

The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter

October - November 2016

Weirton Christian Center: Blessings in the New School Year

by Kim Weaver, director, Weirton Christian Center

The Weirton Christian Center is 99 years old! We have been serving the children of Weirton since a Baptist missionary started it all in 1917. To this day, we could not do what we do without the wonderful support of our mission minded and generous Baptist family. You are making a huge difference on a day-to-day basis.

With the start of this school year, we have been blessed to add Holley Faulkner to our team. He has just moved from Fairmont to start his pastorate at Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle). We are excited to have him tutoring, mentoring and loving our children. He will be a blessing in so many ways.

We offer preschool and afterschool lunches and snacks as well as lots of great afterschool programs. We provide homework help; computer access; school supplies and special programs, which include visiting geriatric centers; free music lessons in voice, piano and guitar; and the Signs of Hope performance group. Starting this year, we have partnered with a local dance company willing to let our children join with scholarships. We provide transportation to and from events and lessons. For the first time, we have implemented a registration fee to help us cover some expenses, but provide scholarships to anyone unable to pay it.

We are still collecting quarters for grades for children's daily attendance, homework completion and report cards. We appreciate your collections throughout the year that make it possible for us to encourage and reward our children who may receive no other recognition for their efforts. We truly value all our inkind support as well, such as paper products, school supplies, snacks, hats, gloves and so much more.

We are so thankful for our West Virginia Baptist workers. This year we had a group of amazing young people from New Hope Baptist Church (Guyandotte) come to the center, led by Lee Boso, family life pastor at New Hope Baptist Church.

They worked around our place fixing, planting, sorting and creating hygiene kits for camp, organizing donations in the basement and painting every room in the main building. And their creativity was amazing; they had such an awesome spirit of love and helpfulness. What a blessing. We welcome any group who would like to take a mission trip to help out with tasks at the center or work with our children. Once the new building goes up there will be lots of painting and finishing work to do.

Speaking of the new building ... here is a quick update on where our project stands. From West Virginia Baptist churches and members, we have received \$51,018 out of our total projected request of \$150,000 - leaving a balance of \$98,982 we hope to receive from our Baptist family. (This includes purchased donor bricks.) American Baptist Women's Ministries have raised over \$9,000 of their \$12,000 goal for the new preschool. Foundations and trusts total \$145,000 and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will provide \$30,000 for construction of the kitchen. Corporate and individual donations total \$1,100. Our matching grant from the Christian Fellowship Foundation will provide \$300,000 once the rest is collected. Also being covered is LED dimmable lighting and extra insulation for better energy efficiency and sustainability. Based on receiving our projected funds, we are only \$98,000 away from being totally funded for the \$735,000 building project ... and there are still grant possibilities.

Our plan is to break ground by May 2017 so we will not have to return any of the foundation dollars due to not being able to spend the funds within the year. Once in the new building we will be equipped to apply for 21st Century learning funding to cover personnel and program expenses as well as feeding funds through our USDA approved kitchen.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard to find ways for your church to help support this building project and all those generous individuals who are helping make our vision a reality.



Youth from New Baptist Church (Guyandotte), along with their family life pastor, Lee Boso visited Weirton Christian Center to help out with many tasks.

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



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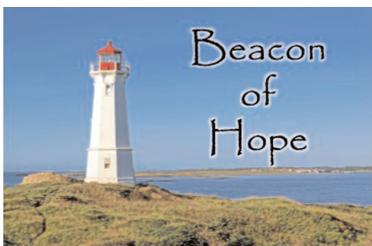
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Don't Forget to Say Thank You

This season of the year is filled with events that move us from summer to fall - planning holiday events, beginning another school year, church activities resuming after a summer hiatus - and trying to understand how quickly the calendar seems to advance. Our annual gathering in October marks a special time of change as new leadership marches in and leadership of the previous term says farewell. It allows us to celebrate the past year, while looking at the challenges ahead in the Mountain State. **Thank God for His faithfulness and the committed churches in our Baptist family.**

The massive flooding in our state this past June challenged us physically, emotionally, financially and spiritually. Facing the extensive loss in many of our communities of homes, businesses, schools and churches has impacted many to the breaking point of their endurance. We will continue the hard work of rebuilding communities and finding ways to encourage people to find HOPE. **Thank God for workers and caregivers.** The response from our Baptists in West Virginia and around our nation has been heartwarming.

Now, how can we be a **Beacon of Hope** in the lives of those who lost just about everything? A beacon is focused light over a large area bringing attention to something significant. Be a beacon by:

- Giving a day of labor to help rebuild in the communities affected by the flood. There is a list of places looking for helping hands and encouraging words. Contact the West Virginia Baptist Convention office (304.422.6449) for more information.
- Give to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** with the money



Dr. David Carrico

earmarked for West Virginia Flood Relief.

- Pray for the people and churches in the flood-ravaged areas.

Many times, we forget what we do here echoes in eternity. In your churches, in your women's groups, in your men's groups, in your youth groups, bring attention to the needs of those in the flooded areas. Let the world see Jesus in You!

It is no accident that months ago as we developed themes for our state convention for the coming years, **Beacon of Hope** was chosen for this year. God knows what He is doing and He knew we would need this as our focus. Life-changing events can leave folks feeling overwhelmed, whether they are directly or indirectly affected. In the church, the emotional, physical, relational and spiritual aftershocks emerge over days, weeks and months. Believers are caregivers and we should be available to family and friends to find ways to get a handle on life, with the Lord's help.

There are informational resources available to you at the West Virginia Baptist Convention office that can be useful in coping with trauma and helping others deal with crisis. A copy of that information was included in the last pastors' mailing.

Life can and will change in unexpected ways. Life is hard work, yet we are reminded by Paul in Galatians to: "Let us not grow weary in our well-doing."

And let us remember to express our appreciation to our pastors as we celebrate Pastors' Appreciation Month in October! A card, a cake, a hug or a handshake says a great deal to those who serve you and the Lord. Genesis 12:2 reminds us we are "blessed to be a blessing."

We are all blessed - now be a blessing!

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

Making Special Relationships

Parchment Valley Conference Center experienced a great summer in 2016: lives making first-time decisions for Jesus to be their Lord and Savior, groups gathering for fellowship, recreation and Christian education. We are grateful to West Virginia Baptist Convention churches and American Baptist Women's Ministries, alongside American Baptist Men for their support. Without their vision, faith and hard work we would be just another conference center.

Several weeks ago, Parchment Valley lost all of its drinking water, nearly 40,000 gallons, while a large wedding was underway. For two days, we searched for the leak, and while walking the creekline by the campground with Matt Ash and Charlie Swisher, and between phone calls to Charles Plemons we discovered the leak where the main water line had separated. The irony of the repair was also a great blessing. As the American Baptist Men reached out to assist communities and churches stricken from the flood, we had Hurricane Baptist Church (Good Hope) on the survey list to evaluate their heating and cooling unit for replacement. Mike Kelley, the senior deacon at Hurricane Baptist Church, heard of our water line break situation and sent an excavator to us at no charge. Tom Dale and John Vannoy unearthed the damaged line, but needed specific components to complete the repair. I called the City of Ripley and they donated the parts to Parchment Valley for the urgent repair. God is good, all the time.



Kay Loudermilk, with her son, Don, taking a tour of Parchment Valley Conference Center

Later that same week, while mowing the Grapevine Chapel area in preparation for the upcoming Golden'eers Fall Retreat, I received a call from Tim Loudermilk, the son of the late Don Loudermilk. Tim said his mother, Kay, wanted to come to Parchment Valley and experience dad's work. Upon their arrival to Parchment Valley Conference Center, we all got in the golf cart, toured the grounds and spent time talking about Don and his love for this place. We stopped along the Grapevine Chapel path and took in the beauty of the day. I picked some wild flowers and handed them to Kay and told her these are in memory of Don. Kay hugged me and said, "When Don was volunteering here he would always tell me this place brought him one step closer to heaven."

Times and people will change, but the relationships we make this side of heaven are special. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Parchment Valley Conference Center and contributing to the Don Loudermilk Society, which allows Parchment Valley to be the well kept and viable place God intended it to be.

*Make every day a little brighter for those
God places in your path.*

American Baptist Men USA Announces New Director

RIPLEY (ABNS 8/2/16) - The American Baptist Men USA National Board, during its annual meeting at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center, Linwood, Nebraska, ratified the selection of Kenna "Lucky" Ray to the position of executive director, American Baptist Men USA. The appointment had previously been made by its Executive Committee.



Kenna "Lucky" Ray, new director of American Baptist Men USA

Lucky brings a wealth of spiritual and practical leadership experience to this position; having served as president of the Kanawha Valley Association of American Baptist Men, president of the American Baptist Men of West Virginia and president of American Baptist Men USA. In addition, Lucky has served a myriad of leadership positions in Bethel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) and on the

West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Board. Lucky also serves as the treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance – Men's Department ministry. He has been a lifelong member of Bethel Baptist Church.

While serving in each of these leadership positions, Lucky demonstrated a unique ability not only to strategically plan ministry activities, but to excite those around him about the men's ministry vision and seeing events, missions and other ministry activities to fruition.

American Baptist Men USA invites you to join them in welcoming Kenna "Lucky" Ray to this important position within the ministry and partner with him as he executes his role in the vision of American Baptist Men USA to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

American Baptist Men USA provides ministry support, training, conferences, workshops and disaster relief responses nationwide. More information may be found at www.abmen.org.

The mission of American Baptist Men USA is "to bring men and boys into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ."

Hispanic Ministries: Loving, Caring and Praying - Amor, el Cuidado y la Oración

*"What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples.
"How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!"
- Matthew 9:36-38 (The Message)*

Six years ago, a handful of followers of Jesus gathered in Gilberto and Trinidad Valentin's living room in their second-floor apartment in Moorefield. The purpose of the meeting was to name the congregation they had started with the support of the Eastern Baptist Association and the West Virginia Baptist Convention. As they sorted through options, Lucrecia, a Guatemalan lady, timidly suggested, "What about light and life? After all, Jesus came to give us His light and His life and that's what we want for the Hispanic community in Moorefield." Her suggestion hit the nail on the head and everyone in the room silently nodded in agreement. They named the church "Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Luz y Vida."

Comunidad Luz y Vida reaches out to the Hispanic community residing in the town of Moorefield. Throughout these years, God has used them to bless and change lives. They have been through ups and downs, but the One who called this church into being has been faithful. As a result of the partnership between the West Virginia Baptist Convention and the Puerto Rican Baptist Churches, last year Luis Díaz arrived to lead and pastor this congregation after being commissioned by Iglesia Bautista de Mamey as a volunteer missionary. Following a fruitful year of ministry, Luis returned home to finish his studies and to care for his ailing mother.

However, before Luis' departure, God was already at work behind the scenes preparing the person who would continue His ministry. In November 2015, the pastor of Iglesia Bautista de Mamey, Alberto Díaz, asked Obed Siberón to lead a mission trip for the church. Obed began to pray for guidance, "Where do you want us to go God?" Obed remembered his friend, Luis

Díaz, was serving in Moorefield and he wanted to support his ministry. Obed says, "When I told pastor Alberto the mission trip would be to Moorefield, he grinned because he recalled an invitation Juan Aragón made to him and the church to come to West Virginia." Obed continues, "I was surprised and joyful because I understood this was part of God's plan."



Obed Siberón, preaching in his Puerto Rican church

"What I didn't know at that time," says Obed, "was God was preparing me to be the pastor for Luz y Vida. Even before coming, God laid upon my heart a burden to love, care and pray for this congregation. And here I am now leading it!" Obed invites us to love, care and pray for this Hispanic Ministry. "Loving, caring and praying for us will help in the process to fulfill God's will and to accomplish His mission," he adds.

Over the summer, a mission team from Iglesia Bautista de Mamey carried out several outreach projects with Comunidad Luz y Vida. At the Vacation Bible School, four children gave their lives to Jesus Christ. The church and the mission team held a farewell service to celebrate Luis Díaz and an installation service was also held in which they prayed and anointed Obed for the ministry God called him to do in West Virginia.



The mission team from Iglesia Bautista de Mamey

Obed holds a bachelor's degree in Christian Education from the Universidad Teológica del Caribe. During his university studies, he served as a campus pastor. In his home church, he was a member of the worship team and director of Vacation Bible School. In addition, Obed has been on mission trips to Bolivia and Honduras. He is passionate about leading people to meet and worship Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support as we are a beacon of hope to the Hispanic community living in the mountain state!

May God continue to bless you!

Staying Connected



Technology is wonderful, when it works! You know what I mean - we get used to having working technology at our disposal and very often we take it for granted. We are a society that likes to be connected. We

have our 24-hour cable news; we have internet; cell phones and more. We love to be connected.

I was watching a group of people at a restaurant table recently and every one of them had their heads down engaged in their phones. They were so into being connected they failed to connect with each other.

Being connected is important. In my office we are having some internet issues. All this week I have not had internet available at my desk. Talk about inconvenience! I could not send or receive email, check the web or otherwise engage the outside world.

It is when these things are not available that one gains a new appreciation for them, and I realize I typically take them for granted. The same can be said of our relationship with God. Because we know God is always there, we often take our relationship with God for granted. We neglect our time with

God - we get accustomed to the convenience of God always being there that we fail to nurture and deepen the relationship.

We also do this with our families and friends. How often have you sat in the same room or at the same table with a loved one and completely ignored them? How many times have you spent the evening with someone and really never talked with them?

Staying connected is vital to any relationship. Staying connected requires an intentional effort on our part so we constantly nurture and deepen our relationships - with our loved ones and with God.

Our current model of mission support is built on relationships. Our missionaries are dependent upon us for prayer and financial support. They desire to be connected to us as we connect with them and the mission to which God has called them. Their work is often done in isolation, far from their family and friends. The more we do to stay connected with them the stronger the relationship will be.

Stay connected to God and to each other. Don't let the illusion of being connected through all the social media replace the real thing.

Committed to Missions

Discipleship Ministries

by *Lisa Simmons*, Director

Adult Discipleship: It is Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

At this writing, the stores have not begun to put up the Christmas decorations, and have yet to begin the Christmas buying push, however for many churches now is the time to begin thinking about how this special holiday will be marked and celebrated. Choirs are beginning to choose music, children's workers are thinking about holiday activities and calendars have been marked according to the day schools are out for the Christmas break.



Here are some ideas for this

Christmas that offer a different way to celebrate:

- *Look for and purchase now a personal Advent guide to use at the beginning of the season.* Simply Wait, by Pam Hawkins can be used by individuals and groups, and encourages the

participants to reflect on anticipation, hope, patience and obedience.

- *Have a Children's Christmas Shoppe for children who cannot purchase a gift for their parents at Christmas.* Provide lots of small items (ask the whole church to help), invite children to come, provide a gift guide for each child (a person to help them shop) and a wrapping station. Include light snacks and a Biblical Christian movie.
- *For families or individuals - go to your church one evening when no one else is there.* Bring a single candle to light and sit in the silence, enjoying the peace of the season. (Be sure to check with the pastor first.)
- *Get serious about doing a charitable act to honor Christ's birth.* Church group activities are great, but what have you personally decided to do to honor Him during the Christmas season?
- *Involve your family or youth group in helping decorate the house of a disabled or elderly person.*

Now is the perfect time to try something new in your personal, family and church life that could add to the celebration of our Lord's birth.

by Rob Ely, Director

Carr Chosen as Associate in Ministry of Fairmont State University Baptist Campus Ministries

The Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) functions by changing lives to change the world through the work they do on individual campuses throughout the state of West Virginia. Through weekly Bible Study and small group times as well as activities both on and off campus, students are continuing to discover God and share His love with the people who surround them. This school year, BCM is seeing growth as it welcomes new leadership to the team and sees the opportunity available at a new campus.



Karla Carr, new associate in ministry of BCM at Fairmont State University.

Karla Carr is excited to have been selected as the associate in ministry for Fairmont State University Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM). She is married to Stanley Carr and they live in Barrackville with their three children, Gregory (18), Alex (14) and Shiloh (9).



She is a member of Willow Tree Baptist Church (Fairmont), where she is active in youth ministry, church leadership, music ministry and American Baptist Women's Ministries. Karla is a member of the Keith and Debbie Myers Mission Partnership Team (MPT) and assists them by submitting prayer needs to over 150 individuals and organizations all over the world while they serve in Mexico. Karla earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree in accounting from Fairmont State in 2000, and works for ManTech International Corporation.

When asked about college ministry, Karla stated that community and having a core group of peers to encourage and support one another is vital. The faith community aspect of ministry is an important foundation to Karla.

While Karla is moving forward with the Fairmont students in the north, the southern part of the state is advancing with the opening of the new WVU Tech campus in Beckley. God is moving through Baptist Campus Ministries in exciting ways and He is evidencing that through the expansions of the ministry across the state.

Youth Ministry Planning Team: The Necessity of Submission

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me."



Perhaps the most cohesive nature of the relationship between one's death to their own life and the new life found in Christ is the absolute necessity of submission. The submission to each must occur simultaneously or cannot occur at all. But what does this look like? How does this happen and what does one do after the occurrence?

Those are the questions the youth will seek to answer as they worship and learn together throughout the course of the 2016-2017 school year events. Using the theme "Dead I, New I, Ask Why," and the theme verse, Galatians 2:20 as guiding posts for the teaching discussions this year, the Youth Ministry Planning Team (YMPT) seeks to empower other students across the state through the understanding that once death to self occurs and life through Christ begins, life can be lived to its fullest extent. While the first two portions of the theme statement are referring to understanding what it means to die to oneself and find life in Christ, the final portion is for encouragement to share this new life with everyone around them.

As youth today struggle to share the life of Christ in the world dead from sin around them, the hope for them is to find the encouragement that only comes through existence in Christ as they study and learn together.

Continuing to Support Flood Relief in Southern West Virginia

by Casey Dawson
pastor, Sunrise Baptist Church (Parkersburg)

Life moves on after every tragedy. The West Virginia flood of 2016 is no different. But we cannot forget those who have been affected. There are still many people in desperate situations with mold filled houses, nowhere to stay and those who are living day to day. Yes, we have sporting events, children's events, church events, etc., but we still need to be in prayer, provide feet on the ground, and of course, financial support.

Thankfully, so much good has come from such a tragic event, including people volunteering who never have before. Donations have poured in, churches are crossing denominational boundaries and Jesus is ministering to those who otherwise would not be receptive. The Mid-Ohio Valley Disaster Relief Organization, a ministry of Sunrise Baptist Church (Parkersburg), has been able to continue sending people to be Jesus to those affected in Clendenin. We have secured three campers with the assistance of the Marietta Baptist Association to help three families in the Clendenin area. We have given washers and dryers, beds and countless other items to many families. We also helped to fill a U-Haul trailer that traveled to the Louisiana flood area to help those families.

There is still so much help needed - please don't stop supporting now! Let's continue to band together and show the rest of the world what West Virginia Christians can do in the name of Jesus. If you want to show your support, please visit our website at <http://movdisasterrelief.com> or contact Joe Stephens at 304.295.1093.

Flood Recovery at Clendenin First Baptist

Flood recovery at Clendenin First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) is a story of partnership and developing relationships. It is impossible to honor every person and organization that has spent countless hours working and/or donating time, goods and money to the recovery effort so we will focus on two of them.



Jimmy Hewitt (l), pastor of Charleston Baptist Temple and Joe Seese, pastor of Clendenin First Baptist Church

Charleston Baptist Temple (Kanawha Valley) and Clendenin First Baptist Church both have new pastors who arrived near the time of the flooding: Rev. Jim

Hewitt and Rev. Joe Seese, respectively. Charleston Baptist Temple reached out to Clendenin First Baptist Church and has been most helpful in the recovery effort. They have donated supplies, money and hands-on work. These pastors have become partners in ministry as they begin their journey into new ministry settings. These are Baptist churches helping Baptist churches.

Immediately after the floods, Rev. Sandra Dorsainvil, of American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, reached out to West Virginia Baptist Convention staff and asked what they could do. As so many others have done, they sent cleaning supplies and generous donations from their churches. Their hearts were touched by the images of families losing everything. In response, one of their churches sent children's shoes. These are Baptist regions helping Baptist regions.

Kingwood Baptist Assists with Flood Relief

Kingwood Baptist Church (Goshen) has been active in assisting with flood relief in Southern West Virginia. Church members have sent three truckloads of supplies to Greenbrier, Kanawha and Clay counties.

In addition, the mission board donated \$500 to United Way efforts in Greenbrier County. The American Baptist Women's Ministries of Kingwood Baptist Church matched the donation by donating \$500 to flood relief in the Clendenin area.

Donation of work in the flooded area was given by Bob Maynard, Marlena Maynard and Jordan Smith. Guiding these volunteers in their initial efforts were Jonathan Turner, pastor of Shuck Memorial Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), and his wife, Nikalea.



Kingwood Baptist Church member, Jordan Smith, is shown working on flood recovery in a Clendenin home.

Portable Air Conditioners Provided in Richwood Area

by Linda Carpenter, Richwood First Baptist Church

Because of your gifts to the West Virginia Baptist Convention, Richwood First Baptist Church (Hopewell) has been able to distribute portable air conditioning units to two families in the Richwood area who were affected by the flooding that took place on June 23, 2016. Not only has God helped us to be a blessing, but one family has been attending our church services for the past four weeks after being ministered to after the flood. They are being touched by us being the outstretched arms of Jesus. We pray God will continue to let us minister alongside Him as we share the gospel with the people of the Richwood area.



Residents of the Bleigh household with one of the portable air conditioners

His Love is Much Deeper

by David Bush
pastor, Rainelle First Baptist Church (Hopewell)

Flood relief has been a non-stop process since June 23, 2016. However, with great travesty comes great grace, and we at Rainelle First Baptist Church have had a front row seat to God's faithfulness. Countless churches have come to help and have made a profound impact on our community. We are deeply grateful for all the help our West Virginia Baptist family has been throughout this process. There are too many testimonies to share in this short excerpt, but one of my favorites has to do with receiving a truckload of lime from the Convention.

I received a call from Roger Adams, pastor, Clearview Fellowship Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) that a truckload of lime was headed our way. So, I am preparing for maybe a trailer load when, all of a sudden, at nine in the morning up rolls a tractor trailer with a bed full of lime. I rush to call for help from Dana Gatewood, pastor, Summersville Baptist Church

(Hopewell), who had been through the flood in 2003 at Rainelle First Baptist Church. He said to find as many people as we could and grab a camera. I set out to find a crew to come help unload, all the time praying God would provide the right amount. Out of nowhere, a member of Rainelle First Baptist Church, Adam Harmon, is operating a forklift. I run over and ask his boss if I could borrow him. The Lord always provides! This is just one picture of how God consistently and faithfully shows up in ways beyond our imagination.



Adam Harmon operates a forklift to retrieve lime from the trailer bed.

One of our deacons, George Brooks, said it best at a testimony night we had following the flood, "God filled the valley with water, but His love is much deeper."

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Sharon Koh



Executive Director,
International Ministries

Annual Sermon Speaker:
Rev. Robert Perine



Pastor,
Harrisville Baptist Church

Worship Leader:
Mrs. Bronlynn Morlan



Minister of Music,
Gassaway Baptist Church

Executive Minister:
Dr. David Carrico



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ANNUAL MEETING

of the West Virginia Baptist Convention



"Beacon of Hope"
Thursday, October 20 -
Friday, October 21, 2016
Gassaway Baptist Church

Scripture Verse: Psalm 43:3
"Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell."

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 20

Women's Day - American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

Theme: Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace

Speaker: Vicki Eades

Location: Gassaway Baptist Church

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch: Will be provided for \$6.00.

Nursery provided for preschool children.

Contact: Karen Nicholson at varzbk@aol.com

Pastors4Pastors:

The Ministers' Council

Location: Sutton Baptist Church, 506 Main Street, Sutton 26601

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

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Sharon Koh, Executive Director, International Ministries

Cost: Members - \$10.00,

Non-Members - \$25.00, includes lunch

Contact: Dr. William Thomas -

kb8zsn@suddenlink.net

Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

Shuttle Available.

American Baptist Men

Location: Gassaway Baptist Church

Program: Stop Hunger Now - Packaging Meals

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

Cost: \$6.00 - bag lunch

Contact/R.S.V.P.: Frank Miller at miller@wvbc.org or 304.372.3675



SCHEDULE:

Thursday, October 20

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

Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer - *Sandy Phares*
 Ward Hibbs Award - *Tim Barry*
 Annual Sermon - *Robert Perine*
 Business Meeting 1 - *Sandy Phares*

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

6:30 p.m. Session 2 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer - *Mark Wood*
 School of Christian Studies' Graduation - *Mark McCloy*
 Keynote Speaker - *Sharon Koh*

8:30 p.m.

Alderson Broaddus University Reception

Friday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Session 3 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer - *David Hoge*
 Executive Minister Address - *David Carrico*
 9:45 a.m. - Workshops and Hands On Missions

9:45 a.m. - Workshop Session I

10:30 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - Workshop Session II

12:00 noon - 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

Welcome and Opening Prayer - *Sandy Phares*
 Business Meeting 2 - *Sandy Phares*
 James Anderson, Sr. Pastoral Ministry Award
 Installation of Officers
 Communion

Delegate Registration

Registration Fee:

(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.)

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:*

	\$20.00 - Delegate or Visitor Fee Required Fee - Please Circle One Above.
	\$10.00 - Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet
	\$10.00 - Members Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$25.00 - Non-Members Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$12.50 - Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Luncheon - Chicken Salad Circle one: Ultimate Baked Potato or Tomato Bisque Soup
	\$14.50 - Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Luncheon - Grilled Ham Circle one: Ultimate Baked Potato or Tomato Bisque Soup
	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

Directions:

- Take exit 62 off I-79.
- Turn right off of either exit (west on WV-4) 1.3 miles.
- Turn left across bridge onto Little Buffalo

Road.

- Stay straight and merge into slight curve on Beall Dr.
- Gassaway Baptist Church will be on the right paved driveway up the hill.

Nominating Committee Report

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(term ending December 2019)

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6. Pending
7. Pending
8. Pending
9. Pending

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(term ending December 2019)

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3. Pending

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(term ending December 2019)

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2. Pending

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(term ending December 2019)

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(term ending December 2019)

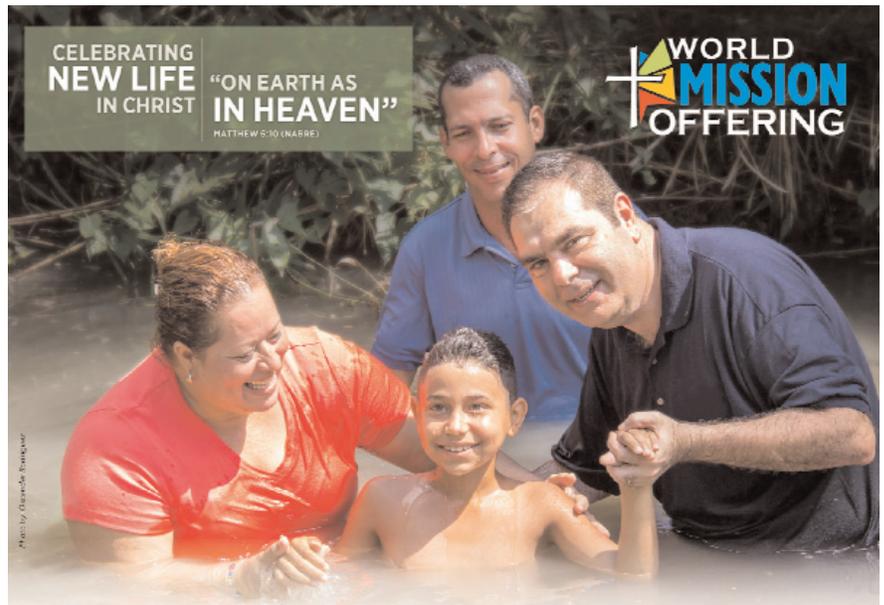
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(term ending December 2019)

1. Pending

2016 World Mission Offering



“Together with International Ministries’ partners around the world, we have the wonderful opportunity to participate in God’s work as agents of his redeeming love.

Together, let us continue to sow seeds of justice, mercy and love as we share and rejoice in God’s presence ... ‘on earth as in heaven.’” (Matthew 6:10 - NABRE) - Reid Trulson

State Goal: \$500,000



Leadership Updates

DR. DAVID BESS to Beulah Baptist Church (Union) as pastor on July 1, 2016

DR. CHARLES (SONNY) BRIGHT to Oak Hill Baptist Church (Fayette) as pastor on July 31, 2016

REV. JULIA D. MILLER to Belington First Baptist Church (Union) as pastor on July 24, 2016

MR. L. SCOTT HAMBY to Elkins First Baptist Church (Union) as pastor on July 17, 2016

REV. MARK WOOD to Spencer First Baptist Church (Good Hope) as senior pastor on July 31, 2016

JUNIOR HIGH Convention

November 18-20, 2016
Saint Albans First Baptist Church

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (NIV)

Speaker: Brian Burgess

Band: Three Shades of Blue

Cost: \$35.00, if postmarked by November 11.
\$40, after November 11 or at the door.

Housing deadline: November 11.

For more information, please contact Jennifer at
jennifer@wobc.org or 304-422-6449.

Ministers' Wives' Retreat

November 11-13, 2016
Parchment Valley Conference Center

Tea for Three - The Trinity, You and Me

A time for relaxing, rejuvenation, sharing
and enjoying a tea party!

Special Guest Leaders:
Sue McDonald (Pennsylvania) &
Linda Swain (Ohio)

We will enjoy a tea party on Saturday afternoon and invite you to
bring a favorite teacup to use if you wish.
Teacups will also be provided.

Bring a snack or dessert to share. Dinner will not be
provided Friday night. Check-in begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday in the
Santrock building.

Fall Children's Rally

November 5, 2016
Parchment Valley
Conference Center



2016 Ministers' Wives' Retreat Registration Form

Please complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Church/Organization: _____

Roommate(s): _____

FULL TIME - two nights' lodging, meals and program

_____ \$105.00/Single occupancy

_____ \$75.00/Double occupancy

PART TIME ONLY - Check all that apply.

_____ \$15.00/Registration fee for all participants

One night's lodging - Check one. ___ Friday ___ Saturday

Occupancy - Check one. ___ Single \$38 ___ Double \$24

_____ \$5.50 - Saturday breakfast

_____ \$6.50 - Saturday lunch

_____ \$7.50 - Saturday dinner

_____ \$5.50 - Sunday breakfast

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED

Mail registration form with check enclosed and payable to:
Ministers' Wives' Fellowship, no later than November 4, 2016 to:
Jane Carrico, 34 North Hills Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26104.
Questions? E-mail Jane at jayjay9700@yahoo.com.

Harless Honored for Years of Service at Hanover

On the evening of August 24, 2016 at Hanover Baptist Church (Rockcastle), Rev. Glenn Hatfield, moderator of the Rockcastle Baptist Association, honored Mrs. Zenith Harless for her years of faithful service in many roles within the association. She, along with her late husband, Rev. Arnold Harless, also represented Rockcastle Association on the Executive Board for American Baptist Churches as well as her involvement in American Baptist Women's Ministries in the West Virginia Baptist Convention. Mr. Jackie Lester, pastor of Hanover Missionary Baptist Church, also shared his thoughts about her ministry within the church and her many years of service with the Wyoming County School system. It was noted and applauded that Zenith is going to continue her service to the Rockcastle Association as its representative to the executive board of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, beginning her three-year term in January 2017.

Hatfield Honored for 45 Years of Service at Big Cub

On August 21, 2016 at the homecoming service of Big Cub Missionary Baptist Church (Rockcastle), Rev. Glenn Hatfield was honored for his 45 years as pastor of the church. He is the longest active serving pastor of one church in the West Virginia Baptist Convention. He also pastored Turkey Creek Baptist Church (Rockcastle). Glenn returned the favor, honoring Southeast Area Minister, Rev. Jim Anderson for his 15 years serving as area minister and for the 15 years he has preached the annual homecoming message at Big Cub Missionary Baptist Church. A wonderful meal was served afterwards and great fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Southwest Area News

Nitro First Baptist Churches Names Hoptry Pastor Emeritus

On September 4, 2016 Nitro First Baptist Church (Teays Valley) held a special worship service during which they named former pastor, Dr. Lawrence Hoptry, Pastor Emeritus. Hoptry, who served the congregation for 28 years, brought the morning message. The church presented him with a gift and a plaque.



Lawrence Hoptry

Dr. Hoptry was then the guest of honor at a church dinner which followed the service. He continues to be active in ministry at Mount Vernon Baptist Church (Teays Valley) and is a member of the Teays Valley Association.

Scout Builds Picnic Shelter at Judson Baptist in Winfield

On August 28, 2016, Judson Baptist Church (Teays Valley) held its annual church picnic in a new picnic shelter on church grounds. The shelter was the Eagle Scout project of Conner Roth, a member of BSA (Boy Scouts of America) Troop 83. Roth, who received donations from pro-builders and help from various volunteers served as project manager. The church has expressed its gratitude for this beautiful new addition to its facilities.

Southwest Area Welcomes New Pastors

The Southwest Area of the West Virginia Baptist Convention has been blessed with the addition of some new ministers recently. Each are new to the convention, coming from other states.

Dr. Jeffrey A. Davenport is a native of Hansford, and is a graduate of WVU-Tech. His theological education was earned at Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana.

He began his ministry at Hurricane First Baptist Church (Teays Valley) on August 28, 2016. He comes to this new ministry from Calvary Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, where he served for the past seven years.

Jeffrey has been married to Beth for 31 years. They are the parents of three adult children and have three grandchildren. We welcome Dr. Davenport and his family home.

Charleston Baptist Temple (Kanawha Valley) has also called a new pastor: **Rev. Dr. Jim T. Hewitt**, who most recently pastored Pocahontas Baptist Church, Bassett, Virginia.

A native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Jim began his ministry at Charleston Baptist Temple on August 1, 2016.

He and his wife, Charlene, are the parents of three adult children. They are also the proud grandparents of one grandchild. We welcome the Hewitts to West Virginia.

Just one week after the June floods damaged both the church and parsonage of Clendenin First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), **Rev. Joe Seese** was called to begin his new ministry with them on July 1, 2016. Originally from McHenry, Illinois, Joe came to Clendenin from Zanesville First Baptist Church, Ohio. He is a graduate of Judson University and earned his M. Div. Degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Joe is married to Debbie Lamb Seese and they are the parents of four children. The Seeses also have three grandchildren. Even in the midst of such trying circumstances, it is a pleasure to welcome them to West Virginia.

Ice Cream Social Supports Missions

by Rich McClure

Pastor, Parkersburg First Baptist Church (Parkersburg)

The church's annual ice cream social turned into an event to raise awareness and support for local missions. Parkersburg First Baptist Church (Parkersburg) had long enjoyed



the gathering of the saints for ice cream in the fellowship hall. Humid weather prompted a suggestion the event move outside. Lawn chairs were brought by members along with yard games, to everyone's enjoyment. Live

music, inflatables and a cotton candy machine were added in the following years. Then, someone suggested the ice cream social become a community event.

The next phase of development in the ice cream social included blocking off the street, enlisting vendors and partnering with a local food pantry. The social schedule was expanded to four hours. The funds that were produced from the sale of ice cream, the rental paid by vendors and tickets sold for the games were sent to the food pantry ... a needed summer boost. The

event continued to grow and businesses were solicited for donations, grants were sought and the number of activities increased. A request before the city council resulted in the official naming of the event, The Parkersburg Ice Cream Social. This provided additional funding for several years from the city. With funding, the number of local missions being supported grew from one food pantry to seven organizations.

A significant gain for Parkersburg First Baptist Church has been the increase in the percentage of the congregation engaged in the social. Initially, it was the work of a handful of people. As the event grew, more people began to help. It has been "all hands on deck" in recent years and an estimated 85% of the congregation is helping in some measurable way. People from the community are also pitching in with a desire to help. The Parkersburg Ice Cream Social has become a means for raising awareness and support for missions, providing a family-friendly event for the community, and realizing our call as a church to be on mission with God.

Cottrell Installed as Pastor at Newark

On August 7, 2016, William Cottrell was installed as pastor of Newark Baptist Church (Parkersburg). Area Minister Mark McCloy read the Charge to the Candidate and the Congregation, following which he preached a very challenging sermon.

Northwest Area News

Harmony Celebrates 150th Anniversary

Harmony Baptist Church (Fairmont) celebrated its 175th anniversary and homecoming July 31, 2016. The morning worship service included special music by Mady Wheeler, opportunities to share memories and the anniversary sermon by Pastor Jason Sleeth. Also sharing in the service were Linda Roberts, former pastor and David Hulme, Northeast Area Minister. A dinner followed in the church's fellowship hall.

Beulah Celebrates 198th Anniversary and Names Activities Building

Beulah Baptist Church (Union) celebrated its 198th anniversary August 14, 2016. As part of their celebration, the church honored the memory of the late Rev. Richard McDonald and his 31 years of service to the church. The church also named their activities building, "The Richard A. McDonald Ministry Center." Dr. David Bess, who began his ministry at the church, July 1, 2016 is pastor.

Goshen Fall Teaching Series

The Goshen Association will begin its four-week fall teaching series, entitled "Come to the Banquet," October 9, 2016. This year's series will focus on Psalms. Each service will be hosted by a different church and feature a different teacher:

- October 9 - Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Stephen Dodrill
- October 16 - Bethel Baptist Church, Dan Meadows
- October 23 - Goshen Baptist Church, David Hulme
- October 30 - Sabraton Baptist Church, Mike Harriman

Each service begins at 3:00 p.m. and will be followed by light refreshments.

Judson Association Hosts Back-to-School Event

The Judson Association hosted a back-to-school event for the youth of the association August 14, 2016 at the Ten Mile Baptist Church (Judson) pavilion. Over 100 youth and adults attended the event, which featured a cookout, live music, games, prizes and an encouraging message.

STANLEY WAYNE ASH, 76, of Clarksburg, died July 23, 2016. He began his ministry in 1966 at Saint Paul Baptist Church (Fairmont) and pastored many churches during his 30 years of ministry.

W. LEE ASHWELL, 80, of Parkersburg, died August 14, 2016. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where he had served many years as financial secretary and treasurer. He was a charter member of the Crusader Sunday School Class and sang in the choir from 1965 to 2015.

HERBERT E. BLEDSOE, 69, of Independence, died July 5, 2016. He was pastor of Belington First Baptist Church (Union) and had been an interim pastor of Independence Baptist Church (Goshen). He graduated from the West Virginia Baptist Convention School of Christian Studies with a diploma in Pastoral Ministry in 2005.

HARLEY B. COLLINS, 85, of Weston, died July 30, 2016. He was a longtime member of Buckhannon First Baptist Church (Broad Run), where he served as a trustee.

THOMAS DUBOSE, 75, of Flatwoods, Kentucky, died August 31, 2016. He was a former pastor of Milton Baptist Church (Guyandotte).

DORMA JEAN FIELDS, 88, of Charleston, died August 16, 2016. She attended Emmanuel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) from the age of 8 and was baptized there in 1958. She was a member of the church choir for many years.

JANICE CALLAWAY FRAMPTON, 87, of Huntington, died August 29, 2016. She was a lifelong member of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church (Guyandotte), where she served in various volunteer capacities spanning several decades. She was the church administrative assistant for over 30 years.

JAY E. GIFFIN, 78, died July 19, 2016. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where he was a deacon.

VIOLET RUTH HARKER, 96, of Fairview, died August 2, 2016. She was the oldest member of Saint Paul Baptist Church (Fairmont), where she served as a deaconess of the church and a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

RUBY (GENNIE) HESS, died July 22, 2016. She was a member of Clendenin First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) for over 50 years. She sang with the choir for many years and was a member of the American Baptist Women's Ministries.

ANNA LOU HOLT, 80, of Lumberport, died August 30, 2016. She attended Lumberport Baptist Church (Judson), where she was a deaconess and a member of the church choir.

RICHARD JAMES "DICK" JOHNSTON, 76 of Vincent, Ohio died July 16, 2016. He was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where he had served on many boards and committees. He taught fifth and sixth grade Sunday School class for 35 years.

MASON BRADLEY LILLY, 93, of Beckley, died July 10, 2016. He was a longtime member of Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh). He taught Sunday School, served as a deacon, music director, youth director, assistant to the chaplain at the Veteran's Hospital and was also president of Raleigh Baptist Youth. He also served for years as a Gideon.

CAROLINE J. MITCHELL MEADOWS, 69, died August 23, 2016. She was a member of Beulah Ann Missionary Baptist Church (Guyandotte), where she sang in the choir, taught children in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and supported missionary work. She was the wife of Paul Meadows, pastor, Beulah Ann Missionary Baptist Church (Guyandotte).

CORINNE WEBER POLLEY, 87, of Spokane, Washington, died August 18, 2016. She was an American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) alumna.

NORMA FAYE VEON ROLLINS, 84, of Harrisville, died August 13, 2016. She was a member of Cairo Baptist Church

(Harrisville) and was secretary/treasurer for the Harrisville Baptist Association for many years.

DEBRA GAY DAWSON SAMS, 65, died August 11, 2016. She was a member of Diamond Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) since September 3, 1961.

ANN HAMER SMITH, 85, of Pennsylvania, died July 27, 2016. She was an International Ministries' missionary to Hong Kong.

JUDITH LEA SMITH SWISHER, 71 of Ripley, died July 21, 2016. Judy and her husband, Charlie, were the face of Parchment Valley Baptist Conference Center for 15 years. She was a charter member of Parchment Valley Baptist Church (Good Hope). She served the Lord in various roles including Guild Girls, Vacation Bible School craft person and Wednesday night Bible study leader for the youth. She was in charge of the quarters ministry for Weirton Christian Center and was instrumental in starting the shoe box ministry at Parchment Valley Baptist Church. She loved her church and specifically, American Baptist Women's Ministries, where she was a member for more than 55 years. As a testament to her faith, she also went to the mission field twice to Alaska and Haiti.

WENDELL MACK TACKETT, 70, of Kenova, died July 23, 2016. He was a member of Twelve Pole Valley Missionary Baptist Church (Twelve Pole) and was a minister for 31 years. He held the office of moderator, secretary and treasurer of the Twelve Pole Valley Association and pastored several churches in the association.

LORENNE GURLEY TIPPIN, 86, of Wichita, Kansas, died February 20, 2016. She was an American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) alumna.

JAMES WILLIAM "JIM BILL" VICKERS, 74, of Weston, died August 17, 2016. He was an active member of Weston First Baptist Church (Broad Run), where he was a deacon, choir member, former trustee on the finance board, Sunday School teacher and volunteer for church dinners.

October 2016

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 - The ministry of Page Baptist Church (Fayette); Delmas Wolfe, pastor

OCTOBER 5 - The ministry of Sunset Hills Missionary Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh); Timothy Mitchem, pastor

OCTOBER 6 - The ministry of Grantsville First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha); Ron Chesser, pastor

OCTOBER 7 - The Baptist Campus Ministries' (BCM) Retreat at Camp Cowen

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

OCTOBER 9 - Don Biram, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission and pastor, New Martinsville First Baptist Church (Panhandle)

OCTOBER 10 - The ministry of Rainelle First Baptist Church (Hopewell); David Bush, pastor

OCTOBER 11 - The ministry of Black Eagle Baptist Church (Rockcastle); Gilbert Dodson, pastor

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 Big Chimney Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley)

OCTOBER 15 - The ministry of Grass Lick Baptist Church (Good Hope); Jimmie Compton, pastor

OCTOBER 16 - The ministry of Saint Paul Baptist Church (Fairmont); Larry Harker, pastor

OCTOBER 17 - The ministry of Mount Vernon Baptist Church (Teays Valley); Ron McClung, pastor

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

OCTOBER 19 - The ministry of Zoar Missionary Baptist Church (Guyandotte); Chris Venoy, pastor

OCTOBER 20 - The West Virginia Baptist Convention 151st Annual Meeting begins today Gassaway Baptist Church (Elk Valley)

OCTOBER 21 - Richard Sargent, chair, Committee on Ministerial Standing; member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission; and pastor, Main Street Baptist Church (Teays Valley)

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

OCTOBER 23 - The ministry of Good Hope Baptist Church (Parkersburg); John Barker, pastor

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

OCTOBER 25 - The ministry of Madison Baptist Church (Coal River); Jim Butcher, pastor

OCTOBER 26 - Mark Wood, president, West Virginia Baptist Convention; member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission; and pastor, Spencer First Baptist Church (Good Hope)

OCTOBER 27 - The ministry of Buckhannon First Baptist Church (Broad Run); Jay Teodoro, pastor

OCTOBER 28 - Sharon Radabaugh, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission

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

OCTOBER 30 - The ministry of Wellsburg First Baptist Church (Panhandle); Michael Martin, pastor

OCTOBER 31 - The ministry of Wilsonburg Baptist Church (Judson); Greg Blevins, pastor

November 2016

NOVEMBER 1 - The ministry of Highlawn Baptist Church (Teays Valley)

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

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

NOVEMBER 4 - The ministry of Cyrus Baptist Church (Twelve Pole); Manfred Langer, pastor

NOVEMBER 5 - The Children's Fall Rally today at Parchment Valley Conference Center

NOVEMBER 6 - The ministry of Man First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo); Clyde Robertson, pastor

NOVEMBER 7 - The ministry of Worthington Baptist Church (Fairmont); Everett Palmer, pastor

NOVEMBER 8 - Ron Stoner, chair, Camp Cowen Board and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission

NOVEMBER 9 - The ministry of Barnes Memorial Baptist Church (Judson); Gary Martin, pastor

NOVEMBER 10 - The ministry of Lacomia Missionary Baptist Church (Rockcastle); George Terlizzi, interim pastor

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

NOVEMBER 12 - The Ministers' Wives' Retreat this weekend at Parchment Valley Conference Center

NOVEMBER 13 - The ministry of Bethel Baptist Church (Coal River); Kent Cecil, pastor

NOVEMBER 14 - The ministry of Portersville Missionary Baptist Church (Guyandotte); Harry Moore, pastor

NOVEMBER 15 - The ministry of Davis Baptist Church (Eastern); Leroy Shook, pastor

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

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

NOVEMBER 18 - Junior High Convention this weekend at Saint Albans First Baptist Church

NOVEMBER 19 - Sheila Chipps, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission

NOVEMBER 20 - The ministry of Goshen Baptist Church (Goshen); Daniel Meadows, pastor

NOVEMBER 21 - The ministry of Dixie First Baptist Church (Hopewell)

NOVEMBER 22 - Dan Chadwick, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission and pastor, West Union Baptist Church (Broad Run)

NOVEMBER 23 - The ministry of Kanawha City Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley); Don Toler, pastor

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

NOVEMBER 25 - Zola Miller, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission

NOVEMBER 26 - The ministry of Goose Creek Baptist Church (Harrisville); Wanda Hartley Butts, pastor

NOVEMBER 27 - The ministry of Point Pleasant Baptist Church (Broad Run); Carl Radcliff, pastor

NOVEMBER 28 - The ministry of South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg); Tom Lipsey, pastor

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

NOVEMBER 30 - The ministry of Athens Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh); Charles Drake, pastor

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

Coming Events

OCTOBER 2016

October 1

West Virginia Baptist Convention
Executive Board
Parchment Valley Conference Center

October 4

Retired Ministers' and Mates' Luncheon
Parchment Valley Conference Center

October 7-8

Baptist Campus Ministries' Fall
Retreat
Camp Cowen

October 20-21

West Virginia Baptist Convention
Annual Meeting
Gassaway Baptist Church

October 20

American Baptist Men's Event
Gassaway Baptist Church

October 20

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

October 20

Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers'
Council Event
Sutton Baptist Church

October 29

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

NOVEMBER 2016

November 5

Fall Children's Rally
Parchment Valley Conference Center

November 11

Veteran's Day Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

November 11-13

Ministers' Wives' Retreat
Parchment Valley Conference Center

November 18-20

Junior High Convention
Saint Albans First Baptist Church

November 24-25

Thanksgiving Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

DECEMBER 2016

December 23, 26

Christmas Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

2017

JANUARY 2017

January 2

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

January 7

West Virginia Baptist Convention
Executive Board
Parchment Valley Conference Center

FEBRUARY 2017

February 20

President's Day Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

February 24-26

Senior High Convention
To Be Announced

MARCH 2017

March 25

Bible Conference
Parchment Valley Conference Center

March 31 - April 2

Women's Camp
Camp Cowen

APRIL 2017

April 14

Good Friday Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED

April 28-29

American Baptist Men's Work Party
Camp Cowen

MAY 2017

May 6

West Virginia Baptist Convention
Executive Board
Parchment Valley Conference Center

West Virginia Baptist Newsletter Submissions

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