

The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter

August-September 2019

The Mountain State Mission Offering

The *Mountain State Mission Offering* is one of the primary means in which we do Christ's work together. This offering is the only one in which 100% of your gift stays in West Virginia to support the various ministries you see below. As you will read throughout the pages of this newsletter, lives are being changed around the state resulting in disciples being made around the world. This is only possible because of churches and individuals like you who have committed to partnering together for the sake of missions.

As you consider how your life has been impacted by these ministries, will you also consider how God might want to use you to impact future generations for Christ? Over the last several months, numerous churches have substantially increased their giving, while dozens of others are giving for the first time. There have also been several individuals who have given gifts online of \$25, \$50 or \$100, with some even setting up their gifts to be recurring! How might God want you to financially participate in this mission?

What We Do Together:



Together, we built a camp that since 1943 has served as a place "Where people meet Jesus and grow as disciples in a community of faith." It is in this community that nearly 2,000 youth come every summer and in 2018 alone, we saw 95 people place their faith in Jesus Christ.



Together, we built a conference center that has been used to equip and train leaders for more than 50 years. We have seen more than 700 people place their faith in Christ here over the last decade.



Together, we established a college ministry that has been "changing lives that change the world" since 1967. Today, Baptist Campus Ministries reaches out to nearly 60,000 students on eight different campuses around the state.



Together, we have created the School of Christian Studies, a program where we have equipped more than 700 people for ministry, with more than 70 individuals currently serving as pastors within our family of churches.



Together, we support a Christian center, which has been ministering to children and the Weirton community for more than a century.



Together, we disciple men, women, youth and children all around the state.



Together, we have done disaster relief, rebuilding homes and communities in Kanawha, Greenbrier, Marion, Webster, Wyoming, Logan and Mingo counties.



Together, since 2000, we have planted 18 new churches and helped revive several more.



Together, we invest in pastors, providing scholarships and other opportunities for continuing education, providing support during times of need, working with pulpit committees, and helping churches become everything God wants them to be.



Together, we partner in missions. Since our formation in 1865, we have commissioned 41 different full-time missionaries, including seven who are still on the field. Together, we have also commissioned thousands of short-term missionaries all over the world.

Our denomination was founded to support missions. Adoniram Judson, the first American Baptist missionary, once said, "The future is as bright as the promises of God." The reality is God's plans will never be thwarted and people will continue to be reached with his gospel. The question for us is simply: Do you want to be a part of it?

The *Mountain State Mission Offering* provides us with an incredible opportunity to join God in what He is doing around our state. It is both a way to celebrate our past and a way to look with hope toward our future. Every church (whether big or small) and every church member (whether young or old) has a role to play in this story. The *Mountain State Mission Offering* is one of the primary means in which we do Christ's work together.

The West Virginia Baptist Convention is a family of churches committed to reaching all generations for Jesus Christ both here and abroad by equipping one another to be healthy, growing and unified in Christ and for Christ.

Doing Christ's Work Together



West Virginia Baptist Convention

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Making a Difference



Dr. Michael Sisson

One of my favorite modern parables is the story of the Boy and the Starfish. One day, an old man was walking along a beach littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked, he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one. Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, "I'm saving these starfish, sir." The old man chuckled aloud, "Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?" The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and turning to the man, said, "*I made a difference to that one!*"

This story reminds me every person matters tremendously to God. Throughout scripture, He reminds us just how much we matter. Isaiah the prophet tells us we never leave God's attention. As the Lord has said, "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands" (Isaiah 49:16). The psalmist declares to the Lord, "You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle" (Psalms 56:8). The apostle Peter reminds us to, "Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). In fact, we matter so much to God that He gave His only Son to die so we might be forgiven of sin and our relationship to Him reconciled.

Just last month, a nine-year-old girl said it best when she was asked what she learned at Camp Cowen this year. Her reply, "Even if God doesn't matter to you, you always matter to Him!" Wow! What a profound truth with an eternal significance!

It is because people matter so deeply to God that they matter so much to us as followers of Jesus Christ working together as the West Virginia Baptist Convention family of churches! As the Baptist family *Doing Christ's Work Together*, God has blessed us richly with the opportunity through ministries and missions like Camp Cowen, Brothers' Keeper, disaster relief and many more to demonstrate His great love and the witness of the gospel to women and men, young and old, locally, regionally, nationally and across the world. We do ministries like these together through your generous support of regional offerings like the **Mountain State Mission Offering**. Together, we are making a difference because people everywhere matter to God!

*Blessings,
Mike*

Coming Events

AUGUST 2019

August 2-4
American Baptist Men and Boys' Camp
Camp Cowen
Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.

August 9-11
Camp Global
Camp Cowen
Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.

August 17
School of Christian Studies
Making Peace (Mod-04) One-Day Class
Parchment Valley Conference Center and
Elkins First Baptist Church
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

August 24
Bearers of Hope: Journey Alongside
One-Day Discipleship Event
Parchment Valley Conference Center
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 2
Labor Day Holiday
West Virginia Baptist Convention Office
CLOSED

September 10
School of Christian Studies Teacher
Training (M-03) Six-Week Classes
Begin in Most Locations
Various Locations

Parchment Valley Conference Center

by **Frank Miller**, Director of Operations

Brothers' Keeper 2019

Amazing youth crews, dedicated volunteers, Parchment Valley Conference Center employees and Jackson County homeowners joined together June 23-28 for Brothers' Keeper 2019. This event was touched by the hand of God as the teams truly carried out the Brothers' Keeper theme, *Bearers of Hope*.

One of the homeowners, a man who recently lost his wife of 60 years, had a huge tree fall through his house during a recent thunderstorm causing major damage to his home and property. He had no insurance, and while attempting to mow grass the tractor upset on him resulting in a broken leg. Feeling down and out and defeated, his attitude changed as the Brothers' Keeper crew did major work on his home. After a member of the group spent time ministering to him, he was led to the Lord. His life now has purpose through the grace of God.

The work force of 130 people were able to complete 14 porches and eight wheelchair ramps. Other projects included: nine trailer roofs coated, walls and fences painted and numerous home repairs such as major yard clean-up.



Brothers' Keeper 2019 Crew D says, "It's all about Jesus!"

We received letters and calls from homeowners telling us they had prayed for the Lord to send help. God answered those prayers in sending teams from Brothers' Keeper. We received a letter from Mrs. Gibson, a homeowner who was a recipient of the work, humbly wrote, "I hope you come back next year, even if I am not living. I am 80 ½ years old. Thanks so much and may the Lord be with you every day. Thanks for the little fellow that had our prayer and for everyone else for their hard work also! I cannot walk because of a rod in my right leg. Brothers' Keeper is wonderful. Love and God Bless."

Brothers' Keeper also experienced more great blessings through the week as two youth gave their hearts to the Lord!

As Mallory Bolen, member of Judson Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) proclaimed, "It's all about Jesus!"

Now, the resounding question echoing through the hills and valleys in the tri-state area is, "What are the dates for Brothers' Keeper 2020?"

Won't you join us for the grand celebration of doing this mission work camp for 20 years? Please join us next year for this life-changing mission camp experience.

Baptist Campus Ministries

by **Kevin Sions**, Associate Director of Baptist Campus Ministries

Beach Week 2019

In May 2019, students from across the state of West Virginia gathered at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for BCM (Baptist Campus Ministries) Beach Week. Normally, when folks hear that college students went to the beach, negative thoughts enter minds and hearts. The stories outlined below from Beach Week definitely go against that thinking.

After four days of morning worship and Bible study, we held a communion sunrise service on Saturday. Communion was not the only part of the worship service, it also included a baptism: Kendall from Alderson Broadus University.

On Saturday afternoon, during scheduled free time, the majority of the students participated in a student-planned and led worship service on the beach. Several people on the beach also joined to participate in the time of worship and provided words of encouragement. We were grateful for David Bush, co-pastor of Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) who led Bible study. The message of carrying the cross of Christ was powerful. The students gathered in small groups to discuss the Bible study and many relationships were formed.



The students gather in a circle on Saturday afternoon for worship on the beach.

As students ate dinner at restaurants, were in the hotel and wherever they travelled in the surrounding community, they were encouraged and challenged to live out their faith as they follow Christ. A few students prepared gift bags full of random acts of kindness-type gifts. As they would exit the restaurant, the students would leave the gift bag with encouraging notes for their server. I had a conversation with a couple in the hotel who complimented the college students on their gracious attitudes, manners and overall joy/friendliness.

Sarah from Marshall University shared the following about her experience at BCM Beach Week:

"Beach Week 2019 - what a week full of laughter, vulnerability, accountability and conviction! Baptist Campus Ministries has really brought me to a new and improved journey in my faith and I'm thankful I was able to grow more this week. I have been struggling with finding how to become closer to God and how to trust in him more, and this week has shown me how. I learned to pick up my cross daily instead of when I want to. See, we don't get to pick and choose when we follow Jesus, it's continuous. I am happy to have found so many new brothers and sisters in Christ and am forever grateful I am part of this ministry."

Baptist Campus Ministries' Beach Week had a total number of 130 attendees, with 108 of those being students from seven different college campuses in West Virginia. The partnership of a local church has been meaningful, from inviting us to be a part of their community in worship to having a service/work day and providing access to the building as we gather to fellowship for lunch. Beach Week continues to allow students to have their lives changed so they can change the world. For one week the world impacted was in South Carolina.

Living Love at Camp Cowen

Sometimes you just need to know you are loved! Never underestimate the importance of speaking the words, “You are loved by God and I love you.” At camp, those words are spoken day after day. But you don’t just hear words being spoken, you see love given, received and lived. We are learning how to live love.

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2

First and foremost, we all need to know how dearly loved we are by God. As beloved sons and daughters of the Lord, we are called to live that love to our world. The **West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen** exists to be a place *“Where people meet Jesus and grow as His disciples in a community of faith.”* Campers experience the life changing message of God’s love through Christ’s sacrifice as they pray and accept Christ as Lord and Savior. Counselors are blessed with the privilege of praying with a camper and celebrating gaining a new brother or sister in Christ! Praise the Lord for His abundant blessing this summer as week after week campers gave their lives to Christ!

While camp is filled with fun, games, laughter, smiles and amazing joy, there are also moments of struggle and heartache. And in the midst of brokenness, God meets us in powerful ways.

Take Sam for example. As a camper in 2018, Sam was homesick. No matter the encouraging words of his parents or care from counselors, Sam needed to go home. Coming to camp in 2019, Sam quickly faced the same heart-wrenching feelings and again he wanted his parents to come pick him up from camp. Sam’s parents, directors and counselors worked diligently to help him. And still, Sam wanted to go home. That is, until something unexpected happened: Sam brought another homesick camper to his counselor, Curtis. As Curtis offered to pray with this camper he said, “Oh, Sam already prayed for me.” The story gets better from here as the next night that second camper was saved! Sam not only overcame his homesickness, but he made an impact on a fellow camper’s life for eternity!



High School 1 campers at evening worship.

A High School 1 counselor had this to say of her week at camp, “This past week is always one of my favorite weeks of the year, but also one of the hardest. It is hard to see how much this earthly world has failed and broken these students. But what a joy it is to see 150 plus students learn it has all been overcome because of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice. We



Campers worship the Lord at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen.

can have hope because of Him. To see them worship our heavenly Father and hear how loved they are by our God was worth every cold shower and late night throughout the week. And I am so thankful to share this week with my family, great counselors and directors.”

The impact of camping ministry can be measured in counts of campers who made first-time decisions for salvation, in the number of people who rededicate their lives to Christ and in the response of those who hear the call into full-time service. The power of camp is seen as campers come forward and fall to their knees in prayer; is heard in worship as campers, counselors and directors alike sing at the top of their lungs in praise of the Lord; and is felt in the hug of a counselor with a broken-hearted camper.

Let us celebrate what the Lord has done at camp and thank the campers, counselors, directors and staff along with each person, family and church who joined to **do Christ’s work together**. The impact of a week of camp lasts longer than the six days and spreads farther than the facility in Cowen.

This summer, campers learned about learning to live love as they were commissioned to share the love God has given them with the kids in their schools. Lily heard that call, in fact, God placed a specific friend from school on her heart. Counselors joined Lily in praying and preparing to share the love of the Lord with her friend when school begins this August.

Something as simple as making a s’more became an opportunity to make a difference in lives around the world. For a few weeks this summer, s’more packs were available for purchase in the evening and everyone had a blast roasting their marshmallow and enjoying the tasty treat. Because of a generous donation, the \$1 proceeds from each s’more pack were given as a donation to support the special projects of Keith and Debbie Myers and J.D. and Rhonda Reed.

Praise God for His abundant blessings this summer!

Immigration, Emigration and the Gospel

The words *immigration* and *emigration* have long been politically-polarizing terms in this country. Immigration is the act of going to live in a foreign country, while emigration is the act of leaving one's country to live in another. One's stance on these migrations, in either direction, is often reflective of their political view. But did you know - regardless of what your political view is that God has often used migration as a means of reaching people with His gospel? Since the beginning of time, the migration of people has been central to God's plan for kingdom expansion.

In Genesis one, the first recorded words spoken to mankind was God's command to "*be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth*" (Genesis 1:28). By issuing this decree, it became evident from the beginning the migration of people was central to God's plan of filling the earth with His image.

In Genesis three, sin enters the world and, long story short, God sends a flood and starts again with Noah, who He once again commands to "*be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth*" (Genesis 9:1). The plan of migration is reinforced.

But sin is still present, and in Genesis 11, instead of obeying God and filling the earth, man decides to stay in one place. And instead of living their lives to make much of God, they attempt to live in such a way that makes much of themselves, building a tower that brings them glory. It is at that time God comes down and enforces His decree: their speech is confused and languages are formed, and after the scattering of the people, for the very first time in history, we have different nations (Genesis 11:1-9).

Genesis 12 introduces the plan to redeem those nations, and it is through the migration of Abram that all the nations of the earth will be blessed (Genesis 12:1-3). This command is once again repeated to Abram's son Isaac (Genesis 26:4) and then again to Isaac's son, Jacob (Genesis 28:14). Throughout the rest of Israel's history, it is evident that the intentional

migration of God's people (whether voluntary or involuntary) was central to God making Himself known. For further evidence, consider the Great Commission, where we are commanded to "*Go and make disciples of all nations*" (Matthew 28:19).

But it was not only through the migration of God's people that He made Himself known, He also did it through the migration of the nations. Think about Ruth, the Moabite refugee who encountered God in the land of her mother-in-law. Or, think about the nations who came and marveled at the wisdom of Solomon (1 Kings 4:34). Or consider the entire book of Acts, where people of the nations were migrating in all directions and thousands of Gentiles were being grafted in. It is consistent throughout scripture that migration was a means by which the nations were coming to know God.

Today, the migration of people is at a record high. Some migrations are voluntary, due to urbanization or educational opportunities, and some migrations are involuntary, due to poverty or war. But one thing that is consistent is the migration of people is opening doors to the gospel like never before.

Of the top ten countries that send students to the United States to study, for example, seven of them are countries that are closed to the gospel. Or even with the Middle Eastern refugee crisis that has dominated headlines for the past several years, did you know that what has resulted is thousands of people coming to Christ?

The promise is made in Revelation seven that at the consummation of history, all nations will be present around the throne of God. In His sovereignty, God will certainly bring this to pass. Whether it be through emigration (us going to the nations) or through immigration (the nations coming to us), God's plans will not be thwarted. Politics aside, don't miss out on this opportunity to share the gospel with those who have never heard.



CROSSING
BORDERS,
CHANGING
LIVES

August 9-11 at Camp Cowen
Camp Global 2019

Immigration, Emigration and the Gospel

Stories on how the movement of people is opening doors to the gospel like never before

\$100 for weekend | \$50 for Saturday only
Children ages 6 and under are free

Invited Guests:

Dan Chetti, Debbie Mulneix
and Rhonda Reed

Register online at www.wvbc.org

Gospel-Centered Discipleship?

What is the meaning of discipleship? Discipleship seems to have become a catchall term that means different things for different people. When some think of the word, they think of a process of maturing Christians. This kind of maturity might happen through a discipleship program or by meeting someone for coffee to discuss spiritual matters or to study the Bible. Others consider discipleship an evangelistic method. In this view, discipleship isn't about maturing Christians; it's about making Christians. To me, the earlier one sounds like discipleship and the second one sounds more like evangelism. But can you have discipleship without evangelism? In order to make sense of the meaning of discipleship, we need to be sure we understand the meaning of disciple.

In his book, *Gospel-Centered Discipleship*, Jonathan K. Dodson shares his personal story of his struggle as a disciple of Jesus. "Along the way, I've come to understand following Jesus alone is not really what it means to be a disciple. Both the church and the parachurch taught me being a disciple means making disciples. I was told this meant two primary things. First, I should be active in 'sharing my faith.' Second, I should find Christians who are younger in the faith to demonstrate how to be older in the faith. It took me quite a while to realize this practice of making disciples was incomplete. Discipleship is not a code word for evangelism, nor is it a hierarchical system for spiritual growth or a way for professional Christians to pass on their best practices to novice Christians. Making disciples requires not only 'sharing our faith,' but also sharing our lives - failures and successes, disobedience and obedience."

"Knowingly or unknowingly, everyone puts something in the center of discipleship. In fact, everyone has a habit of putting rules in the middle of their relationships. Some like to keep rules while others prefer to break them. I want us to replace the center (not necessarily the rules) with grace. This grace originates with the Father, flows through the Son and settles on us in the Spirit. We can't get to it without going right through Jesus, which is why discipleship is Jesus - or gospel-centered. Discipleship is about trusting Jesus, believing His gospel. While this may sound simple enough, the problem is we all struggle to understand what trusting Jesus or believing the gospel really looks like."

Dodson insists on a way of following Jesus that re-centers discipleship on the gospel. This book will help you understand and experience the fullness of discipleship as God intended. It combines the "mess and the weight, the imperfection and transformation, the honesty and wonder of being a disciple who revolves around Jesus." Check out this book as a resource that provides a practical guide to discipleship that is "Spirit-filled, Christ-centered, field-tested and easily implemented."

This book will serve as a great addition to the information provided at the Bearers of Hope: Journey Alongside Discipleship Event. Come learn how to make disciples who are Christ-centered as you journey alongside others sharing your lives - failure and successes, disobedience and obedience. Please register now to join us for this life-changing event.

How do we make disciples in the local church?

BEARERS OF HOPE: Journey Alongside

A one-day Discipleship Event

Saturday, August 24, 2019

Parchment Valley Conference Center

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$20.00, if postmarked by August 12, 2019

After August 12 or at the door: \$30.00

Speaker: Dane Allphin, Navigators Regional Leader

Visit www.wvbc.org to register.

The 154th



Annual Meeting

of the West Virginia Baptist Convention

Friday, October 18 -
Saturday, October 19, 2019

Alderson Broaddus University

"to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Kenneth Miller
Retired Pastor

Annual Sermon Speaker: Rev. Rich Blain
Pastor, South Parkersburg Baptist Church



Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark Wood
Pastor, Spencer First Baptist Church

Executive Minister: Dr. Michael Sisson
West Virginia Baptist Convention



DOING CHRIST'S WORK *together.*



SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 18

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

Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Doris Toothman

Welcome from Host Location -
Tim Barry

Business Meeting 1 -
Doris Toothman

Executive Minister Address -
Mike Sisson

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

*Baptist Campus Ministries'
Banquet*

6:30 p.m. Session 2

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Lee Boso

Ward Hibbs Award - *Tim Barry*
Annual Sermon - *Rich Blain*
Communion

8:30 p.m.

*Alderson Broaddus University
Reception*

Saturday, October 19

7:30 a.m.

Education Society Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - Exhibit Hall Opens

8:30 a.m. - Workshop Session 1

9:15 a.m. - Session 3

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Ryan Stoner

Recognition of New and Retired
Pastors - *David Hulme*

School of Christian Studies'
Graduation - *Mark McCloy*

James Anderson, Sr.

Bivocational Pastor Award -
Jim Anderson

Guest Speaker - *Mark Wood*

11:15 a.m. - Workshop Session 2

12:00 noon - Lunch Break

Luncheon Opportunities

*West Virginia Baptist
Historical Society*

*Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon
Palmer Theological Seminary
Luncheon*

2:45 p.m. Session 4 - Sanctuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Doris Toothman

Business Meeting 2 -
Doris Toothman

Installation of Officers

Keynote Address - *Ken Miller*

Sending Out - *Mike Sisson*

Host Association Welcome Letter

On behalf of the member churches of the Union Association, I would like to welcome you to the 154th West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting at Alderson Broaddus University in Philippi.

Ephesians 4:16, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

The mission statement for the Union Association is "Greater things can be done together than apart." We pray during this meeting you will have something touch your heart through the worship, meetings and fellowship with old and new friends that will help you to be the Christian God intends you to be.

You will find all the activities, including meals on the Alderson Broaddus University Campus, in close walking distance. I would like to thank the West Virginia Baptist Convention staff; Alderson Broaddus University, for allowing us to use their facilities; and the volunteers from our association churches for their efforts in making this a successful meeting for all.

*May God bless all involved,
Aaron Helmick, Union Baptist Association Moderator*

Speakers:

Keynote Speaker:

Kenneth Miller

Kenneth's most recent pastorates include serving as pastor of Weston First Baptist Church (Broad Run), where he retired from in 2018, and serving as senior pastor, beginning in 2004, of Ravenswood First Baptist Church (Good Hope) for 11 years.

Ken has served on various local ministerial associations and boards and committees of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1983.

Ken lives in Weston with his wife, Allison. They have two adult children and one grandchild.

Annual Sermon:

Rich Blain

Rich is the lead pastor at South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg).

After 22 years as teacher and coach in Mason County, he began serving in full-time pastoral ministry in 2013. Prior to becoming lead pastor of South Parkersburg Baptist Church in January

2018, his role with the church was serving as the assistant to lead pastor and site pastor of the LifeSpring Community Church satellite campus in Point Pleasant.

He received both his Bachelors' and Masters' degrees in education from Marshall University. In 2018, he received his Master of Divinity degree from Palmer Theological Seminary.

Rich is blessed with a wonderful and beautiful wife, Rodna, who has taught him so much about what it means to be a humble servant of Christ. "She is the most gracious supporter and partner that a pastor could have," Rich says. He and Rodna have a 16-year-old very active and talented son, Luke.

Guest Speaker:

Mark Wood

Mark is the pastor of Spencer First Baptist Church (Good Hope).

He has faithfully served five additional churches in West Virginia over the past 25 plus years. Active in the life of the Good Hope Association, he has served several leadership roles, including most recently, president of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

Mark is married to Sherry Vagott Wood. They have three adult children and seven grandchildren.



*Wilcox Chapel at
Alderson Broaddus
University*



*Local Arrangements
Committee*

Front row (l to r): Cindy Britton, Julie Miller, Margaret Brown; back row (l to r): Rosemary McDonald, Aaron Helmick, Roger Delaney, Jon Villers
Not pictured: Josh Singleton and Jessica Dickens.

Lodging Options:

Mountaineer Inn
14928 Barbour County Highway Route 250, Philippi
304.457.5888
Cost: \$60 plus tax until October 10, 2019 when you give the name: WVBC
No elevator, all non-smoking rooms
Each room has a refrigerator and microwave. Coffee provided in the lobby
Free wifi, free parking, restaurant on premises
2 miles from the university

Hilton Garden Inn
606 Emily Drive, Clarksburg
304.326.9200
Cost: \$104 plus tax, includes breakfast, until September 17, 2019 when you give the name: WVBC
Elevator, all non-smoking rooms
Each room has a refrigerator, microwave and Keurig.
Free wifi, free parking, restaurant on premises
15 miles from the university

Courtyard Marriott
30 Shaner Drive, Bridgeport
304.842.0444
Cost: \$93 plus tax, Alderson Broaddus University administrative/recruitment rate
Includes breakfast from the bistro
Free parking
28 miles from the university

Directions:

From Interstate 79

- Take Exit 115 off I-79
- Turn onto Route 20 South
- At the intersection of Routes 57 and 20, turn East (left) onto Route 57
- At the stop sign at the top of the long hill, turn North (left) onto Route 119.
- Continue past the historic covered bridge and through the stop light traveling up hill.
- Turn left onto College Hill Road, then left onto the campus of Alderson Broaddus University

From Elkins and Route 33

- Take Route 33/250 North
- Turn right onto Route 250 North. Stay on Route 250 through Belington and Philippi
- Cross the historic covered bridge and turn right onto Route 119/250 North.
- Continue straight through the stop light traveling up hill
- Turn left onto College Hill Road, then left onto the campus of Alderson Broaddus University

From Grafton and Route 50

- Take Route 250/119 South from Grafton
- Travel approximately 12 miles and turn right onto College Hill Road, then left onto the campus of Alderson Broaddus University

From Morgantown, Points East and Interstate 68

- Take I-68 East to I-79 South
- Take Exit 115 off I-79 and turn East (left) onto Route 57.
- At the stop sign at the top of the long hill, turn North (left) onto Route 119
- Continue past the historic covered bridge and through the stop light traveling up hill
- Turn left onto College Hill Road, then left onto the campus of Alderson Broaddus University

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, October 18

*Baptist Campus
Ministries' Banquet*

Location: Alderson Broaddus University Dining Hall
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

*Alderson Broaddus
University Reception*

Location: Alderson Broaddus University Chapel
Time: 8:30 p.m.
(Following the end of the evening session)
Cost: Free
Refreshments will be served.
Special music by The West Virginians

Saturday, October 19

*West Virginia Baptist
Education Society*

Location: Alderson Broaddus Trustees' Board Room
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Cost: Free
For members only

*West Virginia Baptist
Historical Society*

Location: Alderson Broaddus Trustees' Board Room
Time: 12:00 noon
Cost: \$12.00
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

*Ministers' Wives'
Fellowship Luncheon*

Location: President's Board Room
Time: 12:00 noon
Cost: \$10.00
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form. Registrations requested by October 11, 2019.

*Palmer Theological
Seminary Luncheon*

Location: Crim Dining Hall
Time: 12:00 noon
Cost: \$10.00
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

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, ___ Visitor, ___ Exhibitor Required Fee - Please Check One Above.
	\$10.00 - American Baptist Men
	\$6.00 - ABW Ministries - 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
	\$10.00 - Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon
	Total Enclosed Make checks payable to WVBC and mail to: Annual Meeting Registrar, P.O. Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102.
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Board Report	Please check the line at left if you would like a copy of the Executive Board Report.

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 11, 2019.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Friday, October 18



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

Theme: The Woman God Sees
Worship Leader: Erin McClure
Location: Alderson Broaddus
University - Wilcox Chapel
Registration: 9:00 a.m. -
program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Lunch: Will be provided
for \$6.00
Nursery provided for
preschool children
Purchase tickets on the Annual
Meeting registration form.



Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council

Location: Withers Brandon
Lecture Hall
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.
Speaker: To Be Announced
Topic: Pastor Soul Care
Cost: Members - \$10.00,
Non-Members - \$25.00,
includes lunch
Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.
Purchase tickets on the Annual
Meeting registration form.



American Baptist Men

Location: New Vision, Philippi
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Depart from Alderson Broaddus
University at 8:30 a.m.
Cost: \$10.00
Shuttle Available
Purchase tickets on the Annual
Meeting registration form.

Southwest Area News

Evan Arkell, Southwest Area Minister

Coal River Association Annual Choir Sing

The Coal River Association celebrated our Lord in worship through songs at their annual choir sing. Several of the association churches gathered at Madison Baptist Church (Coal River) and each church sang up to three songs combining the use of choirs and soloists. A great time in the Lord was had by all and the evening concluded with fellowship and refreshments.



Coal River Association Churches gather to worship the Lord.

Kanawha Valley Association Men's Rally

The West Virginia Baptist Men of the Kanawha Valley Association met for dinner and a rally at Emmanuel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley). Senator Ed Gaunch, longtime member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, was the speaker for the rally. The proceeds from this dinner help children and youth from West Virginia Baptist Convention churches within the Kanawha Valley Association who need assistance to go to West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen.

Handley Baptist Church Building Project Continues

Handley Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) continues progress on their building project. They ran into some issues with termite damage in the existing structure as they worked to expand their space, but God has continued to bless them as things continue to come along. Pastor Cook Baldwin and several others from the church continue to do nearly all of the work themselves!



Progress continues on the Handley Baptist Church building project.

Twelve Pole Association Children and Youth Camps

The Twelve Pole Association has had another blessed year of camps for the children and youth in their association. Those participating have felt extremely blessed with each child God has placed in their care during their camps at Parchment Valley Conference Center.

Northwest Area News

Mark McCloy, Northwest Area Minister

Send, Serve, Seek, Share: The Anchor

"We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul..."
Hebrews 6:19a (ESV)



God loves wondrous variety. If I have learned anything from traveling around this beautiful state and visiting His churches, it is that. And as Baptists, we have more variety than most. To highlight that, I thought it might be useful to look at some of our churches over the next couple of months. First up is The Anchor. This church, located in the old Napa building at the top of the hill in Glenville, began in 2006 as an outreach of Gassaway Baptist Church (Elk Valley) - and Gassaway continues to heavily support this ministry. From the beginning, a large part of The Anchor's focus has been on reaching out to the college students at nearby Glenville State College. Its pastor, Rev. Lance Linden, is also the Baptist

Campus Ministries' (BCM) leader, and the BCM group meets at the church. In fact, in many ways, instead of being a church that has a college ministry, The Anchor feels more like a college ministry that also has a church. Being non-traditional in the look of its building, the feel of its service and the approach to its ministry works great in reaching young adults, but can also be a little confusing to the average passerby. Members chuckle at the stories they hear about what The Anchor is - a recent rumor had it misidentified as a bar for sailors! What it truly is, however, is much different - it is a place where the unreached can feel at home and relaxed, and it is a small group of dedicated Christ-followers with a passion for personal evangelism. Prayers and well wishes to The Anchor Ministries as it transitions into a stand-alone church and petitions the Little Kanawha Association for membership.



Lance Linden, pastor of The Anchor and Baptist Campus Ministries' leader at Glenville State College

Jim Anderson, Southeast Area Minister

Bolivia Missions Golf Scramble Held

The 13th annual Bolivia Missions Golf Scramble at Greenbrier Hills Course in Rainelle was held June 16, 2019. The



The winners of the golf scramble, (l to r) Jeff, Justin and Ray Estep - three generations!

original date was June 8, but after getting rained out the scramble had to be rescheduled. Even though we lost three church teams due to the new date, one from Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) and two from Athens Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh),

Terry McClung, course manager, was able to secure three teams from his local members and we enjoyed having them with us.

In fact, one of those additional teams, comprised of three generations: grandfather, father and son (Ray, Jeff and Justin Estep) won the tournament! One of the other member teams placed second and Millbrook Baptist Church (Hopewell) Team A finished third. Other West Virginia Baptist Convention churches participating included Springdale First Baptist Church (Hopewell), Scott Street Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), Page Baptist Church (Fayette), Oakwood Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) and Send the Light Fellowship (Greenbrier-Raleigh).

Jim Anderson, Southeast Area Minister and tournament director, reported \$1,440 was raised for the House of Hope in Bolivia - praise the Lord!

Special thanks to hole sponsors: Days of Nehemiah, Charlie Drake, president; Highland Forestry Services, Ron

Moore, president; Thrasher Group, Inc.; and several individual donations by those who wished to remain nameless.

Finally, special thanks to Terry McClung and his staff at Greenbrier Hills Golf Course who take such good care of us. Our plans are to have this event again next year on June 13, 2020 at Greenbrier Hills.

Hall Ordained at Old Greenbrier

Derek Hall, interim pastor of Old Greenbrier Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) was ordained in a service held May 19, 2019.

During the service, wonderful words of encouragement were given by Mike Sisson, executive minister of the West Virginia Baptist Convention and Derek's pastor for many years, copastors of Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), Scott Dameron and David Bush as well as all the ordained men and women who shared prayer with and for Derek as part of the laying on of hands service led by Southeast Area Minister, Jim Anderson.

A special thanks to everyone at Old Greenbrier Baptist Church for the dinner and reception afterwards to mark this very special day for both the life of the church and for Derek and his family.



West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Minister Mike Sisson (l) prays for Derek Hall during his ordination service.

Northeast Area News

David Hulme, Northeast Area Minister

Azalea Reading Camp Impacts Community

Now in its fourth summer, the Azalea Reading Camp, in Wallace, continues to change young lives, develop next generation leaders, strengthen families and transform a community.



Jim Burton helps a young camper.

Through the teamwork of Wallace First Baptist Church (Judson) and Wallace Full Gospel Church, the two-week camp helps over 50 children and youth with their reading, math, music and technology skills as well as their spiritual and physical development in a fun and

creative Christian environment. In addition, the camp provides



Campers sharpen their skills through technology.

tional impact on the Wallace community. "When you are able to give children the skills, support and positive encouragement to succeed in life, often long-term patterns are transformed into new possibilities."

breakfast and lunch, along with a take-home snack.

Keith Swiger, pastor of Wallace First Baptist Church, while recognizing the immediate benefits of the camp, envisions the camp's transforma-



Next-generation leaders Hannah Powell and MaKayla Norman

Fall *The conference is planned for those who are at least 55 years of age.*
GOLDEN'EERS
Conference

September 9-11, 2019

**Parchment Valley
Conference Center**

Theme: Joy Filled Living in the Autumn of Life

Bible Study: Rob Ely

Mission Moments: Todd McClure

Gospel/Bluegrass Group

The conference will begin on Monday with registration at noon in the Santrock Education Center 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 304.422.6449.

American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia
Spiritual Growth Retreat



"In the Quiet"

September 20-22, 2019

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Rev. David Bush

**Retired
Ministers
& Mates'**

FALL MEETING

October 1, 2019

**Parchment Valley
Conference Center**

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.

**Fall Children's
Rally 2019**

November 2, 2019

Parchment Valley Conference Center
Greenlee Activities Center

Theme: Books of the Bible

"God has breathed life into all scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right."

Cost: \$13.00 - Early Bird Registration, postmarked by October 21, 2019 with money enclosed

\$25.00 - Late Registration, postmarked after October 21, 2019 or at the door

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

For more information, please contact Valma at adams@wvbc.org or 304.422.6449.

March - July 2019

The Great Giveaway is a Great Success for Charleston Baptist Temple

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

In honor of Charleston Baptist Temple's (Kanawha Valley) 150th anniversary, a "Great Giveaway" was held on Saturday, June 22, 2019. The giveaway was held to provide free items for people in need. Items were provided for the kitchen, living room, bedroom, office and garage. Sporting and camping equipment, small appliances and lawn and garden items were also donated as well as collectibles and all types of furniture.



Mandi Smith, Summer Intern at Charleston Baptist Temple, makes a new friend at the Great Giveaway.

Some comments from Charleston Baptist Temple's pastor, Jim Hewitt:

"The Great Giveaway was a tremendous success. The response from our people was overwhelming. Because of

their kindness, we were able to minister to a number of individuals who were appreciative. One lady shared with a church member that she prayed she would find the items needed to put her kitchen together. She was a single mother with three beautiful little girls trying to start over. 'What a blessing this is,' she said. Several people thanked us throughout the day.

The line at our entrance formed early. At 6:30 a.m., we had at least 45 people lined up. Before we began, I had prayer asking God to bless each individual present as well as their families. Each participant received a church brochure and an invitation to worship with us. We were also able to collect addresses through a grand prize drawing, and have already written our guests and extended a formal invitation to join us for worship one Sunday.

God was among us that day. I saw God in the faces of the little children as they received a few toys. It was good to see happiness in their faces. I believe God smiled as He saw people blessed with items they needed, but couldn't afford to purchase at the moment."

The giveaway connected with a large number of families in the East End community and a few outside the area. Many were blessed by the contributions and the outpouring of God's love by "becoming the hands and feet of Jesus" to the community.

In keeping with their 150th anniversary plans to reach out to the community, the church is moving forward with plans for a church block party, which will take place on September 27, 2019 at 6 p.m.

JANIS LEE ADDISON, 83, of Oak Harbor, Washington, died March 1, 2019. She was an International Ministries' (IM) alumna and missionary to Congo/Zaire.

CLIFFORD GENE BARKER, 90, of Harrisville, died June 28, 2019. He was a member of Harrisville Baptist Church (Harrisville).

RON BURNSWORTH, 76, of Barboursville, died July 4, 2019. He pastored ten churches in northern and central West Virginia.

LAURA JO VINCENT CALE, 44, of Fairmont, died June 20, 2019. She was a faithful, active member and church clerk of Hebron Baptist Church (Fairmont).

MARTHA (HUGHES) CALLAWAY, 101, of Saint Albans, formerly of Beckley, died June 18, 2019. She was a longtime member of Beckley First Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) and later transferred her membership to Saint Albans First Baptist Church (Teays Valley). She taught Sunday School classes, was the superintendent of the Juniors' Department and was very active in American Baptist Women's Ministries.

DAVID CALLISON, 76 of Griffithsville, died, June 23, 2019. He was a member of Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. He pastored Gallagher Baptist Church, Shrewsbury Baptist Church, Amy Baptist Church and Yawkey Methodist Church.

MARY LYNN KINNEY, 72, of Mineral Wells, died May 22, 2019. She was an active member of Parkersburg Baptist Temple (Parkersburg), where she assisted with KidsFest, was a member of the Lydia Circle and was active with the food pantry.

CHARLES E. PLEMONS, 96, died on June, 14, 2019. He, along with his wife, Rhuie, were caretakers at Parchment Valley Conference Center.

HARVEY L. POLLEY, 94, of Spokane, Washington, died April 30, 2019. He was an International Ministries' (IM) alumnus and missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

DORIS VALENTINE SLACK, 86, of Elizabeth, died May 15, 2019. She was a member of Two Ripple Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where she was a longtime youth director and Sunday School teacher, and for many years was a caretaker of the church and cemetery.

LOUISE INA SINDLEDECKER STEPHENS, 90, died, July 5, 2019. She was a member of Lubeck Community Baptist Church (Parkersburg). She played piano and organ at some time in the life of every church she had been a member of: Bethel Baptist Church, Parkersburg; Belleville Baptist Church (Parkersburg); Parkersburg Baptist Temple (Parkersburg); and Lubeck Community Baptist Church. She was the mother of former West Virginia Baptist Convention Northwest Area Minister, Mike Stephens.

Leadership Updates

MRS. MARLENA MAYNARD to Kingwood Baptist Church (Goshen) as interim pastor on June 1, 2019

August 2019

AUGUST 1 - Little Kanawha Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 2 - American Baptist Men's Camp begins today at Camp Cowen
AUGUST 3 - Alberto Bonilla, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Colombia
AUGUST 4 - Debra Mulneix, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to South and East Asia
AUGUST 5 - Keith (6th) and Baillie (1st) (youth) Myers, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servants to Mexico
AUGUST 6 - The Greenbrier-Raleigh and Harrisville Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
AUGUST 7 - The ministry of Olive Baptist Church (Coal River)
AUGUST 8 - The ministry of Albright Baptist Church; Joe Lamm, pastor (Goshen)
AUGUST 9 - Camp Global begins today at Camp Cowen
AUGUST 10 - Michael Knotts, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
AUGUST 11 - The ministry of Hope Christian Center; Michael Lewis, pastor (Guyandotte)
AUGUST 12 - Darrin Bird, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
AUGUST 13 - The ministry of Hope Baptist Church; Richard Demastus, pastor (Elk Valley)
AUGUST 14 - The ministry of Ravenswood First Baptist Church; Toby Wagoner, pastor (Good Hope)
AUGUST 15 - The Broad Run Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 16 - The ministry of Beckley First Baptist Church; Donald Adkins, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
AUGUST 17 - The Teays Valley Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 18 - The Good Hope and Goshen Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
AUGUST 19 - Kathy Rice, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
AUGUST 20 - Brenda Rosier, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
AUGUST 21 - Deliris Carrion-Rosa, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Mexico
AUGUST 22 - Sarah Good, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant (youth) to Hungary
AUGUST 23 - The ministry of Calvary Baptist Church; Greg Swisher, pastor (Fayette)
AUGUST 24 - The Elk Valley Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 25 - The Eastern Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 26 - The ministry of Jordan Run Baptist Church; Charles Stoner, pastor (Eastern)
AUGUST 27 - Carson Egnor, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
AUGUST 28 - Vinicius Damasceno, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant (youth) to the United Kingdom
AUGUST 29 - The ministry of Ten Mile Baptist Church; Bradley Tenney, pastor (Broad Run)
AUGUST 30 - Jorge Damasceno, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to the United Kingdom
AUGUST 31 - The ministry of Bethesda Baptist Church; David Cyphers, pastor (Fairmont)

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

September 2019

SEPTEMBER 1 - Rhonda Reed, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Bolivia
SEPTEMBER 2 - Rich Blain, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
SEPTEMBER 3 - The ministry of Valley Bend Baptist Church; Joseph Bowen, pastor (Union)
SEPTEMBER 4 - Carrie Smalley, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Hungary
SEPTEMBER 5 - Ric Morrone, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
SEPTEMBER 6 - The ministry of Union Valley Baptist Church; William Law, pastor (Parkersburg)
SEPTEMBER 7 - Katiana Hoefle, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant (youth) to Thailand
SEPTEMBER 8 - The Fairmont Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 9 - Mark McCloy, Northwest Area Minister and director, School of Christian Studies, West Virginia Baptist Convention
SEPTEMBER 10 - The Fall Golden'eers' Retreat at Parchment Valley Conference Center
SEPTEMBER 11 - Miriam Noyes, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
SEPTEMBER 12 - Paul Rollett, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to the Philippines
SEPTEMBER 13 - The Fall Youth Rally tomorrow at Camp Cowen
SEPTEMBER 14 - The Hopewell and Twelve Pole Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
SEPTEMBER 15 - The Panhandle Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 16 - The ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church; Spencer Oxford, pastor (Rockcastle)
SEPTEMBER 17 - The Parkersburg Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 18 - The Fayette Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 19 - The Kanawha Valley Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 20 - The American Baptist Women's Ministries' Spiritual Growth Retreat begins today at Parchment Valley Conference Center
SEPTEMBER 21 - The ministry of Genesis Fellowship; Mark Jarrell, pastor (Kanawha Valley)
SEPTEMBER 22 - The Union Association as they celebrate their Annual Meeting
SEPTEMBER 23 - The Junior High Convention this weekend
SEPTEMBER 24 - The ministry of Poca Baptist Church; Thomas Moore, pastor (Teays Valley)
SEPTEMBER 25 - Terry Myers, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Bulgaria
SEPTEMBER 26 - The Guyandotte Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 27 - Juancito Aragon, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant (youth) to Mexico
SEPTEMBER 28 - The Coal River Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 29 - The Judson and Logan-Mingo Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
SEPTEMBER 30 - Michael McCoy, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission

2019 Association Meetings

August 1

Little Kanawha Association Annual Meeting

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church
Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.

August 6

Greenbrier-Raleigh Association Annual Meeting

Scott Street Baptist Church
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

August 6

Harrisville Association Annual Meeting

Strait Creek Baptist Church
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

August 15

Broad Run Association Annual Meeting

Buckhannon First Baptist Church
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

August 17

Teays Valley Association Annual Meeting

Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

August 18

Good Hope Association Annual Meeting

Reedy Baptist Church
Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

August 18

Goshen Association Annual Meeting

Sabraton Baptist Church
Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.

August 24

Elk Valley Association Annual Meeting

Stump Chapel Baptist Church
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

August 25

Eastern Association Annual Meeting

Bethel Baptist Church
Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.

September 8

Fairmont Association Annual Meeting

Hebron Baptist Church
Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.

September 14

Hopewell Association Annual Meeting

Olive Baptist Church
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

September 14

Twelve Pole Association Annual Meeting

Cyrus Baptist Church
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

September 15

Panhandle Association Annual Meeting

Sistersville First Baptist Church
Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.

September 17

Parkersburg Association Annual Meeting

Pine Grove Baptist Church
Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.

September 18

Fayette Association Annual Meeting

Fayetteville Baptist Church
Registration begins at 6:00 p.m.

September 19

Kanawha Valley Association Annual Meeting

Dunbar First Baptist Church
Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.

September 22

Logan-Mingo Association Annual Meeting

Logan First Baptist Church
Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.

September 22

Union Association Annual Meeting

Beulah Baptist Church
Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.

September 26

Guyandotte Association Annual Meeting

Union Baptist Church
Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

September 28

Coal River Association Annual Meeting

Racine First Baptist Church
Registration begins at 9:30 p.m.

September 29

Judson Association Annual Meeting

Hepzibah Baptist Church
Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.

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