

Baptist Campus Ministry: A Story of Persistent Friendship



Marshall BCM students supporting Alex at his baptism.



Alex getting baptized at church.

Alex Hall grew up in Roane County, WV. Like many boys his age, he loved competing in sports, playing video games and spending time with friends. Church on Wednesday nights was something he attended occasionally, but as the years passed, that habit slowly faded. By the time he stepped onto the campus of Marshall University as a freshman, following Jesus wasn't even on his radar.

One constant in Alex's life had always been his best friend, Moses Onwuka. The two shared similar interests growing up, but Moses' family placed a strong emphasis on church. When both young men chose to attend Marshall, they decided to room together — a decision that would quietly shape Alex's spiritual journey. They lived together for three years, until Moses graduated a year early.

While Alex describes himself as naturally introverted — content and even comfortable being on his own — Moses was wired differently. He quickly connected with a local church and became involved in **Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM)**. During his sophomore year, Moses was invited to serve on the BCM student leadership team. He consistently invited Alex to join him, but at first, Alex wasn't interested.

That began to change during Alex's sophomore year when he started attending church again. At the beginning of his junior year, he agreed to attend a BCM social event. What had started as a simple invitation led to new friendships. Eventually, Alex began attending weekly BCM gatherings, often sitting quietly in the back for several months. But something was happening.

The more he came, the more people he met.
The more people he met, the more he began to open up.

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

Last summer, Alex attended BCM's annual Beach Week in Myrtle Beach, SC— the turning point in his journey. It was there that his involvement deepened. Friendships grew stronger. His understanding of God's Word expanded. And his desire to follow Jesus became personal and intentional.

This winter, Alex made the decision to be baptized.

The initial conversations began with Rob Ely, but once again, Moses played a key role in encouraging him to take that step. After speaking with his pastor, Alex chose to wait for a weekend when Moses could attend. What he didn't expect was the overwhelming support that followed. 24 other BCM students showed up to celebrate with him.

"I knew I had friends here," Alex shared, "but with everyone going out of their way to come and support me, that made me feel so good."

He reflected further:

"When I got to college, I didn't really think I needed that many friends. I was okay being alone. But when I started going to BCM, I saw how my life began to get better. Church definitely got me back into my faith, but BCM helped me grow it."

Moses' persistence reflects the heart of BCM's mission: **Changing Lives That Change the World**. Through intentional friendships and the resources provided by BCM, he was able to make an eternal impact in Alex's life.

"Best friend is an understatement," Alex says. "Moses is more like a brother to me."

by Mike Sisson, Executive Minister

Following Jesus After Easter

Most of the people I know, at least those who call themselves Christian, are deeply moved, overtly thoughtful, extremely appreciative and even expressly sympathetic with Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and resurrection. They are thankful for the forgiveness of sin and His gift of eternal life. What about after Easter? What is our attitude toward our Lord during the rest of the year? Moreover, what is our response to Him?

Jesus did not come, die on a cross and rise from the dead so He would be popular, or receive sympathy or even elicit emotions. He came to be Savior AND He came to be Lord. He did not come to be admired or consoled, but to be obeyed! Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments ... Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching... Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching." (John 14:15, 23-24).

John Maxwell writes, "An unintentional life accepts everything and does nothing. An intentional life embraces only the things that will add to the mission of significance."

So, what should be our response to Jesus after Easter? Jesus says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). He later clarifies, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). And to make sure the commitment required is clear, Jesus gives two examples. Who sets out to build a tower without estimating the cost to see if it can be completed? (Luke 14:28). What king goes to war without setting down first to make sure he is able to be victorious? (Luke 14:32). Jesus concludes, "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33).

Jesus is asking His followers to do four things:

First, decide to follow Him. Jesus says, "if any man [or woman] will come after Me." The little word "if" places the decision of making Jesus our Lord on each of us individually.

Second, we must determine to place Him first in our lives. Jesus makes it clear that surrender is necessary, "let him deny himself." Handing over complete control to Jesus is a daily decision and one that requires repeated surrender to the work of the Holy Spirit.

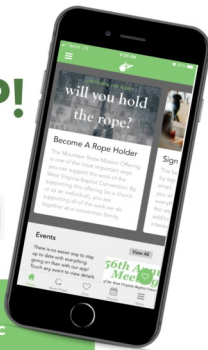
Third, commit to following Him no matter what. Jesus makes it clear this means being willing to "take up his cross daily." This is not an occasional commitment that is made when things are easy, favorable or convenient. Taking up our cross is accepting whatever challenges or responsibilities that come before us in order to remain faithful to denying ourselves and following Jesus in full obedience.

Then once we have decided to surrender ourselves to Jesus, to follow Him as the Lord of our life, to deny ourselves and to give Him the place of preeminence, then we are able to respond to His call to "follow Me." This is what it means to follow Jesus.

Blessings,
Mike

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*Expect great things from God,
attempt great things for God.*



West Virginia Baptist Convention

Annual Training Event



→ **Saturday, May 16, 2026**

Parchment Valley Conference Center

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Church: _____

***Note:** Students in the General Studies program of the Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies are eligible to receive course credit for participating in two workshops of their choice.

_____ Request BWSCS Course Credit

REGISTRATION FEE:

- _____ \$30 Annual Training Event Fee (includes lunch)
* Registrations after May 4 will not include lunch
- _____ \$10 Additional Fee for BWSCS

Make checks payable and mail to:
 West Virginia Baptist Convention
 P.O. Box 1019
 Parkersburg, WV, 26102

SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM	Registration (Hill Hall)
9:30 AM	Worship (Hill Hall)
10:15 AM	Morning Workshops
Noon	Lunch (Gym or Barn)
1:00 PM	Afternoon Workshops
2:30 PM	Dismissal

Check WVBC website in case of inclement weather

WORKSHOP LIST

Select one morning and afternoon workshop:

Morning Workshops (10:15 AM)

- _____ Short-Term Mission Trip Leader Training (Part 1)
- _____ Same Storm, Different Boats: Bridging the Generational Divide in the Church
- _____ Identifying and Discipling Leaders
- _____ Faithful Innovation: Using AI to Enhance Your Ministry
- _____ Recruiting Faithful Volunteers for Children's Ministry
- _____ God's People, God's Word, God's Purposes
- _____ Small Churches Can Do Big Things
- _____ Who Are We? Exploring the WVBC
- _____ Church Trustees
- _____ Church Treasurers and Financial Secretaries
- _____ Church Clerks

Afternoon Workshops (1:00 PM)

- _____ Short-Term Mission Trip Leader Training (Part 2)
- _____ Effectively Communicating with Different Generations
- _____ Dinner Church: Exploring Different Contexts and Strategies
- _____ Christian Pharisees: The Ways We Look More Like Pharisees Than Jesus
- _____ Connected: Building Authentic Community in Youth
- _____ How Does What I Believe About God Affect my Mental Health?
- _____ Creating Remarkable Experiences
- _____ Women's Ministries in the WVBC
- _____ Conflict in Church: Why & What & Where Do We Go from Here?
- _____ The Escape Plan: Retreats and Advances for Your Ministry
- _____ Deacons

Register for the Annual Training Event online at: www.wvbc.org

Why I Keep Coming Back to Camp: A Counselor's Story

An Interview with Will Click

How long have you been counseling?

This year will be my ninth summer as a counselor!

What camps do you counsel?

Younger Middler, Older Middler, Junior 1 and Junior High 1.

Why did you start counseling?

I grew up going to Camp Cowen every summer from age seven through high school. During that time, many great Christian role models poured into me and encouraged my walk with Christ. Camp was also where I formed friendships that I still value today. Because camp had always been special to me, I wanted to stay involved, and counseling was a natural next step.

Why do you continue counseling?

As a counselor, you get to witness powerful moments when God is moving in the lives of young people. That never gets old. Returning counselors also get to see campers grow over the years and watch their faith develop. You also build meaningful friendships with other adults serving at camp. My first co-counselor was a huge help during my first summer and remains a close friend and mentor today. Camp experiences bless both kids and adults.

What is your favorite memory from counseling at camp?

Two years ago during Junior High 1, two boys in my cabin opened up about some difficult things in their lives. We had meaningful conversations and spent time in prayer. Although they were already talking with trusted adults in their lives, that week at camp seemed to bring them additional relief and encouragement. Middle school can be a challenging time, so it was a blessing to walk alongside them. Any time I have the opportunity to pray with a camper who is choosing to follow Christ for the first time is also a very special memory.



Will Click enjoying a game of four square.

Why should others consider counseling?

There's no work more important than sharing the Gospel. Campers come with many different experiences, needs and personalities, so we need adults of all kinds as well. I've served with counselors ranging in age from 16 to 85. Each person brings unique gifts that connect with different campers. The ministry at Camp Cowen is incredibly important, and it takes many volunteers to make it happen. Come see what the Lord can do—you won't regret it!

Are you interested in becoming a camp counselor?
Visit campcowen.org/counselors

CAMP COWEN 2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE

APRIL 17-19
WOMEN'S CAMP

APRIL 26
COWEN SUNDAY

MAY 8-9
SUMMER KICKOFF

MAY 29-31
COLLEGE WEEKEND

JUNE 5-7
YOUNGER MIDDLE
(GRADES 2-4)

JUNE 7-13
JUNIOR HIGH 1
(GRADES 7-9)

JUNE 14-20
JUNIOR 1
(GRADES 5-6)

JUNE 21-27
HIGH SCHOOL 1
(GRADES 9-12)

JUNE 28 - JULY 4
JUNIOR 2
(GRADES 5-6)

JULY 5-11
JUNIOR HIGH 2
(GRADES 7-9)

JULY 12-18
HIGH SCHOOL 2
(GRADES 9-12)

JULY 24-27
FAMILY CAMP
(ALL AGES)

JULY 28-31
OLDER MIDDLE
(GRADES 3-5)

JULY 31 - AUGUST 2
ABMEN & BOYS
(ALL AGES)

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

Snow Camp: Building Relationships to Grow the Kingdom

Every January, our team at **Parchment Valley Conference Center** prays for snow. This year, God answered — and then some!

In fact, it felt like He gave us “exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think.” But the snow itself isn’t the real story. The real story is what God continues to do through Snow Camp.

For the past five years, youth groups from across the Mid-Ohio Valley have partnered together to host Snow Camp at Parchment Valley. What began as a shared vision has become an annual event that is steadily changing lives.

Eric Tucker, one of several youth leaders involved in planning the event, explained that one of the primary goals is simple but powerful: build relationships.

“As students from one youth group build relationships with students from other youth groups, our hope is that this will help them to live more boldly for Jesus. Several of these students already go to school together, so this helps them see they aren’t alone. There are others who love Jesus just like they do.”

This year, 290 students from 17 churches gathered for Snow Camp. Eric noticed something different right away.

“In previous years, during that first session on Friday night, it took a lot of work to break the ice between youth groups. This year, from the time the guitarist hit that first chord, you couldn’t find space between one youth group and the next. They were shoulder to shoulder, all there together to worship Jesus.”



Students huddle up in prayer during a worship time at Snow Camp.

That visible unity was more than just encouraging — it was evidence of something deeper taking place.

When speaking with several youth leaders, they all agreed that the full impact of Snow Camp is difficult to measure. Some students have surrendered their lives to Christ during the weekend. Others have been baptized months or even years later. Yet many of them trace a significant part of their spiritual journey back to a snowy weekend at Parchment Valley.

The mission of Parchment Valley Conference Center is to be a place “*where lives are changed.*” Snow Camp continues to be a powerful expression of that mission.

We are grateful to serve as hosts for gatherings like this — and even more grateful for a front-row seat as we watch the next generation choose to boldly follow Jesus.



Brothers' Keeper
June 21-26
Parchment Valley

About Brothers' Keeper:

BK is a week-long mission camp for youth entering grades 6-12 that reaches out into the Jackson County community.

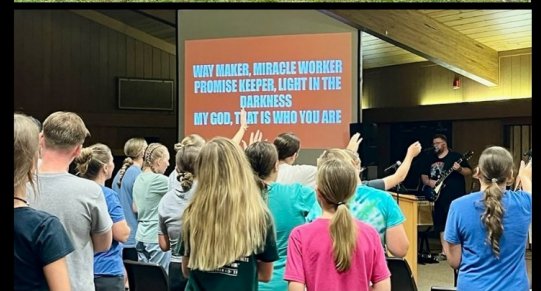
2025 Statistics:

- 110 youth and leaders
- 37 completed projects
- 10 salvations!

Cost:

- \$270 per person by May 1st
- \$290 after May 1st

Learn More



<https://parchmentvalley.org/brothers-keeper/>

Missionary Internship : Finding Home in a Place that was Once Unknown

Written by Todd McClure
Minister of Missions, Finance & Communication

It is sometimes funny how God orchestrates things. As I was sitting across from Lisa Simmons during breakfast, she was telling me about a need for missionary interns to serve in Thailand. Beyond the basic requirements for our interns, they needed to be able to help with social media and had to be able to work as a pair. Before she even finished telling me about the opportunity, I knew God already had two girls selected.

Allison and Lillian O'Dell are members of Summersville Baptist Church. They have come up through our WVBC youth ministries together and are now both students at Concord University. They

run a bakery together and have a great working relationship. They also served last summer at Camp Cowen – helping with social media. Having already discussed the **Missionary Internship Program** with them last year, I knew of their interest in missions. This was certainly a God-ordained opportunity.

Fast forward a few months ... Allison and Lillian just finished serving four weeks in Chiang Mai, Thailand, working alongside Mark and Alise Juanes, global servants with International Ministries. Their primary role was to help their ministry – **Hope for Hilltribes** – expand their social media presence, attracting new donors and improving their regular communication strategy. When asked to summarize their summer, the girls shared the following pictures and highlights:



Highlight #1: Working alongside the missionaries to create valuable social media posts that tell stories and give hope.



Highlight #2: Spending time at the House of Blessings, which is a preschool for tribal kids.



Highlight #3: Making long-lasting relationships with the people of Thailand.



Highlight #4: Learning the Thai culture through working with people, discovering their land and eating their food.



Highlight #5: Finding home in a place that was once unknown and falling in love with it.

The Missionary Internship Program exists to help people explore their long-term calling to missions. What a privilege it is to come alongside people like Allison and Lillian, getting a front-row seat into how God is working in their lives.

Author and missiologist, Ed Stetzer, once wrote, *“Put your ‘yes’ on the table and let God put it on the map.”* Throughout our Convention’s history, God has used willing and obedient people to accomplish great things for His kingdom.

Is God calling you to take a step in global missions? Whether it is a short-term trip, an internship or long-term missions, I would love to come alongside you in that journey. Reach out by emailing me at todd@wvbc.org.

Doing Christ's Work Together in Kenya



The first drink during the dedication of the Living Water project.

The WVBC's mission statement is "Doing Christ's Work Together." The most recent Kenya mission trip provided a powerful example of what that mission looks like in action.

While the 14 trip participants came from two churches—Sunrise Baptist and Lubeck Community Baptist—the prayers and financial support came from across the state.

- The **American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV** adopted the team's *Sewing Faith in Tribal Cultures* project as their 2025 Mission Outreach Project. Through their support, the team was able to purchase 15 Singer sewing machines and officially launch the ministry.
- The **American Baptist Men of WV** contributed to the *Living Water* project, which brought clean, running water to a village for the first time.

- **Lubeck Community Baptist Church** funded a new church plant, Sonjiro Baptist, and will also support a teacher at the church who will serve the entire village for the next three years.
- Through additional donations, the team distributed nearly 300 Bibles and 20 soccer balls during outreach events.

In total, nearly **\$47,000** was given beyond what the trip participants had raised for their own personal support.

The trip also produced many meaningful ministry moments:

- The team preached and taught at a two-day discipleship conference that reached more than **8,000 people**.
- Trip leaders **Casey and Shelly Dawson** participated in the baptisms of **26 new believers**.
- Seven of the 14 trip participants were children, and it will be exciting to see how this experience shapes their lives and faith in the years ahead.

As a WVBC family, we want to thank you for your partnership in missions. Together, we can accomplish far more than any of us could on our own.

We also invite you to continue praying for this ministry. In April, **Shelly Dawson will return to Kenya** to hold the first graduation ceremony for the *Sewing Faith in Tribal Cultures* project, where six women are expected to graduate. During her visit, she will also speak at the Kenya National Baptist Convention and in several local churches.

Establishment of the Enduring Love Endowment Fund



Dan preaching at a church in Sudan during trip in 2022

After nearly 30 years of faithful service to the Arab world, Dan and Sarah Chetti have retired.

Appointed in 1998, they became International Ministries' first global servants assigned to the Middle East. Their ministry in Lebanon has been marked by mentoring leaders, teaching biblical truth and ministering to vulnerable communities.

The WVBC's connection to Dan and Sarah began in the summer of 2017, when Todd McClure led a team of seven to visit their ministries. A few months later, Todd was appointed by International Ministries as a Special Assistant to the Middle East, working closely with Dan to develop a new ministry initiative called **Enduring Love**.

Enduring Love focuses on church planting and discipleship by equipping Arabs to reach Arabs. What began as a five-year initiative to train and support four leaders has expanded to 27 leaders serving in seven different countries today.

Here are a few reports submitted by Enduring Love leaders in recent months:

- One pastor working in the northern mountains of Lebanon reported **30 salvations** among the Druze community.
- A pastor in Sudan shared that **15 people were baptized**, despite the need to relocate frequently due to ongoing war.
- A couple in Morocco is completing a Bible translation into Amazigh, which will provide **8 million Berbers with Scripture in their heart language for the first time**.

Numerous churches across our state actively support Enduring Love, helping fund these important ministry efforts.

While Dan and Sarah's official appointment concludes in March 2026, they will continue to remain active in helping raise long-term support for the ministries they helped establish. International Ministries recently created the **Enduring Love Endowment Fund**, which will support this church-planting initiative for decades to come. Nearly \$1 million has already been set aside for the fund, and the prayer is that God will provide several million more. .

If you are interested in learning how you can contribute to this fund, contact Todd McClure at: todd@wvbc.org.

Top 50 Mission Giving Churches of the WVBC for 2025



1	Hurricane, First	25,956
2	Summersville	24,797
3	Gilboa	20,175
4	New	15,000
5	Ravenswood, First	11,616
6	Oakwood	11,000
7	Crab Orchard	10,000
8	Baptist Temple Charleston	10,000
9	Parchment Valley	9,053
10	Grass Lick	8,470
11	Barboursville	8,330
12	Williamson, First	7,500
13	Emmanuel, Charleston	7,006
14	Mill Creek	6,642
15	Sistersville, First	6,423
16	Hopewell, Mount Alto	6,304
17	Gassaway	6,189
18	Everson	5,800
19	Logan, First	5,752
20	Reynoldsville	5,646
21	Harmony, Southside	5,400
22	Sutton	4,800
23	Pea Ridge	4,800
24	Mount Zion, Mineral Wells	4,668
25	Pleasant Grove, Kingwood	4,666
26	Guyandotte	4,542
27	Racine, First	4,500
28	Kanawha City	4,200
29	Beulah, Grafton	4,125
30	Mannington, First	3,300
31	Toneda	3,270
32	Lacoma	3,267
33	Elkins, First	3,177
34	Spencer, First	3,130
35	Old Greenbrier	3,000
36	Romney, First	2,950
37	Tallmansville	2,908
38	Big Tygart	2,776
39	Forks of Coal	2,750
40	Harrisville	2,609
41	Mount Carmel	2,500
42	Man, First	2,400
43	Judson, Winfield	2,400
44	Hepzibah, Bridgeport	2,400
45	Genesis Fellowship	2,245
46	Sabraton Hill	2,220
47	Glenville, First	2,087
48	Forks of Cheat	2,000
49	Williamstown, First	2,000
50	Middleville	2,000



1	St. Albans, First	44,000
2	Crab Orchard	40,000
3	Elkins, First	27,406
4	South Parkersburg	26,568
5	Vienna	23,691
6	Simpson Creek	17,250
7	Emmanuel, Parkersburg	16,347
8	Meadow Grove	12,973
9	Beulah Ann Missionary	7,000
10	Highlawn	6,000
11	Romney, First	4,650
12	Middleville	3,984
13	Mount Vernon, Hurricane	3,934
14	Baptist Temple Fairmont	2,416
15	Hepzibah, Bridgeport	2,400
16	Little Capon	2,320
17	Bethesda, Barrackville	2,200
18	Point Pleasant	2,000
19	Milton	2,000
20	New Life Ministries	2,000
21	Diamond	2,000
22	Main Street	1,965
23	West Union	1,500
24	Macedonia	1,200
25	Long Run	1,150
26	Deepwater	1,079
27	Dents Run	1,000
28	Dorcas	1,000
29	Oak Hill	1,000
30	Bethel, Rio	1,000
31	Millbrook	900
32	Hill Grove	840
33	Bridgeport	750
34	Cyclone	650
35	Enon, Salem	561
36	Hurricane, First	500
37	Chapel	485
38	Danville, First	450
39	Glen Falls	400
40	Emmanuel, War	300
41	Mount Urim	275
42	Welch, First	200
43	Mount Vernon, Flemington	200
44	Strait Creek	200
45	Birch River	168
46	Turkey Creek	150
47	Morrisvale Missionary	150
48	Crum Missionary	141
49	Craney Missionary	140
50	Athens	125



United Mission

1	Fifth Avenue	51,655
2	Calvary, Oak Hill	25,182
3	Rainelle, First	17,700
4	Madison	14,999
5	Baptist Temple Charleston	14,238
6	New Martinsville, First	13,030
7	Shuck Memorial	11,594
8	Sistersville, First	11,420
9	Summersville	10,833
10	Oak Hill	10,000
11	New England	9,727
12	Saulsville	7,926
13	Judson, Belle	7,899
14	Shinnston, First	7,560
15	Elkins, First	7,348
16	Weirton Heights Memorial	7,243
17	Dorcas	7,220
18	Hope	6,719
19	Little Laurel	6,635
20	Salem	6,580
21	Sunrise	6,496
22	Big Union	6,435
23	Rockcastle	6,126
24	Union, Milton	5,900
25	St. Paul	5,500
26	Fayetteville	5,400
27	Summit	5,094
28	Grafton, First	4,500
29	Hamlin, First	4,404
30	Nitro, First	4,200
31	Gauley Bridge	3,815
32	Philippi	3,000
33	Victory	2,810
34	Harrisville	2,750
35	Enon, Grantsville	2,700
36	Olive	2,625
37	Mount Union Missionary	2,234
38	Nutter Fort, First	1,999
39	Mountain	1,953
40	Harmony, Maysville	1,911
41	Masontown, First	1,698
42	Glenville, First	1,659
43	Little Capon	1,500
44	Two Runs	1,500
45	Old Greenbrier	1,500
46	Mount Hope	1,500
47	Mount Zion, Mineral Wells	1,236
48	Auburn	1,210
49	Olive Branch	1,200
50	Yawkey Missionary	1,198



Love Gift

1	Fifth Avenue	1,995
2	Main Street Baptist	1,540
3	Guyandotte	1,200
4	Judson, Belle	1,200
5	Kingwood	939
6	Fayetteville	908
7	Philippi	904
8	Baptist Temple Fairmont	765
9	Baileysville	660
10	Forks of Coal	611
11	Two Runs	603
12	Page	600
13	Emmanuel, War	550
14	Charleston Baptist Temple	511
15	Everson	400
16	Chapel	266
17	Forks of Cheat	240
18	Big Union	225
19	Bethel, Morgantown	200
20	Hopewell, Bruceton Mills	185
21	Summersville	179
22	Calvary, Oak Hill	153
23	Leon	150
24	Union, Simpson	120
25	New England	112
26	Milhoan Ridge	100
27	Weirton, First	98
28	Welch, First	73
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30	Breckenridge	50
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America for Christ Offering

1	Mount Carmel	2,500
2	Sistersville, First	2,273
3	Weston, First	2,074
4	Rainelle, First	1,850
5	Bethesda	1,795
6	Fayetteville	1,710
7	South Parkersburg	1,600
8	Calvary, Oak Hill	1,363
9	Mount Vernon, Hurricane	1,355
10	Milton	1,320
11	Kanawha City	1,237
12	Beulah Ann Missionary	1,200
13	Pea Ridge	1,200
14	Mount Pisgah	1,150
15	Jordan Run	1,144
16	Racine, First	1,070
17	New Martinsville, First	1,000
18	West Point	1,000
19	Indian Fork	851
20	Vienna	815
21	Forks of Coal	794
22	Shinnston, First	794
23	Fayetteville	769
24	Hepzibah, Bridgeport	765
25	Elkins, First	687
26	Charleston Baptist Temple	631
27	Vermont	630
28	Dorcas	611
29	Hope	600
30	Newark	600
31	Providence, Scott Depot	591
32	Parchment Valley	565
33	Salem	560
34	Union, Simpson	525
35	Kingwood	500
36	Valley Bend	500
37	Gauley Bridge	480
38	Madison	423
39	Two Runs	419
40	Harmony, Burton	411
41	West Union	390
42	Beulah	375
43	Wilsonburg	355
44	Leon	350
45	Emmanuel, War	350
46	Old Greenbrier	339
47	Glen Falls	300
48	Grantsville, First	300
49	Coons Run	300
50	Parkersburg, First	300

World Mission offering

1	Vienna	23,430
2	South Parkersburg	14,750
3	Sistersville, First	13,189
4	St. Albans, First	12,354
5	Emmanuel, Parkersburg	11,472
6	Hurricane, First	11,326
7	Cook Memorial	11,076
8	Bethesda	10,585
9	Romney, First	8,832
10	Hopewell, Mount Alto	8,460
11	Hepzibah, Bridgeport	7,995
12	Mill Creek	7,895
13	Oakwood	7,500
14	New Hope, Parkersburg	6,735
15	Ten Mile, Buckhannon	6,657
16	Calvary, Oak Hill	6,620
17	Summersville	6,466
18	Mount Vernon, Hurricane	6,450
19	Weston, First	6,318
20	Sabraton Hill	6,300
21	Pine Grove, First	6,000
22	Charleston Baptist Temple	5,907
23	Goshen	5,591
24	Kingwood	5,500
25	New	5,500
26	Spencer, First	5,205
27	Pleasant Grove	4,666
28	New Martinsville, First	4,565
29	Jordan Run	4,452
30	Union Valley, Parkersburg	4,381
31	Pine Grove, Parkersburg	4,220
32	Hope	4,200
33	Philippi	4,110
34	Crab Orchard	4,050
35	Simpson Creek	4,000
36	Dorcas	3,970
37	Old Greenbrier	3,964
38	Wilsonburg	3,900
39	Enon, Salem	3,856
40	Beulah	3,750
41	Breckenridge	3,600
42	Matewan	3,600
43	Everson	3,600
44	Parkersburg, First	3,500
45	Broad Run	3,200
46	Grass Lick	3,000
47	Middleville	3,000
48	Logan, First	2,905
49	Rockcastle	2,900
50	Harmony, Hundred	2,753

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

1	Summersville	5,547
2	Weston, First	3,826
3	St. Albans, First	3,788
4	Weirton Heights Memorial	3,751
5	Gassaway	3,694
6	South Parkersburg	3,450
7	Bethesda	3,055
8	Mount Carmel	2,500
9	Ravenswood, First	2,468
10	New	2,308
11	Sistersville, First	2,273
12	Rainelle, First	2,005
13	Fifth Avenue	1,825
14	Beckley, First	1,745
15	North Mill Creek	1,736
16	Emmanuel, Parkersburg	1,703
17	Forks of Coal	1,675
18	Mount Hope	1,671
19	Dorcas	1,631
20	Kanawha City	1,497
21	Old Greenbrier	1,492
22	Glenville, First	1,477
23	Calvary, Oak Hill	1,363
24	Beulah	1,345
25	Sunrise	1,300
26	Guyandotte	1,270
27	New Life Ministries	1,250
28	Philippi	1,241
29	Albright	1,155
30	Charleston Baptist Temple	1,114
31	Vienna	1,063
32	Beulah Ann Missionary	1,000
33	West Point	1,000
34	Hepzibah, Bridgeport	1,000
35	Little Capon	967
36	Mannington, First	938
37	Shinnston, First	809
38	Harrisville	805
39	Emmanuel, Charleston	801
40	Little Laurel	800
41	Buckhannon, First	793
42	The Journey on Park Ave.	775
43	Mount Vernon, Hurricane	725
44	Enon, Salem	699
45	Baptist Temple Fairmont	680
46	Hope	670
47	Wilsonburg	665
48	Elkins, First	642
49	Providence, Milton	624
50	Vermont	620



1	Mannington, First	26,28
2	Gassaway	4,236
3	Sunrise	2,900
4	South Parkersburg	2,450
5	Vienna	2,316
6	Weston, First	2,312
7	Sistersville, First	2,273
8	Harrisville	2,050
9	New	2,000
10	Bethesda	1,996
11	Spencer, First	1,865
12	Little Capon	1,619
13	Beulah	1,433
14	Rainelle, First	1,357
15	Ravenswood, First	1,339
16	Calvary, Oak Hill	1,320
17	Springdale, First	1,300
18	Hopewell, Mount Alto	1,223
19	Fifth Avenue	1,210
20	Charleston Baptist Temple	1,150
21	Beulah Ann Missionary	1,100
22	Forks of Coal	1,085
23	Old Greenbrier	1,037
24	Williamson, First	1,008
25	New Martinsville, First	1,000
26	Philippi	1,000
27	Weirton Heights Memorial	950
28	Emmanuel, Parkersburg	935
29	Fairview, Summersville	915
30	Union Valley, Parkersburg	873
31	Summersville	865
32	Tallmansville	860
33	Indian Fork	851
34	Kanawha City	825
35	Liberty	800
36	Madison	781
37	St. Albans, First	779
38	Mount Hope	755
39	Romney, First	720
40	Salem	655
41	Baptist Temple Fairmont	600
42	Hope	600
43	Shuck Memorial	575
44	West Point	550
45	Mount Vernon, Hurricane	533
46	Broad Run	525
47	Forks of Cheat	500
48	North Fork	

Fear Busters: Kids Learn to Trust God at Spring Children's Rally

Written by Emily Fordyce,
Volunteer, Spring Children's Rally

"What do you think the disciples thought when they saw Jesus walking toward them on the water?" one of the leaders asked. One of the kids quickly responded, "Oh, hi! It's you!"

Kids' ministry is the best because you never know what they are going to say!

Around 200 children and adult leaders from 21 churches attended the **Spring Children's Rally**, which took place on the first Saturday of March at Parchment Valley Conference Center. This year's theme was *Fear Busters*, built around Psalm 56:3: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Throughout the day, the kids were reminded that they can trust God no matter what they face.

The children learned about heroes of the Bible who chose to trust God even when it wasn't easy or popular. They heard about Esther's boldness, David's bravery and Peter's faith. They also sang songs, played games and created crafts that helped illustrate the theme.

Each rally also includes a mission project, where kids are encouraged to bring items to donate. This year's project supported the Compass Women's Center's Baby Boutique, called *The Nest*. The children brought more than 150 donation items, including diapers, wipes, swaddles, clothes and much more.



Lou Ann Nicholas leading the kids in a fun activity involving shaving cream.

Although the forecast called for rain and storms all day, the weather held off until everyone was on their way home. We were blessed with a sunny, warm and beautiful day.

Plan to join us for the Fall Children's Rally on November 7 at Parchment Valley. We're planning a surprise party you won't want to miss!

Digging Deeper into the Word of God at the Annual Bible Conference



Attendees gathered in Hill Hall to learn about the books of Ezra and Nehemiah

The **11th Annual Bible Conference** was held on the first Saturday of March at Parchment Valley Conference Center, with around 50 people in attendance. This year's conference gave participants the opportunity to study the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, with Dr. Trent Eastman leading the study.

Mark McCloy shared, "For me, I really enjoyed how Trent presented a detailed timeline showing how these books relate to historical events, other Old Testament books and even the New

Testament. He also shared a topographic map of the area around Jerusalem, explaining the various gates and sections of the wall. That visual representation really made the book come to life."

Brian Wooster, a member of Grass Lick Baptist Church, commented, "The study reminded me that God restores His people through faithful obedience and united effort. Just as the returned exiles rebuilt the temple and Nehemiah organized the people to rebuild the walls, every believer has a section of the work God calls them to. I was especially struck by the picture of ordinary people working together in obedience, each doing their part."

Jason Marshall, pastor of Mannington First Baptist Church, added, "The highlight for me was seeing so many friends from around the WVBC whom I only get to see at events like this. I also enjoyed bringing members of our church and getting a 30,000-foot view of how Ezra and Nehemiah tell one unified story that prepares the way for the coming of Jesus."

With the Spring Children's Rally taking place simultaneously, it was a wonderful day of learning and digging deeper into the Word of God.

Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's conference, which will once again be held on the first Saturday of March. We hope to see you there!

The Eternity Story: Finding Identity in Christ

In 36 hours, more than **220 people from 20 churches** had 7 dance parties, 6 crazy game times, 5 worship sessions, 5 powerful deep dives into God's Word, 3 discussion groups, 2 interest groups making it 1 unforgettable **Junior High Convention!**

What took place was far more than a weekend event. It was a powerful reminder of **The Eternity Story**, the truth that God created us, knows us completely, loves us deeply, gave Himself for us and invites us into relationship with Himself.

Throughout the weekend, students explored what it means to find their identity – not in shifting culture nor in the lies of the enemy – but **in Christ**. As we reflected on Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me..." students were challenged to consider what it means to live by faith in the Son of God who loves and redeems.

We are blessed that the WVBC invests in the development of young leaders. Events like Junior High Convention are a ministry of the **Youth Ministry Planning Team (YMPT)**. These high school students pray, plan, organize and lead alongside adult mentors to faithfully shape every part of the weekend. From developing the theme and creating the schedule to helping lead sessions and serving behind the scenes with set up and tear down, YMPT models student leadership in ministry. Their ministry is a testimony to what happens when we trust young people with meaningful responsibility in the life of the church.

We are deeply grateful to South Parkersburg Baptist Church for hosting with excellence and generosity. Thank you to Render the Hearts for leading worship with clarity and passion, and to Elliott



Render the Heats leading students in worship.

Gregory for faithfully and boldly proclaiming God's Word. Our appreciation extends to the volunteers who worked hard to facilitate this event, the youth leaders and chaperones who consistently invest in their students, and the parents and churches who prioritize opportunities like this for spiritual growth.

Most of all, we give thanks to God for moving in hearts. Lives were strengthened, friendships were formed and faith was deepened.

And the story continues! We hope to see you at Summer Kickoff, May 8–9th at Camp Cowen as we celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer!

SPRING GOLDEN'EERS CONFERENCE

MAY 4-6, 2026

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Northwest Area News

New Life in the New Year

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

- 2 Timothy 1:7



Mark presents a certificate to Pastor Jon Butcher at Union Valley Baptist Church's 150th Anniversary service.

God continues to bless His people as we begin to move into the new year. In spite of a difficult winter, I continue to hear word of new life as baptisms have happened in multiple locations. The work continues around the globe as churches from our area have sent members out on mission trips. A recent trip to Kenya was supported by the Parkersburg Association's scholarship fund, as well as by other associations, churches and individuals. Indeed, new church buildings have been built, which also double as schools during the week. Sewing machines have been purchased for the new "Threads of Hope" mission project which helps local families gain much needed resources while also learning about Jesus. Water projects have been completed, bringing clean water right to the people without a hard and dangerous trip to the spring. Project leader Shelly Dawson will be returning to Kenya on a solo trip to celebrate the first graduating class from the sewing project. And the kingdom continues to grow – the team celebrated multiple baptisms while visiting Kenya.

In the early summer, a small exploratory trip will be taken to Japan by members of three local churches, which is mostly comprised of members of Sarah McCloy's Mission Partnership Team. This team hopes to lay the groundwork for future trips to the country, and they have also been helped by the Parkersburg Association's scholarship fund.

Meanwhile, multiple prayer breakfasts have been held across our associations, including five in the northwest area. And finally, Union Valley celebrated their 150th reunion with a special service and a meal that followed the morning service.

Northeast Area News

by Kevin Sions, Northeast Area Minister

Deacon Ordination at Buckhannon FBC



(left to right) Don Nestor, Pastor Doris Brunty, Ransom Hackett

On Sunday February 22, Buckhannon First Baptist Church (Broad Run) had a deacon ordination service. The church ordained Ransom Hackett and Don Nestor as deacons. The calling to serve with a missional purpose within the church and community was evident as both shared their testimonies.

Hands and Hearts Collective

Hepzibah Baptist Church (Union) has started a new ministry: Hands and Heart Collective. This ministry is designed to help each person within the church to use their gifts to serve God by serving other people in the church and community. The ministry is gathering once a month to observe needs and seek practical ways to meet the needs of families, senior adults and the community.

New Men's Bible Studies

Reynoldsville Baptist (Judson) and First Baptist Church, Petersburg (Eastern) have started new Bible studies for men. Each church is seeing more men become active in studying God's word and investing in the lives to one another.

Sunday Funday at Nutter Fort FBC

Nutter Fort First Baptist Church (Judson) plans a "Sunday Funday" each month as an outreach ministry. This ministry seeks to build relationships with families through events the church plans for children and youth in the community.

Southwest Area News

by *Evan Arkell, Southwest Area Minister*

Deacon Ordinations



New Deacon Donald Robinette at Tabors Creek Baptist Church

It was a special day at Main Street Baptist Church in Point Pleasant (Teays Valley) on January 11, as they ordained Rick Hunt and Randy McGill as new deacons. Pastor Jeff Fetty gave the charges to the candidates and to the church, and I had the privilege of leading the ordination prayer and the laying on of hands. Following the service, the rest of the church extended the right hand of fellowship and hugs to the new deacons and their families.

On February 15, Tabors Creek Baptist Church (Twelve Pole) celebrated their 156th anniversary and had a nice meal following the morning worship service. Later in the afternoon the church celebrated the deacon ordination of Donald Robinette. Pastor Denny Brown led the ordination service with Assistant Pastor Tom Fuller giving the charge to the candidate and Fort Gay Baptist Church Pastor Tim Preston giving the charge to the church. I, once again, was privileged to lead the ordination prayer and the laying on of hands. A special reception for the occasion followed the service and was enjoyed by all.

New Pastors

February 15th was a special day at two of the churches in the Southwest Area. Rev. Zach Bay began his ministry at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church (Guyandotte). This followed a long search process for the church, but it is exciting to see how God provided. On the same day, Zion Baptist Church (Teays Valley) also called Jeff Hudson as their pastor. They had also been without a pastor for quite a while, but God once again provided.

Southeast Area News

by *Jon Villers, Southeast Area Minister*

Growing the Kingdom

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior! While January and February gave us several cancellations due to inclement weather conditions, it was a joy for me to be in 14 churches throughout our Southeast Region during those months.

I was able to praise God with the people at Rainelle First Baptist Church as Pastor Terry Golden was miraculously healed from cancer. I was also able to celebrate Pastor Spencer Oxford's 37 years of service to Emmanuel Baptist as the Lord called him home. I enjoyed numerous prayer breakfasts, midweek Bible studies, pastor's gatherings, funerals and morning worship services. I saw firsthand that there are many throughout my region who are "expecting great things from God" and also "attempting great things for God!" I have reports of first-time decisions for Christ, baptisms, volunteer appreciation services, food distribution ministries and more!

Thank you for continuing to make an impact in your communities and beyond for the Kingdom of God. May we all live out of the admonition of the Apostle Paul, who wrote to that early church in Colossae:

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

- Colossians 3:17



Pastor Terry Golden giving his testimony of healing at the Hopewell Association pastors meeting.



Newly appointed Interim Pastor Frazier McGuire sharing about his mentor Pastor Oxford Spencer at Emmanuel Baptist in War.

RICHARD “DICK” BOWEN, 74, died on February 3, 2026. He was a longtime member of Guyandotte Baptist Church.

GALIAL CLARK “JUNE” MILLS, JR., 93, of Greensboro, NC, died on February 1, 2026. He was previously a member at Vienna Baptist Church and later Beckley First Baptist Church, where he served as a trustee. He also previously served as treasurer of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

JANET LOUISE (CARPENTER) CRANDALL, 84, of Kirkwood, died on January 22, 2026. She was a member of Kingwood Baptist Church.

MARIA DEITZ FAULKNER, 74, of Richwood, died on February 2, 2026. She was the wife of former WVBC pastor and BCM associate Holley Faulkner.

HENRY IRA KALE, JR., 96, of Beckley, died on January 19, 2026. He was a member of Beckley First Baptist Church.

MARIDOR KECK, 90, of Parkersburg, died on January 8, 2026. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, where she served in many positions of leadership over the course of her life.

REV. SPENCER LEE OXFORD, 78, of War, died on February 6, 2026. He was a lifetime member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he served as pastor since 1989.

YVONNE QUINN, 68, of Delbarton, died on January 9, 2026. She was a member of Connolly Memorial Baptist Church, where she served as church secretary and member of the Christian Education Committee.

DANNY RALPH SHAFER, 73, of Chestnut Flats, died on January 15, 2026. He was a member of Shuck Memorial Baptist Church.

MARY HUTCHINSON STOVER, of Beckley, died on January 28, 2026. She was a member of Beckley First Baptist Church, where she always decorated the sanctuary with flowers and decorations.

PHILIP LEE WILSON, 51, of Mt. Nebo, died on February 22, 2026. He was a member of Summersville Baptist Church.

BUD WRIGHT, 76, of Parkersburg, died on February 23, 2026. He was a member of The Journey on Park Avenue Church.

Leadership Updates

Michael Howerton to Lauckport Baptist Church (Parkersburg Association) as pastor 1/1/2026

Doris Brunty to Buckhannon First Baptist Church (Broad Run Association) as pastor 1/22/2026

Frazier McGuire to Emmanuel Baptist Church (Rockcastle Association) as interim pastor 2/15/2026

Jeffery Hudson to Zion Baptist Church (Teays Valley Association) as pastor 2/15/2026

Zachary Bay to Fifth Avenue Baptist Church (Guyandotte Association) as pastor 2/15/2026

MINISTRY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Pastor of Youth and Family (Full-Time)

Location: Hurricane Area

Senior Pastor (Full-Time)

Location: Parkersburg area

Pastor (Part-Time)

Location: Spencer area

Youth Pastor (Part-Time)

Location: Point Pleasant area

Pastor (Part-Time)

Location: Parkersburg area

Student Pastor (Full-Time)

Location: Parkersburg area

Senior Pastor (Full-Time)

Location: Parkersburg area

Youth Pastor (Part-Time)

Location: Grafton area

Pianist (Part-Time)

Location: Barrackville area

Pastor (Part-Time)

Location: Weirton area

Director of Worship Ministry (Part-Time)

Location: Huntington area

Director of Music (Part-Time)

Location: Beckley area

Youth Director (Part-Time)

Location: Marion County

Senior Pastor (Full-Time)

Location: Boone County

Are you interested in learning more about any of these positions? Or is there a position at your church that you want to advertise? If so, contact Todd McClure at todd@wvbc.org.

To see a list of available positions, visit: www.wvbc.org

Prayer Calendars

April 2026

APRIL 1 – The ministry of Hurricane Baptist Church; Mike Kelly, pastor (Good Hope Association)
APRIL 2 – Bill Law, member of the WVBC Outreach Commission
APRIL 3 – The ministry of Plum Run Baptist Church; Daniel Cunningham, pastor (Fairmont Association)
APRIL 4 – Jonathan Radcliff, member of the WVBC Leadership Commission
APRIL 5 – CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST!
APRIL 6 – Rebecca Stanton, International Ministries Global Servant to Hungary
APRIL 7 – The ministry of Cowen First Baptist Church; Bryan Barnett, pastor (Hopewell Association)
APRIL 8 – The ministry of Smithville Baptist Church (Harrisville Association)
APRIL 9 – Matt Mann, International Ministries Global Servant to Southeast Asia
APRIL 10 – Worship Summit happening this weekend at Camp Cowen
APRIL 11 – The ministry of Gatewood Baptist Church; Harold Fuller, pastor (Fayette Association)
APRIL 12 – The ministry of Bethel Baptist Church; John Vetter, pastor (Eastern Association)
APRIL 13 – Cari Pauley, member of the WVBC Stewardship Commission
APRIL 14 – Shigemi Tomita, International Ministries Global Servant to Japan
APRIL 15 – The ministry of Forks of Cheat Baptist Church; Charles Bowers, pastor (Goshen Association)
APRIL 16 – The ministry of Tallmansville Baptist Church; Timothy Lewis, pastor (Broad Run Association)
APRIL 17 – Women’s Camp happening this weekend at Camp Cowen
APRIL 18 – The ministry of Seventh Avenue Baptist Church; Robert Withers, pastor (Guyandotte Association)
APRIL 19 – Brian Smith, International Ministries Global Servant to the Dominican Republic
APRIL 20 – Elaine Davis, member of the WVBC Discipleship Commission
APRIL 21 – The ministry of Big Union Baptist Church; Peter Shaffer, pastor (Elk Valley Association)
APRIL 22 – The ministry of Big Chimney Baptist Church; Gary Walker, pastor (Kanawha Valley Association)
APRIL 23 – The ministry of Vermont Baptist Church; Chadwick Ash, pastor (Judson Association)
APRIL 24 – Corene Smith, International Ministries Global Servant to Brazil
APRIL 25 – AB Men Work Party happening at Camp Cowen
APRIL 26 – Camp Cowen Sunday
APRIL 27 – The ministry of Beaver First Baptist Church; Steve Gibson, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh Association)
APRIL 28 – Thelma Nambu, International Ministries Global Servant to the Philippines
APRIL 29 – Daniel McCloy, Administrative Assistant to Communication, Databases, and Technology
APRIL 30 – The ministry of Danville First Baptist Church; Danny Mitchell, pastor (Coal River Association)

May 2026

MAY 1 – The WVBC Executive Committee Meeting happening today at Parchment Valley
MAY 2 – The WVBC Executive Board and Commission Meetings happening today at Parchment Valley
MAY 3 – Brett Harbaugh, member of the WVBC Discipleship Commission
MAY 4 – Spring Golden’ers Conference happening today at Parchment Valley
MAY 5 – The ministry of Mount Carmel Baptist Church; Leon Brown, pastor (Union Association)
MAY 6 – The ministry of Wellsburg First Baptist Church; Jared Jimenez, pastor (Panhandle Association)
MAY 7 – Nora Kalkman, International Ministries Global Servant to Europe, Middle East and North Africa
MAY 8 – Summer Kickoff happening this weekend at Camp Cowen
MAY 9 – The ministry of Leon Baptist Church; Fredrick Sparks, pastor (Teays Valley Association)
MAY 10 – The ministry of Central Big Creek Baptist Church (Guyandotte Association)
MAY 11 – Bill Stout, member of the WVBC Leadership Commission
MAY 12 – Nzunga Mabudiga, International Ministries Global Servant to the Dominican Republic
MAY 13 – The ministry of Faith Baptist Tabernacle; Timothy Skaggs, pastor (Elk Valley Association)
MAY 14 – The ministry of New Found Freedom Baptist Church; Lloyd Stewart, pastor (Little Kanawha Association)
MAY 15 – The ministry of Summit Missionary Baptist Church; Larry Addair, pastor (Rockcastle Association)
MAY 16 – The Annual Training Event happening today at Parchment Valley
MAY 17 – The ministry of Wallace First Baptist Church; Keith Swiger, pastor (Judson Association)
MAY 18 – Laura Freeman, International Ministries Global Servant to Turkey
MAY 19 – The ministry of Saint Paul Baptist Church; Larry Harker, pastor (Fairmont 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 – Jan Wayne, member of the WVBC Stewardship Commission
MAY 23 – The ministry of New Prospect Baptist Church; Tim McClung, pastor (Hopewell Association)
MAY 24 – The ministry of Tabors Creek Baptist Church; S. Denny Brown, pastor (Twelve Pole Association)
MAY 25 – Jim Mitchell, AB Men President and 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 Starcher Baptist Church; David Workman, pastor (Kanawha Valley Association)
MAY 28 – Kyle Williams, International Ministries Global Servant to Southeast Asia
MAY 29 – Young Adult Weekend happening this weekend at Camp Cowen
MAY 30 – The ministry of Shuck Memorial Baptist Church; Jonathan Turner, pastor (Greenbrier-Raleigh Association)
MAY 31 – The ministry of Vienna Baptist Church; Ed Rogers, interim pastor (Parkersburg Association)

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

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 10-11
Worship Summit
Camp Cowen

April 10-11
AB Men Work Party
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 17-19
Women's Camp
Camp Cowen

April 24-25
AB Men Work Party
Camp Cowen

April 25
Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies: Hospital Ministry (E-03)
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 25
Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies: Hospital Ministry (E-04)
Parchment Valley Conference Center

April 26
Camp Cowen Sunday
Various locations

May 5
Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies: Communicating God's Word (M-01)
Various locations

May 8-9
Summer Kick-Off
Camp Cowen

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

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

May 16
Annual Training Event
Parchment Valley Conference Center

May 29-31
Young Adult Weekend
Camp Cowen

JUNE

June 5-7
Younger Midler Camp (Grades 2-4)
Camp Cowen

June 6
ABWM Annual Conference
Parchment Valley Conference Center

June 7-13
Junior High 1 Camp (Grades 7-9)
Camp Cowen

June 13
Pastors4Pastors Family Picnic
Parchment Valley Conference Center

MAY

May 1
WVBC Executive Committee Meeting
Parchment Valley Conference Center

May 2
WVBC Executive Board and Commission Meetings
Parchment Valley Conference Center

May 4-6
Spring Golden'eers Conference
Parchment Valley Conference Center

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