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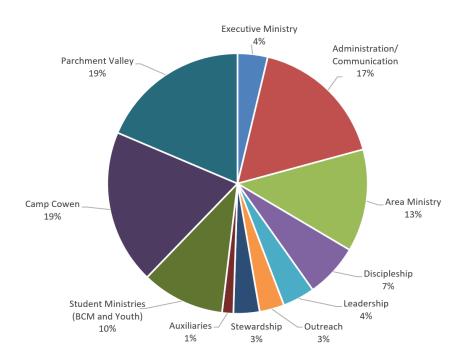
The West Virginia Baptist Convention is a family of churches committed to the mission of *Doing Christ's Work Together*.

In the pages that follow, you will find some of the ways we, as a family, are coming together to accomplish our God-inspired vision of "reaching all generations for Jesus Christ both here and abroad by equipping one another to be healthy, growing and unified in Christ and for Christ." As you explore the short descriptions of these ministries, remember that behind each one are numerous lives that have been changed.

These ministries could not exist apart from the matchless Grace of God through Jesus Christ and the faithful service and support of dedicated churches and people just like you. Our history is full of ordinary people whose passion for the ministries and mission of the Convention provides us with examples of what it means to leave behind a legacy upon which others continue to build as, together, we seek to honor Jesus Christ and advance His Kingdom!

Richest Blessings, Dr. Michael Sisson Executive Minister When you give to the Mountain State Mission Offering, 100% stays in West Virginia to support the ministries you see in this booklet. This is one of the greatest ways you can be part of our mission of *Doing Christ's Work Together*.

WVBC Budget



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mountain state MISSION OFFERING

In his inaugural address before the Baptist Missionary Society in 1792, William Carey famously preached, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God!" As we embark on a new year, we hope to reemphasize Carey's challenge as we expect and attempt great things for God over our next decade of Doing Christ's Work Together.

Carey also knew that no matter what he attempted, he could not do it alone. Prior to the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society, he found himself pleading for the financial support of fellow pastors. Likening his vision of taking the gospel to India to that of a rescue mission into a deep, dark well, he suggested, "I will go down if you will hold the rope." His fellow pastors agreed to become rope holders and they commissioned Carey and his small team to India, where they spent the rest of their lives planting churches, translating the Bible and reaching thousands with the gospel.

Every year, thousands are also being reached through the ministries of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. However, it is only sustainable if individuals and churches continue to hold the rope. As we head into this next decade of ministry together, and as we continue to provide more opportunities for Gospel outreach, the question for you is: Will you commit to holding the rope?

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Auxiliary Ministries

Ministers' Wives Fellowship



The Minister's Wives
Fellowship creates a
place for community,
encouragement and shared
wisdom for women serving
in the ministry with their
husbands. It is a welcoming,
multi-generational group
that brings love, support and
friendship when they gather
in person or connect while
apart.

Auxiliary Ministries

Retired Ministers and Mates

The Retired Ministers and Mates hosts an annual luncheon for retired professional church leaders and their spouses on the first Tuesday in October, compliments of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board—featuring fellowship, worship, music, updates by the WVBC Executive Minister, a report on the financial status of the retirement portfolio and a memorial service.

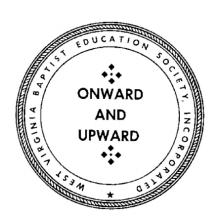






West Virginia Baptist Education Society

Bobby Wood School of Christian Studies



Since its formation, the West Virginia Baptist Education Society has offered more than 1,500 loans and scholarships to college and seminary students, many of whom have served internationally or within our family of churches. Financial assistance is available for anyone who is a member of a WVBC church and is preparing to serve in ministry.



Auxiliary Ministries

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

The West Virginia Baptist
Historical Society was
formed in 1940 to maintain
historical records and
preserve our past. Now
maintained in a fire-proof,
climate-controlled vault
at Parchment Valley
Conference Center, this
museum and library
continues to collect articles
and photographs to help us
remember our rich heritage.



The School of Christian Studies has been equipping saints for ministry since 1993. Founder Bobby Wood dreamt that the school would train and equip pastors who would not otherwise have access to training. When the school began, nearly 70% of our pastors were bivocational and only 3% of them had training. Today, more than 700 people have been trained for ministry and, in many associations, nearly all of our pastors have received training.

The School offers two- and three-year programs for Teaching Certificates, Certificates in Lay Ministry, Diplomas in Pastoral Ministry, and Certificates in General Studies. Each course is less than \$40 with an optional \$10 add-on for spouses.





Leadership Commission

Mentoring for Pastoral Excellence



Launched in 2020, in partnership with Renew
Transformational Strategies, the Mentoring for Pastoral
Excellence program hopes to inspire, encourage, support
and strengthen networks between experienced pastormentors and gifted younger pastors in our churches. The
mentoring program lasts for ten months and is tailored to
fit each mentor/leader pairing. Participants also attend a
conference for further growth and networking within the
program.

The program costs \$1,200 a year, which covers the cost of 12 mentoring sessions and the annual conference. Grants are available to help cover the cost of the program.

Auxiliary Ministries

Weirton Christian Center



Weirton Christian Center serves
God and community by providing
children a strong foundation by
meeting their spiritual, physical
and emotional needs. For over
100 years, the Center has offered
many Christ-centered community
outreach and development
programs, including a preschool
program, a free afterschool
program, a feeding program and
multiple summer camps.

Auxiliary Ministries

Pastor4Pastors: WV Baptist Minister's Council

The West Virginia Baptist
Ministers' Council provides
fellowship among the
ministers of the WVBC.
It provides opportunities
for education, inspiration,
personal/professional
growth, and encourages
pastors and churches
to maintain healthy
relationships in ministry.







American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

Leadership Commission Ministry Internship Program



The mission of the American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia (ABWMWV) is to encourage all women and girls to worship God, grow spiritually, develop spiritual gifts, care for one another and reach out to others. They achieve this through annual mission projects, coordinated Bible reading plans, a scholarship program for college-aged girls and numerous retreats and conferences throughout the year.

Made up of more than 100 local ABWMWV groups in individual churches, the state ABWM group is committed to making disciples around the world.

The Ministry Internship Program lets individuals explore their call to ministry by giving them an opportunity to serve within our family of churches and placing them under the guidance of a mentor for a summer internship. The internship opportunities are customizable to the interests of the applicant. Previous internship placements include pastoral ministry, youth ministry, worship ministry, media ministry or intercultural ministry.

Since its conception in 2017, this ministry has continued to expand and has led to permanent placements for several of our interns.





West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen

American Baptist Men of West Virginia



The mission of Camp Cowen is to be a place "where people meet Jesus and grow as His disciples in a community of faith." Nearly every summer since 1943, this has been the case for the close to 2,000 youth who show up each year. Making memories that last a lifetime, campers quickly meet new friends, sing fun songs around the campfire, play a bunch of games and deepen their relationship with Christ through daily devotions and small group Bible studies.

Thousands have given their lives to Christ at Camp Cowen, and hundreds more have accepted a call into ministry, making this one of our most important ministries in reaching the next generation. The American Baptist Men of WV strive to bring men into a relationship with Jesus Christ and encourage them to practice ministry at home, work, in their local church and in their community. They also aim to broaden men's understanding of the mission of the WVBC by supporting its mission programs and cooperating churches.

Every year, their Disaster Relief Team sends volunteers to help people in need around the state and across the country. The team has repaired churches and homes after floods, fires, storms and economic disasters. All work done comes at no cost to the homeowners.





Area Ministry

Parchment Valley Conference Center



Area Ministers serve as the primary point of contact for the associations, churches and pastors with the larger WVBC family. They work with pulpit committees and church leaders to find pulpit supply, interims and pastors, and they act as consultants in the pastor-search process. They help pastors and churches as guides in the licensing and ordination process, and they provide advice and help for leaders seeking training.

Area Ministers assist churches with conflict resolution and can provide advice on church structure, growth and strategy. The Area Ministers of the WVBC also regularly join churches for celebrations, dedications and other key moments in church life. Built by generous volunteers, Parchment Valley Conference Center has been used to equip and train spiritual leaders for more than 50 years. It is the home of numerous conferences, camps and training events. It is also the home of our West Virginia Palmer Seminary program. Built to be a place "where lives are changed," more than 700 people have placed their faith in Christ here over the last decade.

Parchment Valley also has an incredible outreach to the Jackson County community, including their annual Brothers' Keeper program, which has repaired more than 1,000 homes over the last 20 years.





Discipleship Commission

Children's Ministry

Stewardship Commission Global Missions



The WVBC Children's Ministry is reaching children in kindergarten through fifth grade by providing two children's rallies a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The rallies provide a time for children and their church leaders to learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Various training opportunities for children's ministry workers are also provided by the WVBC Children's Ministry throughout the year. One particular training that is offered is on the topic of safeguarding children, where churches are trained on how to develop policies, plan safe environments for children and implement background checks for all volunteers.

Since our formation in 1865, the WVBC has commissioned 41 different full-time missionaries. Every year, we also send out hundreds of short-term missionaries to more than 20 different countries around the world.

The WVBC has dedicated staff who provide mission trip leader training, assistance with raising support and resources for mission education. They also host an annual family missions camp, Camp Global, that is designed to inform, inspire and equip individuals and churches to better engage in what God is doing in His redemption of the nations.





Missionary Internship Program

Discipleship Commission Senior Adult Ministry



The Missionary Internship Program enables individuals to explore their calling to missions by pairing them with one of our long-term missionary partners for a three- to six-week summer internship. Once an applicant is accepted into the program, the WVBC staff works with them to place them according to their interests and geographical preference.

Applicants are expected to raise the full amount needed for their internship with training from the Convention. They also participate in several additional training events on missiology, culture and conflict resolution. Each of these training sessions are led by experienced global missions personnel and coordinated by the WVBC staff.

The WVBC Senior Adult Ministry is reaching adults over the age of 55 by providing two Golden'eers retreats per year, one in the spring and one in the fall, which provides a time of fellowship, in-depth Bible Study and a variety of entertainment. The retreat provides a time to grow in meaningful relationship with Jesus and in relationship with others in God's family.

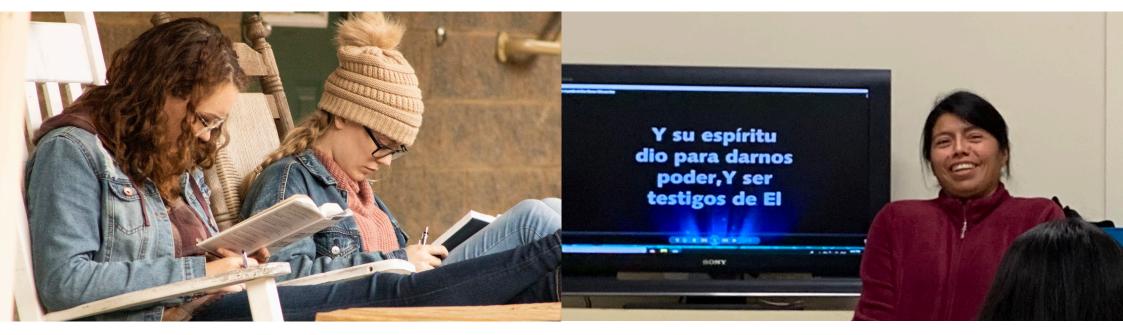
A new ministry that is also beginning is Intentional Grandparenting. Recognizing how incredibly important grandparents are to their grandchildren, this ministry is designed to come alongside grandparents to help equip them to better spiritually influence and disciple their grandchildren.





Outreach Commission Baptist Campus Ministry

Outreach Commission **Hispanic Ministries**



Since its formation in 1967, Baptist Campus Ministry has spread to nine campuses across the state, reaching out to students at Marshall, WVU, WVU Tech, University of Charleston, Concord, Alderson Broaddus, Glenville State, Fairmont State, and Potomac State. Students gather once a week for worship, prayer, Bible study and fellowship. BCM students from across the state also gather for multiple retreats and conferences throughout the year.

BCM's mission is to "change lives that change the world" by equipping students to serve as leaders within our family of churches and alongside our international mission partners. Doing Christ's Work Together knows no language or cultural boundaries. Two WVBC churches grew from church plants ministering to West Virginia's Hispanic populations. Comunidad Nueva Esperanza* (CNE) in Ravenswood and Comunidad Luz y Vida** (CLV) in Moorefield minister to Spanish-speaking individuals who moved to the state seeking employment, primarily in the agriculture and poultry processing industries.

Partnering with other churches in the Convention is important to the ongoing outreach and ministries of CNE and CLV. Both churches receive support and resources through long-established WVBC churches in their areas.

Translation:

*Community of New Hope

**Community of Light and Life





Youth Ministry

Outreach Commission New Church Development



The WVBC Youth Ministry exists to come alongside churches to disciple middle school and high school youth as they grow in their walks with Christ.

The Youth Leadership Core (YLC) is a small group of churchnominated high school sophomores and juniors who gather throughout the school year to develop not only their relationships with Christ but also their leadership skills.

The Youth Ministry Planning Team (YMPT) is a group of church-nominated juniors and seniors who plan four discipleship events spanning the duration of each school year: Fall Rally, Junior High Convention, Senior High Convention and Omega.

Partnering - Planting - Revitalizating - Restarting

Planting new churches is a priority for our WVBC family. Thousands of people across the state are unreached with the gospel. WVBC's New Church Development initiative finds new and innovative ways to invite these unreached people into a relationship with Christ and create a community in which they can grow and serve.

This program also provides guidance and resources to struggling churches so they can once again become healthy and vibrant faith communities. When a church is approaching the need to close its doors, the program helps them find new life through restarts.





WVBC Churches and Associations

Elk Valley 10: Long Run Baptist **Panhandle** Fairmont Judson Harrisville Union **Broad Run Greenbrier-Raleigh** 1: Big Union Baptist 1: Auburn Baptist 1: Belington First Baptist 1: Broad Run Baptist 1: Athens Baptist 2: Birch River Baptist 11: Maysel Missionary Baptist 2: New Martinsville First Baptist 2: Cairo Baptist 2: Buckhannon First Baptist 2: Beaver First Baptist 2: Bethany Baptist 3: Charity Baptist 10: Helen Baptist 12: New Antioch Baptist 3: Goose Creek Baptist 2: Bethesda Baptist 2: Bethlehem Baptist 3: Pine Grove First Baptist 3: Center Branch Baptist 4: Faith Baptist Tabernacle 13: New Hope Baptist 3: Reulah Rantist 3: Beckley First Baptist 11: Old Greenbrier Baptist 4. Harrisville Rantist 3: Boothsville Baptist 3: Bridgeport Baptist 4: Sistersville First Baptist 4: Enon Baptist 5: First Southern Rantist Of 14: Orlando Baptist 4: Breckenridge Missionary 12: Peterstown Missionary 4: Clarksburg Baptist 5: North Fork Baptist 4: Everson Baptist 4: Coon's Run Baptist 5: Weirton First Baptist 5: Freeman's Creek Baptist Sutton 15: Pleasant Dale Baptist Baptist 5: East Clarksburg Baptist 6: Smithville Bantist 5: Harmony Baptist 5: Dents Run Baptist 6: Indian Fork Rantist 6: Weirton Heights Memorial 6: Gassaway Baptist 16: Providence Baptist 5: Clearview Fellowship 13: Scott Street Baptist 7: South Fork Baptist 6: Hebron Baptist 6: Glen Falls Baptist 6: Elkins First Baptist 7: Jackson Mill Baptist 7: Holly River Baptist 17: Stump Chapel Baptist 6: Crab Orchard Bantist 14: Send The Light Fellowship Baptist 8: Strait Crook Bantist 7: Mannington First Rantist 7: Henzibah Rantist 7: Faith Baptist 8: Liberty Baptist 7: Wellsburg First Baptist 8: Hope Baptist 18: Sutton Baptist 7: Fairview Baptist 15: Shuck Memorial Baptist 8: Mount Zion Baptist 8: Marshville Baptist Little 8: Flemington Baptist 9: Mount Olive Baptist 9: Little Laurel Missionary 8: Flint Chapel Baptist 16: Sweet Springs Baptist 8: Wheeling First Baptist 9: New Life Ministries 9: North Shinnston Baptist 10: Mount Pleasant Baptist 9: Grafton First Baptist Baptist 9: Fort Spring Missionary 17: West Point Baptist 10: Plum Run Baptist 10: Nutter Fort First Baptist Kanawha 9: Wolf Run Baptist 11: Mount Vernon Rantist 10: Harmony Grove Baptist Kanawha Vallev 11: Quiet Dell Baptist 11: Revnoldsville Baptist **Parkersburg** 12: Murphy's Creek Baptist 1: Anchor Bible Twelve Pole 11: Hepzibah Baptist 12: Saint Paul Baptist 12: Sardis Baptist 13: Point Pleasant Baptist 2: Burnsville First Baptist 1: Baptist Temple 18: Judson Baptist 13: Shinnston First Rantist 12: Long Run Fellowshin 13: Union Bantist Church of 1: Big Hurricane Baptist 8: Old Pleasant Missionary 14: Rock Grove Baptist 3: Chapel Baptist 2. Relleville Rantist 19: Kanawha City Bantist 2: Big Chimney Baptist Crossroads 14: Ten Mile Baptist 13: Middleville Baptist 2: Crum Missionary Baptist 15: Sago Bantist 3: Big Tygart Baptist 4: Fnon Bantist 3: Calvary Baptist 20: Marmet First Baptist 14: Union Valley Baptist 15: Vermont Baptist 14: Mount Carmel Rantist 16: Salem Baptist 3: Cyrus Baptist 9: Tabor's Creek Missionary 4: City Soul Ministries 5: Glenville First Baptist 4: Cedar Grove Baptist 21: Montgomery Baptist 15: West Warren Baptist 16: Wallace First Baptist 15: Mount Olive Baptist 4: Ebenezer Baptist Baptist 17: Sand Run Bantist 5: Flizabeth Rantist 6: Grantevilla Firet Rantiet 5: Charleston Bantist Temple 22: New Hope Community 16: Willow Tree Baptist 17: Welcome Baptist 18: Tallmansville Baptist 5: Fort Gay Rantist 10: Twelve Pole Valley 16: Mount Vernon Baptist 7: Leading Creek Baptist 6: Emmanuel Bantist 6: Charleston First Bantist 23: North Hills Baptist 17: Worthington Baptist 18: Wilsonburg Baptist 6: Kenova First Baptist Missionary Baptist 19: Ten Mile Baptist 8: Mount Pisgah Baptist 17: Philippi Baptist 7: Good Hope Baptist 7: Chesapeake First Baptist 24: Oakwood Baptist 20: Victory Baptist 7: Macedonia Baptist 9: New Found Freedom Baptist 8: Laucknort Rantist 8: Clendenin First Bantist 25: Saint Paul Missionary 18: Point Pleasant Baptis 21: West Union Baptist 10: Prosperity Baptist 9: Lubeck Community Baptist 9: Diamond Baptist Baptist 19: Simpson Creek Baptist 22: Weston First Baptist 11: Rush Run Baptist 10: Mount Zion Baptist 10: Dunbar First Baptist 26: South Charleston First 20: Summit Park Baptist 12: Sand Fork Baptist 11: Emmanuel Baptist 11: Murphytown Baptist Rantist 21: Union Baptist 8 11 12: New England Baptist 12: Eskdale Baptist 27: Standard First Baptist Guvandotte 22: Valley Bend Baptist 13: New Hope Baptist 13: Gallagher First Baptist 28: Starcher Baptist 1: Baptist Temple 14: Newark Baptist 14: Gauley Bridge Baptist 2: Barboursville Baptist 15: North Parkersburg Baptist 15: Genesis Fellowship 3: Beulah Ann Missionary Baptist 16: Parkersburg First Baptist 16: Hampton Baptist 4: Central Big Creek Baptist 17: Handley Rantist 17: Pine Grove Bantist 5: Fifth Avenue Bantist 18: Pond Creek Baptist 6: Good Hope Baptist 19: Sam's Creek First Baptist 7: Hamlin First Baptist 20: Sarepta Baptist 8: Hope Christian Center 6 21: South Parkersburg Baptist 9: Milton Bantist 5 7 22: Sunrise Baptist 5 Eastern 10: Mount Union Missionary 23: Two Ripple Baptist Rantist 24: Union Valley Baptist 1: Bethel Baptist 6: Jordan Run Baptist 9 11: New Baptist 25: Vienna Baptist 2: Comunidad Luz Y Vida 7: Little Capon Baptist 17 26: Williamstown First Baptist 12: Pea Ridge Baptist 8 3: Davis Baptist 8: North Mill Creek Baptist 13 15 13: Portersville Missionary 10 27: Zion Baptist 4: Dorcas Baptist 9. 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16: 7ion Rantist

5: Matewan Missionary Baptist

6: Williamson First Baptist

30: Swiss Missionary Baptist

31: Webster Springs First Baptist

15: Millbrook Baptist

11: Guvandotte Missionary Baptist 22: Welch First Baptist