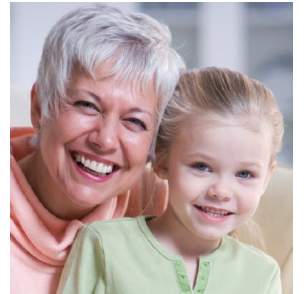
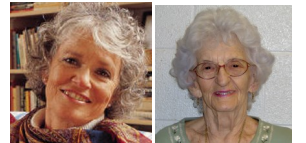


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2019 Women's Conference
Parchment Valley Conference Center
Saturday, June 1, 2019



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John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: **Love one another.** As I have loved you, so you must **love one another.** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.**"

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We have an exciting opportunity on June 21, 2019!!!
American Baptist Churches USA is holding the Biennial Mission Summit on the East Coast in **Virginia Beach.**

National Women's Day
will be held just prior to the national convention.

Sisters Seeking Wholeness
Hermanas Buscando Plenitud

Women's Day 2019

Friday, June 21, 2019

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Virginia Beach Convention Center

1000 19th St, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

(Immediately preceding the 2019 ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit)

"They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."
Jeremiah 17:8 (NIV)

Women's Day Schedule

8:30 – 10:00 am	Check-in (*Registration is with the ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit; upon your arrival, please go to the Biennial Mission Summit registration area first. Once you've received your Women's Day nametag, come to our check-in for your other Women's Day materials.)
9:00 am	American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual Business Meeting
10:00 am	Morning Session
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Luncheon
1:30 – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Session

Register

Your \$75 Women's Day ticket price includes all sessions and the luncheon program. American Baptist Women's Ministries has additional ticket options for those who are unable to attend the entire program: Morning session only - \$45 Luncheon - \$40

What an opportunity to meet and worship with women from across the country! For more Women's Day information you may go to www.abwomensministries.org. To register for the Biennial you can find that information at www.abc-usa.org.

Of course, don't forget our Annual Conference on June 1st at Parchment Valley Conference Center. It will be something you will not want to miss!

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Marissa Earle (Eastern)

Lauren Gall (Teays Valley)

Stacie Gasaway (Kanawha Valley)

Kylie Lallemon (Parkersburg)

Rebekah McCloy (Good Hope)

Cari Mize (Good Hope)

Elizabeth Palmer (Fairmont)

Abigail Reed (Parkersburg)

Kerstin Russell (Coal River)

Ivy Shouldis (Good Hope)

Destiny Thomas (Good Hope)

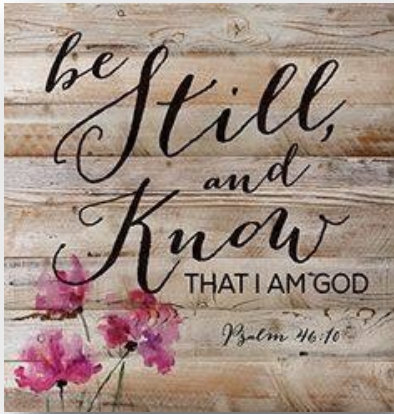
Carly Vickers (Teays Valley)

Samantha Wagoner (Good Hope)

Bayley Wellings (Little Kanawha)

Savannah Williams (Good Hope)

Spiritual Growth Retreat
September 20-22, 2019
Parchment Valley Conference Center
"In the Quiet"



Keynote Speaker:
Rev. David Bush

Crafts
Workshops
Meditation



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"Ron and I have been married almost 48 years. We have two grown daughters, five grandsons, one granddaughter and one great granddaughter. God has truly blessed us! We like to travel and have ridden our motorcycle to every state in the continental US except Wisconsin and North Dakota. An Alaskan cruise is planned this May. I have served as treasurer for First Baptist Church, Ravenswood for 18 years and am currently getting my replacement up to speed before turning everything over to her. Also, I am treasurer of ABWM Good Hope Association and will be stepping down at the end of this year after six years. I enjoy reading, watching TV, making greeting cards and attend aqua-fit class several times a week. From November to the middle of March we are kept busy helping our coach daughter with her team and watching our granddaughter and two of our grandsons play basketball."

Amy is now our treasurer-elect through presidential appointment and board approval. She will be in training by Treasurer Linda Carpenter for this year. In October, Amy, with the rest of the officers, will be voted on by the membership at large and officially installed for a four-year term. Hereafter, the Nominating Committee will provide a nominee for a new trainee. The position of treasurer elect has been in our Constitution Bylaws for some time but has never been filled.

2019 Special Project



Imagine for a moment that you are 18 years old again. You have entered a new phase in your life that is completely different from everything you have ever known. For the first time, you do not have your parents waking you up, cooking your dinner, washing your clothes or keeping you on track with school work. They aren't even there to make sure you are keeping to the promise you made to follow God. Maybe you have been there. Maybe your children are at this point in their lives. Thankfully there is a place where they can continue to grow and learn as a young adult. A place where you make friendships that help keep you accountable and last a lifetime. This year's special project goes to help aid Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) continue to support college students in their walk.

There are 60,000 college students in West Virginia. BCM ministers to approximately 400+ students each week on nine college campuses that includes: Marshall University, West Virginia University, University of Charleston, Fairmont State University, Alderson Broaddus University, West Virginia University Institute of Technology in Beckley, Concord University, Davis and Elkins College and Glenville State College. BCM is known as a place that students can go to worship, fellowship and learn. It is open to every college student on these campuses, and many times college students from other campuses where BCM is not located come to join. BCM's mission is to change lives that change the world. Over the last several years, they have been sending students on both short-term and long-term mission trips to areas of the United States and other countries. If you have a chance to talk with a student that has been to a BCM group, you quickly realize that BCM is an important part of their college experience. Here are some of the things they have to say about BCM:

"BCM to me is a home away from home, a place where I feel safe to worship my God with hundreds of other college students." - Ethan Miller, Marshall University.

"BCM is a community of fellow believers that hold each other accountable to God's word and provide encouragement to one another." - Natalie Riley, Marshall University.

"Christian Student Union (BCM at WVU Tech) is a good place to meet new people and make new friends, all while worshiping and praising God." - Devan Lamb, WVU Tech.

"Being part of CSU has allowed me to use my gifts and prepare me to be a worship leader at Genesis Fellowship." - Hunter Pritt, WVU Tech

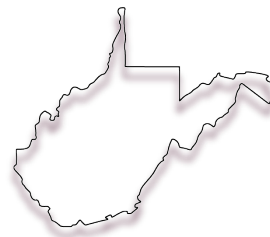
I encourage each church and association to invite a BCM associate or students to share during services/meetings. If there are any questions about BCM or the Special Project, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

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WV HOPE (White Cross)

White Cross has been part of the fiber of the West Virginia American Baptist Women since the early 1900s. "White Cross had its beginnings during WW1 when many church women assisted the American Red Cross by providing surgical dressings, bandages and other medical supplies. The 'White Cross Service League' was organized after the war to support Baptist mission. White Cross was embraced by American Baptist congregations throughout the United States. American Baptists are generous and caring people with a true heart for missions. Through White Cross gifts, church members were able to provide urgently needed medical supplies that could not be purchased with limited mission budgets." (National/International Ministries ABC USA brochure)



Along with many ministries, the face of White Cross has changed on this 100th year of existence. As you are aware, American Baptist Women on the national level have opted to no longer have White Cross as a ministry focus. White Cross continues to be available through both the International Mission Board and the Home Mission Society for any congregation to explore.

The American Baptist Women of West Virginia have made a decision to continue the legacy and spirit of White Cross by tapping the history of mission work in our own mountain state – the Chapel Car Ministry – the ministry of **HOPE**.



Are you aware that one of the innovations of Baptists in the work of missions in the United States was the Chapel Car Ministry? The idea of using a roving, transient railroad chapel car to hold religious services and organize Baptist churches in remote areas first began with the building of a car in Dayton, Ohio. West Virginia received one of seven chapel cars made naming it "The Herald of Hope." Reverend W.F. Newton was the missionary and he worked along the Ohio Valley in Point Pleasant, St. Mary's and Wheeling. Later he would travel through Cameron, Wallace, Clarksburg, Lumberport, Industrial, Wilsonburg, Frametown, Quincy, Nitro, Dunbar, Gassaway, Cedar Grove, Belle, Smithers and more. Churches were formed, folks saved, people were

helped and **HOPE** was given. (For more read [West Virginia Baptist History The Convention Years 1865-1965](#) by Dr. Truett Rogers)

Our White Cross will be transformed to **WV HOPE**. We will be combining the legacy of White Cross and the history of the WV Chapel Car mission by focusing on the missions that have needs around our state. Our focus will be to provide practical ways for individuals and churches to help the most vulnerable, providing small, everyday things that people need such as: diapers, baby gowns and blankets, hygiene kits, school supplies, gloves and hats, with the list changing to the needs of the missions that we serve. Each year at the June annual conference, associations will receive their **WV HOPE** packet. In that packet will be quotas to share with your churches in the associations (much like White Cross). Each year several missions across the state will be chosen as a focus to be served.

Climb aboard the "Herald of Hope" as we serve among the people of the state of West Virginia!!

ALL ABOARD!!

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LOVE GIFT

**Thank you to the women, men and children
who gave to Love Gift during 2018.**

**We received
\$93,879.00**

NOW is the time to begin promoting the **2019 Goal of \$110,000.00**. Use some of the suggestions below or be creative and create your own way to promote this very important offering.

How can you support Love Gift TODAY?

- Receive a Love Gift offering at every women's ministry event or meeting in your church or region.
- Set Love Gift goals for giving.
- Place Love Gift boxes on tables at conferences, board meetings and association events.
- Keep a large jar in back of the church for "Pennies from Heaven" for Love Gift. (Congregations have collected \$40 to \$50 monthly this way!)
- Give each family in your church a Love Gift Box.
- Every fifth Sunday of the month, receive a Love Gift offering during worship.
- Offer incentives for achieving the Love Gift goal your church sets.



**If your church does not have organized women's ministries, you can still participate in Love Gift.
Send checks to Linda Carpenter, Treasurer, 63 Wakefield Place, Washington, WV 26181**



***By giving to this very
important ministry, you
are helping to financially
support our WVBC State Office as .54 cents of
every dollar stays right here in West Virginia.***

Love Gift Coordinator
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ROCK THE BOAT

Women's Conference

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Parchment Valley Conference Center



Keynote Speaker:

Lisa Simmons



**Navigating the Transformation in
Women's Ministries**

- ** Registration Saturday morning - 8:30 a.m.***
- ** Lodging available on Friday night***
- ** Registration form is available on our website and in this issue of Seasons***

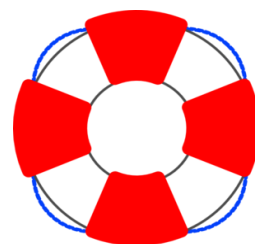




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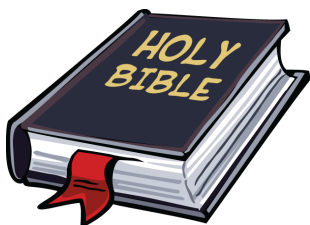
“Rock the Boat”



Afternoon Workshops:
Anchoring - Rosemary McDonald
Jibing - Sabrina Belcher
Navigating - Sue Hamric
Tacking - Sandy Currey

Conference Coordinator: Kim Mack
Coordinator Elect: Sandy Currey

***Workshops will be on a rotating basis**



***“May He equip you with all you need
for doing His will.” Hebrews 13:21***



Radical by David Platt ***Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream***

New York Times Bestseller

(This was the latest bible study my teacher friends and I have done. Hope it interests you and your church.)

David Platt is the pastor of The Church at Brook Hills, a 4000-member congregation in Birmingham, Alabama. Widely regarded as an exceptional expositor, David has traveled and taught around the world. He holds two undergraduate and three advanced degrees, including a doctorate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Radical obedience to Christ is not easy... It's not comfort, not health, not wealth and not prosperity in this world. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end, such risk finds its reward in Christ and he is more than enough for us."

David Platt, Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream

What is Jesus worth to you?

It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily.

But who do you know who lives like that? Do you?

In *Radical*, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple--then invites you to *believe* and *obey* what you have heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus. Finally, he urges you to join in The Radical Experiment -- a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that desperately needs the Good News Jesus came to bring.

Check out these sites for a quick overview.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZfC7vAbte4> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoicm4wnQ4c>

Visit Amazon to order - Radical Small Group Study - DVD Kit is a 6-session Bible study for adults by David Platt. He invites you to encounter what Jesus actually said about being his disciple, and then obey what you have heard. He challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated a God-centered gospel to fit our human-centered preferences. Combining the messages of *Radical* and *Radical Together*, this resource will help your congregation discover what could happen if the message of *Radical* were lived out by every member of your church.

Bible Study Sessions:

- Session 1: Radical Abandonment
- Session 2: Radical Grace
- Session 3: Radical Focus
- Session 4: Radical Strategy
- Session 5: Radical Vision
- Session 6: Radical God

Benefits: Guides church leaders through an evaluation process of their church structure, programming, budget, etc.
Challenges individuals to discover a true biblical worldview that dramatically affects their daily lives.
Provides a fresh vision for an individual and a church's mission in the world.

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2019 Mission Outreach Project

Rice for Students in Thailand

GOAL \$6,000

Imagine sitting in a room on the other side of the globe and hearing 50 children welcome you by singing, "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey." The House of Blessing preschool is located in Chiang Mai, Thailand and was established to teach ethnic minority children the Thai language as well as the skills needed to flourish in the Thai school system. The school was founded by International Ministries (IM) missionary, Kim Brown, 17 years ago. Over 300 students have attended and graduated from the preschool to move on to the Thai school system.

Our mission team was led by Lisa and John Simmons, now retired from the West Virginia Baptist Convention's office and former missionaries in Chiang Mai. The team was composed of their daughter, Chelsie Simmons, Dylan Evans, Sandra Lutz, Nancy Duckworth, Judy McCauley and myself. We spent three fun-filled mornings doing skits,



crafts and games to teach the students the story of David and how Jesus looks at our hearts. The kids were very loving and seemed to truly enjoy the time we spent with them as much as we enjoyed being with them. Ninety eight percent of the preschool students are from the Lahu tribe and we were able to visit one local community where many of these students live. Their parents moved from the mountain communities to find jobs in Chiang Mai. We also traveled three hours from Chiang Mai to visit a Lahu mountain community. It was a wonderful blessing to be able to see and play with the kids that our American Baptist Women (ABW) will be supporting with our 2019 Mission Outreach Project (MOP).



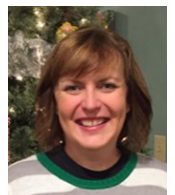
Our MOP 2019 Project will be buying rice for these House of Blessing students and their families. The rice program was developed by the staff after they noticed the students were frequently absent or arriving exhausted. The teachers discovered that the kids were spending their evenings in the Night Market begging for money to help their parents provide food for their families. Although the parents are working, they struggle to provide for the basic needs of the family. The rice program provides rice if the parents promise not to make their children beg at night. The teachers then noticed a significant difference in the children coming to school more rested and eager to learn. The program has been successful, but unfortunately, the House of Blessing is having a difficult time funding the program. Our MOP goal of \$6,000 will provide 16 House of Blessing families enough rice for the entire year!

Please pray for each one of this ministry, the people they serve and the missionaries. If you would like ideas for MOP fundraisers, please contact me at dlallemont@yahoo.com. If you prefer to make a donation and have a women's ministry program in place, please go through your regular channel of giving. If not, you are encouraged to donate individually.



Please send check to ABW Ministries, Attn: Linda Carpenter; 63 Wakefield Place, Washington, WV 26281.

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Women in Ministry

Christmas Dinner Box Outreach Ministry - Hurricane First Baptist Church

For four years, Hurricane First Baptist has offered a Christmas Dinner Box to those in need. Boxes are packed with enough food to make a nice Christmas dinner, a Bible, FBC literature and information on the path to salvation. Food Four teams with the church and the congregation assembles the boxes. In 2018, over 450 dinner boxes were distributed to cars that lined the parking lot and beyond.



TIDBITS

SCHOLARSHIP Application

We are pleased to announce that the **2020 Scholarship/Loan Application** is now available for printing from our website. No longer do you have to request an application. Just print it, fill it out and mail it in. 2019 Scholarships have already been awarded. The next selection process will occur in March 2020.



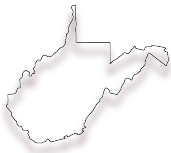
Join us on **Facebook** - American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV for inspirational messages and information updates.



Praises that our fearless leaders are back on their feet. Both **President Debbie Higginbotham** and **First Vice-President Kathy Hudson** underwent serious surgeries during the month of March. Both are recuperating nicely. Thank you for your prayers!



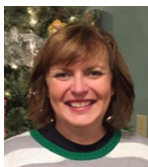
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Check out Page 6 of this edition for BIG CHANGE in **White Cross**. You now have a choice of going online to the national website and selecting a project or you can select one of four ministries here in West Virginia - thus the name **WV HOPE**.



We've turned our "Upcoming Events and Announcements" Page into a **statewide calendar**. Please let us know your event date and we'll be glad to add it! (Keeping in mind that the publication months for **Seasons** are January, April and August). The calendar for the full year will be on our website.



Congratulations to **Dee Lallemond**, **ABWM Mission and Service Coordinator**, for your cover page article on your mission trip and MOP for the February edition of the WV Baptist.



The 2019 **Scholarship Committee**, as well as the entire State Board of Directors, is doing a happy dance this year! See details on Page 3 of this edition!



An audit of the financial records was held at the March Board Meeting. Assisting with the audit were volunteers Cookie Hall and Joan Toler. Upon completion of the audit, they were pleased to report there were no findings and everything was in great shape!

Congratulations **Linda Carpenter**, **Treasurer** on keeping our financial records in tip top shape!

Announcements and Upcoming Events



April 11 - Parkersburg Association Spring Rally, Vienna Baptist
 April 11 - Hopewell Association Spring Rally, Mount Urim Baptist
 April 11 - Kanawha Valley Association Spring Rally, Clendenin First Baptist
 April 20 - Judson Association Spring Rally, Bridgeport Baptist
 April 25 - Teays Valley Association Spring Rally, Judson Baptist
 April 27 - Good Hope Association Spring Rally, Reedy Baptist
 April 27 - Broad Run Association Spring Rally, Rock Grove Baptist
 April 28 - Eastern Association Spring Rally, Bethel Baptist
 May 21 - Guyandotte Association Spring Rally, Barboursville Baptist



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"Sisters Seeking Wholeness"
 Virginia Beach, Virginia

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 Psalm 46:10
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 Kim Pickrell, Coordinator



ANNUAL MEETING



2019 WVBC Annual Meeting
 October 18-19, 2019
 Alderson Broaddus University
 Women's Day Friday, October 18
 "The Woman God Sees" Isaiah 62:4
 Lou Ann Nicholas, Coordinator

WV American Baptist Women
 State Executive Board Meeting
 Parchment Valley Conference Center
 November 9, 2019



BOARD MEETING

American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

Pre-Conference – Friday, May 31, 2019

Registration begins at 5:00 pm

Games and Campfire

Women's Conference - Saturday, June 1, 2019

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Registration begins at 8:30 am – Program starts at 9:00 am

Speaker: Lisa Simmons

Registration is open April 13 – May 18, 2019.

Registration form and fees needed for **each** person registering.

Lodges: ** Three (3) handicapped rooms are available. Please indicate on this form if needed-- includes handrails on toilets, tubs and walk-in showers.

Air Conditioned Cabin (Dorm) Rooms:

Cabin room sleeps 10 people, 5 single size bunk beds.

Roommates listed below or on attached sheet.

Registration Information:

- () \$25.00 Registration Fee
- () \$ 6.00 Saturday Breakfast
- () \$ 7.00 Saturday Lunch
- () \$17.00 Bunkhouse/Dorm (per person)
- () \$25.00 One night's lodging, 3-4 to a room
- () \$30.00 One night's lodging, double occupancy

_____ Total

Walk-ins are welcome. However, it is suggested that you bring a bag lunch as lunches cannot be assured.

Mail registration forms, including fees, to:

Carrie J. Gasaway
451 22nd Street
Dunbar, WV 25064
panda112260.cj@gmail.com
Phone: 304.552.3760

Financial Assistance is available for first-timers from the Durig Leadership Fund. Scholarships are based on need. Please submit a written request by May 11th to:

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Ripley, WV 25271
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Please print legibly.

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Church _____ Association _____

Roommate (s) _____ Email _____

Dietary Needs _____ Handicap Needs _____



Visit us on the web:
[www.wvbc.org/Partners/
AB Women's Ministries](http://www.wvbc.org/Partners/AB%20Women's%20Ministries)

Purpose of AB Women's Ministries

In commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to the mission of the church, and through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, American Baptist Women's Ministries provides opportunities for each woman to:

- *become and develop as God's person,*
- *build God's faith community and*
- *serve God's world.*



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