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## State Executive Board Conducts a Harmonious September Meeting

The fall meeting of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists Executive Board was held at the headquarters building in Scott Depot from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. September 9. With 13 members absent, the Board was barely able to establish a quorum to conduct official business. Fourteen members attended.

Among the items of business was the election of Randall Robertson to fill a position vacated by Jerry Rose who recently moved from Hamlin Baptist to Horse Pen Baptist. Robertson pastors in the Greater Huntington association at one of the newer churches, Locust Grove, on Route 75 outside Huntington.

Other business included action to approve a 2007 budget and calendar to propose to mes-

sengers who will attend the convention in November at Burke Memorial in Princeton.

The Board also authorized the expenditure of up to \$25,000 to replace the roof on the headquarters building. The existing roof is leaking after some 16 years of service.



*Greg Wrigley addressing the missions cmt.*

The current headquarters has been debt free since it was constructed in 1990. The two story structure has been well maintained thanks to the oversight given by Tom Young, a supportive Executive Board, and Executive Directors who have been good stewards of West Virginia Southern Baptists' only institutional responsibility.

The September Board meeting was harmonious in every respect. With Cooperative Program support continuing to grow significantly, and an open atmosphere for discussion and exchange of ideas, Executive Board meetings in West Virginia are pleasant events to attend.

It is good when the people called Southern Baptist work in harmony. We in West Virginia can give thanks to God that our work is going well. The same cannot be said for many of our sister state conventions. It's important that we not lose sight of the value of our loving spiritual family.



*Jean Beachum chatted with Terry Harper prior to the Board luncheon.*



*Jim Stogdill and Cliff Curry talked before they enjoyed a good lunch.*



*Buddy Clark and Bob Wheat aren't sleeping! They're studying important issues!*



*Terry and Darlene Vaughan (background), WV/Florida partnership coordinators, join Betty Jo Stout in listening to one of the Missions staff in the Missions cmt. meeting.*



*Cheryl Harper, wife of Executive Director Terry Harper, prepares drinks for the Board prior to the wonderful catered lunch on September 9.*

## Letter From Our Executive Director-Treasurer



Dear Friends:

Most WV churches are wrapping up their emphasis on the Ola Cox Offering for State Missions. I hope you have given generously to this offering, but if not, there is still time. You can give directly at your church in an offering envelope for this purpose or write on your check that it is for the Ola Cox Offering. We would prefer you give it at your church, but if your church is not collecting the offering, you can mail it directly to the State Convention office (our address is: One Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560) and it is still tax deductible.

One of the great things about this offering is that it all will stay here in West Virginia to meet needs in the Mountain State. There are a number of things that the offering goes to support, but let me name just a few. A total of 3% of the offering goes to help church staffs when they are in crisis or have an emergency. We have been able to assist several church staff persons during this year that had very pressing needs because you gave faithfully last year to this offering. At the same time another 3% goes to assist congregations with emergency needs. We come along side a church and partner with them when they have

an emergency situation and help them through the crisis time. We are able to do this because of this offering and your faithfulness to it. Another part of the offering goes to support the summer camps provided by our convention. What better thing can we do than invest in the lives of our young people. Also a good portion of the offering (10%) is returned to each of the local associations for ministry.

We can see that much good is done with this offering. Last year the offering fell short of its goal and we were not able to do as much. We believe this was due to the special offerings for hurricane relief. That was a much needed effort and we are grateful that West Virginians were so responsive to it. But hopefully this year we will once again reach our goal and can fully fund each of these projects. We should pray to that end and we should give to that end.

May I remind you of our annual meeting of the State Convention to be held this year at Burke Memorial Baptist Church in Princeton, West Virginia? The dates are November 2-4, 2006. Please plan to attend.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you and Christ here in beautiful, "almost heaven," West Virginia.

Terry L. Harper

Upcoming Speaking Engagements:  
September 30- Allegheny Baptist Association  
October 1- Westview Baptist, Martinsburg, WV  
October 8- Nettie Baptist, Nettie, WV  
October 15- First Southern, Fairmont, WV

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## West Virginia State Missions September 2006

# Back to Basics

WEEK OF  
PRAYER

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

Focus areas:  
Church Planting  
Resort Missions  
Disaster Relief  
Mission Ministries  
Missions Camp

## Editor's Notes

A not so funny thing happened on the way to the printer with this month's newspaper. Like the little boy whose dog ate his homework, at approximately 9:40 a.m. on September 11, my computer ate all the files that should have been placed in this edition.

In other words, after compiling stories and photos on the hard drive of my computer for the preceding 3-4 weeks, when I began the final editing process of layout, design, and proofreading, I found myself with a blank sheet of paper.

(Let me apologize to any of you who sent me information for this edition and who cannot find it included. Let me also acknowledge that this edition is probably later than it should be due to the story I'm going to unfold in this month's "Notes.")

After losing my files, I had to begin the process of communicating with everyone I could remember who had sent anything to me for inclusion in the September edition. In addition, since I lost approximately half of the documents from my computer at the same time as I lost the newspaper work, I was forced to restore files from backup disks I had done just prior to the end of August, none of which included one scrap of newspaper data.

By around 3:00 p.m. or so I was already mentally fatigued from the experience but it was looking like I might be able to resume the production process the next morning and might be fortunate enough to miss my deadline by no more than one day. Shortly after that, however, everything took a rapid slide down a very scary hill.

My phone rang around 3:30. It was Cheryl calling to ask me if I could come home quickly. She had just dislocated her right hip and was on the laundry room floor unable to move. She said the ambulance was on its way.

For you who know us very well, this story is going to sound familiar. You know, for example, that Cheryl had her right hip replaced in 1994 and her left hip replaced in 1998, both the result of a condition known as congenital hip dysplasia.

You also remember that her right hip has already dislocated twice, once here in WV, the other time in Tennessee while we were with our children for a Memorial Day weekend.

Being human beings, our first tendency is to ask, "Why is this happening to us?" But being careful students of the mechanics of how artificial hips work, we also know that there is something a little wrong with the position of

the "parts" that is causing this hip to be prone to dislocate.

The good news is that modern medicine can replace hip joints that have been destroyed by arthritis or certain kinds of fractures. The bad news is that they cannot guarantee that the joint will not dislocate. Cheryl is living proof that hip replacement is part science and part art. I think the doctor who did the surgery on her right hip was deficient in both his art and his science.

It is true that Cheryl was the one in charge of her body each time her hip dislocated. That means she temporarily forgot one of the multiple rules for proper movement for persons with artificial hips. On the other hand, the left hip has never dislocated and it has been subjected to the same "improper" movements as has the right hip. She doesn't deserve to go through the agony once, better yet three times.

Returning to the September 11 story again, I rushed home, the ambulance arrived, four stout men gently lifted her on to a stretcher and carried her to a hospital in Charleston where she waited for several hours to see a doctor and where around seven hours following her dislocation a doctor finally put her hip back together.

I brought her home the next day and have been caring for her ever since. In between trips to our bedroom to help her get up or to lay down, or to the kitchen to prepare meals or do dishes, I have been thumping away at the keyboard, trying to finish this edition as quickly as possible.

You might be interested to know that each edition of the paper includes a three day period of highly focused work immediately before it is sent to a printer in Virginia. It should have gone to the printer by quitting time on Wednesday for me to be on schedule. It now appears that it will be there by noon on Friday. That's a pretty amazing comeback if I do say so myself.

I suspect some of you are wondering why I am writing about this personal event in my life. That's OK by me. You have a right to ask why I talk about my family because this paper exists to serve the Kingdom of God as it relates to WV Southern Baptists. Here's why.

First, you are the only family we have in West Virginia. As our family, many of you learned about Cheryl's dislocation within 24 hours and began the steady stream of supportive communication that is common in loving families like WV Southern Baptists.



Second, this crisis is another spiritual pilgrimage for us with lessons to learn and share. This opinion page is usually devoted to a spiritual truth I want to share with you and I think God has been speaking to me throughout these hectic days.

For example, note that the day this crisis unfolded was 9-11, the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attack on our country. Not once during our rough day of stress did the Holy Spirit let me lose sight of the fact that our challenges were temporal and minor in comparison with those faced by the surviving families of the 9-11 victims. The Spirit of God helped me keep perspective even though Cheryl and I were extremely fatigued by the ordeal.

Also, note that the family of God has stepped forward to be the warm hands and caring hearts we have needed to help us adjust and to keep at the ministry tasks that we faced this week. The fact is, life goes on during a crisis. Work has to be done. Responsibilities do not go away. They may be postponed for a time but they will still need to be done by someone, usually by us.

Finally, as a believer, never underestimate your own coping ability in a crisis. God's people will be praying for you if you do not shut yourself off from them. When they pray, God answers!

# August 18-19 Event Prepares Students for Middle and High School Ministry



On August 18-19 over 350 West Virginians came together for **The Back2School Project**. The event encouraged, excited, and motivated middle and high school students to live for God in the coming school year.

The event began at Cross Lanes Baptist church with a time of worship led by *Essential Element*. Then Jacob Atchley shared

dition, 6 persons made the decision to follow Christ as their Savior.

Each **Back2School Project '06** participant received training for evangelism and a *Code2Life* pocket Bible. Breakout sessions also included a challenging and thought provoking class on lifestyle purity.

At the conclusion of the breakout sessions the students traveled to the Charleston YMCA for a night of fun.

Participants met new friends during the late night hours as students spent time in various activities. All who attended were encouraged to strive to be more like Jesus in every area of life.

Reflecting on the lasting results of this event, WV Evangelism Director Jacob Atchley commented,

“As our students head back to school may they do so with a passion to see Jesus lifted up there through their lives. As you are already aware our students face a myriad of circumstances, choices, and atmospheres in the various schools they attend.

The concept of reaching and challenging our students before they head back to school is alive and well. Pray as we look towards August 2007 and begin preparations for **The Back2School Project '07.**”



a message taken from Luke 19:1-10 and the students were given an opportunity to respond to his challenge. During the invitation students filled the altar committing to make a difference on their campus this year. In ad-



# Ministers' Wives' Annual Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, November 2, 2006

Registration & Fellowship @ 1:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.

Program @ 6:30 p.m.

Burke Memorial Baptist Church  
Princeton, West Virginia

Theme — *Celebrating Our Lifeline*"

Scripture Verse - Acts 1:8

Guest Speaker - S. G.

*Missionary to Asia*

Special Music - *Pastors' Wives'* - Linda Hopkins & Tina Miller

Visit by P.J. the Clown

Testimonies — Rosanna Baker & Trenia Murray

Pre-register by mailing \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per children's Happy Meal to  
One Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560, Attention: Florence Ann

Deadline to register for dinner is **October 27, 2006.**

## Upper Ohio Valley Association Plans an On Mission Celebration

**October 7-11**

The Upper Ohio Valley Association will conduct an On Mission Celebration beginning with their annual meeting on Saturday, October 7, and followed by a Missions Fair at Cameron Baptist Church from 2:00-4:30p.m.

At the Missions Fair the nine missionaries who will be speaking at the OMC will have displays and will be available to answer questions. After the Missions Fair, guests will enjoy dinner and a worship service.

Sunday through Wednesday the missionaries will be visiting and making presentations at the participating churches in the association.

**Westview, Martinsburg to Host Gospel Concert November 10 7:00 p.m**

**Featured Artist: Ivan Parker, a regular guest on the Gaither Homecoming video series**

**For tickets or info: 304-263-1701**

## North Charleston Baptist Participates in Guyana Mission Trip

A team of eleven volunteers from the North Charleston Baptist Church spent part of their summer serving in South America in the Berbice area of Guyana. At least 51 persons came to Christ for salvation as a result.

The mission team's activities included medical clinics, youth camps, crusades and other outreach activities. The local people were warm and responded well to the ministry efforts of the team members.

Eva Hallis, a member of the team, noted that "Satan must have been pleased that the mosquitoes were biting us but it failed to deter the efforts of the team. We felt blessed to be used by God!"

If you would like someone from the team to speak at your church, whatever the age group, please call North Charleston Baptist at 304-744-0435.

Murrill Boitnott worked in cooperation with the Director of the Association of Bible Churches in Guyana, Shawn Geer, to plan and coordinate this worthy ministry project.



*Rob Carr, left, Mission Education Specialist, NAMB, presented Jay Loucks III a copy of the Royal Ambassador Pledge during a break at the National Missions Education Certification Conference at Burke Memorial, Princeton, where young Jay's father, Jay Loucks II, is pastor.*

## Nettie Baptist Church Celebrates Retirement of Building Debt

The congregation of the Nettie Baptist Church recently celebrated the retirement of the debt on their building with a note-burning service. Pastor Dr. Charles Bright and Associational Missionary Dennis Cherry led the dedicated folks in expressing thanks to God for enabling them to reach this significant milestone.

Thanks to local and out of state teams of volunteers, costs were kept as low as possible for the newly added auditorium, land and equipment. But none of it would have been possible without the faithfulness of God, His people, and the dedication of Nettie's key leaders.

Dr. Bright, who finished his work as pastor at Nettie in late August, stated "This debt retirement will allow the congregation to expand aspects of their outreach ministry. The service itself was a time of genuine rejoicing and renewed focus on the future."



*From left to right in the photo above: Nettie Baptist Church deacons Steve Harlow and Roger Evans; Dr. Charles Bright, pastor; associational missionary Dennis Cherry; and deacon Henry Shockly.*

## From Around the Mountain State

### Harbor Light in Oceana, WV

In spite of floods, difficulty in finding long term pastoral leadership, and the ever present challenges of starting a new Baptist church in the Mountain State, the little flock known as Harbor Light in Oceana, WV has continued



*These clowns are young at heart if not in years. The sweetheart in the middle is 92 years young!*

faithfully serving God. This summer brought some unique rewards as the church partnered with Florida pastor Charles Litzell and his family to build an outdoor pavillion to service needs in the Oceana community. In addition, the congregation rejoiced to see new Christian Terry baptized in a local stream. Last but certainly not least, the Harbor Light folks reached out to Oceana during the local festival. Part of those actions involved the clowns pictured in the photograph upper left.



*Building a pavillion is fun, especially when your family is on a mission trip together!*



*Mike York (left), Coalfields Associational Missionary has worked tirelessly to assist Harbor Light throughout its existence. Here he is shown joyfully introducing newly baptized Jerry.*

### Canadian Chinese Serve Their Huntington Partners

In what a local coordinator of the Huntington Chinese Baptist Church called a “God-thing,” two Chinese families from Toronto partnered with the WV congregation in a variety of services in the Greater Huntington area.

Eddie Henson reports that the Tse and Lee families from Toronto accomplished a lot in partnership with the Chinese Baptist mission during the July 29 - August 4 project: They led a home Bible study in the Mandarin language. They conducted the Sunday worship service for the Chinese Mission and the midweek service for the sponsoring church, Highlawn Baptist in Huntington. They served Monday through Wednesday at the Huntington City Mission. They cleaned several apartments for Project Hope which helps families become self-sustaining. They provided skits, testimonies and music for a chapel service.

Henson added that the very young children were a vital part.

### A West Virginia Mission Story

(Copied from East Williamson Baptist Church September/ October Newsletter)

“This summer, we were given the wonderful opportunity to do mission work in Warfield, Kentucky. Twelve disciples from our church traveled to Dempsey housing located in Warfield, Kentucky and conducted VBS the week of July 10-14. We had a wonderful week!

“We set up two large tents on a grassy area of the housing complex and conducted VBS each day. We would sing with the kids, tell a Bible story, play a game and create a craft.

“We also helped ladies with the free lunch program feed the kids each day and also provided the kids with a snack and treat following VBS.

“The following served on our team: Sarah Rhodes, Sara Scott, Meredith Ramella, Noah Rhodes, Brittany Blankenship, Chelsea Phillips, Tommy Looney, Beth Scott, Jimmie

Carr, Dee-Dee Rhodes, Greg Hensley, and Randy Rhodes.

“We would also like to thank Elaine Varney, manager of Dempsey Housing, for allowing us to conduct the VBS in Warfield.

“Please take the time to pray for the children at Dempsey Housing! Pray that each child who attended VBS will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior.

“On the first day, one of the kids asked, “Who is Jesus?” After our week of VBS, all of the children came to realize who Jesus is and what he did for them on the cross. Thank you church for supporting summer missions! We would also like to thank all those who prayed and interceded for the Mission Team.

“Please start praying now for next year’s summer mission work. Pray that God will open

up doors for us to do mission work in the area He wants whether it be away from here or right in our local area! We want to be led by the Holy Spirit!”

*A note from the editor...Thank you East Williamson for serving as an example for all of us. Everything about your report illustrates the value of mission trips, what actually can happen in a week's time, the sense of reverent humility that mission trip participants feel when they return, and the proper attitude for the future. Thank you, thank you!*

## World Hunger Emphasis for October 8 by Dwayne Hastings

Southern Baptist disaster relief efforts can be traced to 1967, when a small group of Texas volunteers served hot food cooked on small “buddy burners” to victims of Hurricane Beulah.

Southern Baptist disaster relief work has developed over the years into a well-oiled machine that coordinates the efforts of trained volunteers from the United States and Canada. In 2005, those efforts included the preparation of 17,124,738 meals, 14,556,541 of which were in response to the four hurricanes that devastated Florida and the Gulf Coast.

While contributions to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund typically are not used for disaster relief, the natural disasters of 2005 prompted the North American Mission Board (SBC) to tap its domestic funds to aid those in need because of these disasters. With this redirection of hunger funds and an increase in requests for money from missionaries involved in hunger ministries in North America, many projects went either underfunded or completely unfunded.

Human needs and suffering are most visible during a major natural disaster, yet there are always families who are hungry in the U.S. These stories of despair usually don't make the headlines. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported in 2004 that 11.9 percent of all U.S. households were “food insecure.” In other words, there were times these people didn't know where their next meal was coming from. America's Second Harvest, a network of secular food banks,

did an analysis of their recipients and found that 36 percent of them were under the age of eighteen.

Across the country, Southern Baptist missionaries are ministering in Jesus' name to hun-

a year, according to ministry coordinator Mike Walston. This ministry relies on hunger funds generously provided by Southern Baptists to provide families in need with non-perishable food. He said those served include the elderly on fixed incomes, shut-ins, the unemployed, and those who may have a job but whose income falls short of providing for their family.

Every person who is given a box of food gets to hear the Good News of the Gospel, Walston said. “We don't force it on them; we just want to know where they are in their walk with the Lord. There is no pressure put on them at all,” he explained. Walston said every year an average of seventy-five people accept the Lord at the center, which is staffed by volunteers from churches in the Chattahoochee Baptist Association.

You can be a part of these ministries by making a contribution to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. Unless otherwise designated, twenty cents of every dollar donated is sent to the North American Mission Board and eighty cents to the International Mission Board. The North American Mission Board uses its hunger funds to support hunger projects in the United States and Canada, such as the one at the Good Samaritan Center in Gainesville. The International Mission Board uses its hunger funds for direct hunger ministry as well as water well drilling, agricultural education, water purification, etc. Because personnel and volunteers are already in place and promotional expenses come

through other budgets, you can be confident that 100 percent of your gifts will be used to minister to the hungry in Jesus' name.

*Photo by Joni Hannigan/Florida Baptist Witness*

**FOCUS ON**

### Hunger and Human Needs

*"You must... open your hand."*  
DEUTERONOMY 15:11

For more information contact the  
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission  
of the Southern Baptist Convention,  
1-800-475-9127, or visit [www.eric.com](http://www.eric.com).

gry people through the gifts given to the World Hunger Fund.

In Gainesville, Georgia, Good Samaritan Ministries serves over five thousand families

## 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: Hispanic Work**

On-going Bible studies are laying the foundations for new Hispanic churches in Moorefield (Potomac Highland Association) and Charleston (Pioneer Association). Pray...

- That there will be effective outreach to the Hispanics as a result of the English as a Second Language (ESL) workshop in Potomac Highland Association.
- For those leading the Bible studies in Moorefield and Charleston.
- That those involved in Bible studies will hear, understand and respond to the Truth, Jesus.
- For more workers to assist with reaching Hispanics.
- That new churches will emerge from the Bible studies.

### **Ministry Focus: Season of Prayer and Ola Cox State Missions Offering**

- Ask that churches across the state will be faithful in praying and generous in giving.
- Ask that churches will use the promotional and study material effectively.

### **Weekend Prayer Focus**

- Pray for your pastor and the leaders of your church as they prepare and lead the state missions study and promote the Ola Cox State Missions Offering.
- Ask God to direct you in ways to support state missions — praying, giving to the offering, participating in mission projects in your own community or somewhere in the state.

### **Prayer Resource: State Mission Promotion Packet**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Chapel</u>
Oct. 2	Immanuel	Concord Univ.	Peytona	New Hope, Madison
Oct. 3	Monongahela	Marshall Univ.	Pineville	New Hope, Mullens
Oct. 4	Mountain State	Mt. State Univ.	Restoration, Rosedale	New Life, Arnoldsburg
Oct. 5	Pioneer	WVU Morgntwn	Riverside, Bluefield	Oak Creek
Oct. 6	Potomac Highland	Bluefield State	Riverview, Wellsburg	Shining Light
Oct. 9	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	Riverwood	Solid Rock
Oct. 10	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Rowlesburg	South Wheeling
Oct. 11	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Ryerson	The Bridge
Oct. 12	Coalfields	WVU Morgntwn	Second, Keyser	Camden Flats
Oct. 13	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Shawnee	Carpendale
Oct. 16	Immanuel	Concord Univ.	Shrewsbury	Chinese Mission
Oct. 17	Monongahela	Marshall Univ.	Silver Springs	Christian Family Fellowship
Oct. 18	Mountain State	Mt. State Univ.	Southern, Philippi	Dorsey Street
Oct. 19	Pioneer	WVU Morgntwn	SBF, Elizabeth	Faith, Winfield
Oct. 20	Potomac Highland	Bluefield State	SBF, Summersville	Faith Fellowship, Athens
Oct. 23	Tri-County	Concord Univ.	South Berkeley	Freedom, Charleston
Oct. 24	Upper Ohio Valley	Marshall Univ.	Southside, Parkersburg	Gateway
Oct. 25	Allegheny	Mt. State Univ.	Spring Valley Freedom	Glade Springs
Oct. 26	Coalfields	WVU Morgntwn	Temple, Moundsville	Greater Things
Oct. 27	Greater Huntington	Bluefield State	Trinity, Buckeye	HarborLight
Oct. 30	Immanuel	Concord Univ.	Trinity, St. Albans	Hope, Richwood
Oct. 31	Monongahela	Marshall Univ.	Twentieth St., Kenova	Lighthouse, Charleston
Nov. 1	Mountain State	Mt. State Univ.	Twin Lakes	Lighthouse, Ivydale
Nov. 2	Pioneer	WVU Morgntwn	Tyler	Marland Heights
Nov. 3	Potomac Highland	Bluefield State	Victory, Belmont	New Hope, Madison

## Churches and People

Classes on Parliamentary Procedure were held at **Brushfork**. **Don Deel**, Associational Missionary in the **Mountain State Association**, taught the classes.

**Isaban**, where **Mason Perry** is pastor, averaged 66 in attendance at Vacation Bible School. They baptized one recently. The 57th Homecoming was held Sept. 10, with a message by **Don Deel** and singing by "The Bluegrass Revival." Dinner followed.

**Memorial, Beckley**, held revival services in September with evangelist Keith Fordham. **Paul Blizard** is the pastor.

Youth Pastor **Derek Bartlett** and his wife **Becky** took the youth group of **Northgate** on a mission trip to Costa Rica in July. There they led a VBS and did some work on a local school. **Craig Stevens** is pastor.

**Silver Springs and Oak Creek** had 21 short-term missionaries make the journey to the Canaan Valley region of the state. They worked at the **Canaan Valley Baptist Church**, for some elderly residents of the valley, and at a homeless shelter in Tucker County. **Gerald McKinney** is pastor at Silver Springs, and **Bryan Frazier** at Oak Creek. High attendance at Silver Springs' *Arctic Edge* VBS was 76, with 4 professions of faith. The mission offering was sent to John and Kim Piepmeier, missionaries to Kiana, Alaska, to help purchase a boat to aid in their ministry. Paper products were collected for Pam's Place, a local shelter for domestic violence victims.

**The Bridge, Jerry Rice** pastor, had nine saved in July for a total of 26 since they opened.

**Calvary, Chapmanville**, had four salvations at *Space Quest* VBS in July. One teen was baptized, and a special

children's program was held to help raise money for children in Cambodia. A love offering and quilt were sent to a couple in New Orleans who have been adopted by the Calvary congregation. **John Freeman** is the pastor.

Eighty-five kids, 20 teens, 4 college students, and an army of adult counselors and volunteers participated in **Crosspoint Community's** Camp Survivor 2006 "Army of God" which was held at Heritage Farm. Fourteen kids trusted Christ during camp. The Church has purchased the former Keebler Building in Huntington which will be renovated with the anticipation of moving in sometime in September. **Greg Lucas** is the pastor.

**First, Ceredo**, where **Rodney Hale** is pastor, is rejoicing over three new members by letter, two by baptism, and two awaiting baptism. The Youth shared what God taught them at Centrifuge and have helped with Vacation Bible School and other children's programs in the church. A special family emphasis was held on Sunday nights this summer. **Jennifer Chadwick** shared her testimony and slides of her mission trip to Thailand and China in connection with Youth With A Mission. John Bailey from Derbe, England, who is also involved with YWAM shared his testimony with the Youth. The Funagers are continuing their Nursing Home Ministry.

**Lincoln** held revival services in July with a different evangelist preaching each night. A Community Picnic was held at the church on July 15.

**Locust Grove's** VBS offering of over \$300 was designated for the Gideons. Six youth and one adult participated in Missions Camp. The church assisted twelve families in Spring Valley with cleaning supplies following recent flash flooding. **Randall Robertson** is pastor.

**Scott and P.J. Midkiff** accompanied 13 youth from **Twentieth Street, Kenova**, to camp. Two were baptized recently, and eight new members added by statement. Two children were saved at camp and are awaiting baptism. A group of about 30 attended "Spirit Song" weekend in Cincinnati, and **Terry Harper**, Executive Director of the WVCSB, visited and preached. Also preaching in July were **Steven Graves, Donald Prichard, and Chris Burke**. The pastor is **Clifford Curry**.

Two were baptized in July and one new member was received by letter at **Westmoreland**, where **C.J. Adkins** is pastor. Seven attended Centrifuge in Buckhannon,

WV. Enrollment at *Arctic Edge* VBS was 121, with three decisions. The \$325 missions offering will go to the church's Philippine Mission Partners. The Westmoreland church and the new church plant in Wayne sponsored a booth at the Wayne County Fair in August. **Darrell Clark** is the church planter in Wayne. A new young adult ministry, "The Upper Room," kicked off the end of August.

Another new work is underway in the **Greater Huntington Association**, where **Doug Virgin** is Associational Missionary. **Tim Meadows** is holding meetings in the Cabell County Community Service Center in Salt Rock.

**Freedom, Charleston, Jimmy Morton** pastor, is celebrating two salvations and one recommitment in August. A mission team from North Carolina helped with servant evangelism, passing out free soft drinks, fliers, and holding a free car wash. Two nights in August were free movie nights, with free hamburgers and hotdogs.

**First, Fairlea**, held revival services in September with Dale Elwell preaching. **Kevin Prevett** is the pastor.

**Borderland, Andy Kohari** pastor, had an average attendance of 50 for Vacation Bible School. A Missions Emphasis Night and Fellowship Dinner is held the first Wednesday of each month. The new construction is nearing completion.

**Bradshaw Mountain** added two new members in June. Volunteer teams from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Mississippi helped with various projects this summer: kitchen renovation, construction of a three-car garage, completion of vinyl siding, Backyard Bible Clubs, and Youth VBS. The church was presented with a digital hymnal, and another team made quilts to use in the upstairs guest rooms. Pastor **Bob Blevins** and wife **Oakie** each celebrated a 70th birthday in August, and were presented with airplane tickets to Connecticut by their children.

**Chattaroy** installed a new metal roof. Four new members were baptized recently. Over 70 children were enrolled in Vacation Bible School. Area churches are working together for a Community October Fest. Revival services are planned for Oct. 22-25 with Joe Ed Rice of Ashland, KY, preaching. **W.L. Bostic** is the pastor.

**East Williamson**, where **Bob Norman** is pastor, kicked off a new semester of FAITH with a banquet in August. A deacon-led GROW outreach program will be implemented soon.

## Churches and People

Mission Service Corps volunteers **Jim and Grace Davis** have worked with **Gateway Chapel** for some time now. After several years of scheduling afternoon services, morning worship services will begin Oct. 1.

**Gilbert Creek** baptized three in August. Two professions of faith were made during VBS, and six were saved at the Mission VBS in Marytown. A new/used 4-wheel drive SUV was donated to the church. **John Thompson** is the pastor.

As a result of the efforts of numerous volunteers, over forty professions of faith in Christ have been recorded this summer by **HarborLight, Oceana**, and 21 people were baptized in the creek July 26, with a total of 23 baptisms by August. A van was donated by a church in Georgia and should be arriving soon. **Mike York, Coalfields** Associational Missionary, and **Bob Bannister** lead the services at the Chapel.

**Jerry Rose** began his ministry at **Horsepen** in July. Attendance is growing and seven have been baptized. An Outdoor Festival was held in August.

**Living Stone's** pastor, **Britt Moore**, leads chapel services for the Matewan High School football team and coaches. A band has been assembled to play for church services.

Thirteen baptisms have been celebrated in recent months at **New Covenant, Logan**. Pastor **Ron Chambers** is doing well following quadruple heart by-pass surgery. The church distributed 150 backpacks and school supplies. Approximately 100 attended a Youth Rally last month. **Dr. Don Donahoe** participated in a two-week mission trip to South Korea.

Teams from Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, and Mississippi installed a new baptistry at **New Hope, Madison**, worked on the building, helped with a ministry booth at the annual Coal Festival and conducted several Vacation Bible Schools and Backyard Bible Clubs. **John Harden** is the pastor.

**Peytona** celebrated eight baptisms recently and have several awaiting baptism. Vacation Bible School enrollment was 120, with an average attendance of 100. Two Backyard Bible Clubs were held, and a new roof was installed on a house in the community. Elloree Baptist Church in South Carolina donated a van. **Dan Dantzer** is the pastor.

Attendance is growing at **Wharton**, where **Darrell Searls** is pastor. Over fifty were enrolled in Vacation Bible School. A Georgia mission team helped rebuild the church kitchen.

Homecoming Services were celebrated September 24, along with a dinner following the morning service.

There was a flurry of activity this summer in the **Coalfields Association**, where **Mike York** is the Associational Missionary. A team from Weakley County Association in Tennessee conducted ten Vacation Bible Day Camps, most in areas where there is no Southern Baptist church. Total enrollment was 291, with an average attendance of 225, and 16 professions of faith. A group of ladies from Lake Ola Baptist Church in Florida, whose leader is 92 years old, conducted Vacation Bible Day Camps and prepared sack lunches with gifts and Gospel tracts for the coal truck drivers who went past them each day. **Jennifer York** accompanied Clear Creek Baptist Bible College on a mission trip to New Orleans to help with post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts.

**Cameron** scheduled revival services in late September with **John Adams**, Director of Education & Associate Executive Director of the WVCSB, preaching. Beginning in Sept. Wednesday night services include a men's Bible study "Everyman's Marriage" and women's Bible study "Renewing Love." **Ron McCoy** is the pastor.

**Immanuel, Princeton**, welcomed six new members by baptism and one by statement. "Seven Weeks of Witness" will take place during the Sunday Morning Bible Study in preparation for the Fall Revival. **Dan Jividen** is the pastor.

**Berean, Lindell Smith** pastor, led its own VBS for the first time. Approximately 20 new kids attended. They ended the week with a pizza party. The church took a group of children and youth to Kennywood.

**Charity** has called **Dan Adkins** as its new pastor, along with wife "**Pete**."

The Women's Joy Fellowship from the **Church of the Good Shepherd** set up a table at Salem International University to hand out homemade cookies and bookmarks and invite students to services. Ten people were baptized at Sportsman Lake in August. **Sonny Palmer** is the pastor.

**First Southern, Fairmont**, where **David Mellquist** is pastor, is planning a Note Burning Service for October 15.

**Wade McGee**, a member of **Freedom, Nutter Fort**, was licensed for the Gospel Ministry in August. **Jimmy Ray Sanders** is the pastor.

**New Creek, Thomas Roatch** pastor, is

rejoicing over three baptisms following Vacation Bible School.

**New Hope, Rock Cave**, was blessed with two salvations during revival services and Vacation Bible School in July. The church was edified with the preaching of **Wendell Gum** and **James Smith**. Members participated in a mission project to aid **Twin Lakes** in VBS in August. About 17 children attended. Over 40 people attended the hot dog supper and closing service. Seven were saved and four baptized. One new family has been attending the church as a result of VBS. **Rock Cave's** pastor is **Rick Price**, and **Jerry Bizup** pastors **Twin Lakes**.

Approximately forty attended Vacation Bible School at **New Life, Weston**, where **Dave Riddle** is the pastor, and one was saved. A couple was baptized in the Stonewall Jackson Lake, and another couple was saved after Wednesday evening Bible Study. September 17 was Homecoming, with festivities including a covered dish dinner, guest speakers and singing groups.

**Rowlesburg** hosted **Kingwood** for a joint Mission Rally for State Missions in Sept. **Mark Joseph**, pastor of **Canaan Valley** and resort missionary to the area, was the guest speaker. Pastors are **Ken Lake** and **Andrew Smith**, respectively.

**Mountaineer Campus Ministry** served more than 150 hotdogs and passed out nearly 15 gallons of lemonade to parents and students as freshmen moved in at West Virginia University. MCM hosted a game night at the Campus Ministry Center on Friday night of Welcome Week, then went to Cooper's Rock State Park on Saturday for a cookout and some hiking. **Michel Boyer** is the Director.



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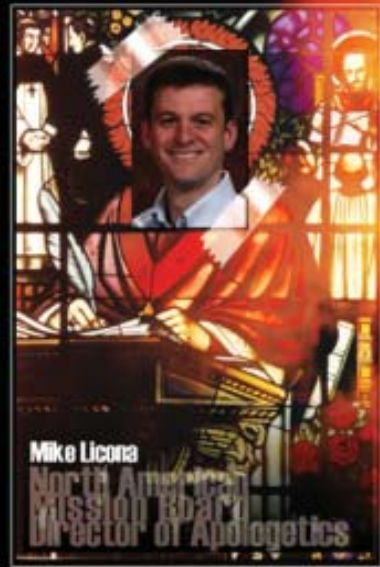
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### Calendar

October:

- 8 - World Hunger Day
- 12 - New Minister Orientation at Scott Depot offices
- 15 - Bivocational Minister Appreciation Day
- 28 - Turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime

November:

- 1 & 2 - Associational Missionary Update
- 2 - WVCSB Executive Board Meeting
- 2 - Pastor's Conference
- 2 - Ministers' Wives Conference
- 3 & 4 - WVCSB Annual Meeting at Burke Memorial Baptist Church in Princeton, WV
- 23 & 24 - WVCSB offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday