and then set sail back home. However, her journey within Mexico was not over. She stayed home a few weeks and then sailed farther north. This time her port of call was Tijuana. In Tijuana, she made \$80.00 dollars a month as a housemaid. It was there she was encouraged by a friend to migrate to the United States. “Noemi, let’s go to the United States. My dad says that they make good money over there. Let’s go ...” was her friend’s enticing remark. But she hesitated because of the horror stories she had heard about those who attempted to cross the border. Her reply was, “I don’t think so. Have you not heard everything they say about what happens? Women are raped ... no, no I am not risking my life. I’d rather stay here.” She remained five months in Tijuana and then plied back home.

She stayed with her family for two months. During that time, a friend from church shared with her he was migrating to the United States. “At least 20 people from Manacal are going in this trip,” he added. Knowing so many people from her community were traveling gave her a sense of security. She would not be surrounded by strangers. She would be protected by friends. “I will think about it,” she responded. She sought counsel with her parents. “If you are thinking about leaving, you should first seek God to see if it is His will. If it is His will, doors will open,”

advised her dad. Noemi fasted and prayed for three days to seek God’s guidance. At the end of that time, she felt God confirmed she should make the journey. She was 19 years old when she left Ejido Manacal on February 14, 2004.

Her journey to the United States was priced at \$2,000 and lasted a week. Her assurance of God’s protection during the footslog through the desert is remarkable. During her first few years in the United States, she was a migrant farm worker moving across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Ohio. Despite not having a home, she was extremely happy and grateful for her work. All she wanted was to provide for her family. “I had a lot of willingness to work and help my father and mother,” she says. Noemi, her husband and their two children have been living in Ravenswood for eight years. She continues to be a farmworker. The weariness resulting from the agricultural work is obvious. She says, “Here one has to be working day in and day out in the same type of work, in the fields, in the tomatoes.”

Noemi and her husband consider it a blessing their children were born in the United States. “Life over there [Mexico] is very difficult,” she comments, “Thank God my children have clothes and shoes and food. What I am concerned about is they are growing and they have everything. They lack nothing and sometimes I think it is very important they see one cannot have everything all the time. There are children with deep needs in Mexico. So I wish I could take them to Mexico to see and learn what life is like in Mexico. It is not about having everything and you have to fight in life in order to have a better life.”

Noemi and her family are part of Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Nueva Esperanza in Ravenswood. She is a joyful woman with a vibrant faith and spirituality demonstrated in her passion for prayer and for sharing God’s love with others. She is currently enrolled in an online program to earn a certificate in evangelism and church transformation. Her journey of faith and hope should encourage us in our own pilgrimage to desire and commit to a deep spirituality to seek God’s guidance in major decisions, do everything out of love and always hope for a better and brighter future no matter how dim or uncertain our present circumstances might be. Her journey is a reminder we also need to tune up our perspective to see Hispanic immigrants as people who have come to bless and make the United States a better place.



Noemi

by **John Simmons**, Associate Executive Minister
Missions and Administration

Seeds

Have you ever wondered why the seed catalogues always come in the middle of winter? Just after the Christmas celebrations are over and the long night of winter begins, we get these beautiful catalogues in the mail that give us hope for the coming spring and summer.



I got my annual catalogue recently and as I looked through it, I was amazed to find that though it is a “seed” catalogue, there are no pictures of seeds anywhere to be found. Every picture in this 52-page publication featured the outcome - the harvest - the fruit one could expect if seeds were planted.

The seed companies know the hope of harvest is what sells seed. It is the hope of harvest that encourages planting. It is the hope of harvest that keeps them in business whether the harvest is a beautiful flower or edible produce.

When I see the spectacular pictures in the catalogue I tend to be inspired to place my order to get seeds or plants

started so I can duplicate the depicted harvest. I tend to lose this inspiration when the work of plowing, hoeing, fertilizing, watering, weeding, etc ... begins. I wish they would send me what was in the picture.

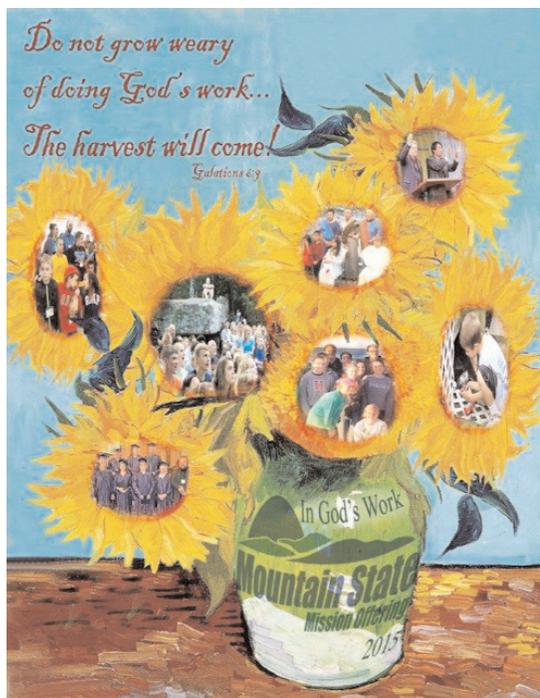
When I read the parable of the soils from Mark 4, I cannot help but believe the sower had the picture of the harvest in mind when he began to fling seeds. For the sower, it was not about the rocks; it was not about the birds; it was not about the hard work; it was not about some seed not producing - it was about the harvest.

This can be a lesson for us. When we focus on the obstacles of ministry instead of the promised outcomes we tend to hold on to what we have. And each of us should know seed cannot fulfill its purpose in the bag.

As we engage in mission this year, let us make the focus of our work be on the harvest. Let your mind and heart be filled with a picture of hope. As William Carey said, “The future is as bright as the promises of God.”

It is the image and promise of harvest that inspires us to plant.

Committed to Missions



The work of the West Virginia Baptist Convention would not be possible without your continued support of the

Mountain State Mission Offering.

We thank you.

2015 Total: \$259,073

2016 State Goal: \$270,000

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

Experiencing Passion and Growing Disciples

Several students from West Virginia attended Passion 2016; a conference for 18-25 year olds, where 40,000 people spread out among three venues and had an incredible worship experience. It was my first experience at Passion, but it will not be my last. I hope the West Virginia Baptist



Marshall University students (standing) experiencing Passion 2016.

Convention and each Baptist Campus Ministries' chapter on our campuses join the 60,000 in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on January 2-4, 2017. The speakers were challenging throughout our time, but one statement has really made me think. Tim Smith, a pastor from Jackson, Mississippi stated, "Worship begins with a 'view.' How you respond to a person depends on your view of them. What is your view of God?"

Students from everywhere in West Virginia and the world show up on a college campus with a view of God. It is our responsibility as Baptist Campus Ministries on each campus to help them understand the truth of God and Jesus Christ. The challenge arises when each student has a different background and needs a different, complex set of questions answered. That is the fun challenge of college ministry! Ministering for three months at Marshall University Baptist Campus Ministries has taught me to be on my theological toes because a day can be as simple as "How are we to be a light to this campus?" or as complicated as "I have a quick question: at the tower of Babel, what ... ?" These discussions have happened over the years on college campuses, but the truth remains: "In the beginning, God ..." and we are to "Love the Lord our God, with our heart, soul, mind and strength."

Growing disciples is what God has called us to do on these campuses. Pray for the campuses of Alderson Broaddus University, Concord University, Fairmont State University, Glenville State College, Marshall University, the University of Charleston, West Virginia State University, West Virginia University Institute of Technology and West Virginia University!

American Baptist Men of West Virginia

Annual National Prayer Breakfast

February 27, 2016



Locations throughout our state are now being sought for this very important day in the American Baptist Men's ministry year. This is a time for our West Virginia Baptist Convention men to gather together for concentrated prayer and biblical teaching in conjunction with a fellowship breakfast.

If your church is already planning to host a prayer breakfast on February 27 or if your church would be interested in hosting a prayer breakfast on that date, please complete and mail the registration at right.

Your location will be added to our list to provide contact information to those who are seeking to participate in this event. The reported sites will be posted to our website and publicized via e-mail.

If you desire, you can be contacted with information and provided assistance with speakers and materials. Please visit www.wvbc.org/partners for location information and to download the prayer guide. For more information, contact Frank Miller at 800.489.8564 or miller@wvbc.org.

American Baptist Men Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Yes, my church will be hosting a prayer breakfast on this date.

Church Name: _____
 City: _____
 Association: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Return this form to Frank Miller, AB Men of WV Prayer Breakfast Coordinator, 1715 Lower Parchment Valley Road, Ripley, WV 25271.

Cut on this line and return top portion.

Return bottom portion with your offering.

American Baptist Men Prayer Breakfast Attendance Report/Offering Slip

Church Name: _____
 City: _____
 Association: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Number of Men in Attendance: _____
 Amount of Offering: _____

Offerings received have been designated to support the Pastors' Emergency Fund.

Return this form to Frank Miller, AB Men of WV Prayer Breakfast Coordinator, 1715 Lower Parchment Valley Road, Ripley, WV 25271.

Partnerships Make All the Difference

As we move into 2016, we are off to a great start with our **BUILD-A-BUILDING PROJECT**. With the help of our West Virginia Baptist family donors, we are only \$132,146 away from our goal with the Convention! The adjacent property has been acquired and officially re-zoned for construction. We will be taking down the current building by spring and leveling the ground for new construction to begin. Once our goals are met and all 60% of the funding is raised, we can receive the matching 40% and start construction. Thank you for your consideration in supporting this valuable project for our children to have a safe place, all under one roof to come to each day.

Currently, we are working with four different agencies as we provide a small upstairs room in our house for visitation for separated families. In December 2015, we were blessed with the donation of a house on Orchard Street in Weirton, which will enable the Weirton Christian Center to develop a much needed

place for supervised visitations for families, counseling, parenting and life skills' classes and more. The generosity of Michael Psaros, the owner of the home, is making it possible for several agencies to collaborate in an effort to help rebuild families in a home setting. Evyenia's House of Hope will open in memory of Michael's grandparents, Harilaos and Evyenia Loufakis, who were immigrants from Chios, Greece; lifelong residents of Weirton; and members of the All Saints Greek Orthodox Church. We are looking for furnishings and solidifying community partnerships to help cover the cost of operations.

Partnerships are so important to our ministry. It is amazing how many people, American Baptist Women's Ministries' groups, churches and organizations come together to serve our children. The saying "it takes a village" is so true. Many thanks for the support of the past year.

Table of Hope

The children of Weirton Christian Center learn what it means to give as well as receive. They repeated last year's penny project and collected pennies since last February. They decided to present the total of \$170.00 to the Table of Hope, which serves free dinners to the public three days each week. The kids enjoy eating there and serving once a month. Assistant Director, Deronda Bruich (second row center) is shown with Table of Hope coordinators and some of the children.



Spring Golden'eers

May 2-4, 2016 at Parchment Valley Conference Center

Watch future issues of the West Virginia Baptist Newsletter
and the Pastors' Mailing for more information.

Investing in Future Generations at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen

Since 1943, the *West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen* has been a camp that has grown people spiritually and born the effects of that spiritual growth in the physical development of the camp. What at first started out as a few cabins on a hillside with a dining hall, meeting hall and swimming hole in the river has since developed into 21 cabins on a hillside with bathhouses, a beautiful dining hall and administrative housing and work facilities, a newly renovated meeting hall and an indoor campfire area with an amphitheater across the road from it. If a camper from 1945 wanted to attend a camp in 2016, they would first need a tour of the camp to know where everything is. Why is this worth noting? Everything changes over time and a campground would not be an exception to that rule. The *West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen* has not grown with the purpose of simply getting bigger and better. It has grown because people who have developed their relationship with God at *Camp Cowen* have turned around to pour back into the camp so it may impact the lives of future campers. It is an appropriate question to ask “What kind of camp experience would the children at my church have if no one had poured into the camp in the past ten years alone?” The *Baptist Camp at Cowen* grows physically because it has developed campers spiritually first and, in doing so, has created a desire for the next generation to experience God in a similarly lasting fashion.

The development from a few cabins to 21 cabins came about because of the growing need to house more campers each summer. It is clear it is time for the camp to experience growing pains again. The leaders at *Camp Cowen* desire to utilize the limited time they have with their campers to the best of their abilities, sharing in spiritual growth and activities that will grow their relationships with one another as the body of Christ. *The Sunny Day Leadership and Activities Center* will be the next step in growing the camp physically so campers will have more room to grow spiritually.



Rain is a gift from God, but when it begins to pour at the time a small group leader is preparing to begin their daily lesson there is a mental shift from, “What do I want my campers to learn today?” to “What is ‘plan B’ for our meeting area and how will I inform all of my campers?” If the leader is forced to focus on the meeting area it will distract them from the purpose of small groups and Bible study that is supposed to be taking place.



The Sunny Day Leadership and Activities Center will function as a gymnasium facility as well as a learning center with a meeting room on the second floor and a classroom on the first. This new facility will provide an indoor area where camps can continue to meet and play even on stormy days at *Cowen*. Just as the *Camp at Cowen* has developed to provide room for more campers to attend in one camping season, it is now time for the camp to build on, so that regardless of weather conditions or scheduled activities, camp may continue to go on.



For this new building to stand, the leaders at *Cowen* will need support both through prayer and finances.

Ways to pray specifically:

- Pray for discernment and wisdom in the new building plans to help the leaders as they look to see how God’s plan for this new building will function in the regular camp season.
- Pray for students and youth leaders who will primarily utilize this building during the regular camp season.
- Pray for the learning, teaching and activities that will take place in this new building.
- Pray for strength and safety for the construction workers at *Cowen*.
- Pray for the churches, groups and individuals who plan to support this new project financially that God would lead them in their giving.
- Pray about how this new building will bless Webster County and the surrounding area churches.

Please consider personally supporting this new project financially and prayerfully.



2016 Camp Cowen Schedule

www.campcowen.org

APRIL
American Baptist
Men’s Work Weekend
April 29-30

Junior 2
(grades 5-6)
June 26-July 2

MAY
Youth Work Party
May 20-21

JULY
High School 1
(grades 9-HS Grads)
July 3-9

JUNE
Older Midler
(grades 3-4)
June 5-8

Junior High 2
(grades 7-9)
July 10-16

Younger Midler
(grades 2-4)
June 10-12

Senior Day
2016 High School
Graduates
July 16

Junior 1
(grades 5-6)
June 12-18

High School 2
(grades 9-HS Grads)
July 17-23

Junior High 1
(grades 7-9)
June 19-25

Family Camp
July 26-August 1

SEPTEMBER
Camp Global
September 2-4

*“Where people meet Jesus
and grow as His disciples in
a community of faith.”*

West Virginia Baptist Convention Bible Conference

featuring **Dr. Gerald Keown**
on the **Book of Jeremiah**

March 5, 2016
Parchment Valley Conference Center
in Hill Hall

Conference Fee: \$15.00 per person

Registration Deadline (with money enclosed): February 29, 2016



Guest Instructor: Dr. Gerald Keown

Associate Dean, School of Divinity; Bob D. Shepherd Chair of Biblical Studies; Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Gardner-Webb University

Gerald L. Keown joined the School of Divinity faculty in 1996. He teaches Introduction to Old Testament I, Introduction to Old Testament II, Jeremiah, Hebrews and one Doctor of Ministry seminar - The Ministry of Biblical Interpretation. His primary area of research is prophetic literature.

WV Baptist Convention Bible Conference - March 5, 2016 Registration Form

COUPLES MAY USE THE SAME FORM.
Please complete the following:

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

Please check the appropriate box(es) below.

\$15.00 - Conference Registration Per Person (REQUIRED)
 \$15.00 - Conference Registration Second Person
 \$25.00 - School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Single Credit
Apply credit to: _____ Two-Year General Studies or
_____ Three-Year Congregational Transform.
 \$35.00 - School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Couple Credit
Apply credit to: _____ Two-Year General Studies or
(First Person) _____ Three-Year Congregational Transform.
Apply credit to: _____ Two-Year General Studies or
(Second Person) _____ Three-Year Congregational Transform.

_____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

To provide adequate arrangements registration must be post-marked and payment included by February 29, 2016.

Make checks payable to: West Virginia Baptist Convention. Please mail your form and check to: West Virginia Baptist Convention, Attn: Donna, P.O. Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102-1019.

PASTORS4PASTORS: The Ministers' Council Spring Event

March 3-5, 2016
(Noon Thursday - Saturday Morning)

Parchment Valley Conference Center

"The Book of Jeremiah"

with Dr. Gerald Keown

Associate Dean, School of Divinity; Bob D. Shepherd Chair of Biblical Studies; Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Gardner-Webb University

Cost for the event:
\$70.00 for Ministers' Council members,
\$85.00 for non-members

Price includes event registration, two night's housing and all meals.

The event begins with lunch on Thursday and concludes with breakfast on Saturday.

For more information, contact Jana Raines at revjanaraines@email.com or Bill Thomas at 304.428.8725.

Pastors4Pastors Spring Event Registration Form March 3-4, 2016

ONE FORM PER PERSON. Please complete the following:

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

Please check the appropriate box below.

_____ \$70.00 - Conference Registration for
Ministers' Council **MEMBERS**
_____ \$85.00 - Conference Registration for
Ministers' Council **NON-MEMBERS**

Special housing arrangements are available upon request.

To provide adequate arrangements registrations must be post-marked and payment included by February 25, 2016.

Make checks payable to: West Virginia Baptist Convention Ministers' Council. Please mail your form and check to: William Thomas, 37 Mustang Acres, Parkersburg, WV 26104-8040.

Lifespring Jackson Hosts Christmas Shoppe

RAVENSWOOD - LifeSpring Community Church of Jackson County, a satellite church plant of South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg) hosted a Christmas Shoppe for the community.



The church focused its promotion to three underserved communities in Ravenswood, inviting children to come and shop for free gifts for their parents or guardians.

Forty children attended the event with their guardians. They were served refreshments while they watched a video teaching the real meaning of Christmas (bottom right photo). Each child was then given a guide to help them go through the tables of donated gift items and help them choose a gift for their parents. Once the child had selected gifts other teams of

people wrapped and labeled them (bottom left photo).

Pastor Mary Beth McCloy offered words of welcome to each family and invited them to worship services. The church is planning other events to reach into the mission field in its community.



Northeast Area News

Reflections on Area Ministry Work

People are the reason we minister for Jesus in any capacity as Christians. This seems to be a most obvious statement, but I have had to continue to remind myself of this fact over the years. It is easy to get caught up in the details of ministry and forget the overall theme is serving people and worshipping the God who made them.



Victor Shields,
Northeast Area
Minister, retiring

Ministry is not just doing however. It is a joy we as Christian ministers can also just "BE!" We are valuable just because we are created beings of God our heavenly Father and redeemed beings because of Jesus. I have been too busy doing to relax and enjoy being many times.

Working with church boards and especially pulpit committees over the years, I have seen this is a process. If we short circuit our being and go straight to

doing, we will miss much and most likely make mistakes. Prayer is a big part of being as is study of the scriptures and Christian writings and discussion with other Christians. The Holy Spirit takes what we learn in this process and integrates it into who we are and thus helps us to do what is right.

Churches that follow this process are the ones that best serve the Lord and others. It is in His Being and our being that we find our doing. I have been blessed by interacting with many churches in the West Virginia Baptist Convention that have gotten this right. The results are readily apparent: good pastoral/congregational relationships, people coming to know Jesus and growing as His disciples, churches making a difference in their communities and mission being supported around the world.

As I enter a new phase of ministry in my retirement from the area ministry of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, I look forward to more being and more doing. God bless us all as we continue. Thank You, Jesus.

Victor Shields
Northeast Area Minister

Stephens Selected as Interim Area Minister for the Northeast

Rev. Dr. Michael Stephens has agreed to serve as the interim area minister for the Northeast associations of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. Mike will begin this position March 1, 2016 due to the retirement of Rev. Dr. Victor Shields.



Michael Stephens,
Interim
Northeast Area
Minister

Mike will work part-time, serving the churches of this area until a new area minister is in place. Mike comes to the position out of retirement having served on the Convention staff as an area minister for many years.

Contact information for Mike is: stephens@wvbc.org or 304.488.0140.

Porter Fork and Amy Join to Form Yawkey Missionary Baptist Church



The Porter Fork Missionary Baptist Church and the Amy Missionary Baptist Church, both of the Coal River Association, have united to form Yawkey Missionary Baptist Church. A near capacity crowd gathered at the church, formerly the Porter Fork Baptist Church, for a charter service on January 3, 2016. Interim Pastor, Chester Bird led the service. The choir of Beech Grove Baptist Church provided special music and Southwest Area Minister, Max Hill, preached the charter sermon. The charter will remain open for the month of January so all current members will be able to sign.

As both of the churches were members, the Yawkey Baptist Church will be a member of the Coal River Association. The churches were officially united on September 22, 2015. They were received into the Coal River Association at its annual meeting on September 26, 2015.

The Amy Baptist Church was founded in 1914 and its original building was destroyed by a flood. Ironically, its last building suffered significant damage in a flood and this was one of the reasons for the merger of the two churches. Porter Fork Baptist Church was founded in 1921 with 21 charter members. Their building which the new church will use was constructed in 1953.

Southeast Area News

Flint Chapel Continues Annual Christmas Ministry at Springfield Nursing Home

On December 10, 2015 members of Flint Chapel Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) continued an annual ministry providing December birthday presents as well as Christmas cards,



gifts and a mid-afternoon snack to the residents of Springfield Nursing Home in Lindside. Southeast Area Minister, Rev. Jim Anderson, brought along his guitar and everyone sang Christmas songs.

Additions to the ministry in 2015 included Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, who gave words of encouragement and cheer and brought many smiles. As always, those ministering were even *more blessed than those who were ministered to!*

Kenova First Baptist Encourages "Healthy Bodies Healthy Spirits"

During the January 3, 2016 services at Kenova First Baptist Church (Twelve Pole), members were challenged to start the new year by making a commitment to join the Healthy Bodies Healthy Spirits Network. They were invited to go immediately to www.wvhealthyfaith.com. Within four minutes, 87 persons joined.

People who sign up for the network will receive faith-based health and wellness how-to materials to use in their churches. "This is literally a lifesaving mission," said Kenova First Baptist Church Pastor Steve Willis, a member of the steering committee of the new network. "If we are a healthier church, we are a stronger church, better able to encourage each other and serve our communities with the love of Jesus." Willis is lead pastor at Kenova First Baptist Church, author of *Winning the Food Fight* and contributing author of the national best-selling *Daniel Plan*. "We need to set a good example for our kids," he said.

The network is partnering with *Try This West Virginia*, a statewide healthy-communities resource network. The *Try This* Web site, www.trythiswv.com, is literally a how-to resource guide to hundreds of healthy projects churches can choose from. The network collects and shares faith-based programs, resources, funding possibilities and West Virginia success stories.

Several Huntington area churches have joined in a pilot project to lead an eight week Daniel Plan. For more information, you may contact Joshua Sowards at joshua@ourfuturewv.org.

Silas Mullens Ordained into the Gospel Ministry

On November 29, 2015, at Rockcastle Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), Rev. Silas Mullens, interim pastor of Rockcastle Baptist Church, was ordained into the gospel ministry. The church choir shared the special music; Rev. Doc Adkins, pas-

tor of Beckley First Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) gave the charge to both the church and candidate; Rev. Jim Anderson, southeast area minister, led the laying on of hands ceremony; and Rev. Glenn Hatfield, chair of the Rockcastle Association ordination committee



(left to right) Glenn Hatfield, Doc Adkins, Silas Mullens and Jim Anderson

presented the certificate of ordination and gave the benediction. Eight churches of the association were represented and enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship as well as a great meal after the service.

Senior High Convention

February 26-28, 2016
Hurricane First Baptist Church

Theme: Recognize - 1 John 4:6

Registration form available at
www.wvbc.org.

Spring Children's Rally

For children currently in grades K-5.
Sixth grade is optional.

Very Big Mistakes and What God Did About Them

"If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9

March 12, 2016

Parchment Valley Conference Center
in the Greenlee Activities Center

Cost: \$12.00

(if postmarked by February 29.)

\$25.00 (if post-marked after February 29 or at the door)

For more information or a registration form, visit www.wvbc.org.

2015 Ministers' Wives' Retreat

by Janey Carrico

Learning to love lavishly. Being encouraged to smile



and share the joy with someone else. Taking time to just relax. Serve with passion. Be resilient. Using "we" when talking about the church and its pastor. These were just some of the phrases heard

at the Ministers' Wives' Retreat at Parchment Valley Conference Center in November 2015.

Using Diana Davis' book, *Six Simple Steps-Find Contentment and Joy as a Ministry Wife*, as a guide, the group of 19 pastors' wives was informed and challenged by leaders Melanie Whetzel, Sandra Lutz, Linda Carpenter, Sandy Phares, Joni Lipsey and Janey Carrico. It was a great weekend of worship together as Marilyn McClure led the music. Pastors' wives of all ages got to know each other and shared celebrations as well as concerns in ministry, laughing, crying and serving together.

Saturday night brought giggles and squeals as the women competed in *Minute to Win It* games. The evening together ended as everyone celebrated to Jason Gray's video, *Glow in the Dark*, as the group sported glow in the dark head bands, necklaces, bracelets and an assortment of other decorations.

It was a spirit-filled weekend as lifelong relationships were built with wives who had met for the first time. Look for information about the 2016 retreat, to be held on November 11-13 at Parchment Valley, in future issues of the *West Virginia Baptist Newsletter* and pastors' mailing.

Leadership Updates

REV. DAVID BUSH to Rainelle First Baptist Church (Hopewell) as pastor on January 1, 2016

MR. ADAM CHEESEMAN to Liberty Baptist Church (Broad Run) as pastor on November 1, 2015

MR. LENNY DELANEY to Center Branch Baptist Church (Broad Run) as pastor on December 1, 2015

REV. BRYAN WILLIAM KNIGHT to Pine Grove Baptist Church (Parkersburg) as pastor on December 16, 2015

MR. JOSHUA RADCLIFF to East Clarksburg Baptist Church (Union) as pastor on January 1, 2016

REV. MATTHEW TAYLOR to Webster Baptist Church (Union) as pastor on July 1, 2015

REV. BRADLEY TENNEY to Bethany Baptist Church (Union) as pastor on November 1, 2015

MR. SCOTT WIGHT to Parkersburg Baptist Temple (Parkersburg) as pastor on December 1, 2015

RICHARD ARMSTRONG, 60, of Cross Lanes, died December 25, 2015. He was a member of Charleston Baptist Temple (Kanawha Valley), where he served on several boards, taught Vacation Bible School and loved to sing bass in the choir.

PAMELA BANEY, 67, of Dola, died December 5, 2015. She was a member of Ten Mile Baptist Church (Judson), where she taught Sunday school and was clerk.

BEDELL VAN BINFORD, 79, of Charleston, died November 22, 2015. He served Calvary Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) as vice-president of the Seekers Sunday School Class for several years, was director of the monthly Friendship Group, was former church moderator and past chairman of the by-laws committee.

WAYNE CALTRIDER, 82, of Mineral Wells, died December 17, 2015. He was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where he served as a deacon, and had previously attended Hopewell Baptist Church (Good Hope), where he also served as a deacon.

LUCRETIA (CRETE) LOUISE

BURDETTE CAMPBELL, 83, of Rainelle, died December 20, 2015. She was an active member of Rainelle First Baptist Church (Hopewell) for over 55 years, where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and Guild Girls and was a member of the American Baptist Women and Ray Neal Christonian Sunday School Class.

DOROTHY IDALEEN CONKLIN, 83, of Ventura, California, died December 7, 2015. She was an American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand.

CHERYL C. CONNELLY, 50, formerly of Williamstown, died December 1, 2015. She was a member of North Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where she served as a music director, was the director of the praise and worship band and was a member of the Sycamore Creek Band.

MARCIA KAY CORE, 75, of Wadestown, died November 19, 2015. She became a member of West Warren Baptist Church (Fairmont) in 1962 and had served as treasurer for a number of years prior to her illness.

WILLIAM "BILL" FAULKNER, 87, of New Richmond, died December 29, 2015. He was a pastor for over 42 years at Black

Eagle Missionary Baptist Church (Rockcastle) and Spruce Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Rockcastle).

TREVOR SCOTT FEIGHT, 43, of Walker, died December 22, 2015. He was a member and youth director at Pine Grove Baptist Church (Parkersburg). He was also a former deacon at Nazareth Baptist Church in Pennsylvania.

PHILIP CALVIN GAGE, 80, of Portland, Maine, died December 9, 2015. He was an American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand.

JAMES REUBEN GALBREATH, 95, died November 11, 2015. He was associate pastor at Zion Baptist Church (Parkersburg).

NADA ANN BAZELL HATCHER, 77, of West Williamson, died December 10, 2015. She was a member of Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo), where she was a member of the Viola Randolph Mission Society and former member of the a cappella choir.

PHYLLIS MARY (MARTIN)

HENDRICKSON, 87, of Garland, Texas, died December 6, 2015. She was an American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

BASIL ROLAND HUDSON, 74, of Scott Depot, died November 24, 2015. He served as pastor of Olive Baptist Church (Coal River), Sycamore Grove Baptist Church, Twenty-Sixth Street Baptist Church in Huntington and Leon Baptist Church (Teays Valley). He was a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where he served as Sunday school teacher, and also continued to hold revivals, visiting the sick, elderly and anyone in need.

JAMES BENSON JOHNSON, 82, of Alderson, formerly of Fairmont, died November 30, 2015. He was a member of Old Greenbrier Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh). In 1966, he was called to Fairmont First Baptist Church (Fairmont), where he served for 29 years. He served as president of the Greater Fairmont Council of Churches, West Virginia Baptist Foundation for Campus Ministry, West Virginia Baptist Convention, West Virginia Baptist Historical Society and the American Baptist Churches USA (1998-1999).

BURNICE ULA LIFE, 101, of Fort Myers Beach, Florida and formerly of Clarksburg, died November 15, 2015. She

was previously a member of Clarksburg Baptist Church (Union). She was the widow of S. Dwight Life.

THOMAS RUSSELL LOUGH, 88, of Washington, died December 2, 2015. He was a member of South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where he volunteered in the Cornerstone Ministry, sang in the choir and was a member of the Helping Hands Sunday School Class.

EDYTHE (EDY) M. MCCARTY, 83, of Oregon, died December 6, 2015. She was a Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (WABFMS) missionary who served in Thailand.

MARY HELEN MORRIS, 83, of Gauley Bridge, died November 13, 2015. She joined Gauley Bridge Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) in 1949, where she was a very active member teaching Sunday school, serving as assistant treasurer and was the Vacation Bible School coordinator for many years.

ROBERT MARSHALL PERRY SR., 87, of Peterstown, died November 11, 2015. He was a member of Peterstown Missionary Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), where he served on various boards and committees and served as Sunday school superintendent for many years.

VANIOUS H. SHUMATE, 91, of Mabscott, died December 2, 2015. He was a longtime member of Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh). He served the church as an usher and deacon for various terms.

JANET LOUISE SMITH, 66, of Lumberport, died November 19, 2015. She was a faithful and longtime member of Lumberport Baptist Church (Judson), where she served as a deaconess.

JUANITA ELLEN SNYDER, 87, of Farmington, died November 12, 2015. She was a member of Willow Tree Baptist Church (Fairmont), where she led the congregation in song, was the director of the youth choir and was the nursery teacher for many years.

JUANITA (PAUGH) STOUT, 91, of Bridgeport, died December 26, 2015. She was a lifelong member of Simpson Creek Baptist Church (Union) for over 35 years, where she taught Sunday school.

ARNOLD EDWARD SWIGER, 85, of Wallace, died November 30, 2015. He was a member of Wallace First Baptist Church (Judson), where he was a deacon.

February 2016

FEBRUARY 1 - Carol Moats, vice-chair, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
FEBRUARY 2 - Bud Hardman, treasurer, Goshen Association
FEBRUARY 3 - The ministry of Deep Water Baptist Church; Thomas Skaggs, pastor (Fayette)
FEBRUARY 4 - The ministry of Long Run Baptist Church; Robey Godfrey, pastor (Elk Valley)
FEBRUARY 5 - The ministry of Olive Baptist Church; Jimmy Lawrence, pastor (Coal River)
FEBRUARY 6 - Church Officers' Training today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
FEBRUARY 7 - The ministry of Logan First Baptist Church; Rex Thompson, pastor (Logan-Mingo)
FEBRUARY 8 - Victor Shields, Northeast Area Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
FEBRUARY 9 - The ministry of Pea Ridge Baptist Church; Daniel Londeree, pastor (Guyandotte)
FEBRUARY 10 - Nancy Wolfe, vice-chair, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
FEBRUARY 11 - The ministry of Sand Run Baptist Church; C. Donald Butcher, pastor (Broad Run)
FEBRUARY 12 - The ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church; Matt Lyons, senior pastor (Kanawha Valley)
FEBRUARY 13 - The ministry of Glenville First Baptist Church; Kenneth Fisher, pastor (Little Kanawha)
FEBRUARY 14 - The ministry of Plum Run Baptist Church; Patrick Vincent, pastor (Fairmont)
FEBRUARY 15 - The ministry of Independence Baptist Church; Carl Trickett, pastor (Goshen)
FEBRUARY 16 - Tan Coats, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand
FEBRUARY 17 - Nancy James, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Haiti
FEBRUARY 18 - The ministry of Mountain Baptist Church; Reginald Berry, pastor (Hopewell)
FEBRUARY 19 - Yvette Shafer, vice-chair, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
FEBRUARY 20 - The ministry of Crab Orchard Baptist Church; Michael Sisson, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
FEBRUARY 21 - The ministry of Cairo Baptist Church; Frank Vannoy, pastor (Harrisville)
FEBRUARY 22 - Denny Brown, moderator, Twelve Pole Association and pastor, Tabors Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Twelve Pole)
FEBRUARY 23 - The ministry of North Shinnston Baptist Church; Jeff Dytzel, pastor (Judson)
FEBRUARY 24 - The ministry of Gilboa Baptist Church; Larry Greathouse, pastor (Good Hope)
FEBRUARY 25 - Boyden Myers, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary (youth) to Mexico
FEBRUARY 26 - Senior High Convention this weekend at Hurricane First Baptist Church (Teays Valley)
FEBRUARY 27 - American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfasts throughout the state
FEBRUARY 28 - Richard Marshall, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
FEBRUARY 29 - Barbara Bolick, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Chile

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

March 2016

MARCH 1 - Emerson Wu, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Macau
MARCH 2 - Annie Dieselberg, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand
MARCH 3 - David Parajon, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Nicaragua
MARCH 4 - Taku Longkumer, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to India
MARCH 5 - Bible Conference featuring Dr. Gerald Keown today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
MARCH 6 - Brenda Rosier, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
MARCH 7 - Duane Binkley, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary
MARCH 8 - Karen Harper, moderator, Harrisville Association
MARCH 9 - American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Training this weekend at Parchment Valley Conference Center
MARCH 10 - Nathan Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary (youth) to Bolivia
MARCH 11 - Joan Hall, assistant for Mission Support, West Virginia Baptist Convention
MARCH 12 - Spring Children's Rally today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
MARCH 13 - The ministry of Petersburg First Baptist Church; Rick Bergdoll, pastor (Eastern)
MARCH 14 - Jim Anderson, Southeast Area Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
MARCH 15 - The ministry of Pine Grove First Baptist Church; Jerry Kuhens, pastor (Panhandle)
MARCH 16 - Susan Dale, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
MARCH 17 - Karen Smith, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary
MARCH 18 - Tim Long, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary
MARCH 19 - Kristy Engel, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Caribbean
MARCH 20 - Mayra Giovanetti, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Nicaragua
MARCH 21 - Steve McCartney, Site Maintenance manager, Camp Cowen
MARCH 22 - The ministry of Cyclone Missionary Baptist Church; Stephen Walls, pastor (Rockcastle)
MARCH 23 - Jonathan Turner, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission and pastor, Shuck Memorial Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
MARCH 24 - Donna Snyder, assistant for Leadership Ministries, West Virginia Baptist Convention
MARCH 25 - The ministry of Big Tygart Baptist Church; Matthew Robinson, pastor (Parkersburg)
MARCH 26 - The ministry of Saint Paul Baptist Church; Michael Poke, pastor (Kanawha Valley)
MARCH 27 - Thank you, Lord, for sending Your Son to die on the cross to save us from our sins
MARCH 28 - Linda VanMeter, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
MARCH 29 - The ministry of Hilton Village Baptist Church; Eric Keister, pastor (Hopewell)
MARCH 30 - The ministry of Vermont Baptist Church; Chad Ash, pastor (Judson)
MARCH 31 - The ministry of Mount Carmel Baptist Church; Leon Brown, pastor (Union)

Coming Events

FEBRUARY 2016

February 6
Church Officers' Training
Parchment Valley Conference Center

February 15
Presidents' Day Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

February 26-28
Senior High Convention
Hurricane First Baptist Church

February 27
American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfasts
Various Locations

MARCH 2016

March 3-5
Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council Spring Event with Dr. Gerald Keown
Parchment Valley Conference Center

March 5
Bible Conference with Dr. Gerald Keown on the Book of Jeremiah
Parchment Valley Conference Center

March 9-11
American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Training
Parchment Valley Conference Center

March 12
Spring Children's Rally
Parchment Valley Conference Center

March 25
Good Friday Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

APRIL 2016

April 1-3
Women's Camp
Camp Cowen

April 16
School of Christian Studies Worship and Music (E-03) One-Day Class
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 23
Omega
To Be Announced

April 23
School of Christian Studies ADVANCED The Book of Exodus One-Day Class
Parchment Valley Conference Center

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Church Officers' Training Event

**February 6, 2016 at
Parchment Valley Conference Center**

Workshops include:

Associational Leadership, Children, Clerks, Deacons, Discipleship, Exploring a Call, Financial Secretary, Missions, Missions: Cultural Intelligence, Pastoral Relations Committee, School of Christian Studies ADVANCED: Systems Transformation in the Local Church, Senior Adults, Technology, Trustees, Worship and Music, Young Adults and Youth

Schedule:

Registration is from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.
Workshop session 1: 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Lunch: Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Workshop session 2: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Event ends at 2:30 p.m.

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