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

September 14-15, 2012

LIVE WITH URGENCY...

JOHN 4:35-37

Activities included:

Archery

Fishing Tournament

Horseshoes

Marksmanship

Softball

Missions Leaders Training

Prizes will be awarded in
each competition.

Bluegrass pickin—bring your
own guitar, banjo, etc

Cost:

\$10.00 per person

Registration deadline:

Sept. 6, 2012

Checks payable to

WVCSB must

accompany

registration

Outdoor related gift
for all who attend.

Registration begins

Friday @ 1:00 pm

Supper @ 6:15 pm



ANNUAL MEN/BOYS RETREAT

Camp Caesar, Cowen, WV

A great place for food, fun, fellowship, and the opportunity to meet with God in the great outdoors.

Guest speaker: Jeff Hessinger

Evangelism Director

Florida Baptist Convention

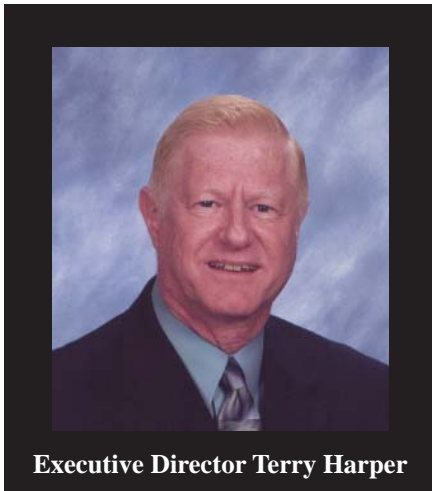
*bring your own bedding and towels and other
personal items*

*Directions: US 19 South from I-79 to Rt. 82 at
Birch River, follow Rt. 82 for 16 miles to Cowen,
proceed 5 miles north on Rt. 20 .*

*Camp Caesar is on the left. OR , US 19 North
of Summersville to Rt. 41, east toward
Craigsville, then follow Rt. 20 North.*



This retreat is provided by WVCSB Cooperative Program Funds.



Executive Director Terry Harper

Dear Friends,

I recently returned from a meeting of State Executive Directors of the Midwest Region. This was an enlightening meeting as we shared issues that are common to all of our state conventions, since most all of us are in new work state conventions. It is interesting to note that we in West Virginia are not alone in our struggles to come to grips with the changes that have come forth as a result of the major new directions at the North American Mission Board. Every state convention in our country is dealing with the same issues and especially those in new work state conventions.

But at the same time, we were able to rejoice in the new opportunities that

From the Executive Director:

are presented to us as we seek to retool and begin to see some new and exciting developments begin to take place. Certainly this is true here in West Virginia. It is exciting to hear about the new church planters that are arriving on the field and others that are in process. Likewise, we at the state office have had a number of opportunities to be in many of our churches in recent days. Several churches in a number of places are without a pastor and we have been traveling a good bit to supply preach as well as to provide training. These are great opportunities to connect with our people and to encourage our churches.

Likewise, it is encouraging to hear how a number of our local Associations have moved forward and have filled the gap. Many have simply stepped up and funded their own missionary on a full time basis. Others have chosen a part time person and others have secured a volunteer to serve them during this time. One of the best examples of this is the Coalfields Association. This is one of the Associations who stood to lose the most in the transition. However, these dedicated people simply said that they would do what they needed to do and find a way to make it work. And they have done just that. They have chosen a pastor, John Thompson, to serve as their part-time Associational Leader and he is doing an awesome job. In the meantime, several of their churches have also increased their Cooperative Program giving in order to assist with the work here in West Virginia as we move forward. This is what it means to be a team player and support the work of the Lord!

I am also hearing some good things that are happening in the local Associations. One of our Associations recently had a \$200,000 donation to the Associa-

tion for their work. How exciting is that? Further, one of our Associations just this week interviewed a candidate as a possible Director of Missions. These are the positive things that we must look to and thank God for making these positive things happen. When we just focus on the darkness, that is all we can see, but when we give God our difficulties and focus on Him, we can see the positive things He wants to do in our lives. Our office doors are always open or any of our staff will be happy to call on you at your church. All you have to do is to let me know. Sincerely,

Terry

In a called phone meeting of the Executive Board on June 13, the Board voted unanimously to fund the two college missionaries to the end of the year. This was made possible by a contribution from NAMB to make up part of the shortfall in budget receipts.

SHEPHERDING THE SHEPHERD MINISTERS WIFE'S FELLOWSHIP

August 7 -- 9 AM Special Speaker:
Nancy Sullivan

August 8 -- Special Speaker:

Denita Inmon

Special Music:
Debbie

Spurgeon,
Jeannie Beall,
Cheryl Harper

Testimony:
Cheryl Pilcher

(left) Cheryl
Harper



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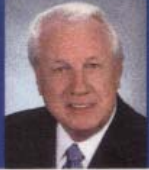
This event made possible by gifts to CP and primarily by the Florida Baptist Convention.

August 6-8

2012

Shepherding the Shepherd

Pipestem State Park Pipestem, West Virginia



Guest Speaker: Dr. John Sullivan

Executive Director for Florida Baptist Convention



Guest Speaker: Jason Barber

Pastor in Georgia and former DOE of WVCSB



Music: Marc Ivey

Cost: \$35.00 per couple

Conference begins with dinner on Monday, August 6 and ends with lunch on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Childcare and youth programming provided by the Convention.

Deadline for reservations is July 9.

Register online at WVCSB.org or mail your deposit to: Susan Carpenter, One Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560

WVCSB Calendar

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
- 6-8 - 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 (Ridgecrest)

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
- 27-29 - Basic Training Journey
- 28 - WVCSB Nominating Comm. WVCSB Committee on Committees

October

- 4 - New Ministers' Orientation
- 7 - Great Day in the Mountains (SS High Attendance)
- 7 - Soul-Winning Commitment Day
- 14 - World Hunger Sunday

November

- 1 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg
- 1 - Pastors' Conference Ministers' Wives
- 2-3 - WVCSB Annual Meeting
- 4 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4 - Children's Missions Celebration Day (SBC)
- 22 - Thanksgiving (Office Closed 22-23)

LIVING PROOF LIVE 2012 SIMULCAST

Speaker
Beth Moore
Worship Leader
Travis Cottrell

Saturday
September 15th
2012

Open Door
Baptist Church
Eldersville Road
Colliers, WV 26035



Cost

Non-Refundable

\$20

Schedule

- 8:00 AM - DOORS OPEN
- 9:30 AM - EVENT BEGINS
- 10:00 AM - SESSION 1
- 11:30 AM - LUNCH (PROVIDED BY OPEN DOOR)
- 1:00 PM - WORSHIP
- 1:30 PM - SESSION 2
- 3:00 PM - INVITATION
- 3:30 PM - WORSHIP
- 3:40 PM - SESSION 3
- 4:10 PM - WORSHIP
- 4:15 PM - CONCLUDE

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Most of all, Bubba loves Jesus

by Brett Maragni

Date: Apr 16, 2012

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)--Easter Sunday evening Bubba Watson executed an amazing golf shot out of the woods on the second hole of a sudden death play-off to win the prestigious Masters tournament in Augusta, GA.

I can hardly recall a Masters champion who carries with him as many interesting story lines as Bubba Watson. One could start with his nickname. He is really a junior, named after his late father, Gerry.

But at a very early age Gerry Sr. started calling him Bubba, and it stuck. Bubba does not exactly fit in the mold of the great golfing champions of the past: the King (Arnold Palmer), the Bear (Jack Nicklaus) the Shark (Greg Norman), and of course, Tiger Woods. Bubba sounds more like the name of a NASCAR fan than an elite golfer.

Not that Bubba Watson doesn't enjoy some NASCAR. Bubba owns the original General Lee, the car featured in the hit 1970s television show "The Dukes of Hazzard." Bubba purchased it at auction for \$110,000. Bubba planned on driving the General Lee on a parade lap prior to the start of the Sprint Cup race at Phoenix International Speedway a month ago. But NASCAR ended up pulling the plug on the idea for fear of projecting the wrong message, due to the Confederate Flag painted atop the iconic car.

Watson admitted, "Obviously, I don't stand for the Confederate flag." He likes the car because he liked the car on the show.

It shouldn't be shocking that Bubba liked "The Dukes of Hazzard" because Bubba is from the deep South himself. Born and raised in the small Florida panhandle community of Baghdad, he played on the same high school golf team as current PGA Tour professionals Heath Slocum and Boo Weekley. He went on to play for the Georgia Bulldogs on the collegiate level.

Bubba never had a golf lesson. By doing so he removed one of the most common excuses uttered by millions of weekend golfers: "Well, I haven't had any lessons yet." That excuse will no longer fly.

Bubba stands 6 feet, 4 inches above the ground, but still looks up to his wife. Literally. Angie is a former professional basketball player. On their first date, Angie informed Bubba that she would never be able to conceive. When they married, they planned to adopt. The process took years. But they welcomed their first son into their home weeks ago.

When Bubba steps onto the tee and his caddy, Ted Scott, hands him his driver, here's where the world witnesses another aspect of this mold-breaking golfer: his driver is pink. A guy named Bubba swings a pink driver? But be careful in assuming too much, because Bubba hits the ball farther than anyone else on the PGA Tour, on average six yards farther than the current runner-up.

But most of all, Bubba loves Jesus. It wasn't always that way. Watson grew up unchurched. But that changed during his teenage years when a neighbor girl invited him to youth group. He liked what he saw. He embraced the lifestyle, but not the Savior. It wasn't until he and Angie were approaching their wedding that they decided to make personal commitments to Christ. They were both baptized shortly after tying the knot.

Attending a Bible study with other professional golfers in 2006, friend and fellow believer Ben Crane introduced Bubba to Ted Scott, who has been Watson's caddy ever since. But there was a time when that relationship was in jeopardy. Bubba had a reputation for profanity-laced temper-tantrums on the course when he wasn't playing well. Scott, a believer, told him enough was enough and if he didn't get a grip on this poor behavior, Scott would walk away. It worked. And while Bubba has an occasional slip, he is quick to pray and make it right with His Lord.

Bubba has become well known for using the social media tool Twitter to broadcast his love for the Lord. Last weekend was no exception. Saturday night he tweeted: "3 reasons tomorrow will be #awesome, 1. Jesus has risen 2. See my new baby boy & my wife 3. Masters Sunday". Early Sunday morning he tweeted: "Happy Easter everyone! #JesusHasRisen". Hours after his victory: "To God Be the Glory!!! #Masters."

Pastor and friend Judah Smith says, "The number one passion for Bubba Watson is Jesus. He loves the person of Jesus undoubtedly. That's the greatest thing in the world to see."

After winning the Masters, more of the world will see.

Brett Maragni is senior pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel of Jacksonville, Fla., and a frequent columnist for BP Sports



David Burton (above), leader of the Florida Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department, was in West Virginia May 7-10. He travelled to four associations. At each conference a variety of material was given to those attending.

Brother David shared simple strategies people could use to share their faith. Above and below, Burton speaks to the folks from Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association. Twenty-five people attended, including six pastors. Phil Campbell and Mike Watson helped to organize the event.



(above) Brother David spoke to the sixteen folks who came for the training in Allegheny Baptist Association. Six pastors were in the group.

(below) Three of the six pastors who attended the evangelism rally at Real Life Baptist Church in Weston, Monongahela Baptist Association, spoke with David after the meeting. (L to R) Doug Strother, Calvary, Morgantown; Burton; Rick Brown, Real Life; and Don Knotts, Wayside, Buckhannon.



David also got to share at the monthly pastors' fellowship in Greater Huntington.

Jan. - May, 2012 Gifts from WV Churches

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Allegheny</i>						
Ansted	150.00	871.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,021.50
Beaver Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Bolair	116.88	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	166.88
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	2,518.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,518.00
Evangel, Fayetteville	481.87	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	781.87
Faith, Rupert	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Craigsville	3,872.41	1,803.49	1,712.00	0.00	0.00	7,387.90
First, Fairlea	20,324.55	5,737.00	490.00	175.00	3,575.10	30,301.65
First, Huntersville	845.40	310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,155.40
First So., Sutton	1,406.80	620.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	2,416.80
Graydon	665.00	216.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	881.90
Hebron	351.66	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	526.66
Hines	125.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	145.00
Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Light House	138.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.64
Little Birch	289.31	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	389.31
Living River	298.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	398.00
Lochgelly	162.50	116.89	85.00	0.00	0.00	364.39
Nettie	264.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	264.03
New Life, Cowen	582.46	220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	802.46
New River	826.10	921.00	2,027.10	0.00	0.00	3,774.20
Restoration	1,200.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
So Baptist, Summersville	7,276.13	860.00	340.23	0.00	0.00	8,476.36
Southside	96.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	96.50
Trinity, Buckeye	308.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	308.19
Westview	157.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.56
White Sulphur Springs	1,517.08	688.05	599.12	0.00	0.00	2,804.25
Totals	43,974.07	13,439.83	5,813.45	175.00	3,575.10	66,977.45
<i>Immanuel</i>						
Brooksville	2,549.83	770.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,319.83
Calvary, Ravenswood	943.51	0.00	220.00	0.00	0.00	1,163.51
Camden Flats	2,317.75	1,030.00	810.00	0.00	0.00	4,157.75
Community, Grantsville	704.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	1,304.00
Fairlawn, Parkersburg	22,906.88	2,343.74	290.00	0.00	0.00	25,540.62
Faith, Mason	3,181.69	1,648.36	637.65	0.00	0.00	5,467.70
Faith, West Union	2,500.99	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.99
Faith, Weston	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace, Parkersburg	22,123.61	5,480.55	564.85	0.00	0.00	28,169.01
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	1,357.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,557.00
Mineral Wells	811.77	520.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,331.77
New Beginnings	472.66	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	492.66
So Baptist, Elizabeth	2,399.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,399.00
Southside	3,399.00	1,119.00	65.00	4.00	0.00	4,583.00
Victory, Belmont	1,016.00	185.00	188.00	0.00	0.00	1,389.00
West Ripley	1,008.56	100.00	442.00	0.00	14.00	1,564.56
Williams Creek	3,516.10	495.00	2,243.23	0.00	0.00	6,254.33
Zoar, St. Marys	73.67	147.33	147.33	73.67	0.00	442.00
Totals	71,282.02	14,538.98	6,228.06	73.67	14.00	92,136.73
<i>Tri-County</i>						
Baker Heights	4,269.18	260.00	858.00	0.00	0.00	5,387.18
Emmanuel, Great Cacapon	689.43	176.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	1,015.43
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	750.00	0.00	115.00	0.00	0.00	865.00
New Vision	1,264.91	0.00	335.00	0.00	0.00	1,599.91
Second, Martinsburg	2,630.87	614.00	658.00	0.00	0.00	3,902.87
South Berkeley	3,648.00	532.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	4,190.00
The Church at Martinsburg	9,825.60	1,300.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	13,125.60
Westview	14,385.22	3,792.50	5,012.36	230.00	113.53	23,533.61
Totals	37,463.21	6,674.50	9,138.36	230.00	113.53	53,619.60

CELEBRATION

Grace Baptist Church in Fayetteville, WV, celebrated their eighth anniversary on May 6. Randy Spurgeon, Music and Family Life Department of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists,

both led the congregation in song and presented the special music. **Dr. Don Deel, Association Missionary for Mountain State Baptist Association,** preached the morning message.



Winston Clyde O'Neal recounted how the church began. It was a fascinating story

of how several people and events came together at the same time in order to bring



about the formation of the congregation, but also a place for them to meet. The church has been able to purchase land and build a worship and education facility. After the morning worship service, a dinner was served.

The church has already broken ground for a family life center. They hope to complete the structure this summer.

Delbert and Norma Walker have served the church since its beginning.





Emmanuel Baptist Church, Great Capon, Potomac Highland Association, sponsored a two-day evangelism training school. The group was given ideas and tools to be used in personal evangelism and in street evangelism. Thirty-five people participated in the training. (above) The class had a good lunch at the church building after the Saturday morning ses-



sion. Then the students went to Winchester to practice what they had learned at the Fireman's Parade, and also at the Winchester Apple Blossom Parade the next day.

The state convention and NAMB were able to partner with this training event.



Scan the qr code below with your smart phone to learn more about the North Greenville University mission team.



Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Mountain State</i>						
Bluewell	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brenton	176.21	0.00	1,000.00	176.21	0.00	1,352.42
Brushfork	799.82	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,149.82
Burke Memorial	5,426.16	1,561.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,987.16
Calvary, Bluefield	368.48	335.00	461.00	0.00	0.00	1,164.48
Calvary, War	1,344.89	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	11,344.89
Ceres	323.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	323.20
Covenant, Princeton	875.00	930.00	1,022.00	0.00	0.00	2,827.00
Cumberland Heights	2,500.00	718.00	730.00	0.00	0.00	3,948.00
East End	8,660.93	310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,970.93
Edgemont	5,233.00	3,063.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,296.00
Faith (Blackwolf)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fellowship, Princeton	1,060.00	290.00	50.00	322.00	0.00	1,722.00
First, Bluewell	250.00	732.00	325.00	0.00	0.00	1,307.00
First, Hinton	1,367.77	60.00	280.00	0.00	0.00	1,707.77
First, Princeton	17,558.37	2,013.00	4,214.76	0.00	132.65	23,918.78
First So., Nemours	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First So., Grandview	1,607.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,607.75
Freedom, Beckley	375.00	1,275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00
Glade Community	0.00	0.00	2,431.00	0.00	8.17	2,439.17
Grace, Fayetteville	4,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,250.00
Immanuel, Princeton	10,114.01	0.00	4,981.72	0.00	10,252.95	25,348.68
Isaban	462.46	250.00	228.00	0.00	0.00	940.46
Lilly Grove	2,000.00	745.00	955.00	0.00	0.00	3,700.00
Lorton Lick	2,867.00	915.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,782.40
Memorial	16,585.64	6,395.00	6,665.17	355.00	0.00	30,000.81
Mt. Calvary	312.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	312.43
Nehemiah	850.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Northgate	1,498.78	0.00	10,306.78	0.00	749.39	12,554.95
Pineville	1,023.96	220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,243.96
Pipestem	1,118.61	175.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	1,343.61
Riverside	340.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	640.00
Shawnee	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Silver Springs	4,223.78	3,482.00	0.00	0.00	16.86	7,722.64
Sun Valley	640.68	882.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	1,607.68
The Bridge	28.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.00
Willowbrook	1,832.00	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,992.00
Totals	96,073.93	25,261.40	44,235.43	853.21	11,160.02	177,583.99

Non-Association

Berkeley	3,531.59	1,420.00	1,001.00	100.00	0.00	6,052.59
Crosspoint	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Freedom Fellowship	319.00	0.00	181.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Jordan Christian Fellowship	600.00	100.00	315.00	0.00	0.00	1,015.00
Mt. Hermon	673.40	140.00	80.00	120.00	0.00	1,013.40
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	225.00	88.50	224.75	113.75	0.00	652.00
Totals	5,348.99	1,748.50	1,801.75	333.75	0.00	9,232.99

Pioneer

Agsten Manor	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00
Cathedral of Prayer	4,574.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,574.03
Centerpointe	2,357.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,357.00
Cross Lanes	46,679.37	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	61,679.37
Dayspring	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
Fairlawn, Dunbar	1,469.90	537.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,006.90
First, Chelyan	540.00	1,704.97	1,450.80	0.00	0.00	3,695.77
Freedom, Charleston	990.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	990.29
Good Shepherd	26,435.80	5,038.00	1,240.00	0.00	0.00	32,713.80
Heritage	5,114.46	2,425.00	1,307.00	0.00	0.00	8,846.46
Lighthouse, Hurricane	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malden	500.00	332.35	260.15	0.00	0.00	1,092.50
North Charleston	4,344.02	241.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,585.02
Shrewsbury	489.86	195.20	164.50	0.00	0.00	849.56
The Crossing, St. Albans	4,199.71	1,029.00	433.00	0.00	0.00	5,661.71
West Charleston	542.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	542.00
Witcher	5,374.04	676.00	811.25	0.00	0.00	6,861.29
Totals	103,682.48	27,178.52	5,666.70	0.00	0.00	136,527.70

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
Greater Huntington						
Abundant Hope	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
Altizer	1,500.00	163.00	405.00	0.00	0.00	2,068.00
Calvary, Chapmanville	1,500.00	2,020.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,520.00
Chinese Fellowship	504.40	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	624.40
Eastwood	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
First, Ceredo	15,047.00	780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,827.00
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	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
Hamlin	3,300.00	2,311.00	2,075.25	0.00	0.00	7,686.25
Highlawn	311.77	935.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,247.08
Lincoln	300.00	296.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	616.00
Locust Grove	860.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,360.00
Spring Valley Freedom	600.00	0.00	537.00	0.00	0.00	1,137.00
Twentieth Street	750.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,750.00
Westmoreland	8,904.56	300.00	795.00	0.00	0.00	9,999.56
Totals	34,567.73	9,425.31	3,832.25	0.00	0.00	47,825.29

Monongahela						
Berean	895.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	895.72
Calvary, Belington	450.51	170.00	38.00	0.00	0.00	658.51
Calvary, Grafton	1,965.04	516.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,481.07
Calvary, Morgantown	5,480.71	1,110.00	1,455.00	0.00	0.00	8,045.71
Canaan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity, Wyatt	1,904.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,904.47
Church of the Good Shepherd	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Evangel, Bridgeport	1,775.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,925.00
Faith, Dailey	60.90	28.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.40
First So., Fairmont	1,199.88	1,340.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	3,789.88
Freedom, Nutter Fort	9,596.82	3,412.44	163.00	2,540.33	0.00	15,712.59
Frontier	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace Fellowship, Wana	1,561.71	80.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	1,681.71
Kingwood	1,266.00	474.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,740.01
New Creek	285.29	100.00	220.00	0.00	0.00	605.29
New Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life, Weston	1,162.86	639.00	160.00	0.00	0.00	1,961.86
Real Life	1,050.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.83
Redemption Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rowlesburg	120.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Southern, Philippi	1,242.29	264.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,506.29
The Bridge	28.00	0.00	235.00	0.00	0.00	263.00
Wayside, Buckhannon	1,287.19	282.00	188.00	0.00	0.00	1,757.19
Totals	31,333.22	8,695.98	3,749.00	2,540.33	0.00	46,318.53

Potomac Highland						
Amazing Grace	397.65	520.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	917.65
Canaan Valley	1,585.07	400.00	920.00	0.00	0.00	2,905.07
Carpendale	412.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	412.70
Cherry Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covenant, Romney	2,639.69	1,466.50	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	5,406.19
Danville Community	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
First, Burlington	3,630.84	927.00	782.00	0.00	0.00	5,339.84
First, Brandywine	973.00	274.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,247.00
First, Fort Ashby	2,312.45	562.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,874.83
Foxes Hollow	355.19	0.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	376.19
Knobley Road	664.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	664.00
Living Hope	1,712.20	1,075.54	0.00	0.00	75.00	2,862.74
Mountain Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Day	2,784.00	940.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	3,744.00
North Fork	0.00	80.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
Old Fields	521.76	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	546.76
Petersburg So.	145.56	58.00	76.00	0.00	0.00	279.56
P. H. Baptist Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	720.00	720.00
Second, Keyser	2,166.95	678.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,344.95
Valley	1,582.08	230.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	2,007.08
Wayside, Franklin	1,412.50	135.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	1,757.50
Zoar, Augusta	961.75	0.00	311.31	0.00	0.00	1,273.06
Totals	25,257.39	7,371.42	4,385.31	0.00	795.00	37,809.12

Transformational Church Summit

A **"Transformational Church Summit – A Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders"** will be held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 27-28, on CU University's main campus in south central Kentucky. The Summit is designed to help pastors and church leaders, both paid staff and lay members, in the process of transformation and renewal.

"Our goal is for this summit is to be more than just another meeting or conference," said John Chowning, CU vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president. "We need transformation. We need renewal. We need a fresh movement for the Spirit in our congregations and amidst our people and the CU School of Theology as well as the Office of Church Relations believe this conference can help."

Featured speakers in this two-day, 24-hour conference include: Dr. Thom Rainer, President and Chief Executive Officer, LifeWay Christian Resources and author (with Dr. Ed Stetzer) of the book "Transformational Church" on which the sessions are based; Dr. Dan Garland, Regional Manager Eastern Region LifeWay Christian Resources; the Rev. Charles Grant, Jr. Church Partner, Urban and Black Church Partnerships LifeWay Christian Resources; Dr. Shane Garrison, CU assistant professor of educational ministries; Dr. John Mark Toby, pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Church in Somerset, Kentucky; and Dr. Rusty Ellison, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Congregations of all sizes and types will be able to benefit from this summit.

Registration is \$40 and can be done at www.campbellsville.edu/summit or by calling 270-789-5520.

Campbellsville University, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and LifeWay are partnering to sponsor the conference.

Campbellsville University is a Kentucky-based Christian university with more than 3,500 students offering 63 undergraduate options, 17 master's degrees, five postgraduate areas and eight pre-professional programs. The website for complete information is campbellsville.edu. ----CU press release



MEET ANOTHER CHURCH PLANTING CATALYST

Tony Inmon is the new CPC in the



Southwest Region of West Virginia. He is married to Denita Inmon. They have one daughter Taylor. They have most recently returned from serving as missionaries in Uruguay, South America. Tony is very excited to be a part of the church planting team in West Virginia.

Before serving with the IMB he pastored churches in Mississippi while attending Blue Mountain College and seminary at NOBTS. He served in Virginia as a church planter and a church planting strategist.

His purpose in ministry is to see the local church fully engaged in the mission God has assigned to them of making disciples among all peoples of the world. He believes God has equipped the local church to carry out this mission by starting new churches among every people where a sufficient gospel witness does not exist.

He recognizes the urgent need as we look at the reality that almost one half million people in Southwestern West Virginia do not claim to have a relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Pray with him that God will raise up workers to send into the harvest field.

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

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Coalfields</i>						
Big Spring	573.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.00
Borderland	1,309.44	1,350.00	1,680.00	0.00	0.00	4,339.44
Bradshaw Mountain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chattaroy	1,974.20	1,645.46	957.50	0.00	0.00	4,577.16
East Williamson	8,234.00	856.00	306.00	20.00	220.00	9,636.00
Ferrellsburg	230.82	182.00	241.50	0.00	0.00	654.32
Gilbert Creek	337.47	2,012.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,349.47
Gordon	100.00	230.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	330.32
HarborLight	942.98	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,142.98
Horsepen	1,992.00	1,518.00	1,468.00	0.00	0.00	4,978.00
Living Stone	125.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Neibert	359.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	359.57
New Covenant	528.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	528.20
New Hope, Madison	385.26	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	535.26
Peytona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wharton	349.59	105.00	0.00	0.00	139.84	594.43
Totals	17,441.53	8,348.78	4,653.00	20.00	359.84	30,823.15

Upper Ohio Valley

Abundant Life	4,064.38	355.00	310.00	0.00	195.00	4,924.38
Avondale	243.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	243.00
Calvary, Follansbee	0.00	700.00	575.00	0.00	300.00	1,575.00
Cameron	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Emmanuel, St. Clairsville	1,899.81	0.00	793.00	0.00	0.00	2,692.81
Evangel, Weirton	1,194.10	0.00	431.00	0.00	0.00	1,625.10
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	867.00	272.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,139.00
Harbor Light, Steubenville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immanuel, New Martinsville	2,350.00	1,096.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,446.00
Indian Creek	151.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.07
Lighthouse, Follansbee	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Marland Heights	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open Door	3,858.00	2,471.00	1,312.90	0.00	0.00	7,641.90
Ryerson	2,119.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,119.81
Solid Rock	185.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.50
South Wheeling	113.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.29
Temple, Moundsville	1,430.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,430.20
U.O.V. Assoc.	2,934.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,934.00
Totals	21,786.16	5,994.00	3,935.09	0.00	495.00	32,210.25

Grand Totals

\$488,210.73 \$128,677.22 \$93,438.40 \$4,225.96 \$16,512.49 \$731,064.80

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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.



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: *So shall my word be which goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. ---Isaiah 55:11*

MINISTRY FOCUS: events that attract people at which the gospel may be shared to individuals or to the group

RESOURCE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!! Most churches have planned this event for the summer already. Many people in our communities expect our churches to have one. One out of 16 elementary age students will be in an SBC Vacation Bible School this summer across the nation; it may be a higher ratio where you live. Take advantage of this "natural" event that draws so many people already. Put a little more effort into it this year and make it a great time for sharing the gospel!

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT: "Your dialogue with the Father will enable you to receive constant prompting from your Father who is never surprised by your circumstances, who has the resources to provide all you need in order to live victoriously, and who is completely trustworthy." *The Prayer of Jesus, Lifeway Press, Ken Hemphill, p.11.*



<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Church Plant</u>
July 9	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Neibert	Freedom Biker Church
July 10	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Nettie	Friendly
July 11	Coalfields	WVU Morgantown	New Beginnings	Frontier, Morgantown
July 12	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	New Covenant Fellowship	Grace, Pleasant Valley
July 13	Immanuel	Charleston Area	New Creek	HarborLight, Oceana
July 16	Monongahela	Concord Univ.	New Day, Fort Ashby	Hatsal Korean, Martinsburg
July 17	Mountain State	Marshall Univ.	New Hope Comm., Rock Cave	Lighthouse, Follansbee
July 18	Pioneer	Mt. State Univ.	New Hope, Madison	Living Hope, Petersburg
July 19	Potomac Highland	WVU Morgantown	New Life, Cowen	Living River
July 20	Tri-County	Bluefield State	New Life, Weston	Marland Heights
July 23	Upper Ohio Valley	Charleston Area	New River	Marshall Community
July 24	Allegheny	Concord Univ.	North Charleston	Ministry of Salvation
July 25	Coalfields	Marshall Univ.	North Fork	Mountain Ministry Chapel
July 26	Greater Huntington	Mt. State Univ.	Northgate	New Vision, Berkeley Springs
July 27	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	Old Fields	North Jefferson
July 30	Monongahela	Bluefield State	Open Door, Colliers	Solid Rock, Hundred
July 31	Mountain State	Charleston Area	Petersburg	South Wheeling
Aug. 1	Pioneer	Concord Univ.	Peytona	Abundant Hope
Aug. 2	Potomac Highland	Marshall Univ.	Pineville	Carpendale
Aug. 3	Tri-County	Mt. State Univ.	Pipestem	Centerpointe, Hurricane
Aug. 6	Upper Ohio Valley	WVU Morgantown	Real Life, Weston	Cherry Grove
Aug. 7	Allegheny	Bluefield State	Restoration Fellowship	Chinese Fellowship
Aug. 8	Coalfields	Charleston Area	Riverside, Bluefield	The Church at Martinsburg
Aug. 9	Greater Huntington	Concord Univ.	Riverview, Wellsburg	Crossroads, Burnsville
Aug. 10	Immanuel	Marshall Univ.	Rowlesburg	Dayspring, Charleston
Aug. 13	Monongahela	Mt. State Univ.	Ryerson South Wheeling	Ferrellsburg
Aug. 14	Mountain State	WVU Morgantown	Second, Keyser	Freedom Biker Church
Aug. 15	Pioneer	Bluefield State	Second, Martinsburg	Friendly
Aug. 16	Potomac Highland	Charleston Area	Shawnee	Frontier, Morgantown
Aug. 17	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	Shrewsbury	Grace, Pleasant Valley
Aug. 20	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Silver Springs	HarborLight, Oceana
Aug. 21	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	South Berkeley	Hatsal Korean, Martinsburg
Aug. 22	Coalfields	WVU Morgantown	So Bapt Fellowship, Elizabeth	Lighthouse, Follansbee
Aug. 23	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	So Bapt Fellowship, Summersvl	Living Hope, Petersburg
Aug. 24	Immanuel	Charleston Area	So Bapt, Philippi	Living River
Aug. 27	Monongahela	Concord Univ.	Southside, Parkersburg	Marland Heights
Aug. 28	Mountain State	Marshall Univ.	Spring Valley Freedom	Marshall Community
Aug. 29	Pioneer	Mt. State Univ.	Sun Valley, Athens	Ministry of Salvation
Aug. 30	Potomac Highland	WVU Morgantown	Temple, Moundsville	Mountain Ministry Chapel
Aug. 31	Tri-County	Bluefield State	Trinity, Buckeye	New Vision, Berkeley Springs

News from West Virginia Churches

A small army of volunteers ascended the hill at **Berkeley Baptist Church** on Saturday, May 12, for a Free Car Wash and Lunch outreach. Young and old manned sponges, hoses, washing wands, and highway signs, while others helped inside cooking hot dogs. They washed approximately thirty cars and gave away 94 hot dogs during the two hour event. **Everett Powell** pastors the church.

ALLEGHENY

From the newsletter of **First Baptist Church, Craigsville**: "During the past few weeks, we have seen God meet a huge need for a local family by providing the resources and people to construct a bedroom. Donations from eight churches in our association combined with those from seven individuals have enabled this family to be reunited under one roof." **David Sommerville** is the pastor.

First Baptist Church, Fairlea, reports that they are getting ready to start Phase II of the remodeling of their Nursery and Preschool area. They plan to make the rooms larger, put down new flooring, replace the concrete block walls with insulated drywall construction, and replace the windows. **Pastor is Kevin Prevett**.

MOUNTAIN STATE

First Baptist Church, Bluewell, has started a new chapter of Christian Bow Hunters Association named "Faith Archery". **Jim Milam** is the pastor.

Grace Baptist has broken ground for their new Family Life Center Gymnasium. **Delbert Walker** pastors the Fayetteville church.

UPPER OHIO VALLEY

Cameron Baptist Church, where **Ron McCoy** is pastor, recently completed 40 Days in the Word, a six-week program that includes Sunday messages, small group studies, and individual daily devotions. The goal is to "Love the Word, Learn the Word, and Live the Word."

We are doing something at **Grace Church** called KOZ which stands for Kids Outdoor Zone. It is a program for men to mentor boys ages 8-18. We meet one Saturday per month. There is a program guide and training required to have a KOZ chapter in your church.

So far we have fished at Bear Rock, where we visited a cave, had a round

up, (camped out at the church with a bon fire), and in May we took some boys turkey hunting.

The boys are very excited about KOZ and we look forward to continuing to develop their adventurous spirit with these activities. We focus these activities with a spiritual lesson and scripture each time as well.

It's a great program for any church that has some outdoorsy type of men with a heart to serve the Lord. I'm hoping to garner support from other churches by fall and have the developer of KOZ come to speak in the Ohio Valley.

Let me know if you're interested. You can check out KOZ on Facebook. ~~~
Rev. Dan Cook, Pastor

Randy Rhodes taught the Children's Choir at **East Williamson Baptist Church** the *Amazing Wonders Aviation* drama and musical. For several years the children have presented the musical-drama as a way to kick off the summer.

Rhodes had many adult helpers. Also, the children and their parents spent many hours preparing for the presentation. Below, the children hold their attendance award certificates. They were also given a medal to celebrate their participation.

The congregation plans to assist Neibert Baptist Church with their Vacation Bible School again this year. **Bob Norman is pastor**.
(Rhodes is back row, second from right)



Raleigh Sadler led a group of West Virginia State students on a spring mission trip to Brooklyn, New York. The students worked with Pastor Charlie Evans helping to do minor maintenance jobs around the building. The group also ministered to the homeless and did some prayer ministry. The students also went sightseeing in Manhattan. (left to right)

Dustin, Jon (front row), Tyler, Amanda, Sadler, Pastor Kevin, Zack, Justin, and Rose.



News from West Virginia Churches

From your West Virginia missionaries:

Hello Everyone!

Thank you for your prayers this weekend. Despite drizzling rain on and off and the cooler temperature we still had a fantastic turn-out for the Easter Egg Hunt (maybe even more than last year!) Five minutes after the official end time, there was a huge rain and hail storm so we thank God that the worst of the weather held off until after the outreach.



Praise too, that three non-believing

Czechs, who attend Bridge Community clubs & events but do not come to our Sunday worship service, came to our Easter service last night!

Please pray that the worship songs that were sung and the Gospel message that was presented would prick their hearts and cause them to think more about their need for the Savior!

Brian and Allie McClure



The West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists are again able to host a missions team from North Greenville University. The four students are all sophomores at the school. All have some musical talent.

Churches and associations from across the state have requested the team's assistance. Hosts are asked to house and feed the team while they are with the host, to provide some gasoline while doing work there, and to give a love offering if possible.

Nikki Cartee (left) is a youth ministry major. He began his post-high school education studying computer technology, but felt God calling him to the youth ministry. He loves music. He plays guitar, and most anything with strings.

Ashley Moore (second from left) is a

criminal justice major. She is not sure exactly which direction she wants to go with that yet. She, too, likes music, especially singing. She was raised Catholic, but through the influence of Baptist friends came to know Jesus personally.

Kiara Alvarenga was born in Honduras. She speaks English and Spanish equally well. She is majoring in engineering. She likes music and plays keyboard, but she really likes talking to and getting to know people.

Chris Wolfla is the team leader. He is a gifted piano player. He is from Jacksonville, Florida. He is a business major.

The group is able to be with us because of the commitment of North Greenville University and because of your giving to the Cooperative Program.



Pastor Doug Strother, Calvary Baptist, Morgantown (R), stands with Dr. Ken Hemphill. Dr. Hemphill was the keynote speaker for the Monongahela Baptist Association spring meeting on Friday, April 20. After the age-group training for the Association Sunday School Builders on Saturday morning, Dr. Hemphill spoke to the workers, and several others who came to hear the afternoon session.

WANT TO GO ON A MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER?

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

below---the church building



below----the Gus Soellner family



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July 23-27



To the Finish Line... Hebrews 12:1

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THE HANHAMS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

There is so much to say we hardly knew how to begin this final letter! Our hearts overflow with thankfulness to God and to YOU - our family and friends - who have supported us! It is an understatement to say that we will never be the same after living here for 3 years! Our priorities in life and our worldview have undergone radical changes.



Since our end-of-year update, we have continued to be extremely busy. Preparing to leave our homeland of 3 years and to re-enter life in America is a rather daunting task. Even as we send this letter, we are attempting to complete our tasks here, leaving the work in such a manner that others can take up the reins and continue.

What's next for us? We are entering a new stage of life as we settle in America again. Initially, we will live in a rented house near our former home in Owensboro, KY. Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's leading for our future service to Him. We are no longer updating our secure website, but we hope you will continue to keep in touch with us via e-mail, our family website, and

Facebook.

Be assured that we love you and pray for you, your family, and your ministry!

Join us as we continue to pray Habakkuk 2:14, that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

God bless you!

Richard and Suzanna

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.