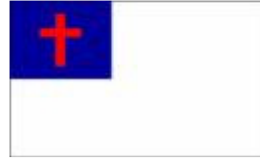


Clinch Valley Baptist Association

This month's article is written by Patrick "P.J." Johnson
Pastor of Moore's Memorial Church



**"I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag
and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands.
One brotherhood, uniting all Christians, in service and love."**

I have already shared with some pastors during devotion at the January fellowship about the Christian Flag. After some prayer, it is on my heart to share this with all of you. I'm certain that many of you have seen the flag and probably have one in your church. It usually resides to the front of the church only to be used, or recognized, during bible school or the occasional question.

The concept for the Christian Flag was first designed in 1897 in Brooklyn, New York. Charles Overton was the Sunday School Superintendent of Brighton Chapel, where he was awaiting a guest speaker. The speaker was a no show. Overton, needing to fill the vacant spot, spoke to the gathered students about a Christian Flag and what it would look like and represent. Thus the concept for the Christian Flag was born. In 1907, the first flag was fashioned with the help of Ralph Diffendorfer.

The flag is on a white canton, with a blue square in the upper left corner and a red cross inside. The white represents purity. Our sins being red as scarlet but upon salvation are white as snow (Isaiah 1:18). The blue represents the royalty of Christ as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 17:14). The red cross represents the once blood shed sacrifice for our sins (Hebrews 10:12).

Though relatively only a 100 years old, the Christian Flag flies as the most unique of all flags. Most flags represent power or independence, the Christian Flag neither. It does not promote division, denomination, or congregational size, it shows no favoritism. Rather, it promotes unity. You might ask: How can something promote unity amongst all the churches and Christians in the entire world? It is the Blood of Christ that unites us all.

Because of His Blood I can worship in unity with other believers. However, many times we try to excluded ourselves by our petty disbeliefs and practices and form a body, call it a church, wave the Christian Flag and say I am glad I'm saved. However Ephesians 4:3-6 reads, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all."

If we deny unity in Christ, we are denying what Jesus Himself tried to establish. The Scribes, Pharisees, and Saducees were the primary ones who thought themselves to be so close to God and Jesus called them hypocrites. They would not fellowship with the lost, the diseased or the poor, they were concerned about themselves. If unity wasn't important, then why did Christ spend so much time on it? You might say that was then and this is now, or we have to try new strategies, or something fun, or I don't have time.

Then I want to remind you of the Apostles in Acts 2. They were in one accord in one place. To define accord, means together in agreeing harmony. If we a New Testament church and fulfilling the Great Commission we must be together, work together, and

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CVBA Missions Statement

"The Mission of the CVBA is to assist and equip our churches in understanding and accomplishing the work of God's Kingdom."

CVBA Vision Statement

"Our Vision is to see our Churches unified in fulfilling the Great Commissions in a spirit of love."



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fellowship together. Isn't this what the Christian Flag represents? Unity, harmony, and togetherness in Christ? Does the pledge not read, "One brotherhood, uniting all Christians in service and in love"?

The result of the Apostles being together in unity was the Spirit of God filled them all; it sat on each of them. Read on through Acts 2 and see more results, they worked together, preached and taught and the ending result of chapter 2, 3,000 souls were saved in that one day. What a revival time!

The conclusion: From this you might just have learned a little history on the Christian Flag and what it represents. But I hope you have a new desire to work together and for God. Lets all turn to God and brotherhood the Christian Flag represents. Let's work for God and see our people saved, through visitation, prayer, fellowship, revival, hammer and nail work or whatever it takes. Let's show Scott County the unity and bond we have in Christ and fulfill the Great Commission. Grace, peace and mercy, unto you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Written by Rev. Patrick (PJ) Johnson, Pastor, Moore's Memorial)

“CHURCH NEWS”

Community Fellowship:

Pastor John Sheppard ... The pastor led Committee Forum on Jan. 6th for all church committee members to discuss the specific duties of each committee. The youth attended Winter Jam in Johnson City on Jan. 10th. Fourteen teens and adults have signed up for World Changers in Anniston, Alabama in July. The pastor has just finished a seven week series on Marriage and the Family. "Souper Bowl Sunday" was sponsored by the youth on Feb. 3rd by collecting money and food for the Scott County Cooperative Ministries food pantry. Sixteen ladies have just completed "Daniel", a Beth Moore study, and are looking forward to beginning a new study. The deacons and WINGS sponsored a Valentine's Dinner for the ladies of Monarch Manor on the 21st. The youth enjoyed a mini-retreat in Boone, North Carolina with a day of skiing and tubing Feb. 22-23rd. The church has been busy planning for the 14th Anniversary Celebration on Feb. 24th. Music will be presented by the Worship Choir, Kidz Choir and the Instrumental Ensemble. Pastor John Sheppard will bring the morning message. A covered dish lunch will follow the service. (Submitted by Judy McConnell)

Cowan's Branch:

Pastor Mike Sampson ... The church has ordered the hymnal on CD to assist in this music ministry. We have begun the process of new carpet and pew covering. We will be having a three night revival beginning Wednesday, April 23rd and going through Friday, April 25th. Pastor Jeff Strong will be preaching and New Grace Trio will provide the music each night. The services will start at 7:00 PM nightly. (Submitted by Mike Sampson)

Darthula:

Pastor Layton Bentley ... Our Penny Marchers went to Johnny Brusco's for lunch on Feb. 10 and then on to Skate City for a skating session. The Crystal River Boys sang for us on the 17th. Some of our church members, including Layton and Brenda, are going to Belize the end of Feb. They will be staying a week. We have begun practice for the Easter Play. Our Hiltons Community Revival begins Mar. 9th. Let's all be much in prayer for this. Please, if you have not had your picture taken for our new church directory, see Jeff or Rebecca Arrington and get it made. You can go on our website and check the ones out that have been made. (Submitted by Judy Read)

Dungannon, First:

Pastor Larry Beavers... January 2008. At First Baptist, God continues to bless us in each of our outreach ministries. Good News Club and youth nights started back after the holidays. We are truly thankful for those who give their time to work with the youth to bring them closer to Christ. Spiritual Growth classes started this month, taught by Carol Sluss. In February, Secret Sisters participated in an activity and the church had a Valentine's Dinner on the 17th. Plans are underway for the Easter Egg Hunt for the community, the Easter program and Son Rise Service on Easter Sunday. We continue to do the Share the Blessing meals each Thursday and we appreciate all who participate in this ministry. (Submitted by Lisa Dingus)

Free Hill:

Pastor Carlos Wolfe ... On Sunday evening, January 13th, we had a supper to recognize and thank all who helped with, and participated in our Christmas play. After supper we made plans for our church calendar of activities for the year 2008. On Saturday, February 16th, we enjoyed a Valentine supper. Everyone ate plenty of spaghetti and salad. Delicious deserts were made by the men of the church. Sunday, February 24th was Youth Day at the church. The youth were in charge of all services that day. Our seniors group is making plans to attend the gospel singing at the fairgrounds in Gray, Tennessee on Saturday, March 1st. Everyone in the church and community is welcome to go with us. We plan to eat at Mamma's House in Kingsport before going on to Gray. On Saturday, March 15th our youth are planning a trip to the Lamp Light Theater in Fall Branch to see the Easter Drama. They also plan to go to a concert in Johnson City on March 23rd. We plan to have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM. Breakfast will be served following the service. Our 5th Sunday Night Singing will be held on March 30th at 7:00 PM. (Submitted by Lillian Ann Hartsock)

“CHURCH NEWS”

Heritage:

Pastor Larry Browder ... We are excited how the Lord is blessing our church in the New Year! In the month of January we had portions or all of 5 new families come to our church (one family of 7!). We also have begun a visitation/soul winning program and God has blessed this wonderfully. Our AWANA program is excited about new additions. God has also blessed us with a new song leader, Cheri Osborne, and her husband, Randy, is our new church treasurer. Three families from Randy's immediate family have started coming to the church. In addition, our Day Care has over 30 children signed up in one phase or another of our daily operation. This past Saturday, we enjoyed a wonderful time at our annual Sweetheart Banquet. Bro. Aaron Edens from Sloantown Community Church was our guest speaker. We look forward to the upcoming monthly men's fellowship breakfast this Saturday morning at 8 AM as we will have Bro Garry Edwards from Thomas Village as our guest speaker. Bro Garry will be giving his personal salvation experience which blessed all of our hearts at a recent pastors meeting. We also are looking forward to the Hiltons Community revival slated for March 9-17, 7 PM nightly. Please come and see how eight different churches come together to worship God and reach out to the lost. Please pray for us as we reach out to the Hiltons area. (Submitted by Larry Browder)

Moore's Memorial:

Pastor P.J. Johnson ... Many times as pastors we look for growth in our church by physical bodies. Sometimes we judge our performance for God by the number we have attending all services. Though at Moore's we have seen growth, I want to take this opportunity to Praise God for the spiritual growth at our church. It is amazing what God can do when we get ourselves out of the way and let Him work. Thanks to our ladies group the Son Shine Ladies for purchasing new chairs for our fellowship hall. They look great. We had to cancel our Touching Lives meal at the church for January and will be having another one February 21 and March 20. All are welcome to come. I am looking for God to move even more this year. There are already talks and prayers of revivals, so do pray for our church. If myself, or our church, can help you in anyway please let us know. God did send another baby to our family, born on Jan 29, baby girl, weighing 6.9 lbs, Elly Anna Johnson. God Bless you all and thank you pastors for your love, support and prayer you have for me and my family. (Submitted by PJ Johnson)

Nickelsville, First:

Pastor Steve Collins ... Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our January Bible Study titled “God’s Amazing Grace.” That study was led by eight different facilitators within the church, several of which had never before led bible studies. We’re thankful for the many young people in our church that are stepping forward to lead us in new and exciting ministries. Four people from our church attended the National VBS Conference at Ridgecrest, NC. Our VBS Director, Linda Burke, is already “pumped-up” about Outrigger Island and its Hawaiian setting for VBS 2008. On the last Saturday in January the men of our church gathered for a time of fun, fellowship, and food. They cooked breakfast, ate, and survived, to plan the worship services that followed on Sunday with our annual observance of Baptist Men’s Day. This was a moving time of worship as the men of our church blessed everyone through song and personal testimony. We’re looking forward to Baptist Women’s Day which we will observe on March 16th. In our evening service on Jan. 27th we hosted a “Missions Celebration.” During that service we looked at slide shows of recent mission trips we had participated in, heard testimonies from those who participated, and awarded pins to all who had been involved in missions trips. During January God blessed our church with the addition of a new Sunday School class, which Carolyn Godsey is facilitating. This class has been blessed with tremendous attendance. To Him be the glory! Several ladies in our church are organizing a “Friends for Support” group that will be meeting on a monthly basis beginning at the end of February. They will be discussing life issues that are often beyond our control. We just completed our Upward Basketball season for 2007 – 2008. This year we had approximately 160 children enrolled and participating in the program. It’s always exciting when coaches and other workers share testimonies from their personal experiences in Upward. There were 3 children who made professions of faith during their times of practice. One can only imagine the excitement generated within the hearts of those coaches and other workers as they prayed with and led those children to Jesus. On Sunday, February 17th we celebrated our Upwards Award Day in the gymnasium at Twin Springs High School. At that particular event there were approximately several hundred people in attendance and 42 children made decisions concerning salvation and rededication. We want to extend a “BIG THANK YOU” to all our volunteers who worked in the Upward Program. These volunteers came from at least 10 different churches in our area. Truly this is a program that focuses on Kingdom Involvement & Advancement. During these winter months our also church hosted several fifth quarter events for the students at Twin Springs High School. These were held on the Friday and Saturday nights after the basketball games. We are nearing the completion of our new classroom and office facility that was acquired a few years earlier. Our thanks go out to everyone in our church, and community, who have assisted in this much needed project. Our choir is hard at work practicing for their Easter Cantata, *The Lamb of God*, which they will present this year. Our church is planning a mission trip to Port Sulphur, LA the third week in April. On this particular trip we will focus on new home construction for the displaced victims of Hurricane Katrina. (Submitted by Sandy Collins)



Thomas Village:

Pastor Garry Edwards... The Lord added eight new members by letter: Roger & Sandi Cash, Roger & Virginia Edens, and Danny, Wanda, Clint and Nicole Carter. Evangelist Charles "Toonie" Cash was guest speaker on January 6. The puppet ministry under the direction of Rose Miller, and Puppeteers - Tracie Bowers, and Nathan Smith, are helping the children to better understand the the stories of the Bible and every day living; the puppet ministry is a wonderful teaching tool. The ladies who make up the "Sewing Bees" delivered 40 baby quilts, 30 Christmas stockings and stuffed animals to Ronald MacDonald House, in December. Those making the delivery were: Pastor Garry Edwards, Hazel Stanley, Director of the Sewing Bees, Shirley Wells, Judy Kilgore, Carlee France, Phyllis Baker, and Lou Baxley. The Senior Adults enjoyed a great time of fellowship at Joe and Anna Carter's home, for their Christmas Dinner. The 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grade Sunday School classes joined together for a Christmas celebration, and they traveled to the Kingston Center & Ridgecrest Nursing Home to share the joy of song. At both locations, they passed out candy canes, and told the residents about the legend of the candy cane and the love of Jesus. Teachers are: Michelle Barteel, Tabitha Miller, Rose Miller, and Peggy Stanley. The AWANA program resumed their activities Sunday, January 8, after a Christmas break hiatus. The children were anxious to return to learning about Jesus, memorizing Bible verses, and how to walk the Christ-filled life. Total offering for the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions was \$1,439.65. Randy & Sheri Lyn Alridge worshiped with us on Feb. 10 - they are S.W. Va. Missionaries, with Southern Baptist Conservatives of Va. Director of the Shut-in Ministry, Keith Roach, reported that 112 CD's were given out and 40 visits were made from Dec. 12 through January 16. (Submitted by Lula Baxley)

Weber City, First:

Pastor Johnny Kendrick ... The church has welcomed new members - Mr. Chris Lark, Mrs. Angela Ferris, Miss Miriam Parizad, Mr. William Bishop, and Ms. Velma Ferris. The deacons and wives annual "Valentine Banquet" was held at Golden Corral on February 12. The 2008 on-going OCC Shoe Box Project, sponsored by Baptist Women I, and coordinated by Angela Hylton, is underway with a goal of 200 filled boxes. PLAY UP BASKETBALL SUNDAY was observed on February 3 with a good number of the players and their families attending Sunday School and the 11 o'clock worship which was held in the FLC gym. We just completed a wonderful season of "Play Up" with 92 teenagers, grades 7-12, participating. The "UPWARD/PLAY UP" Awards Night held at Higher Ground Baptist Church on February 18 was a wonderful evening of entertainment, worship, and praise for all that the Lord is doing through this ministry. We especially want to give thanks to God for those who came forward to receive Jesus as their Savior. We are currently involved in three studies on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The pastor is leading a study of Theology and Chronology of the End Times for adults of all ages in the sanctuary. Kathie Noe is leading "The Frazzled Female" for ladies of all ages, and Kevin Balch is leading "Running the Rapids" for Parents of Preteens and Teenagers. A study of "The 10 Dumbest Things Christian Do" is in progress on Wednesday evening at 7:15 for adults of all ages. The Lord has continued to bless our church with good attendance in Sunday School and worship through these cold weeks of winter. We praise Him for all He is doing in our midst. (Reported by Christine Phillips)



VBS Dates of Sister Churches in the Association (Arranged by dates)

Nickelsville, First – June 8th – 13th
Community Fellowship – June 23rd – 27th
Moore's Memorial – June 23rd – 27th
Gate City, First – July 6th – 10th
Weber City, First – July 6th – 10th

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Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share God's love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

Through our gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, our SBC missions personnel are enabled to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Because every dollar given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes directly to support missionaries and their ministries, Southern Baptists are confident offering gifts are an investment in eternity.

- **Our theme for 2008 is: "Live with Urgency"**
- **Our Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 2 – 9**
- **Our Offering Goal is: \$61 million**

Some useful facts concerning our AAEO include:

- 100% of the money received goes to support the 5,271 NAMB missionaries and their work.
- In 2007 the AAEO provided 46% of the total funding required for the budget of the NAMB.
- Some of the ministries in which NAMB missionaries are involved in include: Starting new churches, engaging in student evangelism on college campuses, serving the physical and spiritual needs of people through inner-city Baptist centers, service in local Baptist associations as associational missionaries and other mission staff positions, provides training and ministry in apologetics (interfaith witness) evangelism, and ministries in resort settings such as campgrounds and ski areas.

Perhaps a good question for us is: Will we join others and **"GIVE WITH URGENCY"**?

Ministry & Mission Opportunities

Local, Regional, Statewide, National & International

- **Mission Outreach Opportunity in Venice, Louisiana.** The date for this mission trip is April 5-12, 2008. Travel is at the expense of individual Mission Team Members. Housing will be at Port Sulphur Baptist Church, Port Sulphur, LA. Port Sulphur is about 45 miles southeast of New Orleans on the Mississippi delta. Bunkhouse trailers (each can accommodate up to 24 persons) are on site. The average cost per volunteer is \$20.00 per week. Housing for 24 people has been secured for these dates. The work is in Venice, LA. Venice is about 30 miles below Port Sulphur. The church a Venice is need of a complete cleanout. At the present time the drywall and insulation has been removed. The studs and ceiling joists are still in place. The HVAC is still in place. All this needs to be torn out as well as the metal on the walls of the church. The grounds outside the church needs to be cleaned up to the point it could be mowed. The Parsonage needs to be prepared for rebuild. At the same time people are needed to canvass the area as would be done for a new church start. The long term goal is to recover and rebuild at least a portion of the church at Venice. This would provide a platform for disaster recovery and community outreach. I do not know of any materials that would be needed. We would need to bring basic tools. Crowbars hammers pry bars, wheelbarrows, shovels, and push brooms. Battery operated drills and bits are needed to remove the metal. The team will have its own cooks and at this time plans to use the facilities at Port Sulphur for preparing meals. A small IGA grocery and a Dollar General store are now open in Port Sulphur. Supplies could be purchased at Belle Chase about 40 miles north of Port Sulphur. For more information, contact Patrick Johnson at 479-2249 or by e-mail at patrickj@mounet.com.
- **Mission Opportunity Outreach in Port Sulphur, LA.** Members from First Church in Nickelsville will be traveling to Port Sulphur, LA during the month of April to assist in rebuilding the homes of those displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The date for this mission trip is April 12 -17. We may have space for a few volunteers on this trip. Housing has been secured for approximately 12 people. If you are interested in partnering with us or would like more information on this trip contact the church office at 479-3222 (secfbc@mounet.com) or you can call Pat Johnson at 479-2249 (patrickj@mounet.com).
- **Clinch Valley Kingdom Builders:** Clinch Valley Kingdom Builders had set aside June 5, 6, & 7th for assisting people of Scott County in home repairs. We will be building ramps, repairing roofs, floors, porches, and various other items for homeowners who have a need (think safe, warm, & dry). Skills of all types and levels are sorely needed in order to make this event a success. We want evangelism to have a major role in this outreach. Toward that end we need people to interact with the homeowner and their neighbors while the construction teams are working in the area. If the Lord has impressed you to be involved in this type of ministry please contact Patrick Johnson at 479-2249 or by e-mail at patrickj@mounet.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of having a part in this ministry. Patrick Johnson, CVBA Missions Team Leader
- **YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED** - The Virginia Baptist Mission Board has provided funding for a mobile Disaster Relief kitchen to be station in Southwest, Virginia. The kitchen is to be housed in a 22 ft trailer which has been purchased. Volunteers are needed to install the equipment in the trailer. The work will be done during the months of February and March 2008. The equipment includes the following: Hood, six burner propane stove, 4 foot grill, steam table, hand wash station, refrigerator, freezer, propane tanks, miscellaneous shelves and storage cabinets. The trailer is insulated wall and floor covering are installed. Other than those things no other work has been done. Please consider assisting in the completion of this essential DR unit. If you are willing to help please contact Patrick Johnson at 276-479-2249 or email patrickj@mounet.com
- **Disaster Relief Training** – The Virginia Baptist Mission Board is offering a Disaster Relief Training Event on Saturday, April 19th at Green Valley Baptist Church in Lebanon, VA. The schedule for the training is as follows: Registration from 9 – 10 AM with the overview starting at 10 AM. Lunch will be provided at 12 noon and the breakout sessions will follow from 1 – 3 PM. Breakout sessions include: feeding, recovery, and temporary child care. The cost of the training is \$15 and includes a disaster relief hat, t-shirt, ID badge, handouts, and lunch. For other information please contact Nichole Bulls at 1-800-255-2428 (nichole.bulls@vbmb.org) or call Green Valley Baptist Church at 276-889-0257. *Please remember*, if you have not been on a call-out your Disaster Relief Training is only good for three years. If you have been on a call out and want to update your ID badge you can stop by any training event and have your photo and personal information updated or you can call Nichole Bulls at the VBMB and update that information by telephone.

WMU NEWS

WMU Silence Retreat - Women's Silence Retreat, April 18-19, 2008 at CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center. Would you love some time away from the "noise of life," to reconnect with God in a deep and meaningful way? If so, a silence retreat could be an important part of moving ahead in your spiritual life. By keeping silent, you are free from the distraction of conversation and able to focus more deeply on your relationship with God and His call on your life. Come to CrossRoads where you will find no better place to be silent before the Lord and soak in His presence. The facilitators for this conference are: (1) Judith Bailey is the Interim Co-Pastor of Oakland Baptist Church, Gum Spring, Virginia. She has written many articles and reviews for theological publications, and was past moderator of the Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry. (2) Vallerie F. King is pastor of Emmaus Baptist Church in Providence Forge, Virginia. She is steeped in contemplative prayer and meditation, and leads a centering prayer group at Richmond Hill Retreat Center. Accommodations at the Ukrop Conference Center provides an excellent space for lodging with hotelstyle rooms, a beautiful parlor, and an elegant conferencing room. Each room has two double beds, individual climate control, its own bath, and a beautiful view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday and conclude on Saturday afternoon. Cost: \$70.00 per person. This cost includes lodging (single occupancy in hotel), and three meals. The space for this retreat is limited to 28 people. For more information call 1-800-255-2428, ext. 8267.

News from the Southwest Christian Leadership Network

The Southwest Virginia Christian Leadership is offering the following training opportunities:

- March 10 -- NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Lebanon Assn. building)
- April 3 -- BILTMORE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (Biltmore Baptist Church, Asheville, NC)
- April 4-5 -- BEST INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING Certification training in Creativity and Youth Engagement (CYE). For youth ministers and volunteer youth leaders. (Lebanon Baptist Assn. building)
- April 25-26 -- SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE Featuring Henry and Richard Blackaby. (Highlands Fellowship, Abingdon)

Registration Information

Phone: 540.777-3014 or 866.223.9344 (toll-free)

Register by email: gary.chapman@vbmb.org

Space limited to 600 attendees

- May 2-3 -- PASTOR/DEACON/CHURCH LEADERSHIP RETREAT (Eagle Eyrie)
- May 19-20 -- LEADING THE SMALLER CHURCH Featuring Bill Barker, director of Appalachian Regional Ministry (Locations TBA)

Other Upcoming Events

- April 11-12 -- ENDURING CONNECTIONS Featuring Janice Haywood, Children's Ministry Specialist and Author. Villa Heights Baptist Church, Roanoke. Friday: 6:00-8:30 pm; Saturday: 8:30-11:30 am.
- April 15-16 -- DR. DAVID GUSHEE AT BLUEFIELD COLLEGE. Dr. Gushee is a noted Baptist scholar and speaker and Chair of Christian Ethics at Mercer University. He will present a series of three talks on "The Future of Faith in American Politics". Talks at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, on the evening of April 15 in conjunction with a dinner, and at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 16.
- MUSIC CERTIFICATE PROGRAM Offered by Bluefield College, this program is designed to train and better equip volunteer and bi-vocational music ministers through courses offered on site and via video teleconferencing in Bluefield and Roanoke, Virginia.
- ONLINE CLASS OFFERINGS FROM BLUEFIELD COLLEGE. With Internet access, you can access from anywhere in the world! Tuition is currently \$220/credit hour (the last digit in each course number indicates number of credit hours offered). Depending on student's financial situation, financial aid may be available. Contact Elizabeth Gomez, Academic Dean, 276.326.4202 or egomez@bluefield.edu.

For more information concerning these opportunities please contact Gary Chapman at: 540-777-3014 or 866-223-9344 (toll-free) or e-mail him at: gary.chapman@vbmb.org or if you would like you can visit their website at: www.vachristianleadership.net/

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