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**CHANGING PEOPLE FOR THE KINGDOM**

## Hispanic Ministries: Ripe for Harvest - Listos Para la Cosecha

*...open your eyes and look at the fields!  
They are ripe for harvest.*

*John 4:35*

*...only a genuine, intimate encounter  
with the Biblical God propels us out to  
missions.*

*Timothy Keller*

"We are planning a multicultural revival at the federal prison in Beckley. We want Anglos, African-Americans and Hispanics to come together for four days of inspiration, encouragement and preaching. We want you to be part of it as a representative for the Hispanics in this institution." This was the vision a committed Christian, whom God has placed at a strategic position within this detention facility, shared with me. Indeed a bold and captivating vision as discord due to gangs, ethnic and racial divides are frequent in such centers.

God's vision is to redeem the world, people from every race, tongue and nation. He invites us to join Him in His ongoing mission work in the entire world, which means every place is a mission field. Correctional facilities are a different kind of mission field. A mission field, nonetheless, in need of the transforming power of the gospel and ready to be harvested. Statistics by the Federal Bureau of Prisons indicate there are 217,363 inmates secluded in Federal prisons across America; 74,572 or 34.3% of them are Hispanics<sup>1</sup>. Hundreds of them are in the prisons of West Virginia, I believe, for a God-given purpose and opportunity. In fact, numerous Hispanics have confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and some of them are deported to their countries of origin carrying something much more valuable than the economic improvement they initially sought.

Conversions, baptisms and 24-hour prayer vigils are some of the excit-

ing things happening at Federal Corrections Institution (FCI) Beckley. September 26 was our night for the multicultural revival and more than 200 inmates - Hispanics, Anglos and African-Americans - gathered as one people at the prison's chapel. We started with a vibrant and inspirational time of praise and worship led by Samantha Walker of **South Parkersburg Baptist Church** (Parkersburg) and two of her friends. Their willingness to step out of their comfort zone, their voices, a guitar and a djembe were the tools God used as these young people led the inmates in a passionate time of worship. Then, Mike Sisson of **Crab Orchard Baptist Church** (Greenbrier-Raleigh) inspired the inmates with the gospel story in **John 5:1-9**. Shouts of amen and hallelujahs, claps, and jumps abounded as they heard Jesus Christ is a personal God, as they were challenged to quit making up excuses, and stand up and live for God's glory! **Thirty-one people had confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in three days, including six who did it that night.** Many more came forward for prayer, and as if we were celebrities, they asked us to sign their Bibles! It was a humbling experience to be part of what God is doing in the lives of those He loves.

All believers are called to play a role in mission; the Holy Spirit has gifted you and empowered you to do it! Where is God inviting you to join Him in mission and share the love you found in Jesus?

*Juan Aragón  
Hispanic Ministries' Strategist*

<http://www.bop.gov/news/quick.jsp>, accessed November 2011

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.

## COMMENTARY



Dr. David L.  
Carrico

### *Keep the Bells Ringing*

The holiday season brings to mind many images: decorated trees, special church programs, candles, great food, chorales and family gatherings. Bells are something else that come to mind: church bells, handbells, Salvation Army kettle bells and sleigh bells. Bells seem so special and are delightful to hear ringing. The Bible does not talk a great deal about bells, but they are a very cultural part of the holiday season. During our history, church bells have called the faithful to worship, celebrated a wedding or remembered a believer's passing. Church bells became a part of the fabric of our towns and cities before the Revolution. Many of our churches have handbell choirs, and while they are delightful to experience, it takes commitment on the part of the ringers for rehearsals and concerts. And it takes commitment to ring the bells for those red kettles as well.

In a day and age where commitment to anything is lacking, who will keep all the bells ringing? Who will keep our traditions alive? Please keep in mind traditions are not just mindless acts. They have reason, a corporate history. Traditions are kept to point to something greater than themselves and while traditions are good, traditionalism can be not so good. Traditionalism says "We have always done it that way," but we aren't sure why. Traditionalism may not be biblically sound, but rather built upon matters of taste or rules that bind the gospel.

So, to keep the bells ringing we need to know what we are doing for the kingdom and why we are doing it. Jesus observed Jewish traditions and He understood and taught their

purpose as He was about His Father's business of changing people for the kingdom. We must focus our energy on change: changing people for the kingdom. As we move through missions, evangelism, leadership, stewardship development and discipleship resourcing, we will lift up the call to the work of the kingdom for us all. Our Baptist family had a wonderful prayer experience during 2011 and we now will move toward the call of our Lord upon us to begin *Changing People for the Kingdom* in 2012.

As many of our churches report no new members in their annual reports, our new year will be a season of evangelism and revival. Tools for evangelism and revival have been developed and are available through our state office and state staff. One of those tools will be a one-day seminar at Parchment Valley Conference Center for our bivocational pastors on Saturday April 21, 2012, with Rev. Dennis Bickers from the Indiana and Kentucky region leading this event. Future programming will include the introduction of the tools and tactics of adaptive leadership, and a tool to find answers when there seem to be no answers. Adaptive leadership reminds us to be connected to our purpose and new possibilities for the future of our churches. We face many challenges and opportunities in the future.

During this holiday season, celebrate the birth of our Lord and be committed to keep the bell ringing!

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

## *Mountain State Mission Offering*

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



*New materials will be  
available January 20, 2012.*

*Thank you for your gifts to the  
2011 offering.*

*Received to date: \$209,797.*

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



*Acts 12:8*

# Changing People for the Kingdom

## 2012 Church Officers' Training Event

**February 4, 2012**

**Parchment Valley Conference Center  
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$15.00 per person  
(or a group of 10 from the same  
church for \$120.00)**

*Workshops will include:*

- Deacons
- Technology
- Finance
- Trustees
- Music and Worship
- Evangelism/Outreach
  - Missions
  - Discipleship
- Associational Leadership
  - Children
  - Youth
  - Senior Adults
  - Family Ministry

**Watch for details at [www.wvbc.org](http://www.wvbc.org)  
and in future mailings.**

*For more information, please contact Joan at  
800.879.9822 or [hall@wvbc.org](mailto:hall@wvbc.org).*

## West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen



### 2012 Camp Schedule

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

#### *Younger Middler*

June 8-10  
(grades 2-4\*)

#### *Junior High I*

June 10-16  
(grades 7-9\*)

#### *Junior I*

June 17-23  
(grades 5-6\*)

#### *Junior High II*

June 24-30  
(grades 7-9\*)

#### *Mid-High*

July 1-7  
(grades 9-11\*)

#### *Senior High*

July 15-21  
(grades 10-12\*)

#### *Junior II*

July 22-28  
(grades 5-6\*)

#### *Older Middler*

August 4-7  
(grades 3-4\*)

*(\*) Age group is based on grade in fall of 2012.*

*All registrations begin at 3 p.m. on the day camp starts.*

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

***Acts 2:42-47***

*Be sure to mark your  
calendars and join us for  
one of the following work  
weekends at Camp  
Cowen!*

#### *Men's Work Weekend*

May 4-5

#### *Youth Work Weekend*

May 18-19

#### *Camp Global*

May 31-June 2

#### *Greenbrier-Raleigh, Rockcastle Association Camp*

July 8-13

#### *Hopewell Association Camp*

July 13-15

*The following camps are  
held at Cowen, but each  
has its own  
registration form.*

#### *Ministers' Spring Retreat*

May 7-9

*Outpost Camp*  
July 29-August 4  
(grades 9-12\*)

*Family Camp*  
July 29-August 4

*AB Men's Camp*  
August 10-12



## Weirton Christian Center's School Year is Now Underway

By Kim Weaver, director, Weirton Christian Center

The Weirton Christian Center's school year is underway. After closing for the month of August, it was great to see the kids come back with books and homework and all the excitement that comes with new teachers and new classes. Thanks go to all those who provided us with school supplies. We received a large shipment from Pine Grove Baptist Church (Parkersburg), as usual, and Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg) filled our small van with their Vacation Bible School collection. Although we were part of a huge back to school bash on August 6th, 2011, there were many things the kids needed outside of what they received. They know they can count on us year round for supplies, homework help, tutoring, computer access and caring about what happens in their day.

The preschool has the largest enrollment we have had in years with 26 four-year-olds and 17 three-year-olds. We are blessed to have several interns and volunteers to help Ms. Pam and Mrs. Dulaney. Although the grade schools are now offering preschool, we still seem to be the Christian choice. Weirton Transit is once again providing us with transportation for \$1 a day. We have received eight requests for transportation scholarships and currently only have three that are covered. For \$20 per month, we can provide transportation for a student. Anyone interested in sponsoring a scholarship can call the Weirton Christian Center.

Our fall program kicked off with visits from local police and fire departments and an EMT Squad. The children made thank-you cards and were told about what duties were involved in each area and why these civil servants chose the job they did. With National Service Day, we felt we should honor the 129 local people who take care of our city every day. New programs this fall included an eight-week manners' program that taught respect and table manners for all ages. At the end of the program, they were all invited to a Thanksgiving dinner at the local All Saints Greek Church, so they could practice their skills.



Also, we are bringing *The Silver Ring Thing* to Weirton, with the sponsorship of Christian Fellowship Foundation. This free event will encourage our young people to remain abstinent until marriage and commit their lives to the Lord. For four weeks prior and four weeks after, we will have a Bible study that ties in with the program, one for girls and one for boys. Please keep this in your prayers.

Our two AmeriCorps\*VISTA volunteers are working in the areas of literacy and health and fitness. They will be developing programs and each will be writing a grant to fund the programs they develop for our children. The book club for 7-12

grade girls started this summer was the first developed by a Vista and was continued in the fall program.

As we struggle with funding, we are looking for ways to cut costs in programming. Our biggest expense is staffing; however, people are the mentors that make the difference in the lives of these at risk children during the most important time of the day. Many would have no supervision or food after school if we did not provide it free of charge. Taking all expenses of the ministry into consideration, the average cost is \$500 per child each year for 1,800 hours of care (.28 per hour). We really don't want to limit the number of children because there is so much inconsistency in their attendance. If your church is looking for a mission, we would love to provide you with more information on ways you can help. Please call

me at 304.738.2353 or 304.479.2140 if you would like to have a visit to your church, a one-minute presentation e-mailed, or a 15-minute presentation on DVD.

We could not do what we do without the support of West Virginia Baptists. And we cannot thank you enough for all you are doing in the way of funding and donations to our programs. The quarters for grades' fund is already building back up after being depleted at the end of the school year. What a blessing to be a part of the Baptist Family.

## Bivocational Pastors' Event to be Held April 21, 2012



Rev. Dennis Bickers

The West Virginia Baptist Convention will conduct a special event for bivocational pastors at Parchment Valley Conference Center on Saturday April 21, 2012. Rev. Dennis Bickers, Southeast Area Resource Minister, American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky will be leading the event.

Rev. Bickers, author of three books on the subject of bivocational and small church ministry, is National

Project Director of BivoNet, a ministry of American Baptist Churches, USA. In addition, he is a member of the advisory board for the Bivocational Ministry Center at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, Kentucky. Perhaps most impor-

tantly however, he is a veteran bivocational pastor having spent more than 20 years serving in bivocational pastorates.

According to some statistics, 80 percent of churches in North America have plateaued or are declining and most of those could be described as maintenance-minded. Rev. Bickers will be leading us in a presentation titled "Transforming the Church from Maintenance-Minded to Missional." He will help us understand the differences in missional and maintenance-minded churches and learn how to move the church to a missional mindset.

The cost of the conference, including lunch and one of Rev. Bickers' books is \$15. Registration for the conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will conclude at 3:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend this important conference.

## THINKING MISSIONS

### *The Joy of Christmas*

As I drove into the office the second week of November, I noticed the city had decorated the light poles with holiday banners. I was in Walmart that same week and they were playing Christmas music - and it was not yet Veterans' Day! It seems the world is in a big hurry to get us in the Christmas spirit (shopping spirit) and moves their promotion of the holidays earlier each year.

I know in many of our churches, the choir began practicing for Christmas as soon as they returned from summer break. Youth and children's programs began practicing in October. Some of our pastors began preparations for their Advent messages in November and others even earlier.

The "work" of Christmas can often be overwhelming. With all of our celebrations with family,

work, friends, church... shopping, baking, planning and traveling, we get so busy with "doing" Christmas that we forget the joy of Christmas.

Christmas was not meant to be a time of great stress! It is supposed to be a time of great joy! "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy...for unto you is born this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2:10-11)

My prayer is that we will not let the external pressures of the Christmas season impact the joy of Christmas. We have a Savior!

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

### *The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering*

RMMO *connects generations*  
2011



*remember with*  
**LOVE**  
*give with*  
**GRATITUDE**

From its beginning, the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering** (RMMO) has been described as a "People Offering"— given by people for people, rather than for denominational programs, resources, budgets, benefits and buildings.

The **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering** provides you with a tangible way by which to honor, say "thank you" and provide financial assistance to the retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who supported you in times of need, guided you on your spiritual journey and provided inspiration.

Recipients of "Thank You" checks and emergency and other financial assistance express gratitude not only for the gift, but for less tangible benefits, such as evidence of God's providential care, encouragement, hope and assurance that they have not been forgotten by their ABC family.

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.  
Psalm 100:5

The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) promotes and administers the RMMO and distributes Thank You checks on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA.  
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# ANNUAL Meeting

## Scripture Verse:

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

<sup>18</sup> That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

<sup>19</sup> Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Thursday, October 20 - Friday, October 21, 2011

Summersville Arena and Conference Center,  
Summersville, West Virginia

## After Amen...

(Below) Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council attendees at the pre-convention activity



(Below) The prayer wall



(Below) Summersville Baptist Church Choir, accompanied on piano by John Mark Walkup.

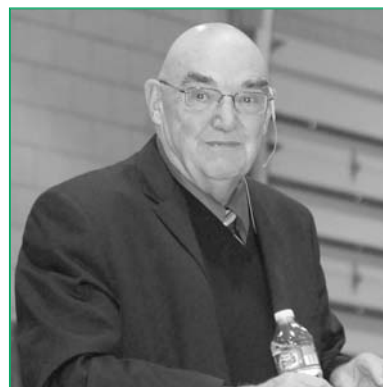


(Above) Thomas Stevens (l), outgoing president of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, presents the 2011-2012 officers of the West Virginia Baptist Convention (l to r): president - Earl Johnson, first vice-president - Joyce Mills, treasurer - Clark Mills, secretary - Lois Merritt and second vice-president - Michael Sisson.

(Right) Don Biram (l), pastor of New Martinsville First Baptist Church, meets with West Virginia Baptist Youth Pastors.



(Left) New pastors are introduced to the West Virginia Baptist Convention.



(Above) Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker Bob Roberts

(Below) Earl Johnson, 2011-2012 West Virginia Baptist Convention President.



(Above) Gary Coffey, chaplain, West Virginia National Guard

(Below) Greg Creasy introduces Russian missionaries.



(Below) Annual Meeting Sermon Speaker Dr. Michael Sisson



(Above) Keith and Debbie Myers, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionaries to Mexico.

(Below) Leslie Turley, missionary to Okinawa, Japan



(Above l to r) Russia missionaries: Olga Danilova, Translator; Lena and Dima Mikava; and Valentina and Vladimir Straodymova



(Above) David Carrico, executive minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention

(Below) Adam Goodwin, Baptist Campus Ministries' director, speaks at the BCM Banquet.



(Above) Roger Johnson installs the officers of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.



## Workshops



After Amen ... Going Into the World with Max Hill and John Simmons



Discipleship Discovery Journey with Marilyn Turner

## Book Discussions



Shaped by God's Heart with Lisa Simmons



The Space Between with Rob Ely



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**Roger Tinnel, 2011  
recipient of the Ward W.  
Hibbs Ministerial Award**

### *Tinnel Receives Ward W. Hibbs Ministerial Award*

Rev. Roger G. Tinnel, recently-retired pastor of Madison Baptist Church (Coal River), received the 2011 Ward W. Hibbs Ministerial Award from Alderson-Broadbuss College.

He received a bachelor's degree from Glenville State College and a Master of Divinity Degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained at the Birch River Baptist Church (Elk

When he was called to Madison Baptist Church, the church was racked by strife and division. He brought a calm and loving spirit which helped restore its unity and its membership has grown to 310 members. Roger and his wife, Joan, revitalized the American Baptist Women and the American Baptist Men, and helped restart the choir.

Through the years, Roger has baptized over 100 new believers into the faith. He has led churches in various building and remodeling campaigns, including a new parsonage, new picnic shelters, and various educational spaces.

Tinnel has served as volunteer chaplain at Camden-Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg and Appalachian Regional Hospital in Williamson. He served for eleven years as the chaplain to the football team at Sherman High School.

Tinnel served one six-year term on the general board of ABC-USA. In the West Virginia Baptist Convention, he served two terms on the executive board and as dean of the School of Christian Studies. He has been active in associations where he has served in the West Virginia Baptist Convention, including serving as moderator of the Coal River Association.

Valley) in 1968.

Before serving the Madison Baptist Church, Roger pastored the following churches in West Virginia: Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan Mingo), Racine First Baptist Church (Coal River), Big Clear Creek Baptist Church (Hopewell), New England Baptist Church (Parkersburg), Hope Baptist Church (Elk Valley), and Oceana First Baptist Church (Rockcastle). He also served as pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Crothersville, Indiana.

***“And the Word was  
made flesh, and dwelt  
among us, (and we  
beheld his glory, the  
glory as of the only  
begotten of the Father,)  
full of grace and truth.”  
John 1:14 (KJV)***

***May you have the gift of  
faith, the blessing of  
hope and the peace of  
His love at Christmas  
and always,***

***The staff of the West  
Virginia Baptist  
Convention***

*Valma Adams  
Karen Radcliff  
Ginny Prunty  
Donna Snyder  
Joan Hall  
Tracie Longwell*

*David Carriaco*

*John Simmons*

*Mike Stephens*

*Jim Anderson*

*Max Hill*

*Victor Shields  
Craig Coster*

*Lisa Simmons*

*Rob Ely*

*Juan Aragon*

*Koreen Villers*

*Adam Goodwin*

*Tim Gray*

*Frank Miller*

*Karen Kargett*

*Kevin Hanna*

*Steve McCartney*

# Christmas in the Valley... and you're invited!

**December 2-3, 2011**  
**Parchment Valley Conference Center**  
**Ripley, West Virginia**

## Friday Evening, December 2

• **6:00 p.m.** - **Worship followed with a concert by New Covenant Trio of Beckley**

## Saturday, December 3

• **9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - **Craft show all day in the Greenlee Activities Center**  
• **2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - **Crafts for kids, visit with Santa**

## **Music groups in the Greenlee Activities Center**

• **10: a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** - **Wagon rides and caroling**

For more information about the craft show, contact Ginny at [prunty@wvbc.org](mailto:prunty@wvbc.org) or 800.879.9822.

*Please Note:* Overnight accommodations are available, but limited. For more information contact Karen Hargett at 304.372.3675 or [hargett@wvbc.org](mailto:hargett@wvbc.org).

**Sign up today!**



**May 19-26, 2011**

Green Lake Conference Center, Greenlake, Wisconsin

**Cost: \$700 per person, plus program fee**

- Deposit of \$200 due by February 1, 2012
- Payment of \$250 due in March or April 2012
- Cost includes everything, but meals while on the bus and personal spending.

For more information, please contact Joan at [hall@wvbc.org](mailto:hall@wvbc.org).  
Registration form available at [www.wvbc.org](http://www.wvbc.org).

## **Union Association Collects for West Virginia Baptist Men's Disaster Team**

The Union Association collected disaster supplies for the West Virginia Baptist Men's Disaster Team this summer. It was really overwhelming as the area set aside for the storage of these supplies was teeming with mops, brooms, buckets, detergents, bleach, sponges and rubber gloves.

These supplies were taken to Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont) to the trailer there. Three overflowing truck loads were delivered. What a blessing this has been, not only for the disaster team, but for the Union Association. At first, the response was slow, but God does provide and we pray for this team as they help those who have been touched by disaster.

# Spring Golden'eers



**April 30-May 2, 2012**

Parchment Valley Conference Center

**Theme: "It's Spring Time"**

*Hats are to be decorated for the banquet.*

**Bible Study Leader:**  
**Rev. Kenneth Fisher**

Registration and pizza will be at  
12 Noon on April 30th.

For more information or a registration form, please contact Valma at 800.879.9822 or [adams@wvbc.org](mailto:adams@wvbc.org).





## Obituaries

**EILEEN MARY WINIFRED COLLINS ABSHER**, 90, of Ansted, died September 11, 2011. She was a faithful member of Lover's Leap Baptist Church (Hopewell) for

over 60 years, serving as secretary/treasurer of the Benevolent Aid Fund for 50 years, chairperson of the American Baptist Women for over 40 years, member of Ladies' Circle and taught youth Sunday School for many decades.

**LINDA F. BUTLER** died October 29, 2011. She was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Parkersburg) since joining there in 1969. She served as a church secretary for 10 years and held various positions on the Board of Ministry at the church. She enjoyed singing in the choir, cooking Wednesday night dinners, working with Tuesday Fellowship, managing the Fellowship Ministry and being a member of the Crusader Sunday School class.

**GARY LEONARD CHASE**, 66, died October 8, 2011. He was a member of Elkins First Baptist Church (Union). He was a Sunday school superintendent and organized Thank You Luncheons for Sunday school volunteers. He maintained the church website until the time of his illness and served on the board of trustees.

**SHARON MARIE DENT**, 59, of Alum Creek, died October 6, 2011. She was a member of Forks of Coal Missionary Baptist Church (Coal River), where she served as the church clerk for the past seven years and had been active in the youth department.

**RUTH FOX DOOLEY**, 95, died September 2, 2011. She was a member of Fayetteville Baptist Church (Fayette). She enjoyed working with the Ladies Circle, Golden'eers and she had taught Sunday School for several years.

**RALPH F. DOOLITTLE**, 69, of Fairmont, died September 12, 2011. He was a member of Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont) and performed duties as deacon as well as served on the Baptist Church Council.

**CALVIN RAY "BUD" FORD**, 79, of Parkersburg, died October 4, 2011. He was a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church (Parkersburg) where he had served as a deacon, taught Sunday school and enjoyed singing in the choir. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in the Korean Conflict.

**ANNA LEE BEALL GLOVER**, 74, of Glenville, died August 18, 2011. She was a life-long, faithful member of Glenville First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha).

**GEORGE BENJAMIN HARRIS III**, died on September 21, 2011. Before retiring in 1996, he was a professor of Christian Studies for 10 years at Alderson-Broadbush College. After two years at the Virginia Military Institute, he entered the United States Army,

served in the Korean Conflict and was awarded the Bronze Star. He served his first church at West Hickory Baptist Church in Hickory, North Carolina. In 1965, he moved to Bridgeport and served the Bridgeport Baptist Church (Judson) for 12 years. Moving to Saint Marys, he served the Saint Marys First Baptist Church (Parkersburg) for 10 years before moving to Philippi to teach college.

**BEULAH MAE HATFIELD**, 79, of Williamson, died September 11, 2011. She was very active as a life-long member of Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo). All of Beulah's gifts and talents were well used at Williamson, but it was her joy of working in the kitchen and serving on the flower committee that gave her the most joy.

**KENNETH JENNINGS**, died September 24, 2011. He worshiped at the Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) and was very dedicated to church activities and worked as a volunteer at the Helping Hands Ministry in Beckley. He was very active in the American Baptist Men. He joined the Army in 1946 and served in Germany during the post-war occupation of the German Czechoslovakian border with 28th and 94th Constabulary. He would later serve three years with the Army Special Service in Budingem, Germany.

**BARBARA NORWOOD KINNE**, 79, of Maine, died September 15, 2011. She was a former Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (WABFMS) missionary who served in India for five years.

**DARLENE JOAN GUSTAFSON MACPHERSON**, 76, of California, died September 29, 2011. She was a former American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary who served in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for 23 years.

**DORTHEA H. REED**, 83, of Salem, died October 15, 2011. She was a member of the Salem Baptist Church (Broad Run) for over 70 years and was a member of the Wooster-Broadwater Sunday School Class. She was a member of the church choir for more than 60 years and sang at numerous funerals.

**SYBIL SIMMONS**, 81, of Kenna, died October 3, 2011. She was a member of Grass Lick Baptist Church (Good Hope), where she was active and served as treasurer for 25 years.

**RICHARD C. "DICK" SIMMS**, 88, died October 21, 2011. He was a member of Old Greenbrier Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) serving as a deacon and teaching Sunday School for over 30 years. He was a United States Army Veteran of World War II from March 1943 until January 1946 as a Technical Sergeant, having served in Australia, New Guinea, Biak, Philippines and Japan.

**RUTH WINNIFRED (HARVEY) SUTTERLIN**, 90, of Los Gatos, California, died September 13, 2011. She was a former

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary who served in China for two and a half years.

**JOHN E. TOLLEY**, 84, of Charlestown, formerly of Crab Orchard, died November 1, 2011. He was a member of the Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) where he served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher of the Friendship Class for 10 years and choir member. He was a veteran of the Second World War, serving in Europe and Asia in the United States Coast Guard.

**DARRELL EUGENE TURNER**, 74, of Washington, died September 5, 2011. He was a member of Christ Mission Baptist Church and was instrumental in refurbishing and erecting the church bell and burying the time capsule at South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg).

**JACK WHITT**, of Denton, Texas, died October 1, 2011. He was a longtime member of Providence Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where he served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

**MARY ELIZABETH YOUNG**, 95, formerly of Glenville, died October 6, 2011. Beginning at age 16, she played piano and organ for services at the Glenville First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha), until her retirement from that position in November 1994.

## Leadership Updates

**Rev. Timothy T Barnhouse** to Logan First Baptist Church (Logan Mingo) as pastor on June 15, 2011

**Dr. Tiffany Elliot** to Elkins First Baptist Church (Union) as director of music on July 3, 2011

**Mr. Jeff Dytzel** to North Shinnston Baptist Church (Judson) as pastor on September 25, 2011

**Rev. Mark Gertsell** to Ravenswood First Baptist Church (Good Hope) as pastor on September 11, 2011

**Dr. Dennis McNaboe** to Elkins First Baptist Church (Union) as coordinator of Youth and Children on July 3, 2011

**Rev. Anthony Pratt** to Racine First Baptist Church (Coal River) as pastor on October 1, 2011

**Rev. Philip Shields** to Dunbar First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) as pastor on September 1, 2011

**Rev. Archie R. Snedegar** to Madison Baptist Church (Coal River) as interim pastor on June 1, 2011

**Mr. Jay Teodoro** to Buckhannon First Baptist Church (Broad Run) as pastor in September 2011

**Rev. Don Toler** to Kanawha City Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) as pastor on June 1, 2011

**Rev. Juston Woulard** to Morgantown First Baptist Church (Goshen) as pastor to young adults on June 5, 2011

# PRAYER CALENDARS

## December 2011

**December 1** -The ministry of Holly River Baptist Church; Scott Posey, interim pastor (Elk Valley)  
**December 2** - Christmas in the Valley this weekend at Parchment Valley Conference Center  
**December 3** - West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Board meeting today at Parchment Valley Conference Center  
**December 4** - Clark Mills, treasurer, West Virginia Baptist Convention and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission  
**December 5** -The ministry of Bethel Baptist Church (Coal River)  
**December 6** -The ministry of Reedy Baptist Church (Good Hope)  
**December 7** -The ministry of Judson Baptist Church; Scotty Robertson, pastor (Teays Valley)  
**December 8** - The ministry of Beckley First Baptist Church; Donald "Doc" Adkins, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)  
**December 9** - The ministry of New Hope Baptist Church; Thomas Stevens, pastor (Parkersburg)  
**December 10** - The ministry of Hebron Baptist Church (Fairmont)  
**December 11** - John Simmons, associate executive minister of Missions and Administration, West Virginia Baptist Convention  
**December 12** - Myra White, vice moderator, Eastern Association  
**December 13** -The ministry of Kermit First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo)  
**December 14** -The ministry of Weirton First Baptist Church; Donald Dague, pastor (Panhandle)  
**December 15** - Bill Clemmer, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to Sudan  
**December 16** - Craig Coster, Southwest area minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention  
**December 17** - Sarah Chetti, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to Lebanon  
**December 18** - Lisa Simmons, associate in Mission Support, West Virginia Baptist Convention  
**December 19** - David Turley, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to Japan  
**December 20** - Mike Lowery, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to Democratic Republic of the Congo  
**December 21** - JD Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to Bolivia  
**December 22** - Roger Raikes, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission  
**December 23** -The ministry of Oak Hill Baptist Church (Fayette)  
**December 24** - Our families as we gather together to celebrate the birth of our Savior  
**December 25** - Prayer of thanksgiving for a Savior that was born to save the world  
**December 26** -The ministry of West Union Baptist Church (Broad Run)  
**December 27** - Koreen Villers, Associate, Discipleship/Children's Ministries, West Virginia Baptist Convention  
**December 28** -The ministry Twelve Pole Valley Baptist Church; Ralph Cazad, pastor (Twelve Pole)  
**December 29** - Richard Barnes, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to Mexico  
**December 30** - Lori Mann, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary  
**December 31** - Nancy Moran, clerk, Greenbrier-Raleigh Association

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

## January 2012

**January 1** - Pray for a blessed New Year  
**January 2** - Margaret O'Neal, moderator, Fayette Association  
**January 3** - Tim Scott, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission  
**January 4** -The ministry of Madison Baptist Church; Archie Snedegar, interim pastor (Coal River)  
**January 5** - Ingrid Rold'an-Rom'an, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to Panama  
**January 6** -The ministry of Middle Run Baptist Church (Elk Valley)  
**January 7** -The ministry of Sardis Baptist Church; Garry Layfield, pastor (Judson)  
**January 8** -The ministry of Fayetteville Baptist Church; Ronald George, Jr., pastor (Fayette)  
**January 9** - Judith Sutterlin, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to China  
**January 10** -The ministry of Agape Baptist Church; Willie Stinson, pastor (Panhandle)  
**January 11** - The ministry of Grantsville First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha)  
**January 12** -The ministry of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; Bobby Dailey, pastor (Guyandotte)  
**January 13** - Charles Workman, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission  
**January 14** - The ministry of Smithville Baptist Church (Harrisville)  
**January 15** -The ministry of Cook Memorial Baptist Church; Keith Reed, pastor (Rockcastle)  
**January 16** -The ministry of Hopewell Baptist Church; Mike Anderson, pastor (Hopewell)  
**January 17** -The ministry of Ebenezer Baptist Church; Mark Booth, pastor (Twelve Pole)  
**January 18** -The ministry of Grafton First Baptist Church; Orville Wright, pastor (Union)  
**January 19** - Steve Richardson, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission  
**January 20** - Marcia Binkley, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society missionary to Burmese refugees  
**January 21** -The ministry of Spencer First Baptist Church; William Thomas, interim pastor (Good Hope)  
**January 22** -The ministry of Leon Baptist Church; Fred Sparks, pastor (Teays Valley)  
**January 23** -The ministry of Mannington First Baptist Church; Greg Roth, pastor (Fairmont)  
**January 24** -The ministry of Masontown First Baptist Church; William Winston, pastor (Goshen)  
**January 25** - Robert J. Ball, clerk, Guyandotte Association  
**January 26** -The ministry of Newark Baptist Church; Dwight Brohard, pastor (Parkersburg)  
**January 27** - The ministry of Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church; Michael Sisson, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)  
**January 28** - Karen Hargett, guest services manager, Parchment Valley Conference Center  
**January 29** -The ministry of Little Capon Baptist Church; Anthony Baker, pastor (Eastern)  
**January 30** -The ministry of Sand Run Baptist Church; Joseph Wolfe, interim pastor (Broad Run)  
**January 31** - The ministry of Logan First Baptist Church; Timothy Barnhouse, pastor (Logan Mingo)



## COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2011

#### December 2-3

Christmas in the Valley  
Parchment Valley Conference Center

#### December 3

West Virginia Baptist Convention  
Executive Board  
Parchment Valley Conference Center

#### December 23, 26

Christmas Holiday  
West Virginia Baptist Convention  
Office CLOSED

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### JANUARY 2012

#### January 2

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

#### January 3

School of Christian Studies  
Old Testament I (B-01) six-week  
class begins  
Various Locations

### FEBRUARY 2012

#### February 4

Changing People for the Kingdom -  
2012 Church Officer's Training  
Event  
Parchment Valley Conference Center

#### February 20

President's Day Holiday  
West Virginia Baptist Convention  
Office CLOSED

#### February 21

School of Christian Studies  
Old Testament II (B-02) six-week  
class begins  
Various Locations

#### February 25

American Baptist Men Prayer  
Breakfast  
Various Locations

### MARCH 2012

#### March 2-4

Junior High Convention  
To Be Announced

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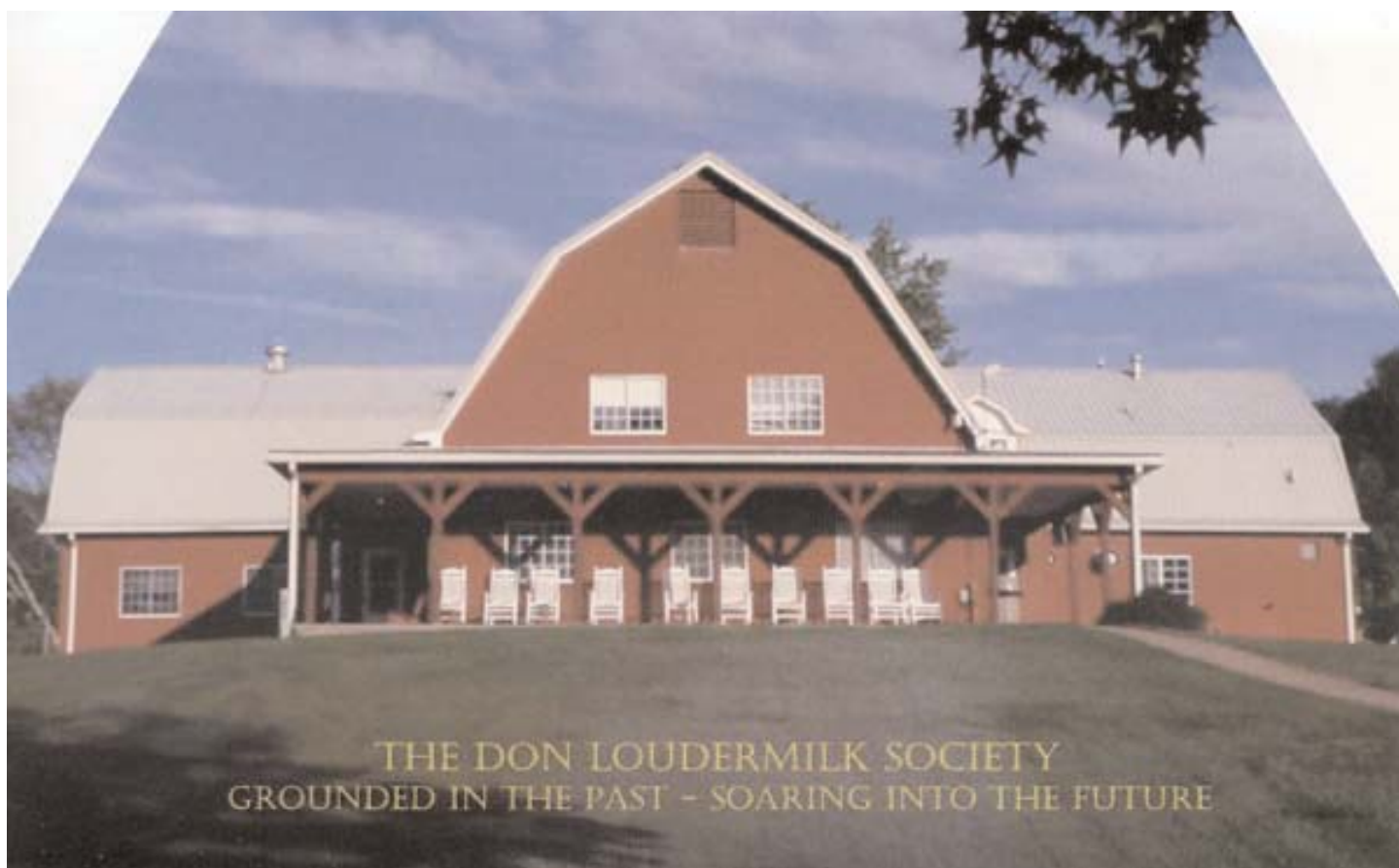
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Parchment Valley was born out of a vision to have a year-round conference center that provided space and programming for the churches of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. In October of 1965, the Convention voted at its annual meeting to purchase the Hyres farm after an extensive review of the property and consideration of other locations. Once purchased, the development began. The milking barn was converted into a place for meetings. In the early years, guests would also sleep in the meeting rooms. Programming began in 1974.

If you study the history of Parchment Valley, you will find it is what it is today because thousands of people shared the vision for what it could be. As you walk the grounds, you will see many of the early visionaries honored with their names on various places around the grounds.

In 2011, the Parchment Valley Board of Directors voted to initiate the Don Loudermilk Society as a way to honor Don's great contributions to the ministry at Parchment Valley and as a way to provide consistent funding for the ongoing ministry of the center. Don loved Parchment Valley and dedicated much of his life developing the grounds and programming for the center. His love for Parchment Valley also led him to write its history.

From the very beginning, Parchment Valley has depended on the generosity of the membership of the Convention to provide the resources needed to do the great ministry envisioned by its founders. You can be a part of the ongoing history of Parchment Valley by joining the Don Loudermilk Society today.

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