

The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter

Weirton Christian Center: God Has Better Plans

by Kim Weaver, director, Weirton Christian Center

We are beginning our new school year with some amazing news: the summer program brought 112 children to the Weirton Christian Center! We were blessed to have many churches and American Baptist Women's Ministries' groups provide us with camp supplies, hygiene supplies, snacks, Walmart cards and back to school needs. Once again, we are in the process of replenishing our quarters' fund for the new school year ... and appreciate all your donations to keep the children working hard on their grades and homework over the course of the year. Thanks go out to all of you who help us fill numerous needs on a regular basis. We could not make the difference in so many lives without our American Baptist family.

In the spring, God answered our prayer for someone to help make a difference in the children's conduct. Tina



The Boys and Girls' Club building

Schoolcraft, who had been bringing Cup of Life Women's Ministries to the center on a regular basis, has joined us full-time to help us in her area of expertise: behavioral management. She will be sponsored by

two Christian foundations for this first year, and will be able to counsel our children and their families as well as train our staff on how to best handle the behavior issues we face.

As of August 2014, we have been given a wonderful opportunity to serve another neighborhood almost two miles across the city of Weirton, where the Boys and Girls' Club has provided an afterschool program for 38 years. The history behind their building was something I did not even find when doing the last anniversary. In the early 70s, between the Avenue D building and the Elm Street location, Betty Killian, Weirton Christian Center director for 45 years, ran the services of the Christian center from the Boys and Girls' Club facility. Now they are providing us with free use of that building, which has been expanded to include a half-court gym, large game room, large computer room and two other areas besides offices and a kitchen.

We know it was because of your prayers, our supporters, that have brought this about. As I ask for prayer for expansion everywhere I go, I am thinking we will have to build a new facility. But that would take several years,

and God had a better plan for immediately solving our space problem. The new elementary school was bringing a bus of 50 children to the center at 2:20 p.m. and we were not sure how to handle them at our current facility. As part of our solution, we combined our preschool classes for three and four-year-old children. We also added a computer lab with an abc mouse to the program. This will split the class for the appropriate educational levels. Now we are able to keep K-2 students in the preschool and third and fourth graders upstairs. The middle and high school students are now in the larger facility. Buses bring them all from school, but we are transporting them all home and they are coming from all over the city. Our transportation costs are going to increase dramatically this year and we definitely will need more staff as we grow. God has expanded our territory and I know He has a plan for enabling us to serve Him in a big way. At the end of the school year, we will be talking about the future of the building we are holding the afterschool program in as well as a large gymnasium with much potential. Thank you for continued prayers and support as we continue to make a difference in the lives of these children.



Classroom space inside the new building.



The new space also provides a recreation area.

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

by David L. Carrico, Executive Minister



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Critical Mass



Dr. David Carrico

Critical mass is that point in the life of an organization where it can or cannot sustain itself to fulfill its purpose. Another phrase used for that same situation is *tipping point*. Malcolm Gladwell used the concept of tipping point in his book of the same name to describe that moment when a threshold is crossed that changes everything. He also shares how little things can make a big difference in the life of an organization.

Many of our churches are reaching that point when the question of sustainability is real in their congregational life. Churches are losing critical mass and do not wish to deal with the reality of their situation. As people move away from our state, jobs change, employment trends shift, local church resources become depleted and are not replaced ... not only finances, but human resources as well. Churches are adapting as they can. Many have changed their form of ministry and mission to remain viable by downsizing church staff or shifting from full-time to part-time pastors. As we move to a survival mode we find ourselves in an organizational death spiral. Our stated purpose is missions, yet missions becomes the first victim of the financial axe.

How do we grow critical mass in a season of downsizing? How do we move to a place of upsizing?

- Growing critical mass must be intentional. It is not going to happen without investing time and effort into it. Just because the church doors are open does not mean the people are going to come in.
- Volunteers must be equipped and empowered to do ministry and missions (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- As leaders, we must lift up what the Bible teaches about doing ministry and not allow bureaucracy to be an obstacle to ministry.

Your West Virginia Baptist Convention provides several training

and resource development events during the year which are geared toward assisting church leaders in growing their churches.

- The annual meeting provides opportunities for experiencing new tools to use in ministry.
- In November 2014, the *Season of Transformation Event* will be offered at Parchment Valley

Conference Center.

- February 2015 will provide a *Church Officers' Training Event* at Parchment Valley Conference Center.
- An *Evangelism Training Event* will be offered in April 2015 at Parchment Valley Conference Center.

As a church is equipped and does missions around the corner and around the world, it grows critical mass and moves "*from survive to thrive.*" Christians must strive to get over themselves and their self-importance and humble themselves to serve. The bottom line for a church to thrive and not just survive is reaching new believers in Jesus. Evangelism is the responsibility of every follower of Christ. We must tell our story of salvation as an introduction to Jesus and help folks continue to grow as disciples of Christ. Too many times we see folks come through the front door of the church, find Jesus and in a few weeks are gone. We need to work on keeping people from leaving the church for something else. That is called *discipleship* - helping people grow in their relationship with Christ. There are solid discipleship adventures available for use, such as *Challenge 52*, a year-long scripture memorization program provided by the West Virginia Baptist Convention, which is a great way to stay on target to complete a discipleship goal.

As Baptists, we affirm the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9). The West Virginia Baptist Convention is not a top-down organization, but rather believes evangelism and discipleship are based on the action of the believer - each one reach one and teach one to be a follower of Christ. That is the foundation of building a critical mass to do ministry for the building up of the kingdom of God.

Blessings

We Are Unstoppable With God - Camp Global 2014



Charles Jones, International Ministries (IM) Area Director, playing a game during Camp Global 2014.

The Labor Day weekend tradition of coming to the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen for Camp Global continues to grow. Camp this year was blessed with great weather and a fantastic mission program. Charles Jones, International Ministries (IM) Area Director, led our



An oven constructed from a steel drum used to make "drum" bread.

morning Bible studies. He challenged us as he focused on three main tenants around the theme:

1. **GOD IS UNSTOPPABLE.**
2. **WE ARE UNSTOPPABLE WITH GOD.**
3. **IS GOD UNSTOPPABLE IN US?**

The children and youth learned about the first Christian missionary in their study times. They also participated in the many hands-on activities.

The Camp Global band, made up of the praise team from Lifespring Jackson (Parkersburg) in Ravenswood, led the music for the worship and vesper services. Missionary David Turley shared the story of the unstoppable call of God that led to Adoniram Judson becoming our first missionary. He also lifted up how Judson persevered through many hardships to translate the Bible into Burmese and make it possible for a nation to know Jesus.

We heard from Lily Corathers about her trip to Bolivia with the Ignite team.

Carlos and Mayra Bonilla-Giovanetti shared about their work in Nicaragua. Mayra shared great stories of unstoppable people who had allowed God to use them to make a difference.

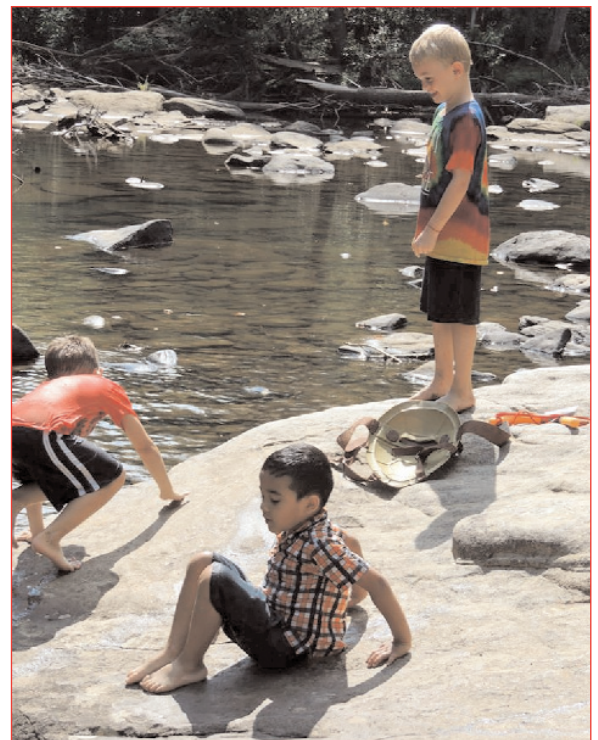
Moises Quembo, General Secretary of Baptist Churches of Mozambique, challenged us with the closing sermon on Sunday morning.

This annual event is designed to be multigenerational. Generations had the opportunity to worship, learn, create and play together. Some of the group constructed ovens out of steel drums (see

bottom left picture), while others mixed up bread dough. Once the ovens were fired, 40 loaves of bread were baked and served at the evening meal.

Other food/cooking opportunities created chicken Mozambique, Puerto Rican rice and beans and everyone's favorite - tostonies (fried plantain).

One of the highlights was the procession from the dining hall to the ves-



The younger campers enjoy some free time playing at the water's edge.

pers service on Saturday evening when everyone wore the cloth they had created and marched playing the instruments and drums they had made.

It was clear God spoke to people during Camp Global. It is also clear families enjoy coming to Camp Cowen to experience and learn about missions. Plan now to attend Camp Global September 4-6, 2015.

Space and Time

The following article was written by Raul Figueroa from the Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico. Raul came to Camp Cowen for the camping season as a volunteer to share his expertise in photography and learn about regional camping. This is another way the West Virginia Baptist Convention and the Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico are living out our partnership.

Space and time. These two words define much of what I experienced in my three months in West Virginia. It all started with an invitation to come to West Virginia to participate as part of the staff of Camp Cowen. I still remember the words of Lisa and John Simmons saying, "Raul you need to go to Camp Cowen and meet Rob Ely." To be honest, I did not understand how or why, but I felt God urging me to go. I was full of fears and insecurities about staying for three months, and at that time my proficiency in the English language was not the best. I realized this was God's timing, time to move from my comfort zone, time to respond to what God was placing before me, time to stop looking around for miracles and daring to experience mine. It was the time, born in the heart of God, for me.

On June 15, 2014, I arrived at Camp Cowen. I had an idea of what I had to do, but still did not understand exactly what God intended to do with me. I remember the first meeting with the team: Rob began giving instructions, which I did not understand for the most part. I was frustrated because I am a person who likes to do my best, especially when it comes to God. It was at that point God began to create special spaces for me through the staff group, of which I am deeply grateful. A two-minute conversation turned into a ten-minute conversation. Through words, signs and body movements, the team tried to understand what I meant - truly an adventure! I thank God the staff team never stopped trying to understand, and they never showed fatigue about my language situation. I started learning with them. Every day learning more and more words. I felt like God was constantly opening spaces for me and creating times where He could be glorified. Today, I can say they are part of me. They are my family, the right people I needed at my side at this time. Thank you: Sam Kiger, Danielle McCartney, Paige Hughes, Quinten Burton, Andrew Ely, Drew Mullins, Liza Hauldren, R.L. Ely, Kristen Kirkpatrick, Rob Ely, Meredith Hall, Joni B. Tyree, Claire Digman, Nick Sandy, Beth Spadafora Ely, Steve McCartney, Caleb Villers, Jared Lockhart, Kasey Madden, Emily Hefner, Maci Oiler and many others God put in my path.

Time passed and I began to see how God put His hand on me, and in times of challenge He held me and helped me understand, slowly, His will. This was a time where God began

to show what He has for me in the present and in the future. To learn so much from a person like Rob Ely was a privilege, and sharing so many amazing moments with the team was evidence of the miracle God was creating in me. I remember one day I said, "Raul, if God brought you here for a purpose, it is time you take it to the maximum." Among the things I did were deleting all contact with the Spanish language, including my music in Spanish! Some thought this was too radical. However, something I learned is, *"If we want things we never had, we must do things we've never done."* God expects us to believe Him, not by what we think only, but also in our deeds. Thanks to these opportunities, I have been able to share the word of God in different places with different people completely in English.

Today I can say my hands are full. I received much more than I thought God would allow me to. I thank Him for allowing me to meet so many wonderful people, leaders, pastors and

counselors, and to be in one of the most wonderful places known - Camp Cowen. I am thankful for this experience and I see my present and my future much clearer. I am stronger, healthier and have more to share with others than I ever could imagine. I pray God will continue to open special spaces for others like me who need a face to face experience with the Master Teacher. May we understand God's time is now. It is now, not tomorrow. He calls us, but the answer depends on us. *"But be doers of the word, and not only hearers of it, blinding yourselves with false ideas."* James 1:22

Today, I give a challenge to all those who for some reason have been afraid, those who think only of their time and their way. Today, I want you to dare to let God use you; He is not finished with you.

I do not want to say goodbye without thanking the Simmons family: John, Lisa and Chelsea. Thanks for doing everything in your power to make this trip possible and for my cozy stay. To the Aragon family I say thanks for giving your time to help me with anything I needed. To the West Virginia Baptist Convention family, thank you for the warm reception and for showing the world this friendship between Puerto Rico and West Virginia is a reality and is possible. Finally, thanks for the greatest gift God could give me this year: those who I can now call my friends. God knows how much I love them. Do not say goodbye, but see you soon!



Raul Figueroa, Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico



Raul (bottom right) and the staff at West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen.

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

200 Years - A Legacy of Obedience

If you read the story of how Ann and Adoniram Judson became the first American Baptist Missionaries 200 years ago, you will find some unusual twists in the narrative. You see, Adoniram and Ann were not even Baptists when they departed Massachusetts for India. They had been sent out as Congregationalist missionaries. On their voyage to India, they spent significant time in Bible study. It was through these studies that Adoniram was convinced that the New Testament form of baptism was believer's baptism by immersion.

Upon his arrival (the journey took a year), he sought out a Baptist missionary and he and Ann were baptized. He then resigned as a Congregationalist missionary and sought support from the Baptists for the work he felt called to do in Burma. And the forerunner of the American Baptist Mission Society was formed.

There is much, much more to the Judson story. But theirs is only one of hundreds of stories that can be told about our 200 years of international mission.

As we gathered this summer at Green Lake for the celebration of our 200 years of mission, it was amazing to see

and hear what God continues to do through us around the world. It was great to see the missionaries who have been serving for years and celebrate their faithfulness. It was even more exciting to see the new generation of missionaries who have answered the call to serve overseas.

For 200 years, American Baptists have obeyed the commission to take the Gospel into the world. Hundreds of missionaries have answered the call to go. Thousands of churches have obeyed the call to send - people, dollars and prayers. Millions of people have heard the Good News because of our obedience and faithfulness to the global mission.

We cannot rest on our legacy! We must *rise to the challenge* of this generation. The paradigm of mission support has changed. The ways we communicate and travel have changed. But the one thing that has not changed is our mission - we are called to take Christ into the world - the whole world.

As you promote and give to the World Mission Offering know that 100% of this offering supports our overseas missionaries and partners. Know too, that your gifts make an eternal difference in the thousands of lives that receive Christ each year because of our obedience.

Committed to Missions



**WEST VIRGINIA GOAL:
\$400,000**

"Come over ... and help us!"

Acts 16:19b

HAVE YOU HEARD
of the spiritual need in Macau, where only 1% of the population is Christian?

This Chinese island - home to one of the largest casino gambling industries in the world - may look thriving and prosperous. But beneath all the glitter and glamour is a dark story of addictions, crime, prostitution and broken families.

Concerned youth and college students were desperately looking for hope and encouragement. Two International Ministries' (IM) partners were calling out for

help to raise up a new generation of Christian leaders.

Thanks to your support through the **World Mission Offering**, their voices were heard. *Help has now arrived!* Emerson and Ivy Wu, International Ministries' development workers, are now providing crucial pastoral, counseling and teaching leadership. *Pray for them!*

*Please give generously to the **World Mission Offering** today to help grow and sustain IM's ministries and global staff who serve in more than 70 countries worldwide!*



**Rise to the Challenge
with International
Ministries!**

www.internationalministries.org

School of Christian Studies Presents **A Feast of Learning** Resources for Churches



From Survive to Thrive – John 15:5

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Psalm 34:8

COURSE MENU

Appetizer

- Congregational Care (six-hours)
- Discipleship Basics (six-hours)
- Leadership 101 (six-hours)
- Teaching in the Church (six-hours)

Main Course

- Biblical Foundation I (six-hours)
- Biblical Foundation II (six-hours)
- Biblical Foundation III (six-hours)
- Biblical Foundation IV (six-hours)
- Christian Doctrine - Part I (six-hours)
- Christian Doctrine - Part II (six-hours)
- Why We Are Baptists (six-hours)

Dessert

- Community Ministry
- Hospital Ministry
- Missions
- Personal Evangelism
- Worship and Music

Recipe:

Classes can be taught in whatever order the church desires, and are available either as a self-designed program (order a la carte if you wish - pick whatever courses you would like taught) or we can design a program for you.

Cost:

This program represents a premium service and requires an additional fee in order for us to bring it to you. Classes are \$400 each. This fee is charged to the church. Please note beyond this fee, there is no additional charge for students whatsoever. There is no limit to the number of participants. Also, if a church contracts us to teach at least four of these classes, there is a \$50 discount per class. This fee includes an honorarium for the instructor and covers all administrative costs as well. Books will be suggested for most courses, but are not required and may be purchased at the discretion of the church, and can even be purchased from third-party vendors if you wish.

Rewards:

Frequent participants are encouraged to take part in our rewards program. A certificate from the School of Christian Studies in Congregational Leadership is available for those churches/individuals which desire it. To earn the certificate, students must complete all of the core courses (main courses), plus at least one from the ministry (appetizer) or ministry practicum (dessert) menu.

School of Christian Studies **ADVANCED** Presents **Congregational Transformation**



A new three-year program of study to give your leaders the tools they need to take your church beyond "surviving to thriving."

The program consists of:

- **Six Core Courses** (one-day six hour)
Two courses will be held each year, one in the spring and one in the fall, for a total of three years.
- **Two Elective** (four hour)/Module Course (six hour) of your choice from either the School of Christian Studies or the School of Christian Studies ADVANCED.
- **Five Locations**
Classes will be held in the following areas: Charleston, Crab Orchard, Fairmont, Parkersburg and Wheeling.

Class rotation schedule:

A different class will be held in each of the five locations on the same date. On the next class date, classes will rotate to a new location, so students will have the opportunity to take another class. This process will continue for a total of three years, so each student will be able to take each class in their location, except for the Strategic Planning class. This class will be held at the end of the three-year program after students have completed the five other courses in the program. This class will be held at Parchment Valley Conference Center.

Fees:

FOR CREDIT - \$32.00/single, \$42.00/couple, plus the cost of the textbook and shipping fee.
AUDIT - \$25.00/single, \$35.00/couple, plus the cost of the textbook and shipping fee.

Classes:

- **Community Transformation** - instructed by Mark Stauffer
- **Personal Transformation** - instructed by Jana Raines
- **Systems Transformation in the Local Church** - instructed by Mike Sisson
- **Church Transformation** - instructed by Mark McCloy
- **Transformational Leadership in Your Current Context** - instructed by Ed Rogers
- **Strategic Planning** - instructor to be announced

Parchment Valley Conference Center

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

Legacy Gift Endows Maintenance Fund

They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. Exodus: 36:3

God is good all the time, all the time God is good! These resounding words rang true during a recent visit to Parchment Valley Conference Center (PV) from a wonderful family. Their heartfelt joy of personally experiencing “lives being changed” and seeing the need of preventative maintenance work, led these fine folks to donate a generous gift of nearly \$95,000 to be available for preventive preservation at Parchment Valley Conference Center.

When the family arrived to share the good news of choosing PV to be the recipient of such an amazing gift, we expressed appreciation of now being better prepared to afford other guests the opportunity to enjoy this blessed land the Lord has provided.

As we move forward to prepare Parchment Valley for the fall and winter months, it always seems God sends the right people before us who can make a difference.

When we received this \$95,000 gift, I was given one request from the donors, “We are giving this gift in hopes that others would accept the challenge and also contribute.”

So friends, at this place where thousands of lives have been impacted for Christ, won't you accept this challenge? Please contact Frank Miller, director of Operations, Parchment Valley Conference Center at miller@wvbc.org or 800.489.8564 to learn exactly how the gift you give will be used at Parchment Valley Conference Center to glorify God.



From Survive to Thrive ... Don Loudermilk Society Membership

We are a blessed conference center and are strengthened through our association of churches empowered to do together what we cannot do alone. We continue to see an increase in business and are getting more connected to the local church.

Giving to the Don Loudermilk Society proves to be a wonderful opportunity to keep the Parchment Valley Conference Center dream alive, and helps offset the increasing cost of managing a 1,300 acre facility. It is through your specific giving as members of the Don Loudermilk Society that enables us to sustain the growth and manage the threshold of kingdom work.

Once again, Parchment Valley Conference Center met an incredible need by ministering to the lost in Jackson County. That specific labor of love is known as Brothers' Keeper. This year, over 200 youth and adults

worked together to help improve the homes of those stricken by health and financial hardships. The results of this dedicated outreach were homeowners making first-time decisions for Jesus, and in doing so, changing lives and making lifelong bonds of friendship. Those volunteering gave more than 7,000 hours of work to Brothers' Keeper 14.

As we put the finishing touches on the new bunkhouse, groups are already reserving the quarters for their event. The Jackson County board of education partnership is solidified through relationships and works hard to meet their demanding training needs. Palmer Seminary continues to provide theological training to our pastors and lay leaders.

The volunteers who serve the Lord here have made the difference in living the vision cast decades ago. The rich history rooted in Christian fellowship is absolutely priceless.

It is always interesting to hear the stories of those who previously worked at Parchment Valley Conference Center. You can visualize the tractor rides given ever so patiently by Don Loudermilk or “Don Buttermilk” as Charlie Swisher referring to him chuckles. Don would break the chainsaw, narrowly missing cutting his leg or would bury the tractor in a mud pit. His love for the Lord, along with setting the bar for higher

Christian education is second to none. Don invested his time and heartfelt giving to prepare a sanctuary where lives would be changed and the busyness of the world would be stilled, if only for a short while. This place echoes his passion to grow, bless and

thrive in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

As time takes its toll on everything and everyone, we must continue to be good stewards of what God has so graciously given us. In doing so, you are producing good fruit in those young pastors/teachers, who will bring their congregations to be spiritually strengthened and divinely transformed for the purpose of which God has called them.

When your Don Loudermilk Society membership is up for renewal, we pray you will continue your support. We thank the Lord for you and the lives you bless in aiding such a wonderful ministry at Parchment Valley Conference Center.



Making friends at Brothers' Keeper 2014.

149th ANNUAL MEETING

of the

West Virginia Baptist Convention



PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 16

Women's Day

American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

Theme: Women as Agents of Change

Place: Vienna Baptist Church

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Pastors4Pastors: Ministers' Council

Featuring: Dr. Gary McIntosh

Theme: Taking Your Church to the Next Level

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

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

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

Lunch is provided.

For more information, contact Mike Sisson at 304.252.2610 or mbsisson@suddenlink.net.

Sponsored by the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board.

American Baptist Men

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

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

Cost: \$20.00

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

304.462.7933 or hdrake@wv.net.

Shuttle available, but limited space.

Theme:

From **Survive** to **Thrive**

**Thursday, October 16 -
Friday, October 17, 2014**

Vienna Baptist Church,

3401 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna

Featuring:



Guest Speaker: Gary McIntosh

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



Annual Sermon Speaker: Greg Creasy

Pastor, Pea Ridge Baptist Church, Huntington



Executive Minister: David Carrico

West Virginia Baptist Convention



Worship Leader: Brad Krigbaum

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

Scripture Verse:

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

Schedule

Thursday, October 16

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

Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1 - Sanctuary

Mission Moment - Michael Sisson

Annual Sermon - Greg Creasy

Ward Hibbs Award - Alderson Broaddus University

Business Meeting 1 - Michael Sisson

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

6:30 p.m. Session 2 - Sanctuary

School of Christian Studies' Graduation

Mission Moment - Larry Dale

Keynote Speaker - Gary McIntosh

Alderson Broaddus University Reception

Friday, October 17

8:45 a.m. Session 3 - Sanctuary

Mission Moment - David Hulme

Executive Minister Address - David Carrico

9:45 a.m.- Workshops and Discussion Groups

9:45 a.m. - Workshop Session I

10:45 a.m. Workshop Session II

11:45 a.m. - Lunch Break

Luncheon Opportunities

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon

Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon

1:45 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Meet and Greet

2:45 p.m. Session 4 - Sanctuary

Mission Moment - Charles Drake

Business Meeting 2

Recognition of New Ministers

Recognition of Retiring Ministers

James Anderson, Sr. Pastoral Ministry Award

Installation of Officers

6:15 p.m. Session 5 - Sanctuary

Mission Moment - Lucky Ray

Keynote Speaker - Gary McIntosh

Communion

Directions:

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

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

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

3401 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105; 304.295.4578

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

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

Delegate Registration

Registration Fee:

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

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

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

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

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

Child Care:

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

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

2014 Nominating Committee Report

President

Mr. Clark Swepston, Beckley

First Vice-President

Mrs. Sandra Phares, Morgantown

Second-Vice President

Rev. Mark Wood, Oak Hill

Secretary

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Camp Cowen 2015 Schedule



WV Baptist Camp at Cowen

Due to changing school schedules, the Camp Cowen Board has approved a revised schedule for the 2015 West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen summer program. Please mark these dates on your calendar as you plan your agenda for the coming year.

MAY

American Baptist Men's Work Party

May 1-2

Youth Work Party

May 15-16

JUNE

Hopewell

June 5-7

Older Midler

(grades 3-4)

June 9-12

Younger Midler

(grades 2-4)

June 12-14

Junior I

(grades 5-6)

June 14-20

Junior High I

(grades 7-9)

June 21-27

Junior II

(grades 5-6)

June 28-July 4

JULY

High School I

(grades 9-12)

July 5 - 11

Junior High II

(grades 7-9)

July 12 - 18

Senior Night

**2015 High School
Graduates**

July 18

High School II

(grades 9-12)

July 19 - 25

Raleigh/Rockcastle

Teays Valley

July 26-31

Family Camp

July 31 - August 2

SEPTEMBER

Camp Global

September 4 - 6

West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen:
*"Where people meet Jesus and grow as His disciples
in a community of faith."*

Youth Events Going Strong in Three Associations

Association youth events in the Broad Run, Judson and Union Associations are a vital part of the association ministry.

The Broad Run Association had an end of summer picnic and pool party at Lewis County pool on August 10, 2014. For several years, this annual event has seen a good group of youth celebrate the end of summer. Many of the kids have been to Fisher Camp the previous summer and this is a reunion for them.

The Judson Association back to school rally at the picnic grounds of Ten Mile Baptist Church (Judson) is in its second year. Games, singing group, youthful speakers, picnic and bonfire are the usual fare. Over 125 attended this year and heard a young man tell of surviving a lightning strike!

The Union Association ULink Youth Group hosts the events in their association. This year, at Grafton, the group met and enjoyed games, picnic food and an evening concert at the church. They have met previously at Alderson Broaddus University, who hosted them during a basketball game.

The difference between association youth groups now and 25-50 years ago is youth enjoy the company of adults of all ages and are glad to have the interaction with them. The adults also learn about youth firsthand and hear their stories and testimonies. Why not try this approach in your association?

**West Virginia Baptist
Historical Society
Annual Luncheon**

**October 17, 2014
12:00 Noon**

**Emmanuel Baptist Church,
1710 23rd Street, Parkersburg**

Cost: \$10.00, limit 50

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

**For reservations, contact Sally Cyrus at
304.522.1030 or sllcrs10@gmail.com.**

*Transportation will be provided from Vienna Baptist
Church to Emmanuel Baptist Church for
35-40 persons.*

AB Officials Determine Bell Tower Structurally Compromised



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PHILIPPI - It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that Alderson Broaddus University (AB) officials announce the removal of the Wilcox Chapel Bell Tower.

"It was recently discovered the bell tower may be structurally unstable," said President Richard Creehan. "As soon as we learned this information, we received opinions from two engineering firms who have confirmed the tower is unsafe and has to be

taken down immediately. The number one concern of AB is the safety of our students. This dangerous situation also puts the entire campus and surrounding community's safety at risk."

This is a critical situation, one that is the result of a previously undiscovered design flaw.

"We regret we have to bring down this iconic symbol, which has stood on our mountaintop as a landmark for both the university and the city of Philippi for nearly 40 years," said

Creehan. "This is a hard decision, and we as an institution are mourning the loss of this beautiful and sacred structure. It has served as a testament to our Christian faith, Christian values and our affiliation with the American Baptist Churches."

Once the tower is removed and the pieces assessed, anything that can be salvaged will be repurposed. The university is exploring options as to how these pieces could be used to carry on the symbolic nature of the current structure.

"We specifically want to preserve the cross and the carillon bells, which are outward expressions of ABU's deep, ongoing commitment to our mission and heritage as a faith-based institution," said Creehan.

"Knowing the plaza will be damaged during this process, we will have it replaced, including a cross inlay as you enter Wilcox Chapel," said Creehan. "The tower was recently dedicated to alumnae and trustee, Dr. Jean Ann Cunningham. The refurbished plaza will be named for Jean to preserve the public recognition of her life of service in Christian ministry exemplified by her commitment to Alderson Broaddus University."

Work began on the bell tower on Monday, September 8, 2014.

Senior High Convention

**November 21-23, 2014
Kenova First Baptist Church**

**Cost: \$35.00, including adults,
if postmarked by November 14.**

Featuring:



Eric Samuel Timm Orator. Author. Artist.

Eric captivates his audiences with his unique teaching and preaching style. His ability as communicator is only enhanced by unforgettable live art performances. Eric's gift to create or catapult vision brings the key moments to reality for the audience. These moments are captured in a profound yet simple and multidimensional presentation of God's word.

Band: Marshall University Baptist Campus Ministry Band

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

Baptist Campus Ministries: iTeam Impact

It is such an exciting time on campus. All of our Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) are up and running with incredible first meetings. Next week, our small group ministry (iTeams) will begin. Here is one story of how iTeams impacted a girl from Florida.

Walking into BCM alone the first week of my freshman year was overwhelming and scary. I was still working out the transition of coming from Naples, Florida to Huntington and trying to cover up the fact I did not know a single person. iTeams were being promoted, and I reluctantly signed up. It was one of the best decisions I've ever made. My iTeam was incredible. The depths of relationships that were formed can only be attributed to Christ as our goal and Mediator. It was a time of unrestrained spiritual hunger and growth. Not only did my iTeam minister to me spiritually, but also emotionally, physically and West Virginia culturally. I learned of the wondrousness of pepperoni rolls and the funny quirks of this great state. My sophomore year, I had the opportunity to lead an iTeam, which was another incredible growth experience in learning how to love people and minister to their needs. Without BCM and iTeams, I would not have stayed at Marshall University. I am thrilled to look back and see how the Lord has worked through BCM and in my life, and I am even more excited in looking forward to how He will continue to work. Now when I walk into BCM, I am embraced by my dearest friends and sisters in Christ. Now, I have the opportunity to love on girls that walk through the door overwhelmed and alone, just like I did.

*Adam Goodwin
Baptist Campus Ministries' Director*

Adult Discipleship: I Was Farsighted, But Now I See

When was the last time you read a book? Can you remember the title and author? What was it about and did the book change you in any way? Some of us have a love of books and others not so much. Reading can be a wonderful activity or it can be a big challenge.

My father grew up in rural West Virginia and attended very small schools. His grades were not the greatest and while he enjoyed learning, he had problems in school. Because he was a very good basketball and football player, he was moved up a grade each year, but he confessed he probably should have been held back.

After graduation, my father went into the Navy. It was there during a routine eye exam for acceptance that he found out he was extremely farsighted. The Navy gave him glasses and his world changed! My father never knew he had eye problems. He honestly thought everyone saw the world the same way he did. The school never did eye exams and his parents thought he "couldn't get some things."

As time went on my father grew to love reading! He kept a book going all the time. He loved reading westerns, spy novels, books for information, the newspaper, etc. When he had children he made sure we all had eye exams early in our lives and kept them up.

There are times when adult Christians really do not know what a follower of Christ should be. Perhaps their early instruction about discipleship was not complete or maybe there was no instruction at all. Maybe they are having trouble with "connecting the spiritual and lifestyle dots" of discipleship. These people continue to come to services and meetings, but need extra help to learn the real, complete and abundant realities of discipleship. How is your church identifying and assisting these folks? What sort of "glasses" can your church provide to help others see and participate fully in the life of a disciple?

Small study groups gathering around specific discipleship principles can help. Special studies on prayer, obedience, Bible reading with a purpose, Christian community, evangelism and missions are great ways for adults to learn in an environment that does not "call out" their confusion or misunderstandings. It is great to seed the group with one or two mature Christians who can serve as coaches - not experts - who can work and walk along with those needing help. Look for resources that have been written for small group study and are for a set period of time.

To learn more or for assistance in planning, contact Lisa Simmons, associate in Mission Support at lsimmons@wvbc.org.

*Lisa Simmons
Associate in Mission Support and Adult Discipleship*



CHALLENGE 52

Scripture Verses

for

OCTOBER

October 2014

NIV

KJV

October 5

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

October 12

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

October 19

Psalms 118:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

October 26

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

October 5

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things: whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

October 12

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

October 19

Psalms 118:1

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; because His mercy endureth forever.

October 26

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice!

When Challenge 52 has concluded at the end of October, please send your scripture memorization count, along with your name and contact information to [Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@wvbc.org](mailto:lsimmons@wvbc.org) or 7517 Parkersburg Road, Sandyville, WV 25275.

Congratulations on completing CHALLENGE 52!

May 2014 - August 2014

MARTHA ANN BOWYER, 43, of Saint Albans, died August 13, 2014. She was a member of Highlawn Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where she served in different capacities.

JERRY "PAPPY" CROSS, of Weirton, died May 31, 2014. He was a member of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle). He was a trustee and Bronze Star recipient of the Vietnam War.

RUSSELL CUMBLIDGE, 89, of Sistersville, died August 12, 2014. He was a member of Sistersville First Baptist Church (Panhandle), where he had been a Sunday school teacher, member of the choir, a deacon and a lay minister. He was a corporal in the United States Army and he served in World War II.

ROYAL PERSHING DAVIS, 95, of Hurricane, died July 21, 2014. He was a member of Hurricane First Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where he also served as a deacon. He had been a member of Hampton Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where he had served as a deacon and member of the building committee for their present church.

LEON ELWOOD EMMERT, 90, died July 20, 2014. He was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Belgian Congo.

JOHN ALFRED GRAY, 92, of Fairmont, died July 25, 2014. He was a 50-year member of Fairmont First Baptist Church (Fairmont). He was a member of the choir, deacon board, memorial committee, was an usher and chairperson of the maintenance and ground committee. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

AVALEE MCGRAW HANSHAW, 84, of Parkersburg, died September 7, 2014. She was a member of Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where she sang in the choir, was on the floral board and in the crafters' group. She was a former member of South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg).

BETTY J. HUNT, 82, of West Union, died August 1, 2014. She was a member of West Union Baptist Church (Broad Run). Since 1994 and until her illness, she was pianist and sang in the choir.

LLOYD G. JAMES, 95, died August 9, 2014. He was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Burma.

CARL KEISTER, 72, of Colliers, died March 25, 2014. He was a member of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle). He was a Sunday school teacher and volunteer at Weirton Christian Center.

ERIKA LEEPER, 79, of Fairmont, died July 28, 2014. She was a member of Willow Tree Baptist Church (Fairmont), where she served as Sunday school teacher, clerk, song leader and secretary of American Baptist Women's Ministry.

AURELIA ANN NIXON LLEWELLYN, 83, of Wheeling, died July 27, 2014. She was a member of Wheeling First Baptist Church (Panhandle), where she served in the past as church clerk, Sunday school teacher and deaconess.

MARILYN GRUNERT MARYE, 69, died July 28, 2014. She was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Democratic Republic of the Congo.

EVERETT L. MCCOMAS, 93, of Marmet, died August 5, 2014. He was a member and deacon at Marmet First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley). He was a dedicated member who spent hours updating and maintaining the church. He was also known for his many parts in the Bible school plays. He was a member of the United States Navy and served as a gunner on troop transports during World War II.

JOYCE LUSK RODDY, 77, of South Williamson, Kentucky, died August 10, 2014. She was a member of Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo), where she sang in the choir and was serving as the organist. She was involved in numerous ministries.

EUGENE "GENE" SITES, 80, of Petersburg, died July 11, 2014. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church (Eastern) and also attended Dorcas Baptist Church (Eastern). He served in the Army Medical Corps.

WILLIAM (BILL) THOMAS, JR., 77, died July 9, 2014. He was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Europe.

HAROLD "DEAN" WESTFALL, 65, of Kirby, died May 27, 2014. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church (Eastern). He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era.

PAULINE MAE WHITEHAIR, 97, of Vienna, died July 9, 2014. She was a member of Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where she had served as a deaconess and member of the crafters.

Leadership Updates

REV. LARRY FLEMING to Smithville Baptist Church (Harrisville) as pastor in July 2014

REV. ROGER FONTAINE to Mount Vernon Baptist Church (Broad Run) as pastor on August 1, 2014

MR. MATTHEW ROBINSON to Big Tygart Baptist Church (Parkersburg) as pastor in July 2014

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At least 100, possibly more. Contact Sue Hamric of Spencer First Baptist Church (Good Hope) at fbcspencer@frontier.com or 304.927.1421.

October 2014

OCTOBER 1 - Tracie Emerick, Outreach assistant, West Virginia Baptist Convention

OCTOBER 2 - Juan Aragon, Hispanic Ministries' Strategist, West Virginia Baptist Convention

OCTOBER 3 - Debbie Myers, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Mexico

OCTOBER 4 - Baptist Campus Ministries' Retreat this weekend at Camp Cowen

OCTOBER 5 - The ministry of Sweet Springs Baptist Church; Kenneth Baker, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)

OCTOBER 6 - The ministry of Prosperity Baptist Church; Kenneth Heiney, pastor (Little Kanawha)

OCTOBER 7 - The ministry of Main Street Baptist Church; Richard Sargent, pastor (Teays Valley)

OCTOBER 8 - Patti Long, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Mexico

OCTOBER 9 - Debbie Harpold, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission

OCTOBER 10 - The ministry of Lansing Baptist Church; Kenneth Hayes, pastor (Hopewell)

OCTOBER 11 - The ministry of Man First Baptist Church; Clyde Robertson, pastor (Logan-Mingo)

OCTOBER 12 - Jonathan Nambu, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Philippines

OCTOBER 13 - Kihomi Ngwemi, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Haiti

OCTOBER 14 - The ministry of Hampton Baptist Church; Monty Foster, pastor (Kanawha Valley)

OCTOBER 15 - The ministry of Union Baptist Church; Jeff Musgrave, pastor (Fairmont)

OCTOBER 16 - West Virginia Baptist Convention 149th Annual Meeting begins today at Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg)

OCTOBER 17 - The ministry of Bethel Baptist Church; Terry Sponaugle, pastor (Coal River)

OCTOBER 18 - The ministry of Philippi Baptist Church; Jonathan Villers, pastor (Union)

OCTOBER 19 - The ministry of New Baptist Church; Trent Eastman, senior pastor (Guyandotte)

OCTOBER 20 - The ministry of Milhoan Ridge Baptist Church; Dee Rhodes, pastor (Good Hope)

OCTOBER 21 - Anthony Pratt, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission and pastor, Racine First Baptist Church (Coal River)

OCTOBER 22 - The ministry of Orlando Baptist Church; Lonnie Ramsey, pastor (Elk Valley)

OCTOBER 23 - The ministry of Lubeck Community Baptist Church; Mark Houser, pastor (Parkersburg)

OCTOBER 24 - Dagoberto Zelaya, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Honduras

OCTOBER 25 - Charles Shawver, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Mexico

OCTOBER 26 - Vonnie Wykle, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission

OCTOBER 27 - The ministry of Indian Fork Baptist Church; Bill Coffindaffer and Dan Fisher, pastors (Broad Run)

OCTOBER 28 - Roger Raikes, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission

OCTOBER 29 - Glen Chapman, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Democratic Republic of the Congo

OCTOBER 30 - The ministry of New Martinsville First Baptist Church; Don Biram, pastor (Panhandle)

OCTOBER 31 - The ministry of Welcome Baptist Church; Larry McKim, pastor (Judson)

November 2014

NOVEMBER 1 - The ministry of Mount Vernon Baptist Church; Ron McClung, pastor (Teays Valley)

NOVEMBER 2 - Jeni Pedzinski, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) endorsed missionary to Thailand

NOVEMBER 3 - Kim Brown, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand

NOVEMBER 4 - The ministry of Big Hurricane Baptist Church; Tony Perry, pastor (Twelve Pole)

NOVEMBER 5 - The ministry of Morrisvale Baptist Church; David Cook, pastor (Coal River)

NOVEMBER 6 - The ministry of Matewan Missionary Baptist Church; Carl Butler, pastor (Logan-Mingo)

NOVEMBER 7 - Jeremy Myers, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission

NOVEMBER 8 - Children's Fall Rally at Parchment Valley Conference Center

NOVEMBER 9 - The ministry of Wilsonburg Baptist Church; Greg Blevins, pastor (Judson)

NOVEMBER 10 - The ministry of Summit Missionary Baptist Church; Larry Addair, pastor (Rockcastle)

NOVEMBER 11 - Kit Ripley, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand

NOVEMBER 12 - The ministry of Everson Baptist Church; Robert Tennant, pastor (Fairmont)

NOVEMBER 13 - The ministry of Broad Run Baptist Church; Rick Garavaglia, pastor (Broad Run)

NOVEMBER 14 - The ministry of Seventh Avenue Baptist Church; Robert Withers, pastor (Guyandotte)

NOVEMBER 15 - The ministry of Comunidad Luz Y Vida (Eastern)

NOVEMBER 16 - The ministry of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; John Ellison, pastor (Good Hope)

NOVEMBER 17 - Lea Lindero, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand

NOVEMBER 18 - The ministry of Quinwood First Baptist Church; Chad Rodes, pastor (Hopewell)

NOVEMBER 19 - Michael Sisson, president, Pastors4Pastors: West Virginia Baptist Ministers' Council; member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission; and pastor, Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh)

NOVEMBER 20 - The ministry of Hopewell Baptist Church; Joe Lamm, pastor (Goshen)

NOVEMBER 21 - Senior High Convention this weekend at Kenova First Baptist Church (Twelve Pole)

NOVEMBER 22 - Colleen Folger, trustee and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission

NOVEMBER 23 - The ministry of North Hills Baptist Church; Michael Harper, pastor (Kanawha Valley)

NOVEMBER 24 - Ruth Fox, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand

NOVEMBER 25 - Eric Hayslett, chair, Baptist Campus Ministries' Board and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission

NOVEMBER 26 - The ministry of Dallas Pike Baptist Church; Ben Nobile, pastor (Panhandle)

NOVEMBER 27 - Count your blessings and thank God for what He has done in our lives!!

NOVEMBER 28 - The ministry of Murphytown Baptist Church; Kent Hall, pastor (Parkersburg)

NOVEMBER 29 - The ministry of Gassaway Baptist Church; Mark Stump, senior pastor (Elk Valley)

NOVEMBER 30 - The ministry of Send The Light Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh)

Coming Events

October 2014

October 3-5

Baptist Campus Ministries' Fall Retreat
Camp Cowen

October 7

Retired Ministers and Mates and Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board Annuitant Luncheon
Parchment Valley Conference Center

October 16-17

West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
Vienna Baptist Church

October 16

American Baptist Women's Ministries Women's Day
Vienna Baptist Church

October 16

West Virginia American Baptist Men's Day
Vienna Baptist Church

October 16

Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council Pre-convention Event
New Hope Baptist Church,
Parkersburg

October 25

School of Christian Studies Ministerial Ethics (Mod-2) One-Day Class with Mark McCloy
Parchment Valley Conference Center

October 27-31

Palmer Theological Seminary - West Virginia Program Class - M. Div. Program: Pauline Epistles (BIBL521) with Dr. Kent Berghuis
Parchment Valley Conference Center

November 2014

November 1

School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Three (Not So) Minor Prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah with Bob Keen
Parchment Valley Conference Center

West Virginia Baptist Newsletter Submissions

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A Season of Transformation

November 22, 2014
Parchment Valley Conference Center

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Conference begins at 9:30 a.m.



Presenter: Dr. Tim Brown

Tim, a native of Oceana, is executive minister of Growing Healthy Churches (GHC) in San Ramon, California. He is recognized as a successful transformation pastor as well as a denominational executive. He also pastors Clovis, California First Baptist Church.

This is a free event that includes lunch!

To register for the event, please contact Tracie with your name and contact information at temerick@wvbc.org or 800.879.9822.

A copy of 8 to 15: The World is Smaller Than You Think by Tom Mercer will be given to the first 100 people to register and attend the event.

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