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### 88TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE **JUNE 4, 2022**

**Parchment Valley Conference Center** 



"Along the Road"

#### GREENLEE ACTIVITIES BUILDING

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke



















Spring, 2022

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American Baptist
Women's Ministries is
Christian women
receiving and offering
gifts in response to
our commitment to
God. The world and
the church need
women strong in the
Lord, responding to
one another and to the
needs we see around
us. Today, that is the
ministry to which God
calls us.

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#### From the Desk of the President

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

How will they know if we do not share? Ladies, we have a responsibility to share the gospel with everyone we meet. God is giving us the opportunity to do this through West Virginia American Baptist Women's Ministries.

Our purpose is to provide opportunities for each woman to:

- become and develop as God's person
- · build God's faith and community
- · serve God's world

Please come join us! I'm giving a personal invitation to each one reading this message. Get involved and reach out to others. Invite and invest in the future of God's kingdom. Take a position as an officer of your local church, association and state board of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

It is with great pleasure, I serve you. Reach out to us and we will respond. We are here for you. We are servants of The Living Christ. We are a sisterhood of believers. Come and fellowship with us. You will receive a blessing. The time is right, step up and join us. Come and explore the possibilities.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. Ephesians 1:11,18 Come. serve, study, learn, be fulfilled, find joy and be blessed.

#### Father,

We thank you for all blessings you have bestowed upon us. The blessing of our Savior who died for us, while we were still yet sinners. Please touch the heart of those unsaved. We will give your message to others. You will save those who seek you, for we know it is your will that none will perish. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

Elizabeth (Libby) Young Nutter Fort First Baptist Church 2184 Marshville Road Salem, WV 26426 304-783-4714 el.young@aol.com





## **2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following 14 girls were awarded \$1,330 scholarship/loans for the upcoming school year. These are made possible by donations to the scholarship fund as well as repayments.

For full explanation on how the program works, please see the scholarship application and information on our web page at www.wvbc.org.

Carlie Ray Arkell

Lauren Cale

Allison Copenhaver

Jacinda Devart

Avonlea Dawn Freeman

Katie Gaughan

Carsyn Olivia Harris

Taylor Lynn Osborne

Elisabeth Palmer

Sara Palmer

Trista Lynea Scarberry

Carly Vickers

Rebekah Williams

Jodi Wright

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Marshall, Freshman

Marshall, Junior

WVU - Junior

Waynesburg Univ. (PA) - Junior

Fairmont State - Junior

La Roche Univ. (PA) - Sophomore

Troy Univ. (AL) - Freshman

Undecided - Freshman

Cedarville Univ.(OH) - Senior

Cedarville Univ. (OH) - Sophomore

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Fairmont State - Freshman

Marshall - Senior

WVU - Sophomore

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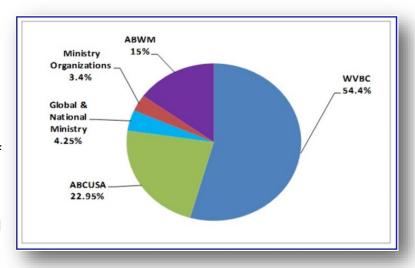
## 2022 Goal -\$100,000

(NOT JUST FOR WOMEN ...)

While serving as coordinator of Love Gift for WV American Baptist Women's Ministries, I have been asked to be chairman of the Nominating Committee. My committee and I have been asked to procure officers to serve on the state board.

At the time of this writing, we are seeking women to fulfill the offices of 2nd Vice President, Coordinator of Personal Development Elect, Secretary and Coordinator of Conference Elect.

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Association. She was voted on at the March board meeting and accepted and welcomed. She was able to attend that meeting and began her duties immediately.

As for Love Gift, the last total giving I have is \$8669.10 in March 2022, which is 10% above the giving at the same time in 2021. We were especially thankful as Easter approached, as we remembered what Christ did for each one of us on the cross.

Happy Spring to all. I look forward to seeing you all at ABW Conference on June 4th at Parchment Valley. Come check out my display table.

Mail checks to:
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Attn: Love Gift
P. O. Box 1019
Parkersburg, WV 26102

Love Gift Coordinator Georgia Parsons South Parkersburg Baptist Church Parkersburg Association 606 Ruby Street, Belmont, WV 26134 304-665-2822 gpbelmont@suddenlink.net



# WV American Baptist Women's Ministries 2022 Special Project CAMP COWEN CABIN RESTORATION Goal: \$12,000

Cabins need much love and care.

Some improvements include:
New windows/screens
New doors
Electrical wiring
Relocation of breaker box
(outside cabins)



In 2021, 1,000 campers attended Cowen and 39 gave their lives to Christ. What a celebration!

ABWM of WV can make camp life safer with cabins that have been restored. This includes rewiring and electrical work, new windows to provide better ventilation, lighting, and heating in the cabins. Doors with screens will make access to porches and outdoor areas. Most doors and windows need replaced.

#### Costs:

\$500 Paint and light fixtures (per cabin) \$1000 Electrical upgrade (per cabin) \$4000 Windows/doors (per cabin)

Send donations to:
Amy Starkey
WV ABWM Treasurer
921 Whispering Pines Road
Ravenswood, WV 26164

Mary Ann Wilson Church and Community Coordinator First Baptist Church of Spencer 1638 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 mawilson@hughes.net 304-927-3667





#### LOVE GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Your Executive Board members earlier this year suggested a reorganization of changing National Support dollars collected statewide to either an in-state ministry, WV Hope Project, a local ministry, or a ministry affiliated with ABWM. We offered several explanations and scenarios, but it now appears there is mass confusion about this.

I will try to explain our reasoning behind the board's decision in further detail. If you will look at the Love Gift Distribution spreadsheet on the opposite page, you will see columns for each entity that receives funding from your Love Gift giving.

If you will look at ABC-USA (the fifth column across the page), under that column heading you will see the amounts that ABWM Love Gift has given to the American Baptist Churches USA (National) each and every year since 1985. The years are listed in the first column. By simply going across the page from the year, you will see how much money we sent to them for that year. If you look at the last entry for 2021, across the page to the ABC-USA column, you will see that we gave \$16,838.51 to that national office.

Likewise, the third column is ABWM National Support. If you go across the page from 2021 to column three, you will see that we gave \$11.005.56 in Love Gift money to that national office. And, of course, per the binding agreement, 54% of Love Gift money stays here in West Virginia. Again, 2021 across the page to the last column shows that Love Gift monies in the amount of \$39.913.51 were given to the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

The percentage listed under the heading for each column is how Love Gift is divided among the five titled columns on the spreadsheet. The year is in the first column, the total amount collected through Love Gift is the second column and the remainder are the ministries to which it is distributed. This is a legally-binding agreement between ABC-USA and the West Virginia Baptist Convention and cannot be altered in any way.

The bottom line is this: If you feel the West Virginia American Baptist Women should donate more towards national support than what is listed on this spreadsheet, then by all means, collect as your group sees fit. Send the non-Love Gift money to your State Treasurer, Amy Starkey, Whispering Pines Lane, Ravenswood, WV 26164 and she will see that it gets to the WVBC office for proper distribution.

In any event, please promote Love Gift giving as this ministry supports national, international and in-state ministries.

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### **ABW of WV Love Gift Distribution**

Year		Total		ABWM	N	Ministry	GI	obal/Nat'l	ABC/USA	WVBC
	(	Collected	1	Nat'l 15%	Or	gs. 3.4%	Mi	in. 4.25%	22.95%	<i>54.40%</i>
1985	\$	159,477.00	\$	23,921.55	\$	5,422.22	\$	6,777.77	\$ 36,599.97	\$ 86,755.49
1986	\$	170,662.00	\$	25,599.30	\$	5,802.51	\$	7,253.14	\$ 39,166.93	\$ 92,840.13
1987	\$	165,635.00	\$	24,845.25	\$	5,631.59	\$	7,039.49	\$ 38,013.23	\$ 90,105.44
1988	\$	182,813.00	\$	27,421.95	\$	6,215.64	\$	7,769.55	\$ 41,955.58	\$ 99,450.27
1989	\$	182,242.00	\$	27,336.30	\$	6,196.23	\$	7,745.29	\$ 41,824.54	\$ 99,139.65
1990	\$	188,889.00	\$	28,333.35	\$	6,422.23	\$	8,027.78	\$ 43,350.03	\$ 102,755.62
1991	\$	190,031.00	\$	28,504.65	\$	6,461.05	\$	8,076.32	\$ 43,612.11	\$ 103,376.86
1992	\$	191,678.00	\$	28,751.70	\$	6,517.05	\$	8,146.32	\$ 43,990.10	\$ 104,272.83
1993	\$	177,588.00	\$	26,638.20	\$	6,037.99	\$	7,547.49	\$ 40,756.45	\$ 96,607.87
1994	\$	181,322.00	\$	27,198.30	\$	6,164.95	\$	7,706.19	\$ 41,613.40	\$ 98,639.17
1995	\$	178,947.00	\$	26,842.05	\$	6,084.20	\$	7,605.25	\$ 41,068.34	\$ 97,347.17
1996	\$	189,084.00	\$	28,362.60	\$	6,428.86	\$	8,036.07	\$ 43,394.78	\$ 102,861.70
1997	\$	192,697.00	\$	28,904.55	\$	6,551.70	\$	8,189.62	\$ 44,223.96	\$ 104,827.17
1998	\$	194,831.00	\$	29,224.65	\$	6,624.25	\$	8,280.32	\$ 44,713.71	\$ 105,988.06
1999	\$	198,320.00	\$	29,748.00	\$	6,742.88	\$	8,428.60	\$ 45,514.44	\$ 107,886.08
2000	\$	202,992.00	\$	30,448.80	\$	6,901.73	\$	8,627.16	\$ 46,586.66	\$ 110,427.65
2001	\$	206,070.00	\$	30,910.50	\$	7,006.38	\$	8,757.98	\$ 47,293.07	\$ 112,102.08
2002	\$	204,377.00	\$	30,656.55	\$	6,948.82	\$	8,686.02	\$ 46,904.52	\$ 111,181.09
2003	\$	194,426.00	\$	29,163.90	\$	6,610.48	\$	8,263.11	\$ 44,620.77	\$ 105,767.74
2004	\$	196,510.00	\$	29,476.50	\$	6,681.34	\$	8,351.68	\$ 45,099.05	\$ 106,901.44
2005	\$	179,229.00	\$	26,884.35	\$	6,093.79	\$	7,617.23	\$ 41,133.06	\$ 97,500.58
2006	\$	161,675.00	\$	24,251.25	\$	5,496.95	\$	6,871.19	\$ 37,104.41	\$ 87,951.20
2007	\$	156,307.00	\$	23,446.05	\$	5,314.44	\$	6,643.05	\$ 35,872.46	\$ 85,031.01
2008	\$	155,324.00	\$	23,298.60	\$	5,281.02	\$	6,601.27	\$ 35,646.86	\$ 84,496.26
2009	\$	154,503.00	\$	23,175.45	\$	5,253.10	\$	6,566.38	\$ 35,458.44	\$ 84,049.63
2010	\$	143,926.00	\$	21,588.90	\$	4,893.48	\$	6,116.86	\$ 33,031.02	\$ 78,295.74
2011	\$	145,424.00	\$	21,813.60	\$	4,944.42	\$	6,180.52	\$ 33,374.81	\$ 79,110.66
2012	\$	137,295.00	\$	20,594.25	\$	4,668.03	\$	5,835.04	\$ 31,509.20	\$ 74,688.48
2013	\$	131,524.00	\$	19,728.60	\$	4,471.82	\$	5,589.77	\$ 30,184.76	\$ 71,549.06
2014	\$	114,438.00	\$	17,165.70	\$	3,890.89	\$	4,863.62	\$ 26,263.52	\$ 62,254.27
2015	\$	116,454.00	\$	17,468.10	\$	3,959.44	\$	4,949.30	\$ 26,726.19	\$ 63,350.98
2016	\$	115,126.00	\$	17,268.90	\$	3,914.28	\$	4,892.86	\$ 26,421.42	\$ 62,628.54
2017	\$	109,491.00	\$	16,423.65	\$	3,722.69	\$	4,653.37	\$ 25,128.18	\$ 59,563.10
2018	\$	93,879.00	\$	14,081.85	\$	3,191.89	\$	3,989.86	\$ 21,545.23	\$ 51,070.18
2019	\$	91,463.00	\$	13,719.45	\$	3,109.74	\$	3,887.18	\$ 20,990.76	\$ 49,755.87
2020	\$	67,288.78	\$	10,093.32	\$	2,287.82	\$	2,859.77	\$ 15,442.78	\$ 36,605.10
2021	\$	73,370.42	\$	11,005.56	\$	2,494.59	\$	3,118.24	\$ 16,838.51	\$ 39,913.51
2022										

TOTAL \$5,895,308.20 \$884,296.23 \$200,440.48 \$250,550.60 \$1,352,973.23 \$3,183,466.43

### 88TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 4, 2022

## PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER

#### GREENLEE ACTIVITIES BUILDING



Sarah McCloy



Debbie Mulniex



**Debbie Myers** 

#### **GLOBAL SERVANTS**

Worship Leaders: Bryan and Sarah McClure Registration - 8:30 a.m. Program - 9:00 a.m.



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#### Honoring the Legacies



Peg Greenlee



Dorothy Santrock



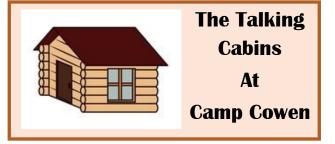
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Special Music Sara and Bryan McClure

Zenna Zwoll

**Bible Studies: Sarah McCloy** 





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# 2022 Mission Outreach Project Clean Water for Haiti







# GOAL: \$6,000





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WV ABWM Treasurer
921 Whispering Pines Road
Ravenswood, WV 26164

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Missions and Service Coordinator
First Baptist Church of Grafton
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304-672-2873
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#### **UPDATES**

#### "Daughters of the King"



Annual Women's Day is coming on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at Summersville Baptist Church, so plan ahead and mark your calendars now. You will not want to miss our day of fellowship and celebrating the women in West Virginia. Our theme this year is "Daughters of the King, you are beautiful, precious and chosen." We have some wonderful activities and speakers planned including missionaries from West Virginia. So come and celebrate with us on Thursday October 20th!

Sherry Husted Personal Development Coordinator Gilboa Baptist Church 21 Washington Street, Reedy, WV 25270 304-927--2061 sherryhusted@gmail.com



#### "Project Good Samaritan"



I am learning more and more about this wonderful program and how it is helping our community Hospital's. I have been in contact with each Hospital we serve. CAMC Charleston has received their allotment for the year. Wheeling also has received a partial of theirs. When I looked at exactly what the monies were going towards it warmed my heart. Families that don't have the means to pay for medication, food, lodging, or gas for transportation of just some of what the monies are used for. American Baptist Women's Ministry is such a joy to

be apart of. To see the impact the projects we service has not only here in our great state but around the world.

Kim Mack Good Samaritan Coordinator First Baptist Church of Hurricane 1009 Elm Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526 304-562-9209 kmack@cyclopswv.com



#### "Nominating Committee"

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Spring, that word holds so many images. Do you imagine a lamb jumping through the field, trees starting to wake up, flowers blooming, water flowing again from the ground, or do you just see a coiled piece of metal? Coming out of the winter season, I imagine a time of planting, refreshing my home and a time of little yellow bursts of sunshine all over my lawn better known as dandelions. Spring also has

storms, rainy days, and the occasional cold frosty mornings that can feel blah.

Our spiritual walk can need wakened up as well; maybe we have come out of a winter season, or blah time in our Christian life. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Sometimes those activities come in rushing storm that completely catch us off guard, while other times it is a slow quiet time of routine until our walk just seems routine and blah. This time of year is a good time to reread and ponder on all of Ecclesiastes 3. Do you have something in your life that needs uprooted, scattered, or embraced?

Embracing Ecclesiastes can make us routine driven people nervous, but we must make time to get into God's word. Like the disciples at the Lord's Supper, we must sit, listen, eat, and learn from our Heavenly Father. The only way to do that is to have a healthy relationship with Him. Opening the door of our hearts to Jesus is just the beginning of our relationship. He will guide us in our "Spring" wake up, if we but slow the noise world and move our focus.

So let's use this season as a time to build up our spiritual walk and encourage others in their journey. Pray and listen, start a new devotional, walk and talk with the Lord daily, fellowship with other believers. Take time to learn the beauty of silence in the Lord and plant Godly seeds in the hearts of those around us. Learn the beautiful art of granting grace to yourself and those around you. Learn how to be full of joy in the Lord even during those surprise spring storms. Let this time and activity under the heaven, be a time of nurturing your walk.

#### Ordinary Women with Extraordinary Faith and Devotional book review

Anne Graham Lotz is daughter of the late Billy and Ruth Graham, a mother, grandmother, speaker, and author whose "aim is clear – to bring revival to the hearts of God's people. And her message is consistent – calling people into a personal relationship with God through His Word." She is also the founder of nonprofit AnGeL ministries, a nonprofit organization committed to helping people see God's Word as personal and relevant.

In her book and bible study "Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion," Anne uses her personal story—including her recent cancer diagnosis and tragic death of her husband—to help us understand that the Holy Spirit is not a magic genie, a flame of fire, a force, or a vague feeling. He is a Person who prays for us, guides us in our relationships and decisions, comforts us in pain, and stays by our side at all times."

I encourage you to check out Anne's books, my ladies group is just finishing up a bible study on *Jesus in Me.* It has been very insightful including a fresh way to study passages of scriptures and looking at the Holy Spirit. You can find out more

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events



Saturday, June 4, 2022 "Along the Road" Luke 24:32 Sandy Currey, Coordinator Parchment Valley Conference Center

September 17 - 18, 2022
Parchment Valley Conference Center
Theme: "We Are Family"
Melanie Swisher, Coordinator





Summersville Baptist Church 2022 WVBC Annual Meeting October 20 - 21 Sherry Husted, Coordinator Women's Annual Meeting Day Thursday October 20, 2022

ABWM Executive Board Saturday, November 12, 2022 Parchment Valley Conference Center



## TIDBITS



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Join us on *Facebook* - American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV for inspirational messages and information updates. The page currently has 3,628 followers! We even have followers in Canada and Mexico!



Don't forget to *check out our webpage on the WVBC website*. There you can find information on all of the ministries within ABWM of WV. And bookmark the page for easy access. There will be step-by-step instructions for you to do so at Conference on June 4th at Parchment Valley Conference Center.



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**Updates** are now on our webpage — 2022 Mission Outreach Project, 2022 Special Project, amended bylaws, committee appointments, Officer spreadsheet for easy printing, 2022 WV Hope ministries with information sheet and more. Check frequently for updates.

## American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

June 4, 2022

#### **Parchment Valley Conference Center**

Greenlee Activities Center - Registration 8:30 a.m. - Program 9:00 a.m.



#### Registration is open April 1 – May 15, 2022

\$	Total Amount Enclosed
<u>\$ 7.00</u>	Box lunch (Optional) (Please circle choice) Ham or Turkey
<u>\$15.00</u>	Registration Fee

Make checks payable to AB Women's Ministries of WV

Mail registration form with fees to: Carrie J. Gasaway, 451 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Dunbar, WV 25064

#### Please print legibly

Name	Phone
Address	_City, State, Zip
Church	Association

#### Registration form and fees are needed for each person registering.

<u>Overnight lodging</u> is available by contacting Parchment Valley Conference Center, (304) 372-3675 or conference@wvbc.org

<u>Questions</u> – Contact Sandy Foster Currey, Conference Coordinator at sandyfostercurrey@gmail.com



Visit us on the web: www.wvbc.org/Partners/ AB Women's Ministries

#### Purpose of AB Women's Ministries

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



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