

The West Virginia Baptist Newsletter

August-September 2021

The Place Where Lives are Changed



When Rev. Bill Farmar helped break ground for the Parchment Valley Conference Center, it was his dream we would have more than a camp site. His vision was to have a year-round center where people “could retreat from their everyday routines and responsibilities and find a beautiful setting in which heart, mind and soul could be inspired to new heights of worship, discipleship and service.” He would be thrilled to see how God is using this place today!

Parchment Valley is nearing the end of a busy summer of camps. For six consecutive weeks, camp after camp has rolled in and witnessed God at work. Our mission has always been to be a place “*where lives are changed.*” We have witnessed dozens of changed lives so far this year!

It started with the **Twelve Pole Association Camp**, which began on June 13, 2021. This was their 27th year of hosting camp with us, led in large part by Vicki Ramey and her late husband, Greg. Greg was pastor at Crum Missionary Baptist Church (Twelve Pole) and was passionate to teach young people about Jesus. Following his death earlier this year, several churches and individuals wanted to do something in his honor. Donations were made and the cost of camp was completely covered. After a week of prayer, Bible study and worship, seven youth made decisions for Christ and have since been baptized in their home churches! That is exactly what Greg would have wanted!

Immediately after the association camp finished, more than 50 participants arrived for **Brothers’ Keeper**, our annual youth mission camp, serving the Jackson County community. This year our youth teams completed 30 house projects and saw numerous lives changed -- from home owners to campers and leaders. One camper stayed long after one of our campfire devotions to share how he had been battling thoughts of worthlessness for several years. Nearly ready to give up, the devotion shared by Malloreë Bolen, member of Judson Baptist Church

(Kanawha Valley), changed his life. Several of our leaders surrounded this young man in prayer, and by the next morning it was obvious he was a different person. God uses Brothers’ Keeper to change lives!

As Brothers’ Keeper participants were heading home, leaders of the **Summit Student Camp** were coming in. Organized by the West Virginia Baptist Convention of Southern Baptists, this camp has been four years in the making. More than 100 students participated and enjoyed their first ever denominational church camp. The temperatures were high, but that did not prevent God from working. During one of the evening sessions, the gospel was presented and a dozen students made decisions to give their lives to Christ. We rejoice at being given the opportunity to participate in such life change.

These three camps give you a quick peek into what an incredible summer it has been so far at Parchment Valley. In addition to these three stories, we have dozens of others showing how God has used PV to change lives.

But we also rejoice over the fact the year is not even close to being done. We have a busy fall ahead of us: hosting church retreats, the Golden’ers’ Conference, Children’s Rally, American Baptist Women’s Ministries’ Spiritual Growth Retreat and classes for both Palmer Seminary and the Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies. We prayerfully anticipate each of these events will also lead to more changed lives -- that is what Parchment Valley is all about!

This year has been really good to us. Thank you for allowing us to be your conference center. We hope you will visit us soon and join us in prayer that God will continue to let us be a place “*where lives are changed.*”

To learn how you can host an event at Parchment Valley Conference Center, call 304.372.3675 or visit us at www.parchmentvalley.org.

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

by Mike Sisson, Executive Minister



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A Personal Invitation

It is with great joy and anticipation that I look forward to the 156th Annual Meeting of our West Virginia Baptist Convention family at Mount Vernon Baptist Church (Teays Valley) on October 21 and 22, 2021. When people ask me what the most difficult part of 2020 was, my answer is without a doubt, not getting to see my convention brothers and sisters in person at local churches, association meetings and especially at our Annual Meeting celebration. I believe the words of the writer of Hebrews, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together" have taken on a revived meaning as we now realize firsthand the importance of the relationships we have as brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore, I want to personally invite you to join us for this special occasion of celebration, worship, fellowship, learning and dreaming, as together we anticipate all the wonderful things God has for us to accomplish for His kingdom and for His glory in 2022 and beyond! This year's theme is "Intentionally Engaging Communities for Christ." The world, now perhaps more than ever, needs us to provide a powerful witness of Christ's grace and truth. We need a renewed focus on evangelism and discipleship, which requires us to intentionally engage people outside our church walls and build caring relationships with those who do not yet know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

I hope to see you in October!

*Blessings,
Mike*



Tithe.ly

A new partner of the WVBC

We are excited to announce our newly formed partnership with Tithe.ly, the premiere online giving platform for churches. Tithe.ly now serves nearly 30,000 churches across 50 nations. They are also the online giving platform used by nearly two dozen of our West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC) churches.

However, Tithe.ly offers much more than online giving. They also offer websites, mobile apps and an entire church management system (ChMS). Led and built by a team of ministry leaders, their software is uniquely built to serve churches and other ministries.

As part of this partnership, Tithe.ly has agreed to contribute a percentage of all processing fees from WVBC churches toward the Mountain State Mission Offering.

Below is a breakdown of the cost of some of Tithe.ly's products.



Giving Platform
\$0/month
No setup cost



Church App
\$59/month
\$149 setup cost



Websites
\$19/month
\$149 setup cost



ChMS
\$49/month
\$149 setup cost

Processing Fees:

2.9% + 0.30 per transaction
ACH/Bank: 1% + 0.30
AMEX: 3.5% + 0.30

To learn how your church can participate, contact Todd McClure at todd@wvbc.org.

God is at Work at Camp Cowen

*Written by Eric Kendall, Family Life Minister,
Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg)*

One of my greatest privileges in ministry is the opportunity to serve each year at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen. Over the last 18 years of counseling and serving on the director staff for two camps, I have seen lives changed, future spouses fall in love, children genuinely worshipping their Creator, people commit their lives to vocational ministry and many other amazing moments that can only be attributed to God at work in the lives of campers. The 2021 camping season has been no different!

One amazing moment took place in the life of a first-time camper at Junior 2 Camp. This young girl had only been to church for one Vacation Bible School. She had never owned a Bible and was only at camp because she was invited by a friend. I will never forget the look on her face when she came to tell us she had accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. The pure joy and innocence on that child's face lit up the night sky of camp and was a genuine expression of the transformation that had just occurred in her life. We had a new sister in Christ, and as excited as we were to share in that moment, God's work did not end there.

As we encouraged this child to find a community that would support her in this decision, we quickly discovered another camper who had just decided to follow Christ was from the same church and community! How incredible is it for a young girl who

had never been in church to suddenly have a built-in community with her new sister in Christ!?

Despite our further excitement, God was still not done. As we all stood in awe of God at work in the lives of these two girls, another counselor excitedly came to us to tell us three boys in his cabin had also just accepted Christ. And to our amazement and God's glory, they were all from the same church as the two girls!

For 78 years, Camp Cowen has been a place *"where people meet Jesus and grow as His disciples in a community of faith."* These five young children can now attest to that!



Students from Junior 2 Camp enjoying a vespers' service.

Connecting Students to Baptist Campus Ministry



Marshall BCM students stay connected through summer BCM.

The mission of Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) is to "change lives that change the world." That is continuing even in the summer! Several of our BCM groups are continuing to meet, including a group at Marshall University, where God has given us some great opportunities to minister to students from around the state who live in the Huntington area. We have also been intentional about connecting with incoming freshmen and have seen some great fruit from that.

As our BCM associates prepare for the fall semester, please pray they would have success in meeting new students. Research shows the majority of students set their schedule within the first two weeks of the semester. Connecting with them early is crucial to helping them find a community of believers.

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Do you know any college students? If so, help us get them connected! Send their information to Kayla Starcher at kayla@wvbc.org and we will follow up with them.

BCM currently serves students on the following nine campuses:

- Alderson Broaddus University
- Concord University
- Fairmont State University
- Glenville State College
- Marshall University
- Potomac State University
- University of Charleston
- West Virginia University
- West Virginia University of Technology



Would you consider partnering with BCM to help us reach more students on each of these campuses? Your monthly investment has an eternal impact in changing the life of a student who goes on to change lives across our world.

Sign up to start giving today at: www.wvbcm.com/give or by using the QR code above.

American Baptist Women's Ministries' Conference Recap

On Saturday, June 5, 2021, approximately 70 Baptist ladies gathered at Parchment Valley Conference Center for the 87th American Baptist Women's Ministries' Annual Conference. It was a sweet time of fellowship and worship for those who hadn't seen each other for almost two years. The ladies joyfully greeted each other with customized masks, smiling eyes and expressions of love for the Lord and each other.

Who would have thought that 2020 -- the year of the pandemic -- would have been a year of service? Yet, as the day unfolded, the theme "A Time to Serve" proved that service had continued throughout the year. Representatives from many ministries shared about the year of service. Ministries that had continued throughout 2020 and still are ongoing included United Way Center of West Virginia, Fruits of Labor, House to Home, Life Choices and Weirton Christian Center. To aid these ministries, the American Baptist Women's Ministries' (ABWM) ladies brought many needed items. Future visions were shared, including ministering to the homeless, helping those with addictions who need housing, providing counseling and jobs, donating an ultrasound machine for the Life Choices Center and sponsoring children's after-school programs and providing supplies.

During the morning session, the ladies shared in worship with music led by Kyle Huffman. Kyle's song "Down Here" very likely expresses the way the disciples must have felt once they were "down here" without Jesus. Still today, we must say, "I need Your strength as long as I'm down here ..."

Afternoon sessions gave the ladies the opportunity to learn about the specific ministries and organizational work of the ABWM as well as receiving updates on other West Virginia Baptist Convention missionaries. During the afternoon breaks, the lobby of Santrock was filled with items from Willa's Bible Book Store of Point Pleasant.

Special thanks to Frank and Teresa Miller, directors of Parchment Valley Conference Center and to J.D. and Rhonda Reed, Global Servants to Bolivia. Parchment Valley was as wel-

coming as ever, accommodating social distancing with the seating arrangement and a delicious boxed lunch. It was as if we had never missed a year of gathering. As for J.D. and Rhonda, what a blessing it was to have them with us for the entire day! Both shared their calling and passion for missions.

As the day came to an end, hopefully the ladies realized that yes, 2020 had been a year of service, but right now in 2021, Jesus tells us: "... open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35



(l - r) Margaret Ann O'Neal, president, United Way of Central West Virginia, along with Sherry Baker and Sandra Foster Currey, all members of Oakwood Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), enjoying fellowship at the conference.

We are Family

American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

2021 SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2021

PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER

EARLY REGISTRATION: FRIDAY, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION: SATURDAY, 8:30 A.M.

Register online at www.wvbc.org.

Biblical Intentional Grandparenting Seminars

The Bible has much to say about the role of grandparents. The Bible presents a rich picture of a disciple-making role with a clear task of passing on faith in Jesus Christ to future generations. Grandparents of the Bible were not bleacher-sitting, pleasure-seeking, purposefully-sedentary, second-class citizens. They were warriors (Caleb and Joshua), kings (David), prophets (Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Anna), men and women of God (Noah, Lois) and apostles (John). They led churches and families. Grandparents of the Bible were active and impactful. Their lives were full and, God-willing, long.

The one word that summarizes a grandparent's role from a biblical standpoint is "heritage" (Psalm 78:1-8, 62-63). Grandparents have inherited a faith they are to pass on to their children and their children's children (Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:1-2). In the narrative of scripture, grandparents can be observed passing on faith through biblical teachings, traditions and by living a godly life in obedience to the Lord.

Are you ready to fulfill the biblical role of a grandparent? The West Virginia Baptist Convention Discipleship Commission is sponsoring Biblical Intentional Grandparenting seminars that will assist you in learning how to fulfill that role. For some of you, the seminar will affirm the good things you are already doing with



your grandkids. For others, it will shake your world and give you a brand new perspective on what it means to be a grandparent. Whether you are on one end of that spectrum or the other -- or in the middle somewhere -- you are going to be deeply impacted.

You will go away filled up with inspiration, ideas and tools to help you realize your potential to grandparent successfully. You will unlearn some things and relearn others. Your passion for your grandkids will be kindled even more and you'll go away changed. More importantly, those precious grandchildren of yours will benefit and they will never be the same because you have listened, learned and grown yourself.

The seminar will be held this fall on four different Saturdays at four different locations. Please choose the location and date most convenient for you. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. and the seminar will end at 3:30 p.m. Please register online by going to www.wvbc.org.

- October 23, 2021 - Emmanuel Baptist Church, Charleston
- October 30, 2021 - Hurricane First Baptist Church
- November 13, 2021 - Fairmont Baptist Temple
- November 20, 2021 - Vienna Baptist Church

Fall Golden'eers' Conference 2021

"Grandparenting Matters"

The Golden'eers' Conference is planned for adults who are at least 55 years of age.

September 13-15, 2021

Parchment Vally Conference Center

Bible Study Leaders:
Koreen Villers and Jerry Losh

The conference will begin on September 13 at noon in the Santrock Building with registration and pizza and will end on September 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Registration deadline is August 30, 2021.

Register online at www.wvbc.org.

Questions, please contact Tracie at 304.422.6449 or temerick@wvbc.org



Aragon Update: Home Assignment in Nicaragua

It was 13 years ago we left Nicaragua to serve the Lord in West Virginia. West Virginia quickly became our home and it did not take long for you to embrace us as family. After nine years in West Virginia, we then sensed the Lord leading us to a new location. It was then you prayed for us, supported us and commissioned us to serve as global servants in Chiapas, Mexico. We want to express our gratitude for your prayers and financial support during both of these times. Our experience in both West Virginia and in Chiapas has transformed our lives forever.

Many have asked about our home assignment. Typically, International Ministries (IM) global servants will spend four years on the field and one year on home assignment to rebuild connections and work on financial support. Our plans were to return to West Virginia this summer, as most of our support comes from this region. However, family circumstances have changed our plans.

It has been a long time since we have felt the hugs of our mothers, who are both in poor health. Both are aging and facing health challenges. Juan's mother, Ivania, will be turning 73 in October, and Denise's mother, Ulda, turned 80 this past May. She has been living by herself since Denise's father passed away in 2015. In the last year her health has deteriorated rapidly.

Also, our kids have become global nomads. While they have certainly enjoyed their time in both locations, we think this home assignment will be an opportunity for us to reroot them in our Nicaraguan heritage so they can strengthen family ties and enjoy their grandmothers while they are still alive. They will have to adapt once again to a different way of life, but we are trusting the Lord this will be a blessing for them.

During this year in Nicaragua, we will also concentrate on our own self-care and soul-care as we arrange to meet with

spiritual directors and counselors. This will allow us to process how the last four years have impacted us as individuals and as a family. This is a common practice for global servants on their first home assignment.

Along with this move to Nicaragua comes the decision we will not be returning to Chiapas. We have discerned our call to ministry in Chiapas has come to a close. We have seen God move in wonderful ways during our time here. His presence, your prayers and your financial support enabled us to walk alongside 21 Tsotsil and Tselal churches in a variety of ways. During this time, we witnessed and celebrated scores of people surrendering their lives to Christ and being baptized. Your partnership enabled us to sow seeds the Spirit will bring to harvest in God's time. Your partnership impacted and changed lives in Chiapas forever!

International Ministries has granted us permission during our home assignment to fully focus on our families in Nicaragua, as we discern what comes next. **Our plans are to continue serving with IM, but those details will be shared once we have full understanding.** We are also making plans to visit West Virginia soon. Those plans will also be shared at a later date.

We are SO GRATEFUL for all the support you have provided us over the years. Without this, what we have done would not have been possible. **As we work for IM during our home assignment, we hope and pray you will continue your support of us with both your prayers and your giving.**

Please uplift our family in your prayers as we go through this transition. If you have questions, feel free to ask.

*With profound gratitude and love,
Denise and Juan Aragon*

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2021

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surprised *by*
GOD'S GLORY

JOHN 1:16



Resources available at:
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During the World Mission Offering, your church has the opportunity to join in the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 125 global servants and 250+ global partners. God can use your participation not only to change lives internationally, but also to deepen your discipleship in Christ. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

Please Join Us

**Thursday, October 21 -
Friday, October 22, 2021**

**156th Annual
Meeting**

of the West Virginia Baptist Convention

Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Hurricane

*I have become all things to all men, so that I may by
all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel,
so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.*

1 Corinthians 9:22b-23 (ESV)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jeremy Myers

Lead Pastor, Seymour Indiana First Baptist Church

Annual Sermon Speaker: Rev. Rick Bergdoll

Worship Leader: Mr. Tony Nutter

Worship Leader, Hurricane First Baptist Church

Executive Minister: Dr. Michael Sisson

West Virginia Baptist Convention



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SCHEDULE:

Thursday, October 21

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1

Welcome and Opening Prayer -

Ryan Stoner

Welcome from Host Church -

Ron McClung

Business Meeting 1 -

Ryan Stoner

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 -

Cari Pauley

Ward Hibbs Award - *Tim Barry*

Annual Sermon - *Rick Bergdoll*

Communion

8:30 p.m.

*Alderson Broaddus University
Reception*

Friday, October 22

7:30 a.m.

Education Society Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Workshop Session 1

9:15 a.m. Session 3

Welcome and Opening Prayer -

Don Biram

Recognition of New and Retired

Pastors - *David Hulme*

School of Christian Studies'

Graduation - *Mark McCloy*

James Anderson, Sr.

Bivocational Pastor Award -

Jim Anderson

Keynote Address: *Jeremy Myers*

11:15 a.m. - Workshop Session 2

12:00 noon - Lunch Break

Luncheon Opportunities

West Virginia Baptist

Historical Society

Ministers' Wives' Fellowship

Palmer Theological Seminary

Luncheon

2:00 p.m. Session 4

Welcome and Opening Prayer -

Ryan Stoner

Business Meeting 2 -

Ryan Stoner

Installation of Officers

Keynote Address - *Jeremy Myers*

Sending Out - *Mike Sisson*

Host Association Welcome Letter

Dear West Virginia Baptist friends and coworkers,

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ! It sounds like a simple greeting, and it is, used by Paul and others many times to begin or close a conversation. In the word of God we are welcomed through grace and peace because they seem to open the door to God's heart, His blessings and His presence. So, consider this invitation of grace and peace to come see us at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Hurricane in October 2021.

We have had an unusual year to say the least and it is fun and exciting to say please come, worship together and share the hope and good news of Jesus Christ from around our amazing state of West Virginia. I think our pastors, staff, leaders and servants from around the state will be anticipating seeing one another together again and do so in grace and peace.

We will do all we can to make your visit a pleasant one and Putnam County will welcome you too. We are a friendly area with friendly churches and ministries. We look forward to your visit to the Mount this year. Please come in grace and peace and we will offer you the same.

*In His grace and peace,
Ron McClung, Pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Hurricane*

Speakers:

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Jeremy Myers



Jeremy has been in full-time min-

istry for approximately 20 years. He currently serves as the lead pastor of Seymour, Indiana First Baptist Church.

Prior to taking his current pastoral role,

he served as the youth pastor for several churches. The most recent being Saint Albans First Baptist Church. During his time in Saint Albans, Jeremy completed his doctoral studies in Leadership of Missional Renewal through the Palmer West Virginia Program at Parchment Valley Conference Center. His research for his final project focused on developing intergenerational relationships between senior adults and youth. In recent years, Jeremy has been invited to share his findings in churches around the country. He has an M.A. (Master of Arts) in Ministerial Leadership from Wesley Seminary at IWU (Indiana Wesleyan University), a D. Min. (Doctor of Ministry) in Church Missional Renewal from Palmer Theological Seminary and is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches.

He and his wife, Robyn, live in Indiana with their children, Mikayla and J.J.

Annual Sermon Speaker:

Rev. Rick Bergdoll



Rick has been pastoring for the past

11 years in Eastern Association churches. He most recently served as pastor at Petersburg First Baptist Church. Prior to that he served at Jordan Run Union Church.

He and his wife, Carla, live in Moorefield with their daughter, Britny and his mother-in-law, Carolyn Haines. They have one son, Nathan, daughter-in-law, Kirstie and grandson, Cooper.

He has recently retired from ministry in order to spend more time with family, who continue to struggle with health issues.

Worship Leader:

Mr. Tony Nutter



Tony is the worship leader at

Hurricane First Baptist Church. He has been involved in youth ministries, such as Youth Leader Core (YLC) as well as counseling and leading music and campfires at the West Virginia

Baptist Camp at Cowen for many years.



*Mount Vernon Baptist Church
2150 Mount Vernon Road,
Hurricane, WV 25526*

Directions:

From Charleston:

- Take I-64 to Exit 39 (Teays Valley -- RR 34) and turn left (South) onto RR 34.
- Go approximately 1/4 mile (second light after the interstate exchange) and turn right onto Mount Vernon Road.
- Go approximately 1/4 mile and the church is on the right

Lodging Options:

Hampton Inn

Winfield/Teays Valley

511 WV 34, Hurricane 25526
304.760.7292
0.6 miles from the church

Holiday Inn Express

Winfield/Teays Valley

941 WV 34, Hurricane 25526
304.757.7177
1.1 miles from the church

From Huntington:

- Take I-64 to Exit 39 (Teays Valley -- RR 34) and turn right (South) onto RR 34.
- Go approximately 1/4 mile (second light after the interstate exchange) and turn right onto Mount Vernon Road.
- Go approximately 1/4 mile and the church is on the right

Red Roof Inn

Charleston West/Hurricane

500 Putnam Village Drive,
Hurricane 25526
304.757.6392
1.3 miles from the church

Sleep Inn

Winfield/Teays Valley

1211 Liberty Park Dr., Building A,
Hurricane 25526
304.397.3200
1.7 miles from the church



Local Arrangements Committee

Back Row (l to r) - Dan McCowan, Rachel Dailey, Don Underwood, Aaron McNeil,

Adam Cavender
Second Row (l to r) - Jeff Losh, Carol McCowan, Vicki Arvidson, Vicki Morris, Vicki Underwood
Front (l to r) - Ellen Walker, Zana Hodges

Not pictured: Elaine Atkinson, Alisa King, Annie Boggess, Jack Cobb

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, October 21

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church - Hospitality Area
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00
Contact: Rob Ely, ely@wvbc.org or Kevin Sions, sions@wvbc.org
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

Alderson Broaddus University Reception

Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church - Narthex
Time: 8:30 p.m.
(Following the end of the evening session)
Cost: Free
Refreshments will be served.
Contact: Josh Allen, allenjd@ab.edu

Friday, October 22

West Virginia Baptist Education Society

Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church - Sparks' Room
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Cost: Free
For members only
Contact: Eric Kendall, therevwwu@gmail.com

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Location: Bethel Baptist Church, Hurricane
Time: 12:00 noon
Cost: \$12.00
Speaker: Todd Godby
Shuttle Provided (Leave Mount Vernon at 12 noon, return at 1:45 p.m.)
Contact: Koneda Devrick, kldevrick@aol.com
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Luncheon

Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church - Youth Room
Time: 12:00 noon
Cost: \$10.00
Contact: Nikalee Turner, nikaleefoster@cedarville.edu
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon

Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church - Hospitality Area
Time: 12:00 noon
Cost: \$10.00
Contact: Allan Copenhaver, rcopenha@eastern.edu or 304.763.8564
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 on line above please.

	\$20.00 - ___ Delegate, ___ Visitor, ___ Exhibitor Required Fee - Please Check One Above.
	\$12.00 - 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.
___ 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, 2021.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 21



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

Theme: Come to the Table
Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25
Worship Leader: Meredith Thomas
Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church
- Sanctuary
Registration: 9:00 a.m. -
program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
Lunch will be provided for \$6.00.
Nursery provided for preschool children
Contact: Mary Davis
primandproper.m@gmail.com.
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form.



Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council

Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church
- Chapel
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.
Speaker: To Be Announced
Topic: To Be Announced
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: Judson Baptist Church
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Meet and depart from Mount Vernon
Baptist Church at 8:30 a.m.
Speaker: Ron Stoner
Cost: \$12.00
Shuttle Available
Contact: Frank Miller, miller@wvbc.org
or 304.372.3675
Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form.

Ministry Internships - Education in Action

When I was a young adult, the only path to pursue ministry was through four years of college and three years (at least!) of seminary. There were no online or in-state programs, so this was a daunting prospect. Most of my early ministry opportunities came through college. Back then, local churches with entry-level positions would contact the school and ask for a student to be their pastor or youth pastor. I am not sure that was an official system, but it worked.

Today's world is more complex. There are now more pathways to ministry. We now have a seminary extension program right here in West Virginia -- a great partnership with Palmer Seminary at Parchment Valley Conference Center. We also have the West Virginia Baptist Convention Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies' program, where you can find ministry preparation at a nearby church or even at home on your computer. We also have the **Ministry Internship Program**, a program created to provide summer internships for young adults throughout our West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC) family.

The Ministry Internship Program is a partnership with the WVBC, its associations and its churches. Together, we form service opportunities for young adult leaders. Up to this point, our primary recruiting mechanism has been through Baptist Campus Ministry. God has raised up many great leaders through that ministry.



Charles Hinzman, an intern in the West Virginia Baptist Convention Ministry Internship Program

But I wanted to share with you the story of someone whose path has been a little different. Charles Hinzman has been one of our interns this summer. He is not a college student. Instead, he is a student in the School of Christian Studies. Early on, several of his instructors commented on how great a student Charles was, suggesting that he showed great potential for ministry.

After meeting Charles, it became apparent what he needed more than anything was experience. Charles has been getting that experience this summer, serving at Smithville Baptist Church (Harrisville) with Charles Leisure as his mentor. It has been a great partnership, as the two have met and discussed sermon preparation, making home visits, mapping out the town and other interesting topics. Everyone has benefited from this partnership, and Charles has received education in action.

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Please be in prayer for Charles and other young leaders as they complete their summer internships, and ask God to continue to develop new leaders for our churches around the state.

*Mark McCloy
Northwest Area Minister*

Stadia Partnership Announcement

I am excited to announce the West Virginia Baptist Convention has entered a partnership with Stadia Church Planting (www.stadiachurchplanting.org). I am excited because I believe this new partnership will enhance and accelerate our ability to plant new churches and reach the staggering number of West Virginians who are unchurched.

In August 2020, a small group of pastors and I participated in a Stadia-sponsored cohort designed to help churches navigate physical and digital challenges related to COVID-19. This was the beginning of a growing relationship that led us to partner with this amazing organization whose faith statement aligns with the beliefs and values of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

A major benefit of partnering with Stadia is the Church Planter Assessment Center (CPAC). Experienced assessors with proven church-planting expertise evaluate planters' strengths, gifts, experiences and other criteria to identify strengths and opportunities for growth. Potential planters are provided with a personalized development plan that sets them up to find success in their planting role.

In addition to CPAC, Stadia provides teambuilding and fundraising training, management team development, demographics, Bloom: Women in Church Planting, coaching and post-launch support. They provide services at no financial cost or investment. Since 2003, over 1300+ churches have started with Stadia's support.

So, why are we planting more churches? To paraphrase



Michael Beck, if we continue to do what we're doing now, no matter how well we do it, there are segments of the population we'll miss. So, while strengthening our existing churches is as important now as it ever was, there is an

urgency for us to saturate our state with places where those we are missing can find Jesus.

The Apostle Paul writes: "For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings." 1 Corinthians 9:19, 22b-23 ESV

Paul became a servant. Servants don't create the environment in which they are called to serve; they accommodate themselves and adapt to their surroundings.

The servant Paul walked alongside all types of people in all types of situations so "that by all means I might save some." To make the greatest possible gains for the gospel, he accommodated himself to his surroundings, "all for the sake of the gospel that I might share with them in its blessings."

Will you be a part of this great opportunity? Is God calling you to be a church planter? What about a microchurch where God has already planted you? Is your church interested in investing financially in church planting? If so, please contact me at hulme@wvbc.org or 304.669.3436. Exciting times are ahead.

*David Hulme
Northeast Area Minister*

Freedom

It has been a blessed summer as so many have celebrated getting back together in what we consider a more “normal” way. Personally, I was blessed to be a counselor this summer at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen’s High School 1 Camp. It was great to be back at this special place and to witness the campers enjoy growing in their faith, reconnecting with old friends and making new friends.

Speaking of camps, the Twelve Pole Association held their annual children and youth camp at Parchment Valley Conference Center with much success. A beautiful bench was constructed in memory of Greg Ramey, pastor of Crum Missionary Baptist Church (Twelve Pole), who lost his battle with COVID-19 in January 2021. Also in memory of Greg, contributions were made to the Twelve Pole Camp, which made it possible for all those campers to attend for free this year. At least seven campers gave their lives to Jesus through the week and another stepped forward to be baptized. Several of these campers were only able to come because of the donations made by so many.

On Independence Day, July 4, 2021, Mike Sisson and I were able to attend a special service at Emmanuel Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley). The church added onto their facility 16 years ago, and on the Fourth of July they celebrated the freedom of paying off their loan! Pastor Don Biram preached a challenging message, followed by an amazing cookout style lunch and concluded with folks, such as former pastor Ron Stoner recounting the events that led to the building being built. After these stories and some celebratory singing, everyone headed outside where Don burned the bank note.

Southwest Area News

Evan Arkell, Southwest Area Minister

Freedom comes in many ways. Let us always remember to thank the One who makes these freedoms possible! God bless.



Don Biram (l) burns the bank note.

Northeast Area News

David Hulme, Northeast Area Minister

Petersburg First Ordains Four to the Gospel Ministry



Pastors from the Eastern Association lay hands on the candidates.

On June 13, 2021, Petersburg First Baptist Church (Eastern) ordained the following to the gospel ministry: Shannon Earle, Frank Ketterman, Rodney Sites and Steve Zywicki (posthumously). The ordination service was led by Pastor Rick Bergdoll. David Hulme, Northeast Area Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention preached the ordination sermon. Jackie Zywicki accepted the certificate on behalf of her late husband, Steve. Attending pastors from the Eastern Association participated in the laying on of hands. A reception followed.

Welcome Baptist Ordains Chad Raines



(l-r) Service participants (l-r) Randy Taylor, David Cyphers, Paul Dennison, Chad Raines, David Hulme and Garry Layfield.

Welcome Baptist Church (Judson) ordained Pastor Chad Raines to the gospel ministry in a special service on June 27, 2021. The service was led by Senior Deacon Randy Taylor. David Cyphers, Bethesda Baptist Church (Fairmont) presented the charge to the candidate. Pastor Garry Layfield, Sardis Baptist Church (Judson), presented the charge to the church. David Hulme, Northeast Area Minister, West Virginia Baptist Convention presented the ordination sermon. Offering prayers during the service were Deacons Lynn Bennett and Jim Johnson. Trustee Mike Underwood presented Pastor Raines with a Bible from the church. Deacon Jerry Evans and other Judson Association pastors and deacons participated in the laying on of hands. A reception followed in the church picnic shelter.

Northwest Area News

Mark McCloy, Northwest Area Minister

Celebrating the Call

On Sunday, June 6 2021, Lubeck Community Baptist Church (Parkersburg) celebrated the ordination of their associate pastor, Rev. Cecily Thompson. Cecily is the first pastor Lubeck has ordained since the service for current International Ministries' Global Servant and former West Virginia Baptist Convention employee, Juan Aragon. Cecily is a second-career pastor. One of the first graduates from our relatively new Digital Learning Initiative of the Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies, Cecily has shown herself to be a gifted student and pastor, completing the pastoral ministries' track with distinction. She is currently a student in Palmer Seminary's West Virginia program and is pursuing her M. Div. (Master of Divinity) degree. She has a passion for the word and for teaching. One of her duties at Lubeck is teaching an adult Sunday School class. She is also passionate for missions. She regularly participates in the church's local mission projects in Jackson and McDowell counties as well as being an active supporter of foreign missions. She is the prayer coordinator for the Aragon's Mission Partnership Team, and along with her husband, Tommy, has visited the Aragon's on the mission field in Chiapas, Mexico. Cecily passed both the Parkersburg Ordination Committee and Council with unanimous votes. We wish her well in her continued ministry!



Cecily Thompson stands with Lubeck Community Baptist Church pastor, Mark Houser (r) and West Virginia Baptist Convention Northwest Area Minister, Mark McCloy (l).

Southeast Area News

Jim Anderson, Southeast Area Minister

Nine Teams Gather to Compete in 15th Annual WVBC Golf Scramble for Bolivia Missions

A full field of nine teams gathered together on Saturday, June 19, 2021 for the 15th annual West Virginia Baptist Churches' Golf Scramble for Bolivia Missions at Greenbrier Hills Golf Course in Rainelle.

Churches represented included Millbrook Baptist Church (Hopewell), Page Baptist Church (Fayette), Sewell Valley Baptist Church, Athens Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), Crab Orchard Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), New Baptist Church (Guyandotte), Springdale First Baptist Church (Hopewell), Oakwood Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) and Send the Light Fellowship (Greenbrier-Raleigh).

The Greenbrier Hills' Course team finished first, shooting a 57 with Crab Orchard Baptist coming in second with a 59. My team, the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC) team, finished third, shooting a 64. All three teams received prizes from the House of Hope in Bolivia.

It is with great praise to our Lord that \$2,175 was raised to support the House of Hope, which includes Helen Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) and Millbrook Baptist Church sponsoring holes. This was the largest amount raised since the inception of the tournament. Thanks to all the above churches and golfers for their support!

Carmen Flores Choque, director of the House of Hope, sends her thanks to all the above mentioned and for the WVBC churches that support their mission efforts. In Bolivian currency, that \$2,175 is worth over \$14,000 and will be a special blessing

during this challenging time. She also wants to let everyone know the House of Hope family and partners are doing well and anticipate the time short-term mission groups can return.

Finally, a special thanks goes out to course manager, Terry McClung, and his staff. Without their hard work, this tournament would not have happened.

Plans are in place for June 2022 for the 16th annual tournament to be held again at Greenbrier Hills.



Pictured above is the first-place team, the Greenbrier Hills Course Team, (l to r) Jerry Cook, Mike Edenfield, Billy Joe Ratliff and Matt Kirby.

January 2021 - June 2021

SHIRLEY L. BAUER, 80, of East Bank, died April 27, 2021. She was a member of Hampton Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where she had served on several committees and boards.

WILLIAM (BILL) W. CADWALLADER, 92, Claremont, California, died February 9, 2021. He was an American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) alumnus, who served in Thailand.

ANN RANKIN HOPPE, 90 of Huntington, died May 17, 2021. She was a member of 20th Street Baptist Church. Her husband was Neil Hoppe, former pastor at 20th Street Baptist Church.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS MCCOY, 57 of Frankford, died June 2, 2021. He was the pastor of Fairview Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) for over 15 years. He was also chaplain of Stonerise Rainelle.

MILFORD EUGENE "GENE" MCVICKER, 84, of Fairmont, died June 18, 2021. He was a member of Fairmont Baptist Temple (Fairmont), where he served as American Baptist Men's president and on various other committees. While there, he went on many American Baptist Men's Disaster relief trips and worked tirelessly on the Veterans' Day crosses at the church.

ROSE MARY SHIRKEY MILLER, 104, of Madison, died January 3, 2021. She was a long-time member of Madison Baptist Church (Coal River).

JUDITH IRENE PRINCE, 70, of Daniels, died May 15, 2021. She was a faithful member of Beaver First Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh), where she had served as church treasurer, Sunday School teacher, youth director and church organist.

BLAKE ANDREW VETTER, 13, of Petersburg, died June 24, 2021. He was the grandson of John, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church (Eastern) and Donna Vetter.

HERBERT WALKER, 105, of Diamond, died June 13, 2021. He was the last living charter member of Diamond Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where he was a deacon and trustee. He was heavily involved with the American Baptist Men and their Disaster Relief team. He put in many hours of work at Camp Cowen and Parchment Valley Conference Center with the American Baptist Men.

VIRGINIA L. WILLIAMS, 101, of Oak Hill, died May 22, 2021. She was a 75 plus year member of Oak Hill Baptist Church (Fayette) and was a member of the Hylbert/Stickler Circle.

OTTO THURMAN WORKMAN, 82, of Dog Run, died May 9, 2021. He was a long-standing member of Pleasant Dale Baptist Church (Elk Valley), where he served as song director until the day of his passing.

Leadership Updates

REV. J. KEITH COOK to Page Baptist Church (Fayette) as pastor on May 23, 2021

REV. JASON C. MARSHALL to Rainelle First Baptist Church (Hopewell) as pastor on July 1, 2021

REV. TIMOTHY (TIM) MITCHEM to Athens Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh) as pastor on July 4, 2021

Pastors4Pastors and Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Summer Family Picnic 2021

August 14, 2021

Parchment Valley Conference Center, Shelter #1

Event begins at noon.

Guest Speakers:

Mark and Mary Beth McCloy

Worship Leaders:

Jon and Koreen Villers

Recreational Activities:

*Swimming, fishing, disc golf,
cornhole, hiking and more*

*Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings
will be provided. Please bring your favorite
covered dish to share!*

EVERYTHING IS FREE!

*"It's been a hard year for all of us.
Let us spend one day with our families and
colleagues, enjoying one another's fellowship
as we prepare to serve together this fall."
Dr. Matt Ash, president, Pastors4Pastors*

**Please register now at www.wvbc.org
to help us plan and prepare food!**

*If you have any questions, contact Anthony Pratt at
304.837.7905 or anthony_pratt@hotmail.com.*

"Our labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

August 2021

AUGUST 1 - The ministry of Sand Run Baptist Church; Greg Miller, pastor (Broad Run)
AUGUST 2 - The ministry of Mount Hope Baptist Temple; James Ash, interim pastor (Fayette)
AUGUST 3 - Harrisville Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 4 - The ministry of Harrisville Baptist Church; Robert Perine, pastor (Harrisville)
AUGUST 5 - Little Kanawha Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 6 - American Baptist Men and Boys' Camp begins today at Camp Cowen
AUGUST 7 - Keith Myers, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Mexico
AUGUST 8 - The ministry of Albright Baptist Church; Joe Lamm, pastor (Goshen)
AUGUST 9 - Mike Mann, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Thailand
AUGUST 10 - Darrell Mayfield, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission
AUGUST 11 - The ministry of Mount Union Baptist Church; Terry Blake, pastor (Guyandotte)
AUGUST 12 - Jeff Davenport, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
AUGUST 13 - The ministry of Pleasant Dale Baptist Church; Wayne Litton, pastor (Elk Valley)
AUGUST 14 - Sharon Buttry, International Ministries' (IM) Global Consultant
AUGUST 15 - Good Hope Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 16 - The ministry of North Shinnston Baptist Church; Mathew Keith, interim pastor (Judson)
AUGUST 17 - The ministry of Big Clear Creek Baptist Church; Glen Kuhn, pastor (Hopewell)
AUGUST 18 - The ministry of Fairview Baptist Church (Greenbrier-Raleigh)
AUGUST 19 - Kathy Rice, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
AUGUST 20 - The ministry of Everson Baptist Church; Robert Tennant, pastor (Fairmont)
AUGUST 21 - Teays Valley Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 22 - Eastern Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 23 - The ministry of Morrisvale Baptist Church; David Cook, pastor (Coal River)
AUGUST 24 - The ministry of Hill Grove Baptist Church (Good Hope)
AUGUST 25 - DaVontae Edwards, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
AUGUST 26 - The ministry of Dorcas Baptist Church; Steve Davis, pastor (Eastern)
AUGUST 27 - Lou Ann Nicholas, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
AUGUST 28 - Elk Valley Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
AUGUST 29 - Hopewell and Judson Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
AUGUST 30 - Jorge Damasceno, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to the United Kingdom
AUGUST 31 - Walt White, International Ministries' (IM) Global Consultant

September 2021

SEPTEMBER 1 - Rhonda Reed, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Bolivia
SEPTEMBER 2 - Allan Copenhaver, chair, Parchment Valley Board and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Discipleship Commission
SEPTEMBER 3 - Stacy Reese, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to the Dominican Republic
SEPTEMBER 4 - The ministry of Beulah Baptist Church; David Bess, pastor (Union)
SEPTEMBER 5 - Cari Pauley, first vice-president, West Virginia Baptist Convention and member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Outreach Commission
SEPTEMBER 6 - The ministry of City Soul Ministries; Luke Easter, pastor (Parkersburg)
SEPTEMBER 7 - The ministry of Logan First Baptist Church; Michael Hatfield, pastor (Logan-Mingo)
SEPTEMBER 8 - Todd McClure, minister of Missions and Finance, West Virginia Baptist Convention
SEPTEMBER 9 - Mark McCloy, Northwest Area Minister and director of the School of Christian Studies, West Virginia Baptist Convention
SEPTEMBER 10 - Aaron Osterbrock, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Malaysia
SEPTEMBER 11 - Bruce Borquist, International Ministries' (IM) Global Consultant
SEPTEMBER 12 - Greenbrier-Raleigh Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 13 - The ministry of Big Cub Missionary Baptist Church; Glenn Hatfield, pastor (Rockcastle)
SEPTEMBER 14 - Carrie Gasaway, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Stewardship Commission
SEPTEMBER 15 - The ministry of Big Chimney Baptist Church; Gary Walker, pastor (Kanawha Valley)
SEPTEMBER 16 - Alise Juanes, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Thailand
SEPTEMBER 17 - American Baptist Women's Ministries' Spiritual Growth Retreat happens this weekend at Parchment Valley Conference Center
SEPTEMBER 18 - Lauran Bethell, International Ministries' (IM) Global Consultant
SEPTEMBER 19 - Panhandle and Union Associations as they celebrate their annual meetings
SEPTEMBER 20 - The ministry of Twelve Pole Valley Baptist Church; Douglas Thompson, pastor (Twelve Pole)
SEPTEMBER 21 - The ministry of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church; Timothy Underwood, pastor (Little Kanawha)
SEPTEMBER 22 - Fayette Association as they celebrate their annual meeting
SEPTEMBER 23 - Mercy Gonz'alez-Barnes, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Iberoamerica and the Caribbean
SEPTEMBER 24 - The ministry of New Martinsville First Baptist Church; Jeff Musgrave, pastor (Panhandle)
SEPTEMBER 25 - Dwight Bolick, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant to Chile
SEPTEMBER 26 - Dan Buttry, International Ministries' (IM) Global Consultant
SEPTEMBER 27 - Juancito Aragon, International Ministries' (IM) Global Servant (youth) to Mexico
SEPTEMBER 28 - Mylinda Baits, International Ministries' (IM) Global Consultant
SEPTEMBER 29 - The ministry of Highlawn Baptist Church; Jason Robbins, pastor (Teays Valley)
SEPTEMBER 30 - Jarrod Belcher, member, West Virginia Baptist Convention Christian Leadership Commission

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

Coming Events

AUGUST

August 6-8

American Baptist Men and Boys' Camp
Camp Cowen

August 14

**Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies
Evangelism (Mod-06) One-Day Class**
Parchment Valley Conference Center
and Online Via Zoom

August 14

**Pastors4Pastors' and Ministers' Wives'
Fellowship Summer Family Picnic**
Parchment Valley Conference Center,
Shelter #1

SEPTEMBER

September 6

Labor Day Holiday

West Virginia Baptist Convention Office
CLOSED

September 7

**Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies
Leading People (M-05) Six-Week Class**
Various Locations

September 13-15

Fall Golden'eers' Conference

Parchment Valley Conference Center

September 15

**Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies
Digital Learning Initiative (DLI) New
Testament II (B-04) 12-Hour Class**
Online

September 15

**Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies
Digital Learning Initiative (DLI) Weddings
and Funerals (E-05) Four-Hour Class**
Online

September 17-19

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

OCTOBER

October 1

**West Virginia Baptist Convention
Executive Committee**
Parchment Valley Conference
Center/Santroch Building

October 1-3

Women's Camp
Camp Cowen

October 2

**West Virginia Baptist Convention
Executive Board and Commission
Meetings**
Parchment Valley Conference
Center/Santroch Building

October 8-10

Baptist Campus Ministry Fall Retreat
Camp Cowen

October 21-22

**West Virginia Baptist Convention 156th
Annual Meeting**
Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Hurricane

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"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

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November 6, 2021

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Register online at www.wvbc.org. Early bird cost: \$13.00, if postmarked by October 18, 2021. \$25.00 after October 18 or at the door.

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