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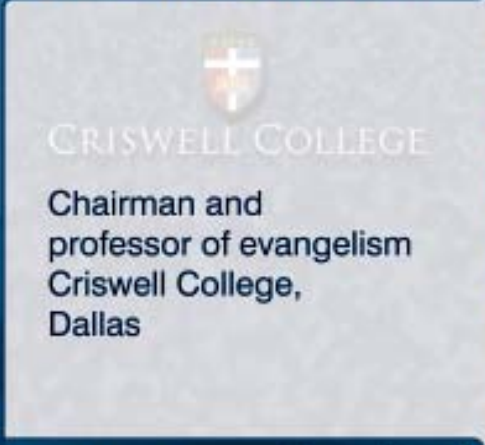
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Letter From Our Executive Director-Treasurer



Terry Harper's Upcoming Speaking Events:

January 15
West Ripley Baptist

January 22
Fairlawn Baptist- Dunbar

January 29
Riverwood Baptist- St. Albans

February 12
Ryerson Baptist

March 5
Charity Baptist- Wyatt

As we approach a new year the Convention Staff and I are excited about the opportunities that are ahead for us. We have begun working to incorporate the initiatives of the Futuring Group into our programming and even into our thinking.

One of the events which we will have as a result of the Futuring Group Report is an Open House at the State Convention office. This will be held in conjunction with the State Evangelism Conference. The Open House will be held on April 6 from 1:30-4:30 PM. If you have never visited our offices, I certainly encourage you to do so and see first hand where we are located and get acquainted with our support staff. If you have been before, then please come and enjoy some light refreshments and renew your friendships with us and the staff.

We desire to build a greater email base of our constituency. We will use this to inform you of upcoming events and issues. If you would like to be added to our email list, please go to our web site and look for the place to click to be added to our data base. If you have not visited our web site lately, please go there and see the additions that have been made. I

think you will be surprised. The address is www.wvcsb.org.

All of our hearts were moved earlier this month over the tragedy at the Sago Coal Mine. We have been in touch with officials there and with our local association to offer our assistance. I want you to know that my office received calls from the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville and also from our partnership state the Florida Baptist Convention, and from Tommy Goode at the Texas Baptist Convention all offering us assistance in this matter. Though there was nothing that we needed, it was so nice to receive these calls and offers of help.

We need to continue to remember these families involved and lift them up to the Lord in prayer.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Evangelism Conference, April 6-7 at Cross Lanes Baptist Church. In the meanwhile, if there is any way that I or any of our staff can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,
Terry L. Harper

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April 6-7, 2006 Evangelism Conference Cross Lanes Baptist Church

Inspirational Speakers:

Dr. Jerry Falwell, pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church and Chancellor, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dr. Alan Streett, Chairman and professor of evangelism, Criswell College, Dallas, Texas

Featured Musicians:

Gospel Harmony Boys

Breakout Training Sessions:

Establishing Evang. Through Prayer; Methods and Techniques of Personal Evang.; Evang. Through Disaster Relief; Reaching Today's Students; Sharing Christ With Children; Collegiate Evang.; Evang. Through Media; Evang. Through the Sunday School; Baptism, Can it be Recovered?; Cleveland Hope.

Giving Patterns in WV

Since your final 2004 mission gifts may not have arrived here until the first week of 2005, and since your final 2005 check may not have reached Scott Depot by the December 30 cutoff, your treasurer's reported total gifts may not agree with the figures you see printed on pages 5-8. If you are unable to figure out why certain differences exist between these printed reports and your church treasurer's reports, please call Kay Boyd or Linda Gillispie at 1.800.411.5758 to seek clarification or to identify any errors.

This edition includes four pages of financial reports that list total 2005 mission gifts received in the Scott Depot offices of the WVCSB by December 30. The reports reflect gifts to missions beyond local church fields.

While financial gifts do not show the total picture of any church's world missions ministry, they are significant measures of Christian stewardship. Expenditures of time and money to local missions are not shown in the financial reports in this edition. Annual Church Profiles and interviews with locals leaders could fill in additional parts of a local church's missions ministry story.

Since factors like those mentioned in paragraph one contribute to the exactness of published annual figures, comparisons with a previous year are not perfect. However, they can be accurate and informative. With those assumptions in mind, this article will try to provide some analysis of WV giving patterns.

Total gifts to all categories of missions increased \$37,463 in 2005. How do we feel about that?

On one hand, we feel gratitude for increased giving. On the other hand, the figure represents an increase of only \$1.50 per year per resident member (or three cents per week) that left the local church field and made its way onto the mission field. The Cooperative Program, Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, Ola Cox and World Hunger figures are all included in that \$1.50 per member per year increase.

Gifts channeled to world missions through the Cooperative Program category increased \$37,510. Since the increase to the CP is greater than the increase for all missions categories combined, the reader has likely concluded that special offerings were down in 2005. In fact, some were and some were not.

The special offering for North American missions was down \$5,521. Special gifts for international missions were up by \$21,146.

Gifts to WV missions via the Ola Cox offering were down \$9,715. Gifts for World Hunger were down \$5,957. The result was a \$47 decrease in 2005 giving to all special offerings.

The picture takes on additional dimensions when inflation is considered. Annual inflation was somewhere between 2 and 3 percent in 2005. That means it took approximately 2-3% more to buy the same goods and services in 2005 as you purchased in 2004.

To stay even with the missions buying power of 2004, our 2005 giving needed to increase \$32,105 (2%) to \$48,158 (3%). Our actual increase, \$37,463 represents slightly more than the 2% figure. We did not increase the buying power of our missions gifts. We didn't quite maintain the status quo.

Few who live in West Virginia live under the misguided notion that our state or our churches serve in a healthy economy. It has been tough to make a living here for a long time. The future appears to be much the same.

For those who are missions minded, the important question may be, "What can we do to improve the funding picture for our churches and thus our world missions efforts?"

One thing is certain, to honor God we need to give generously to meet the needs of our local congregation. This assures that the pressing needs of our Jerusalem can be addressed with compassion and funds.

If we are not giving 10% of our income as an undesignated gift through our local church offering, we need to grow in our giving. We need to reach the 10% figure as quickly as possible. Nor should we cap our giving at the 10% level. We should give beyond that percent as God prospers us.

If we give generously, is it not also logical that we should ask our congregation to set aside generous portions of its gifts to missions beyond the local church? Why not seek to grow in this area as well?

If our church gave 10% to world missions via the Cooperative Program channel last year, why not seek to give a greater percentage this year? If we have been giving less than 10%, will we begin increasing our church's giving level by a quarter to a half percent per year?

It doesn't take a huge effort on the part of anyone if everyone shares in the responsibility of giving for missions. Note the following to illustrate this point.

The reported resident membership of WV Southern Baptist Churches as of the Novem-



ber annual meeting was 22,127. Keep in mind that 38 churches had not reported by that time so the figure above could easily top 25 thousand resident members if all statistical reports were included.

Note that the 2005 total gifts from WV churches for all categories of non-local missions was \$1,642,718. Divided equally between the estimated 25,000 resident members in WV, \$65.71 per person per year is making its way outside the local church to state, national, and international missions efforts. That is \$1.26 per person per week, or 18 cents per day.

Another way to look at it is to think of what our portion of the weekly missions giving beyond our local church would have bought us if we had kept it for ourselves. The per person, per week amount leaving our local church field was roughly the cost of a cup of coffee at the local Bob Evans restaurant.

We may want to rethink the amount of our gifts to our local church, the percentages staying in our local missions budget, and the percentages we strive to send beyond our local needs to fund worldwide efforts to spread the Gospel. We can probably do a lot more for God's Kingdom than we currently are.

Should we? Can we? Will we?

God help us to do the best we can with whatever resources he places in our hands. We should all remember that a few loaves and fishes in the hands of Jesus can feed the world!

***Missions
Celebration
hosted by WV WMU
March 17-18, 2006
Fairlawn Baptist Church
Parkersburg West Virginia***

Program begins with registration at 9:30 am March 17

March 18 begins at 9 am and concludes at 3 pm

For: EVERYONE – adults, youth, children and preschoolers

Join us to experience Missions !

Meet missionaries

Enjoy music

Hear Bible studies

Participate in a hands-on-mission

Endowment Dinner Friday evening, \$12.00

(reservations required)

“A Ministry of the Cooperative Program”

January - December, 2005 Gifts From WV Churches

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Allegheny</i>						
Beaver Creek	820.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	820.00
Calvary, Meadow Bridge	2,112.01	542.00	1,015.50	400.00	0.00	4,069.51
Calvary, Webster Springs	747.05	186.25	563.00	140.00	215.18	1,851.48
Emmanuel, Lewisburg	8,686.00	8,352.78	8,352.78	0.00	0.00	25,391.56
Evangel, Hico	841.10	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	891.10
Faith, Rupert	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Craigs ville	10,241.82	1,162.80	1,254.00	0.00	0.00	12,658.62
First, Fairlea	90,067.66	6,621.00	13,995.76	6,448.25	14,646.26	131,778.93
First, Huntersville	8,598.56	767.00	450.00	313.00	0.00	10,128.56
First, Sutton	3,026.08	436.00	358.85	455.00	0.00	4,275.93
Grace, Rainelle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Graydon	2,681.81	128.00	384.00	100.80	0.00	3,294.61
Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jeanette	1,179.41	280.00	0.00	337.00	0.00	1,796.41
Lighthouse Baptist Chapel	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Little Birch	383.03	14.00	8.00	46.00	0.00	451.03
Nettie	300.00	150.00	185.00	115.00	0.00	750.00
New Life, Cowen	823.72	170.00	285.00	200.00	35.00	1,513.72
New River, Fayetteville	858.52	117.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	1,215.52
Restoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
So Baptist, Summersville	12,327.48	876.00	1,483.40	666.00	426.00	15,778.88
Trinity, Buckeye	4,477.36	312.14	374.69	150.00	0.00	5,314.19
West View	224.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	224.00
White Sulphur Springs	6,617.94	534.50	659.23	474.03	0.00	8,285.70
Totals	155,038.55	20,649.47	29,659.21	9,845.08	15,322.44	230,514.75
<i>Greater Huntington</i>						
Altizer	2,700.00	300.00	600.00	228.00	0.00	3,828.00
Calvary, Chapmanville	2,410.00	430.00	1,901.00	530.00	0.00	5,271.00
Chinese Mission	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Crosspoint Community	5,443.11	1,475.00	629.47	0.00	0.00	7,547.58
Eastwood	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
First, Ceredo	38,776.43	1,316.00	4,311.97	700.00	0.00	45,104.40
Hamlin	4,500.00	2,300.00	950.00	975.00	0.00	8,725.00
Highlawn	20,000.00	3,252.69	4,153.46	899.96	1,041.77	29,347.88
Lincoln	983.82	145.00	120.00	40.00	0.00	1,288.82
Locust Grove	1,687.40	0.00	564.00	687.00	0.00	2,938.40
Shining Light	0.00	0.00	355.00	0.00	0.00	355.00
Spring Valley Freedom	114.58	0.00	225.00	25.00	0.00	364.58
Twentieth Street	3,183.37	700.00	3,350.00	650.00	0.00	7,883.37
Westmoreland	31,806.00	1,262.00	3,506.90	1,800.00	0.00	38,374.90
Totals	112,304.71	11,180.69	20,666.80	6,534.96	1,041.77	151,728.93
<i>Immanuel</i>						
Brooksville	7,609.15	470.00	849.00	200.00	0.00	9,128.15
Camden Flats Chapel	2,681.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,791.00
Community, Grantsville	2,534.20	1,002.00	0.00	922.00	0.00	4,458.20
Fairlawn, Parkersburg	19,920.52	1,970.00	103.00	10.00	0.00	22,003.52
Faith, Mason	0.00	737.26	2,141.80	96.40	0.00	2,975.46
Faith, West Union	1,524.75	270.00	40.00	80.00	0.00	1,914.75
Faith, Weston	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace, Parkersburg	46,972.83	3,100.15	4,417.62	1,784.27	259.93	56,534.80
Hillcrest	3,124.10	400.00	598.77	250.00	0.00	4,372.87
Jackson Avenue	2,047.00	128.00	136.00	125.00	0.00	2,436.00
Mineral Wells	6,608.69	886.00	500.00	525.00	0.00	8,519.69
New Beginnings	921.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	921.96
New Life Fellowship	702.41	155.00	131.32	175.00	0.00	1,163.73
So. Baptist Fellowship	5,109.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,109.78
Southside	3,239.73	355.00	691.00	277.00	0.00	4,562.73
Victory	788.30	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	988.30
West Ripley	4,877.57	1,022.00	1,197.00	680.00	854.29	8,630.86
Williams Creek	6,625.47	357.00	3,603.43	0.00	0.00	10,585.90
Totals	115,287.46	10,962.41	14,508.94	5,224.67	1,114.22	147,097.70

Bivocational Ministers' Retreat

March 3-4

Blackwater Falls
State Park

Registration
begins at
1:00 p.m. March 3.

Meeting ends
with lunch
on March 4.

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**State VBS Clinic
for
Associational
VBS Trainers**

February 25

**Southern Baptist
Fellowship in
Summersville**

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Team leaders from the 10 Southern Baptist associations in West Virginia will soon be preregistering their trainers for the State VBS Clinic in Summersville. This annual training event is an early step that will eventually lead to the training of close to 500 people who will work in VBS ministries during the summer of 2006.

The associational teams who attend the February 25 event will conduct one or more training events in their region to assist local churches in their VBS preparations.

Led by a team of volunteers who traveled to Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina Jan. 19-21 to acquire advance training, the state clinic is made possible by your church's gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program and by special funding from LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tennessee.

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Monongahela Baptist Association</i>						
Berean Baptist Church	945.17	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	970.17
Calvary, Belington	1,528.02	660.25	592.00	400.06	0.00	3,180.33
Calvary, Grafton	5,677.99	393.82	0.00	320.71	0.00	6,392.52
Calvary, Morgantown	9,331.16	725.05	186.00	497.00	0.00	10,739.21
Canaan	213.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.24
Central, Elkins	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity, Wyatt	3,947.84	525.40	1,128.60	0.00	0.00	5,601.84
Church of the Good Shepherd	0.00	226.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	326.00
Evangel, Bridgeport	3,792.00	552.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,344.00
Evergreen	11.35	25.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	56.35
Faith, Dailey	11,043.90	1,615.35	1,400.60	1,400.00	0.00	15,459.85
First Southern, Fairmont	1,801.12	0.00	50.00	191.00	0.00	2,042.12
Freedom	25,532.52	2,288.00	2,721.14	6,968.60	0.00	37,510.26
Grace Fellowship, Wana	1,753.84	160.00	305.00	171.00	0.00	2,389.84
Kingwood	5,135.75	360.00	576.00	460.00	0.00	6,531.75
New Found	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life, Bridgeport	948.44	273.00	395.00	165.00	0.00	1,781.44
New Life, Weston	747.47	0.00	105.00	125.00	0.00	977.47
Rowlesburg	100.00	0.00	292.00	0.00	0.00	392.00
Southern, Philippi	3,553.13	453.75	703.57	205.00	0.00	4,915.45
Twin Lakes	528.20	0.00	0.00	37.00	0.00	565.20
Wayside, Buckhannon	4,150.66	424.00	511.00	260.00	0.00	5,345.66
Totals	80,741.80	8,706.62	9,085.91	11,200.37	0.00	109,734.70
<i>Mountain State</i>						
Blackwolf	1,989.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,989.86
Bluewell	920.00	125.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	1,195.00
Brenton	3,748.55	3,144.15	0.00	2,000.70	0.00	8,893.40
Brushfork	20,019.84	765.00	2,000.01	498.22	697.30	23,980.37
Burke Memorial	14,748.47	2,196.99	2,205.00	1,264.30	55.52	20,470.28
Calvary, Bluefield	3,041.06	345.00	765.81	329.75	265.00	4,746.62
Calvary, War	1,172.70	297.00	0.00	220.00	0.00	1,689.70
Central	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ceres	2,892.90	550.00	327.85	168.00	263.23	4,201.98
Covenant	1,977.15	0.00	265.52	0.00	0.00	2,242.67
Cumberland Heights	8,693.64	1,810.00	1,863.00	1,028.00	0.00	13,394.64
East End	13,651.50	4,561.00	4,440.00	2,800.00	1,048.88	26,501.38
Edgemont	24,422.00	7,795.67	9,423.63	3,644.00	355.00	45,640.30
Faith	1,571.01	202.12	463.08	333.10	20.00	2,589.31
Fellowship	6,554.97	575.00	1,046.00	582.50	0.00	8,758.47
First, Bluewell	1,294.05	640.00	2,220.00	400.00	0.00	4,554.05
First, Hinton	2,060.94	265.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,325.94
First, Princeton	28,779.84	2,294.46	7,604.25	707.28	678.62	40,064.45
First So., Nemours	693.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	693.32
First So., Grandview	3,319.19	230.00	317.00	0.00	246.47	4,112.66
Grace, Oak Hill	13,551.25	0.00	600.00	232.00	0.00	14,383.25
Immanuel	35,378.93	2,027.00	6,399.06	1,643.32	0.00	45,448.31
Isaban	2,878.82	555.00	200.00	500.00	0.00	4,133.82
Lilly Grove	4,131.78	500.00	1,407.67	337.00	0.00	6,376.45
Lorton Lick	6,501.00	915.70	670.00	390.00	81.46	8,558.16
Memorial	57,201.19	5,080.50	8,120.29	1,451.00	0.00	71,852.98
Mt. Calvary	1,351.55	255.00	104.00	75.00	0.00	1,785.55
Mt. Hermon	1,448.80	120.00	150.00	132.00	0.00	1,850.80
Nehemiah	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope, Mullens	0.00	43.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.60
New Hope, Union	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northgate	1,971.48	4,865.32	2,293.52	0.00	983.12	10,113.44
Oak Creek	1,438.94	254.91	218.00	129.06	82.02	2,122.93
Pineville	4,370.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,370.62
Riverside	833.50	100.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	1,533.50
Shawnee	1,500.00	100.00	323.00	100.00	0.00	2,023.00
Silver Springs	9,513.63	1,001.00	983.78	727.00	447.11	12,672.52
The Bridge	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Willowbrook	2,972.00	328.15	757.37	0.00	0.00	4,057.52
Totals	286,654.48	41,942.57	56,617.84	19,992.23	5,223.73	410,430.85

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
Non-Association						
Berkeley	29,956.69	1,067.00	1,747.83	1,464.21	0.00	34,235.73
Freedom Fellowship	190.01	116.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.23
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	596.90	0.00	596.90
Riverview Chapel	1,200.00	104.00	200.28	837.00	0.00	2,341.28
Totals	31,346.70	1,287.22	1,948.11	2,898.11	0.00	37,480.14

Pioneer

Cathedral of Prayer	6,400.39	0.00	4,020.00	0.00	0.00	10,420.39
Cross Lanes	59,839.96	7,675.85	24,233.05	5,899.92	0.00	97,648.78
Fairlawn, Dunbar	5,654.82	405.00	562.82	418.00	0.00	7,040.64
Faith, Winfield	781.17	70.00	150.00	416.88	0.00	1,418.05
Foundations Comm.	3,540.23	0.00	81.00	0.00	0.00	3,621.23
Freedom	776.74	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	801.74
Good Shepherd	44,172.07	4,332.50	4,264.00	3,749.25	597.51	57,115.33
Heritage	5,622.72	165.00	460.00	235.00	0.00	6,482.72
Lighthouse	206.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	206.07
Malden	1,284.50	378.00	301.00	301.00	380.00	2,644.50
North Charleston	5,083.92	0.00	3,594.23	623.01	0.00	9,301.16
Riverwood	3,355.98	493.00	612.40	327.00	211.00	4,999.38
Shrewsbury	1,919.64	380.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,299.64
Trinity, St. Albans	2,293.50	563.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,856.50
West Charleston	2,354.02	65.50	65.50	0.00	0.00	2,485.02
Witcher	15,193.31	1,160.13	1,000.17	651.00	0.00	18,004.61
Totals	158,479.04	15,687.98	39,369.17	12,621.06	1,188.51	227,345.76

Potomac Highland

Amazing Grace	838.66	220.00	1,020.00	200.00	0.00	2,278.66
Canaan Valley	2,930.51	1,000.10	350.00	250.00	0.00	4,530.61
Carpendale	1,315.80	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,515.80
Christian Family	3,588.57	260.00	380.00	305.00	0.00	4,533.57
Covenant, Romney	8,209.63	2,221.00	4,015.55	841.40	0.00	15,287.58
First, Burlington	5,381.04	428.00	383.00	761.00	0.00	6,953.04
First, Brandywine	4,195.00	400.00	452.00	400.00	0.00	5,447.00
First, Ft. Ashby	4,530.60	500.00	494.25	330.00	0.00	5,854.85
Foxes Hollow	776.61	55.00	15.00	35.00	15.50	897.11
Knobley Road	1,600.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.21
Lost City	1,325.90	300.00	100.00	100.00	65.00	1,890.90
New Creek	1,116.56	133.90	192.10	50.00	0.00	1,492.56
New Day	1,844.59	250.00	374.50	365.00	0.00	2,834.09
New Hope, Peters.	756.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	756.49
North Fork	6,829.00	830.02	1,264.00	325.00	1,326.13	10,574.15
Old Fields	6,406.39	554.43	630.00	151.66	118.00	7,860.48
Petersburg So.	1,102.79	105.00	0.00	98.00	0.00	1,305.79
P.H. Baptist Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00
Second, Keyser	4,232.99	514.10	295.00	537.62	0.00	5,579.71
Wayside, Franklin	3,694.94	774.00	0.00	1,077.00	20.00	5,565.94
Zoar	1,922.91	245.00	257.00	391.00	305.45	3,121.36
Totals	62,599.19	8,990.55	10,222.40	6,217.68	2,750.08	90,779.90

Tri-County

Baker Heights	8,939.61	455.00	1,360.00	715.00	0.00	11,469.61
Beacon	1,558.04	0.00	1,154.96	0.00	0.00	2,713.00
Emmanuel	2,244.20	256.00	473.00	121.00	0.00	3,094.20
Hedgesville	4,436.85	890.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,326.85
Lighthouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mountain View	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
South Berkeley	6,301.73	198.00	585.50	74.00	0.00	7,159.23
Westview	23,413.33	5,986.50	6,618.45	3,229.92	1,143.66	40,391.86
Totals	47,293.76	7,785.50	10,191.91	4,139.92	1,143.66	70,554.75

NAMB Appoints Bobbie L. Cox

ALPHARETTA, Ga. – The North American Mission Board has named **Bobbie L. Cox** as a **campus evangelist at Concord University**, located in Athens, W.Va. (See photo below)



Prior to her new appointment, Bobbie had served as part-time Baptist Student Union director at Concord for the past four years.

“My goal is to lead Christian students to have a deeper relationship with Christ during their years at Concord,” she said.

A native of Savannah, Tenn., Bobbie earned her B.S. degree in science from Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. She later received a M. Div. degree in Christian education from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Her **husband, Sam**, is chaplain of the Concord University football team and also conducts chapel services for the Concord baseball team. He holds a B.S. degree in Bible/Social Science from Blue Mountain College, and a M. Div. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also the pastor of **Faith Baptist Fellowship** in Athens.

They have two children: Sarah, 14, and Joshua, 10.

Church News

The **Hampstead Maryland Baptist Church** has contacted our offices in Scott Depot to offer 12 wood, non-padded pews measuring 9 & 10 feet long, to any church that is interested in picking them up at their location an hour and a half northeast of Charles Town. If you are interested, call 410.374.9908 to talk to Denise, the church secretary, or Chris Brammer, their pastor. You may also send an email to worship@hampsteadbc.org.

October 16, 2005 the **Southern Baptist Fellowship in Summersville** honored their pastor, **Dr. Mark McClung** (see photo below) and his family. McClung has been at the



Summersville location for 15 of his 35 years of preaching. He is married to Mary Ann. They are the parents of Jennifer and Anna Marie.

October 30, 2005 the **Cross Lanes Baptist Church** dedicated a new 32,000 square foot Family Life Center that includes a gymnasium, 24 classrooms, a choir room, a connector to the sanctuary, and more. Over 500 attended worship October 30 and 7 people were baptized. The top left photo (see the columns to your right) shows an aerial view of the Cross Lanes property as of the dedication. **Seth Polk** is their senior pastor.

Zoar Baptist, Dan Biser pastor, hosted a statewide prayer conference November 11-12 at

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
Coalfields Association						
Borderland	8,970.26	1,133.00	1,730.00	1,260.00	950.00	14,043.26
Bradshaw Mountain	500.00	115.00	0.00	205.00	0.00	820.00
Chattaroy	4,708.73	1,628.25	444.00	1,290.54	209.00	8,280.52
East Williamson	31,092.00	2,003.00	2,218.40	1,042.00	764.00	37,119.40
Gateway	80.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.86
Gilbert Creek	612.50	1,650.85	1,417.49	358.80	0.00	4,039.64
Harborlight	444.69	48.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	592.69
Horsepen	5,047.80	1,870.00	937.00	837.00	142.00	8,833.80
Living Stone	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
New Covenant	988.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	988.35
New Hope	410.67	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	460.67
Peytona	1,982.89	250.00	250.00	158.07	0.00	2,640.96
Wharton	1,271.70	190.00	0.00	114.00	508.68	2,084.38
Totals	56,210.45	8,888.10	6,996.89	5,415.41	2,573.68	80,084.53
Upper Ohio Valley						
Abundant Life	9,675.69	693.65	2,421.00	0.00	170.50	12,960.84
Avondale	997.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	997.05
Calvary	2,711.00	300.00	232.48	250.00	200.00	3,693.48
Cameron	5,868.00	1,294.36	1,650.00	1,690.00	0.00	10,502.36
Dorsey Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel	3,136.89	535.00	126.00	267.00	0.00	4,064.89
Evangel	1,647.20	180.00	20.00	45.00	0.00	1,892.20
First, Chester	2,764.00	660.00	1,954.18	300.00	0.00	5,678.18
Freedom	0.00	154.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	154.00
Immanuel	7,935.00	553.00	1,741.00	635.00	0.00	10,864.00
Indian Creek	1,106.55	0.00	67.00	63.13	0.00	1,236.68
Marland Heights	345.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	345.00
Open Door	8,218.45	2,457.00	3,373.00	2,304.16	0.00	16,352.61
Ryerson	1,642.00	145.00	233.00	0.00	0.00	2,020.00
Solid Rock	1,831.21	153.33	150.00	85.25	0.00	2,219.79
South Wheeling	1,009.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,009.05
Temple	5,686.85	494.00	2,056.11	0.00	0.00	8,236.96
Tyler	745.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	745.00
U.O.V. Assoc.	3,993.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,993.46
Totals	59,312.40	7,619.34	14,023.77	5,639.54	370.50	86,965.55
Grand Totals	\$1,165,268.54	\$143,700.45	\$213,290.95	\$89,729.03	\$30,728.59	\$1,642,717.56



the South Branch Inn in Romney. A good crowd of 40-50 enjoyed concert quality music and the expert teaching of T.W. Hunt. *The photo below shows, l to r, T. W., Huntley Brown, Biser, and Jason Johnson.*

Shown above right in a Santa hat is Nellie Hume, recently honored by **First, Fairlea** at



an Adult Family Care party Dec. 9.

Shown below are the **East Williamson Women on Mission** at their widows' banquet Nov. 19. Twenty-four widows were served.



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 chapels by name each day. We invite our readers to pray as well.

New Work: Tri-County Association

Pray for a new church planter; that the association will give unified support and encouragement for new church plants especially in the Kearneysville and Harper's Ferry areas. Pray that God will speak clearly during a prayer emphasis with interested groups who want to partner to begin new churches in Tri-County. The groups are Blue Ridge Association in Maryland, a Virginia Conservative Baptist church and a church in Lakeland, Florida.

Ministry Focus:

- Mission teams/groups, as they prepare for summer mission trips.
- The leaders of missions education groups as they lead their churches to learn and do missions throughout the year.
- Leaders of other groups in our churches to drop missions information into their regular activities.
- New leaders to begin new mission groups.

Scripture Prayer: Now in the church at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers...[Barnabas, Lucius, Manaen and Saul]...the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then having fasted and prayed and laid hands on them, they sent them away. (Acts 13:1-3, NKJV; also pray Acts 13:26-28 and Ezra 7:10)

Prayer Resource: *In God's Presence: Your Daily Guide to a Meaningful Prayer Life* by T.W. Hunt and Claude V. King, (from Lifeway Christian Resources)

Weekend Prayer Focus: Pray for your family to acknowledge God, follow Him and become all that He intends your family to be.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Chapel</u>
Feb. 1	Immanuel	Concord Univ.	Restoration, Rosedale	New Beginnings, Pt.Pleasant
Feb. 2	Monongahela	Marshall Univ.	Riverside, Bluefield	New Beginnings, Wayne
Feb. 3	Mountain State	Mt. State Univ.	Riverview, Wellsburg	New Hope, Madison
Feb. 6	Pioneer	WVU Morgntwn	Riverwood	New Hope, Mullens
Feb. 7	Potomac Highland	Bluefield State	Rowlesburg	New Life, Arnoldsburg
Feb. 8	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	Ryerson	Oak Creek
Feb. 9	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Second, Keyser	Shining Light
Feb. 10	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Shawnee	Solid Rock
Feb. 13	Coalfields	WVU Morgntwn	Shrewsbury	South Wheeling
Feb. 14	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Silver Springs	The Bridge
Feb. 15	Immanuel	Concord Univ.	Southern, Philippi	Camden Flats
Feb. 16	Monongahela	Marshall Univ.	SBF, Elizabeth	Carpendale
Feb. 17	Mountain State	Mt. State Univ.	SBF, Summersville	Chinese Mission
Feb. 20	Pioneer	WVU Morgntwn	South Berkeley	Christian Family Fellowship
Feb. 21	Potomac Highland	Bluefield State	Southside, Parkersburg	Dorsey Street
Feb. 22	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	Spring Valley Freedom	Faith, Winfield
Feb. 23	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Temple, Moundsville	Faith Fellowship, Athens
Feb. 24	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Trinity, Buckeye	Freedom, Charleston
Feb. 27	Coalfields	WVU Morgntwn	Trinity, St. Albans	Gateway
Feb. 28	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Twentieth St., Kenova	Harborlight

Former Pastor Dies Suddenly In Florida

Wayne Brewer, former pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Winfield, husband of Cindi Brewer, former secretary in the Church Development area of the WVCSB, father of Anne Ford and Maribeth Brewer of Lynchburg, VA, died suddenly Nov. 29, apparently as a result of a blood clot in his lung.

At the time of his death, Brewer, age 55, formerly of Huntington, WV, was associate pastor of First Baptist, Bunnell, Florida where he had served after starting the new work at Winfield mentioned above. He and Cindi moved there in December, 2003.

Following a December 2 funeral in Florida, memorial services were conducted in Barboursville, West Virginia, December 23 at the Fellowship Baptist Church.

Wayne Brewer was warm, creative, joyous, a devoted husband and father, passionate about the Lord and his Church, and had a wonderful sense of humor. He was colorful in the very best sense of that term.

Our readers are asked to remember the Brewer family, especially Cindi, Anne, and Maribeth, as they begin to move forward following this sudden, tragic loss of a great man.



Wayne & Cindi Brewer, December, 2004

Churches and People

Calvary, Chapmanville, was blessed with two salvations in October. **Kent DesRocher** was ordained as a deacon. **Dennis Lewis** preached the charge to the congregation and Pastor **John Freeman** gave the charge to the deacon. Pastor Appreciation Day was held Oct. 16.

Crosspoint Community went door-to-door to 500 homes in the community in October. Each home received a letter of invitation, a brochure about the church, a gospel presentation, and a John Piper book, *Don't Waste Your Life*. The following week over 500 people attended the Fall Festival, where there were giant inflatables, a cake walk, face painting, and free hotdogs, drinks, cookies, and plenty of candy. **Greg Lucas** is the pastor.

In early December **Bill and Kitty Hardin of Highlawn**, Huntington hosted Koreans in their home for a Korean/American dinner. **Eddie and Mary Henson** helped coordinate the outreach ministry. Speaking to the group was **Brother Woong Park**, a Korean church planter with the Ohio state convention. In addition to approximately 25 Koreans and the Hardins, the Hensons, **Dan Byrd**, and a member of **Revolution Ministries** informed students about Southern Baptist student ministry on the campus of Marshall University.

First, Ceredo, is rejoicing over one recent profession of faith, two awaiting baptism, and five rededications. The Nursing Home Ministry led by the Funagers went to Heartland of Riverview and shared with the residents there. God's Kids sang recently. Refuge, the Youth Group, participated in the fifth Sunday Singspiration, along with the choir and other soloists. **Nicole Stewart** is the new Choir Director and pianist. Crafters for

Christ hosted the annual Fall Harvest, which is a Dinner and Drama. The drama presentation was scenes taken from "Hee Haw". The night was a success, as 175 folks from the church and community were fed and entertained, and \$800 was raised for the backpack ministry. The backpacks and school supplies are provided to students in Wayne County. The church held a special service honoring Veterans in the church and community. **Orland Hunt** made a special presentation. The community Thanksgiving Service was held at FBC, with 200 in attendance for the service and dinner. **Rodney Hale** is pastor.

Hamlin, where **Jerry Rose** is pastor, matched the congregation's offering and was able to send \$10,000 to the hurricane victims in the Gulf area. The Youth attended the association youth rally, performed with puppets at a nursing home, and were in charge of the 5th Sunday morning service, after which they prepared and served dinner to the congregation. One new member was received by letter and one was baptized recently. The WMU had a party for nursing home residents, serving cake and ice cream. The church sent 74 shoe boxes, most of which were wrapped by the youth, for the Operation Christmas Child. A cantata was presented by the choir in December, and **Tim Meadows** preached in a morning service.

Lincoln held a fall revival with Dennis Tabor as evangelist. They held a benefit Gospel Sing in October and a Harvest Gospel Sing in November.

Three new members joined **Locust Grove** by letter. The teens participated in the association youth rally. Revival services were held with Paul Schmidt and special music each night. The AWANAs have 120 children registered. **Randall Robertson** is the pastor.

Twentieth Street, Kenova, **Cliff Curry** pastor, held a revival in October and as a result welcomed four new members to the church. The annual Harvest Dinner was held in November, with special music in the afternoon. The Greenhouse Gang had a paintball activity. A Sunday School class has been started for new members. Christmas activities included a children's program, a play, caroling, and a Lottie Moon Fellowship. Ten women in the church decorated wreaths to be auctioned off to raise money for the Lottie Moon Offering.

The Youth Coffee House continues to be a monthly favorite at **Westmoreland**. The Junior Varsity (middle school) and Varsity (high

school) groups recently attended a screening of the latest "Left Behind" film. One young lady accepted Jesus as Savior that evening. Ladies ministry prepared food baskets for the regular food closet ministry, and also collected winter gloves, caps, etc. for folks in need. In November the church was blessed with several rededications, two professions of faith, and one baptism. Children's Choir presented the musical "a Christmas Carol," the Youth Choir presented "Twas the Last Mailing Day Before Christmas," and the adult choir performed the musical drama "In the Fullness of Time." Pastor **C.J. Adkins**, Sunday School Director **Rick Gunnell**, and two deacons, **Darrell Clark** and **Thamer Calhoun**, were part of a seven-man mission team to the Philippines, that left January 3.

Dan Byrd reports that **Revolution Ministries** at Marshall University had an incredible semester. They have grown and have seen a number of people come to Christ. They held their First Annual Chili Give-away. They gave away almost 200 cups of hot chili on a cold day. Twenty-four students are participating in the Passion Conference in Nashville in January.

The **Greater Huntington Association, Doug Virgin** Associational Missionary, was active in Disaster Relief efforts. The churches in the Association gave approximately \$20,000 in cash and an estimated \$5,000 in materials and supplies. They made two trips to the Gulf coast, the first to Mississippi where they were able to deliver much needed emergency supplies such as water and cleaning items. They helped with home repairs and tree removal in Pascagoula and Lucedale. In New Orleans they delivered a large amount of building materials to facilitate the rebuilding of a church.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Kentucky announced that **Garland Dale Carey** and **Gerald "G.P." Simmons** both earned spots on the Dean's List which means they achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale during the fall semester. Both men have WV roots.

Berean celebrated its Fifth Anniversary in December and had a Christmas play and dinner. **Lindell Smith** is the pastor.

Calvary, Belington, has welcomed its new pastor, **Brian Corrick**, his wife **Denise**, and daughters **Kaitlyn** and **Emma**.

Charity, Wyatt, enjoyed a time of fellowship and a special Thanksgiving meal together. A Christmas play was presented in December,

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and special treats were given to the children. **Homer Ham** is the pastor.

Freedom, Nutter Fort, where **Jimmy Ray Sanders** is pastor, celebrated the completion of the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign with the baptism of three adults and one teen and personal testimonies of how God had changed lives.

Seventeen youth and four adults from **Kingwood** went to Valley Worlds of Fun for Youth Night. The Preston County High School Madrigal Choir presented Christmas music in a morning service. The church collected 35 shoeboxes and \$180 for Operation Christmas Child, and prepared an "angel tree" for two local families who were burned out of their homes. **James Smith**, Associational Missionary for the **Monongahela Association**, is serving as Interim Pastor.

New Hope, Rock Cave, has several adults and one youth awaiting baptism. A family of five recently joined the church. The church held a Fall Harvest Party on Halloween evening as an alternative to trick-or-treating. Revival services were held in November. Pastor **Rick Price** is especially grateful for the healing of his grandson, Skylar, in answer to many prayers.

The ladies of **New Life, Bridgeport**, have begun meeting for prayer on Saturday mornings and for visitation on Tuesdays.

Wayside, Buckhannon, collected approximately 30 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. To go along with the international emphasis of the day, the youth prepared an international meal for the entire church. In order to raise money for the state Youth Evangelism Conference in January, the youth are having "Spare Change Sunday" where people are encouraged to give their spare change. The church had a Holiday Dinner and their annual Christmas caroling on a hay wagon in December. **Don Knotts** is the pastor.

New Creek, where **Thomas Roatch** is Pastor and Church Planter, has seen thirteen saved in the last three months. Even though they are a new church themselves, they are attempting to start two new churches in the eastern panhandle.

Attendance continues to grow at **Freedom, Charleston**. They set a new high of thirty-six in attendance in December. They are searching for another place to meet. As a result of their Saturday family ministry, one person was saved recently and another person recommitted their life to Jesus Christ. **Jimmy Morton** is pastor.

Christmas activities at **Silver Springs, Gerald McKinney** pastor, included a birthday celebration in remembrance of Lottie Moon, a cookie exchange, pot-luck dinner, a Christmas play, and caroling. Toys were collected to send to hurricane victims in and around Gum Pond Baptist Church in Lumberton, Mississippi. Money was collected to help with food baskets for the families.

Choir members from **First, Craigsville**, participated with four area churches to present a Christmas cantata, "Night of Alleluias!" Non-perishable food items were collected for Food Pantries in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. The church gave 37 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child. **David Sommerville** is pastor.

The WMU of **Immanuel, Princeton**, offered Hospice volunteer training for those interested. **Kelly Jividen** from the International Mission Board and niece of Pastor **Dan Jividen** presented the International Mission Study on India. Kelly works producing videos of the various mission works around the world for the IMB, and has been to India twice in her travels. The combined Adult and Youth Choirs presented a Christmas Cantata "Let Earth Receive Her King."

Bluwell celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day recognizing **Ron Phillips** for 20 years in the Ministry and serving as pastor of the church.

Ceres has called a new pastor, **Jim Mooney** and wife **Dorothy**.

Central, Bluefield, celebrates one salvation, three baptized, and six new members in October.

East End, Danny Gunnoe pastor, added nine new members this fall. Squire Parsons and the Trio presented a concert in December.

First, Nemours, has called **George Brown** to serve as pastor. George and wife **Layna** have two daughters, **Page** and **Alexi**.

Memorial, Beckley, presented the Living Christmas tree on various dates in December. **Paul Blizard** is the pastor.

A team from **Northgate** was involved in mission projects in and around Managua, Nicaragua this fall. The projects were roofing two churches, rewiring lights, receptacles for church school, and conducting VBS in the church school that was rewired. **Craig Stevens** is pastor.

Christmas celebrations at **Good Shepherd**, where **Kenny Stidham** is pastor, included a dinner, Children's Choir mini-con-

cert, presentation by the Sanctuary Choir of the musical "One Incredible Moment," and the Youth presentation of the musical drama "Objects in Christmas are Closer than They Appear." Seventy food boxes were packed and distributed to those in need in the Putnam County area.

The Angel Tree program at **Berkeley Baptist** helped children of Morgan County who have a parent in prison. The Church also sent food boxes and shoeboxes to Wyoming County. The children of the church presented "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the choir and the Berkeley Baptist Players presented "Jesus, Our Treasure," dinner-theatre style, and the Praise Club visited the church to present the cantata "The Heart of Christmas." Christmas caroling at the hospital, nursing home, and to shut-in members, as well as distribution of food baskets were all part of the December activities. **George Hopkins** is the pastor.

While we are thinking of the good folks in Berkeley Springs, they would like our readers to be aware that they are seeking to hire a bivocational youth director to work with their very active youth program. They are looking for someone with a real love for youth. While experience and education are not unimportant, they will take second place to the candidate's heart for youth. Contact the pastor at 304.258.4101 for more information or see their website at www.berkeleybaptistwv.net.

Cameron, where **Ron McCoy** is pastor, is counting its blessings for 2005, including 18 people saved and baptized, 55 average attendance in Sunday School, a mission trip, and local mission projects. The Youth and Children In Action groups are growing. The choir presented the Christmas Cantata, "The Gift Goes On" on Christmas Eve.

West Virginia Southern Baptist Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Location:
Pipestem Resort State Park

Date:
March 24-25, 2006

Time:
Friday at 7 p.m. to Sat. at 2 p.m.

Cost:
\$40.00 per person. Includes lodging,
refreshment breaks, breakfast and lunch
buffets on Saturday

Guest leaders:
Florida Partnership Personnel
(more details later).

To Register

Address your envelope to Tom Young, One Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560. Include a check paying \$40 per person payable to The West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists accompanied by a slip of paper that includes the name(s) of each couple(s) [i.e. Bill and Patty Jones] including the address, phone number, email address and church membership for each couple you want to register. Or you can email the registration information to tomyoung@wvcsb.org and mail the check separately.

Registration Deadline: February 25 (firm)

A Cooperative Program ministry with our Florida and LifeWay partners.

Calendar

February 3-4
WMU Officers Council

February 13-19
WMU Focus in the Churches

February 16-18
Basic Training I for Church Planting

February 17-18
Basic Training II for Church Planting

February 18
Men's Leadership Planning Meeting

February 25
Trng. Clinic for Associational VBS Teams

February 26
Volunteer Recognition Day in Churches

March 3-4
Bivocational Ministers' Retreat

March 5-12
Prayer for North American Missions

March 8
Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening