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**CHANGING PEOPLE
FOR THE KINGDOM**

West Virginia **Baptist**

Weirton Christian Center Summer News

by Kim Weaver, director, Weirton Christian Center

Christian Fellowship Park Remodel

With the help of funding from the Christian Fellowship Foundation and the efforts of many volunteers and staff, the Weirton Christian Center was able to remodel our nearby park and celebrate with a neighborhood party, offering free food, entertainment, games, inflatable activities and great door prizes. This first event at the Christian Fellowship Park was a wonderful time for the community to gather with friends. We took registrations for programs: afterschool, three and four-year-old preschool, summer camp and the back-to-school bash. During the first two weeks of the summer program, the center had 120 K-12 children and 20 in the kindergarten readiness class, with 62 new children. Many in the community helped with the preparation of the party - including the churches who normally come and feed our children on Tuesday.



Don Dague (r), pastor of Weirton First Baptist Church (Panhandle) assists two other workers from Brothers' Keeper, Nathaniel Swayne (l), and Paul Fritch, (c) by assembling tables and benches for Christian Fellowship Park.

The remodeling project brought with it a new picnic shelter with tables, a new surface, baskets and fencing for the basketball court, new benches and trash receptacles, repairing and painting of current equipment and the addition of a larger whirl to safely accommodate more children. Each day during center hours, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., free snacks, Bible lessons and crafts are offered to everyone at the park.

Summer Camp

Jesus Loves You summer camp scholarships made it possible for 100

life-changing weeks of camp for our children. Thank you to all the churches, American Baptist Women's Ministries and Vacation Bible School groups that have collected supplies and funding for us to purchase needed items. We supply hygiene kits and sleeping bags to most as well as other camp necessities. We continue to grow in number and many have come back who had left. And they all want to go to camp!

Dedicated Volunteers

The Weirton Christian Center would not have been able to accomplish this for the community without the help of so many volunteers. The city of

Weirton rerouted the roadwork and provided tables for Saturday's event. Brian James of Arcelor Mittal Steel allowed us to use their building for storage, helped coordinate a work crew to build the shelter and provided all the heavy equipment necessary. Concrete was donated by Starvaggi Industries' Weirton Ice and Coal and

mulch came from the Parchment Valley Conference Center. Weirton First Baptist Church (Panhandle) was host to Brothers' Keeper, who canvassed Weirton and sent a crew of painters and workers to help us finish the park.

Kennywood Park

From March through May 2012, we had a scripture contest where the children who earned at least 50 points for learning 10 verses were given

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COMMENTARY

Thinking is Hard Work



*Dr. David L.
Carrico*

A fascinating picture appeared on the computer screen as the article I was reading came to an end. The photo was that of the sculpture by Rodin entitled *The Thinker*, which I recall from my college art history class (which I must admit I slept through most of the time after lunch). Originally this popular work was titled *The Poet*. It was to portray Dante at the gates of Hades pondering the future. For some reason the name was changed. I

did note something I had not observed before and that is the person in the sculpture had his right elbow resting on his left knee. Not a comfortable pose and his face showed the stress and the hard work of thinking. Or as someone suggested, maybe it was the pain of the pose. Both observations may be true. Thinking is hard work!

The Bible notes, "For as he thinks in his heart so is he." (Proverbs 23:7) Thinking is hard work because it is so powerful in the human experience of living. The act of thinking is part of a balanced life. We are beings that appreciate beauty, music and art. We also engage in abstract and complex concepts that require the interaction of all our abilities as beings. We are "fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:14) We are created with a divine purpose and called to be a people after God's own heart. I Peter 2:9 proclaims we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God." I must confess there are occasions I don't feel "wonderfully made" or that I am a "royal priest."

The Christian life should attempt to be a balanced life. As we deal with the struggles of life we should strive to keep our purpose in perspective. Being a Christian lends us to

seasons of prayer, Bible study and thinking through life. During these seasons we may not find answers to life's questions but we draw closer to God in the process.

This summer has been a season of positive challenges for our Baptist family. The Mission Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin celebrated the wonderful call of God upon us to do missions around the world. The *Transformed by the Spirit* journey has begun around our national Baptist family. It is a journey that invites us to evaluate, review and amend our organizations as needed to take us into the future, using the adaptive change model of work that will enable us to find answers where there have been no clear-cut answers available, while balancing the autonomy and interdependence of the local church.



Rodin's The Thinker

How can we do all this thinking and balancing stuff? One tool I have found to be helpful this summer is a book by Stephen Macchia, *Crafting a Rule of Life*. This is in a workbook format, which leads you to reflect Biblically and historically on living. As we experience the challenges of this summer, the future of our culture may seem dark and overwhelming. Macchia reminds us God is here with us and not just out there ahead of us. He affirms our faith and reminds us of the meaning of the word rule. From its root word, regula, rule means "something to hang onto in the dark." We should be thankful during seasons of increasing secular and religious challenges we have a God to hang onto, even in the dark times. Thinking is hard work, but very necessary work for believers.

*Blessings,
Dr. David L. Carrico
Executive Minister*

Parchment Valley Hires Maintenance Supervisor



*Kevin
Emerick, new
maintenance
supervisor at
Parchment
Valley
Conference
Center*

Kevin Emerick has joined the Parchment Valley Conference Center team to fill the maintenance supervisor position beginning July 9, 2012. Emerick has many years of experience in construction and maintenance. He has worked as a union painter and as an independent contractor doing plumbing, electrical, framing, roofing, flooring and tree and lawn maintenance. Over the past few years, Emerick has completed several projects at the West Virginia Baptist Convention office, demonstrating his breadth of knowledge in all areas of construction and maintenance. His attention to

detail has been demonstrated in every completed project. He is trained and certified through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

We are excited to welcome someone with this experience to the Parchment Valley team. Emerick has hit the ground running at Parchment Valley as he joined in as a crew leader on several building projects during Brothers' Keeper 2012, July 8-13.

Emerick will be responsible for the ongoing Parchment Valley maintenance plan. He will supervise all maintenance and maintenance employees.

"What do you miss the most from Nicaragua?" is a question people ask me quite frequently. The unmistakable response is: family. It is not easy to be thousands of miles away from loved ones. However, Skype and Facebook have provided a means for Denise and me to keep in touch with family and friends. Through Facebook, we see and enjoy the pictures from a new niece and nephew, birthday parties and weddings. There is another thing I miss, the Nicaraguan cuisine - I can say this with all conviction after four years in the United States. I often crave bread, cheese and cacao (a drink made out of cocoa beans, rice, cinnamon and milk). I miss the variety of inexpensive avocados, green and ripe plantings. And, of course, I long for Nicaraguan beans. Cravings are a part of life.

Hundreds of thousands craved a working air conditioning system, cold water and ice after the electric outage caused by the June 29, 2012 storm, and the heat wave experienced in the following days. Who would have ever thought there was going to be an ice "famine?" Finding ice was nearly impossible in the week after the storm. The stores that had ice, which one could count with the

fingers of one hand, were selling only two bags per person. During this turmoil, many were able to demonstrate kindness and love. I heard of people whose electricity was restored shortly after the storm and kindly offered their homes for others to take showers and as cooling stations. But I also heard from the "invisible" and often forgotten migrant farm workers, who had to pick tomatoes under the fiery sun at record high temperatures. They had no ice. They had no cold water to refresh them. Farm owners did not bother to seek ice for them; all they wanted was their product picked. However, their need became an opportunity to demonstrate love and care as we brought ice to them in the fields.

During that same week, I heard the story of a Latino inmate from the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Gilmer. His craving was not for ice, but of profound hunger for the word of God. In previous weeks, he had been reading the study Bible of his roommate. He found it so delightful that he spent hours discovering God's word. He wanted to have a similar Bible, but did not have the money to buy it. A thought struck him, "My Father owns everything! I

will ask him for a similar Bible." He prayed and asked God for a study Bible. As he told us his "testimonio," - a short story that bears witness of God's love and power - his face lit up and with a big smile he said, "Brothers, the Lord provided the Bible I asked Him for. I prayed with faith and the Lord connected me to a person who knew an organization that provides study Bibles for inmates at no cost. I requested it and I received the Bible." The group of men who had gathered in the chapel that evening clapped and praised God for His answer.

Migrant farm workers and correctional center inmates, Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike, are among those segments of the United States population frequently forgotten and/or thought of with prejudice. Yet, the Spirit of God continues to work in their midst and invites us to join Him in the mission to bring the gospel to them. May our eyes be opened to see and serve the invisible of the world. May we crave glorifying God by reaching the least of these.

Juan Aragón
Hispanic Ministries' Strategist

Fairmont Baptist Temple Launches Wellness Program

Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours! (1 Samuel 25:6)

With this Biblical promise in mind, Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont) launched what Dr. Holley Faulkner hopes will be a revolution in the way his congregation and the larger community approach issues of health. On June 12, 2012, 110 adults responded to a community-wide invitation to attend a wellness seminar hosted by the church. *Bodies of Christ: A Lifetime of Health and Wellness* introduced participants to the "RED Zone," comprised of three components of good health, rest-exercise-diet.

The two and a half-hour seminar offered inspiration and information on adopting a lifestyle makeover from inside-out, with straight talk on how and why we should make every possible effort to keep our bodies in good working order. Faulkner told the attentive gathering, "God has provided each of us with a body, the temple of His Holy Spirit, and we are called to care for it in ways consistent with honoring Him." He also assured the group, "This isn't a 'get skinny for Jesus' movement and there are no quick fixes or gimmicks," but a practical guide to becoming healthy for life.

The seminar was personal for Faulkner. Thinking back to October 2011, he said, "I was overweight. I was tired. I wasn't sleeping and I didn't like how I looked. It

was a bad way of living. I needed to address this." And address it he did. After consulting with his doctor, he gradually reduced his calorie intake and eventually added regular daily exercise to his lifestyle. Seven months later and 40 pounds lighter, he emerged as a reenergized man with a passion to help others to achieve lifelong health.

With a wealth of knowledge gained through consultation with healthcare professionals, personal study and experience, Faulkner spoke to the enthusiastic group in two segments. During the break, everyone enjoyed healthy snacks and perused exhibits provided and staffed by local healthcare professionals, including nutritionists, physical therapists, a homeopathic physician and health club representatives.

The seminar explored factors that impact our health and provided facts and empirical data from the American Heart Association, World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A wide-ranging array of books was available, including *The Rest of God* (Mark Buchanan), *Ultimate Core Ball Workout* (Jeanine Detz) and *Generation Extra Large: Rescuing Our Children from the Epidemic of Obesity* (Lisa Tartamella, Elaine Herscher and Chris Woolston).

The evening closed as participants were given a manual containing in-depth information on RED Zone living. "I thought the message was right-on," said Lori Blosser, a young mother of two who was present. As an afterthought, she continues "especially the part about not comparing yourself to others."

Feedback was overwhelmingly pos-

itive and two follow-up sessions were scheduled in July 2012. In addition, a July 24 gathering explored the possibility of forming a task force to introduce RED Zone living to Marion County at-large. And on September 23, *100 Days: Bodies of Christ Celebration* will be held during the church's 9:30 a.m. worship hour.

Faulkner is available to present *Bodies of Christ* to churches, where he will elaborate on three topics:

- Living in the RED Zone: Practical, common-sense ways to manage rest, exercise and diet
- Sharing your faith through physical transformation
- Impacting your community's health for Christ

To schedule *Bodies of Christ* at your church or for additional information, call 304.612.6247, 304.363.0204 or e-mail bodiesofchrist@gmail.com.

For anyone contemplating a lifestyle makeover, *Bodies of Christ* emphasizes six main points:

- Consult with your doctor and other healthcare professionals before attempting a new healthcare regimen
- Don't go it alone - find an accountability partner
- Start with small steps and expect setbacks
- Be ready for opposition from cultural influences, etc.
- Commit to a lifestyle makeover: change from the inside out
- Enjoy the journey

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 32.5% of West Virginia's adult population is classified as obese. In the words of Holley Faulkner: "Now is the time for the church of Jesus Christ to take this matter seriously and do something about it!"

Fall Golden'eers

For adults 55 and over.

"Christmas in September"

September 10-12, 2012
Parchment Valley Conference Center

Bible Study Leader:
Flora Francis,
Hurricane First Baptist Church

The conference will begin on Monday with registration in Hill Hall at 12:00 noon with pizza to follow.

For more information, contact Valma at 800.879.9822 or adams@wvbc.org.

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The Kennywood Park group

a day trip to Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh. Our big winner earned 500 points and there were two winners in each age group, since they were only five points apart! Six children were rewarded with \$20 extra spending money for Kennywood from our quarters' fund! As we get ready for back to school, we are also ready for more *Quarters for Grades*. Thank you to all who continue to send those quarters in! This summer, the Hancock County School Board has granted us use of 20 of their Lexia Reading computer licenses to help the children improve their reading skills. We are eager to see the results of this wonderful program.

We cannot thank our West Virginia Baptist family enough for all the love, prayers and support you have given us. Last August we had to close, and this year we are continuing with about two months of operating expenses in the bank! God is so good. Your generosity, along with many churches including the center in their mission budgets has been such a blessing.

Baptist Campus Ministries:
Shining the Light of Christ into a Dark World



BCM
*Changing Lives that
Change the World*

One of the greatest parts about college ministry is the new incoming class of freshman who step onto the campuses in the fall. As I am writing this, I have no idea who God is going to place in my life this year. I have no idea what students will need to hear the gospel for the very first time, who will need encouraged in their faith, who will need a safe haven from the temptations of the world or who will need accountability and biblical teaching. What I do know, is there will be students who need all of those things, and they will be able to find them at Baptist Campus Ministries. Our upperclassmen are equally as excited as I am to spread the truth of Jesus all across our campuses.

I cannot express how much I appreciate your prayers for Baptist Campus Ministries. Thank you so much for praying for our current students, our new students and for me as I minister to them. Please continue to pray for vision and boldness for me and our students as we aim to shine the light of Christ into a dark world.

Adam Goodwin
Baptist Campus Ministries' Director

**Retired
Ministers &
Mates'**
**Fall
Meeting**
October 2, 2012
**Flatwoods Conference
Center**
11:30 a.m.

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

**Please reserve your space by
contacting Mrs. Maridor Keck
at 304.422.0739 or
mkeck1935@suddenlink.net.**

THINKING MISSIONS

Receiving

On March 1, 2012, Lisa and I got an early morning phone call from the hospital telling us they had found Timothy in a coma and could not get a response. That call has changed our lives forever. After 13 days of no response, Tim miraculously woke up. As he awoke, it was obvious there had been significant traumatic brain injury (TBI) and the recovery was going to take a long time.

Over dinner that evening, Lisa and I began to talk about things and what this meant. I told her we would take things a day at a time and that day, our son woke up. In the weeks, and now months since then, we have been on a journey that has tested and continues to test the limits.

Tim spent a month in a Morgantown rehabilitation hospital. He was then transferred to a nursing home that could not care for him. He ended up relapsing and requiring a month of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Columbus, Ohio. It was there we learned the severity of the injury as 43 different facilities refused to accept him.

Lisa's research into TBI had us read the book, Mind Storms. The book, written by Dr. John Cassidy gave us deep insights into the injury and recovery process. Lisa finally asked the hospital in Columbus to call Dr. Cassidy's specialty hospital in Houston, Texas to see if Timothy would be accepted there. He was accepted and admitted on June 4. Timothy has made progress there, but cannot stay as his Medicare days will run out, so he will likely be back in West Virginia just before you read this.

Dr. Carrico has always told the staff we are to put our families first. He again demonstrated this as he called Lisa and me into his office and gave us his blessing to be with Tim in Texas. It is truly a gift to work for the West Virginia Baptist Convention and receive such a gift.

It is a greater gift to have the prayers and support of so many friends. When the cards started coming in expressing prayers, we were encouraged. When the other cards came with checks, we, at first, did not know what to do. We are used to being on the giving side of things - but God has taught us through your gifts how to receive. Your generosity has made it much easier for us to travel and stay with Tim throughout this journey. I am at a loss for words to express how deeply we are touched by Jesus through you.

Each day of this journey, God has provided the grace, strength and resources we have needed to get through the day. Each step of the journey, God has been with us and has given us the support of our convention family to encourage and hold us.

Thank you for your prayers and support as the journey continues.

Do not worry about tomorrow.... Today has enough trouble. Matthew 6:34

*Committed to Missions,
John Simmons
Associate Executive Minister
Missions and Administration*

Mountain State Mission Offering

100% Supporting the Mission and Ministries of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.



*Put on
Your
Shoes...
Join the
Journey*

Acts 12:8

Received as of June 5, 2012: \$103,075.

PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER NEWS

Don Loudermilk Society



Gaining Momentum

The Don Loudermilk Society continues to gain momentum as we witness those spending time at Parchment Valley Conference Center “being changed” for the kingdom and new donors are joining weekly. Currently, we have 115 members and are praying for 100 more to join. I personally appreciate those who recently paid their 2013 membership dues.

Picnic Held

Our Donald Loudermilk Society picnic was a great time of fellowship and food, and the highlight of our day was the legendary Don Loudermilk tractor ride. Many of those on the ride had never been to Grapevine Chapel. As we told the story, it was as if Don were ushering us along. The



Ladies wait patiently in line to be served at the Donald Loudermilk Society picnic.



(l to r) Gerry Prunty, Dorothy Santrock, Zola Miller and Karen Hargett attended the American Baptist Women's Ministries' conference and had lunch at the Donald Loudermilk Society picnic.

weather was perfect and we were blessed to be able to hold the American Baptist Women's Ministries 77th annual conference on the same day. Many of our American Baptist Women also joined the Donald Loudermilk Society. The Lord blessed the fellowship as old friends got reacquainted and many new friends were made at Parchment Valley Conference Center.

To Become a Member

For additional information on becoming a member of the Donald Loudermilk Society, please go to www.parchmentvalley.org or call Frank Miller at 800.489.8564.

Have a great and blessed summer. Our pool and campgrounds still have some days available for your summer get away!

Investing in the Dreams of Tomorrow

As summer moves along, we appreciate all the support of our church families and friends. When you invest in Parchment Valley Conference Center, you are investing in the dreams of tomorrow, providing a beautiful place to grow closer to the Lord. Whether it be in higher Christian education through the Palmer Theological Seminary partnership or School of Christian Studies one-day or ADVANCED classes or spending time in fellowship and recreation on the blessed grounds we all enjoy and appreciate, Parchment Valley Conference Center is a place “where lives are changed.”



“Where lives are changed”

John 3:16

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

Parchment Valley Receives Much Needed Enhancements

Swimming Area Upgrades

Parchment Valley Conference Center is being blessed through the hard work of our outstanding and committed volunteers. Recently, our swimming pool underwent a major overhaul, including a new pool pump, concrete repair, caulking of all concrete expansion joints, beautiful tile, fresh paint and new pool restroom doors. Comfortable poolside lounges were added and the old bowling alley chairs were removed. Tom Stevens, pastor, New Hope Baptist Church (Parkersburg) and men from his church painted all the pool buildings. During the recent heat wave, the new upgrades at the pool have really provided a much needed cool spot for young and old alike.



The beautiful pool at Parchment Valley Conference Center after much needed repairs.

Kitchen Floor Tile and Building Improvements

Just as energy was high and enthusiasm was strong, God brought forth an abundance of blessings as we moved from pool repair to kitchen floor tile repair. We had a one week window to pull up the old linoleum/tile and glue. Castanon Construction worked around the clock to ensure we would be ready for the American Baptist Women's Ministries' 77th annual conference. Not only did we put down new tile, but also installed fiberglass reinforced plastic board in the dish room, painted the kitchen walls and replaced light bulbs. When you enter the kitchen, look for the blue start in the tile as a reminder that our Savior's love for us is priceless.



New floor tile being laid in the kitchen.



One of the shelters newly painted by Jeff Wiblem's scout group.

Parchment Valley Continues Scouting Partnership

Our relationship with the community is one that goes back for many years, from the local farmers managing the Parchment Valley hay fields to the scout leaders preparing young men to become better leaders for tomorrow. Recently, Jeff Wiblem's scout group needed an Eagle Scout project. On one of the hottest days this summer, these young men painted all five picnic shelters and coated the roofs on the shelters. I believe this scouting partnership began back when Doug Hill was the West Virginia Baptist Convention executive minister and he allowed them to come and camp. We are honored to carry on the tradition as we continue to provide a Christian conference center to the next generation of scouts.



Highlights from Brothers' Keeper '12

Brothers' Keeper (BK) '12 was absolutely one of the most blessed times ever in the 12 years of **BK** ministry! From July 8-14, 2012, 138 youth and adult leaders gathered together at Parchment Valley to embark upon a spiritual and physical challenge in Jackson County to provide labor on projects for those who might not otherwise be able to do so. The teams gave 100% of themselves to accomplish the mission work that truly “changes people for the kingdom.”

God truly provided for **Brothers' Keeper '12**. Let me share some of the highlights with you. • Our funding was short, but when Renee Delong of Community Resources learned of this, she issued a check to **Brothers' Keeper** for \$1,900. • We were lacking adult leaders on various days, so our new maintenance supervisor, Kevin Emerick, led a crew to complete two projects and Matt Lyons took his evangelism team to job sites to fulfill the

role of team leaders. • After running out of materials to finish a porch and ramp, a quick call to John Casey of Fox Engineering provided enough lumber to complete the porch, while Hardman's supplied all the paint and other materials needed. • Joe Greenlee, 86 and a Parchment Valley board member, delivered supplies one day and was on a roof removing shingles on the next. Later, he was instructing teenagers on how to run power tools. He is already looking forward to **BK '13**! • The previous week, Parchment Valley Conference Center was without power, as was much of Jackson County, due to the devastating June 29 storm. The county was in crisis. The Jackson County lift station was at full capacity and was on the verge of overflowing into the parking area. The water tank in Jackson County had only a few gallons of water left, we had no fuel for equipment and **BK '12** was two days away. We had lost \$3,000 in supplies, desperately needed a US Foods order and much additional labor was required throughout the state of emergency to clear roads and sidewalks. We were almost in panic mode and many were asking me to cancel **Brothers' Keeper '12**. I felt a strong reassurance we could do this. Power was restored one day before **Brothers' Keeper '12**.

The closing ceremony on Thursday night brought tears of joy and shouts of celebration, not only from the **Brothers' Keeper** crews, but from the recipients as well. One such recipient was April Creel, who was present at the closing ceremony. She shared “what great attitudes the workers had as they worked diligently and cohesively at her house.” She also praised them for blessing her through their labor. Her sentiments were echoed among the other individual homeowners.

As a caravan of tired and blessed groups departed Parchment Valley to return to their homes, many could be heard saying, “**Brothers' Keeper '13**, let's do two weeks!” I believe the bar has been raised. Thank you for supporting another successful **Brothers' Keeper**.



Charlie Amos (l) and Joe Greenlee (r) get supplies ready for the crew to build a wheelchair ramp at the Wilkinson site.

The convention project for 2012 is collecting USED backpacks to be filled and distributed to the homeless children in the Huntington area. NO NEW BACKPACKS...please!!

Delegate Registration

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

Name

Name on Tag

Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone () -

Church

Association

Delegates MUST have this form signed by church clerk or pastor.

Clerk or Pastor Signature:

Registration Fee

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

	\$20.00 Delegate and Visitor Fee (REQUIRED)
	\$25.00 - Members - Ministers' Council Event (Includes lunch)
	\$35.00 - 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, PO Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102

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

Child Care

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Pre-Convention Activities

Thursday, October 18

Women's Day

American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

Theme: Common Vessels...God's Treasure

Speaker: Olivia Hill Goodwin

Place: New Baptist Church

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

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

Special Event: SKYPE conversation with ABFMS missionary, Jill Lowery (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Ministers' Council

Theme: The Bodies of Christ - Rest, Exercise and Diet as a Witness to Faith in Christ

Speaker: Dr. Holley Faulkner, Senior Minister, Fairmont Baptist Temple

Place: Pea Ridge Baptist Church

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

Cost: \$25.00 for members; \$35.00 for non-members. Lunch is provided.

For more information, contact Mike Sisson (304.252.1365) or Mark Stauffer (304.727.7802).

American Baptist Men

Place: Heritage Farm Museum

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

For more information, contact Tom McComas at 304.743.9311 or twmccomas@hotmail.com.

For more information on Heritage Farm Museum, go to www.heritagefarmmuseum.com.

147th ANNUAL MEETING

of the

West Virginia Baptist Convention

Restorers & Repairers

2012 Annual WVBC Convention

Theme: Restorers and Repairers

Thursday, October 18 - Friday, October 19, 2012

New Baptist Church, 610 28th Street, Huntington

Featuring:

Guest Speaker: Mike Yankoski, Author of Under The Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America

Annual Sermon Speaker: Kurt Busiek, Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Parkersburg

I'll tell you what it really means to worship the Lord. Remove the chains of prisoners who are bound unjustly. Free those who are abused! Share your food with everyone who is hungry; share your home with the poor and homeless. Give clothes to those in need; don't turn away your relatives. Then your light will shine like the dawning sun, and you will quickly be healed. Your honesty will protect you as you advance, and the glory of the Lord will defend you from behind. When you beg the Lord for help, He will answer, "Here I am!" Don't mistreat others or falsely accuse them or say something cruel. Give your food to the hungry and care for the homeless. Then your light will shine in the dark; your darkest hour will be like the noonday sun. The Lord will always guide you and provide good things to eat when you are in the desert. He will make you healthy. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water or like a stream that never runs dry. You will rebuild those houses left in ruins for years; you will be known as a builder and repairer of city walls and streets. Isaiah 58:6-12

Annual Meeting Brochure:

• Delegate Registration

• Fellowship Opportunities

• Letter from Host Pastor

• Local Arrangements Committee

• Lodging Options

• Pre-Convention Activities

• Schedule

• Worship Leaders

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.

Schedule
Thursday, October 18

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

American Baptist Women's Ministries

Women's Day - Sanctuary

Ministers' Council Event -

Pea Ridge Baptist Church

American Baptist Men's Event - TBA

2:45 p.m. Session 1 - Sanctuary

Annual Sermon - Kurt Busiek

Ward Hibbs Award

Business Meeting 1

6:45 p.m. Session 2 - Sanctuary

School of Christian Studies' Graduation

Mission Moment - Karen Smith,

American Baptist Foreign Missionary

Society missionary in Thailand

Keynote Speaker - Mike Yankoski

Communion

8:30 p.m.

Alderson-Broadbudd College Reception

Friday, October 19

8:45 a.m. Session 3 - Sanctuary

Executive Minister Address

Repair and Restore Sessions (workshops)

1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Meet and Greet

1:45 p.m. Session 4 - Sanctuary

Business Meeting 2

Recognition of New Ministers

Recognition of Retiring Ministers

Installation of Officers

Keynote Speaker - Mike Yankoski

6:45 p.m. Session 5 - Sanctuary

Closing Session

Concert



To the West Virginia Baptist Family:

What a glorious God we serve. We at New Baptist Church are honored to welcome you to the West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting here in Huntington, West Virginia. We

look forward to serving you during the annual meeting with easy parking, comfortable seating and spacious gathering areas. God has been at work at New Baptist Church, and we are excited to share the faithfulness of our Lord with you, so that you too may be encouraged in the Lord. As you come to this year's annual meeting, I pray you may be challenged by the speakers, refreshed by our worship and encouraged in the fellowship.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Trent Eastman



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Workshops

Set Your People Free - Larry Dale, Parkersburg Baptist Temple

Restoring Lives Through Housing the Homeless - SHAPE

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Restoring and Repairing YOUR Physical Self and Sharing Your Faith in Christ - Holley Faulkner, Fairmont Baptist Temple

Peacemaking the Biblical Way - Jim Mike Ward, Pine Grove Baptist Church, Parkersburg

Helping Children of Divorce - Eileen Filozof and Barbara Kirsch, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Parkersburg

Human Trafficking - Karen Smith, Director of New Life Center, Chiang Mai, Thailand, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society Missionary

Restoring and Repairing Lives Through the New Life Center - Karen Smith, Director of New Life Center, Chiang Mai, Thailand, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society Missionary

Restoring and Repairing Lives in Puerto Rico - Special Guests from Puerto Rico

Family Driven Youth Ministry

Restoring and Repairing Lives Through Prayer

ACTION! The Backpack Project - Lois Merritt, New Baptist Church, Huntington

Fellowship Opportunities

Thursday, October 18

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

New Baptist Church

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Purchase tickets on registration form or at the door.

Friday, October 19

West Virginia Baptist Education Society

Golden Corral, 5177 Route 60, Huntington

Time: 7:30 a.m.

For members only

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Guyandotte First Baptist Church

217 Richmond Street, Huntington

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Shuttle available, but limited space

Cost: \$12.50

For reservations, contact Sally Cyrus at 304.522.1030.

Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon

Highlawn Presbyterian Church

2814 Collis Avenue, Huntington

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.50

Purchase tickets at the Annual Meeting.

For more information, contact Jeannie Bess at

304.727.1394 or bessjl@wvusa.org.

Transportation will be provided.

Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon

New Baptist Church

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

For reservations, contact Matt Lyons at

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The Drink Conference...

A SPIRITUAL DRINK FOR THE YOUNG WOMAN'S SOUL.

Featuring "Fruits of the Spirit" - A Bible Study led by Olivia Goodwin.

September 21-22, 2012 at Camp Cowen

Cost: \$35.00, if received BY September 10.

\$50.00, if received AFTER September 11 or at the door.

Includes Friday lodging and Saturday meals.

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 5 P.M. THE PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7 P.M.
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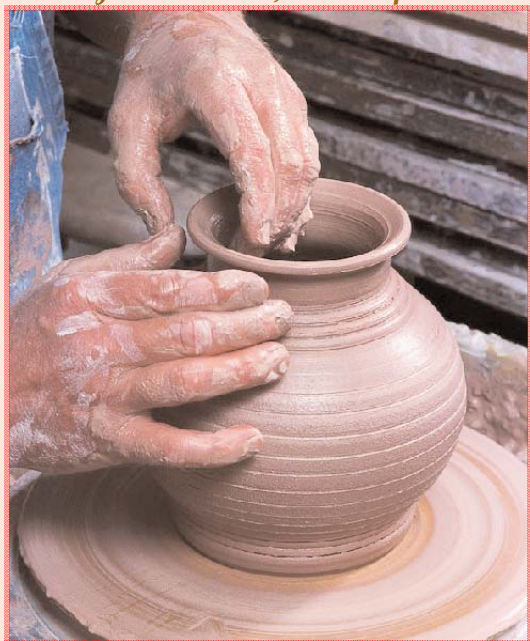
The registration form will be in the next issue of *Seasons* and will be available at www.wvbc.org after August 15.

For more information, contact: Alissa Cantrell at prettysunnyday@aol.com, Sandy Foster at sfoster@access.k12.wv.us or Nancy Adkins at nancyadkins07@gmail.com



American Baptist Women's Ministries.....

Jeremiah 18:4, But the pot he was



shaped it as seemed best to him."

shaping from the clay was moved in his hand;

as the potter formed it into another pot

35th Annual Spiritual Growth Retreat



October 5-7, 2012

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Theme: Reshaped from Broken Pieces

Speaker: Jane Gibbons,

American Baptist Churches of Ohio Regional Minister

Inspirational Speaker: Tom Jordan, Huntington

**Song Leader: Judy Prater, Emmanuel Baptist Church,
Parkersburg**

The registration form will be in the next issue of *Seasons* and will be available at www.wvbc.org after August 15.

Paul Meadows Celebrates 30 Years at Beulah Ann Missionary

How many men have pastored the same church for 30 years? Not many. But the congregation at Beulah Ann Missionary Baptist Church (Guyandotte) have been blessed to have Rev. Paul Ryan Meadows since May 1982, and he is still going strong.

On May 6, 2012, the church honored him and his wife, Caroline, with special services and a dinner. They sang his favorite hymns and showed a wonderful PowerPoint presentation of his family and church life over the years. The deacons' wives presented Paul and Caroline with a boutonniere and corsage, and many others brought cards and gifts. In the morning service, Dr. Max Hill, central area minister, brought greetings from the West Virginia Baptist Convention and a plaque signed by Dr. David Carrico, executive minister, and a tremendous message from Ephesians 4:11-12. All of Paul and Caroline's children and grandchildren were in attendance as well as Paul's sisters and aunt and uncle. Tributes from the Davidovs, the DeMers, the Perrys (missionaries) and Pastors4Pastors that had been received by e-mail were read. Southwest area minister, Rev. Craig Coster brought the evening message from Mark 1:16, telling how Christ "went a little further." He stated the average pastorate is now three and a half to six years long. Paul has gone a little further!

Joe Painter Ordained as Deacon

On May 20, 2012, Joe Painter was ordained as a deacon at Gilboa Baptist Church (Good Hope). Craig Coster, southwest area minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention, preached the morning message that day.

Results of the 6th Annual WV Baptist Churches for Bolivia Missions Golf Scramble

On May 19, 2012 at Greenbrier Hills Golf Course in Rainelle, nine teams met for the 6th annual West Virginia Baptist Churches for Bolivia House of Hope Missions. Churches represented included, Richwood First Baptist Church (Hopewell), Little Laurel Baptist Church (Hopewell), two teams from Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), two teams from Millbrook Baptist Church (Hopewell), Rockcastle Baptist Association, Highlawn Baptist Church (Teays Valley) and a team from Highland Machinery in Oak Hill.

The top three teams received prizes from Bolivia, with the team captained by Mr. Dennis Riffe of Crab Orchard Baptist Church winning for the second year in a row. The team from Highlawn Baptist Church finished second and the team from Richwood First Baptist Church came in a close third. Hole sponsorships this year included Crab Orchard Baptist Church American Baptist GIRLS and the Helen Fitzpatrick Mission Circle, also out of Crab Orchard Baptist Church.

Rev. Jim Anderson, southeast area minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention and tournament director, stated after all expenses were paid, \$1,610 was raised for the Bolivia House of Hope Ministries. Plans are to hold next year's event the Saturday after Mother's Day at Greenbrier Hills.

On behalf of Mario Morales and the 68 ministries of the House of Hope in Bolivia, special thanks are extended to all West Virginia Baptist Convention churches and individuals for your vital support!

Teays Valley Association: Celebrating the Past, Investing in the Present, Looking to the Future

The churches of the Teays Valley Association are in the midst of the celebration of their 200th year of ministry together. With the bicentennial celebration, the administrative board for the Teays Valley Association adopted the theme: "Celebrating the Past, Investing in the Present, Looking to the Future."

Based on this theme, a roving revival will seek to celebrate the three eras of ministry. September 16, 2012 will focus on a rewritten and updated historical drama, hosted by Saint Albans First Baptist Church. In this, the history of the Teays Valley Association will be presented.

On September 17, the Teays Valley Association will celebrate the past with an old-fashioned revival night at the outdoor facility of Riverside Baptist Church. Traditional music will lay the foundation for preaching by Rev. Basil Hudson, retired pastor.

On September 18, "Investing in the Present" allows each church to share how they are engaging in missions and sharing testimonies of local, national and international missions. Hurricane First Baptist Church will host this meeting with Rev. Matt Ash, youth pastor of Nitro First Baptist Church, preaching.

On September 19, "Investing in the Present: Youth Night" will be hosted by Nitro First Baptist Church. Mr. Tony Nutter will serve as worship leader for the evening before one of the Teays Valley youth, Mr. Josh Lambert, a senior at Nitro High School, preaches, while four others contribute to the evening's celebration of youth night.

The annual meeting of the Teays Valley Association will be hosted by Harmony Baptist Church, who is also celebrating their bicentennial this year. "Looking to the Future" will be the theme for the night with Rev. Jack Eades challenging those present to look toward the next century of ministry.

Here is a look back at what was accomplished during the first half of 2012:

- On March 31, members of five Teays Valley Association churches met at Harmony Baptist Church to paint classrooms.

- On May 4, members of three Teays Valley Association churches in Nitro/Saint Albans met together to impact families positively by viewing the film *Courageous* together.

- On July 8-11, members of Teays Valley Association churches visited the churches of the neighboring Guyandotte Association to assist with projects of painting and simple maintenance. Nine churches of the Guyandotte Association assisted in this celebration as well.

This celebration further strengthens the connection of the association which adopted Zion Baptist Church in November 2010, following the death of their pastor. The churches of the Teays Valley Association have shared responsibilities of leadership in morning preaching in Mason County. In 19 months, 12 individuals have only missed four Sundays.

Looking to the future, the Teays Valley Association seems to understand how it is possible to accomplish more by working together than by working independently! Pray for the Teays Valley Association and their area minister, Craig Coster, as you pray.



Obituaries

DIANNE LYNN ASH, 61, of Lumberport, died April 25, 2012. She was an active and long-time member of Lumberport Baptist Church (Judson), where she served as

deaconess and children's music director for many years.

MILDRED MARIE BOCKWAY, 93, of South Charleston, died May 6, 2012. She was a faithful member of South Charleston First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where she attended the J.O.Y. Sunday school class and was a member of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

JENNINGS WOODROW BURCH, 98, of Hamlin, died June 22, 2012. He was a charter member of Hamlin First Baptist Church (Guyandotte). He pastored churches in Wirt, Calhoun, Braxton, Clay, Gilmer, Boone, Jackson and Lincoln counties, held revivals throughout the state of West Virginia and performed interim work upon retiring from full-time ministry. He has baptized more than 1,000 souls, eloquently conducted over 1,000 funerals and married more than six hundred couples.

MARGARET ANN "MONIE" BURDETTE, 93, of Sissonville, died June 13, 2012. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where she was passionate about the mission work of American Baptist Women's Ministries, which she served in several leadership positions. Over the course of her life, she also taught Sunday school to every age, from birth to adult.

CAROLINE SUE CLOER, 70, of Saint Albans, died May 3, 2012. She was a member of Saint Albans First Baptist Church (Teays Valley) and served on various boards. She was a charter member of the Couples for Christ class, then the Friends in Christ class and was teaching the J.O.Y. Sunday school class. She, along with her husband, were co-chairs of the West Virginia Baptist Convention in 1996. In 2006, they organized and orchestrated the West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting. In the past, she was a member of the sanctuary choir and directed one of the children's choirs.

GLADYS COX, 95, died April 23, 2012. She was a member of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle). She was a member of the Friendly Sunday school class and served for many years in American Baptist Women's Ministries.

LILLIAN MARJORIE ELDER, 87, of Fairmont, died May 6, 2012. She was a faithful member of Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont), where she was active in the Brown-Davis Ladies' Circle and the Carl Cain Sunday school class. She also was a long-time member of the Saints Alive Bible Study class.

MARY FRANCES AFFOLTER GRANT, 79, of Hurricane, died June 30, 2012. She was a faithful member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church (Teays Valley) for over 60 years. She was a member of the Mount Vernon Mission Society, the Mount Vernon Virgie West Rachel

West Mission Circle and was a kindergarten helper with 20 years of service.

LONNIE GUNTER, JR., 92, died July 1, 2012. He was a member of Beckley First Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) for over 60 years. He was a Hodge-Cook Sunday school class member, a deacon and former bus captain. He made four mission trips to Nicaragua in the 90's.

RICHARD "DOC" GREENWOOD HALE, 80, of Knoxville, Tennessee, died June 28, 2012. He had been a member of Barboursville Baptist Church (Guyandotte) since the mid-1950's, except for the 10 years when he lived away from the Barboursville area. He served as a deacon, choir member, finance committee member and usher. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952. Highlights of his work career included work on Minuteman and Titan missile silos during the early 1960s. From this, he worked on the Gemini-Titan II project at Cape Kennedy, and served as a project manager for Martin-Marietta and Boeing on the Apollo-Saturn project that put men on the moon in 1969-1972.

MICHAEL LEE HENDERSON, 35, of Vienna, died June 25, 2012. He was a member of Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg).

MARGARET KNIGHT HICKMAN, 97, of Clarksburg, died May 24, 2012. She was a member of East Clarksburg Baptist Church (Union), where she was very active until her health declined. Several years ago, she was honored as one of the oldest members of East Clarksburg Baptist Church. She had been a Sunday and Bible school teacher for many years and was very active in the women's mission society, where she had held many offices, including president. She also held offices in the Union Association of the American Baptist Women's Ministries.

KENDRA KELLER, 72, died April 4, 2012. She was a member of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle). She was a deaconess, past president of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church American Baptist Women's Ministries, served as chair of the board of Christian Education and was a member of the Pairs and Spares Sunday school class.

BONNIE LEE, 61, died May 9, 2012. She was a member of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle). She was a member of the Chancel choir.

PAUL JENNINGS MALCOLM, of Oak Hill, died May 11, 2012. He was a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church (Fayette) for 47 years where he served as deacon, teller and member of the finance committee. He served his country as a lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II, where he was a Navy pilot and flight instructor.

DEWEY MEADOR, 88, died May 7, 2012. He was a member of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle). He was active in American Baptist Men's work and served as a deacon and trustee.

SHIRLEY CAROL MONEYPENNY, 92, of Weston, died May 20, 2012. She was a member of Weston First Baptist Church (Broad Run) where she had been a member

since she was a teenager. She served her church as the church secretary for many years, part-time organist and pianist and assistant church treasurer. She was a member of the ladies' prayer group, the mission circle and the ladies' prayer chain.

CARL EDWARD POWERS, 82, died June 10, 2012. He was a member of New Baptist Church (Guyandotte), where he served as an usher for many years and was a member of the Ibecca Sunday school class. He served in the United States Army in Germany for two years. **ELLIS RIFFE**, 85, of Crab Orchard, died June 24, 2012. He was a member and former deacon of Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) and was a member of the Friendship Sunday school class. He served with the United States Navy during World War II.

VIRGINIA LINKOUS RINEHART, 95, of Elkins, died May 26, 2012. She was a member of Elkins First Baptist Church (Union), where she had been choir director.

DOROTHY SEJDA, 87, died May 15, 2012. She was a member of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle). She was a member of the Friendly Sunday school class.

GENEVIEVE "MAXINE" SHAHAN, 91, of Nutter Fort, died May 19, 2012. She was a member of Nutter Fort First Baptist Church (Judson), where she had been an active member of the church and held various offices over the years. She sang in the choir and attended the Open Door Sunday school class. She also sang for several years with the Gospel Heirs Quartet.

LILLIAN WEBB, 93, died May 18, 2012. She was a long-time and beloved member of Connolly Memorial Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo) where she served as Sunday school teacher and deaconess.

HELEN RUTH VANOVER WOLFE, 85, of Standard, died May 2, 2012. She was a longstanding member of Standard First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley). She was a past treasurer of the ladies' circle, and an active participant in planning and fundraising for building the current church and activity building. She also organized and helped prepare dinners for church functions.

HARRY O. WOLFORD, 97, of Romney, died March 6, 2012. He was a member of Little Capon Baptist Church (Eastern).

WILMA SPAUR WOOD, 79, of Elkins and formerly of Gassaway, died May 3, 2012. She was a member of Elkins First Baptist Church (Union), where she was active in the church choir and was a Sunday school teacher. She had been previously been a member of Gassaway Baptist Church (Elk Valley), where she had served as deaconess, choir member and treasurer.

CLAYTON ALBURTIS WOOFER, of Weston, died May 14, 2012. He was a member of Weston First Baptist Church (Broad Run), where he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher and handyman. He served in the Pacific Theater as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corp during World War II, where he was decorated several times.

PRAYER CALENDARS

August 2012

August 1 - Max Hill, associate executive minister, Missions and Ministry, West Virginia Baptist Convention
August 2 - Little Kanawha Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
August 3 - Older Midler Camp begins tomorrow at Camp Cowen
August 4 - Debra Mulneix, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to India
August 5 - Greenbrier-Raleigh Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
August 6 - Tony Green, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
August 7 - Harrisville Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
August 8 -The ministry of Kanawha City Baptist Church; Donald Toler, pastor (Kanawha Valley)
August 9 - Mike Mann, global consultant, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS)
August 10 - American Baptist Men's Camp begins today at Camp Cowen
August 11 - The ministries of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church; Timothy Underwood, pastor (Little Kanawha)
August 12 - Steve Richardson, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
August 13 -The ministry of Charity Baptist Church; George Rose, pastor (Elk Valley)
August 14 -The ministry of Cyclone Missionary Baptist Church; Stephen Walls, pastor (Rockcastle)
August 15 - Phyllis Robertson, clerk/treasurer, Logan Mingo Association
August 16 - Broad Run Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
August 17 - David Carrico, executive minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
August 18 - William Thomas, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to France
August 19 - Good Hope and Goshen Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
August 20 - Hillary Parcell, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
August 21 - Deliris Carrion-Rosa, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Haiti
August 22 - Scott Coats, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand
August 23 - The ministry of Middleville Baptist Church; Paul Boyles, pastor (Union)
August 24 -The ministry of Sunrise Baptist Church (Parkersburg)
August 25 - Elk Valley Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
August 26 - Eastern Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
August 27 - Bob Scharnhorst, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission and pastor, Rainelle First Baptist Church (Hopewell)
August 28 - The ministry of Amy Missionary Baptist Church; George Pauley, pastor (Coal River)
August 29 -The ministry of Broad Run Baptist Church (Broad Run)
August 30 - Jorge Damasceno, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary (ABFMS) to Great Britain
August 31 - Gary Higginbotham, vice moderator, Good Hope Association

September 2012

September 1 - Rhonda Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Bolivia
September 2 - Eddie Bowen, clerk/treasurer, Twelve Pole Association
September 3 -The ministry of Tallmansville Baptist Church; Timothy Lewis, pastor (Broad Run)
September 4 -The ministry of Everson Baptist Church; Robert Tennant, pastor (Fairmont)
September 5 - Charles Workman, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
September 6 - Adam Goodwin, director, Baptist Campus Ministries, West Virginia Baptist Convention
September 7 - Carole Sydnor, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Nepal
September 8 - West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Board meets today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
August 9 - Fairmont Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
September 10 - Fall Golden'eers Retreat begins today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
September 11 - Bruce Borquist, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Brazil
September 12 - David Scott, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
September 13 -The ministry of Mill Creek Baptist Church (Hopewell)
September 14 - Michael McCoy, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission and pastor, Fairview Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
September 15 - Hopewell and Twelve Pole Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
September 16 - Judson, Kanawha Valley and Panhandle Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
September 17 - Parkersburg Association as they celebrate their annual meeting tomorrow
September 18 - Lauran Bethell, global consultant, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS)
September 19 - Fayette Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
September 20 - Teays Valley Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
September 21 - Fall Youth Rally happens tomorrow
September 22 - Coal River Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
September 23 - Mercy Gonz'alez-Barnes, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Mexico
September 24 - Kim Kushner, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to El Salvador
September 25 - Dwight Bolick, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Chile
September 26 - Lynne Stauffer, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
September 27 - Guyandotte Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
September 28 - Mylinda Baits, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Costa Rica
September 29 - The ministry of Send The Light Fellowship (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
September 30 - Logan Mingo and Union Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings

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

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2012

August 2

Little Kanawha Association Annual Meeting
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church

August 4-7

Older Midler Camp (grades 3-4)
Camp Cowen

August 5

Greenbrier-Raleigh Association Annual Meeting
Breckenridge Missionary Baptist Church

August 7

Harrisville Association Annual Meeting
Auburn Baptist Church

August 10-12

American Baptist Men's Camp
Camp Cowen

August 16

Broad Run Association Annual Meeting
Broad Run Baptist Church

August 18

School of Christian Studies Evangelism (Mod-6) One-Day Class
Parchment Valley Conference Center

August 19

Good Hope Association Annual Meeting
Gilboa Baptist Church

Correction

In the June-July 2012 issue of *The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter*, we mistakenly listed only Standard First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) as holding the traveling spring revival. The following additional churches within the Kanawha Valley Association each hosted a night of the revival: Judson, Marmet First, Chesapeake First, Hampton, Cedar Grove and Diamond Baptist Churches. Rick Watson, pastor of Marmet First Baptist Church was the organizer of the revival. We apologize for the error.

West Virginia Baptist Newsletter Submissions

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American Baptist Men's Camp

August 10-12, 2012 at West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen

Men's Camp Registration Form

Use a separate form for each person.

Be sure to bring your own bed linens, sleeping bag, pillow, towels and wash cloths.

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Church Name: _____
Roommate: _____

Please Mark One: ☐ Cabin ☐ Bringing RV/Camper
☐ Bringing Tent

First Time Attendee: ☐ Yes ☐ No

T-shirt Size: _____

Special Needs: _____

Special needs accommodations available on a first-come/first-served basis. Please make requests on this form. Fee scholarships are also available if needed. Contact Cowen registrar for additional information: 800.754.1549.

Registration Fees: Please mark one.

Early Bird : ☐ \$60.00, includes full weekend lodging meals and snacks
(postmarked by July 27, 2012)

☐ \$45.00, includes one night's lodging, meals and snacks
(postmarked by July 27, 2012)

Walk-In: ☐ \$70.00, includes full weekend lodging meals and snacks

☐ \$50.00, includes one night's lodging, meals and snacks

Standard: ☐ \$45.00, AB Boys and Young Men (18 and younger)

☐ \$25.00, One Day, includes meals, snacks and program fee

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