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JULY 23-27



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Executive Director Terry Harper

We continue to deal with the changes that have taken place at the North American Mission Board as a result of the vote at the Southern Baptist Convention last year, as well as the new directions set forth by our own state convention at our annual meeting in November with the adoption of the SPG report. Many of these changes have not been easy, but I believe that most of them are necessary if we are to change the downside in membership and baptisms in the SBC and get our convention moving forward again.

I read again yesterday about the United Methodist Church in America and the number of churches that they have closed since the 1960's. They have lost over 3 million members since then and

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From the Executive Director:

are continuing to lose at an alarming rate. Southern Baptists were baptizing more and growing every year until three years ago. There was a leveling off and the last two years there has been a decline in baptisms and church additions. Our leadership in our convention knew this and they determined that we had to do something to get our denomination growing again or it would soon be too late. Thus, the drive to start a church planting movement like nothing before in America. Will it work? Well no one knows for sure, but it is better than the alternative of going the way of the other mainline denominations (Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Etc.). Our convention has spoken in unmistakable terms that this is the new direction for Southern Baptists. Is it without pain? No!

It became apparent as I was given the quarterly financial report on Friday that a few Pastors who did not agree with the adoption of the report at the annual meeting have decided to have their churches hold their Cooperative Program funds or redirect them. That is certainly their right to do so, but may I say that this attitude is simply not the Southern Baptist way of doing things. This is how independents act. "If we don't agree, we will protest by not giving." What a terrible example to set for your membership. Those same pastors would strongly resent church members who would do that with their offerings to the church. I have had a few church members through the years who did not agree with what the church voted to do and they would designate their offerings to some special fund, so as to protest the direction of the church. I have never seen God bless this sort of protest or this kind of giving to the church and He will not bless it to the greater causes of the association or the denomination either. The Southern Baptist way is we

bring things to the floor for a good and open debate and then we vote. Once the vote is taken, we all get on board and we go forward together. If I did not have my way this time, likely I will on the next thing we vote on. Unless there is a major theological conviction that is broken, then we can agree to disagree and still go forward together, but we don't withhold or redirect our money and protest. How can God bless when some would sow this kind of division and strife? One of the sad things about this all is that the people who are hurt by such action are our missionaries across America and overseas and the seminary students enrolled in our six SBC seminaries. These young people have enrolled to prepare themselves to lead our churches in the future and we need to stand by them. The missionaries who have followed God's call and been appointed by our IMB to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth have gone out in good faith that the people of the SBC would fund them and stand by them with our prayers. These are the people that we are letting down when we do not give faithfully to the Cooperative Program.

If you are a member of a church where this kind of action has taken place, I would encourage you to stand up and be a leader in the congregation. Tell the people that this is not the way to do things and lead your church to give consistently to support our mission causes. Stand with our missionaries and support fully the cause of Christ through your gifts to the Cooperative Program.

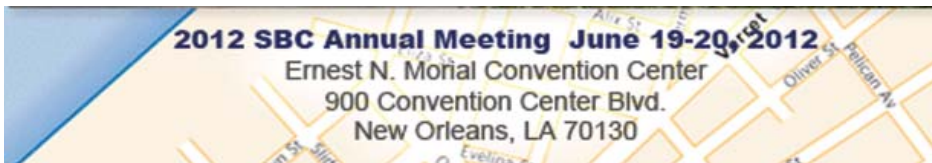
The action we have taken is primarily to accommodate the changes that took place at NAMB that we had nothing to do with. It is also to enable many more churches to be planted here in WV and across America. It is an undisputable fact that more people are saved through new churches. ---continued top of p. 3

**The WVCSB is Building Strong
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We are focused on ministries that
Build the Kingdom:
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Communication and Public Relations
Strengthening Churches
Fellowship
...Fulfilling the Great Commission**

I believe that we will see a church planting movement take place here and many will be won to Christ. The action of these few churches will not cripple the convention. We will move forward with what the convention has voted to do. I must say also that a number of churches have taken the challenge put forth by Dr. Frank Page, the President of our Executive Committee of the SBC and have asked their churches to step up and increase their CP giving by at least 1%. So in many areas there has actually been an increase. Don't you want to join us in the great work we are doing of supporting

our existing churches and starting new churches across West Virginia. This is an exciting time to get on board!

Sincerely,
Terry L. Harper



Becoming a Church Messenger
The Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention consists of representatives, or "messengers," as they are called, from cooperating churches, who gather to confer and determine the programs, policies, and budget of the Convention. Each church may be represented by up to 10 messengers, depending on church size and Cooperative Program giving amounts, ensuring equal accessibility for small and large congregations alike.

Messenger cards which certify the information required by Article III of the SBC Constitution and SBC By-Law 8 can be obtained by any church from the state convention with which they are affiliated. Members interested in becoming messengers should contact their pastors for information on the appropriate process of approval applicable in their church.

Article III. Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches cooperating with the Convention as follows:

1. One (1) messenger from each church which: (1) Is in friendly cooperation with the Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work. Among churches not in cooperation with the Convention are churches which act to affirm, approve, or endorse homosexual behavior. And, (2) Has been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work during the fiscal year preceding.

2. One (1) additional messenger from each such church for every two hundred and fifty (250) members; or for each \$250.00 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10).

4. Each messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed. From the SBC ByLaws

8. Messenger Credentials and Registration:

A. Each person elected by a church cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention shall be registered as a messenger to the Convention upon presentation of proper credentials. Credentials shall be presented by each messenger, in person, at the Convention registration desk and shall be in the following form:

(1) A completed, properly authorized, official Southern Baptist Convention registration document, certifying the messenger's election in accordance with Article III. Membership, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention; but if the messenger does not have the messenger registration document,

(2) A letter from the messenger's church, signed by the pastor, clerk or moderator of the church, certifying the messenger's election in accordance with Article III. Membership, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention; or

(3) Some other document (which may include a fax, email or other physical or electronically transmitted document) from the messenger's church which is deemed reliable by the Credentials Committee or qualifies under guidelines approved by the registration secretary and the Credentials Committee.

WVCSB Calendar

May

- 5 - Children's Bible Drill
Youth Bible Drill
- 6 - Senior Adult Sunday
- 13 - Mother's Day
- 13-19 - Christian Home Week
- 20-26 - Baptist Association
Emphasis
- 28 - Memorial Day
(Office Closed)

June

- 8 - Men & Boys Golf Tourney
- 16 - Crossover, New Orleans
- 17 - Father's Day
- 17 - Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 17-18 - National WMU Annual
Mtg, New Orleans, LA
- 19-20 - SBC Annual Meeting,
New Orleans, LA
- 24 - Mission: Dignity Sunday

July

- 1 - Citizenship & Religious
Liberty Sunday
- 4 - Independence Day
(Office Closed)
- 15 - Serving Your Community
Sunday
- 22 - Missions Camp Volunteer
Orientation
- 23-27 - Missions Camp

August

- 5 - Social Issues Sunday
- 6 - Association Missionaries
Update
- 6-8 - Shepherding the Shepherd
- 12 - Student Evangelism Day
- 13-18 - Music Training Week
- 18 - Foundation Directors Mtg
- 25 - God's Great Outdoors
Ministry Conference
- 31-9/1 - Single Adult Retreat

September

- 2 - Single Adult Sunday
- 3 - Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 8 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg
- 9-15 - Church Music Emphasis
- 9-16 - Week of Prayer for State
Missions & Ola Cox Offering
- 14-15 - Men and Boys Retreat
- 16 - Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 17 - Discipleship Rally
- 21-22 - WMU Officers' Council

GPS---God's Plan for Sharing---use Attractional Events

What is an attractional event? It is any unique or special event that people come to. That is pretty simple. It may be something planned by another group, like a county fair, that you can participate in. It may be an event you plan, like an archery shoot. It may be an event that happens every year, like VBS. Any event that attracts people that you can use as a place to share the gospel.

There are many events that you can target to use the GPS strategy in order to share the gospel with lost people in your community and to bring them in to the church.

We have some support materials here at the office. Call to ask for some. Or, we can probably help you get what you need.

We have some funds to help you conduct or support the event. Contact Greg Wrigley for details. [800-411-5758 xt 118 OR gregwrigley@wvcsb.org]

Call Sarah Whitfield with questions at NAMB---770-410-6390, or whitfield@namb.net. Or call Dick Church with questions about resources, 770-410-6318, or dchurch@namb.net.

Get your "Find It Here" banner out. There will be a national media emphasis from NAMB in March and April.

Work the GPS strategy:

5 weeks before event---pray intently for the community and the event

2 weeks before event---conduct a prayer walk [drive] in the area you especially want to impact

1 week before event---go door to door in the area distributing gospel tracts, invitations to the event, and sharing the gospel with as many as possible

Conduct the Event.

for at least 6 weeks after the event--assign people who attended the event to a Sunday School class so the class can do follow up contacts.

You can use this plan for any event. But it can be especially effective for events which by nature draw people anyway. Use the energy that is already built into the event: Easter, Vacation Bible School, revival meetings, Christmas, high attendance days in Sunday School.

Contact us if we can assist you in any way with your plan for reaching your community for Christ. gregwrigley@wvcsb.org 304-757-0944 xt 118



The WVCSB is helping to bring **Jonathan Kirk** back to West Virginia for a whole summer! This team of talented young men and women will be touring our state in hope of "Spreading the Gospel through the Mystery of Illusion." Their programs are perfect for VBS, Youth Rallies, Outreach Events, Summer Camps, and just about any other event you can imagine.

In addition to their illusions, they also have gifts in music, preaching, and teaching, and they would love to help out as Summer Camp Counselors, Guest Speakers, and Worship Leaders.



To find out how you can have the Team come to your church this summer, please contact Jonathan directly.

Available---

Sunday, June 10-Friday, August 3

You provide lodging, meals, travel expense, and honorarium, while he is with you.

The WVCSB will help provide for some expenses.

CONTACT JONATHAN DIRECTLY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

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Magic_man_kirk@yahoo.com

In addition, the state convention is working with **North Greenville University** to bring a student mission team to our state again this summer. If you are interested, contact Kim Koletka at the state convention office, at 304-757-0944 ext 100; or kimkoletka@wvcsb.org or Greg Wrigley at 304-757-0944 ext 118; or gregwrigley@wvcsb.org or, find the application form on the convention web site, complete the form, and send it to Kim, either by email or mail, which is Kim Koletka, One Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560



The **John I. Snedden Scholarship Fund** was established in 1979 by the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. The scholarship was to honor John Snedden for his many years of work in helping to organize and then to lead the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. At the 2010 state convention, the messengers approved combining the RAY SLAUGHTER SCHOLARSHIP

FUND with the Snedden Fund.

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

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

Anyone interested in contributing to the Snedden-Slaughter Scholarship Fund can contact Greg Wrigley at 304-757-0944, ext 118, or at gregwrigley@wvcsb.org .

----applications were sent out in April



NANCY and DENNIS WILBANKS led the teaching sessions for the Bi-Vocational Pastors Retreat in early March. Dennis is the new Partnership Missions Director for the Florida Baptist Convention.

Jan. - Mar. 2012 Gifts from WV Churches

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Allegheny</i>						
Ansted	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Beaver Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Bolair	37.77	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	87.77
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangel, Fayetteville	220.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.87
Faith, Rupert	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Craigs ville	2,803.55	0.00	1,712.00	0.00	0.00	4,515.55
First, Fairlea	8,968.13	0.00	490.00	175.00	2,436.40	12,069.53
First, Huntersville	493.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	493.94
First So., Sutton	579.05	0.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	969.05
Graydon	399.00	216.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	615.90
Hebron	195.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.56
Hines	75.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	95.00
Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Light House	84.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.61
Little Birch	167.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	167.50
Living River	202.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	302.00
Lochgelly	75.00	0.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	160.00
Nettie	185.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.31
New Life, Cowen	349.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.11
New River	476.36	0.00	2,027.10	0.00	0.00	2,503.46
Restoration	900.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
So Baptist, Summersville	3,354.38	0.00	340.23	0.00	0.00	3,694.61
Trinity, Buckeye	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westview	117.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.08
White Sulphur Springs	879.42	0.00	599.12	0.00	0.00	1,478.54
Totals	20,713.64	716.90	5,813.45	175.00	2,436.40	29,855.39
<i>Immanuel</i>						
Brooksville	1,221.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,221.90
Calvary, Ravenswood	943.51	0.00	220.00	0.00	0.00	1,163.51
Camden Flats	1,817.82	0.00	810.00	0.00	0.00	2,627.82
Community, Grantsville	704.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	1,304.00
Fairlawn, Parkersburg	12,684.63	0.00	290.00	0.00	0.00	12,974.63
Faith, Mason	1,894.31	1,128.21	637.65	0.00	0.00	3,660.17
Faith, West Union	1,825.24	415.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,240.24
Faith, Weston	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace, Parkersburg	10,630.99	4,779.55	564.85	0.00	0.00	15,975.39
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	1,003.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,203.00
Mineral Wells	611.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	611.87
New Beginnings	241.76	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	261.76
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	1,776.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,776.00
Southside	2,100.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	2,165.00
Victory, Belmont	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
West Ripley	583.50	100.00	442.00	0.00	14.00	1,139.50
Williams Creek	2,243.31	0.00	1,948.67	0.00	0.00	4,191.98
Zoar, St. Marys	73.67	147.33	147.33	73.67	0.00	442.00
Totals	40,355.51	6,770.09	5,745.50	73.67	14.00	52,958.77
<i>Tri-County</i>						
Baker Heights	3,341.00	100.00	858.00	0.00	0.00	4,299.00
Emmanuel, Great Cacapon	422.55	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	572.55
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	115.00	0.00	0.00	565.00
New Vision	919.54	0.00	335.00	0.00	0.00	1,254.54
Second, Martinsburg	747.78	0.00	628.00	0.00	0.00	1,375.78
South Berkeley	2,594.00	392.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	2,996.00
The Church at Martinsburg	4,840.60	1,300.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,140.60
Westview	8,351.03	11.00	4,942.36	230.00	71.53	13,605.92
Totals	21,666.50	1,803.00	9,038.36	230.00	71.53	32,809.39



(above) **Dr. Steve Davis** (second from right) met with **Terry Harper** (center), Susan Carpenter, and Delton Beall, to discuss the use of the money given to the West Virginia Convention by the North American Mission Board. Church planting, and activities related to church planting, will receive strong emphasis. Evangelistic efforts by new churches and existing churches will receive good support as well.



(above) **Randy Rhodes** helps guide in VBS workers to the Coalfields Association VBS Clinic. About 45 people participated in the event. The clinic was held at East Williamson Baptist Church, where Rhodes is the Minister of Music. (below) **Pastor Dan Jividen** (second from right) teaches VBS Clinic participants how to fly their Amazing Wonder Aviation airplane at the Mountain State Association clinic. About 100 people attended the training, which was held at Immanuel Baptist Church, where Dr. Jividen is pastor.

Research shows that for every person that is trained as a VBS worker, 1.1 children accept Christ as Savior. So find a way to be a helper in VBS!



Everyone seems to have a good experience at the Men and Boys Retreat! The group from Altizer Baptist Church was no exception. The retreat this year will be September 14-15, with guest Jeff Hessinger, from the Florida Baptist Convention.





(above) The **Ministers' Wives fellowship** held their annual retreat March 30-31, at Rippling Waters Retreat Center in Romance, WV. Testimonies were given, crafts were made, good Bible studies were held, and there was lots of laughter. Cheryl Harper leads the group.



(above) **Pastor Paul Blizard** (L) gives instructions to the thirty men who gathered for the annual Mountain State Baptist Association Men's Fellowship breakfast on January 28, at Memorial Baptist Church, in Beckley. **Pastor Jim Kestner** gave the message.



(above) About 20 pastors and their wives gathered at **First Southern Baptist, Fairmont**, for a Valentine Banquet. Pictures of the couples were provided by the Monongahela Association. The couples enjoyed good food and encouraging fellowship.



(above) Fred Morgan leads the activities for the senior adult group at Fairlawn Baptist Church in Parkersburg. The group does ministry projects and fellowship outings. They meet each month.

(below) **Pastor Gary Eller, (center)**



Emmanuel Baptist, St. Clairsville, participates with other church members in a Sunday School clinic and an evangelism training class. About 12 people were involved in the sessions.

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
Mountain State						
Bluewell	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brenton	84.00	0.00	1,000.00	84.00	0.00	1,168.00
Brushfork	404.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	404.15
Burke Memorial	3,158.04	1,371.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,529.04
Calvary, Bluefield	216.56	305.00	461.00	0.00	0.00	982.56
Calvary, War	919.19	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,919.19
Ceres	235.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235.95
Covenant, Princeton	350.00	0.00	1,022.00	0.00	0.00	1,372.00
Cumberland Heights	1,500.00	151.00	730.00	0.00	0.00	2,381.00
East End	5,089.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,089.53
Edgemont	2,871.00	1,693.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,564.00
Faith (Blackwolf)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fellowship, Princeton	910.00	240.00	50.00	322.00	0.00	1,522.00
First, Bluewell	150.00	707.00	325.00	0.00	0.00	1,182.00
First, Hinton	789.13	0.00	280.00	0.00	0.00	1,069.13
First, Princeton	14,400.89	1,264.00	4,214.76	0.00	127.65	20,007.30
First So., Nemours	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First So., Grandview	1,401.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,401.20
Freedom, Beckley	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Glade Community	0.00	0.00	2,431.00	0.00	8.17	2,439.17
Grace, Fayetteville	3,146.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,146.00
Immanuel, Princeton	6,492.22	0.00	4,981.72	0.00	9,781.00	21,254.94
Isaban	211.49	20.00	228.00	0.00	0.00	459.49
Lilly Grove	1,265.00	0.00	955.00	0.00	0.00	2,220.00
Lorton Lick	1,831.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,831.00
Memorial	10,291.00	125.00	6,650.17	285.00	0.00	17,351.17
Mt. Calvary	115.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.46
Nehemiah	325.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	675.00
Northgate	860.96	0.00	9,668.96	0.00	430.48	10,960.40
Pineville	567.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	567.24
Pipestem	607.12	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	657.12
Riverside	150.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Shawnee	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Silver Springs	2,581.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.86	2,598.56
Sun Valley	261.42	0.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	346.42
The Bridge	28.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.00
Willowbrook	1,055.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,055.00
Totals	62,418.25	6,176.00	43,582.61	691.00	10,364.16	123,232.02
Non-Association						
Berkeley	2,812.85	0.00	1,001.00	100.00	0.00	3,913.85
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	240.00	0.00	315.00	0.00	0.00	555.00
Mt. Hermon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Richmond Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverview Chapel	150.00	88.50	224.75	113.75	0.00	577.00
Totals	3,202.85	88.50	1,540.75	213.75	0.00	5,045.85
Pioneer						
Agsten Manor	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00
Cathedral of Prayer	2,728.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,728.68
Centerpointe	1,243.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,243.00
Cross Lanes	26,377.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,377.81
Dayspring	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
Fairlawn, Dunbar	858.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	858.59
First, Chelyan	270.00	0.00	1,450.80	0.00	0.00	1,720.80
Freedom, Charleston	425.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.74
Good Shepherd	15,478.52	3,185.00	1,240.00	0.00	0.00	19,903.52
Heritage	4,136.26	750.00	1,307.00	0.00	0.00	6,193.26
Lighthouse, Hurricane	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malden	300.00	0.00	260.15	0.00	0.00	560.15
North Charleston	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shrewsbury	260.39	0.00	164.50	0.00	0.00	424.89
The Crossing, St. Albans	3,092.83	1,029.00	433.00	0.00	0.00	4,554.83
West Charleston	542.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	542.00
Witcher	3,239.57	0.00	811.25	0.00	0.00	4,050.82
Totals	59,025.39	4,964.00	5,666.70	0.00	0.00	69,656.09

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Greater Huntington</i>						
Abundant Hope	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Altizer	900.00	0.00	405.00	0.00	0.00	1,305.00
Calvary, Chapmanville	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Chinese Fellowship	291.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	291.20
Eastwood	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
First, Ceredo	9,087.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,087.00
First, Kenova	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
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	2,075.25	0.00	0.00	3,725.25
Highlawn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lincoln	225.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	245.00
Locust Grove	516.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,016.00
Spring Valley Freedom	360.00	0.00	537.00	0.00	0.00	897.00
Twentieth Street	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Westmoreland	7,262.13	0.00	795.00	0.00	0.00	8,057.13
Totals	22,171.33	1,500.00	3,832.25	0.00	0.00	27,503.58

<i>Monongahela</i>						
Berean	895.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	895.72
Calvary, Belington	131.95	0.00	38.00	0.00	0.00	169.95
Calvary, Grafton	667.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	667.38
Calvary, Morgantown	4,204.88	100.00	1,455.00	0.00	0.00	5,759.88
Canaan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity, Wyatt	1,510.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,510.08
Church of the Good Shepherd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangel, Bridgeport	975.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	975.00
Faith, Dailey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First So., Fairmont	710.10	1,240.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.10
Freedom, Nutter Fort	5,004.45	0.00	163.00	1,324.71	0.00	6,492.16
Frontier	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace Fellowship, Wana	497.64	80.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	617.64
Kingwood	714.00	231.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	945.00
New Creek	0.00	0.00	190.00	0.00	0.00	190.00
New Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life, Weston	664.66	0.00	160.00	0.00	0.00	824.66
Real Life	807.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	807.28
Redemption Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rowlesburg	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Southern, Philippi	618.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	618.31
The Bridge	28.00	0.00	235.00	0.00	0.00	263.00
Wayside, Buckhannon	983.47	32.00	188.00	0.00	0.00	1,203.47
Totals	18,472.92	1,683.00	3,719.00	1,324.71	0.00	25,199.63

<i>Potomac Highland</i>						
Amazing Grace	228.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.75
Canaan Valley	880.32	0.00	920.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.32
Carpendale	284.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	284.20
Cherry Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covenant, Romney	1,353.36	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	2,653.36
Danville Community	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
First, Burlington	2,000.62	0.00	782.00	0.00	0.00	2,782.62
First, Brandywine	698.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	698.00
First, Fort Ashby	1,121.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,121.90
Foxes Hollow	149.64	0.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	170.64
Knobley Road	380.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	380.00
Living Hope	807.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	807.80
Mountain Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Day	1,578.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	1,598.00
North Fork	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Old Fields	275.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.72
Petersburg So.	76.33	0.00	76.00	0.00	0.00	152.33
P. H. Baptist Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00	360.00
Second, Keyser	1,134.25	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	1,634.25
Valley	1,163.17	0.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	1,358.17
Wayside, Franklin	828.84	0.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	1,038.84
Zoar, Augusta	562.07	0.00	311.31	0.00	0.00	873.38
Totals	14,122.97	0.00	4,385.31	0.00	360.00	18,868.28



Don Spencer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a contract worker for Guidestone, spent some days in West Virginia talking with pastors about medical, budget, and retirement issues. Spencer did a presentation to a group of people, but was also available to consult individuals. He was invited to Potomac Highland, Tri-County, Greater Huntington, and to Immanuel Associations.

(above) Spencer (L) talks with **Association Missionary Dick Howie** (R) before Spencer's presentation. The group met at Logan's Steakhouse in Parkersburg. (below) A group of ministers from Greater Huntington Association listened intently to Spencer. **Association Missionary Doug Virgin** (R) arranged the breakfast meeting at Shoney's in Huntington.



(below, left to right) HAM radio operators Jim Stephens, Barry Miller, Byron Boggs, and Christina Miller, took the Disaster Relief Communications Class, on January 31. Taking the class gives them the opportunity to work in a Communications Unit in a disaster situation, and to train other people who want to do this kind of ministry. It is recommended that a person have at least a General Class HAM radio license. Contact Delton Beall for more information. 304-757-0944 ext 105



Abortion and the Power of Forgiveness

By Dwayne Hastings

There have been over 52 million abortions performed in the U.S. since the ignominious Roe v. Wade court decision in 1973. And for every abortion there is a woman who to some degree—knowingly or unknowingly—is complicit in the termination of her pregnancy.

While those around her may have tried to convince her that it was in the baby's "best interest" not to live and that it was good for her well-being that she abort her unborn child, the reality is that no one walks out of an abortion clinic totally whole.

Abortion doesn't just impact the unborn child. The emotional and sometimes physical damage to its mother is severe and long lasting—even if the mother herself denies it. The ring of damage extends to the baby's extended family, including his father and grandparents, particularly if they advocated for the abortion.

The statistics about abortion are staggering. Nearly half of the 6 million pregnancies in the U.S. are unplanned and about 1.3 million end in abortion. At this pace, nearly a third of U.S. women will have had an abortion by the time they turn 45.

Those who push a so-called pro-choice perspective disavow reality when they say that women can have an abortion and be unchanged. Apart from Christ, they have been inalterably changed. Most often abortive women seek to deal with the emotional trauma and distress on their own. Society tells them to get over it and to get on with their lives.

Yet, there is healing and forgiveness with no strings attached in Christ. Jesus knows the pain; He feels their hurt. And He wishes each person, no matter his or her background or baggage, to come to Him in faith.

This is a spiritual issue. The scourge of abortion is the sour fruit of a culture that denies that all human life is beautiful and valuable. The reality of abortion is evidence the church has failed to teach Truth and to be "salt" and "light."

As Christ-followers, we must forgive because we have been forgiven. And Christians are obligated to reach out in love and in forgiveness to those who are still struggling with a decision they made

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Coalfields</i>						
Big Spring	429.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	429.01
Borderland	551.07	1,305.00	1,680.00	0.00	0.00	3,536.07
Bradshaw Mountain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chattaroy	1,346.46	1,115.00	957.50	0.00	0.00	3,418.96
East Williamson	6,044.00	25.00	306.00	20.00	220.00	6,615.00
Ferrellsburg	146.22	0.00	241.50	0.00	0.00	387.72
Gateway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gilbert Creek	187.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	187.06
Gordon	100.00	230.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	330.32
HarborLight	549.42	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	749.42
Horsepen	918.00	0.00	1,468.00	0.00	0.00	2,386.00
Living Stone	75.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
Neibert	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Covenant	295.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	295.00
New Hope, Madison	210.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.06
Peytona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wharton	95.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.36	134.25
Totals	10,947.19	2,975.32	4,653.00	20.00	258.36	18,853.87
<i>Upper Ohio Valley</i>						
Abundant Life	2,775.88	60.00	310.00	0.00	155.00	3,300.88
Avondale	155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.00
Calvary, Follansbee	0.00	0.00	575.00	0.00	300.00	875.00
Cameron	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel, St. Clairsville	984.19	0.00	793.00	0.00	0.00	1,777.19
Evangel, Weirton	1,017.10	0.00	431.00	0.00	0.00	1,448.10
Faith Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Chester	376.00	0.00	513.19	0.00	0.00	889.19
Friendly	645.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	645.00
Harbor Light, Steubenville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immanuel, New Martinsville	1,808.00	945.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,753.00
Indian Creek	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
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	2,139.00	2,113.00	1,312.90	0.00	0.00	5,564.90
Ryerson	1,173.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,173.55
Solid Rock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Wheeling	91.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.72
Temple, Moundsville	712.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	712.22
U.O.V. Assoc.	2,125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,125.00
Totals	14,102.66	3,118.00	3,935.09	0.00	455.00	21,610.75
Grand Totals	\$287,199.21	\$29,794.81	\$91,912.02	\$2,728.13	\$13,959.45	\$425,593.62

years earlier to abort their child.

The soon-to-be released film *October Baby* centers on the redemptive power of forgiveness. The film, written by brothers Andrew and Jon Erwin, follows a college freshman, an abortion survivor, as she searches for answers to a growing list of questions. *October Baby*, which was released in selected theatres March 23, is a powerful tool for encouraging churchgoers to re-engage in the "life" issue.

As Christians, it is our responsibility to support women in difficult pregnancies, particularly when they lack a support network. It is the church's duty to teach the Biblical precept of the sanctity of every human life. The burden rests on people of faith to care for children who are unwanted—either to foster care, adopt, or support those who are called to do so.

The tragic reality is that the state of the culture in the area of "life" in the 21st century can be laid at the feet of Bible-believing Americans who are neither speaking out nor stepping out for the innocent and defenseless. When God's people go silent and hide their "light" under a basket, children are at risk and people suffer.



Delton Beall leads the **Church Planting Basic Training Course** for about 12 interested men. The course covers both the planning to start a church and things to do when starting a new church.

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.

SCRIPTURE PROMISE: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." Proverbs 14:34

"I hate, I reject your festivals, nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; and I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps, but let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream." Amos 5:21-24

Because Memorial Day is observed in May, it is a good time to pray for our nation, our leaders, and the election. West Virginia's primary election is May 8.

MINISTRY FOCUS: There are many ways to get involved in the life of your community during the summer months. Do something you like. Use your involvement as a way to meet people, build relationships, and tell them about Jesus. As a church, plan a special event, or several special events, to which you can invite people, and through this build relationships and have the opportunity to minister and to share Jesus. As a Sunday School class, plan to assist with some event so you can meet people and invite them to church.

Don't forget Vacation Bible School!! This is an accepted event by many unchurched people. Use it as a way to get involved in the lives of unchurched people in your community.

RESOURCE: "Meeting Needs/Sharing Christ." An eight week study, utilizing video teaching and information, discussion, and planning. This is a great tool for discovering ministry ideas, finding people who want to lead ministries, and finding out more about needs in your community. Available from LifeWay. Contact Greg Wrigley with questions.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Church Plant</u>
May 1	Greater Huntington	Mt. State Univ.	First So., Grandview	Marshall Community
May 2	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	First So., Sutton	Ministry of Salvation
May 3	Monongahela	Bluefield State	Foxes Hollow	Mountain Ministry Chapel
May 4	Mountain State	Charleston Area	Freedom, Beckley	New Vision, Martinsburg
May 7	Pioneer	Concord Univ.	Freedom, Charleston	North Jefferson
May 8	Potomac Highland	Marshall Univ.	Freedom, Nutter Fort	Solid Rock, Hundred
May 9	Tri-County	Mt. State Univ.	Gilbert Creek	South Wheeling
May 10	Upper Ohio Valley	WVU Morgantown	Glade Community	SB Community Min., Reedy
May 11	Allegheny	Bluefield State	Good Shepherd, Scott Depot	Abundant Hope
May 14	Coalfields	Charleston Area	Gordon Missionary	Carpendale
May 15	Greater Huntington	Concord Univ.	Grace, Branchland	Centerpointe, Hurricane
May 16	Immanuel	Marshall Univ.	Grace, Fayetteville	Cherry Grove
May 17	Monongahela	Mt. State Univ.	Grace, Parkersburg	Chinese Fellowship
May 18	Mountain State	WVU Morgantown	Grace Fellowship, Wana	The Church at Martinsburg
May 21	Pioneer	Bluefield State	Graydon	Crossroads, Burnsville
May 22	Potomac Highland	Charleston Area	Hamlin	Dayspring, Charleston
May 23	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	Harmony, Parkersburg	Ferrellsburg
May 24	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Hebron	Freedom Biker Church
May 25	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Hedgesville	Friendly
May 29	Coalfields	WVU Morgantown	Heritage	Frontier Community
May 30	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Highlawn, Huntington	Grace, Pleasant Valley
May 31	Immanuel	Charleston Area	Hillcrest, Spencer	Harbor Light, Steubenville
June 1	Monongahela	Concord Univ.	Hines	HarborLight, Oceana
June 4	Mountain State	Marshall Univ.	Horsepen	Hatsal Korean, Martinsburg
June 5	Pioneer	Mt. State Univ.	Immanuel, New Martinsville	Lighthouse, Follansbee
June 6	Potomac Highland	WVU Morgantown	Immanuel, Princeton	Living Hope, Petersburg
June 7	Tri-County	Bluefield State	Indian Creek	Living River
June 8	Upper Ohio Valley	Charleston Area	Isaban	Marland Heights

News from West Virginia Churches

GOD'S GREAT OUTDOORS Ministry Conference

August 25, 2012

registration begins at 8:30 am
the conference ends at 4:00 pm

*ideas for starting and maintaining outdoors ministries

*ideas for how to do sportsman's dinners, outreach events, resources for ministries

COST---\$30 per person

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Pastor Kevin Norvell

Directions: Traveling north on I-77, go to exit 102, Westmoreland Avenue; at the bottom of the ramp turn right toward US 119; at US 119 intersection turn left [north]; church building is about 1.5 miles on the right.

Traveling south on I-77 or I-79, go just past the 77-79 intersection; go to exit 102, Westmoreland Avenue; at the bottom of the ramp turn left toward US 119; at US 119 intersection turn left [north]; church building is about 1.5 miles on the right.

Traveling east or west on I-64, exit to follow I-77 north; traveling north on I-77, go to exit 102, Westmoreland Avenue; at the bottom of the ramp turn right toward US 119; at US 119 intersection turn left [north]; church building is about 1.5 miles on the right.

MOUNTAIN STATE ASSOCIATION

First Baptist Church, Bluewell, has two new members and has started three new programs: Jacob's Blessing, An Addiction and Recovery Program; a new chapter of Christian Bow Hunters of America; and a Sportsman's Club. **James Milam** is the pastor.

Berkeley Baptist Church has called **Everett Powell** as pastor. He and his wife **Jennifer** started their ministry at Berkeley on April 1.

Glade Community Church in Daniels, WV is seeking a Senior Pastor for a full-time position. Degree preferred. Salary negotiable. Send resume to gladecomunitychurch@hotmail.com or mail to: PO Box 769, Daniels, WV 25832

There is a job opening for a Children/Youth Director at **Northgate Baptist Church**. It is a part-time position, about 10 hours a week, which includes conducting Children's Church on Sunday morning, youth classes on Wednesday night, and making sure there are people in place to cover children's classes on Wednesday night. Also, they are expected to have a monthly activity for the children and youth. Quarterly, they are responsible for planning a mission activity for both groups. This is a year round

position. The pay is \$700.00 a month and it starts on May 21, 2012.

Job qualities include: love for the Lord, work well with children and youth, fun loving, willing to listen, have patience, and be a leader.

If you want to find out more about our church and our ministries, please check our website at www.northgatebaptistchurch.com.

Resumes and cover letters may be sent by e-mail to anita@northgatebaptistchurch.com or by regular mail at 301 Pinewood Dr., Beckley WV 25801.

We will accept resumes from all students interested with a 2.5 grade point average or higher. They do not have to have a religion or teaching major. All majors are accepted.

Looking for a missionary adventure?

Utah-Idaho is a smaller state convention. Twenty churches in the convention need a pastor. Most are smaller churches, and bi-vocational. The landscape is beautiful! The labor is hard. The hunting is good. The work in reaching people is generally slow.

One such church is First Southern Baptist Church, Monticello, Utah. Monticello is in southeastern Utah. It is not far from Colorado. Its latitude is about the

same as Beckley, WV. In fact, you can follow I-70 just about all the way to there. The pastor at First Baptist is retiring, and so the church needs to find a new pastor. You can find out more by emailing Tracy Wick at teedub295@yahoo.com



Terry Harper (L) stands next to Dennis Wilbanks, the new Partnership Missions Ministry Director for the Florida Baptist Convention. Craig Culbreth, (C) the former director, has a different job within the missions area. Next to Culbreth is Gene Wilbanks who serves as the West Virginia volunteer coordinator for Florida. On the right is Delton Beall, State Director of Missions for West Virginia.

The two groups met in January to discuss how the partnership was functioning and plans for the future.



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ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL? IN COLLEGE? ARE YOU GOING ON AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP WITH YOUR CHURCH THIS YEAR? LIMITED FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH YOUR EXPENSES--CONTACT KIM KOLETKA AT THE STATE CONVENTION OFFICE. OR LOOK AT [WWW.WVCSB.ORG](http://www.wvcsb.org) TO FIND THE APPLICATION FORM. FUNDS ARE GIVEN BY THOSE WHO ATTENDED YEC.

Looking for a summer camp for your children or youth? Check into Camp Monongahela

YOUTH CAMP –June 9-13

(for those who have completed grades 7-12)

Camp pastor - Jonathan Eubank (Youth Director at Real Life Church, Weston)

KIDS CAMP – June 13-16

(for those who have completed grades 3-6)

Camp Pastor - Tony Cicenias (Children's Minister at First BC, Kenova)

Theme: IGro **Location:** Camp Barbour (4H camp of Barbour County)

COST---if Registration forms are **received by May 30:**

\$50 for 1st camper in household

\$45 for 2nd camper in same household

\$40 for additional campers in same household

Late registration will be received only through Monday, June 4th & will cost an additional \$5/camper. Registration Forms will be available in April

For more information, contact the Monongahela Baptist Association at (304) 622-4520 or monbaptist@gmail.com

www.sbcannualmeeting.net

is the website with all the information needed for the SBC in New Orleans in June, 2012. We didn't receive the usual paper information this year, as they are cutting down on costs by not sending the information in hard copies. Contact Susan Carpenter at the state convention office if you need assistance. 304-757-0944

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST
CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, LA
JUNE 19-20**



Riverview Baptist Chapel has been operating a puppet team for a couple of years. They have performed for their church, but also for other churches and for community activities. (L) front row: Mike Zago, Hannah Schoolcraft; back row: Roxann Rowland, Zach Schoolcraft, Joe Douglas, Bill Cross, Cindy Casto, Bob Casto. (R) [L to R] Judi Baldwin, Austin Peveich, Angel Peveich.

Interested in starting a puppet ministry? Contact Cindy Casto at Riverview, or Dennis at Fairlawn Baptist Church, Parkersburg, who have been involved in puppet ministry for over 10 years.



EVANGELISM TRAINING

Friday, May 4, 2012

9:00am - 3:00pm

540-877-5207

CONQUER YOUR FEAR, SHARE YOUR FAITH

Do you want to share your faith with others, but you don't know where to start? Are you paralyzed with fear at the prospect of sharing the gospel with a complete stranger?

If so, the one-day *Conquer Your Fear, Share Your Faith* course is for you!

Learn to share your faith simply and effectively in four powerful, eye-opening sessions featuring DVD presentations hosted by Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort.

After class, come and watch real-life witnessing.

Lunch is provided!

Date: Friday, May 4, 2012

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Emmanuel Baptist Church (<http://www.gracepeaceandtruth.com/>) -

The church is located in the heart of Great Cacapon on Route 9, approximately 10 minutes from Berkeley Springs on Route 9 West.

After the training, which ends at 3pm, we will be traveling to Winchester, VA, to witness, give out tracts, and open air preach, at the Fireman's Parade.

Check the web page or call 540-877-5207 for more information, or to register.

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MER?** The state convention is sponsoring a trip to Emmanuel Baptist Church, in

Tyrone, Pennsylvania, July 14-21. Cost is about \$120. Space is limited. Contact Greg Wrigley for more information.

gregwrigley@wvcsb.org OR 304-757-0944 ext 118

13th Annual Men and Boys Golf Tournament June 8, 2012

MEN AND BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

MINGO BOTTOM Golf Club, from I-77, take exit 170, SR 14 East toward Elizabeth, Follow about 10 miles, turn left onto Wells Fork Road; Registration forms and \$40.00 per golfer are due by May 31. (includes 18 holes, lunch, prizes) Tee Time: 8:00 a.m. (arrive by 7:30) Club--304-275-3378; 238 Wells Lock Road, Elizabeth

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**This event is open to both men and boys.
Two team winners in each flight; closest to pin, and long drive each flight.**

Please be sure to include your handicap or average score.

Reservations limited to 120 participants. First come, first serve.

Please mail registration and entry fees to: Attn: Larry McDonald
Fairlawn Baptist Church, 215 Fairlawn Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26101
Questions call Larry C. McDonald @ 304-863-3645

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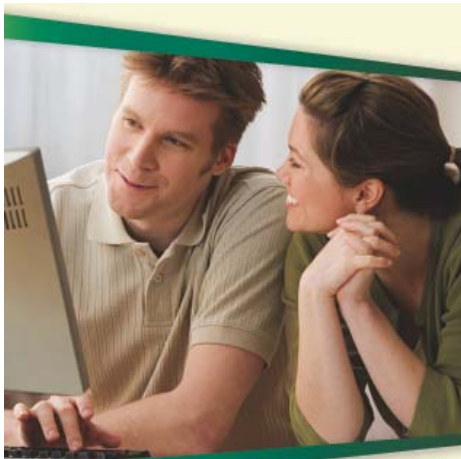
HOW CAN I GET RIGHT WITH GOD?

The Bible says that every person has done things or thought things that are against God's desires. That is called sin. More than that, every person is born separated from God by sin. Mankind is born with a sin nature. Therefore, we can never do enough good works to ever be right with God because we are born sinners to begin with. We need help!

The Bible says that God's Son, Jesus, came to the earth to help us. God loves you and me, but He cannot be in the presence of sin. Jesus is God. He does not have a sin nature. He lived a holy, righteous life. He died a criminal's death on the cross, though He was innocent before men and before God. Jesus was buried. But on the third day He was in the tomb, He was raised to life again by God the Father. [this happened on Easter Sunday]

The Bible says that God transferred our sin, and our punishment for sinning, to Jesus, while He was on the cross. Jesus died for our sin. God gave to Jesus our sin; God can give to us Jesus' perfection.

But, you have to ask for it. Admit to God you are a sinner. Believe Jesus is God's Son, and that He died for you. Confess Jesus is your Lord, and commit your life to Him, to live to honor and please Him.



Take the 2012 SBC Church Compensation Survey today...

The bi-annual SBC Church Compensation Survey is underway. Sponsored by your Baptist state convention, GuideStone Financial Resources and LifeWay Christian Resources, the 2012 survey is again online. In 2010, almost 12,000 church employees participated, and we're counting on you to make this year's survey a success.

- The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Your individual results are kept anonymous: Results are reported at the state or national level for churches of similar size and budget.

For more than a decade, the SBC Church Compensation Survey's results have been used by church finance and personnel committees to establish competitive compensation packages for ministers and support staff. Your participation will help make this year's survey the most complete yet. Ministers, secretaries and maintenance/custodial staff are invited to participate. Take the online survey today.

Visit www.GuideStone.org/CompensationSurvey by May 31, 2012 to take the online survey.

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