

Registration for Summer Camps is Now Open!



As the warm weather starts to arrive, that signals one important thing: summer camps at the **West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen** are almost here!

We are excited to return this summer to full capacity! We are also excited to launch our new summer theme: **Upside Down Kingdom**.

Have you ever stopped to count how many different details, objectives, priorities, tasks and motivations daily call out for our attention? We are inundated with ideologies, information and opportunities that make it hard to put first things first.

For more than 2,000 years, Jesus has been calling His followers to “seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,” adding that “all these other things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33).

But when we face day-to-day realities, what does that look like? The teachings of Jesus are as radical now as they were when spoken to the disciples and crowds and have power to transform our lives.

The goal of camps this summer, with the theme of Upside Down Kingdom, is to bring our focus to the counterintuitive teachings of Jesus that transform our thinking and give us a right side up view that helps us better know God, who we are in Him and what it means for us to live our lives as His beloved children.

We hope you join us this summer for what will truly be an unforgettable one in the place “where people meet Jesus and grow as His disciples in a community of faith.”

SUMMER SCHEDULE

MAY 13-15	Summer Kick-Off
JUNE 3-5	Younger Midler (Grades 2-4)
JUNE 5-11	Junior 1 (Grades 5-6)
JUNE 12-18	Junior High 1 (Grades 7-9)
JUNE 19-25	Junior 2 (Grades 5-6)
JUNE 26—JULY 2	High School 1 (Grades 9-12)
JULY 3-9	Junior High 2 (Grades 7-9)
JULY 9	Senior Day (Graduated Seniors)
JULY 10-16	High School 2 (Grades 9-12)
JULY 22-25	Family Camp (All Ages)
JULY 26-29	Older Midler (Grades 3-5)
JULY 29-31	Camp Global (All Ages)
AUGUST 5-7	AB Men’s Camp (All Ages)

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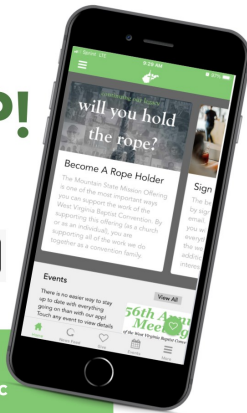
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Doing Christ’s Work Together

by Mike Sisson, Executive Minister

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A story is told of an occasion that took place in the mid-1800s in Richmond, Virginia, at the home of the Rev. R.R. Harrison. He was entertaining some guests among which included the famous chess player, Paul Morphy. On display in his home was a reproduction of the dramatic painting by artist Fredrich Moritz Retzsch entitled "Checkmate." The painting depicted Von Goethe's fictional character Dr. Faust seated at a table engaged in a competitive game of chess. His opponent was Satan, and the stakes are inferred to be the soul of Faust. At first glance, it appears Faust is losing. The devil sits there grinning smugly. He thinks he has the victory in hand. He is pointing at the chessboard with his countenance gloating and an evil grin on his face. It is as if Satan is thinking of shouting: "Checkmate! Game's over! I win!"

However, as Paul Morphy was studying the painting, he noticed the match was not over at all. He was heard to exclaim: "Wait a minute! Look! Faust has another move and that move would give him the victory!"

As we approach Easter, I can imagine Satan with that same expectation of victory when Christ is being nailed to the cross. The impression that in His death evil had triumphed, and hope was lost. This sense of finality is vocalized by a Roman Centurion standing near as he exclaimed, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Notice he used the word *was* rather than *is*. Jesus was the Son of God, past tense.

Paul agrees that, had this been God's final move, it would have meant defeat. He writes, "If Christ was not raised from the dead, our faith is futile, we are still in our sins, we are unforgiven" (1 Cor. 15:17). However, Paul insists that is not the case. He continues, "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

This is the good news of the resurrection! Jesus Christ was victorious! "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54b). A victory available to us through Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:15).

There are times in this chaotic world that Satan tries to convince us that we are defeated and have no more moves left. Paul wanted us to know that this is not the truth. He wrote,

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come (Ephesians 2:18-21).

As the apostle explains, the same power that God displayed in the resurrection of His Son is at work on behalf of all who place their faith in Jesus Christ. Furthermore, it is Jesus who is seated above all other authority, power or dominion.

During this holy season, may we focus on the magnificent work of Jesus Christ on the cross and on the victorious power of His resurrection. As the words of the old hymn remind us, "O glorious victory, that overcomes the world!"

Blessings,
Mike



DOING CHRIST'S WORK *together*

by Intentionally Engaging Communities for Christ

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Breaking Ground on the New Covered Campfire at Parchment Valley

Parchment Valley Conference Center is excited to announce the construction of the Greenlee Activity Campfire (i.e.) the Whippoorwill Covered Campfire, honoring all those who have volunteered to support the ministry here. Excavation has begun and we are continuing to receive donations from individuals and churches who want to be part of building this amazing venue.

Discussions of a covered campfire have been ongoing for several years. With our outdoor campfire being in a location that is not easily accessible for all groups or during all seasons, this new facility (located near the barn), will allow groups to use it year-round. Also, with so many important faith decisions being made around the campfire during the past few years, our prayer is that this will simply be another tool God uses to help us live out our mission of being a place “where lives are changed.”

Longtime faithful volunteer, Joe Greenlee, recently joined us at Parchment Valley to pray over the area and help us break ground. As the spring continues and the weather gets warmer, you will see a lot more work being done in the area. The design will be very similar to the covered campfire that exists at Camp Cowen.

If you are interested in being part of this incredible project, email Frank Miller at miller@wvbc.org or call our Parchment Valley office at (304) 372-3675.



Frank Miller, Joe Greenlee and Teresa Miller break ground.

A group of about eight youth, both male and female, are smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing white t-shirts with a circular logo that says "BROTHERS' KEEPER". They are holding a thick blue rope. The background shows a residential building with a brown roof. The bottom of the image has a red and white dotted pattern.

BROTHERS' KEEPER
2022
JUNE 19-24, 2022
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February Events

Annual Training Event

Despite the winter conditions, more than 100 individuals attended this year's **Annual Training Event**, held February 5th at Parchment Valley Conference Center. This event has become a staple event for many of our churches, with the traditional set of workshops being offered for new church officers.

New to this year's event was a set of workshops built around the theme of "Intentionally Engaging Communities for Christ." Those workshops included ones on church remissioning, microchurches, developing a discipleship pathway and mentoring young leaders. In total, there were 20 workshops from which to choose.

If you missed this year's event but would like resources from any of the workshops, contact Teresa Miller at tmiller@wvbc.org.

We also hope you would join us for next year's event, planned for Saturday, February 4th at Parchment Valley.



Adam Cheeseman and Jason Skaggs led a workshop on Community Ministry, one of 20 workshops offered at our Annual Training Event.

Senior High Convention

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

During the last weekend of February, more than 200 people from 19 churches gathered at New Baptist Church (Guyandotte) for **Senior High Convention**. What a blessing it was to come together to worship the Lord, receive solid biblical teaching and have a great time!

The weekend was full of energy! Eli Williams served as the emcee, Render the Hearts led worship and Rob Ely taught the students. There were also numerous interest groups led by members of the Youth Ministry Planning Team (YMPT) and students of Marshall Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM).

In addition to the times of worship, students also assembled cold care packs and made warm scarves for those in need who are served by the food pantry at New Baptist Church. Overall, it was an incredible weekend and one where several students made important decisions about their relationship with Christ.



Render the Hearts is a Christian group based out of Huntington, WV.

AB Men's Prayer Breakfast

This year, 20 associations hosted a men's prayer breakfast, held annually on the last Saturday of February and organized by the **American Baptist Men (AB Men) of West Virginia**. Each prayer breakfast consisted of a time of fellowship, worship and prayer. Churches had the option of planning their own devotion or they could use the one recorded by Eric Porterfield, senior minister at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Huntington (Guyandotte). His devotion can still be found on the West Virginia Baptist Convention's (WVBC) YouTube channel.

Each year, the AB Men also designate an offering emphasis. This year, donations were collected for the WVBC's **Ministry Internship Program**.

To learn more about the AB Men, visit the WVBC's website, or consider joining one of their upcoming work parties: April 8-9 at Parchment Valley and April 22-23 at Camp Cowen.



The Baptist Temple of Fairmont served as the host for the Fairmont Association, where five churches participated and collected more than \$1000 in donations.

March Events

Pre-Bible Conference Event

On Friday, March 4th, **Pastors4Pastors** held a Pre-Bible Conference event at Parchment Valley Conference Center. Ed Rogers, of Renew Transformational Strategies, served as the keynote and spoke on “Leading Through Adversity.”

There was also a time of great worship led by the Putnam Family, a gospel bluegrass group that hails from Glenville. John Putnam is the senior pastor at Glenville First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha) and also serves as the principal of Gilmer County High School. He was joined by his wife, Andrea, and their three children: Caroline, Isaac and Andrew.

Pastors4Pastors serves as the ministers’ council for the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC). Whether you are full-time or part-time, all pastors are encouraged to connect with and participate in Pastors4Pastors events. You can learn more about them on the WVBC website or by searching for the “WVBC Ministers’ Council” page on Facebook.

Our next event will be a “Family Picnic” on Saturday, June 25th at Parchment Valley. We hope you can join us for that!



Eighteen pastors participated in this year’s Pre-Bible Conference Event

Spring Children’s Rally

The **Spring Children’s Rally** took place on Saturday, March 5th at the Parchment Valley Conference Center. The theme was “Safari through the Bible.” Animal characters were used to help teach children Bible lessons on perseverance, obedience and overcoming persecution. These lessons were taught by different leaders from around the state. The children also participated in games, crafts and worship led by Tony Nutter.

This year’s rally consisted of 211 participants from 19 churches. The children ranged from kindergarten all the way up through 6th grade. In addition to the fun activities, every rally also has a mission project. The mission project for this rally was to collect nonperishable food items for “Blessing Boxes,” a ministry based out of Philippi. In total, the children collected 1,534 food items, along with some gift cards, cash and personal hygiene items. That is an amazing accomplishment! God is good!

It was a beautiful day of learning and serving together! **We hope you can join them for their next rally, scheduled for Saturday, November 5th at Parchment Valley.**



There were 211 participants at this year’s Spring Children’s Rally.

Bible Conference

The seventh annual **Bible Conference** was held at Parchment Valley Conference Center on Saturday, March 5th. Over 40 people were in attendance and, together, we journeyed through the wilderness of the book of Numbers. Trent Eastman, pastor of New Baptist Church (Guyandotte), led the study and did a fabulous job, as always. Trent also serves as an adjunct professor for Palmer Theological Seminary.

With the Spring Children’s Rally being held simultaneously, Parchment Valley was the perfect venue. The Bible Conference was held in Hill Hall, where we enjoyed one another’s fellowship and were challenged to dig deeper into the Word of God.

Go ahead and mark your calendar for next year’s conference, which will continue to be held on the first Saturday of March. Students enrolled in the Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies are also able to receive credit by attending.



Trent Eastman presented “Life in the Wilderness,” a study on the book of Numbers.

Home Assignment Details: Keith and Deborah Myers

*Written by Keith and Deborah Myers
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¡Hola desde Puebla, México! Have you ever prayed for God to open your eyes to where He is working and then ask Him to give you the courage to join Him in the good work? God is not waiting for us to show up and then start His work. He is working all around us and invites us to join Him in what He has already started.

It is hard to believe that we have been in Mexico for over eight years! There have been two focal points of ministry for us over the past six months. Firstly, we have seen God working in the spiritual lives of the pastors we serve. We have created two workshops that focus on their personal spiritual growth. One of them focuses on relationships. Recognizing that God has created us for relationships, one relationship that our pastors so often neglect is the one with themselves. Our pastors have the heart to pour into others, but they sometimes sacrifice their own personal walk with the Lord. We challenge them to learn to pour from a full cup rather than one that has dried up.

Secondly, we have been developing a women's ministry in each of our five zones. This year we will host retreats in four of our zones. The retreats will be three days of Bible studies, games, crafts, music, food and fellowship. Our theme is "Living Water." This will be an opportunity for the women to rest and be renewed in their relationship with God, self, others and the rest of creation.

These are two places where we see God working. We ask that you pray for us as we continue to remain open to how and where the Spirit of God is moving.

On May 1st, we begin our one-year of home assignment. During this time, we will be traveling and sharing about the ministry of CICEM (Council of Rural Indigenous Evangelicals of Mexico, AR).



CICEM Women's Retreat in Zona Mazauha.

Over the past 10 years plus, we have been blessed with prayerful and financial support from many churches and individuals. We look forward to reconnecting with many of you! If you are interested in having us speak at your church or grabbing a cup of coffee to talk about our passion, we would be honored to share. You can contact us through email at:

keith.myers@internationalministries.org or
debbie.myers@internationalministries.org.

Blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Steve McCartney: Three Decades of Impact at Camp Cowen

In terms of legacies, there are not many who have had a greater impact on the **West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen** than Steve McCartney.

Camp Cowen has been home to Steve and his wife Missy for the past 30 years. They raised their children on site, and their grandchildren have grown up coming to camp. Whether you have served as summer staff, volunteered as a counselor or simply come as a camper, the McCartneys have likely become synonymous with your camp experience.

Caleb Villers, current Camp Cowen board member, reflected, "I have had the privilege of working hand-in-hand with Steve throughout my time as a camper, as summer staff and now as a Camp Cowen board member. During that time, Steve has transitioned in my life from someone I initially considered to be a legend, to a mentor, then to a friend and now to even family. I owe so much to Steve, and I am thankful for the countless hours he spent with me. I consider it a great joy to have served with such a wonderful man of God."

During Steve's three decades of service, the Alice Randall Dining Hall was built, the covered campfire was erected, multiple cabins and shelters were completed, the Jim Cunningham Staff House was constructed, Hylbert Hall went through multiple renovations, bleachers were added to expand the seating at the Vespers and outdoor campfire areas, and metal roofs were placed on all the cabins. And that only captures a small glimpse of his overall impact! He also had the task of keeping the pool open so that campers could enjoy it every summer during the hot days.

Rob Ely, who served as Camp Cowen director from 1996 until 2021, shared, "Steve and I enjoyed working together and playing together for 20 plus years. Pouring concrete, roofing cabins or riding mountain bikes, we worked hard and played hard! He is a dear friend and I miss working with him. Beth and I enjoyed raising our kids with him and Missy each summer!"



Steve and Missy McCartney have served our Camp Cowen community for three decades!

Please join us by thanking both Steve and Missy for their faithful dedication to the ministry of Camp Cowen! Please also join us by praying for Steve as he steps away from his position with Camp Cowen due to his recent health challenges. They both will certainly be missed!

Camp Cowen is a place "where people meet Jesus and grow as His disciples in a community of faith." We are eternally grateful for the role that Steve has played in that mission.

A Suggested Process for Microchurches

Have you noticed that when Jesus commissioned those He had disciplined to "go and make disciples," he did not provide them with a handbook, a PowerPoint presentation or even so much as a sheet of instructions? He just told them to go do it and left how they would do it wide open for their own creativity.

That's the beauty of **microchurches**; the freedom and flexibility to use your creativity to plant the gospel in a place God has already planted you. There are some great resources, but no "set-in-stone, one way to do it" handbook. God wants you to be creative.

Consider the story of a couple in our WVBC family. The couple is caring for the wife's elderly mother in their home. Over time, they develop relationships with some of the hospice nurses and caregivers. By listening and observing, the couple becomes aware of the daily stresses and challenges those workers face. Through prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the couple feels led to further those relationships in the hopes of planting seeds of the gospel that will grow into a microchurch in their home.

What about you? One thing all of us have in common is that God has planted each of us somewhere with some group of people who need Jesus. Why not consider planting some seeds that will grow into a microchurch?

To help you, here's a suggested process:

Pray – Ask God to help you discern where He is already working and how you might join Him.

Initiate – Get to know your neighbors (not just their names), develop friendships with the parents on your kid's baseball team, get to know the folks at your grandmother's assisted living facility.









Engage – Invite some folks over for dinner, meet some friends regularly for coffee, start a Discovery Bible group with the Discover App (<https://discoverapp.org/>).

Practice – Some things will work; others won't. Learn from both, don't be discouraged, and keep going.

Want to learn more about microchurches and their potential to saturate your community with the gospel? Contact me at hulme@wvbc.org.

David Hulme
Director of Outreach Ministries

2021 Top 50 Mission Giving Churches of the WVBC

															
				United Mission								Retired Ministers and Missionaries			
1. Hurricane, First	\$27,419	1. Crab Orchard	\$45,000	1. Fifth Avenue	\$78,143	1. Fifth Avenue	\$8,143	1. Fifth Avenue	\$4,515	1. Vienna	\$22,669	1. Fifth Avenue	\$47,180	1. Gassaway	\$3,983
2. Summersville	\$19,325	2. Saint Albans, First	\$40,333	2. Calvary, Oak Hill	\$24,252	2. Hurricane, First	\$3,485	2. Indian Fork	\$3,917	2. Hurricane, First	\$17,880	2. Emmanuel, Pksbg	\$8,016	2. Indian Fork	\$3,917
3. Gassaway	\$15,998	3. South Parkersburg	\$23,958	3. Oak Hill	\$19,254	3. Vienna	\$3,145	3. Bethesda	\$2,872	3. Lubeck Community	\$17,730	3. Gilboa	\$6,600	3. Fifth Avenue	\$3,860
4. New Baptist	\$14,000	4. Vienna	\$21,867	4. Rainelle, First	\$17,700	4. South Parkersburg	\$2,375	4. South Parkersburg	\$2,450	4. Saint Albans, First	\$15,482	4. Big Hurricane	\$3,761	4. Hurricane, First	\$3,295
5. Lubeck	\$14,000	5. Beckley, First	\$21,375	5. Baptist Temple, Chas	\$14,000	5. Baptist Temple, Chas	\$2,368	5. Mount Vernon, Hurr	\$1,810	5. South Parkersburg	\$14,484	5. Gassaway	\$3,067	5. Spencer, First	\$3,260
6. Ravenswood, First	\$12,000	6. Simpson Creek	\$20,087	6. Madison	\$15,000	6. Racine, First	\$2,207	6. Ravenswood, First	\$1,795	6. Emmanuel, Pksbg	\$14,368	6. Bethesda, Barrackville	\$2,920	6. South Parkersburg	\$3,200
7. Parchment Valley	\$10,118	7. Emmanuel, Pksbg	\$17,772	7. New Martinsville, First	\$14,984	7. Main Street	\$1,983	7. Rainelle, First	\$1,741	7. Madison	\$10,836	7. Ravenswood, First	\$2,619	7. Bethesda	\$2,180
8. Oakwood	\$10,030	8. Elkins, First	\$14,224	8. Sistersville, First	\$12,335	8. Milton	\$1,910	8. Saint Albans, First	\$1,705	8. Oakwood	\$10,800	8. West Point	\$2,565	8. Sunrise	\$1,830
9. Simpson Creek	\$8,248	9. Beulah Ann Missionary	\$7,000	9. Summersville	\$10,730	9. Glenville, First	\$1,735	9. Guyandotte Missionary	\$1,400	9. Willow Tree	\$10,123	9. Saint Albans, First	\$2,395	9. Beckley, First	\$1,745
10. Barboursville	\$7,821	10. Romney, First	\$6,200	10. Saulsville	\$10,007	10. Boothsville	\$1,667	10. Elizabeth	\$1,265	10. Sabraton	\$8,335	10. Mannington, First	\$2,374	10. Buckhannon, First	\$1,680
11. Beulah, Grafton	\$7,375	11. The Chapel	\$5,041	11. Judson, Belle	\$9,888	11. Auburn	\$1,538	11. Gilboa	\$1,210	11. New Hope, Pksbg	\$7,825	11. Baptist Temple, Fair	\$2,235	11. Old Greenbrier	\$1,649
12. Genesis Fellowship	\$7,301	12. Highlawn	\$5,000	12. South Parkersburg	\$9,744	12. Calvary, Oak Hill	\$1,505	12. Beulah Ann Missionary	\$1,200	12. Bethesda, Barrackville	\$7,628	12. South Parkersburg	\$2,200	12. Philippi	\$1,609
13. Mill Creek	\$6,828	13. Dunbar, First	\$4,375	13. Meadow Grove	\$8,186	13. Weston, First	\$1,503	13. New Martinsville, First	\$1,131	13. Mill Creek	\$7,295	13. Mount Vernon, Hurr	\$2,155	13. Weston, First	\$1,515
14. Harmony, Southside	\$5,400	14. Baptist Temple, Fair	\$4,300	14. Shinnston, First	\$8,060	14. Concord	\$1,500	14. Racine, First	\$1,105	14. Pine Grove, First	\$7,200	14. Weston, First	\$2,085	14. Baptist Temple, Chas	\$1,480
15. Kanawha City	\$5,250	15. Mount Vernon, Hurr	\$3,666	15. Salem	\$7,865	15. Dorcas	\$1,451	15. Pea Ridge	\$1,100	15. Beulah, Grafton	\$7,032	15. Sabraton	\$2,025	15. Ravenswood, First	\$1,463
16. Petersburg, First	\$5,250	16. Scarbro, First	\$3,582	16. Gilboa	\$7,594	16. Mount Pisgah	\$1,422	16. Nutter Fort, First	\$1,000	16. Beckley, First	\$7,015	16. Saulsville	\$2,000	16. Romney, First	\$1,435
17. Pea Ridge	\$5,000	17. Hepzibah	\$3,300	17. Dorcas	\$7,503	17. Judson, Belle	\$1,293	17. Harrisville	\$960	17. Summersville	\$6,695	17. Beckley, First	\$1,840	17. Emmanuel, Pksbg	\$1,410
18. Mannington, First	\$4,495	18. Clarksburg	\$2,750	18. Fayetteville	\$6,022	18. Oak Hill	\$1,254	18. Emmanuel, Pksbg	\$932	18. Romney, First	\$6,280	18. Oak Hill	\$1,800	18. Gilboa	\$1,275
19. Rush Run	\$4,453	19. Dents Run	\$2,678	19. New England	\$6,012	19. Willow Tree	\$1,170	19. Baptist Temple, Chas	\$930	19. Sistersville, First	\$6,279	19. Glensville, First	\$1,768	19. New Martinsville, First	\$1,250
20. Grass Lick	\$4,388	20. Middleville	\$2,604	20. Hope, Frametown	\$5,912	20. Baptist Temple, Fair	\$1,128	20. Sistersville, First	\$920	20. Hepzibah	\$6,080	20. Sunrise	\$1,717	20. Summersville	\$1,249
21. Sabraton	\$4,350	21. Ebenezer	\$2,442	21. Summit Missionary	\$5,701	21. Bridgeport	\$1,085	21. Emmanuel, Chas	\$915	21. Broad Run	\$6,030	21. Baptist Temple, Chas	\$1,710	21. Rainelle, First	\$1,230
22. Williamson, First	\$4,008	22. Bethesda	\$2,096	22. Sunrise	\$5,688	22. New Martinsville, First	\$1,081	22. Mount Carmel	\$800	22. Cook Memorial	\$5,950	22. Elkins, First	\$1,673	22. Mannington, First	\$1,112
23. Racine, First	\$4,000	23. Diamond	\$2,000	23. Petersburg, First	\$5,664	23. Kingwood	\$1,079	23. Vienna	\$800	23. Baptist Temple, Pksbg	\$5,800	23. Fayetteville	\$1,668	23. New Hope, Pksbg	\$1,080
24. Buckhannon, First	\$3,500	24. Milton	\$1,775	24. Shuck Memorial	\$5,553	24. Goshen	\$982	24. Milton	\$800	24. Fairview, Forest Hill	\$5,750	24. Vienna	\$1,484	24. New	\$1,050
25. Sistersville, First	\$3,410	25. Millbrook	\$1,475	25. Weirton Hts Memorial	\$5,373	25. Beulah Ann Missionary	\$871	25. Grass Lick	\$799	25. Enon	\$5,490	25. Rainelle, First	\$1,384	25. Glensville, First	\$1,020
26. New Hope, Pksbg	\$3,345	26. Macedonia	\$1,200	26. Little Laurel, Richwood	\$5,285	26. Wilsonburg	\$856	26. Old Greenbrier	\$776	26. Matewan	\$5,395	26. Lubeck Community	\$1,295	26. Mount Vernon, Hurr	\$1,000
27. Lacomia Missionary	\$3,268	27. West Union	\$1,200	27. Mt. Zion, Mineral Wells	\$5,266	27. Lubeck Community	\$818	27. Wilsonburg	\$730	27. Calvary, Oak Hill	\$5,300	27. Philippi	\$1,261	27. Kingwood	\$1,000
28. Toned Missionary	\$3,252	28. Athens	\$1,100	28. Williamson, First	\$5,004	28. Weirton Hts Memorial	\$789	28. Forks of Coal Miss.	\$720	28. Spencer, First	\$4,700	28. New Life Ministries	\$1,250	28. Springdale, First	\$1,000
29. Hopewell, Mount Alto	\$3,141	29. Willow Tree	\$1,000	29. Nitro, First	\$4,850	29. Summersville	\$730	29. Calvary, Oak Hill	\$702	29. Wilsonburg	\$4,590	29. Kanawha City	\$1,215	29. Smithville	\$1,000
30. Spencer, First	\$3,126	30. Deepwater	\$839	30. Grafton, First	\$4,500	30. Big Union	\$713	30. Judson, Belle	\$685	30. Goshen	\$4,504	30. Old Greenbrier	\$1,167	30. Beulah Ann Missionary	\$900
31. Parkersburg, First	\$3,025	31. South Charleston, First	\$816	31. Big Tygart	\$4,346	31. Emmanuel, War	\$695	31. Leon	\$675	31. Kingwood	\$4,500	31. Forks of Coal	\$1,105	31. Elizabeth	\$890
32. Forks of Coal Miss.	\$3,000	32. Enon, Salem	\$798	32. Elkins, First	\$4,236	32. Everson	\$690	32. Buckhannon, First	\$665	32. Simpson Creek	\$4,000	32. Albright	\$1,062	32. Calvary, Oak Hill	\$799
33. Sutton	\$2,950	33. Bridgeport	\$750	33. Hurricane, First	\$3,980	33. Forks of Coal Miss.	\$686	33. Parchment Valley	\$632	33. Hopewell, Mount Alto	\$3,983	33. Milton	\$1,045	33. Union, Simpson	\$765
34. Old Greenbrier	\$2,575	34. Grass Lick	\$737	34. Indian Fork	\$3,917	34. Sabraton	\$662	34. Little Capon	\$605	34. Crab Orchard	\$3,950	34. Matewan	\$1,000	34. Vienna	\$758
35. Pleasant Grove	\$2,569	35. Connolly Memorial	\$600	35. Gauley Bridge	\$3,750	35. Highlawn	\$662	35. Bethel, Rio	\$590	35. Indian Fork	\$3,917	35. Baptist Temple, Pksbg	\$1,000	35. Sutton	\$750
36. Starcher	\$2,515	36. Point Pleasant, Troy	\$600	36. Rockcastle	\$3,673	36. Nitro, First	\$650	36. West Point	\$585	36. Bethel, Morgantown	\$3,905	36. Highlawn	\$1,000	36. Broad Run	\$750
37. Bethel, Hurricane	\$2,466	37. Cyclone	\$550	37. Enon, Grantsville	\$3,600	37. Judson, Winfield	\$640	37. Union, Simpson	\$550	37. Dorcas	\$3,767	37. Beulah Ann Missionary	\$1,000	37. Bethel, Rio	\$740
38. Man, First	\$2,400	38. Union	\$550	38. Hamlin, First	\$3,453	38. Mount Vernon, Hurr	\$640	38. Lubeck Community	\$520	38. Parkersburg, First	\$3,658	38. Long Run	\$1,000	38. Wilsonburg	\$728
39. Judson, Winfield	\$2,373	39. Williamstown, First	\$500	39. Philippi	\$3,400	39. Ravenswood, First	\$637	39. Boothsville	\$510	39. Genesis Fellowship	\$3,651	39. Pleasant Grove	\$1,000	39. Sand Fork	\$724
40. Guyandotte Miss	\$2,261	40. Danville, First	\$450	40. Victory	\$3,237	40. Fayetteville	\$622	40. Valley Bend	\$500	40. Everson	\$3,600	40. Harrisville	\$935	40. Sistersville, First	\$720
41. Page	\$2,000	41. Birch River	\$438	41. Big Union	\$3,193	41. Sand Fork	\$612	41. Rockcastle	\$500	41. Connolly Memorial	\$3,600	41. Sistersville, First	\$896	41. Willow Tree	\$692
42. Willow Tree	\$1,700	42. Chapel	\$420	42. Vienna	\$3,145	42. Baileysville	\$605	42. Beulah, Grafton	\$500	42. Breckenridge	\$3,600	42. Little Capon	\$860	42. Sabraton	\$690
43. Romney, First	\$1,655	43. Welch, First	\$400	43. Mount Pisgah	\$3,142	43. Two Runs	\$571	43. Shinnston, First	\$500	43. Old Greenbrier	\$3,571	43. Wilsonburg	\$850	43. Union Valley, Pksbg	\$675
44. Broad Run	\$1,520	44. Crany Missionary	\$325	44. Glenville, First	\$3,063	44. Bethel, Morgantown	\$569	44. Kingwood	\$500	44. Mount Vernon, Hurr	\$3,536	44. Weirton Hts Memorial	\$815	44. Hopewell, Mount Alto	\$628
45. Wilsonburg	\$1,500	45. Wheeling, First	\$313	45. Auburn	\$2,858	45. Union Valley, Pksbg	\$562	45. Weston, First	\$460	45. Williamson, First	\$3,198	45. Mount Pisgah	\$800	45. Madison	\$555
46. Clarksburg	\$1,338	46. Mount Urim	\$300	46. Harrisville	\$2,750	46. Flint Chapel	\$550	46. Rock Grove	\$460	46. Parchment Valley	\$3,154	46. Mount Carmel	\$800	46. Little Capon	\$554
47. Philippi	\$1,332	47. Spruce Grove	\$200	47. Forks of Cheat	\$2,640	47. Diamond	\$540	47. Baptist Temple, Fair	\$445	47. Union Valley, Pksbg	\$3,100	47. Hurricane, Clendenin	\$800	47. Forks of Coal Miss.	\$552
48. Emmanuel, Pksbg	\$1,295	48. Sand Run	\$150	48. Sabraton	\$2,386	48. Page	\$500	48. Hepzibah	\$425	48. New Baptist	\$3,000	48. Grantsville, First	\$750	48. West Point	\$545
49. Emmanuel, Chas	\$1,250	49. Mt. Vernon, Fleming.	\$100	49. Nutter Fort, First	\$2,305	49. Shinnston, First	\$500	49. Elkins, First	\$424	49. Middleville	\$3,000	49. Beulah, Grafton	\$744	49. Kanawha City	\$522
50. Goshen	\$1,204	50. Nutter Fort, First	\$100	50. Racine, First	\$2,207	50. Mill Creek	\$472	50. New Hope, Pksbg	\$414	50. Rockcastle	\$2,900	50. Salem	\$735	50. Williamson, First	\$504

BCM: How Beautiful Are the Feet of Those Who Carry the Good News!

Written by Jon Villers

BCM Associate, Alderson Broaddus University

It is a joy to see how God is working on our university campuses across West Virginia! At Alderson Broaddus University (AB), this semester started off with an incredible outreach!

Dwayne Johnson is our current **Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM)** president at AB. He is a junior from Baltimore, Maryland. Last November, while attending a young adult Christian gathering not far from campus, he was introduced to a group called Circuit Riders. They are part of a Christian mobilization group called Youth With a Mission (YWAM). Dwayne discovered their mission was two-fold: to reach a lost generation and to activate a generation toward love and evangelism. They carry out this mission by having a team of young adults come and orchestrate what they call “The Carry the Love Tour” on university campuses across the nation.

On January 18-19, we hosted the Circuit Riders at AB. They partnered with several of our students who are hungry to reach their campus. Their focus was on uniting believers to train and activate them as evangelists. They then worked with our students to help start evangelistic initiatives across our campus.

On the first night of the event, over 60 students attended, which culminated in an altar call that invited students to step out and



share the Good News of Jesus with other students on campus. To signify their desire to respond to this call, students were asked to take off their shoes and raise them high in the air. It was a sight to behold so many sets of shoes held high! How beautiful are the feet of those who carry the good news!

The “Carry the Love Tour” exists to bring a culture shift in evangelism on college campuses and we saw that first hand at AB! Please continue to pray for us, as well as each of the other BCM campuses, as we continue our mission of “changing lives that change the world.”

Spring Golden'eers Conference

“Grandparenting Matters”

May 2-4, 2022

Parchment Valley Conference Center



A conference for adults age 55+

Cost varies based on housing requests

Registration Deadline: April 22

Golden'eers is ministry for adults age 55 and older. With two retreats each year (spring and fall), this is a great opportunity to come together for Bible study, fellowship, crafts and games with others from around the state. Sleep in the lodge or bring your camper and enjoy this year's theme of “Grandparenting Matters!”

For more information, contact:

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American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV

Mentoring Young Women Through the Scholarship/Loan Program

When Jane Mullen initially agreed to drive some women to a conference located in Philippi in 2000, little did she know what God had in store for her. That conference was the Women's Conference that is hosted annually by the **American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia (ABWM of WV)**, and two of the first women she met at the conference were Dorothy Santrock and Linda Carpenter, both ABWM of WV board members at the time. When it was announced during the business meeting that there was an opening for the Scholarship/Loan Program Coordinator, Jane's name was recommended. After learning that it was only a three-year position, she agreed to serve in that role. However, halfway through her first term, the position was changed to an appointed position, and she has now served in that role for 22 years.

The Scholarship/Loan Program was initially started in 1920. It started as a memorial fund in memory of Ella Webb Eddy. In 1967, it evolved into the program that it is today, with loan repayments helping the fund to grow. Scholarship amounts vary depending on both the available funds and the number of applicants. In order to qualify, the girl must be a member of a West Virginia Baptist Convention church, maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and demonstrate financial need. **Over the last 50 years, nearly 600 scholarships have been granted, totaling to more than \$750,000 in financial assistance.**

Jane's greatest contribution to the program is the mentoring program she established. When a student is selected, her name is assigned to 8-10 churches that maintain regular contact with the



Jane Mullen (left) with her niece, Teresa Calhoon (right), at the WVBC office in front of the statue that Jane's sister donated.

student through phone calls or cards. The churches also pray for their student throughout the year. Modeled off lessons from the book of Titus, the goal is to surround these girls with older women who can spiritually pour into them during their time in college. To this day, Jane maintains regular contact with many of the scholarship girls from her first years in the role.

Jane's ongoing legacy is impacting hundreds of lives because of her faithfulness. The ABWM of WV's Scholarship/Loan Program is a critical part of our mission of doing Christ's work together.

Join us for the
88th Annual Conference
of the American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV

June 4th
Parchment Valley Conference Center
Featuring: Sarah McCloy and Debbie Myers
Theme: "Along the Road"

Conference Fee: \$15
Optional Boxed Lunch: \$7

Register at www.wvbc.org

Questions? Contact Sandy Foster Currey
at sandyfostercurrey@gmail.com

Changes, Changes, Changes ... Isn't that the story of our world today? The American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia have had many changes and challenges over the years of serving Jesus Christ and ministering to the world. For almost a century, we have been gathering for our Annual Conference! Many changes have taken place, but the women have embraced the changes and continue their commitment.

Years ago the women gathered for an entire week, then a weekend, and now a one-day gathering. Another change this year, and it's an exciting one: we are pleased to announce that, for the first time, we will be meeting in the Greenlee Activities Center. Also, just as the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC) has been highlighting legacies over the last year, we will be doing the same, honoring past and present women from our organization who have left legacies.

The theme of this year's conference is "Along the Road," based on Luke 24:32. Keynote speaker will be Sarah McCloy, our recently endorsed global servant. We are also delighted to have Debbie Myers, global servant to Mexico. The day's activities will also include updates on our Scholarship/Loan Program, our Special Project, the WV Hope program, Love Gift and our Mission Outreach Project.

Registration is open from April 1 – May 15 and can be found on the WVBC Website.

Northwest Area News

by Mark McCloy, Northwest Area Minister

Are You Cooling Off? Or Taking Off?

In early March, I visited Ravenswood First Baptist Church (Good Hope) for morning worship. I was presenting them with a mission certificate and enjoying the opportunity to join them for worship. On that particular Sunday, they were having a soup-to-go fundraiser, in an effort to raise even more money for missions. I am thankful for their ongoing faithfulness to that cause.

As I sat near the front of the sanctuary, I could not help but to notice the new thermostat that hung on the wall, just to the right of the pulpit. It was a smart thermostat with a large temperature reading, making it easy for me to read from my seat. As worship began, I noticed that it started at 70 degrees. However, as more people arrived, the temperature rose. And when we began to sing, the temperature rose even higher...71...72...and so on. By mid-sermon, it was 74 degrees. And then something strange happened – it began to drop! That surprised me, as I would have expected it to peak with the sermon.

At the end of the service, I was so intrigued by the thermostat that I asked the pastor, Toby Wagoner, about it. He laughed. As it turns out, the temperature is artificially maintained by a church member who has been asked to keep the temperature comfortable. He controls it with an app on his phone! Thus the fancy thermostat.



Toby Wagoner is the pastor at Ravenswood First Baptist Church.

Northeast Area News

Fairmont and Union Associations Hold Annual Lenten Services

For many years, both the Fairmont and the Union Associations have held Sunday evening Lenten Services. These worship times are an opportunity for the churches in each association to come together for a time of worship and reflection. The services also serve as a time for the churches to come together for fellowship. Services are held at a different church and feature a different pastor, each week. Offerings from these services support various mission endeavors of the associations.

Broad Run Association Prepares for Summer Camp

The Broad Run Association has announced summer camp plans for Fisher Baptist Camp, located in Lewis County. The Older Camp is scheduled for June 12-17, with the Younger Camp following on June 26-30. Rachel Smarr is the camp director.



Fisher Baptist Camp is located in Weston.

Josh Weddle Ordained at Clarksburg

Pastor Josh Weddle was ordained to the gospel ministry, February 13th, in a service at Clarksburg Baptist Church (Union), where he serves as Associate Pastor for Next Generations. Josh has a heart for encouraging and investing in young people with a gospel-centered approach that always points to Jesus. Prior to accepting this position, Josh had served the church as a youth ministry intern. Josh is married to Candace and is a Georgia native.



Pastor Phil Wayman and church leaders pray over Josh Weddle.

Southwest Area News

by *Evan Arkell, Southwest Area Minister*

Spring: A Reminder of New Life

I am so glad that spring is in the air! There have been several days where the temperature has reached 80 degrees, and I love walking out of my house and seeing the daffodils in full bloom. I love everything about spring (aside from what it does to my allergies) because it presents us with a beautiful picture of the newness of life. Each spring, we are reminded of the resurrection power of our Lord Jesus through the act of His beautiful creation coming back to life, and this is climaxed when we celebrate His own coming back to life through the Easter season.

Speaking of new life, I was reminded last month of the importance of our mission of doing Christ's work together. While filling the pulpit at Gauley Bridge Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), I had the opportunity to baptize a ten-year-old girl who had accepted Jesus as her Savior last summer at Camp Cowen. As a family of churches, there are so many folks across our West Virginia Baptist Convention family who have invested their love, time and guidance into this young girl's life. And I know there will be many more who will be there to help lead and guide in her discipleship journey. Glory be to God!

I also enjoyed getting to attend events at Parchment Valley Conference Center, where a couple of the pastors in my area served in leadership roles. Ed Rogers, interim pastor at Main Street Baptist Church (Teays Valley), led the Pastors4Pastors event on leading through and coping with the difficult times. On the next day, at the 7th Annual Bible Conference, Trent

Eastman, pastor at New Baptist Church (Guyandotte), led us "Through the Wilderness" in an extremely insightful study through the book of Numbers. I was pleased to have several other pastor friends from the southwest region in attendance for both of these events.



Gauley Bridge Baptist Church choir singing following a baptism.

Southeast Area News

by *Jim Anderson, Southeast Area Minister*

"The Far Country"

What is the furthest away country you have ever visited, or where is the farthest place you have gone? Why did you go? Everyone who knows me knows my passion for missions and our House of Hope ministries in Bolivia. Susan and I have also had the opportunity to visit Scotland a couple of times, and our greatest adventure was a trip to Mongolia (between Russia and China)



Our trip to the "far country" of Mongolia.

when our son Glenn was a Peace Corp volunteer). Mongolia is literally halfway around the world, and it is certainly a far country.

All of this reminds me of one of the more familiar parables Jesus taught: The Prodigal Son. In Luke 15:13, we read, "And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a FAR COUNTRY, and there wasted his substance with riotous living."

Certainly if you are going to "the far country" on a mission trip (and hopefully in 2022 we can go again), I can guarantee it will change your life and your walk with Jesus forever! However, like the prodigal son, many times we go to "the far country" as a way of escaping – escaping God, escaping family, escaping responsibilities, etc. In this sense, it is possible to go to "the far country" without even leaving your home! It is this form of escapism that often leads us to the harmful, physical effects we see in the parable.

While short escapes (golf does this for me) help us recharge our batteries, any idea that we (like Jonah of Old Testament fame) can escape the call of God in our lives and the responsibilities of our Christian journey is fruitless and, as we read in both accounts, even dangerous to ourselves and to others.

A mission trip to "the far country" is a resounding YES! An escape to "the far country" a prayerful NO! But always remember that if this is where you are in your life, there is always a loving Father waiting for you to come back and begin all over again. That is our GOOD NEWS!!

October 2021—January 2022

ELDA JEAN BELKNAP, 91, of Glenville, died January 29, 2022. She was a member of Glenville First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha).

MARGARET KAY CHICO, 82, of Glenville, died January 28, 2022. She was a member of Glenville First Baptist Church (Little Kanawha), where she served on many boards and committees, taught Sunday school and was a leader of their American Baptist Women's group.

PRESTON KEITH DAVIS, 76, died December 22, 2021. He was a member of Williamstown First Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where he served as a Sunday school teacher and participated in small group ministries. He was also a participant on several mission trips to Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

TOM LESLIE DAVIS, 71, of East Bank, died February 10, 2022. He was a member of Hampton Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), where he served on several different boards and was a great supporter of the youth.

MARIE JEWELL DELONG, 89, of Ravenswood, died February 11, 2022. She was a member of Ravenswood First Baptist Church (Good Hope), where she served as church clerk and taught the Omega Sunday School Class. She also held leadership roles with the West Virginia Baptist Convention and Good Hope Association, serving as the association's secretary/treasurer for several years.

EVELYN MARGARET "PEG" GREENLEE, 95, of Charleston, died February 1, 2022. She was a member of Charleston Baptist Temple (Kanawha Valley), where she taught at the pre-school, helped with "Meals on Wheels," served as the church hostess for 30 years and was also active in their American Baptist Women's circle.

JANET LEE HECK, 85, of Milton, died January 23, 2022. She was a member of Milton Baptist Church (Teays Valley), where she served as the pianist/organist and also as the choir director for 27 years.

DANIEL D. KLINE, 71, of West Grove, PA, died on February 27, 2022. Early in his ministry, he served as an associate pastor at Kanawha City Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley), a music pastor at South Charleston First Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) and a youth and interim pastor at Clarksburg Baptist Church (Union).

REV. RONALD WAYNE "RON" LEE, of Saint Albans, died February 9, 2022. He was a member of Lacomia Baptist Church (Rockcastle), where he served as pastor. He also previously served on the WVBC staff and on the WVBC Executive Board.

WILLIAM BUSTER "BILL" LEGG, 89, of Farmdale, died February 8, 2022. He was a member of Meadow Grove Baptist Church (Hopewell), where he served as a deacon, church superintendent, Sunday school teacher and prayer meeting leader.

PATRICIA JO "PATTY" MARTIN, 83, of Clarksburg, died March 1, 2022. She was a member of Coon's Run Baptist Church (Judson), where she sang in the choir, volunteered as a teacher and served on various committees.

EDITH LAVERNE MITCHELL, 92, of Vienna, died February 28, 2022. She was a member of Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg), where she served as a Sunday school teacher for preschoolers and as a deaconess, and where she was a member of the Young-At-Heart choir and Vienna American Baptist Women.

MARY ELIZABETH RINEHART, 95, of Petroleum, died December 10, 2021. She was a member of Goose Creek Baptist Church (Harrisville), where she held various positions in the church.

Leadership Updates

RICKY BRAGG to Little Laurel Baptist Church (Hopewell) as pastor on 3/1/2022

ALLEN DONALDSON to Gauley Bridge Baptist Church (Kanawha Valley) as pastor on 3/1/2022

PETER SHAFFER to Big Union Baptist Church (Elk Valley) as pastor on 11/14/2021

JACOB THOMPSON to Union Baptist Church (Fairmont) as pastor on 2/13/2022

Rope Holder Update



YTD: \$9,660

2022 Goal: \$100,000

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Prayer Calendars

April 2022

APRIL 1 – The ministry of Helen Baptist Church; Danny Lusk, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh Association)
APRIL 2 – Harry Drake, member of the WVBC Outreach Commission
APRIL 3 – The ministry of Union Baptist Church of Crossroads (Fairmont Association)
APRIL 4 – The ministry of Morgantown First Baptist Church (Goshen Association)
APRIL 5 – The ministry of Rock Grove Baptist Church; Benjamin Hall, pastor (Broad Run Association)
APRIL 6 – Rebecca Stanton, International Ministries Global Servant to Hungary
APRIL 7 – The ministry of Millbrook Baptist Church; Steve Martin, pastor (Hopewell Association)
APRIL 8 – Susan Hegarty, International Ministries Global Servant to Costa Rica
APRIL 9 – AB Men's Work Party happening this weekend at Parchment Valley
APRIL 10 – The ministry of Davis Baptist Church; Leroy Shook, pastor (Eastern Association)
APRIL 11 – The ministry of Gatewood Baptist Church; Harry Fuller, pastor (Fayette Association)
APRIL 12 – The ministry of Racine First Baptist Church; Anthony Pratt, pastor (Coal River Association)
APRIL 13 – Joan Hall, member of the WVBC Stewardship Commission
APRIL 14 – Shiemi Tomita, International Ministries Global Servant to Japan
APRIL 15 – Ginny Prunty, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Minister, WVBC
APRIL 16 – Tony Foreman, member of the WVBC Discipleship Commission
APRIL 17 – CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST!!
APRIL 18 – The ministry of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church; Eric Porterfield, pastor (Guyandotte Association)
APRIL 19 – Brian Smith, International Ministries Global Servant to Haiti
APRIL 20 – The ministry of Reynoldsville Baptist Church; Jon Hayes, pastor (Judson Association)
APRIL 21 – The ministry of Sutton Baptist Church; Eric Thomas, pastor (Elk Valley Association)
APRIL 22 – AB Men's Work Party happening this weekend at Camp Cowen
APRIL 23 – The ministry of Chesapeake First Baptist Church; John Reed, pastor (Kanawha Valley Association)
APRIL 24 – Corene Smith, International Ministries Global Servant to Brazil
APRIL 25 – Karla Carr, member of the WVBC Leadership Commission
APRIL 26 – The ministry of Two Runs Baptist Church; Michael Howerton, interim pastor (Good Hope Association)
APRIL 27 – Laura Parajon, International Ministries Global Servant to Nicaragua
APRIL 28 – Thelma Nambu, International Ministries Global Servant to the Philippines
APRIL 29 – Daniel Chetti, International Ministries Global Servant to Lebanon
APRIL 30 – Valerie Osterbrock, International Ministries Global Servant to Malaysia

May 2022

MAY 1 – The ministry of Rush Run Baptist Church; John Vannoy, pastor (Little Kanawha Association)
MAY 2 – Sarah Matos, International Ministries Global Servant to Bolivia
MAY 3 – The Golden'eers Retreat happening at Parchment Valley
MAY 4 – The ministry of West Point Baptist Church; Ron Miller, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh Association)
MAY 5 – The ministry of Middleville Baptist Church; Paul Boyles, pastor (Union Association)
MAY 6 – The ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church; Spencer Oxford, pastor (Rockcastle Association)
MAY 7 – Nora Kalkman, International Ministries Global Servant to Europe, Middle East and Liberia
MAY 8 – The ministry of Plum Run Baptist Church; Daniel Cunningham, pastor (Fairmont Association)
MAY 9 – The ministry of Mount Zion Baptist Church; Charles Elkins, pastor (Teays Valley Association)
MAY 10 – Jill Lowery, International Ministries Donor Advisor
MAY 11 – Jack Cole, member of the WVBC Leadership Commission
MAY 12 – Nzunga Madudiga, International Ministries Global Servant to Haiti
MAY 13 – Frank Miller, Director of Operations, Parchment Valley Conference Center
MAY 14 – The Summer Kick-Off Event happening this weekend at Camp Cowen
MAY 15 – The ministry of Forks of Cheat Baptist Church; Charles Bowers, pastor (Goshen Association)
MAY 16 – Bob Keen, member of the WVBC Discipleship Commission
MAY 17 – The ministry of Murphy's Creek Baptist Church; Wease Day, pastor (Broad Run Association)
MAY 18 – Laura Freeman, International Ministries Global Servant to Turkey
MAY 19 – The ministry of New Antioch Baptist Church; Gary Walker, pastor (Elk Valley Association)
MAY 20 – Hermelinda Damasceno, International Ministries Global Servant to United Kingdom
MAY 21 – Lee Ann Hwang, International Ministries Global Servant to Japan
MAY 22 – Erich Reggi, second vice president of the WVBC and member of the WVBC Stewardship Commission
MAY 23 – The ministry of Meadow Grove Baptist Church; Billy Pate, pastor (Hopewell Association)
MAY 24 – The ministry of Tabors Creek Missionary Baptist Church; Denny Brown, pastor (Twelve Pole Association)
MAY 25 – Michael Koreski, member of the WVBC Outreach Commission
MAY 26 – Wayne Niles, International Ministries Global Servant to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
MAY 27 – The ministry of New Hope Community Church; Jeff Biddle, pastor (Kanawha Valley Association)
MAY 28 – Kolin Juanes, International Ministries Global Servant to Thailand
MAY 29 – The ministry of Marshville Baptist Church; John Camenga, pastor (Judson Association)
MAY 30 – Remember those who have gone on before us as we celebrate Memorial Day
MAY 31 – The ministry of New Hope Baptist Church; Troy Nesselrode, pastor (Parkersburg Association)

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

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 8-9
AB Men Work Party
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 22-23
AB Men Work Party
Camp Cowen

April 23
Intentional Grandparenting Seminar
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Charleston

April 29
WVBC Executive Committee
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 30
WVBC Executive Board and Commission Meetings
Parchment Valley Conference Center

MAY

May 2-4
Golden'eers Retreat
Parchment Valley Conference Center

May 9-16
Baptist Campus Ministry Beach Week
Myrtle Beach, SC

May 13-15
Summer Kick-Off Event
Camp Cowen

May 15
Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies Digital Learning Initiative: Communicating God's Word (M-01)
Online

May 15
Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies Digital Learning Initiative: Worship and Music (E-03)
Online

May 20-21
Musicians Summit
Camp Cowen

JUNE

June 3-5
Younger Midler Camp (Grades 2-4)
Camp Cowen

June 4
ABW Ministries Annual Conference
Parchment Valley Conference Center

June 5-11
Junior 1 Camp (Grades 5-6)
Camp Cowen

June 12-18
Junior High 1 Camp (Grades 7-9)
Camp Cowen

June 19-25
Junior 2 Camp (Grades 5-6)
Camp Cowen

June 19-24
Brothers' Keeper
Parchment Valley Conference Center

June 26—July 2
High School 1 Camp (Grades 9-12)
Camp Cowen

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