

Camp Cowen Capital Campaign Suspended in Wake of Historic Flooding

June 2016 saw the worst flooding in the state of West Virginia since the 1800's. West Virginians across, and even outside the state, have felt the impact of the storms and flooding this summer. The toll has been both emotional and economic.

In light of the trauma being suffered by the people of West Virginia, we believe it best to postpone the active capital campaign for the Sunny Day Leadership and Activities Center. People need time to recover emotionally and financially. Resources need to be channeled to those hard hit by this natural disaster.

This facility is still the dream of those who love and use Camp Cowen. The Sunny Day Leadership and Activities Center will be a critical resource for the future. In bad weather it will provide campers a dry, safe, clean place for fun, teaching and growth in leadership skills. If and when a future flood hits, the building will be at an elevation high enough the river will not touch it, even at historic flood levels. And for any natural disaster, the center could serve as a safe place not only for campers, but for the community in Cowen and its surrounding areas. We dream of the day the center becomes a reality, even as we heal from this tragedy.

Damage at Camp Cowen

Unfortunately, the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen was not spared from flooding. Water crept up into the camp and found its way into some of the buildings. The Crouch House, home of Rob Ely, director of Student Ministries, and his wife, Beth Ely, received heavy damage and **now must be replaced.**

The maintenance shed and Steve McCartney's, maintenance director, basement also took on water, damaging tools, equipment and personal items. Hylbert Hall experienced flooding, but with hard work it was cleaned and ready for worship the

next day. Some campers had to be evacuated when their cabins, Bob and Gloria, below the dining hall were flooded, but those too were quickly cleaned and readied for use.

Blessing Amidst Calamity

A blessing rising from the ruins caused by the flooding came in the form of the people who have helped. Disaster often creates a sense of community. As the body of Christ, the community is already there, making this an opportunity for the body to grow stronger together.

Hebrews 13:7, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith," a verse being used in the campaign for the Sunny Day Leadership and Activities Center, urges us to remember the leaders who have taught us to imitate their faith and to imitate the outcome of their lives.

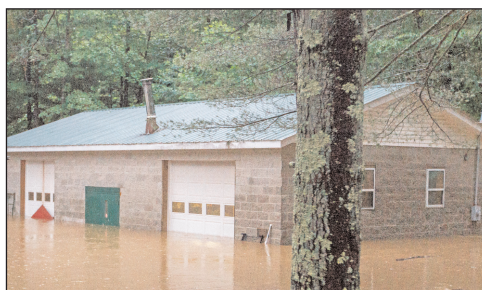
During the flooding, people have risen to the task of not only cleaning up the camp to make it usable again, but keeping the 179 campers in 7th - 9th grades safe during the flood. Many of the buildings at the camp are named for leaders, both individuals and groups, who have shared their life and love for Christ with those around them whether it is at camp or across the globe, helping to develop the body of Christ.

Leadership is on the hearts of people at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen. We are fortunate and thankful for the leaders who have gone before us and for those who are currently rising to the occasion, cleaning up the camp and investing in the lives of today's campers and tomorrow's leaders.

Rob Ely, director of Student Ministries



Crouch House



Maintenance Shed



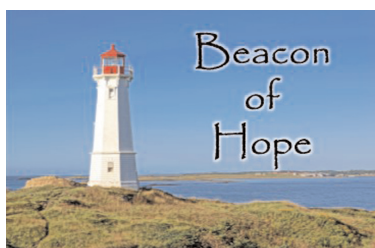
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The Fifth Season

We are familiar with the four seasons of the calendar. For our Baptist family and the staff of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, it does not take long to discover *The Fifth Season*. This season, like the other four, is filled with gatherings, meetings, celebrations, times of prayer, memorials, annual sermons and copious amounts of food. This season begins in July and usually concludes in September. It is a very special season in the life of the kingdom of God, Baptist edition. It is the season of the annual association meetings of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. Twenty-two of these special gatherings populate the calendar of our state convention. Through the years, we have watched the interest and excitement of the association meetings ebb and flow. *The Fifth Season* - our association meetings - is the very life-blood of our state relationships. The West Virginia Baptist Convention is a gathering of associations doing missions and ministry in partnership with each other. Baptists have enjoyed a long history of associational relationships, important in having a greater impact for God's kingdom on the world.



Dr. David Carrico

The role of the association is to be the gatekeeper of church relationships and a missional generator for our body of believers. The association equips and encourages churches to advance the kingdom of God. Associations call on the convention staff to resource, coordinate,

enable and empower our churches to fulfill their purpose. Like a hot coal, there is a danger when a believer or a church pulls out of the fire of relationship, over time growing cold and useless. To be useful for the kingdom you must be in relationship. Many have grown cold and

indifferent to the work of the associations. In relationships, we can be renewed and warmed for the kingdom and be reminded of the tools we have at our disposal. The church was never meant to be the goal. The kingdom of God is the goal and the church is a tool to advance the kingdom.

The need to model relational ministry and help one another with kingdom work was the call for the birth of our associations. The premise of the autonomy of the local church does not mean isolation. Living in an associational relationship calls us to agree on what we can do together in missions locally and globally. Our association meetings should be kingdom celebrations! How will you celebrate *The Fifth Season*? If possible, attend your association meeting or ask what is going on in the life of your association. If not much is happening, maybe you need to invest some of your energy in that body of believers. The Bible calls us to be "salt" and "light" in the world (Matthew 5:13-16). Being a follower of Christ is more than hearing the Word - it is doing it! James 1:22 in the New International Version ends with these words to us, "Do what it says!" Enjoy *The Fifth Season* of the Baptist year. Just do what it says!

Blessings

Hispanic Ministries: My Experience in West Virginia - Mi Experiencia en Virginia Occidental

by Luis Diaz, volunteer missionary/pastor

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15



Luis Diaz, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Luz y Vida.

Since I gave my life to Jesus Christ in 2007 and as I read in the gospel of Mark, Jesus' words, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), I felt a great burden and responsibility for those who have not surrendered their lives to Him. I want to share with them the gospel because I believe it is our responsibility and also a command from our Lord to share the gospel. I want others to be saved as Jesus Christ saved me.

Eleven months ago, the Spirit of God, the Baptist Churches from Puerto Rico and the Baptist

order to fulfill His purpose in this place. I praise God and thank Him, and everyone who has trusted and believed in me.

The Bible teaches us there is blessing in obedience: "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God." (Deuteronomy 28:1-2)

Praise the Lord! This is just the beginning! Please continue to pray for our church in Moorefield and for this ministry the Lord has entrusted to me. Pray the Lord continues to move hearts to be compassionate to reach lives for the Lord. In Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." I am sure the Lord will continue to fulfill His purpose in my life and your life for His honor and glory.



Luis prepares to baptize a new creature in Christ!

May God continue to bless you!

Discipleship and Leadership Development

Weirton Christian Center
Leadership Training
Worship and Music Conference
Children's Rallies
Golden'eers
School of Christian Studies
Hispanic Ministries

Students Ministries

Baptist Campus Ministries
Camp Cowen
YMPT-YLC
Junior and Senior High Conventions
Omega and Fall Rally
Youth Ministry Support

Mission Support

Missionary Deputation
Mission Education

Camp Global
MPT/MPN Coordination
Mission Engagement
Mission Partnerships
Stewardship Education

Area Ministry

Association Support

Church Consultation
Pulpit Supply
Pastoral Support
Search Committees
Coaching
Conflict Resolution
Church Development

Convention Auxiliaries

American Baptist Men
American Baptist Women's Ministries
Retired Ministers and Mates Ministers' Wives
West Virginia Baptist Historical Society
West Virginia Baptist Education Society
Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council

Communications

The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter
Mountain Topics
www.wvbc.org
www.parchmentvalley.org
www.campcowen.org
www.bcm.org



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Adult Discipleship: We Want to Come and Visit - Will You Bake a Cake?



Many of you have heard the words to an old song that goes, "If I knew you were coming, I'd have baked a cake." My mom used to sing that when I was young and I always thought it was fun and happy. The song also reminds me of West Virginia hospitality: Be sure and try to feed your visitors!

The discipleship commission of the West Virginia Baptist Convention is currently planning a *Road Trippin' for Discipleship* project and would like your church or association to invite a group to come to provide training, consulting, partnering and collaborative planning in the area of local church discipleship.

The *Road Trippin' for Discipleship* project wants to come to you! The group will have several workshops and learning opportunities available and will work towards a tailored approach to address the areas of discipleship your church or association is facing. The team will come for a whole day event or a Friday evening - Saturday event. No church is too small or too far. The team will work with you to make the event happen. Interested in learning about a specific topic? Interested in being part of the team? We would love to hear from you. Please use the contact information below.

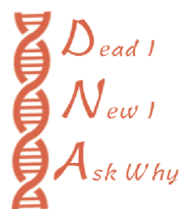
Road Trippin' for Discipleship will be available in January 2017. For more information, please contact Lisa Simmons, director of Discipleship Ministries at lsimmons@wvbc.org or call 304.273.9696.

Student Ministries

by Rob Ely, Director

Youth Ministry Planning Team Welcomes New Members

As the graduating members of the Youth Ministry Planning Team (YMPT) were celebrated and thanked for their work, the new members were welcomed to the team on April 22, 2016. The old and new members of the team worked together during the Omega event on April 23, 2016 at New Baptist Church (Guyandotte), where students gathered for a day focused on developing their understanding of and partaking in a time of worship together through fellowship, in music and prayer and by studying scripture. Rather than having one speaker who taught the group as a whole, Omega was distinct from previous years as students were led through a rotation of different teachers who taught on different aspects of worship, including Personal Disciplines, Knowing the Story of God, Knowing Your Story and Understanding Corporate Worship.



Since April 2016, the new team has met to begin planning the statewide youth events for the 2016-2017 school year. The theme for the new season is, "Dead I, New I, Ask Why." This theme is to help students become dead in their old self as they find

their new self in Christ and begin to share Him with the world around them. The theme verse is Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Please mark your calendars so you don't miss these upcoming youth events!

2016

- *Fall Rally* at Camp Cowen on September 16-17
- *Jr. High Convention* on November 18-20

2017

- *Sr. High Convention* on February 24-26
- *Omega* on April 22

2016 Fall Rally

September 16-17, 2016
West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen

Music: Tony Nutter

Featuring: Spoken Word Presentation by Mickensie Neely

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

In the Midst of the Storm



Life in much of West Virginia will never be the same. The lasting results of the “1000-year” flood will scar the landscape and our hearts for a generation or more. Basic necessities for living were washed away in a matter of minutes. Entire communities submerged in muddy flood waters from the river that was required to carry more than its banks could contain. Life will never be the same.

As I write this article, it has been a week since the rains began. My past week has been consumed with helping manage our response to the floods. Our first priority was the safety of the campers at Cowen and dealing with the cleanup there. That situation was resolved quickly and efficiently by Rob Ely and his staff, freeing us up to help mitigate the larger need in the region.

Working with John Vannoy, Chairman of West Virginia American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief, and with many others, we formulated a plan of action we felt was the most effective use of our available resources. Once the waters receded, people began to move into the areas with supplies and assistance. Teams of people responded with supplies and cleanup. It felt to

me as if the response came as quickly as the waters. But I know it did not feel that way to those who lost everything. For them, this ordeal seems like it will never end.

I greatly appreciate each of you who has given to support the recovery, gone to help, provided supplies, said a prayer or made a call to someone you know who may have suffered during this event. It is good to know we do not have to beg for help as you began helping long before we began asking. It is also good to know when specific help is requested, you respond and provide.

We have sung songs about storms for generations and in our singing we lift up the request God be with us or celebrate that God is our shelter in the midst of the storms. I can tell you from experience no matter what storms life may send our way - God is and always will be with us.

I offer a prayer of thanksgiving for you and your Godly response to this crisis. I also offer a prayer for comfort for those whose lives were devastated and are in the midst of rebuilding.

Committed to Missions

Camp Global 2016 Family Mission Camp *Proclaim - Isaiah 12:4* September 2-4, 2016 Camp Cowen

Cost: \$90 per person

\$350 maximum per household

\$40 Saturday only

Programming for children, youth and adults!

*Camp begins Friday,
September 2 at 6:00 p.m.
and concludes Sunday,
September 4 at 1:00 p.m.*



**Bible Study
Leader: Jim Bell,
International
Ministries
ABC-USA**

**Missionary
Guest:
Rick Gutierrez,
International
Ministries**



**International
Guest:
Jesus Garcia,
Iglesia
Metropolis,
Puerto Rico**

*Details and registration available
online at www.wvbc.org.
For more information, contact Joan at
800.879.9822 or hall@wvbc.org.*

Schedule

Friday

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Opening Session
7:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Vespers
8:00 p.m. - Out of the Shadows (Puppet Show)
8:45 p.m. - Store and Intergenerational Activity

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast
8:45 a.m. - Morning Praise and Proclamation - Jesus Garcia
9:15 a.m. - Action Sessions
10:30 a.m. - Proclaim: Song and Word, Bible Study/Small Groups (Adults), Youth, Children - Nursery Provided
12:00 p.m. - Lunch
12:50 - 1:00 p.m. - Gathering Music Learning Sessions
1:00 - 1:45 p.m. - Proclaim
2:00 - 2:45 p.m. - Proclaim
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Elective Options
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Proclaim: Philippines - WV Women's Mission Team
Proclaim: Hungary - WV Mission Team
5:30 p.m. - Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Intergenerational Games
7:15 p.m. - Vespers - Jim Stinespring
8:00 p.m. - Store and Free Time

Sunday

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Morning Praise, Bible Study, Children, Youth
10:00 a.m. - Break (move out of cabins)
10:30 a.m. - Worship
12:00 p.m. - Light Lunch

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

Brothers' Keeper 2016: More than Building Ramps and Repairing Roofs

Early one crisp morning during *Brothers' Keeper* 2016, while assembled at Parchment Valley Conference Center's Greenlee Activity Center facing the three crosses, we were encouraged during the opening prayer led by Mark Gerstell, that *Brothers' Keeper* 2016 was more than building ramps and repairing roofs.

His challenge to the crews was to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ to the homeowners. Shortly thereafter, while transporting my Crew Q Team to the job site, we were immediately confronted by a homeowner who was very distraught. This woman's husband passed away, and a few hours earlier she received news her sister was diagnosed with cancer. Our team rallied around her and I asked to pray for her. After our prayer her response was, "You were sent from God!" There were many blessings experienced that week and we are truly thankful God's blessings continue to reign upon *Brothers' Keeper*. This is a blessed group and lives are changed.

As we received news of the flooding disaster in southern West Virginia during *Brothers' Keeper* registration, we had to make immediate adjustments to the crew leaders. Some of the leaders are also American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief volunteers. John Vannoy, coordinator for the West Virginia Baptist Convention, along with Jack Cobb, George Bradbury and Tom and Carol Dale were called away to serve those in urgent need.

As they departed to serve, the blessings continued. While many of our churches in West Virginia and Ohio, represented at *Brothers' Keeper*, gathered goods and donations,



Gilboa Baptist Church (Good Hope) presented Tom Dale with a \$5,000 check for disaster relief. Even in the darkness of catastrophe, God's people shine with an incredible ray of hope.

Psalm 113:3 - "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

While one of the camps was in progress prior to *Brothers' Keeper* week, the adult leaders were so excited to run me down and share two youth made a first-time decision to serve Christ. During Twelve Pole camp, 15 youth made a first-time decision, while others rededicated their life to the Lord.

During one of the evening worship sessions, the churches represented came forward and presented Parchment Valley Conference Center an offering from them and other churches in the Twelve Pole Association. One of the active Twelve Pole members, Terry Thompson, secured a grant for Parchment Valley Conference Center through his work place. I would like to thank the Twelve Pole Association for 23 years of church camp at Parchment Valley, where you make a difference.

I am reminded through the blessings and challenges we face at Parchment Valley Conference Center, Jesus Christ has abundantly blessed us through those who care and pave the way for us to move forward in His purpose. We thank the donors, American Baptist Women's Ministries, the American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Team, our volunteers and Palmer Seminary.

Parchment Valley Conference Center needs your continued support and prayers as we grow and continue to be a place of change and a conference center like no other because God is good all the time.



At left and above: Two of the work crews from *Brothers' Keeper* 2016: Serve One Another.

**Keynote
Speaker:**
Dr. Jeff Haggray



*Executive Director,
American Baptist Home
Mission Societies*

**Annual Sermon
Speaker:**
Rev. Robert Perine



*Pastor,
Harrisville Baptist Church*

Worship Leader:
*Mrs. Bronlynn
Morlan*



*Minister of Music,
Gassaway Baptist Church*

**Executive
Minister:**
Dr. David Carrico



*West Virginia Baptist
Convention*

151st ANNUAL MEETING

of the West Virginia Baptist Convention



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

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

Annual Meeting Insert:

Worship Leaders
Schedule
Letter from Host Pastor
Fellowship Opportunities
Pre-Convention Activities
Delegate Registration

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

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, October 20

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

Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Sandy Phares

Ward Hibbs Award - Tim Barry

Annual Sermon - Robert Perine

Business Meeting 1 - Sandy Phares

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

6:30 p.m. Session 2 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Mark Wood

School of Christian Studies'

Graduation - Mark McCloy

Keynote Speaker - Jeff Haggray

8:30 p.m.

*Alderson Broaddus University
Reception*

Friday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Session 3 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
David Hoge

Executive Minister Address -

David Carrico

9:45 a.m. - Workshops and Hands On
Missions

9:45 a.m. - Workshop Session I

10:30 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - Workshop Session II

12:00 noon - Lunch Break

Luncheon Opportunities

West Virginia Baptist

Historical Society

Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon

Palmer Theological Seminary

Luncheon

1:45 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Meet and Greet

2:45 p.m. Session 4 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Sandy Phares

Business Meeting 2 - Sandy Phares

James Anderson, Sr. Pastoral Ministry
Award

Installation of Officers

Keynote Speaker - Jeff Haggray

Communion



Gassaway Baptist Church

56 Beall Drive, Gassaway, WV 26624



Local Arrangements Committee

(Left to right coming down the stairs) Pastor Mark Stump, Angela Hardman, Marilyn Williams, Bronlynn Morlan, DeAnna Whipkey, Chris Bright, Eric Campbell and Chad Harris.

Not pictured are Jr. and Kathy Pletcher, Darren Hunter, Jeff Skidmore, Jerry Riffle, Jerry Westfall, Jack Friend, Staci Gerwig, Scott Cottrill and Veronica Frame.

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Pastor

Bill Morlan
Associate Pastor

Lance Linden
Minister of
Discipleship

Bronlynn Morlan
Minister of Music

To our sister churches of the West Virginia Baptist Convention:

It is my privilege on behalf of the Gassaway Baptist Church to invite you to the 151st Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. This year we gather together under the theme of "Beacon of Hope." The psalmist said, "O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles." Psalm 43:3 The West Virginia Baptist Convention has strived to be that Beacon of Hope by sending the gospel light and the truth of God's Word throughout the whole world for over 150 years. Now, more than ever as a darkened world is desperately searching for light, we must solidly stand on the gospel of Jesus Christ and be the children of light that God desires. On October 20-21, 2016, our Baptist family will gather together to be challenged, inspired and encouraged to "let our lights shine before men that they will see good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

So, come let us worship together, celebrate together and serve together Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

As always for God's Glory,

Pastor Mark Stump

Pastor Mark Stump

Lodging Options:

Days Hotel -
Sutton, Flatwoods
350 Days Drive, Sutton 26601
304.765.5055,
\$85.00 per night
Free Wi-Fi, free breakfast,
free parking

Microtel Inn and Suites
- Gassaway / Sutton
115 Reston Place, Gassaway 26624
304.364.6100
\$72.00 per night
Free Wi-Fi, free breakfast,
free parking

Sutton Lane Motel -
Sutton
2120 Sutton Lane, Sutton 26601
304.765.7351
\$72.00 per night

Directions:

- Take exit 62 off I-79.
- Turn right off of either exit (west on WV-4) 1.3 miles.
- Turn left across bridge onto Little Buffalo Road.
- Stay straight and merge into slight curve on Beall Dr.
- Gassaway Baptist Church will be on the right paved driveway up the hill.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, October 20

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

Location: Gassaway Community Building
314 Elk Street, Gassaway 26624

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

Contact: Rob Ely - 304.532.3166 or
ely@wvbc.org

Shuttle provided.

Alderson Broadus University

Reception

Location: Gassaway Baptist Church -
Hospitality Area

Time: 8:30 p.m.

(Following the end of the evening session.)

Cost: Free

Refreshments will be served.

Special music by The West Virginians.

Contact: Julie Spruill at spruillj@ab.edu
or 304.457.6317

Friday, October 21

West Virginia Baptist Education Society

Location: Gassaway Baptist Church

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10.00

For members only.

Contact: Mary Beth McCloy -
marybethmccloy@gmail.com

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Location: Gassaway United Methodist Church

710 Braxton Street, Gassaway 26624

Time: 12:15 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Shuttle provided.

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

Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Luncheon

Location: Amish Bulk Food Store

78 Skidmore Lane, Sutton 26601

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12.50 or \$14.50

Price includes soup, sandwich, chips, drink
and tip. Soups - ultimate baked potato or
tomato bisque, sandwiches - chicken salad on
wheatberry bread (\$12.50) or grilled ham
club on sourdough bread (\$14.50)

Vegetarian and gluten free options may be
ordered at the restaurant.

Shuttle provided.

Contact: Janey Carrico at
jayjay9700@yahoo.com

Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form. Registrations requested
by October 14, 2016.

Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon

Location: Sutton Baptist Church

506 Main Street, Sutton 26601

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$10.00

Contact Person: Allan Copenhagen -
304.763.8564 or
rcopenha@eastern.edu

Delegate Registration

Registration Fee:

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

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

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

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

	\$20.00 - Delegate or Visitor Fee Required Fee - Please Circle One Above.
	\$10.00 - Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet
	\$10.00 - Members Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$25.00 - Non-Members Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$12.50 - Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Luncheon - Chicken Salad Circle one: Ultimate Baked Potato or Tomato Bisque Soup
	\$14.50 - Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Luncheon - Grilled Ham Circle one: Ultimate Baked Potato or Tomato Bisque Soup
	Total Enclosed Make checks payable to WVBC and mail to: Annual Meeting Registrar, P.O. Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102.

Child Care:

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

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

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 20



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

Theme: Lord, Make Me An
Instrument of Thy Peace

Speaker: Vicki Eades

Location: Gassaway Baptist
Church

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

Lunch: Will be provided for \$6.00.
Nursery provided for
preschool children.

Contact: Karen Nicholson
at varzbn@aol.com



Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council

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

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

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

Cost: Members - \$10.00,
Non-Members - \$25.00,
includes lunch

Contact: Rev. Jana Raines -
revjanaraines@email.com

Purchase tickets on the Annual
Meeting registration form.
Shuttle Available.



American Baptist Men

Location: Gassaway Baptist
Church

Program: Stop Hunger Now -
Packaging Meals

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

Cost: \$6.00 - bag lunch

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

Creating New Beginnings in Jesus' Name

*by Casey Dawson,
pastor, Sunrise Baptist Church (Parkersburg)*

"West Virginia Strong" is a phrase many of us have come to embrace, in fact, rally behind as the worst flood in West Virginia's history has devastated much of the state. We claim to be the hands and feet of Jesus as Christians and West Virginia Baptists, but claiming that is not merely enough. We must put action with our words and that is easy to do when we see so many folks hurting, having lost everything. We need people who are willing to get dirty, to go into people's houses and pull out their belongings, to rip up sewage/mud soaked carpet, and all the while ministering to them, not just handing out supplies. Sunrise Baptist Church's (Parkersburg) disaster relief group did just that. We put hands and feet on the ground in Clendenin.

Once we arrived on Saturday, June 25, 2016, right after the flood waters receded, we realized this was much worse than any pictures or videos could ever have portrayed. The smells, the sights, the sheer shock of what looked like a war zone was overwhelming for those first 11 sets of feet on the ground. We determined those who lost everything needed, rather deserved, more help than one church could provide. That vision birthed the ministry called the Mid Ohio Valley Disaster

Relief Organization. We instantly put the need out in media and social media and the response was phenomenal. We are currently working with 11 churches from across many denominational lines to put aside our differences and truly be the hands and feet of Jesus. These churches have come together to support our organization with supplies, money, people and more importantly prayer.



Being the hands and feet of Jesus

On Saturday, July 2, we took roughly 100 people down and partnered with Clendenin First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) to transform their Family and Fellowship Center into a center for hope. We have delivered countless amounts of supplies and are working out of this facility that was itself cleaned up. Our ministry leader, Joe Stephens, plans to lead teams every Friday, Saturday and Monday for the next four weeks to help reclaim this area in the name of Jesus. We don't go as Sunrise Baptist Church, or this church, or that church, we simply go as Jesus.

If you want to partner with us, support us or even better come be Jesus with us, please do as the need won't stop once the media stops shining their lights on the area.

Our vision is helping those in need for a long time to come. If you would like to support us, please like our Facebook page MOV Disaster Relief Organization, contact Sunrise Baptist Church at 304.485.4912, Joe Stephens at 304.295.1093 or send monetary support to 709 Hill Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104.

Northeast Area News

Celebrate Recovery at Clarksburg Baptist Celebrates Third Anniversary

Celebrate Recovery at Clarksburg Baptist Church (Union), a Christ-based 12-step program, celebrated its third anniversary at the church, June 7, 2016. Each Tuesday evening, between 175 and 200 individuals attend Celebrate Recovery at Clarksburg Baptist Church to find hope and healing for their hurts, habits and hang-ups. Over the three-year period, 55 people have come to Christ and been baptized.

Additionally, Celebrate Recovery at Clarksburg Baptist Church is able to bring Celebrate Recovery to correctional facilities in North Central West Virginia.

Lou Ortenzio, Celebrate Recovery at Clarksburg Baptist Church, Senior Ministry leader, says, "This is a safe place. Celebrate Recovery is for all struggles, not just addiction; anything that separates us from God's plan for our life."

Petersburg First Baptist Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Petersburg First Baptist Church (Eastern) celebrated the church's 100th anniversary, Sunday, June 12, 2016. Guest speakers for the day included Dr. Maxwell Hill, Southwest Area Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention and former pastor, Rev. Robert Jones. The special anniversary worship service was followed by lunch. Afternoon entertainment featured music by *Vapor 4:14*, skits by James MacBean and Company as well as sharing by members and friends.

Moving forward, Pastor Rick Bergdoll and the church are excited; it is a new day for them, with new and different opportunities to reach their community with the Good News.

Sports Adventure Camp

Buckhannon First Baptist Church (Broad Run) held a Sports Adventure Camp at West Virginia Wesleyan College May 31 - June 3, 2016. Camp leaders taught campers skills of playing various sports. Other activities included skits, a cookout and devotionals shared by Pastor Jay Teodoro and Youth Pastor Bryson Morlan.

10th Annual Bolivia Missions Golf Scramble Results

On Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Greenbrier Hills Golf Course in Rainelle, seven teams met for the 10th Annual West Virginia Baptist Convention Churches for Bolivia Missions Golf Scramble. Churches represented included: Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), Millbrook Baptist Church (Hopewell) - two teams, Page Baptist Church (Fayette), Sewell Valley Baptist Church, Grace Community Church, Scott Street Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) and West Virginia Baptist Convention staff.

The top three teams received prizes from Bolivia, with Millbrook Baptist Church Team B winning first place, Crab Orchard Baptist Church placing second and Page Baptist Church coming in third.

Hole sponsorships this year included: Mrs. Della Dorsey, Olive Branch Baptist Church (Hopewell); Days of Nehemiah Ministry; Page Baptist Church; Rev. Mark and Lynne Stauffer; and Send the Light Fellowship (Greenbrier-Raleigh).

Rev. Jim Anderson, Southeast Area Minister for the West Virginia Baptist Convention, and director of the tournament, stat-

ed after all expenses were paid, \$1,750 was raised and plans are to hold the event next year on the second Saturday in June 2017 at Greenbrier Hills.

Special thanks are extended to Mr. Terry McClung, manager of Greenbrier Hills

and member of Millbrook Baptist Church, for taking such good care of each team and golfer. Without his help, both physically and financially, this tournament would not be successful!

On behalf of J.D. Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Bolivia and the House of Hope in Bolivia, a heartfelt thank you is extended to all West Virginia Baptist Convention churches and individuals for your prayerful and financial support.



The golf scramble winners: Team B from Millbrook Baptist Church

Southwest Area News

George Ordination Anniversary Recognized

On June 26, 2016, Forks of Coal Baptist Church (Coal River) had a dinner honoring the 20th anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, Keith George. Rev. George was ordained on June 30, 1996 by Kanawha City Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley). He has been the pastor at Forks of Coal Baptist Church since September 9, 2007. The congregation expressed its appreciation to Keith, and his wife, Dawn, verbally and with several wonderful gifts. Southwest Area Minister, Max Hill presented Keith with a certificate of appreciation from the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

Creasy Named Director of Spiritual Care, Counseling at Saint Mary's

Rev. Greg Creasy, M.Div., BCC, has been named director of spiritual care, counseling and mission at Saint Mary's Medical Center.

Creasy is a board-certified chaplain through the Association of Professional Conservative Chaplains and completed certification in palliative care chaplaincy. He has worked as a chaplain for Hospice of Huntington and the VA Medical Center as well as a per diem chaplain at Saint Mary's. Creasy served as pastor of Pea Ridge Baptist Church (Guyandotte) for more than 12 years.

Taken from The Herald-Dispatch, page 9A, Sunday, June 12, 2016.

Clendenin First Baptist Church

The devastating floods that have ravaged parts of West Virginia have been on the news and on our minds for weeks. Many of our family members, friends, neighbors and fellow West Virginia Baptists have suffered great loss. Certainly, the Southwest Area is no different.

Though it is by no means the only church to be damaged in the floods or receive the worst damage, its story may well be unique. Not only did the church building flood, but the fellowship building and parsonage suffered tremendous damage as well.

Still, in the midst of it all, the people of Clendenin First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) are finding hope in the devastation. July 3, 2016 was to be the first Sunday for new pastor, Rev. Joe Seese. As of this writing, he is onsite and getting his feet wet, literally, and providing new leadership and energy.

Many people are coming to help. On one day that I was present, a team of Marshall University athletes helped to rip up carpeting and carry damaged furniture and other items. Also, Rev. Steve Willis, pastor of Kenova First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) was onsite leading a team from his church; a total of approximately 120 people came from Kenova First Baptist Church!

One of the members of Clendenin First Baptist Church was heard to have said, "This will either make or break us." Our hope and prayer is this and other affected churches and communities will find the redemptive power of the Lord Jesus as they work their way through this crisis.

Trading Post

FREE: SOUNDBOARDS AND SOUND EQUIPMENT. Please contact Hurricane First Baptist Church (Teays Valley) at 304.562.9281 for more information.

American Baptist Women's Ministries

38th Annual Spiritual Growth Retreat



September 23-25, 2016
Parchment Valley Conference Center

Romans 12:2: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Theme: Pattern for Living ... Following God's Pattern for our Lives by Living According to His Word

Speaker: **Kim Weaver**, Executive Director, Weirton Christian Center

Music Leader: **Judy Prater**, Emmanuel Baptist Church

Sunday School with **Sue Hamric**, Spencer First Baptist Church

Workshops: Leadership Academy/Puerto Rico/Philippine Mission Trip/Pattern of Prayer/Book Discussion - If you wish to participate in the book discussion, please purchase Renting Lacey: A Story of America's Prostituted Children by Linda Smith.

Craft time: Bring a colorful t-shirt and a pair of scissors.

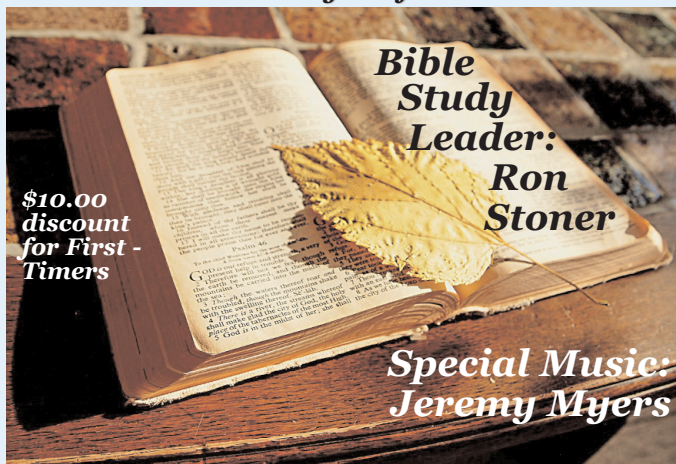
A registration form is available at www.wvbc.org and in the August issue of SEASONS.

Fall Golden'eers Conference

Theme: Back to the Book

September 12-14, 2016

Parchment Valley Conference Center



The conference will begin on Monday with registration at noon in Hill Hall and end on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

For more information, visit www.wvbc.org.
If you have questions, please contact Valma at adams@wvbc.org or 800.879.9822.

The conference is planned for those who are at least 55 years of age.

Ministers' Wives' Retreat

November 11-13, 2016

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Tea for Three - The Trinity, You and Me

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

Special Guest Leaders:

Sue McDonald (Pennsylvania) &

Linda Swain (Ohio)

Look for more information and a registration
form in the next Pastors' Mailing.

CHESTER LATIMER ADAMS, 71, of Amherstdale, died June 25, 2016. He was a member of Man First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo), where he served as a deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

C. CONRAD (CON) BROWNE, SR., 96, died January 26, 2016. He was an American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary alumnus to the Philippines.

BEULAH "BOOTSIE" HAYES CROUCH, died May 7, 2016. She was a faithful member of Saint Albans First Baptist Church (Teays Valley) for 59 years. She was a member of the Rebecca class and participated in an ensemble that played for Sunday evening services.

BRYANT CHRISTENSEN CURRIER, 87, died May 26, 2016. He was an American Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary alumnus to the Philippines.

JACKIE DEAN HARMAN, 69, of Herndon, died May 11, 2016. He was a lifelong member of Spruce Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Rockcastle), where he served as a Sunday School teacher and deacon.

DONALD WAYNE JONES, 74, of Ripley, died May 7, 2016. He was a faithful member of Grasslick Baptist Church (Good Hope), where he served as a deacon.

ROBERT ROY JONES, 78, of Weirton, died June 21, 2016. He was a member of Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church (Panhandle), where he served as a deacon and head usher.

LINDA MCGHEE HEPLER, 79, of Morgantown, died June 27, 2016. She was the wife of Dick Hepler, retired pastor.

ALMA DORCAS SKIDMORE KEATON, 99, of Fayetteville, died May 12, 2016. She was a member of Fayetteville Baptist Church (Fayette).

BEULAH "BOOTS" LEWIS, 89, of Helen, died May 28, 2016. She was a lifelong member of Helen Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), where she served as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher and youth director.

MARY VIRGINIA "GINNY" LIPINSKI, 93, of Morgantown, died June 21, 2016. She was a longtime member of Worthington Baptist Church (Fairmont), where she served as a deaconess, Bible School teacher, choir member and treasurer.

BARBARA JUNE SWISHER MCCARTY, 83, of Jane Lew, died June 21, 2016. She was a member and past deaconess of Broad Run Baptist Church (Broad Run).

GEORGIA LEORA HICKMAN MCINTYRE, 88, of Beaver, died April 2, 2016. She was a former member of Dallas Pike Baptist Church (Panhandle) and a member of the Ladies' Mission Society.

ROSELYN SEALS NEWLON, 89, died April 30, 2016. She was a member of Sabraton Baptist Church (Goshen) for 72 years, where she taught Sunday School and participated in a number of church groups such as: Young-at-Heart, American Baptist Women and the church choir.

EMMA KATHERINE PITROLO, 91, of Fairmont, died May 10, 2016. She was a member of Fairmont First Baptist Church (Fairmont) and was past state president of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

MARY LEE KENNEY SHAFFER, 90, of Beaver, died May 19, 2016. She was a member of Madison Baptist Church (Coal River), where she was a Sunday School teacher.

MAE O'BRYAN STALLARD, 86, of Williamson, died May 27, 2016. She was a member of Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo), where she was a Sunday School teacher for more than 40 years. She was also a past member of the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

LILLIAN RUTH STANLEY, 95, of South Williamson, Kentucky, died June 13, 2016. She was a devoted member of Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo), where she was a member of the Capella Choir, Viola Randolph Mission Society and enjoyed working with children at Bible School.



**Retired
Ministers
& Mates'
Fall
Meeting**

**October
4, 2016**

**Parchment Valley Conference Center
in Hill Hall at 12:00 noon**

A complimentary luncheon will be served.

*Sponsored by the Ministers and
Missionaries Benefit Board.*

**Please reserve your space by contacting
Mrs. Linda Carpenter at 304.863.8890 or
llecgrandma@yahoo.com.**

August 2016

AUGUST 1 - Max Hill, associate executive minister, Missions and Ministry, West Virginia Baptist Convention
AUGUST 2 - Greenbrier-Raleigh Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 3 - Little Kanawha Association as they celebrate their annual meeting tomorrow
AUGUST 4 - Debbie Mulneix, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Philippines
AUGUST 5 - American Baptist Men and Boys' Camp this weekend at Camp Cowen
AUGUST 6 - Keith Myers, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Mexico
AUGUST 7 - The ministry of Flemington Baptist Church; Gary Whitescarver, pastor (Union)
AUGUST 8 - Jana Raines, president, Pastors4Pastors: West Virginia Baptist Ministers' Council and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
AUGUST 9 - Harrisville Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 10 - The ministry of New Baptist Church; Trent Eastman, pastor (Guyandotte)
AUGUST 11 - The ministry of Leon Baptist Church; Fred Sparks, pastor (Teays Valley)
AUGUST 12 - Gerry Prunty, 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 Belleville Baptist Church; Randy Dornon, pastor (Parkersburg)
AUGUST 15 - The ministry of Bridgeport Baptist Church; Thomas Edgell, pastor (Judson)
AUGUST 16 - Judy Williams, vice moderator, Good Hope Association
AUGUST 17 - David Carrico, executive minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
AUGUST 18 - Broad Run Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 19 - Kathy Rice, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
AUGUST 20 - Richard Hepler, president, West Virginia Baptist Historical Society and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
AUGUST 21 - Good Hope and Goshen Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
AUGUST 22 - Scott Coats, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Thailand
AUGUST 23 - The ministry of Broad Run Baptist Church; Rick Garavaglia, pastor (Broad Run)
AUGUST 24 - Marilou Legg, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
AUGUST 25 - The ministry of Shuck Memorial Baptist Church; Jonathan Turner, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
AUGUST 26 - The ministry of Forks of Cheat Baptist Church; Charles Bowers, pastor (Goshen)
AUGUST 27 - Elk Valley Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 28 - Eastern Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 29 - The ministry of Big Cub Missionary Baptist Church; Glenn Hatfield, pastor (Rockcastle)
AUGUST 30 - Jorge Damasceno, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to the United Kingdom
AUGUST 31 - The ministry of Everson Baptist Church; Robert Tennant, pastor (Fairmont)

September 2016

SEPTEMBER 1 - Rhonda Reed, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Bolivia
SEPTEMBER 2 - Camp Global this weekend at Camp Cowen
SEPTEMBER 3 - The ministry of Summit Missionary Baptist Church; Larry Addair, Jr., pastor (Rockcastle)
SEPTEMBER 4 - Carrie Smalley, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Hungary
SEPTEMBER 5 - Cheryl Jones, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to South Africa
SEPTEMBER 6 - Mary Beth McCloy, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
SEPTEMBER 7 - Carole Sydnor, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Nepal
SEPTEMBER 8 - The ministry of Salem Baptist Church; David Carpenter, pastor (Broad Run)
SEPTEMBER 9 - Mark McCloy, Northwest Area Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention
SEPTEMBER 10 - Hopewell Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 11 - Fairmont Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 12 - Fall Golden'eers Retreat at Parchment Valley Conference Center
SEPTEMBER 13 - The ministry of Mount Vernon Baptist Church; Paul Byrd, Jr., pastor (Union)
SEPTEMBER 14 - Fayette Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 15 - Robert J. Ball, clerk, Guyandotte Association
SEPTEMBER 16 - Fall Youth Rally this weekend at Camp Cowen
SEPTEMBER 17 - Twelve Pole Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 18 - Judson and Panhandle Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
SEPTEMBER 19 - Pamela Thompson, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
SEPTEMBER 20 - Parkersburg Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 21 - The ministry of North Hills Baptist Church; Michael Harper, pastor (Kanawha Valley)
SEPTEMBER 22 - Guyandotte, Kanawha Valley and Teays Valley Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
SEPTEMBER 23 - The West Virginia American Baptist Women's Ministries' Spiritual Growth Retreat this weekend at Parchment Valley Conference Center
SEPTEMBER 24 - Coal River Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 25 - Logan-Mingo and Union Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
SEPTEMBER 26 - The ministry of Main Street Baptist Church; Richard Sargent, pastor (Teays Valley)
SEPTEMBER 27 - The ministry of North Parkersburg Baptist Church; Mike Towner, pastor (Parkersburg)
SEPTEMBER 28 - Mylinda Baits, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) missionary to Costa Rica
SEPTEMBER 29 - The ministry of Big Hurricane Missionary Baptist Church; Anthony Perry, pastor (Twelve Pole)
SEPTEMBER 30 - Rita Barker, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission

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

Coming Events

AUGUST 2016

August 5-7

*American Baptist Men and Boys' Camp
Camp Cowen*

August 20

*School of Christian Studies Making
Peace (Mod-4) One-Day Class
Parchment Valley Conference Center*

SEPTEMBER 2016

September 2-4

*Camp Global
Camp Cowen*

September 5

*Labor Day Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Office CLOSED*

September 12-14

*Fall Golden'eers' Retreat
Parchment Valley Conference Center*

September 13

*School of Christian Studies Teacher
Training (M-03) Six-Week Class
Various Locations*

September 16-17

*Youth Fall Rally
Camp Cowen*

September 23-25

*American Baptist Women's Ministries'
Spiritual Growth Retreat
Parchment Valley Conference Center*

OCTOBER 2016

October 1

*West Virginia Baptist Convention
Executive Board
Parchment Valley Conference Center*

October 7-8

*Baptist Campus Ministries' Fall
Retreat
Camp Cowen*

October 20-21

*West Virginia Baptist Convention
Annual Meeting
Gassaway Baptist Church*

October 20

*American Baptist Men's Event
Gassaway Baptist Church*

October 20

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

October 20

*Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers'
Council Event
Sutton Baptist Church*

October 29

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

West Virginia Baptist Newsletter Submissions

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Deadline for submission is the 3rd of odd numbered months.

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2016 Association Meetings

8/2	Greenbrier-Raleigh	Breckenridge Missionary Baptist Church	9:00 a.m.
8/4	Little Kanawha	Glenville First Baptist Church	5:00 p.m.
8/9	Harrisville	North Fork Baptist Church	9:30 a.m.
8/18	Broad Run	Indian Fork Baptist Church	9:00 a.m.
8/21	Good Hope	Parchment Valley Baptist Church	2:00 p.m.
8/21	Goshen	Goshen Baptist Church	3:00 p.m.
8/27	Elk Valley	Big Union Baptist Church	8:30 a.m.
8/28	Eastern	Harmony Baptist Church	3:00 p.m.
9/10	Hopewell	Springdale First Baptist Church	9:00 a.m.
9/11	Fairmont	Bethesda Baptist Church	3:30 p.m.
9/14	Fayette	Deep Water Baptist Church	6:30 p.m.
9/17	Twelve Pole	Fort Gay Baptist Church	9:00 a.m.
9/18	Judson	Lumberport Baptist Church	4:30 p.m.
9/18	Panhandle	Weirton First Baptist Church	4:00 p.m.
9/20	Parkersburg	Belleville Baptist Church	5:00 p.m.
9/22	Guyandotte	Hope Christian Center	7:00 p.m.
9/22	Kanawha Valley	Kanawha City Baptist Church	2:30 p.m.
9/22	Teays Valley	Nitro First Baptist Church	6:00 p.m.
9/24	Coal River	Sand Fork Baptist Church	9:30 a.m.
9/25	Logan Mingo	Man First Baptist Church	3:30 p.m.
9/25	Union	Hepzibah Baptist Church	3:00 p.m.

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