

THE WEST VIRGINIA SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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WEST VIRGINIA CONVENTION OF
SOUTHERN BAPTISTS
44th ANNUAL MEETING
November 7, 2014

Together – Reaching Forward
Jeremiah 29:11... "a future and a hope"

meeting at Cross Lanes Baptist Church:

Exit 47 from I-64 onto 622 toward Cross Lanes;

Go past Bob Evans Restaurant, Pizza Hut, Carolyn Road, Go Mart

Go 1/2 mile from I-64; turn left onto Knollwood Drive



morning session begins at 9 AM afternoon session begins at 1:30 PM evening session begins at 7:00 PM

The churches are to elect and vote on their messengers in a business meeting. The members have to be a member of that church. The church clerk or moderator will sign the messenger card. In some cases, the pastor will be the one to sign the card. This "certifies" the person as the messenger of that particular church. There is no deadline, it just has to be done before the annual meeting. Messenger cards will be mailed to each cooperating church from this office.

Qualifications of Messengers

This Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of and elected by Southern Baptist churches which are in agreement with "The Baptist Faith and Message," as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and which cooperate with, fellowship with, and contribute to the work of the Convention. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers for the first fifty (50) resident members or fractional part thereof and one (1) additional messenger for each additional fifty (50) resident members or major fraction thereof, but in no case shall any church be entitled to more than fifteen (15) messengers. Messengers shall be elected and certified by their churches to the Convention.



Executive Director Terry Harper

Executive Board Meeting
September 6, 2014

Our work has gone well thus far in 2014. We have seen a number of successful statewide events and many of our churches are baptizing record numbers. At the same time we continue to see some of our established churches struggle and seek to find themselves in today's culture. These churches strongly need leadership at the top level that will help them rise above their declining numbers and mediocre existence. I realize that some of our Pastor's serve aging congregations, and that is a problem. We have addressed these issues and will continue to do so in our Task Force meetings as we work to find new avenues to expand

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From the Executive Director:

our existing work in WV. But, Pastors must be willing to try new ideas and approaches in order to reach today's populace. We should never, ever compromise our theology, but we must constantly be willing to try new approaches in order to reach the lost.

I have served this convention for 13 years as the Executive Director/Treasurer, ... longer than any previous leader. It has been a joy and a great blessing to serve in this capacity. During this time, I have sought to do my best to lead this convention in the way that I felt the Lord would have us to go. At times that has not been easy, especially during this time of great change within the SBC. There are only 42 state Execs in the entire country and every state is different. When I came to this job, I tried to find someone who could tell me how to do this job. I had never been a State Executive Director before, but I couldn't find anyone else who had been either, except those who were currently serving. So, I went to Carlisle Driggers (who at the time was the State Exec in SC and a former Pastor who had served here in WV) and he became a wonderful mentor and friend for me in my early days of this job. I will be forever grateful to him for his valuable guidance and suggestions that he offered to me during this time. I have been so blessed to have a wonderful group of men and women with whom to serve who have led our convention as President and as members of the Administrative Committee.

Some of you know that I have been struggling in recent months with a serious health issue relating to my Blood Pressure. I have been sent to a Cardiologist for further treatment and he is sending me to the Cleveland Clinic in a few days to have a stint placed in my heart

and to have some further testing done. It has become more and more difficult for me to handle stress. This job is stressful just by the nature of it but that has been multiplied in the last three years or so. My Doctor has wanted me to give this job up for some time, to get away from the stress and from the constant travel, and I have simply told him that I could not do so. However, as the Task Force, appointed by our President is continuing our work preparing for our future, I feel that the time is now right for new leadership in this position. I would never want to hold this convention back in any way. Therefore, I am today declaring my retirement as the Executive Director/Treasurer of the WVCSB effective at the end of the Annual Meeting in Cross Lanes on November 7, 2014. This decision has not come easily, but rather it is one that my wife and I have struggled with for some time. We have both sought to do what we think is the very best thing for this convention. Of course I would love to work a while longer, but in all honesty, I think that is not best. We feel that now is the time for you to find a younger leader who will take this convention forward to new heights into the future.

My wife has served faithfully at my side during this time as she has always during our ministry. She served for 10 of these years as Director of Ministries to Pastor's wives and did so happily without pay, but did a great job. We have both loved this work and we love you all.

This announcement today will give me two good months to bring my ministry to an end here and pass the baton to a younger, more energetic leader as you prepare for a new and bright future. I really do believe that the future of the WV Convention is a bright one with exciting

The purpose of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists is to Empower Kingdom Growth by assisting and encouraging affiliated churches and associations in fulfilling the Great Commission as given to us by our Lord in Matthew 28:19-20.

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

days ahead as you move forward to do great things for God. Please continue to think big and think outside the box during this transition time and as you go forward. When you get a new Executive Director, give him the benefit of the doubt and give him your trust. Don't make him earn that or fight for it. If he accepts this job, he will do so because he believes God is calling him to come and lead this convention. He will need your support and help. I will be available if the leadership of our convention needs to consult with me on a matter. But I promise you one thing; I will never get in the way or try to interfere with the convention's work. I will NOT do it.

I've had my time here and I will move on now and turn my attention to spending time with my grandkids and enjoy giving time to my sweet wife, whom I've neglected for many years. I may even pick up a part time job or serve as an Interim Pastor, but I will stay busy. God bless you and thank you for everything you have ever done for me. Being the Executive Director of the West Virginia Convention has been one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life and I will always be grateful for the opportunity to have served here. I am not stopping work today; just giving you notice that I intend to retire on November 7.

Sincerely,
 Terry L. Harper
 Lead Missionary/Executive Director
 WV Convention of Southern Baptists

(R) Some of the girls helped sort out the goods at the Food Bank in Orlando, FL. Part of the SONPOWER experience is helping with some local mission work.

(B) The WVCSB group (below, right) Mariah Lasure stands with the Bible study leader for the week, Grant Norsworthy.



Roger Cook is the Church Planting Catalyst for the Eastern Region in West Virginia. He and his wife, Chasity, return to WV from Community Fellowship in Tazewell/Bluefield, where he was the founder of the 2008 church plant. He also served at Grace, Parkersburg, and at Memorial, Beckley. Part of his training was in music. He plays the trombone. He has degrees from Andersonville Seminary and Liberty University. They have four children.



(A) Some of the girls helping with a feed the hungry project. (B) Students in prayer during one of the invitation times. (two down) Three of the WV girls stand with Dennis Allen, writer of the SONPOWER music and conductor of the 800 member choir.



Montana Rebuild Opportunities Volunteers Needed Now

Volunteer groups are needed to help rebuild homes in Havre and the Ft. Belknap Indian Reservation beginning now until October 30, 2014.

The type of work needed is primarily tearing out, replacing, finishing and painting damaged drywall. Some "deferred maintenance" is needed, such as roofing, electrical, plumbing and general contracting. Work is mostly in basements and crawlspaces.

Mission teams working in Havre, Hill County and the western side of Blaine County will be staying in Havre at Immanuel Baptist Church, where there is plenty of room and an excellent kitchen. Folks on the eastern side of Blaine County and the Ft. Belknap Reservation will be staying preferably at the Montana Indian Ministries Camp, which sleeps up to 90 personnel. Additionally the parsonage on the north end of the reservation will be available. Space is also available at Hays Alliance Fellowship Church, should it be needed.

Four showers and a laundry facility are available on site at the Montana Indian Ministries Camp. Immanuel Baptist in Havre has no shower capabilities, so one or two couples will have to stay at the nearby America Inn Hotel. Personnel can shower there and use their laundry facilities. All three places have kitchens, with Immanuel being the best. A hot breakfast and dinner will be provided as well as sack lunches.

For more information and/or to make reservations for this rebuild opportunity, please contact Dan Stewart by email at dstewart2107@interbel.net or phone 406-889-9720.

Sandy Rebuild on Long Island Continues

Sandy Rebuild is a two-year ministry of the North American Mission Board and North Carolina Baptist Men in cooperation with the Baptist Convention of New York, Metro New York Baptist Association, New Jersey Net and local churches to repair homes and restore communities.

Hundreds of homes are awaiting repair. Volunteers are needed to provide labor for construction and support. Skills needed are carpentry, roofing, electrical,

plumbing, insulation, drywall installation and finish, ceramic tile, laminate and hardwood floor installation and painting.

You can help. Teams can be Southern Baptist or other faith-based organizations. Adult teams must be age 18 and older. Youth teams must have completed the 7th grade. (No one under age 14 is permitted in Sandy Rebuild housing or on work sites.) Each team is required to bring at least one adult, of the same gender, for every five participants under the age of 18. Adults must be 21 years of age or older and must reside in the same room with their youth.

Cost per person is \$15 per night in dormitory-style sleeping quarters at the New York Institute of Technology campus in Central Islip, Long Island. Shower facilities are provided. Breakfast and dinner are provided cafeteria-style. Bag lunches are available at breakfast to take to the work site.

For more information on housing, teams, crew chiefs, etc., contact the Sandy Rebuild office at sandy@namb.net to con-

firm availability of your desired dates. Some dates book quickly. All registration is through the online registration portal. A \$15 non-refundable deposit for each team member must be paid at time of registration. Registration confirmed upon completion of online registration.

Pray now for how you can bring help, healing and hope to those homeowners in the Sandy Rebuild community on Long Island.

Disaster Relief Activity Reports 2014 Activity Report

Ministry contacts	4,092
Volunteer days	12,968
Meals prepared	63,906
Chainsaw jobs	755
Repair/Roof	192
Mud-out jobs	193
Fire Cleanup	35
Children	392
Showers	5,425
Laundry	768
Chaplaincy	1,294
Professions of faith	108
Gospel presentations	582

IMB NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

Alabama Baptist David Platt has been elected the new president of the International Mission Board (IMB). The vote took place this morning by the IMB board of trustees meeting in Richmond, Va.

Platt, pastor of *The Church at Brook Hills* since 2006, has gained international prominence for his commitment to missions and disciple making. He is a well-known author, speaker and Bible teacher.

Platt will follow retiring IMB president Tom Elliff, who has served in the role since 2011. Elliff announced his plans to retire in February and asked the board to find his successor quickly but carefully.

A 15-member search committee was named and chaired by *David Uth, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.*

Platt says on the church website, "I believe that God has uniquely created every one of His people to impact the world. Some may count it as idealistic, but I believe it is thoroughly biblical, rooted in Psalm 67:1-2, yet covering Scripture from beginning to end. God is in the business of blessing His people so that His ways and His salvation might be made known among all people."

Platt holds a bachelor of arts in journalism from the University of Georgia and a master of divinity, master of theology and doctor of philosophy from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He previously served at New Orleans Seminary as dean of chapel and assistant professor of expository preaching and apologetics, and as staff evangelist at Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans.

Platt and his wife, Heather, are Atlanta natives and have four children. They lived in New Orleans until they were displaced by flooding following Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



Outdoor Church Reaching Sportsmen

Wednesday, Jul 16, 2014

By Caleb Yarbrough

CONWAY, Ark. (BP) -- An Arkansas Baptist church plant, led by a pastor who could pass for a cast member on the hit reality show "Duck Dynasty," is seeking to reach people for Jesus Christ by appealing to their love of hunting and fishing.

A 2011 survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported 1.3 million people hunted, fished or participated in wildlife watching in 2011 — spending nearly \$2 billion on wildlife recreation in Arkansas.

The 1.3 million individuals mentioned in the survey included both residents of Arkansas and non-residents, with the vast majority being residents of the state.

All of these statistics point out that in Arkansas — a mostly rural state with a population of just under 3 million — easily more than half of the state's population either hunts, fishes or spends time participating in wildlife-related activities.

For Scottie Johnson, Arkansas Baptist State Convention church planter and pastor of Outdoor Church of Arkansas in Conway, the need for a church to reach one of the state's largest demographics is obvious.

Johnson, who served 23 years in student ministry prior to planting Outdoor Church, wears a bushy beard, long hair held back by a bandana, jeans and a T-shirt most days. He said he has been an outdoorsman as long as he can remember.

"I have a lot of friends and family that have never felt comfortable in a traditional church environment," he said. "So I thought if cowboy churches work in Arkansas, there is (a ratio of) 10-to-1 outdoorsmen to cowboys in Arkansas."

Johnson said one of the foundations of Outdoor Church is to build a church around reaching men. "You have over a 90 percent chance that you will reach the family if you get the dad," Johnson said.

Outdoor Church also seeks to be a place where wives of outdoorsmen, who currently don't attend church, can bring their husbands.

"I'll be the first to tell you that my wife is not an outdoorsman at all," Johnson said. "She is as far from an outdoors-type person as there is. But she absolutely loves

worshipping with us. I would say that there are a lot of outdoorsmen that don't have outdoorswomen for wives. But I can promise you this, there's a lot of wives that are in churches all over our state this coming Sunday that will be praying for their husband to come to church with them," Johnson said.

"What would it be like if that same husband were to then invite their wife to church? I guarantee you, that wife is coming."

Johnson added, "I thought, 'If we could somehow bridge the gap between the church, as we knew it, and their (outdoorsmen) world as they knew it, and somehow marry them together, we might have something. We might be able to reach people that no one else has even attempted or tried to reach before."

In December 2012 Johnson left a secure position as a youth pastor at First Baptist Church, Farmington, and moved his family to Conway to plant Outdoor Church.

"It was an overwhelming sense of urgency ... I came to the realization that I was the only Scottie Johnson that God was ever going to create. When I came to that conclusion, I realized that God had created me for a specific purpose, with specific giftedness and ability and not just anyone could do what He created me to do," he said.

Outdoor Church meets Tuesday evenings. Johnson said meeting at an untraditional time has allowed the church to use the youth facility of their partner church, oneChurch, without interrupting oneChurch's own activities.

Outdoor Church held an official launch service April 15. Since then, the church has strived to build a strong family atmosphere among its members and visitors.

"Johnson and [Outdoor Church of Arkansas] have only been meeting for a few months, but they have already seen God at work in their ministry," Tim Wicker, Arkansas Baptist State Convention church planting team member, said. "There are thousands of outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen in Arkansas, many of whom [are] without church homes. Churches like OCA and others have observed the need for specific ministries to reach this demographic and are doing a great job doing so across Arkansas."

He said above all, Outdoor Church's goal is to reach lost people for Christ and bring believers into a local familial body

that follows the Bible's model of how a church is supposed to function.

"We purposefully create 30 minutes of fellowship (before church each week), whether it's a potluck [dinner] week or not. We create a time where, as a family unit, we are together. ... We try to do as much together (as a church) as possible," Johnson said.

All children 6 years old or older are part of the general teaching time at Outdoor Church. The idea is that children, teens and adults learn together.

When the Johnson's moved to Conway to plant Outdoor Church, a woman they were friends with in Farmington told Johnson she believed the family's obedience to the call of God would be used to reach her husband for Christ, even though the family was moving across the state.

Following the Johnson's relocation, the woman's husband, whom she had prayed would become a Christian for 16 years, called Johnson and said he wanted to accept Christ. Johnson led the man to the Lord and baptized him last December.

"Christian culture has created this atmosphere that has driven a wedge between lostness and the Gospel. ... That is every churches greatest challenge ... but we have hope in Christ," Johnson said.

"I can't wait until the day when we get to baptize our first person at Outdoor Church. I am praying and excited about that because I know it is going to happen."

Caleb Yarbrough is a staff writer for the Arkansas Baptist News, newsjournal of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, where this story first appeared.



above--Pastor Scottie Johnson



ARCHEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following report is by Steven Ortiz and Samuel Wolff, co-directors of the Tel Gezer archaeological excavations in Israel. Steven Ortiz is professor of archaeology and biblical backgrounds and director of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's Charles D. Tandy Institute for Archaeology in Fort Worth, Texas. Samuel Wolff is senior archaeologist and archivist at the Israel Antiquities Authority, Jerusalem.

NEVE SHALOM, Israel (BP) -- An international team of archaeologists has excavated the remains of King Solomon's city at Tel Gezer. The site -- located between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv -- is known as one of the three major cities that Solomon fortified, according to the biblical account of Solomon's reign as recorded in the Book of Kings (1 Kings. 9:15-17).

Toppled building stones, accumulating more than 1 1/2 meters in height, were found in two rooms of a building and in an adjacent courtyard, apparently the sign of an attack, the team reported. The initiator of this attack could have been Shishak, the Egyptian pharaoh, around 918 BC, as recorded in the biblical text (1 Kings. 14:25-26) and Egyptian documents.

One of the surprises found within the destruction was a rare ivory-carved game board, the team reported. The game board was found in pieces retrieved in the field by volunteers who sifted the soil. It was reconstructed by the expedition's conservator, Rachael Arenstein.

The discovery is a well-known game from the ancient world (Levant, Cyprus) called "The Game of 20 Squares." Similar game boards were found inlaid into the top of a box. Several game pieces and dice were found in the same destruction debris. Two similar game boards carved out of stone had been previously discovered, the report noted.

The team has dubbed this area "Solomon's Casino." While the project's research is focused on the process of urbanization and Gezer's role as a border site, reconstructing ancient life is also a goal of the team. That the ancient inhabitants enjoyed leisure time adds an otherwise unrecognized facet to our knowledge, the report noted.

The project focused on an area west of the city gate where a casemate fortification wall was uncovered. Up against the interior of the wall was a large courtyard area with a tabun (clay cooking oven), storage jars, cooking pots, and burnt beams lying atop a plaster surface. Just to the north of this courtyard were two rooms with walls preserved to a height of more than a meter and a half. In one of these rooms the team discovered the remains of a cow jawbone. The adjoining room contained the game board.

Excavations also revealed "pre-Solomonic building remains." Discoveries from this period (12th-11th centuries B.C.) included a perfectly preserved bronze spearhead, the head of a Philistine-type ("Ashdoda") ceramic figurine, and the ceramic six-toed foot of a possible feline, the team reported. Largely unexcavated remains from the Late Bronze Age (14th century B.C.) lay below.

This summer, several foreign excavation projects had to cease digging due to their proximity to military operations. Since Tel Gezer is located beyond major populated areas, archaeological work was able to continue despite the current conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.



The Tel Gezer team consists of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish staff and volunteers. While there is a wide spectrum of political beliefs on the team, the report said, the staff focused on the scientific investigation of the ancient city.

The team plans to return to the field in the summer of 2015 to continue excavations.

Southern Seminary is now offering classes in Charleston at Randolph Street Baptist Church, 213 Randolph Street, 25302; www.randolphonline.org. All of the work towards a Masters of Arts or a Master of Divinity degree can be done at Randolph Street, through on-line courses, or at week long classes on campus.

Contact Rev. Jason McClanahan at 304-926-4118, or Randy Jones at 304-989-4435, for more information.

Exciting Times Ahead – Bivocational and Small Church Ministries

Jean and I (Vernon and Jean Beachum) recently attended the mid-year planning and business session of the Bivocational and Small Church Leadership Network Council (BSCLN). The three day schedule opened with a very special event. On Sunday, August 17th, the new headquarters and ministry facility was dedicated in partnership with the Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, in Nashville, TN. Our National Coordinator, Ray Gilder, brought the morning message. Then in the afternoon an Open House was held for church members and other guests to experience the moving of God's hand in providing this great space and relationship with the loving folks of the church.

The council meeting started on Monday with the attending council members representing various roles from 20 state con-

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

WELL, I LIKE SPECIAL EMPHASIS SUNDAYS AS WELL AS THE NEXT FELLOW, BROTHER ELI, BUT I CAN'T SEE MYSELF INVITING MY FRIENDS TO "BRING A SINNER" SUNDAY....





Did you realize that much that happens in the life of the church is related to the Sunday School enrollment amount? Attendance, baptisms, available workers, and even giving is related to this one figure. Increase your Sunday School enrollment, and the other figures will probably increase, too.

ventions. Council business was conducted and planning was begun for the 2015 National Celebration to be hosted by Louisiana College, Pineville, LA, in June.

The major focus of this meeting was to meet and hear from the leadership team of Hope Manifest. Hope Manifest has been retained by the BSCLN for a three year fund raising drive to provide the financial resources so that our organization can become self-sustaining and to increasingly strengthen our ability to assist bivocational and smaller church ministries. As Ray Gilder said during our meeting, our desire is "as the Lord supplies, we want to give ourselves away in helping bivocational and small church pastors." There are truly exciting times ahead as the need for bivocational pastors continues to increase and the place of the smaller membership in SBC life is fully recognized and understood. According to the 2011 Annual Church Profile, 50% of SBC churches average 49 or less in Sunday School and 81% average less than 125. We are truly a denomination of smaller sized churches. We all must be encouraged in knowing that in God's eye there is NO small church and there are no second class pastors. God's call and purpose for the role and mission of the pastor and the church are the same no matter the size or how the leader is called to serve. The work of the BSCLN continues to be focused on our vision of "Advancing bivocational and small church ministries in their faithful service within the Kingdom of God."

Jean and I are blessed as we have the privilege to serve the WVCSB as your Volunteer Bivocational Ministries Coordinators, and to represent the bivocational and smaller church ministries of the convention on the National Council of the BSCLN. Jean is now serving as the national president of the Partners Assisting the Lord's Servants (PALS) group and I serve as a director on the board. Look for us at the WVCSB Annual Meeting in November.



North Charleston Baptist Church conducted a wonderful VBS as well, and in spite of some afternoon showers. [top] The church utilized its visibility and its space by holding registration outside, where the activity could be seen by those passing by. **Pastor Timothy Marr** [right] welcomed the students to Bible School. He also led them in saying the pledges. The church had capacity crowds at Bible School each night [bottom].



[below] Some of the directors of the BSCLN visit with one another inside the new facility. [center] Jean (green blouse) and Vernon (behind Jean) stand with some of the directors and officers of the BSCLN. [below right] Jean stands with Ray Glider in the new office/conference room. (Photos from Tennessee's *Baptist and Reflector*)



NORTHEASTERN BAPTIST COLLEGE HAS ACADEMIC PLAN

Posted on Feb 25, 2014 | by Tom Strode

Located in southern Vermont, Bennington is at the geographic center of the Northeast in Southern Baptist North American Mission Board strategy. According to NAMB, 67 million people live in the region, which stretches from southern Maryland to the northern tip of Maine, and an estimated 82 percent do not know Christ. One church exists for each 37,000 people in the Northeast.

Students -- whom the school says it seeks to equip with "the mind of a scholar, the heart of a shepherd and the perseverance of a soldier" -- participate in practical ministries, mentoring times, shepherding groups and internships. "Our students are already having an impact on the community of Bennington and through several local churches in the region," Ballard said. "Several of our students prayerwalk, hit the streets sharing the Gospel and are involved in disaster relief and other servanthood projects which open the door to share the Gospel. In addition, several have been leading worship and teaching Sunday School and Bible studies in local congregations." (below--President Mark Ballard)

The college opened with two bachelor's degrees -- one in biblical studies with four tracks, including a church planting/entrepreneurial leadership emphasis, and one in music ministry with three concentrations. The school plans to introduce bachelor's degrees in education, business and biblical counseling in the future, said Ballard, who earned his a master of divinity degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina and an undergraduate degree at Criswell College in Dallas. Ballard, who is working on a Ph.D. at Southeastern, was inaugurated as NEBC's president in October.



Southern Baptist teams from at least nine states outside the Northeast helped prepare NEBC's facilities for use. The college shares a former Ramada Inn and Conference Center with an elementary and secondary Christian school. NEBC uses the third and fourth floors of the building while Grace Christian School is housed on the first two floors.

Tom Strode is the Washington bureau chief for Baptist Press.

WVCSB Calendar

October

- Cooperative Program Emphasis
- 2 - New Ministers' Orientation
- 5 - Great Day in the Mountains-
Sunday School High Attendance
- 5 - Soul-Winning Commitment
Day (SBC)
- 12 - World Hunger Day
- 19 - Bi-vo Ministers Appreciation
Day

November

- 2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 2 - Disaster Relief Appreciation
Day (SBC)
- 3 - Baptist Women's World Day
of Prayer
- 6 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg
- 6 - Pastors' Conference and
Minister's Wives
- 7 - WVCSB Annual Meeting
- 27 - Thanksgiving
(Office Closed 27 & 28)

11/30-12/7 - Week of Prayer for
International Missions &
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December

- 25 - Christmas
(Office Closed 12/24/14-
1/2/15)

January

- Call to Prayer Month (SBC)
- 1 - New Year's Day
- 4-11 - January Bible Study
(SBC)
- 8-9 - CPC Retreat, State Office
- 10 - WVCSB Executive Board Mtg
- 18 - Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday (SBC)
- 23-24 - Youth Evangelism
Conference
- 24 - WV Foundation Officers Mtg

February

- True Love Waits Emphasis (SBC)
- 8 - Racial Reconciliation Sunday
(SBC)
- 9-13 - Deacon Training
- 9-15 - Focus on WMU (SBC)
- 14 - Children's Ministry Day
- 20-21 - State VBS Clinic
- 22 - Volunteer in Missions Sunday
- 27-28 - Bi-Vocational Pastors
Retreat
- 28 - Men's Ministry Planning Mtg

Church Planning Guide



Calendar of Activities
September 2014–December 2015



Church _____
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JIM RANDALL facilitated the discussion as the members of the **Vision Task Force** talked about the needs, desires, and future plans for the state convention. Monthly meetings are planned through December.

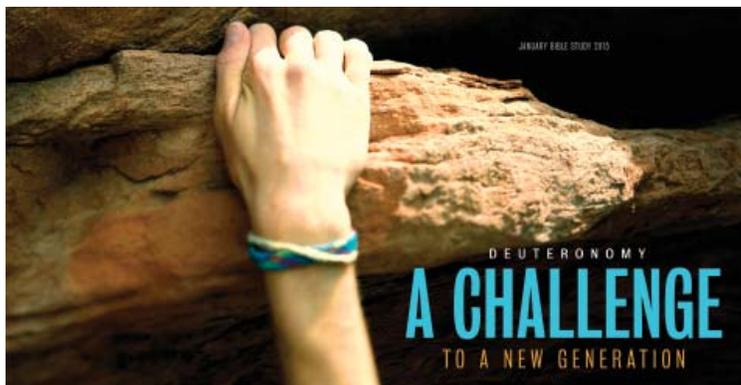


Want some Church Planning Guides? Contact Terrie Hannah and tell her how many.
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terriehannah@wvcsb.org

West Virginia Prayer Focus

Your state convention staff meets each working day for a brief time of prayer. We pray for missionaries, campuses, associations, churches, and church plants by name each day. We invite our readers to pray as well.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Church Plant</u>
Oct. 6	Potomac Highland	Shepherd	Nettie	Cherry River
Oct. 7	Tri-County	WVU Morgantown	New Beginnings, Pt. Pleasant	The Church at Three Rivers
Oct. 8	Upper Ohio Valley	Bluefield State	New Covenant, Logan	The Church at Winchester
Oct. 9	Allegheny	Concord Univ.	New Creek	Cornerstone, Berkeley Springs
Oct. 10	Coalfields	Marshall Univ.	New Day, Fort Ashby	Crossroads, Burnsville
Oct. 13	Greater Huntington	Shepherd	Main Street, Madison	Dawn's Light
Oct. 14	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	New Hope Tabernacle, Union	Dayspring, Charleston
Oct. 15	Monongahela	Bluefield State	New Life, Cowen	Exalt Comm., So. Charleston
Oct. 16	Mountain State	Concord Univ.	New Life, Weston	Friendly
Oct. 17	Pioneer	Marshall Univ.	New River, Fayetteville	Grace Ch. of Pleasant Valley
Oct. 20	Potomac Highland	Shepherd	North Charleston	Grassroots-Greenbrier Valley
Oct. 21	Tri-County	WVU Morgantown	North Fork, Riverton	Lighthouse, Follansbee
Oct. 22	Upper Ohio Valley	Bluefield State	Northgate, Beckley	Living River, Flatwoods
Oct. 23	Allegheny	Concord Univ.	Old Fields	Manger, Wellsburg
Oct. 24	Coalfields	Marshall Univ.	Open Door	Marland Heights, Weirton
Oct. 27	Greater Huntington	Shepherd	Petersburg	Marshall Comm. Fellowship
Oct. 28	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	Peytona	Messiah, Christiansburg, VA
Oct. 29	Monongahela	Bluefield State	Pineville	Ministry of Salvation
Oct. 30	Mountain State	Concord Univ.	Pipestem	Mountain Ministry Chapel
Oct. 31	Pioneer	Marshall Univ.	Real Life, Weston	New Heights, Milton
Nov. 3	Potomac Highland	Shepherd	Restoration Fellowship, Mt. Nebo	New Vision, Berkeley Springs
Nov. 4	Tri-County	WVU Morgantown	Riverside, Bluefield	Resurrection, Charleston
Nov. 5	Upper Ohio Valley	Bluefield State	Riverview, Wellsburg	Salt & Light, Clarksburg
Nov. 6	Allegheny	Concord Univ.	Rowlesburg	South Wheeling
Nov. 7	Coalfields	Marshall Univ.	Ryerson South Wheeling	Urbancrest, Beverly
Nov. 10	Greater Huntington	Shepherd	Second, Keyser	Abundant Hope, Barboursville
Nov. 11	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	Second, Martinsburg	Carpendale
Nov. 12	Monongahela	Bluefield State	Shawnee, Kegley	Cherry Grove
Nov. 13	Mountain State	Concord Univ.	Shrewsbury	Cherry River
Nov. 14	Pioneer	Marshall Univ.	Silver Springs, Princeton	The Church at Three Rivers
Nov. 17	Potomac Highland	Shepherd	Solid Rock, Hundred	The Church at Winchester
Nov. 18	Tri-County	WVU Morgantown	South Berkeley	Cornerstone, Berkeley Springs
Nov. 19	Upper Ohio Valley	Bluefield State	So Bapt Fellowship, Elizabeth	Crossroads, Burnsville
Nov. 20	Allegheny	Concord Univ.	So Bapt Fellowship, Summersville	Dawn's Light
Nov. 21	Coalfields	Marshall Univ.	Southern Baptist, Philippi	Dayspring, Charleston
Nov. 24	Greater Huntington	Shepherd	Southside, Parkersburg	Exalt Comm., So. Charleston
Nov. 25	Immanuel	WVU Morgantown	Spring Valley Freedom	Friendly
Nov. 26	Monongahela	Bluefield State	Sun Valley, Athens	Grace Ch. of Pleasant Valley
Dec. 1	Mountain State	Concord Univ.	Temple, Moundsville	Grassroots-Greenbrier Valley
Dec. 2	Pioneer	Marshall Univ.	Trinity, Buckeye	Lighthouse, Follansbee
Dec. 3	Potomac Highland	Shepherd	Twentieth Street, Kenova	Living River, Flatwoods
Dec. 4	Tri-County	WVU Morgantown	Valley, Mathias	Manger, Wellsburg
Dec. 5	Upper Ohio Valley	Bluefield State	Victory, Belmont	Marland Heights, Weirton



January Bible Study 2015

Wednesday nights, or Sunday nights, or both! Sunday morning sermon series. An all day Saturday or Sunday family Bible study time. Have a guest teacher. Or use a number of teachers for the many different topics.

News from West Virginia Churches

COALFIELDS ASSOCIATION

On May 11, 2014, **Neibert Missionary Baptist Church** welcomed their new pastor, Brandon Thompson. Brandon and his wife, Heather, live in Justice, WV. Brandon can be contacted through facebook on the church page, at Neibert Missionary Baptist Church, or through his personal account at Brandon/Heather Thompson.



An appreciation dinner was held for the ministry of **Rev. John Thompson** for helping Neibert Missionary Baptist Church find a pastor. He worked with the church over a period of nine months. Rev. Thompson is the **Director of Missions for the Coalfields Baptist Association**, as well as the **pastor at Gilbert Creek Baptist Church**.

He is pictured with Robert Thompson, II, the adult Sunday School Teacher at Neibert.



MOUNTAIN STATE ASSOCIATION

below-----A new 15 passenger bus was given to Sun Valley Baptist Church for its ministry, primarily for picking people up for church services. **Allan Thompson is the Interim Pastor**.



ABOVE---Some of the children who were in Vacation Bible School at **Grace Baptist Church, Fayetteville**, sang some of their songs for the Sunday morning congregation. **Delbert Walker is the Pastor**.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION



Some of the men who attended the July Men's Fellowship breakfast at **Good Shepherd Baptist Church**. The men gather about each month for prayer, fellowship, and planning ministry events. **Kenny Stidham is the Pastor**.



North Charleston Baptist Church held a baby shower for their pastor's wife, Katie. The newest member of the Marr family arrived August 21. Colton Micah was born at 2:57PM, he weighed 7lbs. 15oz., and was just over 20 inches long. Mommy and baby are doing well. **Timothy Marr is Pastor**.



News from West Virginia Churches



Cross Lanes Baptist Church had VBS. They had a registration area which got the children to the correct class [top left]. The kitchen crew got the snacks ready [left]. The music class was active! [top right]. The children and preschoolers learned alot. Danny Cunningham [right] helped in a preschool class. **Seth Polk is Pastor.**



Some of the students who gathered at **Light-house Baptist Church** for VBS [left]. Donna Martina [right] led the music during the worship time. **Kevin Pre-vett is Pastor.**



[left, p. 10] Two "agents" get ready for VBS at **Good Shepherd Baptist Church.** **Pastor Kenny Stidham** uses his talent for drawing to help explain the gospel story [p. 10, bottom right]. [L] Some of the many students who came to the auditorium to get ready for VBS.

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WHEN WORLDVIEWS COLLIDE,
SOMETIMES IT BECOMES...



A MATTER OF FAITH

A RICH CHRISTIANO FILM

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Endorsed by: Ken Ham, Ray Comfort, And Matt Shamblin

Date: weekend of October 17th, 2014

Place: Marquee Cinema, Southridge in Charleston, and in Pullman Square in Huntington.

This is a great film with a strong Gospel message. For this movie to make it to our local theaters, we are asking each church to make a commitment to pre buy so many tickets. We have a simple form to fill out. Every family and individual in the church should see this film! Our goal is to get a total of 1,200 tickets pre sold by Sept. 15th! (No money needed until the theater prints up the tickets closer to the showing weekend) Will you and your church make this a ministry outreach of your church and help us to reach this goal?

Contact: Scott Carpenter 304-741-0322 or scottbc236@hotmail.com

I can set up a time for each pastor to preview this film! Give me a call. 800-411-5758 xt 304.

The Simple Truth

The world and the issues in it at times seem overwhelming. I saw a bumper sticker once that read "life is hard, and then you die." Well, it may seem that way, but there is lots of good stuff as well. And, if the truth be told, most of the difficult issues are the results of man's selfishness, anyway.

The Bible teaches us that God's perspective is quite different. God's view begins in heaven. God's view ends with us in heaven with Him. God has designed a plan so that we can be assured that we will live for ever with Him in heaven. Being with God in heaven forever is the goal. The materials we get, the nations we conquer, the money we collect, mean nothing for us when we die. Being with God, or separated from Him, does matter.

That is why Jesus died on the cross for our sins. God's plan to provide a way so we can have a home in heaven with Him forever begins with Jesus dying on the cross. Have you admitted to God that you are a sinner? Have you trusted Jesus to take you to heaven? Have you committed your life to Jesus? Nothing else really matters.