

The 153rd
**Annual
Meeting**

of the West Virginia Baptist Convention

*Friday, October 19-
Saturday, October 20, 2018*

South Parkersburg Baptist Church

"Bearers of Hope ... Doing Christ's Work Together!"

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (NIV)*

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. David Bush,
pastor, Rainelle First Baptist Church



Annual Sermon Speaker:

Dr. William Brown,
pastor, Vienna Baptist Church



Executive Minister:

Dr. Michael Sisson,
*West Virginia
Baptist Convention*



SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 19

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1 - Sanctuary

**Welcome and Opening Prayer -
David Hoge
Business Meeting 1 - David Hoge
Executive Minister Address -
Mike Sisson**

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

**Baptist Campus Ministries'
Banquet**

6:30 p.m. Session 2 - Sanctuary

**Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Doris Toothman
Ward Hibbs Award - Tim Barry
Keynote Speaker - David Bush
Communion**

8:30 p.m.

**Alderson Broadbush University
Reception**

Saturday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Session 3 - Sanctuary

**Welcome and Opening Prayer -
Lee Boso
School of Christian Studies'
Graduation - Mark McCloy
Greetings from Palmer Seminary -
David Bronkema
James Anderson, Sr. Bivocational
Pastor Award - Jim Anderson**

9:45 a.m. - Workshop Session 1

10:30 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - Workshop Session 2

12:00 noon - Lunch Break

Luncheon Opportunities

**West Virginia Baptist
Historical Society
Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon
Palmer Theological Seminary
Luncheon**

1:45 p.m. - Workshop Session 3

2:45 p.m. Session 4 - Sanctuary

**Welcome and Opening Prayer -
David Hoge
Business Meeting 2 - David Hoge
Installation of Officers
Annual Sermon - Bill Brown
Sending out Bearers of Hope -
Mike Sisson**

Dear West Virginia Baptist Family,

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV) reminds us, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

We all share the same hope that is found in Christ, and because of that, we also get to serve as **bearers of this hope** in the world.

Though we all face challenges, obstacles and sometimes frustrating circumstances, there is no doubt God is doing amazing things in and through our churches. That is the purpose of this annual meeting - to gather together for a time to share these victories, praise God for what He has done and continues to do and encourage one another in our service in ministry. What a tremendous blessing it is as followers of Christ to be able to participate in the reconciling work Jesus is doing in our communities and our world!

It is my privilege to invite you to South Parkersburg Baptist Church for this year's **Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention**. My prayer is this will be a time of worship, spurring one another on and sharing wisdom as we all strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

*Pastor Rich Blain,
South Parkersburg Baptist Church*



Local Arrangements Committee:

Brenda Everett, Purchasing; Gina Hanna, Food/Hospitality; Linda Cowan, Food/Hospitality; Carla McCartney, Local Arrangements Chair; Ginny Prunty, West Virginia Baptist Convention Liaison; Mary Jo Slater, Finance; Machel Homan, Host; Pastor Rich Blain, Lead Pastor; Brady Seabaugh, Security; Pastor Eric Seckman, Equipment; Gary Hall, Exhibits; Gary Duckworth, Parking; Phil Bumgarner and Coleen Bumgarner, Registration



South Parkersburg Baptist Church

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Parkersburg,
WV 26101

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Speakers:

Annual Sermon: *William Brown*

Bill's hometown is Rupert, where he was a member of Big Clear Creek Baptist Church (Hopewell). He has a bachelor's degree in education from Glenville State College. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, now Palmer Seminary in 2004 and also has a Doctor of Ministry degree with an emphasis on congregational leadership from Northern Seminary in Lombard, Illinois in 2014. Bill Brown has been serving as the Senior Pastor of Vienna Baptist Church (Parkersburg) since January 1, 2007. He is currently serving a term on the West Virginia Baptist Convention Executive Board. Before being called to Vienna, he had served two other Convention churches: nearly eight years as an Associate Pastor at South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg) and prior to that he served three years as pastor of Big Clear Creek Baptist Church. He and his wife, Patricia, have been married for 32 years. They have five children, three daughters and two sons, ranging in age from 16 to 29, three sons-in-law and four grandchildren.

Guest Speaker: *David Bush*

David grew up as a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church (Fayette), where he was dedicated, baptized, married and served as a pastoral intern. He and his wife, Amy, graduated from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, where he also earned a Master of Arts (M.A.) in pastoral studies. In 2016, he became Senior Pastor of Rainelle First Baptist Church (Hopewell). David and Amy have a heart to see people welcomed into God's family through humble hospitality. David has a passion for preaching the gospel, caring for the health of the bride of Christ and seeing people transformed by the grace of God. David, Amy and their collie, Hemingway would love to have you come by for a cup of coffee and good conversation.

Lodging Options:

Blennerhassett Hotel

320 Market Street,
Parkersburg 26101
304.422.3131

2.2 miles from the church

JownePlace Suites by Marriott

415 7th Street,
Parkersburg 26101
304.485.4485

2.3 miles from the church

Hampton Inn and Suites

920 Emerson Avenue,
Parkersburg 26104
304.428.0555

3.7 miles from the church

Holiday Inn Express

80 Nicolette Road,
Mineral Wells 26150
304.489.4111

4.0 miles from the church

Microtel Inn

94 Nicolette Road,
Mineral Wells 26150
304.422.3131

4.0 miles from the church

Hampton Inn

64 Elizabeth Pike,
Mineral Wells 26187
304.789.2900

4.1 miles from the church

Roadway Inn

161 Hospitality Lane,
Mineral Wells 26187
304.489.3111

4.1 miles from the church

Comfort Suites

167 Elizabeth Pike,
Mineral Wells 26187
520.505.2490

4.1 miles from the church

Comfort Inn

401 37th Street,
Parkersburg 26101
304.424.5300

4.7 miles from the church

Wingate by Wyndham

1502 Grand Central Avenue,
Vienna 26105
304.295.5501

5.9 miles from the church

Sleep Inn

97 Emerson Commons
Boulevard,
Parkersburg 26104
304.916.7380

8.9 miles from the church

Holiday Inn Express

10057 Emerson Avenue,
Parkersburg 26104
304.916.7380

9.6 miles from the church

Directions:

From points North -

- Take I-77 S to Camden Avenue Exit
- At the second stop light turn left onto Rayon Drive
- Turn right (Pike Street) onto Route 14 N
- At the "Y" take the left up the hill (follow Route 14 N) and the church is on the right.

From points South -

- Take I-77 N to the Camden Avenue Exit
- After the exit, go under the overpass, and at the second stop light turn left onto Rayon Drive
- Turn right onto Pike St (Route 14 N)
- At the "Y" take the left up the hill (follow Route 14 N) and the church is on the right.

From points East -

- Take Route 50 W to the Division St Exit
- Turn left at the bottom of exit

ramp onto Route 14 S

- Go through three stop lights and the church is at the top of the hill on the left (across from Dairy Queen)

From points West -

- Take Belpre Bridge (from Ohio Route 7 or Ohio Route 618)
- Follow Route 14 S through Parkersburg
- After the Fifth Street Bridge, go through four stop lights and the church is at the top of the hill on the left (across from Dairy Queen)

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, October 19

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet

Location: South Parkersburg Baptist Church -
Hospitality Area

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00

Contact: Jennifer - 304.422.6449 or
jennifer@wvbc.org

Alderson Broaddus University Reception

Location: South Parkersburg Baptist Church -
Hospitality Area

Time: 8:30 p.m.

(Following the end of the evening session)

Cost: Free

Refreshments will be served.

Special music by The West Virginians

Saturday, October 20

West Virginia Baptist Education Society

Location: South Parkersburg Baptist Church -
AMP

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Cost: Free

For members only

Contact: Mary Beth McCloy -
marybethmccloy@gmail.com

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Location: Parkersburg First Baptist Church,
813 Market Street, Parkersburg 26101

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$12.00

Shuttle provided

For information, contact Dick Hepler at
revdrhepler@aol.com

Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form.

Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Luncheon

Location: South Parkersburg Baptist Church -
AMP

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$10.00

Contact: Nikalee Turner -
nikaleefoster@cedarville.edu or 304.237.4430

Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form.

Registrations requested by October 12, 2018.

Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon

Location: South Parkersburg Baptist Church

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$10.00

Contact Person: Allan Copenhaver -
304.763.8564 or
rcopenha@eastern.edu

Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting
registration form.

Delegate Registration

Registration Fee:

(Please check the meal reservations you wish to secure and include the cost with your total registration. Registration packet and meal ticket(s) will be available for pickup at the annual meeting registration area.)

Please use a separate form for each person. (Copy as needed.)

Name:	
Name on Tag:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
E-mail:	Phone:
Church:	
Association:	

DELEGATES MUST HAVE THIS FORM SIGNED BY CHURCH CLERK OR PASTOR.
Clerk or Pastor signature:

	\$20.00 - ____ Delegate or ____ Visitor Fee Required Fee - Please Check One Above.
	\$6.00 - American Baptist Men
	\$6.00 - ABW Min. West Virginia - Women's Day
	\$10.00 - Members - Pastors4Pastors Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$25.00 - Non-Members - Pastors4Pastors Ministers' Council Event (Includes Lunch)
	\$15.00 - Baptist Campus Ministries' Banquet
	\$12.00 - WV Baptist Historical Society
	\$10.00 - Ministers' Wives' Fellowship
	\$12.00 - Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon Please circle your choice: Ham or Turkey
	Total Enclosed Make checks payable to WVBC and mail to: Annual Meeting Registrar, P.O. Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102.

Child Care:

Please check appropriate box(es). List names and ages of children.

Women's Day	WVBC Session 1	WVBC Session 2	WVBC Session 3	WVBC Session 4

Registration Deadline:

Please have your registration postmarked, with money enclosed by October 15, 2018.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Friday, October 19



Women's Day - American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

Theme: Living Loved

Worship Leader: Ginny Prunty

**Location: South Parkersburg
Baptist Church**

**Registration: 9:00 a.m. - program
begins at 9:30 a.m.**

Lunch: Will be provided for \$6.00

**Nursery provided for
preschool children**

Contact: Sandra Lutz

at sandralutz150@yahoo.com

**Purchase tickets on the Annual
Meeting registration form.**



Pastors4Pastors: The Ministers' Council

**Location: South Parkersburg Baptist
Church - AMP**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.**

Speaker: Rodney Ragwan

**Topic: Pastors Leading Young Adults
to Hear God's Call to Ministry and
Mission**

**Cost: Members - \$10.00,
Non-Members - \$25.00,
includes lunch**

Contact: Rich McClure -

richardmccclure21@gmail.com

**Purchase tickets on the Annual
Meeting registration form.**



American Baptist Men

**Location: Henderson Hall,
517 Old River Rd, Williamstown
26187**

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Depart from the church at 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$6.00

**Contact/R.S.V.P.: Frank Miller at
miller@wvbc.org or 304.372.3675**

Shuttle Available

**Purchase tickets on the Annual
Meeting registration form.**