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“Good Counsel”

Some aspiring leaders constantly seek “the big break.” They distribute their resumes, applying for important and prestigious positions. They use political tactics to gain friends and forge alliances. Sadly, those seeking to serve God often follow the same pattern. In so doing, they neglect the most basic lesson in spiritual leadership—if you are faithful in a little, God will entrust you with more (Math. 25:21; Luke 16:10).
- *Henry Blackaby* in “Called to Be God’s Leader”

Clinch Valley Baptist Association's On Mission Celebration 2010

Wow! What a great weekend we had during our On Mission Celebration May 15th and 16th. Seventeen precious missionaries came and helped to hold 34 services in all 18 of our CVBA churches.

What a great group of missionaries we had. And how wonderful you were to them. Each church treated visiting missionaries in a wonderful way with your sweet hospitality. And your love offerings were so generous. As an association you gave a total of \$7,257.00, through your love offerings, which is just tremendous.

I have never been more proud of an association than I am of the Clinch Valley Baptist Association. In addition, I'm praying that God will continue to bless us in His service, allow us to continue to do mission work for Him and to expand His Kingdom through our association.

We came out of this On Mission Celebration with additional friends and a couple of possible mission partnerships in Ohio and Atlanta, Georgia.

Shown in the photo below are 52 missionaries and our church folks eating our “get acquainted meal” on Saturday, May 15th at noon at the Family Life Center at Weber City, First Church. We had a great time of introduction and fellowship.

Many thanks go to the cooking crew at the church for preparing the wonderful meal that the church provided for us.

Best wishes! And thanks for being on mission for our Lord. I love you!

Bro. Tommy Holtzclaw



Please remember our churches that are without pastors as you pray.



Minister's Wives' Retreat

October 15-16, 2010

CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center
Lowesville, Virginia

Register online now! You are invited to a time planned especially for you. Experience spiritual renewal, relaxation and fellowship with old and new friends.

October 15-16, 2010. The registration cost is \$85.00 for a double and \$105.00 for a single. This includes your registration fee, lodging, program fee and three meals.

To register by mail call 1.800.255.2428, ext. 8267 for form. For information on retreat, contact Tammy Williams at 434-376-2702 or email mark12v30@yahoo.com

Deadline for registration is August 15. Confirmations will be sent with directions to CrossRoads.

Guest Speaker: Marilee White

Treat your minister's wife with a relaxing retreat at CrossRoads!

Standing Rock Indian Reservation

Mission Trip: Aug. 1-7th

We are excited about the 250 volunteers from across Virginia that will be serving on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas this summer.

Teams will be serving in 7 communities and with a traveling fair and medical team during the first week of August.

Another 130 will be serving the last week of July. As with any mission trip, supplies are needed!

It is easiest for our teams to take money or Wal-Mart cards and purchase items out there.

We appreciate any contribution you can make!

There are two ways to contribute:

1. You may send your gift cards to WMUV at 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294.
2. Call the WMUV office at 800.255.2428 or email mlynn@wmuv.org for a list of specific items needed.

Please begin praying for our volunteers as they make preparations for the mission trip. You can pray for our Native American friends by downloading and printing prayer cards and distributing these to your church. You can find these on our website at www.wmuv.org



CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP NETWORK

FALL 2010 COLLEGE/DIPLOMA CLASSES Classes begin week of August 23 and conclude week of December 13

Baptist Student Center, UVa-Wise

Pastoral Care and Counseling Instructor: Steve Collins

Monday, 6:30-9:20 pm

Introduction to Old Testament Instructor: Ray Jones Tuesday, 6:30-9:20 pm

Lebanon Association Building, Glade Spring

Preaching and Communication Instructor: Chad Johnson

Monday, 6:00-8:50 pm

Introduction to the Old Testament Instructor: Jack Garland Tuesday, 6:00-8:50 pm

First Baptist Church, Nickelsville

Pastoral Care and Counseling Instructor: Steve Collins

Thursday, 6:30-9:20 pm

FALL 2010 MASTERS CLASSES

Bonsack Baptist Church, Roanoke

Old Testament Introduction II Instructor: Eric Spano Thursday, 6-8 pm.

Philosophy for Theology Instructor: Scotty Carpenter Thursday, 8:10-10:10 pm.

Bluefield College, Bluefield

Introduction to Christian Ethics Instructor: Tracey Stout Tuesday, 6-8 pm

Tuition for college-level classes Credit: \$375/class
Audit: \$188

Tuition for Masters classes Credit: \$700/class
Audit: \$350

(Tuition scholarships for college and Masters classes available for members of

Baptist General Association of Virginia churches)

For information and registration

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A list of "Frequently Asked Questions" is posted on our website, www.vachristianleadership.net.

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and The Southwest Virginia Christian Leadership Network

Moore's Memorial Ordains Travis Nichols to the Gospel Ministry



Shown above is the Rev. Travis Nichols and his wife Jennifer. Travis is 36 years-of-age and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Moore's Memorial Baptist Church in an ordination service held by the church during the Sunday evening worship experience on June 27th, 2010.

The pastor at Moore's Memorial, Rev. PJ Johnson, directed the service and preached the charge to the church and to the candidate as well. The ordination message was taken from Mark 6:1-6 and entitled "Jesus was More than a Carpenter" and emphasized that the new minister is much more than his past life.

In addition, Rev. Johnson reminded everyone to be faithful in their support of Travis by remembering him in their prayers, encouraging him in every way possible, loving him, honoring him and respecting him. Travis and his wife Jennifer have two sons: Elijah and Gideon.

The ordination service concluded with the laying on of hands.

LEADERSHIP MOMENT ***The Importance of Goals***

by Dr. Gary Chapman, Director of the Southwest Virginia Christian Leadership Network

I recall completion of my doctoral studies. After four-and-a-half long years of seminars, research, papers, examinations, a written dissertation, and unrelenting deadlines, there came that sweet day in July 1986. Just as I dreamed it would happen, I heard for the first time those words: "Congratulations, Dr. Chapman."

But weeks later, I became despondent, wondering why I had pursued the degree at all. Later, I learned my response wasn't that unusual for post-doctoral students. What made the difference was to "get back in the game." It was time to move on to other dreams and goals. The absence of goals in life can lead to burnout and/or depression. As Helmut Schmidt has noted, "It must be born in mind that the tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach." We need those goals to keep us going. We simply weren't created to coast through life!

There's every reason to celebrate when we move up the career ladder, complete our education, have something we wrote published, or realize some other personal goal. But, in time, regardless of the accomplishment, we're likely to be brought back to earth. We haven't yet arrived. There's always room for growth; further goals await.

It's no different in the more significant matters of life. As Christians and leaders, we have our spiritual pedigree and our spiritual accomplishments. We find great security in them. But can we afford to rest on those alone and really make the difference God wants us to make? When we think we've "arrived" in life, we stop growing. When we stop growing, we hasten our own demise – personally and professionally.





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CVBA Disaster Relief Trip to Nashville Tennessee

Led by Patrick Johnson

This team will leave the CVBA office at Weber City First Church at 1:00 PM on Sunday, August 15th and return on Saturday, August 21st.

This is a rebuild mission trip that will require team members with the following skills:

- Carpentry
- Painting
- Drywall

Team members will need to bring their own bedding, towels, washcloths, soap, etc.

Anyone interested should contact our Mission's Team Leader Patrick Johnson at 276-690-6743 or Bro. Tommy Holtzclaw at 423-967-9660.



A good number of churches in the CVBA are involved in Operation Christmas Child. Partnering together with Samaritan's Purse and other churches throughout the world we are reaching out to children in impoverished countries with the good news of Jesus Christ and a small gift at Christmas through the shoeboxes. Ask your church if they are involved, if they are not, encourage them to get involved and be supportive of this great mission outreach.