

THE WEST VIRGINIA SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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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.

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF LOTTIE MOON

from the International Mission Board web site

Lottie Moon was born Charlotte Diggs Moon, Dec. 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Va.

Lottie rebelled against Christianity until she was in college. In December 1858, she dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Lottie attended Albemarle Female Institute, female counterpart to the University of Virginia. In 1861, she was one of the first women in the South to receive a master's degree.

Lottie stayed close to home during the Civil War but eventually taught school in Kentucky, Georgia and Virginia.

Edmonia Moon, Lottie's sister, was appointed to Tengchow, China, in 1872. The following year, Lottie was appointed and joined her sister there.

Lottie served 39 years as a missionary, mostly in China's Shantung province. She taught in a girls' school and often made trips into China's interior to share the good news with women and girls.

Lottie frequently wrote letters to the United States, detailing Chinese culture, missionary life and the great physical and spiritual needs of the Chinese people. Additionally, she challenged Southern Baptists to go to China or give so that others could go. By 1888, Southern Baptist women had organized and helped collect \$3,315 to send workers needed in China.

Lottie died aboard a ship in the Japanese harbor of Köbe on Dec. 24, 1912. She was 72 years old.

In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after the woman who had urged them to start it.



SOME OF THE 30 FAMILIES FROM WEST VIRGINIA WHO SERVE WITH THE IMB



(above) Richard and Suzanna Hanham.

(right) Brian and Allie McClure.

(below) Henry and Tasha Clary. Tasha spoke at the state convention. The Clary's are home until June 2012.



How much does it cost to support a missionary?

- \$46,700 a year (average)
- \$3,890 a month
- \$900 a week
- \$128 a day
- \$5.30 an hour
- \$.09 a minute

Reported April 2011. Support includes housing, salary, children's education, medical expenses, retirement and more.



WHAT IS THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING?

Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work.

What is the goal for this year's offering?
\$175 million.

What is the 2011 theme? "His heart, His hands, His voice - I am Southern Baptist missions."

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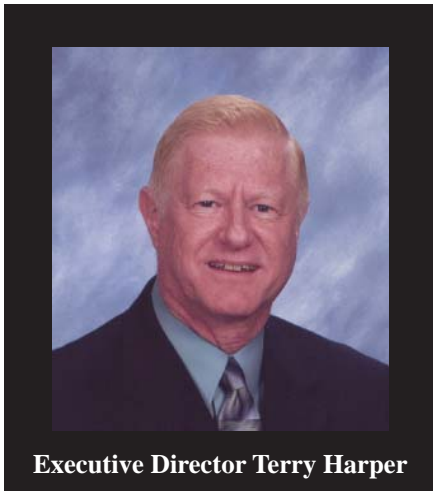
2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

National Goal: \$175 million

Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4 - 11, 2011

Total IMB expenditures 2010 - \$294.2 million

- Overseas missions - \$244.8 million
- Missionary support - \$196.3 million
- Field work - \$48.5 million
- Stateside - \$49.3 million



Executive Director Terry Harper

Dear Friends;

Cheryl and I have just returned from the annual meeting of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, which met in Martinsburg, WV at Westview Baptist Church on November 4-5, 2011. In the years ahead, this meeting will likely be written into the history of our convention. The meeting was historic in a number of ways, primarily because the report of the Strategy Planning Group was presented and adopted by the body.

There were 195 registered messengers to this convention and 18 visitors. That is in contrast to last

From the Executive Director:

years meeting when 134 messengers registered with 51 visitors. Although there was some strong opposition to the adoption of the SPG Report, I will look forward to going forward with all those who wish to do so. I believe that most Southern Baptists in West Virginia desire to see more people come to Christ and be baptized, so the difference was primarily in how to accomplish that. Now that the body has spoken, I hope that we can all join hands and march forward together. I am willing to work with all who desire to work with our state convention and with NAMB. There are a lot of lost people in West Virginia and they need our witness.

Many times when Cheryl and I are traveling in various cities, I have gotten turned around and actually completely lost. When I am lost, I usually don't get picky about who gives me directions. The same is true of a person who is spiritually lost. They really don't care who tells them how to find life. They just want and need new life. Well, we have the hope and the purpose to share but the question is (as the song goes), do we really care? Well, I care and I believe that you do too. Let us be determined to make a huge difference in the lost population of West Virginia. Before I take to the rocking chair, I want to make an impact on lostness in West Virginia, that has not as of yet been made. I must openly confess that to date, I have not had the impact on the number of lost people in West Virginia that I really want to make.

I believe with this new direction, we will be able to do just that.

I know that our former President, Seth Polk feels this way. Further, in talking recently with our new President, Greg Vardell, he said to me that he is "willing to do whatever it takes to see West Virginians saved". That is a powerful statement! I am willing as well. That is my heart's desire. Would you join me and our current leadership and say, "Whatever it takes, O Lord". Let's together see West Virginia come to Christ.

God bless you and your family and I hope and pray that you have a joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

In Christ,
Terry L. Harper
Lead Missionary
(Executive Director-Treasurer)



TASHA CLARY,
IMB missionary to Uruguay and native West Virginian, shared

about her call to ministry and some of the events of her family's first four years on the field. Tasha is married to Henry, and they have three children. She is from Liberty.

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Build the Kingdom:
Missions and Evangelism
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...Fulfilling the Great Commission**



Terry Harper (L) stands with the new officers for the Convention: Greg Varndell, pastor, Fairlawn, Parkersburg, President; Matt Shamblyn, pastor, North Charleston, First Vice-President; Don Knotts, pastor, Wayside, Buckhannon, Second Vice-President; Helen Mellquist, First Southern, Fairmont, Recording Secretary.



Ken Lake, pastor, Rowlesburg Baptist Church, presented to Terry Harper a sash of gratitude for arranging the tuition free education agreement with Liberty University for pastors and youth pastors.



The North Greenville University's "Joyful Sound" provided special music for the meetings.



[above] Twenty-eight people gathered for a Sunday School fellowship luncheon. Ideas were shared and resources were given away.



About a dozen people interested in learning more about the East Asia partnership gathered for breakfast on Saturday morning.



Your convention staff wishes for you the merriest of Christmases and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

[back row, left to right] Susan Carpenter, Linda Gillispie, Terrie Hannah, Michelle Harris, Kim Koletka, Aimee Scalf

[front row, left to right] Randy Spurgeon, Delton Beall, Terry Harper, Michel Boyer, Greg Wrigley

WVCSB Calendar

December

- 4-11 - Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering
- 25 - Christmas
(Office Closed 12/26-1/2)

January

- 2-6 - January Bible Study
- 6-7 - Staff/Associational Update
- 14 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg
- 15 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 20-21 - Youth Evangelism Conference
- 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

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
- 16-17 - WMU Officers' Council
- 16-17 - Marriage Enrichment Retreat
- 30-31 - Ministers' Wives Retreat

April

- 6 - Good Friday
(Office Closed)
- 8 - Easter
- 14 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg
- 21 - Youth Sing Celebration
- 21 - Sunday School Builders
- 22 - Cooperative Program Sunday
- 27-28 - WMU Missions Celebration

July-September, 2011 Gifts from WV Churches

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Allegheny</i>						
Ansted	0.00	436.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	436.82
Beaver Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Bolair	196.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	196.90
Calvary, Meadow Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crossroads, Burnsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel, Lewisburg	3,108.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,108.32
Evangel, Fayetteville	203.49	0.00	0.00	81.00	0.00	284.49
Faith, Rupert	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Craigsville	2,833.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,833.46
First, Fairlea	14,351.03	600.00	500.00	228.00	1,471.15	17,150.18
First, Huntersville	930.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	930.13
First So., Sutton	814.42	0.00	0.00	57.00	0.00	871.42
Graydon	922.24	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	1,122.24
Hebron	258.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	258.25
Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Light House	100.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.73
Little Birch	178.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	178.54
Living River	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lochgelly	124.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	124.00
Nettie	131.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.14
New Life, Cowen	415.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	415.32
New River	589.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	589.90
Restoration	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
So Baptist, Summersville	4,685.75	0.00	0.00	333.00	0.00	5,018.75
Trinity, Buckeye	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Westview	133.74	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	233.74
White Sulphur Springs	1,367.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,367.57
Totals	32,044.93	1,036.82	500.00	999.00	1,471.15	36,051.90

<i>Immanuel</i>						
Brooksville	1,446.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,446.03
Calvary, Ravenswood	1,022.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,022.24
Camden Flats	1,643.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,643.42
Community, Grantsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairlawn, Parkersburg	6,364.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,364.75
Faith, Mason	2,497.78	139.13	365.41	458.00	0.00	3,460.32
Faith, West Union	865.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	865.90
Faith, Weston	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace, Parkersburg	11,415.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,415.52
Harmony	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jackson Avenue	1,281.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	1,481.00
Mineral Wells	714.40	0.00	0.00	783.00	0.00	1,497.40
New Beginnings	292.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	292.79
New Life Fellowship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
So Bapt Comm Min	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
So Baptist, Elizabeth	1,651.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,651.00
Southside	2,643.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,643.00
Victory, Belmont	438.00	92.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	530.00
West Ripley	483.73	0.00	0.00	4.00	29.00	516.73
Williams Creek	3,120.37	410.00	724.07	0.00	0.00	4,254.44
Zoar, St. Marys	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	35,879.93	641.13	1,089.48	1,445.00	29.00	39,084.54

<i>Tri-County</i>						
Baker Heights	894.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	894.64
Emmanuel, Great Cacapon	400.09	0.00	0.00	280.00	0.00	680.09
Hatsal Korean	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hedgesville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mountain View	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
New Vision	263.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	263.71
Second, Martinsburg	1,801.61	38.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,839.61
South Berkeley	2,874.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,874.00
The Church at Martinsburg	5,427.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,427.40
Westview	7,966.32	20.00	0.00	50.00	257.65	8,293.97
Totals	20,077.77	58.00	0.00	330.00	257.65	20,723.42

GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW

HE LOVES YOU. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [John 3:16]

MAN IS SINFUL AND SEPARATED FROM GOD. As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one. [Romans 3:10] For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. [Romans 3:23]

JESUS IS GOD'S ONLY PROVISION FOR SIN. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. [Isaiah 53:5] For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Romans 6:23]

WE MUST RECEIVE JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. [Romans 10:13]

THE DECISION IS NOW YOURS. And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart. [Jeremiah 29:13]

Admit to God that you have sinned and have been wrong to Him. Believe that Jesus is God's Son, and that He died on the cross for you. Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and commit your life to Him.



MATT and CYNDI MAXSON are also from West Virginia. You support them and their family in the work. They were able to be with us at camp this past July. They did a great job telling the campers about their work.



Seen it? It is not too late! Don't miss this opportunity.

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 to 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.

Southwestern will pay for the roundtrip transportation of preachers to and from the revival locations. Churches provide housing, meals and local transportation.

To sign your church up, visit www.swbts.edu/rtn.



White Sulphur Springs Baptist Church welcomed **Rev. Randy Gilliam** as their new pastor on August 21, 2011. Randy and his wife, Della, will relocate to White Sulphur Springs from Johnson City, TN.

After the morning worship service, Rev. Randy Gilliam baptized a girl. She became the newest member of our church which makes nine this year.

That afternoon, a church picnic was held at Hart’s Run and everyone enjoyed good food, fellowship and special singing by Rev. Lewis Brooks and The Woodrum’s, and several members of our church. We give God praise for all he does for us.

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Monongahela</i>						
Berean	228.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.59
Calvary, Belington	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Grafton	1,573.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,573.94
Calvary, Morgantown	2,948.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,948.83
Canaan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity, Wyatt	1,840.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,840.54
Church of the Good Shepherd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangel, Bridgeport	950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	950.00
Faith, Dailey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First So., Fairmont	781.33	0.00	0.00	515.00	0.00	1,296.33
Freedom, Nutter Fort	6,641.25	0.00	0.00	1,757.97	0.00	8,399.22
Grace Fellowship, Wana	286.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	286.60
Kingwood	742.00	0.00	0.00	160.00	0.00	902.00
Mountaineer	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
New Creek	248.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	248.80
New Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life, Weston	946.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	946.95
Real Life	446.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	446.57
Redemption Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rowlesburg	80.00	82.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	162.00
Southern, Philippi	1,017.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,017.66
Twin Lakes	181.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	181.35
Wayside, Buckhannon	1,046.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,046.53
Totals	19,995.94	82.00	0.00	2,432.97	0.00	22,510.91
<i>Mountain State</i>						
Blackwolf	133.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.00
Bluewell	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brenton	176.40	0.00	0.00	176.40	0.00	352.80
Brushfork	1,020.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.63
Burke Memorial	3,482.84	0.00	0.00	770.00	0.00	4,252.84
Calvary, Bluefield	227.34	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	257.34
Calvary, War	752.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	752.82
Ceres	209.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	209.82
Covenant, Princeton	525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525.00
Cumberland Heights	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	683.00	0.00	2,933.00
East End	4,323.64	0.00	0.00	1,354.00	0.00	5,677.64
Edgemont	3,855.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	3,930.00
Fellowship, Princeton	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
First, Bluewell	356.70	0.00	0.00	636.00	0.00	992.70
First, Hinton	758.98	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	848.98
First, Princeton	6,352.63	0.00	5.00	0.50	0.00	6,358.13
First So., Nemours	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First So., Grandview	595.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	595.21
Freedom, Beckley	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Glade Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace, Fayetteville	2,353.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,353.00
Immanuel, Princeton	9,340.04	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	9,350.04
Isaban	782.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	782.86
Lilly Grove	1,265.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,265.00
Lorton Lick	1,651.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	146.98	1,797.98
Memorial	9,162.99	2,020.00	990.00	12.50	0.00	12,185.49
Mt. Calvary	477.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	477.06
Mt. Hermon	953.79	50.00	105.00	70.00	0.00	1,178.79
Nehemiah	175.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00
New Hope, Union	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northgate	610.99	0.00	610.99	0.00	305.49	1,527.47
Pineville	1,284.15	0.00	0.00	147.50	0.00	1,431.65
Pipestem	799.02	0.00	0.00	35.00	0.00	834.02
Riverside	295.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	595.00
Shawnee	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Silver Springs	1,955.25	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	2,255.25
Sun Valley	769.30	0.00	0.00	55.00	0.00	824.30
The Bridge	56.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.00
Willowbrook	1,136.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,136.00
Totals	59,011.46	2,260.00	1,710.99	4,654.90	452.47	68,089.82

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Greater Huntington</i>						
Abundant Hope	170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.00
Altizer	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Calvary, Chapmanville	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Chinese Mission	186.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.16
Eastwood	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
First, Ceredo	9,957.00	0.00	0.00	1,026.60	0.00	10,983.60
First, Kenova	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Freedom Biker Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace, Branchland	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Hamlin	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00
Highlawn	219.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.10
Lincoln	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Locust Grove	1,040.49	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	2,540.49
Spring Valley Freedom	367.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	367.00
Twentieth Street	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Westmoreland	4,669.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,669.56
Totals	20,884.31	0.00	0.00	2,526.60	0.00	23,410.91
<i>Non-Association</i>						
Berkeley	2,087.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,087.69
Crosspoint	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Freedom Fellowship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jordan Christian Fellowship	410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	410.00
New Richmond Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	2,067.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,067.15
Riverview Chapel	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Totals	4,789.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,789.84
<i>Pioneer</i>						
Cathedral of Prayer	1,527.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,527.51
Centerpoint	598.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	598.00
Cross Lanes	22,758.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,758.85
Fairlawn, Dunbar	979.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	979.63
Faith, Winfield	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Chelyan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Freedom, Charleston	697.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	697.27
Good Shepherd	15,618.31	0.00	0.00	3,665.35	0.00	19,283.66
Heritage	2,332.11	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,832.11
Lighthouse, Hurricane	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malden	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
North Charleston	3,031.83	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	3,051.83
Shrewsbury	247.22	0.00	0.00	160.90	0.00	408.12
The Crossing, St. Albans	3,362.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,362.49
West Charleston	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Witcher	2,999.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,999.66
Totals	54,452.88	0.00	0.00	4,346.25	0.00	58,799.13
<i>Potomac Highland</i>						
Amazing Grace	290.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	290.44
Canaan Valley	615.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	615.93
Carpendale	257.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	257.70
Cherry Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covenant, Romney	2,069.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,069.57
Danville Community	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
First, Burlington	2,062.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,062.23
First, Brandywine	631.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	631.00
First, Fort Ashby	1,879.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,879.29
Foxes Hollow	204.57	0.00	46.00	0.00	0.00	250.57
Knobley Road	579.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	579.00
Living Hope	795.20	0.00	0.00	235.00	0.00	1,030.20
Mountain Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Day	2,272.00	0.00	0.00	580.00	0.00	2,852.00
North Fork	637.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	331.51	968.51
Old Fields	1,196.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,196.76
Petersburg So.	182.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	182.02
P. H. Baptist Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00	360.00
Second, Keyser	1,119.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	738.71	1,857.94
Valley	1,058.40	0.00	0.00	160.00	0.00	1,218.40
Wayside, Franklin	1,922.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,922.65
Zoar, Augusta	610.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	610.40
Totals	18,983.39	0.00	46.00	975.00	1,430.22	21,434.61

STATE CONVENTION NEWS

The Strategy Planning Group presented their report on Friday afternoon. The report had been mailed to the churches and also put on the web site for people to examine. A motion from the floor in order to add 30 minutes of discussion prior to the vote being taken Friday night, passed.

A motion to vote on the six recommendations in the report separately, failed (87 to 86). Most of the votes taken were made by ballot because they were too close to call by show of ballots.

Discussion concerning the Report was decent and in order, yet passionate and sometimes emotional. The final vote in favor of the Report was 106 to 71.

Greg Varndell, pastor, Fairlawn, Parkersburg, was elected President of the Convention, 88 to 81, over David Dockery, pastor, FBC Princeton. Matt Shambelin, pastor, North Charleston, was elected First Vice-President over Dennis Cherry, association missionary, Allegheny Association, 102 to 73. Second Vice-President was voted to Don Knotts, pastor, Wayside, Buckhannon, 98 to 56, over Jack Miller, pastor, West Ripley.

Six of seven resolutions were passed by the Convention. The full text of the resolutions may be seen on the www.wvcsb.org web site. Two resolutions thanked the Convention staff and the people of Westview Baptist Church for hosting the meeting.

Another resolution recognized the invaluable work missionaries supported by NAMB had done in West Virginia and called upon NAMB to keep funding them.

A fourth resolution affirmed the need to start new churches and to stay focused on evangelism according to the Across West Virginia strategy. Churches need to use available resources to stay healthy in order to stay focused on God's plan.

Another resolution gave praise for the superb work of the military and offered condolences to the many families who have experienced grief as a result of their loved one's service.

The sixth resolution to pass encouraged people to pray for the peace of Israel, for our government to work for the peace of Israel, and for the nations of Israel and Palestine to work for peace in the Middle East.-----*The Editor*

GET READY FOR JANUARY BIBLE STUDY!

WHAT IS THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING?

Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work.

What planning materials are available to help church leaders prepare for the offering?

- The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering planning guide for missions leaders offers presentations helps, success stories, resources and Web links to more resources to help you lead a successful missions emphasis, including products available to order.
- The pastor's planning guide offers sermon helps, success stories, resources and Web links to other helpful resources.
- Leader guides for students and children are available offering resources and stories for these specific audiences.

All four guides include a DVD-ROM with preview and presentation format video features on the DVD side and downloadable video, promotional art, photos and more on the ROM side. The guides are conveniently bundled together in a media kit that will be sent to churches for distribution to the appropriate leaders. Churches will receive the guides by mid-September.

Does the IMB have offering resources for youth and children?

Yes. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2011 Media Kit includes leader's guides for students and children. The guides include DVD-ROM with age-appropriate video stories and downloads. More resources can be found on thetask.org/lot-tie and imb.org/childrensresources.

What materials can I order for my congregation?

FREE resources for your church to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering include

- The 2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Media Kit described above
- Extra pastor, missions leader, student leader and children's leader guides with DVD-ROM
- Commission Stories tabloid, winter edition
- Living Letter fliers, LMCO edition

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Coalfields</i>						
Big Spring	363.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	363.13
Borderland	1,171.45	215.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,386.45
Bradshaw Mountain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chattaroy	1,331.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,331.92
East Williamson	3,772.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	3,907.00
Ferrellsburg	259.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	259.74
Gateway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gilbert Creek	239.92	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	539.92
Gordon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HarborLight	675.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	675.25
Horsepen	1,296.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,296.00
Living Stone	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Neibert	175.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.66
New Covenant	350.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.16
New Hope, Madison	204.60	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	304.60
Peytona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wharton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	9,914.83	215.00	0.00	535.00	0.00	10,664.83
<i>Upper Ohio Valley</i>						
Abundant Life	2,926.12	371.15	60.00	0.00	375.00	3,732.27
Avondale	255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	255.00
Calvary, Follansbee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cameron	2,641.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,641.00
Emmanuel, St. Clairsville	929.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	929.81
Evangel, Weirton	218.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	218.34
Faith Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Chester	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Friendly	682.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	682.00
Harbor Light, Steubenville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immanuel, New Martinsville	1,428.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,428.00
Indian Creek	251.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	251.00
Lighthouse, Follansbee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marland Heights	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open Door	1,693.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,693.97
Ryerson	1,215.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,215.41
Solid Rock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Wheeling	105.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.79
Temple, Moundsville	1,096.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,096.92
U.O.V. Assoc.	1,487.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,487.00
Totals	14,930.36	371.15	60.00	0.00	375.00	15,736.51
Grand Totals	\$290,965.64	\$4,664.10	\$3,406.47	\$18,244.72	\$4,015.49	\$321,296.42

Week of Prayer for International Missions

The Week of Prayer, Dec. 4-11, encourages churches to pray daily for the international missions work and missionaries the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports.

Who is featured during the Week of Prayer?

This year Southern Baptists will celebrate how God is working in cities around the world. Each Week of Prayer feature illustrates how missionaries are His heart, His hands, His voice.

How do churches obtain Week of Prayer resources?

Your Woman's Missionary Union state office distributes free Week of Prayer guides and posters. Churches should receive their quantities by Nov. 1.

How can I get the study?

Kits, pupil materials and teacher's guides are available from WMU or from LifeWay.

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2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

National Goal: \$175 million

Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4 - 11, 2011

Fast Facts
International Mission Board
vital stats

- 4,952 missionaries (as of May 2011)
 - 29,237 new churches*
 - 360,876 baptisms*
 - 505,297 new believers in discipleship*
- *As reported in the 2010 Annual Statistical Report

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.

New Work: Prayer. While prayer is not new, start a new prayer work. Make a map of your community and systematically begin praying up and down the different areas as to where God may want to start a new work, and let it begin with you.

Church Planting: As church planting becomes more and more a targeted focus across North America, we need all be in prayer as to how our churches can be involved. There are many great resources and avenues of discovery, www.namb.net.

Scripture Promise: "Look to the nations and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5

Ministry Focus: The Chinese Mission in Huntington, WV is part of Highlawn Baptist Church. For many years they have been praying for a pastor to lead the internationals that are a part of the ministry. God has provided! Continue to pray for the Chinese Mission to reach internationals coming to Huntington for work, education and life. Impacting the world, one person at a time.

Weekend Focus: The Holidays are a natural opportunity to engage others with the wonderful news of our Lord and Savior. Spend some time sharing the Good News. Some ideas might be: host a holiday open house, bake cookies for neighbors, take cards to the service people in your area...all in the name and love of Jesus.

Resource: LifeWay Christian Resources has a host of online resources, articles and materials to uplift, encourage and equip your church. www.Lifeway.com.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Church Plant</u>
Dec 1	Coalfields	WVU Morgantown	Southside, Parkersburg	Grace, Pleasant Valley
Dec. 2	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Spring Valley Freedom	Harbor Light, Steubenville
Dec. 5	Immanuel	Charleston Area	Sun Valley, Athens	HarborLight, Oceana
Dec. 6	Monongahela	Concord Univ.	Temple, Moundsville	Hatsal Korean, Martinsburg
Dec. 7	Mountain State	Marshall Univ.	Trinity, Buckeye	Hope, Richwood
Dec. 8	Pioneer	Mt. State Univ.	Twentieth Street, Kenova	Lighthouse, Follansbee
Dec. 9	Potomac Highland	WVU Morgantown	Valley, Mathias	Living Hope, Petersburg
Dec. 12	Tri-County	Bluefield State	Victory, Belmont	Living River
Dec. 13	Upper Ohio Valley	Charleston Area	Wayside, Buckhannon	Marland Heights
Dec. 14	Allegheny	Concord Univ.	Wayside, Franklin	Marshall Community
Dec. 15	Coalfields	Marshall Univ.	West Charleston	Ministry of Salvation
Dec. 16	Greater Huntington	Mt. State Univ.	West Ripley	Mountain Ministry Chapel
Dec. 19	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	Westmoreland	New Life, Arnoldsburg
Dec. 20	Monongahela	Bluefield State	Westview, Caesars Mountain	New Vision, Martinsburg
Dec. 21	Mountain State	Charleston Area	Westview, Martinsburg	North Jefferson
Dec. 22	Pioneer	Concord Univ.	Wharton	Solid Rock, Hundred
Dec. 23	Potomac Highland	Marshall Univ.	White Sulphur Springs	South Wheeling
Jan. 3	Tri-County	Mt. State Univ.	Williams Creek	SB Community Min., Reedy
Jan. 4	Upper Ohio Valley	WVU Morgantown	Willowbrook, Princeton	Abundant Hope
Jan. 5	Allegheny	Bluefield State	Witcher	Carpendale
Jan. 6	Coalfields	Charleston Area	Zoar, Burlington	Centerpointe, Hurricane

ANSWERED PRAYER!

Pastor Paul Noh was ordained into the ministry at Highlawn Baptist Church on Sunday, October 16, during the morning worship service. Paul is now the Pastor of the **Chinese Christian Fellowship** in Huntington, WV. He writes:

"My Korean name is Sung Cheun Noh. The Chinese call me Lu mushi (Pastor Lu). In English, I go by Paul. I have been married to my wife, Yu Jin, for ten years. We have two boys that are nine and seven years old, Howard and Jason.

I have a Th.M. and M.A. from Korean Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea and Chinese Evangelical Seminary in Taipei, Taiwan. Currently, I am studying as a Ph.D. student in Intercultural Studies at Asbury Seminary outside of Lexington, KY.

God has called me as his servant for the Chinese people. I love serving the Chinese in the Huntington and Charleston areas. In the future, I hope to serve Chinese ministers and seminarians with theological education."



News from West Virginia Churches

ALLEGHENY ASSOCIATION

After several months of work, the renovation of the worship area, foyer, and restroom at **First Baptist Church in Craigsville** has been completed. The Renovation Committee and many other volunteers worked diligently to create a worship/teaching area that is both functional and honoring to God. **David Sommerville** is the pastor.

GREATER HUNTINGTON ASSOC.

Abundant Hope Baptist participated in the Barboursville Fall Parade and Festival. From their booth at the Festival they distributed Bibles and church information and did face painting. **Paul Harris** pastors the church.

First Baptist of Ceredo, Rodney Hale pastor, recently experienced *Five Days Ablazed!* Each service, Sunday through Thursday, featured a different preacher: John Freeman, Cledith Campbell, C.J. Adkins, Paul Harris, Pat Elliott, and Randall Robertson, all pastors from the Greater Huntington Association, along with the choirs from most of their churches. A dessert fellowship was held after each evening service.

The **Chinese Fellowship** ordained their pastor **Paul Noh** at a joint worship service of the English speaking and Chinese congregations. Dr. Jeremy Sin, living in Atlanta and serving with NAMB, brought the charge to the churches.

Eastwood Baptist held a dedication service for their newly remodeled sanctuary. A new ministry has begun for 10-14 year olds, called *Double Digits*. Plans are being made for an over-50 ministry as well. **Brady Lipscomb** is the pastor.

Hamlin Baptist's student ministry UNDERGROUND recently celebrated its one year "birthday". During that year twenty-four teens have been saved and sixteen teens baptized. There have been 140 different students visit UG at least once and the average weekly attendance has been thirty-five. **James Caldwell** pastors the church.

Locust Grove Baptist Church, where **Randall Robertson** is pastor, helped member **Mammie Perdue** celebrate her 103rd birthday, along with her family and friends. Happy Birthday!

IMMANUEL ASSOCIATION

The youth group at **Jackson Avenue Baptist** held their Muddy Bottom Race at the home of Pastor **Joe and Susie Nott**. The youth and young at heart had a wonderful time going over, under, around, and through the obstacle course,

getting very muddy in the process. During a three-day retreat this summer the youth worked on several projects at the Association's Son Valley Camp. The projects included making and installing a sign for the camp, planting flowers, installing drain pipes, and constructing a devotional fire ring complete with six benches.

In 1994, a building was constructed by several mission teams for the **Southside Baptist Church**, under former pastor Sturgil Vincent. It was used for Sunday School space, a kitchen, bathroom and sanctuary. As they grew, a small addition was added under the leadership of Pastor **Paul Drake**. Following the purchase of additional property and completion of a new fellowship hall and kitchen, they have completed the expansion of their sanctuary. --*The Communicator, Immanuel Baptist Association*

The youth and Children-In-Action groups from **Faith Baptist** in Mason conducted prayer activities on the grounds of local schools on September 28. The youth, under the leadership of **Scott and Shari Kebler** prayed on the Wahama High School campus, as did the C.I.A., under the leadership of **Terry Branch**, at the elementary school in New Haven. **Gary Fields** and the Men's Fellowship conducted a church bike ride on October 2 on the Athens, Ohio, bike path. **Ron Branch** pastors the church.

MONONGAHELA ASSOCIATION

Church of the Good Shepherd served homemade cookies and hot chocolate to parade goers during the Apple Butter Festival. **Sonny Palmer** is pastor.

The Bridge, a new church plant in Jane Lew, had forty-five people at its first public service in September, including ten people from the community.

MOUNTAIN STATE ASSOC.

Edgemont Baptist Church in Bluefield has welcomed Interim Pastor **Hugh Cole** and his wife **Mary Lou**. The church held a carry-in meal to formally welcome the Coles.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION

The folks at **Good Shepherd Baptist** in Scott Depot, where **Kenny Stidham** is pastor, are enjoying their recently completed Family Life Center. The building, which houses classroom space, a meeting room, kitchen and gym, was dedicated in September. The day of celebration included the annual church picnic. A Pastor Appreciation Dinner was held in the space in October. A Family

Fun Fest on October 31 closed out the month's activities. Kids dressed as their favorite Bible hero or super hero. Games, inflatables, food, and of course lots and lots of candy contributed to a great evening of fun for all ages.

TRI-COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Emmanuel Baptist in Great Cacapon, **Larry Tomlinson** pastor, has completed the installation of a new church steeple and cross, thanks to the generosity of some of God's servants. A group from the church handed out tracts at the Martinsburg Airshow and at the Berkeley Springs Apple Butter Festival. Emmanuel's teens had a very good conversation with a group of teens that wanted to know about Christianity. Some of these teens considered themselves atheists and Wiccan, but listened as the Emmanuel group challenged them with their beliefs.

Second Southern Baptist Church in Martinsburg, in conjunction with Sisters United, sponsored a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for local cancer patients. The church held an Extreme Couponing Workshop in October. **Brian Persinger** is the pastor.

Total IMB expenditures 2008 - \$318.9 million

- Overseas missions - \$266.6 million
- Missionary support - \$219.8 million
- Field work - \$46.8 million
- Stateside - \$52.3 million

Total IMB expenditures 2009 - \$306.8 million

- Overseas missions - \$255.4 million
- Missionary support - \$221.9 million
- Field work - \$33.5 million
- Stateside - \$51.4 million

If you or your church leaders want a 2012 Diary, contact Terrie Hannah at 800-411-5758 xt 115, or terriehannah@wvcsb.org



Plan now for spring, Easter, and summer evangelistic events. NAMB may have money to help support your event.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

A church in Alaska is seeking a Mission Pastor who can serve part-time or volunteer in a small community in Western Alaska, a one hour air flight from Anchorage. The pastor must have a loving shepherd mindset and be able to understand remote Alaska with a focus on family ministries, relational evangelism, developing mission work beyond the community, and a commitment to serve for a minimum of two years. Send your resume to: Mission Pastor Search Team, First Baptist Church, 900 Leatherleaf Loop, Wasilla, AK 99654 or email to firstbaptist@gci.net.

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**2011 Bridge Day
 at the New River Gorge**

This year was a real success with over 500 individuals coming through the Baby Comfort and Sit a Spell area. Arlene and



I were the only ones there this year but we were able to interact with those who dropped by. We had great opportunities to share the love of God with those who came to Bridge Day.



We are in need of help as this ministry grows. This year we not only set up the Baby Comfort station where mothers

could feed and change their baby's diapers, we also had a Sit a Spell area with 25 chairs set up. It is the only area where people can sit down in chairs.

In addition, five hand sanitizer stands were set up near the tents. Four gallons were used by the attendees! Information was posted about the WVCSB convention and the Mountaineer Mission.

Mark Joseph, Pastor, Canaan Valley Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, Brandywine, had 72 children and adults registered for Vacation Bible School. Four children made decisions to follow Jesus. On Monday evening we were privileged to have *Matt and Cyndi Maxson*, native West Virginians, to share about their life and work in the United Kingdom.

The offering taken during the VBS week will be used to purchase lunches for the local elementary children who cannot afford lunches.

Y E C

Youth Evangelism Conference 2012

LIVE WITH URGENCY!

The Jason Lovins Band



The Skit Guys

Tommy Woodard and Eddie James are The Skit Guys. They have been best friends since high school. Think of them as the wise guys in class who had everyone laughing and managed to make a career out of it. They've been teaching God's word using comedy, drama and whatever category talking action figures fit into for over twenty years. www.skitguys.com

Jonathan Kirk has been performing illusions since he was 8 years old. In that time this 22 year old Tennessee native has performed and taught illusions for all ages, both nationally and internationally. He recently graduated North Greenville University with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, concentrating in Theology and Literature, where he studied the importance of the arts in the context of Christianity. www.Messiahsmagic.com



GUEST SPEAKER:
 Jacob Atchley,
 Pastor,
 The Church at
 Martinsburg

PLUS—the youth praise teams from Fairlawn Baptist Church, Parkersburg, and from Hamlin Baptist Church AND testimonies from students involved in ministry AND witness training and helps



January 20-21, 2012
 Nazarene Camp
 Summersville, WV

Acts 1:9-11—“why do you stand gazing into the sky? This Jesus...will come again.”

PRIZES and SURPRISES

February 10-11, 2012

Deacon Training

Lead Like Jesus

Guest Clinician:

Roy Saint

Florida Baptist Convention



Location

WVCSB Office

1 Mission Way

Scott Depot, WV
25560

Cost:

\$10.00 without Lodging

\$50.00 with Lodging

Lunch provided on

Saturday

(wives included in cost)

Registration

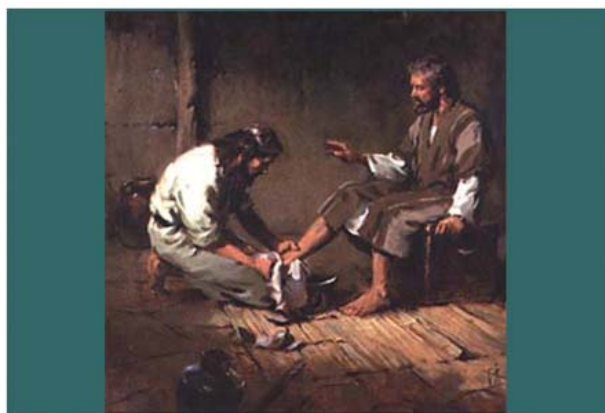
deadline:

January 15, 2012

Checks payable to WVCSB must
accompany registration form.

*Equipping Deacons and their Wives to lead
by serving and serve by leading.*

*"For those who have served well as deacons
obtain for themselves a good standing and
great boldness in the faith which is in Christ
Jesus." 1 Timothy 3:13*



Friday Evening from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



This event is supplemented by WVCSB Cooperative Program Funds.

Measured by Faithfulness

Back in the summer of 2005 Mark and I were so excited by the calling of God on our life and the vision He had given us for Canaan Valley. A life of surrender to the will of Christ, to be on mission, and the privilege we have to serve Him. Before ministering on the field we were told by the staff of WVCSB, Bill Barker (Appalachian Regional Missionary) and a book on West Virginia culture that our area in Canaan would not be easily plowed. It would require great courage and perseverance. I truly believed the Lord had already prepared us back in Kansas and we were ready! I will have to confess that many times since then Mark and I have questioned God and wondered if we were making any difference in the Kingdom. A time or two the thoughts of bailing out looked good, but the Lord, because of His great compassion, would remind us that we are to plant and water. "He is the Lord of the Harvest"! You see, in our flesh we struggle with what I call the numbers game. In this earthly shell we equate numbers as the measurement we base success on when a life led by His spirit is measured by faithfulness. We are His spokespersons and have been given such a great privilege to show the world who He is and the redemptive work He has done for them at the cross. We share by faith and the Lord brings the Harvest!

Mark and I celebrate this week because the harvest has come to Canaan Valley! A woman named Julie, whom we have ministered to in the last three years, accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior last week at our kitchen table. She is the first convert in this resort setting since we came 6 years ago and we are celebrating what the Lord has done! Sunday, November 20th, we met at Big Johns Family Restaurant after church and baptized 4 new believers! I have peace today knowing that even if there is never a church plant (by definition) in this resort setting, by sharing the good news and discipling we have run the race marked for us simply by being faithful to the one who has given us Life, eternal Life!

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