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A Cooperative Program ministry gladly sharing the truth and gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the stories of our Lord's work in and through the churches of West Virginia Southern Baptists.

**Westview Baptist Church, 301 South Louisiana Avenue,
Martinsburg, 25401---November 4-5, 2011---9 AM**

Reaching West Virginia in a Changing World



CONVENTION HOTEL--HAMPTON INN, 975 FOXCROFT AVENUE, MARTINSBURG, 25401, 304-267-2900

WVCSB EXECUTIVE BOARD
Thursday, November 3, 10:30 AM
Westview Baptist Church

**MINISTERS' WIVES
FELLOWSHIP**

Thursday, November 3
1 PM - 5 PM

Westview Baptist Church
concludes with dinner

PASTORS' CONFERENCE
Thursday, November 3 1:30 PM
Westview Baptist Church
"The Harvest is Abundant"
Matthew 9:37



Bible studies led
by Dr. Richard
Melick, Jr., Golden
Gate Theological
Seminary



Convention
Sermon, Dr. Dan
Jividen, Pastor,
Immanuel Baptist
Church, Princeton

Annual Message,
Rev. Robby Gal-
laty, Senior Pastor,
Brainerd Baptist
Church, Chattanoo-
ga, Tennessee



Guest musician Mark Ivey, Lynchburg, VA

SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Friday, November 4, after morning session
at Westview Baptist Church

for pastors, Sunday School Directors, Association Sunday School Directors
no charge, but register by Monday, October 31-----space is limited to 40 people
special guest---John Boone, Sunday School Director, Florida Baptist Convention

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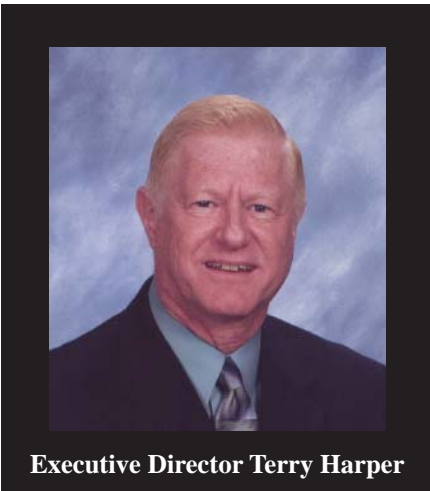
**FRIENDS OF THE
FOUNDATION DINNER**
Friday, November 4
5 PM

at Westview Baptist Church
Everyone is invited
Special Guests---John Boone,
Florida Baptist Convention
---Gary Jennings, LifeWay

No Charge

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An offering will be taken for the Sned-
den-Slaughter Scholarship Fund
Register by Monday, October 31

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From the Executive Director:

One of the great blessings at our State Convention will be hearing from some of the choice servants of the Lord serving in our behalf on the foreign mission field. We will be honored to have two of our missionary families with us this year. Dr. Henry and Matasha Clary who serve in Uruguay will be with us to share about their work and to answer any questions you may have about their service. Henry teaches at a seminary there, but they are also involved (as are all of our international missionaries) in church planting.

great and inspiring preacher.

Special musical guest this year will be recording artist, Marc Ivey. He is an outstanding singer of whom Jerry Vines says "stirs the heart and moves the soul". He is a regular at Thomas Road Baptist Church and has sung in many of the largest churches in America, including First Baptist of Jacksonville. Marc is a very humble servant of the Lord and he still enjoys singing in the small churches across our country as well. We will be blessed with great singing and preaching. Interspersed in this great feast of music and preaching will be a little business along the way. One of the biggest issues will be the report of the Strategy Planning Group (SPG). This group appointed by our President has been working for many months and they will be bringing their recommendations to the annual meeting for your approval. Adoption of the report will be historic in the scope of it as we look forward to moving forward together in light of the changes voted in by messengers at SBC annual meeting in Orlando in 2010.

My Dear Friends,

As I write this article we are having several days of slow easy rain. It is dark and cloudy and very cool. A sure sign that fall is on the way. We are looking forward to attending many of the Fall Associational Annual Meetings in your local churches. We are also excited about the Annual Meeting of our State Convention. We have a wonderful program planned and I am sure that those who are able to attend will be greatly blessed. (Dr. Wrigley has included more information elsewhere in this newspaper).

We will also have Mike and Trish M, who are serving the East Asia Peoples under Security 3 area of the world. Security 3 level personnel are under restricted communication and we cannot use any pictures of them or mention their full names in our publicity. This will be an exciting time to hear from them, especially in light of the new partnership that our state convention agreed to become involved in last year at our convention in that part of the world.

These are difficult times in many ways, due to the economy and the many changes that are coming at us in today's world. But, they can be exciting days as we unite under the banner of the cross and march forward in Jesus' name. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting at Westview Baptist Church in Martinsburg, WV, on November 4-5.

We will also be blessed to hear a challenge from Dr. Frank Page, the new President at the Executive Committee of the SBC. Frank will be speaking on Friday evening along with the missionaries. Bringing the Bible Study in each session will be Dr. Richard Melick, Professor of New Testament at Golden Gate Seminary in California.

May God bless you and please call upon us when we can ever be of assistance to you or your church in any way.

Additional preaching will be by our own Dan Jividen, Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Princeton, WV, who will bring the annual convention sermon to close out the meeting on Saturday. But, not before we hear from Dr. Robby Gallaty, Pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and another

Sincerely,

Terry L. Harper
Executive Director-Treasurer

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...Fulfilling the Great Commission**

PASTOR'+S CONFERENCE EXPECTS ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Pastor Greg Varndell, Fairlawn, Parkersburg, and President of the WVCSB Pastors Conference, is planning for an exciting meeting in November.

He has spent a great deal of time assembling a wonderful group of speakers.

Gary Townsend (r) leads the Florida Baptist Convention work related to pastors' annuity, healthcare, and other benefits related items.



Craig Culbreth (l) will be speaking, also. Culbreth is the Partnership Missions Director for the Florida Baptist Convention. He has been in West Virginia many times and has proven to be a true friend to West Virginia. He has served as a pastor and a church planter.



David Burton (r) is the Evangelism Director for the Florida Baptist Convention. It has been several years since Burton has spoken in our state. He has a genuine love for



lost people and an amazing ability to communicate the gospel. He is also a motorcycle rider.

Also, Pastor Mac Brunson, First Baptist Church Jacksonville, FL, will be speaking. (l) Brunson is known as a good pastor and gifted preacher.



In addition to the marvelous speakers, Varndell has assembled a gift bag for all the pastors present. This "essential bag" includes the following resources: *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary* (2 volume set); *The Pastor's Primer*; *The Joshua Principle*; and *Antology*, compliments of Guidestone; *What is a Healthy Church?* from 9 Marks; and *A Citizens Introduction to the Declaration of Independence, Religious Liberty in the American Republic, and Why Does Religious Freedom Matter?* from the Heritage Foundation. He has 70 copies of each of these to give out to Pastors and staff at the Pastor's Conference. They were all free!

The Pastors' Conference begins at 1:30 PM on Thursday, November 3, at Westview Baptist Church, 301 South Louisiana Avenue, Martinsburg, 25401.

MESSENGER ELECTION

[from the By-Laws] *Qualifications of Messengers*

This Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of and elected by Southern Baptist churches which are in agreement with "The Baptist Faith and Message," as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and which cooperate with, fellowship with, and contribute to the work of the Convention. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers for the first fifty (50) resident members or fractional part thereof and one (1) additional messenger for each additional fifty (50) resident members or major fraction thereof, but in no case shall any church be entitled to more than fifteen (15) messengers. Messengers shall be elected and certified by their churches to the Convention.

Also, the church clerk or moderator will sign the messenger card. In some cases, the pastor will be the one to sign the card. This "certifies" the person as the messenger of that particular church. There is no deadline to elect messengers, as long as it is done before the state convention. Messenger cards will be mailed to each cooperating church from this office on Friday, September 30th.



WVCSB Calendar

October

- Cooperative Program Emphasis
- 2 - Soul-Winning Commitment Day
- 2 - Great Day in the Mountains
- 2 - 10:2 Prayer Focus
- 6 - New Ministers' Orientation
- 9 - World Hunger Sunday

November

- 3 - Church Planter Networks
- 3 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg
- 3 - Pastors' Conference and Ministers' Wives
- 4-5 - WVCSB Annual Meeting
- 6 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 - Children's Missions Celebration Day (SBC)
- 24 - Thanksgiving (Office Closed 24-25)

December

- 4-11 - Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering
- 25 - Christmas (Office Closed 26-30)

January

- 2-6 - January Bible Study
- 14 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg
- 15 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 20-21 - Youth Evangelism Conference
- 22-24 - Staff/Missionary Update
- 26-27 - Florida Partnership Mtg
- 29 - Day of Prayer for the SBC

February

- True Love Waits Emphasis
- 10-11 - Deacon Training
- 12 - Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 13-19 - Focus on WMU
- 18 - Men's Ministry Planning Mtg
- 18 - Children's Ministry Day
- 25 - State VBS Clinic
- 27 - Church Planter Networks - State Office

March

- 2-3 - Bivocational Pastors Retreat
- 4-10 - Youth Week
- 4-11 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Offering
- 8-10 - Basic Training Journey
- 11 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 15 - WVCSB Order of Business Committee

202020 VISION

The John I. Snedden Scholarship Fund was established in 1979 by the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. The scholarship was to honor John Snedden for his many years of work in helping to organize and then to lead the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

At the 2010 state convention, the messengers approved combining the RAY SLAUGHTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND with the Snedden Fund. This was done with the prior approval and recommendation of the Immanuel Baptist Association, which had started the Slaughter Fund for the same purpose many years ago, to honor the devoted ministry by Ray Slaughter on behalf of the churches.

The purpose of the SNEDDEN-SLAUGHTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND is to provide scholarship money for students in college or seminary who are preparing for service in a church vocation.

The interest from the Fund is used to provide the scholarship monies. A Selection Committee chooses the winners of the grant. Each spring, a letter describing the Fund and an application, is sent to each pastor. Each pastor then passes the information along to qualifying students who may want to apply.

The Fund has increased from about \$12,500, to a little over \$16,000. This is a reflection of the additional Slaughter funds and some gifts made to the Fund. Even though there has been an increase, the total amount is still small. This greatly limits the amount of money that can be awarded each year.

"I would like to see the principle at \$200,000, or more," said Greg Wrigley, the Office Director for the Foundation. "That would give us about \$10,000 each year we could divide among the applicants, instead of four or five hundred dollars. With the cost of education, it would be nice to make a real impact on the assistance to young people preparing for the ministry."

Four wonderful young people applied for the Scholarship last May. The Selection Committee chose Allen Carbaugh as the recipient of the Scholarship. Allen is the son of Richard and Carol Carbaugh. Richard is the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Grandview, in Beaver, West Virginia. Allen graduated from Greater Beckley Christian School in 2006. He is a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, studying Biblical Counseling.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Snedden-Slaughter Scholarship Fund can contact Greg Wrigley at 304-757-0944, ext 118, or at gregwrigley@wvcsb.org, OR send your donation marked for the Scholarship Fund to the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, One Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV, 25560.

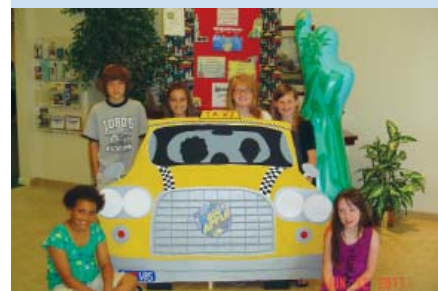


[left] A group of pastor's children from around the state went to Orlando, FL, on a mission trip, in June. This was the third preachers' kids' mission trip. The trip is planned for New York City, in 2012. The group did prayer walks, Bible Clubs, and painted a house.



The North Greenville University mission team assisted Cameron Baptist to prepare for and conduct Vacation Bible School. Jonathan Kirk "assists" Sandy McCoy with dismissing the students.

Fairlawn, Parkersburg Vacation Bible School, Sue Whited, Director, reports a record enrollment of 297 with a daily average of 222. There were ten decisions to accept Christ with an additional 60 prospects found. A mission offering of \$1,895 was collected during the week and will be given to the Josh Johnson family from Princeton, WV, who are serving in New York City. This taxi was made by Jim Hartline, a member of the congregation. Pictured front row (l-r) is Kaylea Bryant and Caden McMullan. Back Row (l-r) is Matt Wilson, Gabrielle Scalise, Jaylyne Morgan and Rylee Harris.



[below] Temple Baptist Church, Moundsville, reported a good week at VBS, too. The children gather for opening assembly before leaving on their "big apple adventure."



[left] Friendly Baptist ended their week of VBS with a cookout, and with releasing Chinese lanterns into the air, to signify how Christians are to shine their light for a lost world.

STOCK MARKET:

Retirement investors advised to keep long-term goals in view

Posted on Aug 9, 2011 by Roy Hayhurst

DALLAS (BP)--American stock markets fell Monday, Aug. 8, in the wake of Standard & Poor's announcement the previous Friday that it had lowered the U.S. credit rating from AAA to AA+. The news rattled Asian and European markets Monday morning and led to a steep sell-off. In the United States, the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 634 points in Monday trading.

Even in the midst of volatile markets, properly allocated retirement investors are advised to maintain their investment strategy, according to officials at GuideStone Financial Resources, a diversified provider of retirement and other financial products to Southern Baptist and other evangelical churches, colleges, seminaries, hospitals and related institutions.

Although it is always prudent to review one's investments periodically, making changes in volatile markets can lead to emotional mistakes, according to GuideStone officials.

"Our retirement-plan participants should always keep the long-term view first and foremost," said O.S. Hawkins, GuideStone's president. "It's easy to allow disturbing headlines to cloud our judgment. In all times -- but especially times like these -- the important thing is for investors to remain rational, consider their financial goals and to avoid making decisions guided by emotion."

Whether the market is up or down, GuideStone officials point to three key areas that can help investors make decisions about how to handle their investments:

1) Focus on objectives not emotions.

GuideStone retirement-plan participants can access the free GPS: Guided Planning Services tool both online or by telephone appointment. With GPS, participants can see whether they are properly allocated based on their risk tolerance and investing time horizon -- generally, the time until they'll need to start drawing their retirement accounts down. Tools like GPS can help an investor look at their investments more objectively and make any necessary changes to their account based on facts, not today's headlines.

2) Avoid making impulsive decisions.

Guard against making ad hoc changes in your portfolio. Making changes based on short-term market movements can lead to failure as it promotes "buying high and selling low."

The performance of a retirement investment account in moving forward will be determined based on results of the financial markets in the future, not the past. Selling today cannot avoid yesterday's losses in a down market. Likewise, in an up market, you cannot buy yesterday's performance by investing in the hottest fund.

3) Maintain realistic expectations about market behavior.

Financial markets move up and down over time in response to social, political and economic events. Further, equity investments are by nature more volatile than some other asset classes such as cash and bonds. Equity investors who are properly allocated should be able to accept significant short-term fluctuations in the value of their portfolios.

"We never know what the future holds," Hawkins said. "What we can do is look at history and see that investors who maintained a consistent investment discipline and did not make rash decisions almost always come out better off than those who changed direction every time the economic winds moved."

GuideStone has prepared a panel discussion on retirement during this uncertain economy. Featuring distinguished experts in investments, retirement planning and economics, it can be accessed at www.GuideStone.org/RetirementInTodaysEconomy. For more information on the potential impact of the credit rating downgrade, go to the GuideStone Capital Management website www.GuideStoneCapital.org/Commentary.aspx.



MEN'S RALLIES

Dr. Tim Maynard spoke at three Men's Rallies in May. Fairlawn, Parkersburg, Abundant Hope, Barboursville, and Grace Baptist, Fayetteville, acted as host sites for the meetings.



The Abundant Hope Church had the idea of having a motorcycle drive-in as part of the meeting. A man and



his wife stopped to see the motorcycles, were invited in to the meal, stayed for the meeting, and the lady accepted Christ as her Lord! [bottom photo] Doug Virgin [L] welcomes Dr. Maynard to the meeting



FLAME AT WVSU

Campus Evangelist Raleigh Sadler stands with V Rose and Flame before their concert Friday night, August 26, 2011. About 100 students from the campus and area churches attended. Members at Cross Lanes Baptist Church helped register attendees and hand out pizza.

Flame is a Christian rap musician from Louisville, Kentucky.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
 Sunday School High Attendance Day

WHAT IS "GREAT DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS?" It is a recognition of the importance of the Sunday School ministry in the life of the church and in the community.

It is a day to emphasize Sunday School in our churches by promoting a fall high attendance day in Sunday School. The high attendance day can be October 2, or on whatever day in the fall best fits into the local church calendar.

It is a day to work together to see how many people we can have in Bible study on Sunday morning, October 2.

WHAT DO WE DO TO HAVE A "GREAT DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS?" There is no right or wrong way to emphasize high attendance in your Sunday School. Do what works best for you and your area. If you want some ideas you can call your association Sunday School Director, or call Greg Wrigley at the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists office [800-411-5758, ext 118] or email at gregwrigley@wvcsb.org.

Contact your association Sunday School Director with your Sunday School attendance on October 2, or whatever day you choose to have high attendance. You may choose not to have a high attendance emphasis. Just report your attendance from October 2. You may call or email the state office, too.

WHY EMPHASIZE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE? Because "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."---Romans 10:17. In order for people to believe, they need to hear the Word of God. Saved and lost people need to hear the Word. So, let's get them in Sunday School so they can hear it!



[back row, L to R] Erin Terry, Caleb Montgomery, Shane Tu, Jonathan Kirk, Autumn Mathews; [front row, L to R] Ryan Lancaster, Christina Watson, Katie King, Jessica Culbertson, Travis Leasure Our churches were blessed by their ministries.

Shepherding the Shepherd

The weather was good, the food was fine, and the fellowship was encouraging at the 2011 Shepherding the Shepherd. Due to the decreased funding from the North American Mission Board, this was to be the last year for Shepherding for a while. But, Dr. John Sullivan, Executive Director of the Florida Baptist Convention, said he would try to come along side our Convention so we could continue to have the event. It looks like this may happen!



The Association Missionaries met a day before Shepherding to get information about the transition coming from NAMB. [L to R] James Smith, Dick Howie, Dennis Cherry, Doug Virgin, Frank Pilcher, Charlie Minney, and Delton Beall.

Jeannie Beall and Cheryl Harper led the program for the Ministers' Wives session.



The meal time provides lots of time for catching up with friends.



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Dr. John Sullivan was one of the speakers for the gathering of ministers and their wives.

below--the children seemed to have a good time playing



The teenager group was able to discuss Bible truths and everyday issues.

below---Dr. James Boyd [L] and Dr. Sullivan discovered they went to the same college! (Grand Canyon)



In 2010, Southern Baptist hunger ministries fed more than 5 million meals to the hungry in North America.

More than 33,000 professions of faith were reported in 2010 as a result of these hunger ministries. Of these, 4201 baptisms were reported as a direct result of hunger ministries.

The cost of a meal at a Southern Baptist hunger ministry averages 30 cents per meal. Southern Baptist hunger ministries are facing an increasing demand on their resources.

More than 93,000 volunteers helped at 2,000 hunger ministry sites throughout the United States in 2010.

The North American Mission Board distributed over 1.1 million dollars to its partners for use in hunger ministries.

Eighty percent of World Hunger offerings are disbursed by the International Mission Board and twenty percent through the North American Mission Board.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST World hunger FUNDS

Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers are offering nourishment for the body and soul. And every Southern Baptist can have a part in those ministries through gifts to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. While Christ-followers, including Southern Baptists, are doing something about hunger in the U.S. and around the world, we could be doing a lot more. In fact, we can be assured that God expects us to do much more. He expects us to demonstrate an urgency to pray, to give, and to minister on behalf of those who are hungry--both physically and spiritual. When will you get personal about hunger? If we take God's Word seriously, the malnourished and hungry are our problem. Those who are afflicted were made in the image of God. He cares about them, which means we are to care about their welfare as well.

www.worldhungerfund.com or www.baptistglobalresponse.com for more information and ways to be involved.

SBC WORLD HUNGER DAY - OCTOBER 9, 2011

Project 10:2

He told them: "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."
Luke 10:2



Southwestern Offers 2012 Revival Preachers

By Benjamin Hawkins

FORT WORTH, Texas (SWBTS) – Churches can join Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in promoting spiritual awakening across the United States by hosting preachers during "Revive this Nation," March 11-14, 2012.

Southwestern aims to send revival preachers to 200 churches throughout the nation, with at least one preacher in all 50 states.

"We want partner churches who will join us in prayer for God to revive our nation and who will invite people to come hear the Gospel preached." Thomas White, vice president for student services and communications, said. "Passionate men who have thoroughly prepared stand ready to preach the Word, calling believers to greater commitment and the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

During "Revive this Nation 2011," the seminary sent out 124 preachers, who led 140 people to accept Christ as Savior, and engaged more than 1,250 people in personal evangelism.

To learn about "Revive this Nation's" more than 50-year history, visit www.swbts.edu/swnews<<http://www.swbts.edu/swnews>>.

Churches can request revival preachers and download resources at www.swbts.edu/rtn<<http://www.swbts.edu/rtn>>. Southwestern will pay for the roundtrip transportation of preachers to and from the revival locations. Churches provide housing, meals and local transportation.



As you plan your fall and spring evangelistic events, plan to use the Across West Virginia materials. We have tracts and plastic bags you can use. Need some material? Call us---we may be able to help. Need an idea? Call us. Need some manpower? It never hurts to ask.

Now is the time to request summer teams from Florida and summer missionaries from the North American Mission Board.

EAST WILLIAMSON BAPTIST ASSISTS NEIBERT

For a second year the East Williamson Baptist Church assisted Neibert Baptist Church with Vacation Bible School. The pictures show some who helped. The partnership has been a great blessing to both churches.



The West Virginia Southern Baptist

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**JANUARY 20-21, 2012
NAZARENE CAMP
SUMMERSVILLE**

THE JASON LOVINS BAND

JACOB ATCHLEY, SPEAKER

THE SKIT GUYS---check out their web site

EVANGELISM TRAINING

TESTIMONIES

T-SHIRT---TEEN PRAISE TEAMS

JONATHAN KIRK---ILLUSIONIST

PRIZES---GIFTS-----and probably some weird stuff

\$10 by Nov. 22 registration \$15--Nov. 22-December 16 \$20 after Dec. 16

more information coming in the mail or on the website www.wvcsb.org

Live With Urgency!

Acts 1:9-11

West Virginia Prayer Focus

Your state convention staff meets each working day for a brief time of prayer. We pray for missionaries, campuses, associations, churches, and church plants by name each day. We invite our readers to pray as well.

Focus beginning now and going through 2012— we are asking each church and every member to pray on the 2nd of each month specifically.

Luke 10:2 “ He told them: “the harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

- Pray that the Lord raise up God called men to start new churches in West Virginia
- Pray that we will submit ourselves as His faithful servants and witnesses
- Pray that we will sense the urgency of telling others about Jesus
- Pray that we will see that the harvest is abundant!
- Pray that we see more men and women answer the call to follow Jesus as pastors, evangelists, and missionaries
- Pray that our existing churches will continue to grow strong and healthy in the Lord
- Adopt a city or town in your county and pray the harvest would come
- Pray for the peoples of East Asia to know Jesus as Lord and Savior
- Adopt one neighborhood and pray that the love of Jesus Christ will be evident in every home.
- Pray that the Lord raise up God called men to start new churches in West Virginia



West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, One Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560. For more information, please contact Delton Beall, State Director of Missions at 304-757-0944 ext. 105

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Association</u> | <u>Campus</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Church Plant</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Oct. 10 | Mountain State | WVU Morgantown | New Beginnings, Pt. Pleasant | Crossroads, Burnsville |
| Oct. 11 | Pioneer | Bluefield State | New Covenant, Logan | Faith, Winfield |
| Oct. 12 | Potomac Highland | Charleston Area | New Creek | Faith Community, Wheeling |
| Oct. 13 | Tri-County | Concord Univ. | New Day, Fort Ashby | Freedom Biker Church |
| Oct. 14 | Upper Ohio Valley | Marshall Univ. | New Hope Comm., Rock Cave | Friendly |
| Oct. 17 | Allegheny | Mt. State Univ. | New Hope, Madison | Gateway, Peytona |
| Oct. 18 | Coalfields | WVU Morgantown | New Hope Tabernacle, Union | Grace, Pleasant Valley |
| Oct. 19 | Greater Huntington | Bluefield State | New Life, Cowen | Harbor Light, Steubenville |
| Oct. 20 | Immanuel | Charleston Area | New Life, Weston | HarborLight, Oceana |
| Oct. 21 | Monongahela | Concord Univ. | New Richmond | Hatsal Korean, Martinsburg |
| Oct. 24 | Mountain State | Marshall Univ. | New River, Fayetteville | Hope, Richwood |
| Oct. 25 | Pioneer | Mt. State Univ. | North Charleston | Lighthouse, Follansbee |
| Oct. 26 | Potomac Highland | WVU Morgantown | North Fork, Riverton | Living Hope, Petersburg |
| Oct. 27 | Tri-County | Bluefield State | Northgate, Beckley | Living River |
| Oct. 28 | Upper Ohio Valley | Charleston Area | Old Fields | Marland Heights |
| Oct. 31 | Allegheny | Concord Univ. | Open Door, Colliers | Marshall Community |
| Nov. 1 | Coalfields | Marshall Univ. | Petersburg | Ministry of Salvation |
| Nov. 2 | Greater Huntington | Mt. State Univ. | Peytona | Mountain Ministry Chapel |
| Nov. 3 | Immanuel | WVU Morgantown | Pineville | New Life, Arnoldsburg |
| Nov. 4 | Monongahela | Bluefield State | Pipestem | New Vision, Martinsburg |
| Nov. 7 | Mountain State | Charleston Area | Real Life, Weston | North Jefferson |
| Nov. 8 | Pioneer | Concord Univ. | Redemption Hill, Grafton | Solid Rock, Hundred |
| Nov. 9 | Potomac Highland | Marshall Univ. | Restoration Fellowship, Mt. Nebo | South Wheeling |
| Nov. 10 | Tri-County | Mt. State Univ. | Riverside, Bluefield | SB Community Min., Reedy |
| Nov. 11 | Upper Ohio Valley | WVU Morgantown | Riverview, Wellsburg | Abundant Hope |
| Nov. 14 | Allegheny | Bluefield State | Rowlesburg | Carpendale |
| Nov. 15 | Coalfields | Charleston Area | Ryerson South Wheeling | Centerpointe, Hurricane |
| Nov. 16 | Greater Huntington | Concord Univ. | Second, Keyser | Cherry Grove |
| Nov. 17 | Immanuel | Marshall Univ. | Second, Martinsburg | Chinese Mission |
| Nov. 18 | Monongahela | Mt. State Univ. | Shawnee, Kegley | The Church at Martinsburg |
| Nov. 21 | Mountain State | WVU Morgantown | Shrewsbury | Crossroads, Burnsville |
| Nov. 22 | Pioneer | Bluefield State | Silver Springs, Princeton | Faith, Winfield |
| Nov. 23 | Potomac Highland | Charleston Area | South Berkeley | Faith Community, Wheeling |
| Nov. 28 | Tri-County | Concord Univ. | So Bapt Fellowship, Elizabeth | Freedom Biker Church |
| Nov. 29 | Upper Ohio Valley | Marshall Univ. | So Bapt Fellowship, Summersville | Friendly |
| Nov. 30 | Allegheny | Mt. State Univ. | Southern Bapt., Philippi | Gateway, Peytona |
| Dec. 1 | Coalfields | WVU Morgantown | Southside, Parkersburg | Grace, Pleasant Valley |
| Dec. 2 | Greater Huntington | Bluefield State | Spring Valley Freedom | Harbor Light, Steubenville |

News from West Virginia Churches

MONONGAHELA ASSOCIATION

Calvary Baptist, Belington, was blessed with four professions of faith during Vacation Bible School and three baptisms in August. They passed out popsicles during the parade of the Barbour County fair and had a booth setup so that they could present the gospel message the entire week of the fair. **Jesse Mesa** is the pastor.

Evangel Baptist in Bridgeport celebrated the baptism of three boys, including two of Pastor **Jeff Ramsey's** sons.

Freedom Baptist, Jim Sanders pastor, rejoiced at the baptism of six children in August, including two who were saved at VBS. Family Fun Day was planned for Sept. 25 with a covered dish lunch after church, then lots of games, prizes, & fun activities.

New Life Baptist, Weston, celebrated two salvations, one baptism, and two new members in August. **Dave Riddle** is the pastor.

Southern Baptist in Philippi held a Community Day on August 13. Over one hundred people shared in the activities which included indoor and outdoor games, face painting, free blood pressure checks, free school supplies, and information booths from various community organizations. The church has sent community prayer groups to all the local public schools to pray for the students, teachers and staff in this upcoming school year. They also met to pray for other local community organizations and offices. **John Dixon** is pastor.

August 27 was "Intergalactic Sunday" at **Wayside Baptist** in Buckhannon, as Pastor **Don Knotts** preached about two kinds of aliens in Scripture - those who are aliens to the kingdom of God and believers who are to be aliens and strangers in this world. A Family Fun Day was held afterward with a picnic, games and water slide for the kids. One woman was baptized in August.

MOUNTAIN STATE ASSOCIATION

Fellowship Baptist, Princeton, had a very successful Vacation Bible School this year with 95 in attendance. Dinner was served each night for the children and their parents.

Isaban Baptist celebrated their 62nd Homecoming on September 11 with Pastor **Mason Perry** preaching, and dinner afterwards.

Three Mountain State Baptist Association churches partnered together to provide a Backyard Bible Club for an

underprivileged neighborhood in Bluefield, VA. **Brushfork Baptist Church** (Pastor **Jim Drake**), **Burke Memorial Baptist Church** (Pastor **Kevin Belcher**), and **The Bridge Baptist Church** (Pastor **Tom Carpenter**) came together and provided music, recreation, crafts, a Bible story, a sack lunch and school supplies to several children and their families. Each child and adult who came was presented with the Gospel. Christ was honored and lives were touched.

[two pictures below]



PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Freedom Baptist, where **Jimmy Morton** is pastor, had an exciting and wonderful summer. They had a great turnout for a recent free movie and pizza outreach where they showed the family movie, *Grace Card*. The church was blessed by a recent baptism and another addition to their congregation.

Heritage Baptist Church, Pinch, held a Sunday School organization, information and strategy meeting for their leaders on Saturday, August 27. The workers met from 11 am to about 12:30. Greg Wrigley led the discussion. [below]



Vacation Bible School at **North Charleston Baptist** is typically their largest community outreach, and this year did not disappoint. With hundreds of children attending each night they were blessed with many Gospel opportunities. This year they added off-campus VBS sites at Mill Creek Landing and Orchard Manor housing complexes. During the

closing night of VBS, unchurched parents heard the gospel and nine young people were baptized. This summer the church offered elective classes such as Financial Peace University, The Beloved Disciple, Spiritual Warfare, and Basic Theology. **Matt Shamblin** pastors the church.

Witcher Baptist, Bernard Toppings pastor, hosted their annual Back to School Prayer Walk at Riverside High School on August 14.

TRI-COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South Berkeley Baptist's Youth Pastor **Jordan Pilcher** was licensed as a Minister of the Gospel in August. **Donald Chandler** is pastor.

TriCounty Baptist Association hosted a Sunday School Dinner-Dialog at Hoss' Restaurant in Martinsburg on Tuesday night, August 23. Pastors and Sunday School leaders gathered for fellowship and a time of sharing information, questions, and needs. The use of off-campus small groups received special attention. Greg Wrigley from the state convention office led the discussion. **Gib Shade** is the association Sunday School Director. **Frank Pilcher** is the Association Missionary.

IMMANUEL ASSOCIATION

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Spencer, completed a series of Sunday School/Leadership training classes on Sunday, August 28. The church spread the 7 courses over an 18 month period. Topics included how to teach a class, communication skills, organization and planning, and evangelism. Greg Wrigley, WVCSB office, led the sessions. **Barry Miller, pastor**.

ALLEGHENY ASSOCIATION



From left to right; Ann Bush, Shaun Morrison, Mrs. Carson and **Pastor Ace Sli-gar**

The 'cake' was made by Ann Bush and presented by the Living River Chapel to Mrs. Carson's 2nd grade at Flatwoods Elementary School. We also had a number of backpacks left over from our give

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out party Friday given to the school. Mrs. Carson was the lucky, or blessed, one drawn from all the teachers represented.

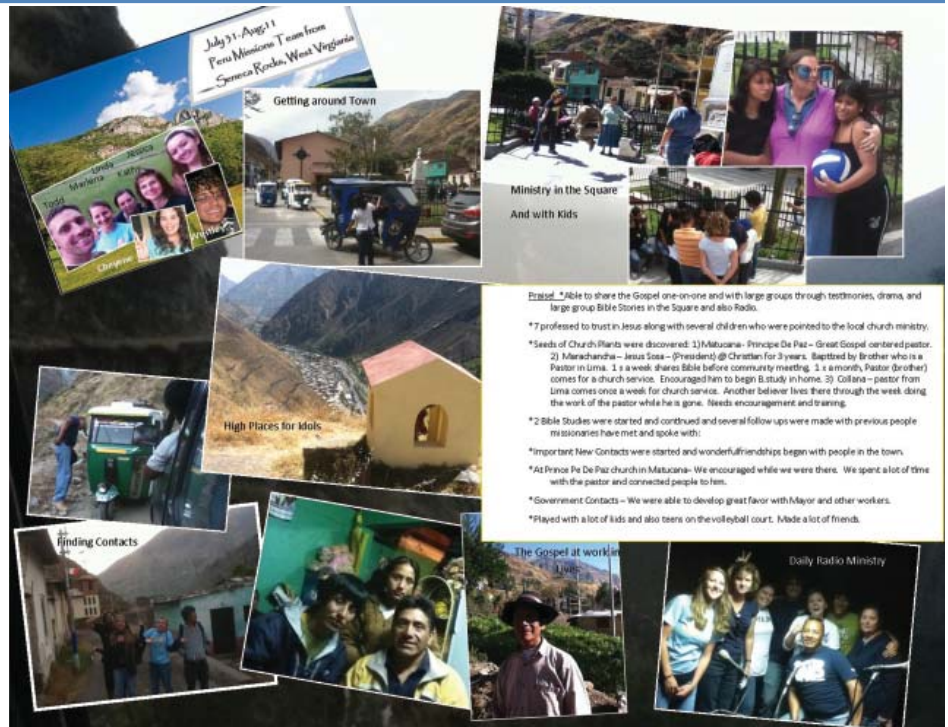
First Baptist Church, Sutton, hosted a mission team in July. The team did a variety of work in the Sutton area, including puppet performances, music, painting, and evangelism. **Greg Carpenter is the Interim Pastor.** [below]



First Baptist Church, Ansted, participated in the town's carnival and celebration. The church and church members participated in a number of ways to help with the annual event. **Warren Gilpin is Pastor.** [next two pictures]



Beaver Creek Baptist Church celebrated Homecoming August 21. The day was marked with testimonies, good music, and good food. The Murdocks provided music. [below] **Gary Eisenman, Pastor.**



On August 7 North Fork Baptist Church members (youth and adult) went to Matucana, Peru, on a Missions Trip with the REAPSouth church partnership strategy to reach an unreached Wanka Quechua people group with the Gospel. [above]

GREATER HUNTINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MOVES OFFICE

At the end of June, Greater Huntington Baptist Association relocated its office from its downtown setting to a room at Westmoreland Baptist Church. About 20 people and several vehicles assisted with the move. The weather was not too warm to carry the desks, chairs, filing cabinets, books and other items. The new office is on the second floor, above the church office. **Doug Virgin, Association Missionary**, was grateful for some young backs and legs to get the office equipment up the stairs.



The new location is not as centrally located as the Fourth Street office was. But the new space does seem to provide a larger office



area, and there are rooms in the church building which could be used for association meetings, which was not an option at the other location. Westmoreland Baptist keeps the association's disaster relief trailer on its property, which makes keeping up with the trailer easier.

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF

COURAGEOUS

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, they are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood.

When tragedy strikes, can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God ... and to their children? Protecting the streets is second nature. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That takes courage.

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HOW CAN A PERSON BE RIGHT WITH GOD?

There are many answers given to this question. The answers usually say people have to do something to make God happy, or to earn God's favor. It is common among most religions to say that people must work in some way to earn their salvation.

But the Bible says salvation is a gift from God. Indeed, man cannot work to earn salvation. In fact, according to the Bible, there is no plan or program or schedule of activity that a person can do to get salvation.

What does a person do? Jesus said the work was to have faith in God. That is, trust Jesus. A person can do nothing for salvation. Jesus did it all. A person needs to trust Jesus.

Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins. Admit to Jesus that you are a sinner, and that you need a Savior, because you cannot save yourself. Confess Him openly and publicly as your Savior and Lord. Commit to follow Him, and obey Him, and so demonstrate faith and trust in Him. Jesus is the only way.



Randy Spurgeon found some "visitors" in the ready room last week. The 3-D archery targets are owned by the Convention and may be used by a church or an association to host an event.

Contact Greg Wrigley at the Convention Office---304-757-0944 xt. 118 or gregwrigley@wvcsb.org



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