

The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter

October-November 2018

The New Weirton Christian Center: The Dream Has Become A Reality

by Kim Weaver, director, Weirton Christian Center

WEIRTON - God has answered our prayers and the new Weirton Christian Center building is complete! Many thanks to all our West Virginia Baptist family for supporting our mission in so many ways. All the prayers have been answered and we are now operating in our new building - DEBT FREE! The Christian Fellowship Foundation started us off with a 40% match, and our contractor and his wife's LaPosta-Banketas Foundation finalized the building with their massive contribution. The in-kind support on this building was over \$300,000 in services and equipment. The outpouring from the community has been amazing. Businesses, organizations, foundations and individuals have been so generous to help us complete this building that more than doubled in cost from our beginning project estimate. It also increased by 1,760 square feet, in heavily insulated block rather than steel and will last into the next century.

Our ribbon cutting and building dedication was held August 26, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. and over 200 people walked through the building and saw what God has accomplished. The children walked through the doors on September 4th. We are so blessed to have this state-of-the-art facility that we know will keep them safe and sound.

We have 23 preschool students we provide lunch and transportation for, at no cost to the families. The school buses bring them to us for the free afterschool program, and we drive them home each evening. The children receive homework help, dinner and many opportunities to learn about the Lord and develop new skills.

Our new partnership with Weirton Heights Memorial

Baptist Church (Panhandle) has given our children a new playground area, and the church members are pulling together to create a midweek *Together* program for our children and their families.

Our previous facility still needs a new owner, so we ask for your prayers that a ministry will be able to take it over and still serve the family needs downtown. Our plan to try to help 18-24 year-old young adults who are in transition without guidance may still be able to happen if the right people were to purchase the property. Please keep this situation in prayer. We are not able to support both facilities on the donations we receive, especially since our new expenses are starting to come in. We would love to be open five days a week by next year, and for that to be a reasonable goal, the property sale needs to happen quickly.

Our West Virginia Baptist churches, American Baptist Women's Ministries' groups and individuals have been a tremendous support in the building project, but also in keeping our ministry going. Your ongoing monthly support is the heart and soul of our ministry. The American Baptist Women who supported our new preschool continue to provide us with *quarters for grades* to help us encourage our kids to be their best. Their White Cross items, gift cards and collections make such a difference to the children when needs arise. The churches that include us in their mission budgets provide us with funding we can count on regularly. The cards of encouragement and prayers for our ministry are invaluable. We truly appreciate all you do. We invite

any of you who are interested in seeing the facility to come by any time.



Kim Weaver (c), director, Weirton Christian Center, cuts the ribbon at the Weirton Christian Center dedication ceremony.



Dinnertime at the Kids' Cafe at the new Weirton Christian Center.

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

by **Michael B. Sisson**, Executive Minister



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Bearers of Hope ... Doing Christ's Work Together!



Dr. Michael Sisson

I am excited about our Convention theme for this coming year, **Bearers of Hope ... Doing Christ's Work Together!** I am excited because it brings together two significant biblical principles: The calling of the church to carry the message of hope found in Jesus Christ to a world that desperately needs it and the design of the church as the body of Jesus Christ to come together to share that message in powerful, far reaching ways by working together to do the ministries we cannot do alone.

The world needs us to be **Bearers of Hope**. It is of little doubt we are living in a world that is quickly being defined by a sense of hopelessness. We only need to turn on the news, pick up the local newspaper or log on to Facebook to see the rising sense of sadness and desperation all around us. However, in another sense, the reality of hopelessness should not surprise us. The Apostle Paul wrote, **"In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope."** [emphasis mine] (Ephesians 2:12) Paul makes it clear hope is only found in God and if people do not know God, they do not have a source of hope.

This is where we as the West Virginia Baptist Convention family of churches come in. As the body of Christ, churches have been entrusted with the message of reconciliation. The Apostle Paul writes, **"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."** (2 Corinthians 5:18-20) You see, we as the people of God, the church and the convention of churches have the message of hope that can only be found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Moreover, it is a message that needs to be presented in love and shared in our words and in our deeds. **"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."** (1 John 3:18)

Together, as the West Virginia Baptist Convention family, we are able to be **Bearers of Hope** as we **Do Christ's Work Together!** For example, as **Bearers of Hope** together we are able to provide a Baptist Camp in Cowen, where people come to meet Jesus. This camping season alone, over 1,800 campers were able to grow in their faith and 95 came to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior! Together, we are able to offer a Christian conference center, Parchment Valley, in Ripley, where educational opportunities like the School of Christian Studies, Church Leadership Training Events and Palmer Theological Seminary are provided to assist God's people to be better equipped to serve Him in ministry. Each year, Parchment Valley Conference Center hosts the Brothers' Keeper mission service week, where young people come and learn about serving as they help those in need in Jackson County by building handicap access ramps and making much needed repairs to their homes. And, by the way, 49 people received Christ as Savior this year at Parchment Valley. By working together, Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) is located on eight college campuses in West

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by Frank Miller, Director

Making Memories for More Than Fifty Years

The blessed season of fall is upon us once again. With the cooling of the temperatures, the echo of the whippoorwill and our Parchment Valley Conference Center staff, alongside many volunteers are busy preparing for the fall season and beyond.

While worshipping at Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont), I had the privilege of spending time with two of our American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief volunteers, Joyce and Gene McVicker. Joyce stated, "I love to see the killdeer in the summer at Parchment Valley, protecting their nest they strategically build in the gravel during the late summer." Gene, with tears in his eyes quickly responded, "I love to hear the sound from the whippoorwill, this takes me back to my childhood."

Periodically, I challenge myself to read the Parchment Valley story [I've Been to the Mountaintop](#), A History of Parchment Valley by Don Loudermilk. This heartfelt collection of historical quotes and personal memoirs etched from the Loudermilk's Christian walk inspires us to take the time and make a difference in this dark world and be a light on the mountaintop.



The late Don Loudermilk, World War II fighter pilot, West Virginia Baptist Convention state staff member and Parchment Valley Conference Center volunteer scribes in his story the memories he and others experienced through God's presence in their life at Parchment Valley:

"His mind drifts to the beautiful trails over the hills, the isolated spots on the property which most likely will never be seen by most of the conferees coming to Parchment Valley. He recalls the quiet streams, the brilliant sunlight filtering through multi-colored leaves of the massive trees in the woods and the fresh-fallen snow glimmering on the outstretched arms of the pines."

This season, we at Parchment Valley Conference Center are thankful for the 49 youth who accepted Christ as their Savior during our events. We celebrate the 46 homes in Jackson County, where 188 Brothers' Keeper participants shared the gospel and completed necessary home

repairs. *Lives were changed.*

The Parchment Valley story has many thoughtful memories, but they don't end there. Let us discover each new day, week, month and year at Parchment Valley, desiring to experience the presence of Christ. We thank you for supporting this ministry, sharing memories so faithfully for more than 50 years ... and in the years to come!

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Virginia to provide a faith community for young men and women while they are away from home. The BCM mission is "Changing Lives that Change the World!" The list goes on and on ... disaster relief, short term mission trips, internships for those sensing a call to ministry, externships for those sensing a call to the mission field and the School of Christian Studies, who equip local church leaders and pastors, many of which are faithfully serving churches in West Virginia.

We are able to bring the message of hope in Jesus Christ through these ministries and so many more because the wonderful people of the West Virginia Baptist Convention come together as churches, associations and individuals to volunteer their time and talent, to use their spiritual giftedness, to give in financial support and to pray diligently so we are able to *Do Christ's Work Together!* And for this I want to say thank you! For your faithfulness, your fellowship and your heart for God and others, thank you!

May all we do and say bring people closer to Jesus to His Glory and Honor! Amen!

*Rich Blessings,
Mike*

Spark Youth Ministries Takes Short Term Mission Trip to Weirton Christian Center

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

Spark Youth Ministries, the youth group from Sunrise Baptist Church (Parkersburg), had an awesome, eye opening experience July 6-7, 2018 when they took a short term mission trip to Weirton Christian Center. This mission service opportunity allowed Spark (11 youth/children and six adults) to take Vacation Bible School to 22 children at Weirton Christian Center.

The mission team was excited to take the word of God to these kids, give them t-shirts and provide them with lunch and snacks. When we told them how far we had come, several kids and parents were speechless. Kim



Pictured above is the Spark Youth Ministries' group from Sunrise Baptist Church.

Weaver, director of Weirton Christian Center had this to say, "We were so blessed to have Spark Youth Ministries come spend the day with our children and share the word of the Lord with them. We hope Spark and other mission teams will continue to come. Our kids need to experience as many Christians as possible to know the difference the love of the Lord can make."

by Lisa Simmons, Associate in Mission Support

MissionQuest: An Equation that Works!

**Two Different Cultures + Intense Mission Education
+ A Mission Experience with a Third Culture = Many Changed Lives!**

MissionQuest, a two-year intense mission education experience, was completed this summer by five young adults from West Virginia and five from our partner convention Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico (IBPR, The Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico). This group began a unique journey together in 2016. The goal was to provide young adult leadership in both conventions the opportunity to study, plan and work together in the area of mission.

“Putting two cultures together to study this subject was unique. However, young adults are learning to work together with people from different countries and cultures at school and at work, so why not in ministry and mission?” said Lisa Simmons, associate in Mission Support for the West Virginia Baptist Convention. “Each person on the *MissionQuest* team brought a distinct perspective from their culture and from their own life experiences, but as we continued together the team developed a team perspective and team culture, which was definitely God breathed.”

“*MissionQuest* members studied and discussed together every month via internet conferencing, and also had two face to face meetings, one in West Virginia and the other in Puerto Rico. Meetings included study in the areas of theology, missiology, cross culture intelligence, cross cultural ministry, conflict management, spiritual gifts and personal preparation for mission service. The team learned about how differences can be strengths when working together in ministry. God has gifted every believer, and learning how to use those gifts together in service only enhances the ability to touch lives for His kingdom,” said Simmons.

West Virginia team members included Madison Cooper, Emily Fordyce, Jordan Lallemon, Gage Ross and Drew Mullins.



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Emily Fordyce commented, “The idea to mix two cultures with the plan to immerse them into a third is wonderfully rebellious and I am thankful for that element of the experience. By allowing two cultures to intermingle and learn from/with one another, walls were torn down that would have otherwise created barriers and ineffectiveness.”



Gage Ross shared, “*MissionQuest* allowed my idea of missions to be challenged and strengthened because of the amount of effort put into the overall spiritual growth of the team.”

I believe there is a lot of work to do and we are in need of more hands. So as the church of Christ, we need to continue joining forces for developing leaders and God's servants for the world.”

Eliezer Morales (IBPR)

Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico partnered with the West Virginia Baptist Convention on *MissionQuest* by providing participants and leadership for the two-year project. Group meetings were facilitated by leaders from both conventions and other facilitators included English and Spanish speakers. Eliezer Morales, team member from Puerto Rico shared, “Overall, the experience of being part of the *MissionQuest* team has given me the opportunity to be trained in

missions, something that a few years ago I had never thought of. I know with this experience God has affirmed my calling and I am willing to continue on the journey that He has given me.”

The *MissionQuest* team spent one week working with mothers and children at Deborah’s House in Tijuana, Mexico. Deborah’s House is a shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence and is the ministry field of Deliris Carrion, International Ministries’ (IM) missionary. The team provided Vacation Bible School type activities for the children afterschool; childcare while the women engaged in study; a spiritual, creative arts project; and assisted in painting and preparing a home for a shelter “graduate” and her family.

Pedro Alvarado, from the Puerto Rican team, sums up his thoughts by saying, “I hope the relationship keeps going and the agreement between West Virginia and Puerto Rico brings new ideas and experiences like these in the near future.”

Living in Touch



I know this has happened to you. You run into an old friend and you visit a while. As you leave them, you casually say, "Let's keep in touch." We really mean well when we say this, but the truth is it is very unlikely we or they will make a significant effort to change the relationship beyond what it had been before the chance meeting.

Relationships require effort. Relationships require time together. Significant relationships require we live "in touch" with each other. While it is possible to have deep, lasting friendships and not see or talk to someone for months. These are rare. The best relationships are the ones that are nurtured through regular mutual engagement around life. Real relationships happen beyond Facebook!

God has invited each of us to keep in touch. God is ever present and available. There is no call waiting - God answers. There is no "I am busy right now" - God is always ready when needed.

Sometimes we get so busy with life we fail to live in God's presence. Sometimes we live our lives in ways that put us out of touch with God. Sometimes life jumps on us and our oppression causes us to feel deserted.

The Psalmist writes: *"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths (Sheol), you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."* (Psalm 139:7-10) He goes on to say when the darkness tries to hide us, God's light will shine.

If we want our relationship with God to be deep and intimate, we must live our lives in touch with Him. Living in touch with God requires a daily discipline of prayer, presence and preparation. When we take time each day to read and meditate on God's word, we live in touch. When we spend significant time each day talking to God, we live in touch. When we stop, be still and listen to God, we live in touch. When we live our daily lives in the presence of God doing our best to live as God desires, we live in touch.

We should each strive to be living in touch with God.

Committed to Missions,

Nurturing Relationships in Nepal

What is your morning routine like? For some people it involves hitting the snooze button a few times, moving slowly into the shower/bath, getting that morning cup of coffee and trying to get your head and heart ready for the day. For others, morning might mean an early morning jog or trip to the gym, a quick shower with yogurt, granola or even a donut and a drive to the job. Or maybe you are one of those people for whom morning is the time to finally climb into bed after a long night's work.

Now, imagine before doing much of anything in the morning putting on your shoes, and depending on the weather, putting on your coat, hat and mittens and then grabbing as many buckets as you can handle and walking down a mountain for at least one hour to get water for your whole family for the [day](#).

In the mountainous communities of the Himalayas, this is the start of the day for many families. Running water while you clean dishes, take a bath or shower or brush your teeth is not an option - water is like gold.

Through the generous donations given to relief funds for the recent earthquake in Nepal, one community received a pump, that when installed, assisted the entire community with

water! There were grins and laughter all around, especially from those who were the "water-bearers."

Recently, International Ministries' (IM) missionary Debbie Mulneix led a small group of people from the United States to visit some of the Himalayan villages in Nepal. Their goal was to represent International Ministries, see what the donations had supported and encourage the people in the villages.



Joyce McVicker from Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont) was one of the participants. "If you have ever been uncertain of how your donations have been used, rest assured they provide vital assistance to individuals and communities such as the ones visited in April. What a blessing to the recipients of funds and projects from International Ministries as well as to those of us who were able to celebrate with the

Nepali people," said McVicker.

Debbie Mulneix will be leading other encouragement and support trips in the coming year. For more information about upcoming opportunities, contact Debbie Mulneix directly at dmulnix@aol.com or Lisa Simmons, associate in Mission Support at lsimmons@wvbc.org.

A Supporting Presence

What does it mean to be a supporting presence in places where missionaries are not welcomed? What does it mean to be a supporting presence to missionaries and their families who are alone in their field of service? International Ministries' Special Missionary, Debbie Mulneix explains the importance of the supporting presence: "Many places in the world do not have a permanent missionary on the field.

Christians in these areas are excited others are interested enough in them to come. They are appreciative someone wants to listen to their stories and hear their heart. It is such a boost to their faith and dedication to know others care and will carry back the information, needs, challenges and victory stories. Appreciation for this is big!"

Debbie has taken on new responsibilities with International Ministries as a special missionary to southern and eastern Asia, working with area directors Ben Chan and Leslie Turley. This new ministry covers the countries of Japan, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Lao, Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Bhutan and India.

Specifically, Debbie is leading small delegations of people from the United States to strengthen partnerships with Christians in these countries. The relationships will be built through deep conversations with leaders and a supporting presence. "We are not there to solve their problems, but we are



Debbie Mulneix, International Ministries' Special Missionary to Southern and Eastern Asia

there to listen and encourage," says Mulneix. "The smaller groups give everyone the opportunity to share on a deeper level."

Debbie has been an International Ministries' missionary since 1999. She began at Woodstock International School, serving for nine years as a dorm supervisor, working with junior high through high school age students from all over Asia. Woodstock is a coeducational international boarding school in India. After finishing at Woodstock, Debbie served as an assistant to regional personnel in India. She worked out of Guwahati, Assam and assisted with women's programs, grant writing, White Cross and traveled to different ministries to check out what was needed and how funds were being used. She represented International Ministries at various functions all around India. Debbie recently served at Samaritana Transformation Ministries in the Philippines.

"I have future plans to take small groups to both China and Myanmar/Malaysia. It would be great to have some West Virginians to go on these trips. The experience is life-changing for both those going and those receiving. God works in the interactions between people!" says Mulneix.

If you are interested in learning more about the ministry of Debbie Mulneix or assisting with supporting her ministry, please contact the Mission Support department of the West Virginia Baptist Convention at 304.422.6449. To connect directly with Debbie, she may be reached at dmulneix@aol.com.

Are You Salt or Salty?

**Adult Discipleship:
Faith in the Workplace Emphasis 2018**



Working with young adults means learning the "lingo" sometimes in order to know what they are talking about! I am sure my parents felt the same way when I was young. The word "bad" was used to describe something good and rap sessions had nothing to do with tapping on a surface - it was a time of talking. However, I digress.

A recent word change has come with the word "salty." For me, this means adding too much of a food ingredient called salt and causing the food item to be ... salty. For those in the younger crowd the word "salty" can be used to refer to someone who is being grouchy, obnoxious or has a bad attitude towards a situation or someone.

When we read about being a salty Christian in the Bible the idea is to be people who add to the situation, not drive people away. We are to be the value added product in our world today.

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Discipleship Ministries

by Lisa Simmons, Director

How salty are you at work? This is the place we spend the majority of our waking moments and a true place of impact for the kingdom of God. Are you being the salt that adds to the good flavor to your work environment?



The Faith at Work emphasis is not about formal evangelism in the workplace, but more about how can you be all Christ wants you to be in your workplace as well as in your home, at leisure and at church.

It is not too late to start a study of faith in the workplace at your church. Resources are available through WorkLife.org and many other organizations. The West Virginia Baptist Convention has information on our website at www.wvbc.org or contact Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@wvbc.org to get started with a customized program.

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

by *Richard Hepler*, President

Preserving the Heritage and History of West Virginia Baptists and Their Churches

The West Virginia Baptist Historical Society (WVBHS) was organized in Charleston, West Virginia on October 26, 1940 by Dr. E.J. Woofter, Rev. H.A. Jackson and Dr. D.L. Priestley. The primary purpose of the society is to collect and preserve the heritage and history of Baptists and their churches in West Virginia.

For many years, the historical collection was kept in the State of West Virginia Department of Archive and History in Charleston. With the completion of Parchment Valley Conference Center in Ripley, the collection was moved there. It is currently located in the rear of Hill Hall. The archives are staffed by volunteers, mostly board members. Access to the archives is primarily by appointment with one of the board members (see below at right). The West Virginia Baptist Historical Society is in the process of digitizing books, records and other documents in hopes of preserving them and making them readily available online at a future date. This is, of course, an extensive and expensive undertaking which will hopefully be well underway in the near future.

Many resources are available, including the two volume history [West Virginia Baptist History](#) by Dr. Truett Rogers. The jubilee volume celebrates the 50th anniversary of the West Virginia Baptist Convention as well as records of associations, churches and ministers.

The following are several ways you can support and assist the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society:

- **Send scanned copies of church records to the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society**
- Send a copy of of your annual association publication to the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society for filing in the association records
- **Send a current copy of your church history to the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society**
- Become a member of the West Virginia Baptist

Historical Society and/or make a donation in support of the society

- **Become a life member and/or make a gift of a life membership in honor or memory of a pastor or friend who has been devoted to the work of the society**
- Ask your church to make a donation in support of the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society
- **Contact us when you need information regarding Baptist churches, ministers, etc.**

Contact Information:

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society
1715 Lower Parchment Valley Road, Ripley, WV
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304.372.3675

Members of the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society are: Allan Copenhaver, Jean Cunningham, Koneda Devrick, Dick Hepler, Leigh Ann Hood, Tracy Mills, Gloria Pauley, Tom Pauley, Jim Ross, Joyce Ross, Michael Sisson and David Sneed.



The old Ann Street church where the general association was formed.

The 153rd
Annual Meeting

of the West Virginia Baptist Convention

**Friday, October 19-
Saturday, October 20,
2018**

**South Parkersburg
Baptist Church**

**“Bearers of Hope ...
Doing Christ’s Work Together!”**

*Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (NIV)*



Keynote Speaker:
Rev. David Bush,
co-pastor, Crab Orchard Baptist Church



Annual Sermon Speaker:
Dr. William Brown,
pastor, Vienna Baptist Church



Executive Minister:
Dr. Michael Sisson,
West Virginia Baptist Convention

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 19

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

Theme: Living Loved

Worship Leader: Ginny Prunty

Location: South Parkersburg

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: Sandra Lutz

at sandralutz150@yahoo.com

**Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form.**

Pastors4Pastors:

The Ministers’ Council

**Location: South Parkersburg Baptist
Church - AMP**

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

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Rodney Ragwan

**Topic: Pastors Leading Young Adults to
Hear God’s Call to Ministry and Mission**

Cost: Members - \$10.00,

Non-Members - \$25.00,

includes lunch

Contact: Rich McClure -

richardmcclure21@gmail.com

**Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form.**

American Baptist Men

Location: Henderson Hall,

517 Old River Rd, Williamstown 26187

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

Depart from the church at 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$6.00

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

Shuttle Available

**Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form.**

SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 19

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

Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
David Hoge

Business Meeting 1 - David Hoge

Executive Minister Address -
Mike Sisson

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

6:30 p.m. Session 2 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Doris Toothman

Ward Hibbs Award - Tim Barry

Keynote Speaker - David Bush

Communion

8:30 p.m.

Alderson Broaddus University Reception

Saturday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Session 3 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Lee Boso

School of Christian Studies'

Graduation - Mark McCloy

Greetings from Palmer Seminary -
David Bronkema

James Anderson, Sr. Bivocational

Pastor Award - Jim Anderson

9:45 a.m. - Workshop Session 1

10:30 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - Workshop Session 2

12:00 noon - Lunch Break

Luncheon Opportunities

West Virginia Baptist

Historical Society

Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon

Palmer Theological Seminary

Luncheon

1:45 p.m. - Workshop Session 3

2:45 p.m. Session 4 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
David Hoge

Business Meeting 2 - David Hoge

Installation of Officers

Annual Sermon - Bill Brown

Sending out Bearers of Hope -

Mike Sisson

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 Check One Above.
	\$6.00 - American Baptist Men
	\$6.00 - ABW Min. West Virginia - Women's Day
	\$10.00 - Members - Pastors4Pastors Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$25.00 - Non-Members - Pastors4Pastors Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$15.00 - Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet
	\$12.00 - WV Baptist Historical Society
	\$10.00 - Ministers' Wives' Fellowship
	\$12.00 - Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon Please circle your choice: Ham or Turkey
	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

Registration Deadline:

Please have your registration postmarked, with money enclosed by October 15, 2018.

Meeting Jesus and Growing as His Disciples

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

For the past 75 years, the **West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen** has been blessed with the mission of sharing the message of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and has had the privilege of walking alongside hundreds of thousands of campers and families as they grow in their daily walk of living as Christ’s disciples. As a ministry of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, we celebrate with you the ministry we do together, the lives changed because of your partnership, the impact in our churches, Convention and world because together we do this ministry better than any of us could do alone. Thank you for your faithful partnership in the camping ministry!

The summer of 2018 has faded away into autumn, but the impact of the year’s ministry cannot be diminished by the passing months. If we were to look at the astounding numbers for a moment, we would find they are a testament to the faithfulness of God and the dedication of many counselors, directors, staff, families and churches. This summer 1,874 campers came to camp, which means total guests onsite have already been almost 3,500 people this year! **There were 95 campers who made first-time commitments to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, more than 90 rededications and eight campers heard the call to full-time service.** Those numbers show us a blessed summer indeed.

As we celebrate those amazing works of the Lord at camp, we also recognize the stories and lives changed that cannot be quantified. Campers who made what will be life-long friends. People who experienced the amazing

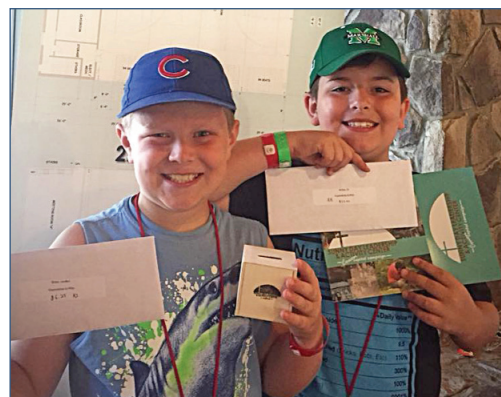
power of God during times of worship. Children who learned of the great love the Father has for us as taught in the word. Teens choosing to share their deepest hurts with counselors and begin the path of healing as adults poured over them in prayer. Campers taking the brave steps to overcome challenges and grow skills. Leaders who stepped up to be used of God to share their testimony so that story could speak truth into the lives of hundreds of campers. Bible stories brought to the stage in skits/drama/dance, bringing the message of the gospel to life before our very eyes. Counselors who gave of their time to serve campers all hours of the day and night. Directors who prayed over their camps without ceasing. There are stories beyond measure of the amazing power of God at work in the community of faith at camp this summer.



Camp fun: making new friends and buddy races. All in a day at camp.



The New Testament comes to life during a consecration service beside the Gauley River.



2 Corinthians 9:7, “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” (KJV)

Praise God!

This summer, we also celebrate the second phase of ground work for the **Sunny Day Leadership and Activity Center**. The site is now prepared and grass is growing. To date, more than \$320,000 has been raised for the project. Thank you for your generous contributions and your continued faithful support! These boys (in the picture below at left) blessed us so much with their giving hearts. Early in the week during Junior 1 Camp they asked their counselor how they could give some of their money to support the **Sunny Day** Building campaign. All week long they waited and made sure they had extra money left on checkout day to give. On Saturday, these boys were so excited to give their money to help build **Sunny Day**. Generosity comes in thousands of dollars and it comes in just a few. We are thankful for all who continue to give through their **Sunny Day** wooden banks, monthly donors as well as the larger gifts. Continue to pray as we seek the Lord through this building project.

Beulah Celebrates 200 Anniversary

Beulah Baptist Church (Union) celebrated their 200th anniversary with a weekend of activities, August 17-19, 2018. Friday evening featured a gospel sing featuring different groups and individual singers. A banquet was held Saturday evening followed by two worship services on Sunday. During the Sunday School hour, Roanne McDonald shared stories and memories of her late husband, Rev. Richard McDonald, and his ministry of over 30 years at the church. Dr. Michael Sisson, West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Minister and Rev. David Hulme, West Virginia Baptist Convention Northeast Area Minister, participated in Sunday's worship services. Dr. David Bess, pastor, presented a message challenging and encouraging the congregation as they begin year 201.



Beulah Baptist Church, Pruntytown

Dr. David Bess, pastor, presented a message challenging and encouraging the congregation as they begin year 201.

Goshen Association to Host Fall Teaching Series

The 2018 Goshen Association Fall Teaching Series entitled, "Are We Healthy?" will focus on Acts 2:42-47 and what

Northwest Area News

Mark McCloy, Northwest Area Minister

Being Called to Unexpected Places

Sarah McCloy of Lifespring Baptist Church (Good Hope) in Jackson County shares the story of her summer mission trip that included participants with connections to five West Virginia Baptist Convention churches.

Sometimes God calls us to unexpected places. This summer I had the privilege of traveling to Japan for 17 days as a member of a young adult mission team from West Virginia. Five of us ranging in ages from 19-24 felt the call of God to go to Japan and share about the love of Jesus Christ.

I found myself sitting in the tiny living room of a Japanese apartment in Yokohama. Sitting next to me were my homestay "father," "mother" and "sister." We had spent the weekend exploring Tokyo and sharing about our lives. I had shared about my faith in Jesus Christ and my calling to ministry. They had shared about Japanese culture and their religious beliefs as practicing Shinto Buddhists.

Our conversation that particular evening turned to the topic of music. My homestay mother was a music teacher and



First Row (left to right): Abigail Harman, Makoto Tanno and Sarah McCloy; second row (left to right): Ben McCloy, Cole Linder and Nathan Welch

Northeast Area News

David Hulme, Northeast Area Minister

characterized the healthy, early church order. Each service will begin at 4:00 p.m., at a different church each week. Pastors from Goshen Association churches will be speaking. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- October 7 - Goshen Baptist Church - Speaker: Stephen Dodrill
- October 14 - Sabraton Baptist Church - Speaker: Chuck Bowers
- October 21 - Kingwood Baptist Church - Speaker: Scott Whetzel
- October 28 - Forks of Cheat Baptist Church - Speaker: Joe Lamm



Pastor Rick Eaton

Rick Eaton Installed as Pastor at West Union

Rev. Rick Eaton was installed as pastor of West Union Baptist Church (Broad Run) on July 22, 2018. Participating in the service were Rev. David Hulme, West Virginia Baptist Convention Northeast Area Minister and Rev. Evan Arkell, West Virginia Baptist Convention Southwest Area Minister.

wanted to teach me how to play a song on an Indonesian harp. She began to play a song, and I instantly recognized the tune. I began, haltingly at first, and then more assuredly to sing *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*.

We worked with International Ministries' Global Servants' Gordon and LeeAnn Hwang in the cities of Yokohama and Iwaki. We participated in English conversation classes at Soshin Girls School and Kanto Gakuin University, building relationships with students. We also worked at Taira Kindergarten with children ages 0-5 and their families. We were privileged to be able to worship with churches from the Japan Baptist Union and see the work they are doing for the kingdom of God.

God calls us to unexpected places, but when we answer, "I will go," God will make a way. Nothing has said this clearer than the support our whole Japan 2018 team felt from the wonderful folks at International Ministries and from churches and individuals in the West

Virginia Baptist Convention. As seminary and college students, a mission trip to Japan for 17 days is a serious and difficult financial commitment. Without the financial and spiritual support of individuals and churches in the Convention, this trip would not have been possible. I thank you with all my heart for your support and for being a community that enables young adults to follow God's call even to the most unexpected places.

Evan Arkell, Southwest Area Minister

Williamson First to Celebrate 120th Anniversary

*by Jarrod Belcher, pastor,
Williamson First Baptist Church (Logan-Mingo)*

Williamson First Baptist Church celebrated its 120th anniversary of the church on September 16, 2018. The theme for the celebration is taken from Jeremiah 29:11, "... I know what plans I have for you to give you a hope and a future."

The Sunday morning worship service began at 10:30 a.m. Former pastor, Tom Stevens brought the message. Members from the seven churches started by Williamson First Baptist Church participated in the service. A picnic on the church grounds was held after the service.

There was a display in the social hall of items handmade by members. This included items such as paintings, crocheted pieces, quilts, writings, scrapbooks and photography.

On September 15 there was a singspiration in the church sanctuary, which featured local gospel groups. Highlighting the event was a play called *Unselfie* by the children's choirs, under the direction of Vickie Rowe.

We thank all those that joined us as we celebrated God's past word through Williamson's First Baptist Church and as we prepare ourselves for the "hope and future plans" He has for our church.

Other Special Occasions to Celebrate

This fall is filled with special anniversaries for several of our Southwest Area churches:

- Milton Baptist Church (Guyandotte) celebrated its 140th anniversary at the end of July.
- The Coal River Association came together August 19, 2018 for an indoor picnic at the Madison Civic Center. There was a nice turnout and many Coal River Association churches were represented. And yes, there was fried chicken!
- New Baptist Church (Guyandotte) celebrated its 10 year anniversary in September, as the former Twentieth Street and Beverly Hills Baptist Churches came together to begin something "New."
- Also in September, South Charleston First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) celebrated its 100th anniversary.
- September also saw Olive Baptist Church (Coal River) celebrate its 150th anniversary.
- At the beginning of October, Highlawn Baptist Church (Teays Valley) will celebrate the installation of their newly called pastor, Jason Robbins. They will also be celebrating the church's 70th anniversary.

Southeast Area News

James Anderson, Jr., Southeast Area Minister

Scott Street and Athens Baptist Church Choirs Combine at Greenbrier-Raleigh Association Meeting

During the annual Greenbrier-Raleigh Association meeting held at Athens Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) on



The combined choirs from Scott Street and Athens Baptist Churches perform at the Greenbrier-Raleigh Association Meeting.

August 7, 2018, the combined choirs of Scott Street Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) and Athens Baptist Church shared special music. Being the only two West Virginia Baptist Convention churches in Mercer County, pastors, Dr. Garry

D. Moore of Scott Street Baptist Church and Rev. Charlie Drake of Athens Baptist Church, opened their pulpits to each other as it seemed a natural fit and both choirs loved practicing together. In a medley of both old and new songs, there was great praise in song, and the only complaint from the attendees was they wished both choirs had sung even more selections! In a world so divided, this display of unity showed in Christ we can as churches be truly one in mind, body and soul.

Stump Chapel Celebrates Youth Fundraising Goal

On the morning of July 22, 2018, between Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the ladies of Stump Chapel Baptist Church (Elk Valley) provided ice cream to all in celebration of the youth raising money to provide new chairs for the fellowship hall. West Virginia Baptist Convention Southeast Area Minister, Rev. Jim Anderson, while enjoying his ice cream, commented this was a first for him and thanked pastor Teddy Legg and the ladies and youth, before sharing the Good News in song and sermon.

Baptist Campus Ministries' FALL RETREAT



October 12-14, 2018
Camp Cowen

Fees: First Time - \$35, Returning - \$45

Attention: All College Students

Come join us for our fall weekend retreat, where we will enjoy times of teaching, worship and fellowship.

If you plan to attend, please contact Jennifer at jennifer@wvbc.org or 304.422.6449 for a registration form.

Deadline for registration is October 5, 2018.

Junior High Convention

November 16-18, 2018

Calvary Baptist Church, Oak Hill

2018-2019 Theme: Jesus, Inc.

Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Speaker: Brian Burgess

Band: Profound Revival

Early Bird Registration: \$35

Regular Registration: \$45

AutumnQuest



Preparing for a Fulfilling and Enjoyable Retirement Workshop for ABC Ministerial Leaders and Spouses

October 29-30, 2018

South Parkersburg Baptist Church

Retirement is a significant transition, filled with hope, uncertainties and some anxieties as well. For those in ministry there are added dimensions, since ministry is more than a job, it is a way of life, an identity and a calling. AutumnQuest is a workshop, designed by Midwest Ministry Development and sponsored by the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board to help you anticipate, plan and shape your retirement. AutumnQuest is being hosted in Parkersburg by the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

AutumnQuest will begin at 10:00 a.m. on October 29 and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on October 30. The total registration fee is \$100. When your registration form is received by Midwest Ministry, you will be sent information regarding the workshop location and a questionnaire which will help you begin to think about and prepare for the workshop. Spouses are strongly encouraged to fully participate and share in this event. Each workshop is limited in size, so please send in your registration form(s) by October 22, 2018.

For more information and a registration form, please go to <https://www.wvbc.org/news/autumnquest-2018/>.

Leadership Updates

REV. TIMOTHY D. BLACK to Mount Olive Baptist Church (Broad Run) as pastor on September 30, 2018

REV. SHANE BOGGS to First Southern Baptist Church of Sutton (Elk Valley) as pastor on August 25, 2018

REV. DAVID M. BUSH to Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) as senior pastor of Preaching and Discipleship on September 16, 2018

REV. DOUGLAS SCOTT DAMERON to Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) as senior pastor of Administration and Visitation on September 16, 2018

MR. MIKE HOWERTON to New England Baptist Church (Parkersburg) as pastor on August 1, 2018

REV. LESLIE (LES) P. MULLENS to Rainelle First Baptist Church (Hopewell) as interim pastor on August 29, 2018

REV. MICHAEL D. ROSE to Sunset Hills Missionary Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) as pastor on August 5, 2018

REV. DARRELL SEARLS to Yawkey Missionary Baptist Church (Coal River) as pastor on July 29, 2018

REV. CHRISTOPHER TATMAN to Orlando Baptist Church (Elk Valley) as pastor on August 26, 2018

FRANK MICHAEL CARSON, 69, of Wallace, died July 18, 2018. He was pastor of Sardis Baptist Church (Judson). He had also preached at churches throughout Harrison and Doddridge counties.

RUTH LAYNE CLINE, 83, of Huntington, died on August 18, 2018. She was an active member of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church (Guyandotte), serving on various committees and was involved with her beloved Sunday School class for over 58 years.

JEAN CLARK DAWSON, 81, of Wentzville, Missouri, formerly of Diamond, died August 13, 2018. She was a 64-year member of Diamond Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where she had been youth director, Sunday School teacher, church secretary and a member of the Historical Society.

PEARL LORAIN DEBRULAR, 95, of Weston, died July 20, 2018. She was a member of Weston First Baptist Church (Broad Run) for 60 plus years, where she served as church treasurer for over 20 years and also taught Sunday School.

NORMA JEAN GUNTER, 83, of Shady Spring, died September 1, 2018. She was a member of Beckley First Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), where she was a member of the women's circle group, the American Baptist Women's Ministries and White Cross Ministries.

ROBERT LEROY JONES, SR., died August 23, 2018. He was a member of Dents Run Baptist Church (Judson), where he held positions as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, deacon and trustee.

DELILAH "BELLE" (FINDLEY) KEENER, of Bridgeport, died August 29, 2018. She was a member of Hepzibah Baptist Church (Judson) for 66 years and participated as teacher of all Sunday School classes and held offices in many of the organizations of the church. She was very active in child evangelism for over 40 years and was instrumental in having a Good News Club at Hepzibah and West Taylor Schools.

PAUL WHITE LEWIS, 94, of Claremont, California, died July 25, 2018. He was an International Ministries' (IM) alumnus, who was a missionary to Burma/Thailand.

ADELE STANLEY MCDOUGAL, of Harrisville, died July 9, 2018. She was a member of Harrisville Baptist Church (Harrisville). She held various offices within the church and was choir director for many years.

SHIRLEY JEAN MULLINS, 80, of Griffithsville, died April 18, 2018. She was a member of Yawkey Missionary Baptist Church (Coal River). She was active in the former Amy Baptist Church.

BOBBY D. RICHARDS, 82, of Lubeck, died August 19, 2018. He was a member of Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg), the Homebuilders' Sunday School Class and Seniors on the Move.

ANNAGAE RYMER, 83, of South Charleston, died April 20, 2018. She was a member of Yawkey Missionary Baptist Church (Coal River). She was active in the former Amy Baptist Church, where she held several offices.

ESTELLE M. SCHOCK, 92, of Gig Harbor, Washington, died August 22, 2018. She was an International Ministries' (IM) alumna, who was a missionary to Burma and Hong Kong.

RUTH ELIZABETH LAWRENCE SIMMONS, 82, died September 5, 2018. She was a member of Abounding Grace Church of God, Chesapeake, where she enjoyed leading singing and teaching. She was the mother of John Simmons, Associate Executive Minister of Missions and Administration, West Virginia Baptist Convention.

FURMAN EARL "PONY" SOUTHER, 94, of Vienna, died July 10, 2018. He was a member of Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg) for 50 plus years, where he was active in the senior choir, served on several committees, and along with his wife, was a co-counselor for the Junior High Baptist Youth Fellowship.

WINNIFRED ALETHA STANFORD, 84, died June 25, 2018. She was an International Ministries' (IM) alumna, who was a missionary to the Philippines.

EULA CARMEN (MANKIN) STEPHENS, 99, of Glen Daniel, died July 30, 2018. She was a member of Breckenridge Missionary Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) for 87 years, where she played piano, served as treasurer and was president of American Baptist Women's Ministries. She also served the Raleigh Baptist Association as treasurer for many years.

JOHN SINCLAIR STUMP, 77, of Grantsville, died July 31, 2018. He was a member of Grantsville First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha), where he served as a deacon and lay speaker.

MELVIN R. WOODFORD, JR., 90, a resident of Good Samaritan of Barbour County and former resident of Philippi, died August 15, 2018. He was a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church (Union), where he served as trustee, deacon and was Sunday School superintendent for several years.

JOHN A. WORKMAN, 88, of Spencer, died August 14, 2018. He was a faithful member of Gilboa Baptist Church (Good Hope), where he had been a deacon. He was past member and deacon of Hurricane Missionary Baptist Church (Good Hope) and loved teaching Sunday School for many years.

October 2018

OCTOBER 1 - Tracie Emerick, Outreach assistant, West Virginia Baptist Convention
OCTOBER 2 - Juan Aragon, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Mexico
OCTOBER 3 - Debbie Myers, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Mexico
OCTOBER 4 - The ministry of Scarbro First Baptist Church; Kenny Smith, pastor (Fayette)
OCTOBER 5 - The ministry of Sweet Springs Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
OCTOBER 6 - The West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Board meetings today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
OCTOBER 7 - The ministry of Saulsville Baptist Church; Michael Knotts, pastor (Rockcastle)
OCTOBER 8 - Patti Long, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Mexico
OCTOBER 9 - Sam Gasaway, president, American Baptist Men and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
OCTOBER 10 - The ministry of Mountain Baptist Church; Reginald Berry, pastor (Hopewell)
OCTOBER 11 - The ministry of Mount Olive Baptist Church; Richard Kiley, pastor (Union)
OCTOBER 12 - Jonathan Nambu, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to the Philippines
OCTOBER 13 - Kihomi Ngwemi, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Haiti
OCTOBER 14 - The ministry of Kanawha City Baptist Church; Donald Toler, pastor (Kanawha Valley)
OCTOBER 15 - Jon Good, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Hungary
OCTOBER 16 - The ministry of Saint Paul Baptist Church; Larry Harker, pastor (Fairmont)
OCTOBER 17 - Matt Ash, vice-chair, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission and pastor, Parchment Valley Baptist Church (Good Hope)
OCTOBER 18 - Scott Parajon, International Ministries' (IM) missionary (youth) to Nicaragua
OCTOBER 19 - The West Virginia Baptist Convention 153rd Annual Meeting begins today at South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg)
OCTOBER 20 - The ministry of Grass Lick Baptist Church; Jimmie Compton, pastor (Good Hope)
OCTOBER 21 - Will Bolick, International Ministries' (IM) missionary (youth) to Chile
OCTOBER 22 - The ministry of Gassaway Baptist Church; Mark Stump, pastor (Elk Valley)
OCTOBER 23 - The ministry of Newark Baptist Church; William Cottrell, pastor (Parkersburg)
OCTOBER 24 - The ministry of Seventh Avenue Baptist Church; Robert Withers, pastor (Guyandotte)
OCTOBER 25 - Rachel Good, International Ministries' (IM) missionary (youth) to Hungary
OCTOBER 26 - Shirley Fitzwater, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
OCTOBER 27 - The ministry of Salem Baptist Church; David Carpenter, pastor (Broad Run)
OCTOBER 28 - Lynn Sanson, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
OCTOBER 29 - Glen Chapman, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
OCTOBER 30 - Nathan Myers, International Ministries' (IM) missionary (youth) to Bulgaria
OCTOBER 31 - The ministry of Nutter Fort First Baptist Church; Don Fowler, pastor (Judson)

November 2018

NOVEMBER 1 - Jeni Pedzinski, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Thailand
NOVEMBER 2 - Michael Grose, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
NOVEMBER 3 - Kim Brown, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Thailand
NOVEMBER 4 - The ministry of Leon Baptist Church; Fredrick Sparks, pastor (Teays Valley)
NOVEMBER 5 - Nancy Rice, International Ministries' (IM) missionary (youth) to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
NOVEMBER 6 - The ministry of Shuck Memorial Baptist Church; Jonathan Turner, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
NOVEMBER 7 - The ministry of New Life Ministries; Charles Chipps, pastor (Fairmont)
NOVEMBER 8 - Donald Dague, vice-chair, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission and pastor, Weirton First Baptist Church (Panhandle)
NOVEMBER 9 - The ministry of Wilsonburg Baptist Church; Gregory Blevins, pastor (Judson)
NOVEMBER 10 - The ministry of Crany Missionary Baptist Church; James Walker, pastor (Rockcastle)
NOVEMBER 11 - Kit Ripley, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Thailand
NOVEMBER 12 - Jennifer Huber, administrative assistant for Student Ministries, West Virginia Baptist Convention
NOVEMBER 13 - The ministry of Romney First Baptist Church; Steven Wilson, pastor (Eastern)
NOVEMBER 14 - The ministry of Good Hope Baptist Church; Chad Clark, pastor (Guyandotte)
NOVEMBER 15 - The ministry of East Clarksburg Baptist Church; Larry Fleming, interim pastor (Union)
NOVEMBER 16 - The Junior High Convention begins today at Calvary Baptist Church (Fayette)
NOVEMBER 17 - Lea Lindero, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Thailand
NOVEMBER 18 - David Parajon, International Ministries' (IM) missionary (youth) to Nicaragua
NOVEMBER 19 - Sheila Chipps, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
NOVEMBER 20 - The ministry of Ravenswood First Baptist Church; Toby Wagoner, pastor (Good Hope)
NOVEMBER 21 - The ministry of Rainelle First Baptist Church; Les Mullens, pastor (Hopewell)
NOVEMBER 22 - Jillene Narraway, associate director of Camping and Youth, West Virginia Baptist Convention
NOVEMBER 23 - The ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church; William Tanzey, interim pastor (Kanawha Valley)
NOVEMBER 24 - Ruth Fox, International Ministries' (IM) missionary to Asia and Japan
NOVEMBER 25 - Jim Daniels, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
NOVEMBER 26 - The ministry of Goose Creek Baptist Church; Roger and Connie Johnson, pastors (Harrisville)
NOVEMBER 27 - The ministry of West Union Baptist Church; Rick Eaton, pastor (Broad Run)
NOVEMBER 28 - The ministry of Williamstown First Baptist Church; Tony Foreman, pastor (Parkersburg)
NOVEMBER 29 - The ministry of Orlando Baptist Church; Chris Tatman, pastor (Elk Valley)
NOVEMBER 30 - Teresa Miller, assistant director of operations, Parchment Valley Conference Center

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

Coming Events

OCTOBER 2018

October 5

West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Committee

*Parchment Valley Conference Center in the Santrock Education Center
6:30 p.m.*

October 6

West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Board and Commission Meetings

*Parchment Valley Conference Center in the Santrock Education Center
9:00 a.m.*

October 12-14

*Baptist Campus Ministries' Fall Retreat
Camp Cowen*

October 19

American Baptist Women's Ministries' Women's Day

*South Parkersburg Baptist Church
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.*

October 19

*American Baptist Men's Event
Henderson Hall in Williamstown
Depart from the church at 9:30 a.m.*

October 19

Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council

*South Parkersburg Baptist Church - AMP
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.*

October 19-20

*West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
South Parkersburg Baptist Church*

October 27

*School of Christian Studies Intro to Missions (Mod-3) One-Day Class
Parchment Valley Conference Center in the Santrock Education Center
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Class begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:15 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 2018

November 3

*Children's Rally
Parchment Valley Conference Center
Registration at 9:00 a.m.*

November 12

*Veterans' Day Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention Office CLOSED*

Trading Post

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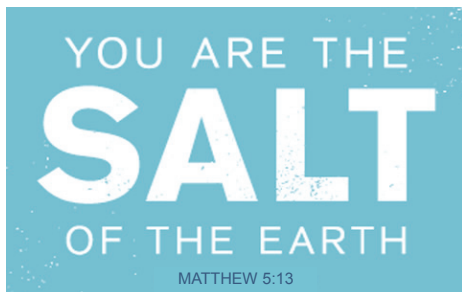
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When our Lord says to his followers, "you are the **salt** of the earth," He is urging them to go into the whole world and enhance the good He is doing so others can be touched by the power of the saving grace of God. As followers of Christ, our congregations are the **salt** of the earth, seasoned with the love of the gospel and called to carry that love to all the earth.



STATE GOAL: \$450,000

For additional resources, visit www.internationalministries.org and click on WMO.

This *World Mission Offering* season, we are focusing on three ministry priorities: health and wellness, abolishing global slavery and economic and community development.

Your congregation's gifts to the *World Mission Offering* powerfully connect you to all of the global servants and ministries of the Lord through International Ministries.

JOIN US IN GIVING AND PRAYER.
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