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2005 OLA COX STATE MISSIONS OFFERING EMPHASIS “GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD”

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Mt. 5:16, KJV

Offering Goal: \$105,000

Week of Prayer: Sept. 11-18, 2005

2006 Allocations from 2005 offering:

Congregational Assistance (58%)

**Missions Camp and Super Summer (6%)
Disaster Relief (5%)**

Emergency Help for Churches (3%)

Associational Development (10%)

Pastor Annuity (5%)

Resort Missions (3%)

Mission Ministries (5.5%)

Emergency Help for Church Staffs (3.5%)

NEW Missions Education (1%)

Letter From Our Executive Director/Treasurer



Terry Harper's Recent and Future Speaking Engagements:

August 7: Riverwood. in St. Albans

August 14: 20th St in Kenova

*August 21: Witcher in Belle
August 28: Brushfork in Bluefield*

September 4: Riverwood

September 11: Grace in Parkersburg

September 18, Westview in Martinsburg

Dear Friends:

Well, summer is over and we are looking once again at the fall with all of its beauty and opportunities. It is almost time for our annual associational meetings which always gather in the fall. It is usually an exciting time to travel to the different associations and see what God is doing in the various parts of the state. One nice sideline to these meetings is the beautiful scenery along the way. I always enjoy the beauty of our state during the fall of the year, especially as I travel to the associational meetings.

At the state convention office we are gearing up for the annual state convention meeting. It will be held this year at Lewisburg, at the First Baptist Church of Fairlea on November 4-5. They renovated their auditorium in recent years, so it will be a beautiful place to meet. We have an exciting program planned for this event. Dr. Jeff Iorg, President of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary will be our Bible Study Leader. Jeff is a great speaker, so I know you will enjoy him. We will also enjoy the music of *Light* from Liberty University, as well as a number of musical guests from within West Virginia.

The music will be directed this year by Tom Young. As we celebrate thirty-five years as a state convention, we will be recognizing those churches which have been with us from the beginning. We will also hear the report of our Futuring Group, which I believe, has some exciting things to share with our convention.

Fall is also a time of change for many of us. It is back to school or off to school, whichever may be the case. We are taking our youngest child to college this week. Ally will be attending North Greenville College in Greenville, SC. Likewise, many of you will be sending or taking your children off to school. It is a great time, yet in many ways it is sad as well. We have trained our children all of their lives to be independent and to think for themselves, but when they start to do it, it really bothers us in some ways. Somehow, we feel less needed or somewhat insecure as we push the last little birdie out of the nest. Yet, that is exactly what we are supposed to do, if we have been good parents. I will pray for you and you remember us as we face this transition.

Sincerely,
Terry L. Harper

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Note: Please watch you church mail the first week in October. Kay Boyd will be mailing your church its messenger cards for the annual meeting.

Hotel and Motel Rates in Lewisburg, WV

Persons planning to attend the WVCSB Annual Meeting November 4-5 and/or the Pastors' and Ministers' Wives Conferences on November 3, all of which will be held in the facilities of the First Baptist Church of Fairlea, will want to reserve a room soon at one of the following hotels or motels in the Lewisburg area. The rates are supposed to be accurate for the first week of November. In all cases, tell the motel that you are planning to attend the WVCSB annual meeting.

General Lewis Inn, 301 E. Washington St., 304-645-2600, \$95 to 120.

Brier Inn, 540 N. Jefferson St. (Hwy 219), 304-645-7722, \$59 to 65.

Super 8, 550 N. Jefferson St. (Hwy 219)
304-647-3188, \$47 for up to 4 persons/room

Relax Inn, North of I-64 on Hwy 219
304-645-2345, \$50 for 2 persons & 2 beds

Hampton Inn, 30 Coleman Drive

Make Plans to Honor Your Pastor and Staff in October

October is the month traditionally set aside for congregations to express appreciation to their pastor. As a former pastor who always felt the staff with whom he worked were his peers in ministry, I tend to expand the emphasis in my mind to include both pastor and staff. This month's editorial is my effort to do three things. One, it gives me an opportunity to champion the idea of Clergy Appreciation Month, and thus send my own personal support to your pastor and staff. Two, it will provide the reader with a Biblical example of the kind of appreciation I am hoping your congregation will show. Finally, I will direct you to a good source for ideas for Clergy Appreciation Month.

The apostle Paul gave instructions in 1 Timothy regarding the treatment of various church leaders. In chapter five he said, "The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,' and 'The laborer is worthy of his wages.' Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses." (1 Tim. 5:17-19; New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update. The Lockman Foundation: LaHabra, CA)

Whether you conclude that "elder" is synonymous with "bishop" or "pastor," (the traditional and most common Baptist interpretation) or that it is a separate office within the early church, you would probably readily agree that it is safe to apply the teachings of this passage to the persons in your congregation whom we commonly call our pastor and staff, *the clergy*.

Another word within this passage may pose problems for some of us. It is the word, "rule." Most congregations in the United States, especially the varieties who subscribe to a form of congregational polity where the congregation "rules," will not readily follow a leader or leaders who seek to or expect to rule (if by *rule* we mean to make all the decisions, call the shots, etc.). That makes Paul's words about "elders who rule well," seem out of step to 21st Century readers. Since Scripture is inspired and never "out of step," it behooves us to try to understand what "rule" means.

I have no way to be dogmatically certain, but I suspect that Paul's use of the Greek word, *proistemi*, referred to persons who were assigned oversight of the flock of God but not in the heavy handed sense with which we normally associate the term rule. It more likely described people whose duty it was to lead, to superintend church life, to protect or guard, to give aid, to care for, to give attention to, etc. All of these are common meanings for the Greek word used that our Bibles commonly translate rule. Our uneasiness with the term "rule" likely comes from the fact that it implies control over people when we use it today. Paul seems to have used a Greek term that would imply servant leadership in today's language.

Apparently, the preaching and teaching ministries of the first century church took so much time and energy that the persons responsible were unable to pursue their usual means of gainful employment. Thus they were dependent upon the congregation for the basic needs of their families.

That sounds familiar. Modern day bivocational and "fully funded" pastors and staff are partially or fully dependent upon the congregation to meet some or all of their financial needs.

In most Baptist churches, the people who do the work of the elders Paul referred to are the same ones we commonly call "clergy." They may be called pastors, youth directors, music directors, education directors, church business administrators, etc., but if their role fits the definitions I listed above for the word "rule," they are likely included among the group most of us would call "clergy."

Paul obviously thought such leaders should receive honor from the people for whom they are practicing servant leadership. He stated, in fact, that they deserved double honor. He implied that to withhold honoring your clergy made as much sense as not letting your ox eat grain thus giving it adequate energy and strength to continue its laborious task of grinding additional grain for you. He continued using a simple illustration from the marketplace of life. If you contract with someone to serve you, you are responsible to pay them for their services. Finally, he looks into the hearts of his generation and ours when he said we



shouldn't listen to gossip about our leaders. The exception is a situation where a leader's failure in moral or leadership judgment has such widespread implications that it becomes troublesome for the congregation and then only if there are adequate witnesses for the congregation to actually administer clear justice and reconciliation.

It seems to me that Paul gave us guidelines that should lead us to give honor where honor is due, to reward those who work on our behalf as clergy with the best salary and benefits we can afford, and to abstain from efforts to destroy our leaders' effectiveness by gossip. This is a ministry that should go on all year long but it is certainly appropriate to establish times on the church calendar when your congregation will express its appreciation for the clergy who are its servants.

For wonderful ideas on how to carry out such an annual emphasis, check out the resources at www.clergyappreciation.org. This website by the Focus on the Family organization in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is one of the best sources of ideas on this topic.

Telling your clergy leaders how much you appreciate them is Biblical. Don't let October go by without conducting a special emphasis such as Clergy Appreciation Day.

2005 Shepherding the Shepherd Conference at Canaan Valley



Above: John and Pam Freeman, pastor and wife of the Calvary Baptist Church in Chapmanville, WV

Approximately 140 people gathered at the Canaan Valley Resort August 4-6 for the annual Shepherding the Shepherd Retreat. Featured speakers this year were Charles and Delilah Sullivan and Anthony George.

Sessions began with dinner on Thursday and concluded with 11:00 a.m. lunch on Saturday. Costs for this retreat are largely subsidized with funds provided through your church's gifts to the Cooperative Program.



Above: Terry Harper, left, and Charles Sullivan, right, enjoy a chat before one of Charles' four messages. Sullivan retired 2 years ago as the Exec. Dir. for Indiana Baptists and now lives in east Tennessee.



Above: David Melquist, (left) pastor, First Southern, Fairmont, visits with Don Knotts who also pastors in the Monongahela Association at the Wayside Baptist Church in Buckhannon. One of the nice side benefits for those who attend the Shepherding the Shepherd conference each year is the frequent opportunities participants enjoy for fellowship with friends and to meet new friends as well!



Above and below: No one enjoys this annual retreat more than the children of the couples who attend.



Above: Cheryl Adams (left) joins Cheryl Harper (right) in welcoming Delilah Sullivan (middle) to speak to wives of ministers. Below: Wives of ministers met in separate sessions at times while their mates heard messages by Charles Sullivan or Anthony George. Cheryl Harper had prepared a gift basket for the ladies with a selection of bath and beauty items.



Above: Terry Harper (middle) visits with newly arrived Evangelism Director, Jacob Atchley (right) and his wife Lindsey. Below: Anthony George (in blue shirt) visits with Jimmy and Jennifer Morton & Anna Grace.



April 1- July 1, 2005 Gifts From WV Churches

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
Allegheny						
Beaver Creek	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Calvary, Meadow Bridge	523.25	542.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,065.25
Calvary, Webster Springs	153.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153.00
Emmanuel, Lewisburg	2,231.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,231.00
Evangel, Hico	309.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	309.00
Faith, Rupert	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Craigsville	2,609.54	1,162.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,772.34
First, Fairlea	16,716.00	6,621.00	0.00	0.00	3,096.00	26,433.00
First, Huntersville	2,166.16	767.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,933.16
First, Sutton	762.27	134.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	896.27
Grace, Rainelle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Graydon	573.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.00
Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jeanette	339.09	280.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	619.09
Lighthouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Little Birch	224.62	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	238.62
Nettie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life, Cowen	220.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	255.66
New River, Fayetteville	224.03	117.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	341.03
Restoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
So Baptist, Summersville	2,645.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,645.50
Trinity, Buckeye	1,370.51	312.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,682.65
West View	134.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.00
White Sulphur Springs	1,732.49	534.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,266.99
Totals	33,134.12	10,484.44	0.00	0.00	3,131.00	46,749.56
Greater Huntington						
Altizer	675.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	975.00
Calvary, Chapmanville	610.00	430.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,040.00
Chinese Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crosspoint Community	1,823.75	1,475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,298.75
Eastwood	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
First, Ceredo	9,851.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,851.00
Hamlin	1,125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,125.00
Highlawn	7,666.64	1,913.44	2,331.57	518.12	786.48	13,216.25
Lincoln	275.84	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	420.84
Locust Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shining Light	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spring Valley Freedom	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Twentieth Street	500.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Westmoreland	6,515.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,515.07
Totals	29,117.30	4,963.44	2,331.57	518.12	786.48	37,716.91
Immanuel						
Brooksville	1,970.90	470.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,440.90
Camden Flats Chapel	725.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	835.00
Community, Grantsville	1,148.20	1,002.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,150.20
Fairlawn, Parkersburg	5,431.71	1,970.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	7,501.71
Faith, Mason	0.00	0.00	254.72	0.00	0.00	254.72
Faith, West Union	245.70	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	515.70
Grace, Parkersburg	11,720.69	3,100.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,820.84
Hillcrest	687.02	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,087.02
Jackson Avenue	446.00	128.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	574.00
Mineral Wells	1,697.14	886.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,583.14
New Beginnings	514.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	514.62
New Life Fellowship	202.02	155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	357.02
So. Baptist Fellowship	1,359.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,359.72
Southside	848.99	355.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,203.99
Victory	163.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	163.20
West Ripley	1,288.29	1,022.00	100.00	100.00	481.00	2,991.29
Williams Creek	593.83	0.00	1,557.94	0.00	0.00	2,151.77
Totals	29,043.03	9,868.15	2,012.66	100.00	481.00	41,504.84

October 3-4

Developing A Healthy Single Adult Ministry In Your Church

For pastors and
potential single
adult leaders.

Guest Leader:
Mary Willis from
LifeWay

Location:
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Conference begins
at
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and ends at
11:30 a.m. 10/4

2005 Missions Camp Report by Maxine Bumgarner

There is always something new at Missions Camp. This year the second night of the camp one of the younger girls accepted Christ as her Savior. Another who had been saved earlier decided it was time to follow Christ in baptism. This is NOT new. However, the new wrinkle was their request to be baptised at camp! Of course, we knew this is a church ordinance and must be administered by the local church. We also knew that the pastors would want to have this privilege. We gave the girls the opportunity to share their testimonies at camp and encouraged them to share their faith with their friends at home. We even suggested that they invite their friends and extended family to attend their baptismal service.

There were 10 other decisions made during the week: professions of faith; recommitments; call to ministry; and call to missions.

One hundred and nine campers were registered. However, through the ministries of the campers more than 1,000 other lives were impacted.

The campers and volunteers also gave over \$500 through the Missions offering, designated for Pure Water Pure Love. A ministry of Woman's Missionary Union that provides water filters to the missionaries who live in areas without clean water. Our campers' offering will buy filters for tsunami relief workers serving in the Pacific Rim.

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Monongahela Baptist Association</i>						
Berean Baptist Church	251.02	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.02
Calvary, Belington	480.97	660.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,141.22
Calvary, Grafton	1,772.61	393.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,166.43
Calvary, Morgantown	1,670.24	675.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,345.29
Canaan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Central, Elkins	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity, Wyatt	942.76	525.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,468.16
Church of the Good Shepherd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangel, Bridgeport	1,067.00	552.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,619.00
Evergreen	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Faith, Dailey	2,788.80	1,615.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,404.15
First Southern, Fairmont	443.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.12
Freedom	4,258.04	2,288.00	0.00	1,127.13	0.00	7,673.17
Grace Fellowship, Wana	298.09	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	458.09
Kingwood	1,538.58	360.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,898.58
New Found	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life, Bridgeport	292.87	273.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	565.87
New Life, Weston	146.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	146.26
Rowlesburg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southern, Philippi	859.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	859.08
Twin Lakes	110.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.10
Wayside, Buckhannon	1,010.75	424.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,434.75
Totals	17,930.29	7,976.87	0.00	1,127.13	0.00	27,034.29
<i>Mountain State</i>						
Blackwolf	530.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	530.63
Bluewell	225.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Brenton	696.60	0.00	0.00	278.64	0.00	975.24
Brushfork	5,515.44	765.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,280.44
Burke Memorial	3,784.83	2,196.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,981.82
Calvary, Bluefield	1,102.49	345.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,447.49
Calvary, War	317.29	297.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	614.29
Central	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ceres	1,001.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,551.00
Covenant	361.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	361.39
Cumberland Heights	2,173.41	1,810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,983.41
East End	3,362.31	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,412.31
Edgemont	6,639.00	7,590.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,229.00
Faith	404.93	202.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	607.05
Fellowship	1,231.71	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,361.71
First, Bluewell	257.82	640.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	897.82
First, Hinton	459.46	205.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	664.46
First, Princeton	7,056.89	2,211.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,268.85
First So., Nemours	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
First So., Grandview	952.63	230.00	0.00	0.00	246.47	1,429.10
Grace, Oak Hill	3,504.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,504.83
Immanuel	5,600.20	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,660.20
Isaban	417.78	410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	827.78
Lilly Grove	1,035.68	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,535.68
Lorton Lick	1,542.00	915.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,457.70
Memorial	15,089.05	3,633.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	18,847.05
Mt. Calvary	342.38	255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	597.38
Mt. Hermon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nehemiah	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope, Mullens	0.00	43.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.60
New Hope, Union	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northgate	577.53	4,168.34	729.57	0.00	364.78	5,840.22
Oak Creek	342.78	254.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	597.69
Pineville	1,140.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,140.71
Riverside	186.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.50
Shawnee	375.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.00
Silver Springs	1,967.46	326.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,293.46
The Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Willowbrook	780.00	328.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,108.15
Totals	69,124.73	28,342.77	854.57	278.64	611.25	99,211.96

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
Non-Association						
Berkeley	6,876.30	1,067.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,943.30
Freedom Fellowship	0.00	116.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.22
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverview Chapel	300.00	104.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	404.00
Totals	7,176.30	1,287.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,463.52
Pioneer						
Cathedral of Prayer	1,472.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,472.64
Cross Lanes	10,224.59	7,675.85	106.00	0.00	0.00	18,006.44
Fairlawn, Dunbar	1,643.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,643.91
Faith, Winfield	305.82	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	375.82
Foundations Comm.	613.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	613.90
Freedom	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Good Shepherd	11,209.97	2,039.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,249.47
Heritage	1,293.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,293.04
Lighthouse	123.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.97
Malden	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	550.00
North Charleston	1,292.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,292.82
Riverwood	715.59	493.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,208.59
Shrewsbury	1,039.96	380.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,419.96
Trinity, St. Albans	417.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	417.00
West Charleston	455.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	455.90
Witcher	4,070.17	1,160.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,230.30
Totals	35,179.28	11,818.48	106.00	0.00	250.00	47,353.76
Potomac Highland						
Amazing Grace	173.36	220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	393.36
Canaan Valley	1,019.33	1,000.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,019.43
Carpendale	400.20	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.20
Christian Family	863.59	260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,123.59
Covenant, Romney	1,926.25	2,121.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,047.25
Danville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First, Burlington	1,449.33	428.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,877.33
First, Brandywine	995.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,395.00
First, Ft. Ashby	1,179.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,179.96
Foxes Hollow	259.90	55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	314.90
Knobley Road	423.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	423.95
Lost City	98.55	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	398.55
New Creek	275.44	133.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	409.34
New Day	399.05	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	649.05
New Hope, Peters.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Fork	1,686.00	830.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,516.02
Old Fields	2,142.94	554.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,697.37
Petersburg So.	357.48	105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	462.48
P.H. Baptist Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	225.00
Second, Keyser	1,045.00	514.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,559.10
Wayside, Franklin	923.75	581.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,504.75
Zoar	523.56	245.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	768.56
Totals	16,142.64	8,197.55	0.00	0.00	225.00	24,565.19
Tri-County						
Baker Heights	3,379.48	455.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	3,934.48
Beacon	441.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	441.95
Emmanuel	529.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	543.00
Hedgesville	1,811.82	890.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,701.82
Lighthouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Berkeley	900.30	173.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,073.30
Westview	6,199.98	5,139.50	0.00	0.00	194.59	11,534.07
Totals	13,262.53	6,671.50	100.00	0.00	194.59	20,228.62

Did You Know?

Did you know that Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, has offered a tuition scholarship to any senior pastor or youth minister serving a church affiliated with the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists?

Did you know that you can earn a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree using the distance education approach available from Liberty University? That means you can study, for the most part, in your own home at a substantial savings over the cost of residential study.

Did you know that the Seminary Extension ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention offers training courses that can be studied online, via distance education, or in a classroom setting, which are readily available and affordable to most of us in West Virginia?

Did you know that the Seminary Extension courses are available in two levels, basic and diploma, and that there are no prerequisites for taking or teaching the basic level courses?

Did you know that the diploma level courses available through Seminary Extension are college level courses that can be accepted for transfer credit by many colleges and universities?

If you are interested in learning more about the above opportunities for personal growth and educational attainment, please call John Adams for further information. He can be reached via email at johnadams@wvcsb.org or you can call him in WV using the 1-800-411-5758 number or outside of WV using the 304-757-0944. His extension number is 118 whether calling from in or outside the state.

**Ola Cox
State Missions
Offering**

**“Go Light
Your
World”**

**Mt. 5:16
Let your light so
shine before men
that they may see
your good works,
and glorify your
Father which is in
heaven.**

**2005 Week of
Prayer for WV
Missions
September 11-18**

**2005
Offering Goal:
\$105,000**

Organization	CP	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Ola Cox	World Hunger	Total
<i>Coalfields Association</i>						
Borderland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bradshaw Mountain	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Chattaroy	1,299.26	1,573.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,872.51
East Williamson	8,124.00	135.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,259.00
Gateway	24.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.74
Gilbert Creek	214.53	1,650.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,865.38
Harborlight	104.68	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	152.68
Horsepen	924.32	1,870.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,794.32
Living Stone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Covenant	176.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	176.76
Peytona	533.31	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	783.31
Wharton	232.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	92.84	324.94
Totals	11,833.70	5,527.10	0.00	0.00	92.84	17,453.64
<i>Upper Ohio Valley</i>						
Abundant Life	3,659.51	51.15	528.50	0.00	0.00	4,239.16
Avondale	427.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	427.30
Calvary	715.80	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,015.80
Cameron	1,507.00	1,294.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,801.36
Dorsey Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel	740.76	535.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,275.76
Evangel	391.18	180.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	591.18
First, Chester	671.00	660.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,331.00
Freedom	0.00	154.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	154.00
Immanuel	1,219.00	326.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,545.00
Indian Creek	384.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	384.57
Marland Heights	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open Door	2,068.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,068.80
Ryerson	377.00	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	522.00
Solid Rock	585.50	153.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	738.83
South Wheeling	286.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	286.32
Temple	1,834.02	494.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,328.02
Tyler	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
U.O.V. Assoc.	998.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	998.89
Totals	15,866.65	4,292.84	548.50	0.00	0.00	20,707.99
Grand Totals	277,810.57	99,430.36	5,953.30	2,023.89	5,772.16	390,990.28

From Our President's Heart to Yours

I have been thinking lately of a verse from an old love song I used to hear as a boy. It went: "Have I told you lately that I love you? Well, darling, I'm telling you now."

That which has determined the direction of my life has always been three simple words from the Father's heart to mine: "I love you"! And my response has always been a broken heart and contrite spirit, whether in times of heartache or joy.

I have often been haunted by the thought that many around me came from a better family, had more talent and seemed to have much more to offer God than me. But God has never seemed to be influenced by those things. He who searches the hearts of men seems to be foremost interested in a love relationship.

I would like to close with a question from one who knows and has been called to tell of such things: Has God told you lately that He

loves you? Well, listen carefully, because He is telling you now!



Johnny Kelly is President of the WVCSB and pastor of Westview Bapt. in Martinsburg.

West Virginia Prayer Focus

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

New Work: Please pray for church planter, David May, at Christian Family Fellowship in Mathias. He states, “Our number one desire is to see the lost saved and then see the saved live the abundant life that Christ promised. We are praying for land and a church building that will better meet the needs of our congregation.”

Ministry Focus: Leadership and Training. First, give our Heavenly Father praise for new convention staff. Jacob Atchley is now serving as Director of Evangelism, Youth Ministry, and Campus Ministry. Greg Wrigley will begin serving September 1 as the state Director of Missions. Second, pray for those who will be leading training conferences for new and experienced church leaders this fall. Third, please pray for the success of the Monongahela Association MissionsFEST September 17-23

Prayer Resources: www.oneinamillionprayer.com www.imb.org/compassionnet 1-800-395-PRAY (IMB) www.wmu.com/getinvolved/prayerrequests and *The Praying Life* by Jennifer Kennedy Dean.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (KJV)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Chapel</u>
Aug. 22	Potomac Highland	Mt. State Univ.	Calvary, War	Faith Fellowship, Athens
Aug. 23	Monongahela	WVU Morgan.	Calvary, Webster Springs	Freedom, Kanawha City
Aug. 24	Mountain State	Bluefield State	Cameron	Gateway
Aug. 25	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	Canaan	Harborlight
Aug. 26	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Canaan Valley	Hope, Richwood
Aug. 29	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Cathedral of Prayer	Lighthouse, Charleston
Aug. 30	Coalfields	WVU Morgan.	Central, Bluefield	Lighthouse, Duck
Aug. 31	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Central, Elkins	Marland Heights
Sept. 1	Immanuel	Concord Univ.	Ceres	New Beginnings, Pt.Pleasant
Sept. 2	Pioneer	Marshall Univ.	Charity	New Beginnings, Wayne
Sept. 6	Potomac Highland	Mt. State Univ.	Chattaroy	New Hope, Mullens
Sept. 7	Monongahela	WVU Morgan.	Church of the Good Shepherd	New Hope, Petersburg
Sept. 8	Mountain State	Bluefield State	Community	New Hope, Madison
Sept. 9	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	Covenant, Princeton	New Life, Arnoldsburg
Sept. 12	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Covenant, Romney	Oak Creek
Sept. 13	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Cross Lanes	Shining Light Community
Sept. 14	Coalfields	WVU Morgan.	Crosspoint Community	Solid Rock
Sept. 15	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Cumberland Heights	South Wheeling
Sept. 16	Immanuel	Concord Univ.	East End	The Bridge Community
Sept. 19	Pioneer	Marshall Univ.	East Williamson	Camden Flats
Sept. 20	Potomac Highland	Mt. State Univ.	Eastwood	Carpendale
Sept. 21	Monongahela	WVU Morgan.	Edgemont	Chinese Mission
Sept. 22	Mountain State	Bluefield State	Emmanuel, Great Cacapon	Christian Family Fellowship
Sept. 23	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	Emmanuel, St. Clairsville	Dorsey Street Community
Sept. 26	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Emmanuel Comm., Lewisburg	Faith, Winfield
Sept. 27	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Evangel, Bridgeport	Faith Fellowship, Athens
Sept. 28	Coalfields	WVU Morgan.	Evangel, Weirton	Freedom, Kanawha City
Sept. 29	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Evangel Fellowship, Hico	Gateway
Sept. 30	Immanuel	Concord Univ.	Fairlawn, Dunbar	Harborlight

2005 Ola Cox State Missions Offering

“GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD”

STATEWIDE GOAL: \$105,000

Churches and People

Brushfork had a great Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 157 (220 enrolled) and 6 decisions for salvation. The extension of the sanctuary is well underway. Groups from Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia have been helping with the building. Plans are to dedicate the building on August 28, with guest speaker Terry Harper. **Barry Fleming** is pastor.

Burke Memorial is rejoicing in four recent baptisms.

Isaban, Mason Perry pastor, completed its "Ramblin' Road Trip" VBS in June with an enrollment of 69 and an average attendance of 60.

Lilly Grove has called **Ricky Pennington** as their bivocational pastor. He is working on a bachelor's degree in Religion from Liberty University. Ricky is from the Princeton area.

The CLC is open at **Memorial, Beckley**, and scheduled for dedication September 11. It is being used by young ball players and those who wish to walk more. Sixteen have been baptized this year. **Paul Blizard** is pastor.

The roof is on at **Nehemiah**, where **Brian Harmon** is pastor. They're still looking for help with this building project.

The Soccer Clinic at **Oak Creek** was a great success, and many have requested for it to return next year. **Bryan Frazier** is pastor.

Silver Springs, Gerald McKinney pastor, has completed VBS with an average attendance of 47 and new prospects for the youth department. Plans are being completed for a mission trip to Hundred, WV.

Ronnie Cobb has been called as the new pastor at **First Baptist, Hinton**. **Ronnie and Doris** come from a successful

pastorate in Greenbrier County. The church has had 25 additions since Ronnie came as pastor.

Grace, Fayetteville, closed on its property this month. **Delbert Walker** is pastor.

Mountain State Association churches set a record this year by giving \$11,885.22 so far to the Clifford Compton Associational Missions Offering. The goal was \$10,000. **Don Deel** is the Associational Missionary.

Westmoreland welcomed six new members by transfer of letter and had one baptism in June. Twenty-four Junior Varsity students and chaperones participated in a mission trip to Buffalo, NY. In planning for the 2nd Annual Evangelistic Block Party, the deacons and yokefellows are spearheading a blitz to saturate the community by knocking on every door in Westmoreland, sharing the Good News of Christ. In July the church hosted a Homecoming Style Gospel Sing and conducted "Ramblin' Road Trip" VBS. Pastor **C.J. Adkins** and wife **Linda** celebrated their 34th Wedding Anniversary June 19. The Pastor received another encouraging report regarding his chemotherapy treatments. Thanks be to God for what He is doing.

Crosspoint Community, Greg Lucas pastor, has moved into Cammack Middle School. They are now partnering with Child Evangelism Fellowship for some backyard Bible clubs in the neighborhoods in and around the school as they prepare for a 500-home door-to-door outreach. Their new battle cry is "Fanning the flame and spreading His fame!"

Betty Amis, a member of **First, Ceredo**, made \$1300.00 at a yard sale to help the youth of the church attend Youth Camp. The ladies of the church sang in the choir on Father's Day. One young man made a profession of faith in June. Missionary Holly Haynes from Michigan spoke to the Funagers group. **Rodney Hale** is pastor.

Hamlin celebrated a recent baptism. The youth used the puppets in the July 4th parade, as well as at a local nursing home. VBS was held in July. **Jerry Rose** is the pastor.

Randall Robertson, pastor of **Locust Grove**, recently took a Bible geography class in Philadelphia taught by Earl Hagar, a missionary in Brazil. In the pastor's absence, missionary Don Smith spoke in the morning and evening services. Don and his wife Barbara

work with Biblical Ministries Worldwide. Summer youth activities called BAM began in July.

Spring Valley Freedom held VBS in July. **Patrick Elliott** is the pastor.

Twentieth Street, Clifford Curry pastor, is rejoicing over a recent salvation. Vacation Bible School was held the last week of June, and some of the youth from the church attended Centrifuge in July.

Progress continues on the building projects at **First, Craigsville**. Missionaries on furlough from Central Asia were special guest speakers in July. The youth had a tubing trip down the New River near Blacksburg, VA. Homecoming is planned August 28, with special guests Rev. Herb and Peg Slaughter. **David Sommerville** is pastor.

Berkeley Baptist is seeking a bivocational youth pastor. Contact the church office at 304-258-4101. **George Hopkins** is the pastor.

With the faithful assistance of a mission team from North Carolina, **New Life, Arnoldsburg**, recently baptized 15. **Jim Dial** is pastor.

During the second phase of building the parsonage, **New Beginnings, Pt. Pleasant**, hosted Backyard Bible Clubs led by Builders for Christ. Ten decisions for Christ were made as a result of this effort. Pastor **Wendell Smith** coached a Little League ball team this summer.

Southern Baptist Fellowship, Elizabeth, held a June Gospel Sing, preceded by a covered dish dinner. The first part of the sing was performed by members of the church, including the children's choir. The second part of the program was led by The Lordsmen and Toj Rohr from Parkersburg. The men of the church recently completed a total remodeling of the church kitchen. **John Watkins** is the pastor.

Southside, Stergil Vincent pastor and **Paul Drake** associate, continues to grow and have record attendance almost every week. They had a great VBS.

Faith, West Union, presented AWANA awards in a recent morning service. **Dawn Morgan** worked in the program and handed out the awards. **Jim Messenger** is pastor.

A Father-Son banquet was held at **Fairlawn, Parkersburg**, where **Bill Reid** is pastor. The young people of the church, with the help of several ladies, served the dinner which was attended by about 60 people. There were at least two families in attendance that

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included grandfather, father and son.

Immanuel Association, with assistance from mission teams from North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and Builders for Christ, continues work on four building projects: an addition to Borderland Baptist in Coalfields Association; work on the Son Valley Church Camp at Elizabeth; and parsonages at New Beginnings, Pt. Pleasant and New Life, Arnoldsburg. **Dick Howie** is the Associational Missionary.

John Ed James, Bill Pierson, Tom Schreckengost, Ralph Tewksbury, and Pete Tinney of Grace, Parkersburg, recently completed a local building/repair project for a family who participates in the AWANA program at the church. Church members will be assisting in conducting a Vacation Bible School at a mission church in Austintown, Ohio. Baptist Men meet monthly for Bible Study and breakfast. They are studying the R.C. Sproul book, "Pleasing God". Preparations are being made for the 45th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration September 11. An Alumni Choir is planned. Former members and friends are invited to attend the celebration. **Todd Hill** is the pastor.

Thirteen children made professions of faith during Vacation Bible School at **Good Shepherd, Scott Depot**. Average attendance at VBS was 151. The Men's Fellowship continues to have regular monthly Saturday-morning breakfast meetings. Fifteen new members have been added recently, eight by baptism. The 12th Semester of FAITH training begins in August. **Kenny Stidham** is pastor.

Coalfields Association, Mike York Associational Missionary, has had 300+ volunteers the past few months who have worked in over a dozen Backyard Bible Clubs, several Vacation Bible Schools, block parties, revivals, and various construction projects. **New Hope** in Madison, **John Harden** pastor, has had a good portion of these workers, and much has been accomplished. More work is needed. The building expansion at **Borderland** is going well. There is still a great need for volunteer workers to help with this project.

The work at **HarborLight** in Oceana has been progressing well. Sadly, however, **Willard and Margaret Wilson**, Mission Service Corps Volunteers who have been serving there, will be returning to South Carolina in early August.

It was erroneously stated in the last edition that **Lighthouse Chapel in Duck, Rick Canfield** pastor, is the first Southern Baptist work in Clay County. It is not the first, but is the only current SBC church in the county. **John Davis and Herb Slaughter** were leaders in a work in Procius in Clay county several years ago.

Contact Lora Shank from Foundations Community Church at 304-760-2195 if you would like to purchase tickets (\$30 each) for the Living Proof Live Simulcast featuring Beth Moore October 7-8. Tickets cover the cost of the 2-day event plus a listening guide. Deadline for Lora to receive your money is September 14. Her address is 37 Hillsdale Circle, Scott Depot, WV 25560. Make checks payable to Foundations Community Church.

Eddie and Mary Henson are back home following a month long, July 1-August trip to China and Japan where they helped with English Camps, witnessed to several nationals, and made contact with various friends and acquaintances. The Hensons are key leaders in the **Chinese Mission** in Huntington.

The children of **Berean** in Morgantown were honored in a *Dominion Post* article for their singing ministry at an area homecoming. **Rev. Lindell Smith** is their pastor.

Calvary, Belington had 82 in attendance for VBS June 26-30 and rejoiced to see 4 children saved!

Greg and Heather Gamble were guests of **Calvary, Morgantown** July 24. **Rev Shane Suiter** pastors Calvary. The Gambles are relief workers in Central Asia.

Freedom, Nutter Fort, Jim Sanders pastor, went to Mountain City, Tennessee, for their mission trip this year. They served at a Christian camp, Cherokee Cove.

Kingwood Baptist, Ricky Persons pastor, has purchased 100 children's Bible story books to give away during the local Buckwheat festival as a community outreach project.

New Hope, Rock Cave, Rick Price pastor, rejoiced to see three saved during recent VBS and revival services.

Dave Riddle has been called as interim pastor of **New Life, Weston**. Riddle is a member of **Wayside, Buckhannon** where **Don Knotts** serves as pastor.

Ord Delaney and Bennie Corder were ordained as deacons by **Southern Baptist**

Church of Philippi May 22. **Rev. Jeff Simms** pastors at Philippi.

The **Monongahela Association** is planning a Great Commission Rally for Monday, August 29 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Evangel Baptist Church in Bridgeport. **James Smith** is their associational missionary. The rally will prepare those who attend for their participation in The Great Commission Bus Tour, October 5-6. The Great Commission Bus Tour is a tour of the Monongahela Association for local pastors and 40 pastors from outside Monongahela that will identify areas where new churches are needed. Persons on the tour will also learn ways their churches can be involved in planting new works. The tour is a partnership project between the association, the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, and the North American Mission Board.

Congratulations to **Norm and Debbie Cannada** who recently completed 8 years as church planters in Charleston, WV. Pastor and wife of the **West Charleston Baptist Church**, the Cannadas are grateful to have played a part in several other new works in the area including **Freedom Baptist in Kanawha City, Jimmy Morton** pastor, sponsored by **Cross Lanes Baptist, Lighthouse Baptist** in Charleston, **Danny Cunningham** pastor, **Living Hope, St Albans, Bryan and Melissa Barnette** leaders, and a new outreach in a **South Charleston neighborhood** where a Southern Baptist Church closed earlier this year, Foothills Baptist. The Cannadas are North American Mission Board appointed missionaries who began their work in Charleston the same summer as West Virginia hosted its first World Changers construction teams.

Super Summer Youth Event Sees Lives Changed

Lynn Sommerville, wife of David Sommerville and a member of the state youth council who planned and carried out this year's Super Summer event (**pictured on this page**) has shared with this newspaper the good news that 5 youth made first-time decisions for salvation through Christ, 13 students recommitted their lives to Christ, 3 felt called to fulltime Christian service, and 5 committed to being better witnesses. Approximately 80 students and 22 leaders were present for the event.

Students participated in small group Bible studies, chose classes for fun (swimming games, tennis, racquetball, etc.), and for learning (dating, drama, God's Extreme Makeover, etc.), joined in large group activities, and participated in worship each day.

Super Summer is made possible by the efforts of volunteer planning and leadership teams, Cooperative Program funding, and the participation of your youth group.



The photos on this page, supplied by Lynn Sommerville, illustrate the activities described in the paragraph above. Mostly they reveal the joy Christian young people experience when they find opportunities to retreat together under the guidance and watchcare of caring Christian leaders. What a great ministry!



WVCSB Calendar

September 5
Labor Day Holiday
Scott Depot offices closed

September 11-18
Week of Prayer for WV
Missions and Missionaries

September 16
WVCSB Nominating
Committee and Cmt. on Cmts.

September 16-17
Men/Boys Retreat
WMU Council

September 17-24
MissionsFest in
Monongahela Association

October 3 Cancellation
Single/Senior Adult Rallies

October 3-4 Addition
Single Adult Ministry
Training Conference

October 13
New Minister Orientation
at Scott Depot offices

October 16
Bivocational Ministers' Day