

# THE WEST VIRGINIA SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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28 Mission Way  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

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## **YSC2015** **Youth Sing Celebration**

**Register now for a great time of singing, fellowship, worship, food, fun and all around good time with other Christian youth who love to sing.**

**Date:** April 18, 2015

**Location:** Good Shepherd Baptist Church,  
162 Tiger Lane, Scott Depot, WV 25560

**Time:** 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.

**Registration Deadline:** April 2, 2015

**Cost:** \$12.00 per person until April 10

Registration after April 2 not guaranteed a t-shirt

To register, complete registration form and send to:

Randy Spurgeon, WVCSB One Mission Way

Scott Depot, WV 25560

Call 1-800-411-5758, ext. 312

E-mail: [randyspurgeon@wvcsb.org](mailto:randyspurgeon@wvcsb.org)

Event is planned for Youth in the 6th through the 12th grades. Youth keep the music they receive!



Some of the men of First Baptist Church in Huntersville, gathered for men's breakfast and an inspirational time, in January. Roger Cook was the guest speaker. **Phillip Thompson is the Pastor.**



Interim Pastor and Youth Pastor Franklin Howerton welcomed the 20 men who gathered for breakfast and inspiration. The teaching was led by Randy Spurgeon and Greg Wrigley. [bottom two pictures]



There is still time to have your children

ready for **Bible Drill**  
**May 2**



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*We seek to be involved in the following:  
MATURING our congregations  
MOBILIZING our congregations  
STARTING new churches*

## 'Inclusive' Ala. church may be disfellowshipped

by David Roach, posted Thursday, February 19, 2015

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (BP) -- The officers of an Alabama Baptist association have recommended that the association's executive board withdraw fellowship from a church whose leaders have given their pastor freedom to perform same-sex weddings.

The Madison Baptist Association in Huntsville said in a written statement released to Baptist Press that Weatherly Heights Baptist Church, also in Huntsville, is in violation of a section in the association's bylaws that defines marriage as "a union between one man and one woman."

Associational officers met with representatives of the congregation Feb. 17, prompted by media reports that Weatherly Heights' volunteer, unpaid minister to the community, Ellin Jimmerson, intended to perform a same-sex wedding. The meeting led to a recommendation by the officers that the association's executive board withdraw fellowship from Weatherly Heights at the board's March 5 meeting.

Weatherly Heights -- which describes itself on its website as "an inclusive, discovering fellowship" -- confirmed to BP Feb. 10 that Jimmerson had performed at least one same-sex wedding.

According to the Madison Association's statement, "As the meeting between leaders progressed it became evident that there would be no agreement on this issue concerning same sex marriage, and that the Association's Constitution & By-Laws, with relation to this issue, would not be adhered to. Thus, the General Officers of the Madison Baptist Association are making a recommendation to the Executive Board that Weatherly Heights Baptist Church be dismissed from membership in the Madison Baptist Association."

The Madison Association's bylaws state, "Marriage is a union between one man and one woman, following biblical principles ... God sanctions only the union in marriage of a man to a woman." The association's constitution defines "the latest revision adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention" of the Baptist Faith and Message as the "Biblical doctrines which churches of this body hold in common."

The BF&M defines marriage as "the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime" and states that Christians should oppose "all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography."

Weatherly Heights Pastor David Freeman called the meeting with Madison Association officers "cordial" and said in written comments to BP, "MBA representatives determined that my beliefs about homosexuality and same sex marriage fall outside the positions adopted in the association's bylaws."

Freeman added, "If our church is dismissed, I will be saddened. My Baptist roots run deep. My tent is big enough to include people who disagree with me on these issues. I hope their tent will be big enough to include me. If we are dismissed by the MBA, we have options for mission and ministry engagement with other Baptist bodies."

In an email to the Weatherly Heights congregation following his meeting with associational leaders, Freeman speculated that the church will be disfellowshipped.

"I emphasized that our church has not formed a position on these matters," Freeman wrote regarding homosexuality, according to WHNT news in Huntsville. "Members of our church are free to form their own positions. My positions are mine alone."

Freeman argued in a 2013 sermon that "adult, loving, monogamous, same-sex relationships are not condemned in the Bible," according to a printed version of the sermon on the church's website. Freeman wrote in the Feb. 10 edition of Weatherly Heights' newsletter that the congregation's leaders had given him "the freedom to officiate a same sex marriage."

In related news, Freeman told BP that he has also "had a cordial conversation with [Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions Executive Director] Rick Lance." The Alabama Baptist Convention has not taken any official action related to Weatherly Heights.

Lance told BP in a written statement, "We have full confidence in the leadership of the Madison Baptist Association, and we are assured that they are handling this situation in the proper Biblical way. Our position is that any church that allows staff members to perform marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples has demonstrated that they are no lon-

ger in like-minded fellowship and friendly cooperation with Alabama Baptists and Southern Baptists.

"We have publicly stated that this position, concerning the Biblical definition of marriage between one man and one woman, is a non-negotiable basic belief among the overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists," Lance said.

The SBC has not taken action related to Weatherly Heights either. However, SBC Executive Committee Executive Vice President D. August Boto told BP regarding the Huntsville congregation, "Although such cases are rare, when they have happened, it has usually been the case that the various bodies in Southern Baptist life -- including the association, state convention and SBC -- have viewed the facts similarly and have taken similar courses of action. This is because most Southern Baptists generally do not differ on the authority of Scripture."

Boto added, "In such cases, when the national convention has examined the facts, it has considered the collective view of the entire church body more determinative than the view of any individual member, including the pastor."

Article III of the SBC Constitution states, "Among churches not in cooperation with the Convention are churches which act to affirm, approve, or endorse homosexual behavior."

*David Roach is chief national correspondent for Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention's news service.*



Dr. Matt Shamblin (R) receives a \$5000 offering from Immanuel Association for the work of the Convention. Director of Missions Don Yeager (C) presented the check.

**Most people will attend a church if invited by a family member or a friend; a person will probably keep attending if they make 5 - 8 new friends in 6 months. GROUPS MATTER!  
Start a new group!**

## Christian Media Barely Reaching Beyond the Faithful

By Bob Smietana Feb. 25, 2015  
 NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Christian broadcasters have a devoted following, with about two-thirds of weekly churchgoers and evangelicals saying they tune in to Christian radio and television on a regular basis.

Christian books have a similar use by churchgoers and evangelicals and Christian movies remain popular, with about 4 in 10 Americans having seen one in the last year. But many Americans ignore Christian media.

Those are among the findings of a new study on the use of Christian media from Nashville-based LifeWay Research. The study, sponsored by the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), included an online survey of 2,252 Americans and a phone survey of 1,009 Americans.

“Christian media delivers teaching, music, and entertainment to a predominantly Christian constituency,” says Ed Stetzer, executive director of LifeWay Research. “Not surprisingly, those who embrace Christian teaching will value and consume these the most.” Stetzer released the study’s findings during the NRB national convention in Nashville, February 24. Researchers found demographic splits between those who frequently or sometimes listen to or watch Christian broadcasts and those who rarely or never tune in.

Self-identified evangelicals (69 percent), weekly church attenders (62 percent), and African-Americans (54 percent) are more likely to watch Christian television. They are also more likely to listen to Christian radio compared to 32 percent of all Americans.

About two-thirds of evangelicals (67 percent) and more than half of weekly church attenders (57 percent) are fans of Christian radio. Just under half (46 percent) of African Americans also tune in. Overall, about 1 in 4 (27 percent) Americans frequently or sometimes listen to Christian radio.

More Protestants and nondenominational Christians (45 percent) watch Christian television than Catholics (28 percent). Radio has a similar denominational split. Just under half (41 percent) of Protestants and nondenominational Christians tune in, along with 1 in 5 (21 percent) Catholics.

“It’s stunning to see how many American believers are listening to or watching Christian media,” said Jerry Johnson, president of National Religious Broadcasters, an international association of Christian broadcasters and communicators. “It’s also encouraging to learn how new forms are emerging.”

“But we must be more effective stewards of all media forms, especially to reach those who have yet to believe,” Johnson said.

Christian books fare about the same as Christian broadcasting. About a third of Americans (33 percent) say they frequently or sometimes read Christian books. Two-thirds (65 percent) rarely or never read Christian books.

Still, many Americans have little contact with Christian media.

Two-thirds of Americans (67 percent) rarely or never watch Christian television. Those who skip church all together (94 percent) or have no religious affiliation (89 percent) rarely or never watch. Seven in 10 Americans (72 percent) rarely or never listen to Christian radio. They include those with no religious affiliation (94 percent) or who rarely (84 percent) or never (97 percent) attend church.

Christian movies have wider appeal: Four in 10 (40 percent) Americans say they’ve watched a Christian movie in the last year. About half (51 percent) have not. One in 10 (9 percent) are not sure. Americans over 65 (31 percent) are less likely to have seen a Christian movie than those 18-29 (40 percent). African-Americans (59 percent), evangelicals (74 percent) and weekly churchgoers (64

percent) are more likely to have seen a Christian movie.

Those with no religious affiliation (11 percent) and those from non-Christian faiths (37 percent) are least likely to have seen a Christian film.

“Great movies hinge on great stories and the Bible is filled with great stories,” says Stetzer. “These numbers show that many Americans are watching, and perhaps this will encourage more and better films.”

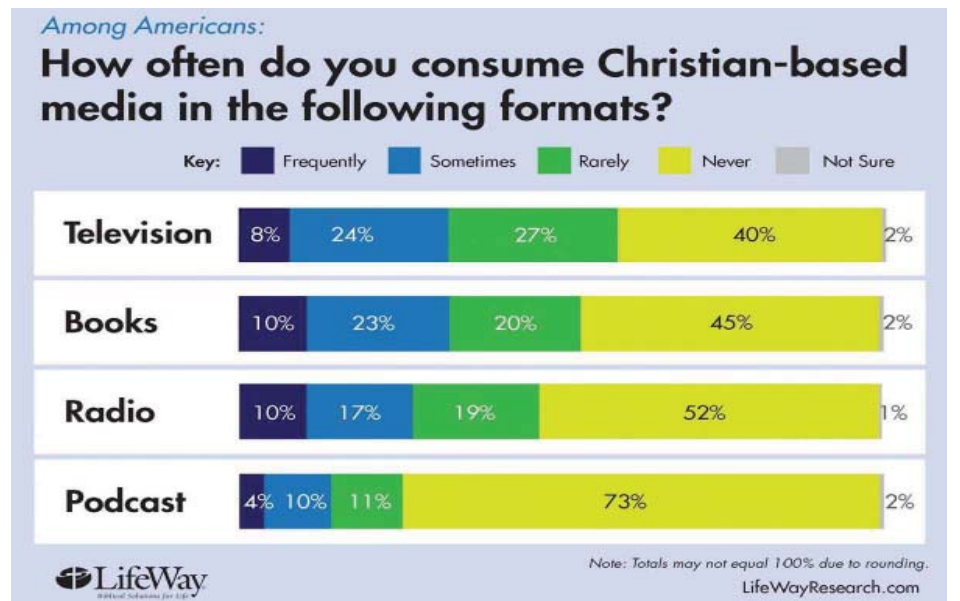
Online media has more fans. Christian media has found a significant audience online. One in 4 Americans (25 percent) say they watch or listen to Christian programming every week on their computer, phone or tablet, according to the phone survey. An additional 5 percent tune in online monthly. One in 10 (9 percent) watch or listen online less than once a month. “That would amount to over 60 million adult Americans each week,” explained Stetzer.

Six in 10 (60 percent) never watch or listen on their computer, smartphone or tablet.

Few (4 percent) Americans listen to Christian podcasts frequently. About 1 in 10 listen sometimes. Most Americans (84 percent) rarely or never listen to Christian podcasts.

*Bob Smietana is senior writer for Facts & Trends magazine.*

**Methodology:**  
 The online survey of adult Americans was conducted Sept. 17-18, 2014. The phone survey of Americans was conducted Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2015.



## Jan. - Feb. 2015 Gifts from WV Churches

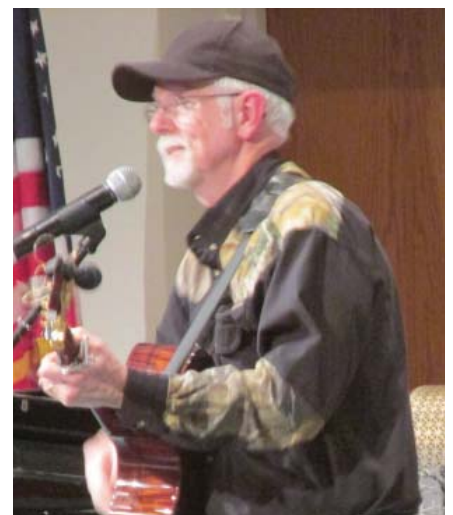
Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Allegheny</i>						
Ansted	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Beaver Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Bolair	87.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.83
Calvary, Meadow Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cherry River	124.00	0.00	183.46	0.00	0.00	307.46
Crossroads, Burnsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel, Lewisburg	2,705.12	5,238.00	7,857.00	0.00	0.00	15,800.12
Evangel, Fayetteville	35.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.80
Faith, Rupert	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Craigsville	0.00	0.00	2,020.26	0.00	0.00	2,020.26
First, Fairlea	9,971.86	0.00	6,693.18	0.00	271.00	16,936.04
First, Huntersville	610.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	610.37
First So., Sutton	179.78	0.00	654.85	0.00	0.00	834.63
Grass Roots-Greenbrier Vly	250.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Graydon	133.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.00
Hebron	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Light House, Ivydale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Little Birch	95.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.54
Living River	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lochgelly	119.50	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.50
Nettie	113.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.67
New Life, Cowen	99.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.00
New River	137.00	0.00	4,002.00	0.00	0.00	4,139.00
Restoration	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
So Baptist, Summersville	2,314.35	0.00	786.00	0.00	100.00	3,200.35
Trinity, Buckeye	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westview	82.92	0.00	290.00	0.00	0.00	372.92
White Sulphur Springs	669.28	0.00	680.15	0.00	0.00	1,349.43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,329.02</b>	<b>5,763.00</b>	<b>23,766.90</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>371.00</b>	<b>48,729.92</b>

<i>Coalfields</i>						
Big Spring	166.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	166.58
Borderland	300.00	0.00	860.00	0.00	0.00	1,160.00
Bradshaw Mountain	0.00	0.00	317.00	0.00	0.00	317.00
Chattaroy	764.15	0.00	2,136.65	743.23	0.00	3,644.03
East Williamson	1,703.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,703.98
Gilbert Creek	141.90	0.00	1,525.00	0.00	0.00	1,666.90
Gordon	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
HarborLight	355.19	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	555.19
Horsepen	1,468.00	0.00	727.00	0.00	0.00	2,195.00
Living Stone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Main Street	125.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.52
Neibert	139.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	139.01
New Covenant	238.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	238.00
Peytona	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Wharton	339.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.71	475.06
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,761.68</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,865.65</b>	<b>743.23</b>	<b>135.71</b>	<b>12,506.27</b>

<i>Greater Huntington</i>						
Abundant Hope	207.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	207.00
Altizer	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Calvary, Chapmanville	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
First, Ceredo	4,394.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,394.00
First, Kenova	3,829.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,829.39
Freedom Biker Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace, Branchland	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Hamlin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lincoln	150.00	0.00	375.00	0.00	0.00	525.00
Locust Grove	329.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	329.00
Marshall Community	1,302.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,302.00
New Heights	1,348.09	0.00	1,171.90	0.00	0.00	2,519.99
Ridgeview Community	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Spring Valley Freedom	498.00	0.00	752.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00
The Crossing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Twentieth Street	150.00	0.00	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	2,550.00
Westmoreland	739.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	739.58
WV Chinese	270.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.72
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,217.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,698.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,916.68</b>



Over 550 people gathered in the **Fair-lawn Baptist Church, Parkersburg**, auditorium to hear **Steve Chapman (B)** talk and sing about the outdoors and to share the gospel story. The Men's Ministry Department was invited by the church to set up a display, along with the 30 or so other vendors who shared their message. Some gave away prizes. The church gave away door prizes, too. In addition to the prizes, speaker, vendors, meal, and wild game tasting, the 3-D archery targets offered to churches for their use, were also used as decorations. **Greg Vardell is the Pastor.**





**VBS DECORATING IDEAS**



Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Immanuel</i>						
Brooksville	1,702.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,702.43
Calvary, Ravenswood	945.63	0.00	506.00	0.00	0.00	1,451.63
Camden Flats	2,408.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,408.03
Community, Grantsville	479.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	2,279.00
Fairlawn at Beverly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairlawn, Parkersburg	12,401.79	1,304.00	2,115.00	0.00	0.00	15,820.79
Faith, Mason	560.53	112.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	672.64
Faith, West Union	639.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	939.00
Grace, Parkersburg	6,621.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,621.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	341.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	341.78
Immanuel Bapt. Assoc.	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Jackson Avenue	523.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	723.00
Mineral Wells	333.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	333.25
New Beginnings	179.10	0.00	160.00	0.00	0.00	339.10
So Baptist, Elizabeth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southside	527.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	527.00
Victory, Belmont	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
West Ripley	328.89	241.00	175.00	0.00	22.00	766.89
Williams Creek	1,187.06	237.41	1,467.41	0.00	0.00	2,891.88
Zoar, St. Marys	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34,177.49</b>	<b>1,894.52</b>	<b>6,423.41</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>42,817.42</b>
<i>Monongahela</i>						
Berean	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Belington	57.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.00
Calvary, Grafton	915.13	0.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	1,305.13
Calvary, Morgantown	1,874.05	0.00	1,040.00	665.00	0.00	3,579.05
Canaan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity, Wyatt	2,042.12	0.00	2,454.00	0.00	0.00	4,496.12
Church of the Good Shepherd	0.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	225.00
Crossroads	1,298.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,298.07
Evangel, Bridgeport	780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	780.00
First So., Fairmont	481.32	0.00	1,310.00	0.00	0.00	1,791.32
Freedom, Nutter Fort	5,038.04	0.00	3,712.74	1,399.45	0.00	10,150.23
Grace Fellowship, Wana	250.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.40
Kingwood	583.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	583.00
New Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life, Weston	520.47	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,720.47
Real Life	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rowlesburg	20.00	0.00	348.00	0.00	0.00	368.00
Salt & Light	761.00	0.00	260.00	0.00	0.00	1,021.00
Southern, Philippi	719.14	0.00	334.00	0.00	0.00	1,053.14
Urbancrest	501.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	501.31
Wayside, Buckhannon	440.47	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	500.47
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,281.52</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>11,183.74</b>	<b>2,139.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>29,679.71</b>
<i>Potomac Highland</i>						
Amazing Grace	85.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.83
Canaan Valley	70.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.98
Carpendale	197.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	197.00
Cherry Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covenant, Romney	587.11	0.00	1,857.68	1,020.00	0.00	3,464.79
Danville Community	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
First, Burlington	571.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	571.01
First, Brandywine	311.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	311.00
First, Fort Ashby	962.13	0.00	416.00	0.00	0.00	1,378.13
Foxes Hollow	99.40	0.00	27.00	0.00	0.00	126.40
Knobley Road	227.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	227.00
Living Hope	1,549.35	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	1,699.35
Mountain Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Day	815.00	0.00	420.00	0.00	0.00	1,235.00
North Fork	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Old Fields	170.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.44
Petersburg So.	23.50	0.00	61.00	0.00	0.00	84.50
P. H. Baptist Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	240.00
Second, Keyser	1,134.97	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	1,834.97
Valley	474.10	0.00	415.00	0.00	0.00	889.10
Wayside, Franklin	357.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	357.61
Zoar, Augusta	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,336.43</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,046.68</b>	<b>1,020.00</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>13,643.11</b>

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
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**Mountain State**

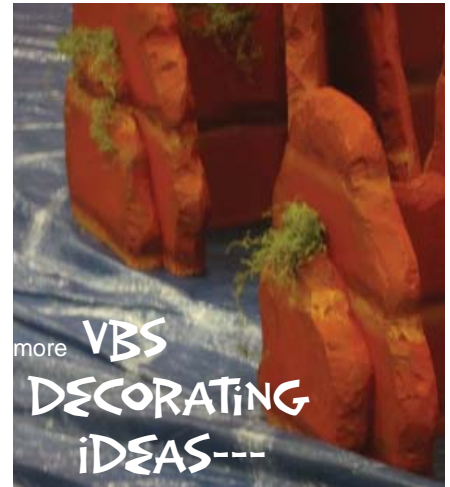
Brenton	61.01	0.00	1,000.00	61.01	0.00	1,122.02
Brushfork	303.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	303.37
Burke Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary, War	466.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	466.24
Ceres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covenant, Princeton	51.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00
Cumberland Heights	920.00	0.00	2,242.35	0.00	0.00	3,162.35
East End	1,134.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,134.80
Edgemont	976.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	1,076.00
Faith	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fellowship, Princeton	150.00	0.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	260.00
First, Bluewell	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
First, Hinton	225.57	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	255.57
First, Princeton	7,753.25	0.00	4,972.50	12.50	0.00	12,738.25
First So., Grandview	50.00	0.00	330.00	0.00	0.00	380.00
Glade Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace, Fayetteville	941.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	941.84
Immanuel, Princeton	3,222.96	0.00	7,666.18	0.00	0.00	10,889.14
Isaban	56.95	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	76.95
Lilly Grove	850.00	0.00	935.00	0.00	0.00	1,785.00
Lorton Lick	968.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	968.00
Memorial	4,877.85	141.00	2,373.50	141.00	0.00	7,533.35
Messiah	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Calvary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Hermon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nehemiah	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope Tabernacle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northgate	516.14	0.00	8,534.71	0.00	258.07	9,308.92
Pineville	219.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.78
Pipestem	622.44	0.00	255.00	0.00	0.00	877.44
Riverside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shawnee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Silver Springs	873.52	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	998.52
Sun Valley	218.10	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	618.10
The Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Church @ 3 Rivers	200.00	0.00	1,050.55	0.00	0.00	1,250.55
Voice of Calvary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Willowbrook	586.00	0.00	63.50	0.00	0.00	649.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,294.82</b>	<b>141.00</b>	<b>30,208.29</b>	<b>214.51</b>	<b>258.07</b>	<b>57,116.69</b>

**Pioneer**

Cathedral of Prayer	551.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	551.18
Cross Lanes	16,668.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	41,668.00
Dayspring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Exalt Community	108.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.00
Fairlawn, Dunbar	257.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	257.06
First, Chelyan	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
First, Tyler Mountain	100.00	0.00	165.00	0.00	0.00	265.00
Freedom, Charleston	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Good Shepherd	6,051.21	0.00	1,388.17	0.00	0.00	7,439.38
Heritage	1,331.98	0.00	1,963.00	0.00	0.00	3,294.98
Lighthouse, Hurricane	1,102.95	1,175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,277.95
Malden	229.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	229.90
North Charleston	3,297.89	0.00	2,964.00	0.00	0.00	6,261.89
Resurrection	348.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	348.18
Shrewsbury	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Crossing, St. Albans	2,841.65	0.00	365.00	180.00	0.00	3,386.65
West Charleston	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Witcher	1,734.92	0.00	1,013.00	0.00	0.00	2,747.92
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36,342.92</b>	<b>1,175.00</b>	<b>32,858.17</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>70,556.09</b>

**Non-Association**

Berkeley	569.24	0.00	421.00	295.00	0.00	1,285.24
Crosspoint	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elkview	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	360.00	0.00	1,280.00	0.00	0.00	1,640.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	361.56	0.00	361.56
<b>Totals</b>	<b>929.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,701.00</b>	<b>656.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,286.80</b>



Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Tri-County</i>						
Baker Heights	1,475.37	0.00	917.00	0.00	0.00	2,392.37
Cornerstone	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Emmanuel, Great Cacapon	225.42	0.00	190.00	0.00	0.00	415.42
Mountain View	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
New Vision	360.13	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	390.13
Second, Martinsburg	665.84	0.00	470.00	0.00	0.00	1,135.84
South Berkeley	1,287.00	0.00	480.00	0.00	0.00	1,767.00
The Church at Martinsburg	3,172.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,172.00
The Church at Winchester	941.25	0.00	1,481.00	0.00	0.00	2,422.25
Westview	6,140.86	0.00	2,671.00	710.00	73.54	9,595.40
<b>Totals</b>	14,617.87	0.00	6,239.00	710.00	73.54	21,640.41
<i>Upper Ohio Valley</i>						
Abundant Life	1,646.02	60.00	5,948.36	0.00	40.00	7,694.38
Avondale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Follansbee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cameron	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Emmanuel, St. Clairsville	486.44	0.00	434.00	0.00	0.00	920.44
Evangel, Weirton	293.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	293.46
Faith Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Chester	302.57	0.00	356.00	0.00	0.00	658.57
Friendly	240.00	0.00	170.00	0.00	0.00	410.00
Grace, Pleasant Valley	101.76	0.00	56.00	0.00	0.00	157.76
Immanuel, New Martinsville	1,448.00	0.00	725.00	0.00	0.00	2,173.00
Indian Creek	119.46	0.00	1,155.00	0.00	0.00	1,274.46
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	2,127.00	0.00	3,720.85	0.00	0.00	5,847.85
Riverview	0.00	0.00	137.50	0.00	0.00	137.50
Ryerson	628.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	628.46
Solid Rock	84.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.00
South Wheeling	21.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.00
Temple, Moundsville	682.67	0.00	1,130.15	0.00	0.00	1,812.82
U.O.V. Assoc.	1,355.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,355.00
<b>Totals</b>	9,610.84	60.00	13,832.86	0.00	40.00	23,543.70
<b>Grand Totals</b>	\$184,899.61	\$9,108.52	\$140,824.60	\$6,463.75	\$1,140.32	\$342,436.80

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## WVCSB Calendar

### April

- 2 - CPN Spring North
- 3 - Good Friday
- 5 - Easter
- 6-8 - Evangelism Recharge
- 10-11 - Ministers' Wives Retreat
- 11 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg.
- 12 - Cooperative Program Sunday
- 16 - CPN Spring South
- 18 - Youth Sing Celebration
- 19 - Baptist Doctrine Study (SBC)
- 24-25 - Missions Celebration
- 26 - SBC Seminaries Sunday

### May

- 2 - Children's Bible Drill
- 3 - Personal Evangelism Training
- 3 - Senior Adult Sunday (SBC)
- 10 - Mother's Day
- 10-17 - Christian Home Week
- 17-23 - Baptist Association Emphasis (SBC)
- 25 - Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- 27-31 - Men's Rally
- 31 - Life Commitment Sunday (SBC)

### June

- 1-30 - Crossover, Columbus, OH
- 5 - Men & Boys Golf Tourney
- 12-13 - National WMU Annual Mtg Columbus, OH
- 14-15 - SBC Pastors Conference, Columbus, OH
- 16-17 - SBC Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH
- 21 - Father's Day
- 21 - Baptist Men's Emphasis (SBC)
- 22-26 - SonPower
- 28 - Mission: Dignity Sunday (SBC)
- 28 - Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday (SBC)

### July

- 3 - (Office Closed)
- 4 - Independence Day
- 12 - Missions Camp Volunteer Orientation
- 13-17 - Missions Camp
- 19 - Serving Your Community Sunday (SBC)
- 23-25 - CPN Retreat, Stonewall



## 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Church Plant</u>
Apr. 6	Potomac Highland	Shepherd	Faith, Rupert	Min. of Salvation, Steubenville
Apr. 7	Tri-County	WVU Morgantown	Faith, West Union	Mountain Ministry Chapel
Apr. 8	Upper Ohio Valley	Bluefield State	Faith Community, Wheeling	New Vision, Berkeley Springs
Apr. 9	Allegheny	Concord Univ.	Fellowship, Princeton	Resurrection, Charleston
Apr. 10	Coalfields	Marshall Univ.	First, Bluewell	Salt & Light, Clarksburg
Apr. 13	Greater Huntington	Shepherd	First, Brandywine	South Wheeling
Apr. 14	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	First, Burlington	Urbancrest, Beverly
Apr. 15	Monongahela	Bluefield State	First, Ceredo	Abundant Hope, Barboursville
Apr. 16	Mountain State	Concord Univ.	First, Chelyan	Carpendale, Ridgeley
Apr. 17	Pioneer	Marshall Univ.	First, Chester	Cherry Grove
Apr. 20	Potomac Highland	Shepherd	First, Craigsville	Cherry River, Richwood
Apr. 21	Tri-County	WVU Morgantown	First, Fairlea	The Church at Three Rivers
Apr. 22	Upper Ohio Valley	Bluefield State	First, Fort Ashby	The Church at Winchester
Apr. 23	Allegheny	Concord Univ.	First, Hinton	Cornerstone, Berkeley Springs
Apr. 24	Coalfields	Marshall Univ.	First, Huntersville	Crossroads, Burnsville
Apr. 27	Greater Huntington	Shepherd	First, Kenova	Dayspring
Apr. 28	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	First, Princeton	Exalt Community Ch.
Apr. 29	Monongahela	Bluefield State	First, Tyler Mountain	Fairlawn of Beverly
Apr. 30	Mountain State	Concord Univ.	First Southern, Fairmont	Friendly
May 1	Pioneer	Marshall Univ.	First Southern, Grandview	Grace Ch.-Pleasant Valley

### Prayer Focus of New Kendrick Brothers Film

by Staff, posted Friday, February 20, 2015

NASHVILLE (BP) -- Kendrick Brothers Productions, the makers of the successful movies "Courageous" and "Fireproof," have announced the Aug. 28 release of their latest film "War Room," which will illustrate the power of prayer.

The film is brothers Alex and Stephen Kendrick's first production independent of Sherwood Pictures, the filmmaking ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga. The PG-rated, family friendly film will feature best-selling author and Bible teacher Priscilla Shirer in a leading role, and promises a cameo appearance from best-selling author and Bible teacher Beth Moore.

"This film is about the power of prayer, the necessity of prayer in our lives," movie director and co-writer Alex Kendrick said in a promotional video posted at the movie's website, WarRoomtheMovie.com. "If we return to prayer, passionately actively seeking the Lord, and we're right with Him and right with each other, God can do amazing things in our lives."

The plot focuses on a couple, portrayed

by Shirer and T.C. Stallings, who have all the trappings of perfect lives, but whose marriage is falling apart. They salvage their lives by learning to earnestly and fervently pray.

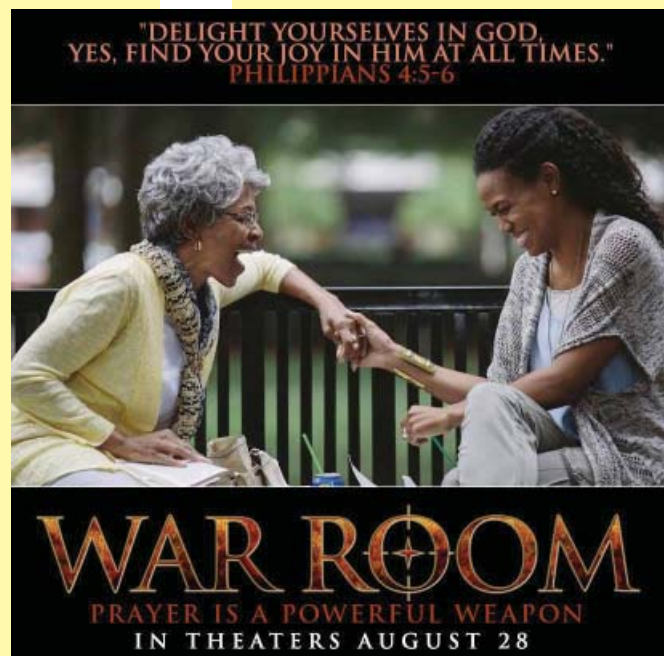
"[Prayer is] what opens up the floodgates for God to come down and be involved in our everyday circumstances," Shirer said. Her father adds, "A lot of people don't pray 'cause they don't believe it works. But unfortunately it doesn't work because we don't really pray."

Worldwide Distribution for Sony Pictures will release the film. "We are pleased to be distributing the Kendrick Brothers' next film, which will be the perfect programming for families seeking a wholesome and inspiring summer movie," Rory Bruer, president of Worldwide Distribution for Sony Pictures, told Movieguide.com. "War Room is the ideal addition to our August slate, following in the footsteps of last year's hit, Heaven is for Real, which had a \$12 million budget and grossed

more than \$100 million."

Courageous, the latest Kendrick Brothers production filmed for \$2 million and released in 2011, grossed more than \$34 million and was the top selling DVD in the U.S.

*Compiled by Diana Chandler, Baptist Press general assignment writer/ editor.*



## News from West Virginia Churches



Westview Baptist Church, Martinsburg, celebrated the ministry of Pastor Johnny Kelly with a *retirement* dinner on Sunday, January 25. Pastor Kelly has served the church for over 19 years, beginning in October 1995 as their interim pastor, and in January 1996 as their senior Pastor.

Pastor Kelly received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University and then received a Master of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY in 1977. His first pastorate was a small Baptist church in Southern Indiana while he was at the Seminary. After graduation, he continued to pastor in Indiana until he moved to Johnstown, PA in 1980, where he pastored for eight years. He came to West Virginia in 1988 and served churches in Fort Ashby and Charleston before moving to the Eastern

Panhandle in 1994 as Director of Missions for the Tri-County Baptist Association. Pastor Kelly served as President of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists Executive Board in 2004 and 2005.

During his pastorate at Westview, the church outgrew both the fellowship hall and the sanctuary. A new fellowship hall, with a large commercial kitchen and seating for about 250, was added to the church. In 2004, the church moved into a beautiful new \$1.3M sanctuary. Pastor Kelly attributed the growth of the church to an active Sunday School, which promotes Bible study and fellowship in small groups.

Pastor Kelly has been married to his wife, **Carol**, for almost 39 years. They have two children, Jeremy Kelly, who lives in Martinsburg with his wife Laura, and Janice Eldridge, who lives in New Hampshire with her husband, Colby, and two children.

After living in Berkeley County for 21 years, Pastor Kelly and his wife consider this their "home" and plan to continue to live in the area. They are looking forward to spending more time with family (especially their two granddaughters) and doing some traveling.

Berkeley Baptist Church is pleased to introduce to the community their **new pastor, Joey Giles and his wife Tiffany**. He is coming from Eureka Baptist Church in Keysville, VA, where he served as senior pastor.

Pastor Joey received a BA in Christian Studies from *Bluefield College* in 2005. In 2006 he was ordained to the ministry at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Virginia. In 2006 he attended M. Christopher White School of Divinity, Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. In 2010 he earned his MA in Theological Studies from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, VA.

Pastor Joey was born in Lynchburg, VA, and is married to Tiffany Queener. They began their ministry in Berkeley Springs on February 1, 2015, but actually moved on the weekend of Valentine's Day.

--submitted by Betty Trask



The WVCSB Convention was granted funds by FEMA to purchase a **feeding unit**. In November we took delivery of this feeding unit. With the advent of SPRING we have scheduled the initial training on the operation of this unit. It has a demonstrated feeding capacity of 15,000 hot meals per day. To prepare that many meals, it takes a team of people. During Hurricane Sandy, we had two (2) such feeding units set up and running in West Virginia. To operate those two units required 30-35 people each day.

The first training session on this new feeding unit was held on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Convention office.



The **North Charleston Baptist Church** Choir practiced for their Easter musical. They were one among several churches that had special programs to celebrate the Resurrection. **Timothy Marr** is the Pastor.



The children in your neighborhood are looking forward to VBS---are you getting ready?

in picture to the right, [L to R] Pastor Roger Gorby, Pastor Ted Bennett, Janet Bennett, Director of Missions Don Ertel.

**GROUPS  
MATTER**



## News from West Virginia Churches

### 2014 Review of New Life Southern Baptist, Cowen, WV

#### **Pastor-Terry Cunningham**

Spring revival was held in March hosting another young Southwestern Seminary student, Joshua Taylor from North Carolina. New Life enjoys the blessings these young men bring as they let God use them and to see their spiritual growth within the short time they spend here.

An encouraging "Sonrise" Service was held, followed by a delicious breakfast prepared by the men. They do a great job, complete with clean-up, ending with a traditional egg hunt for the kids.

In May, the Pastor and his wife, along with several members, attended the Nicholas-Webster County Gideon Banquet. We also hosted a Gideon later in the year.

Honoring Mothers, a donation was made to the Webster Co. Community Fund designated to "Paula Greene Children's Fund." We also supported the Webster Co. High School "Project

Graduation" and third grade backpack project.

Honoring Fathers, donations were made to the Webster Co. Community Fund designated to "Bill Weese trade scholarship."

Our pastor's birthday was celebrated in July.

In September several men and boys attended the retreat at Camp Caesar. We honored Grandparents with a donation to the Cowen Food Pantry.

In October about 95% of the ladies attended the 18th Ladies retreat held at Camp Caesar. Several of the ladies are on the retreat committee and have been since its beginning. They also meet monthly, known as "The Christian Chicks." Homecoming was celebrated the last Sunday in October, with Rev. Mark McAllister preaching. Rev. McAllister was involved in the starting of New Life while he was pastor at Calvary Baptist, Bolair, WV. We also enjoyed the fantastic piano music from a returning Southwestern Seminary student, Bryant Matheu from Fort Worth, Texas.

God has blessed New Life with veterans that we honored with a donation to "Bill Weese trades scholarship" through the Webster Co. Comm. Fund. Honored veterans were from Army, Navy, Marines, and one special veteran, Bonnie Bates from the Air Force. She enlightens the public each year at the Webster Co. Fair, the oldest County Fair in WV, explaining the meaning of each fold of the U.S. flag. She also participates in the veterans wreath ceremony and the Honor Guard. New Life veterans participated in Cowen's Veteran Parade.

The year was ended with packing Samaritan Purse Christmas shoe box operation and packing totes filled with household items and delivering them to local senior citizens. A poetry recital was delivered by Webster Co. High School junior Raegan Cochran. The Christmas program ended with pastor's sermon, Christmas caroling to senior citizens home, followed with refreshments and fellowship, as well as praising the Lord and looking forward to the New Year.

--submitted by Carol Sims

When there is a need for service in the church body, it is often the case that middle age and older Christians may be tempted to "let someone younger" do the work. However, this is not the case with Ted Bennett, who at age 74, is still faithfully pressing on for the Lord. His life testifies that one is never too young or too old to say "Yes, Lord, Yes".

On Sunday evening, January 25th, 2014, **Pastor Roger Gorby** and congregations of **North Fork Baptist Church and Cherry Grove Mission Church** held a special ordination service for **Pastor Ted Bennett of Riverton**. The ordination recommendation came following a church membership vote to ordain Ted Bennett to the gospel ministry. The church ordination committee reviewed the candidate's qualifications and conducted a personal evaluation interview prior to presenting Ted to the congregation for official ordination.

Previously, in 2012, the congregation at North Fork Baptist had voted to license Ted to preach the Gospel. He began alternating Sundays with Pastor Gorby in ministering at

the Cherry Grove Mission Church. In November 2014, the Cherry Grove Mission Church voted to accept Ted and Janet Bennett as full-time pastor and wife, and at that time made a request that North Fork Baptist consider recognizing Ted for Pastor Ordination.

**Ted and Janet Bennett** have been active members of North Fork Baptist Church since Ted surrendered his life to Jesus in 1988. Having a hunger for God's Word and a desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus, he and Janet faithfully attended Bible Study, Sunday School and Worship services.

In 1990, upon church recommendation, Ted began teaching the adult Sunday School class -which he faithfully continues to teach to the present time. His brothers and sisters in the Lord at North Fork are well aware of Ted's ability to communicate the gospel with his spiritual gift of evangelism. He is always ready and willing to share his faith and love for

Jesus with others "in-season and out of season". As owner and operator of Ted's Auto Body Shop, not only does he repair damaged vehicles, but he also offers hope to damaged souls in need of a Savior. Folks coming to his garage for an auto repair might in the process find themselves in-

troduced to the One who could repair and redeem their soul, and would leave "a new creation in Christ Jesus."

The burden for lost souls that the Lord pressed upon Ted's heart led to a mission outreach in the Cherry Grove area back in 1991. With assistance of former pastors at North Fork, and brothers in the Lord teaming up for visitation in the area, Bible study groups were started, tent meetings held, and temporary missions started. However, stability of services did not occur.

Despite discouraging times, Ted remained faithful to the burden the Lord had placed upon his heart, and patiently waited on God's timing. Then approximately 4 years ago, God began to open doors. Pastor Roger Gorby offered his assistance and great things began to happen. Meeting in an abandoned church building, Pastor Ted and Pastor Gorby began holding worship services every Sunday afternoon alternating Sunday messages. Today, Cherry Grove has an established church presence in the area in a beautiful church building. Where the Lord guides, He provides! To God be the glory!!

North Fork Baptist will continue to support and pray blessings for Pastor Ted Bennett and his wife, Janet, as they serve as Pastor and wife ministering to the needs of the congregation at the Cherry Grove Mission Church. We are also very grateful for their continued service at North Fork Baptist as well.





“Sorry about the misunderstanding, Pastor, but he hasn’t been this excited about a sermon series in some time.”

#### HOPE IS FOUND IN JESUS

Life can sometimes be really difficult to figure out. We could all tell a story of an event that does not make sense or does not seem fair or could have been very different with just some good decision making.

Maybe you are the story. Spring and Easter are messages of hope and life and the wonder of starting over after the winter season. But maybe you see your life as still in the winter---lifeless, colorless, cold, and with no chance for life. Jesus is always available to bring life to lifelessness.

A new hope begins with Jesus. But it quickly moves to your response. Jesus lived, died, was buried, and was raised to life again--the Easter story. Jesus did this to overcome sin, the sin that keeps you separated from God. You must admit to God that you are a sinner and that you have failed Him.

Jesus died on behalf of your sin penalty. Do you believe He died for you? Tell Him. Confess to Him that you have failed and that you need Him to forgive you. Commit your life, talents, treasures, and time to Him; tell Him that He is now boss in your life. Do this, and you will have hope and life!