



The Baptist Bridge

February 2013

By the grace of God, the Philippi Baptist Church shall **Embrace, Model, and Share** the love of God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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**Greater love has no one than this,
that someone lay down his life for his friends.**



John 15:13 ESV

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Have you ever taken the time to think back on the decisions in your life that brought you to the place you are now? A beautiful reminder of that is found from the pen of the prophet Jeremiah. God speaks into our lives as well today when he said: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV)

When I was preparing for ordination into the gospel ministry, I was asked to summarize the development of God's Call in my life. I pray my story will connect with your story and encourage your connecting of the dots throughout the looking back on your journey of life. May it be a reminder of the call placed on each of our lives as we understand God's direction and purpose.

Almost forty years ago in a one-room church as the revival evangelist invited people to accept Jesus into their heart, I found myself at the alter answering God's initial call at six years old. Rev. Herb Capehart knelt with me and I asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. Then on July 21, 1974, my father, Rev. Lewis Villers baptized my sister and me in the Steer Creek of Calhoun County, West Virginia. Dad remained my pastor for the next sixteen years. During that time, I grew in the grace and knowledge of the Lord through a solid Christian family that extended to the three churches my father pastored. My Mom and Dad both worked in the Wirt County Public Schools where mom was a math aide and dad taught all the upper sciences at our high school. Their commitment to God, family, and education gave me a wonderful nurturing environment to strengthen my Christian walk.

The extended family of the three churches has also proved to be an invaluable support team that to this day is continuing to provide an anchor in sometimes turbulent decisions of life. The youth director at one of these churches (Two Ripple Baptist, Elizabeth, WV) nominated me to be a state wide youth leader. In February of 1984 of my junior year in high school, I was appointed to the WV Baptist State Youth Committee. I had many growing experiences during my tenure. This leadership position enabled me to utilize some of my God-given abilities in a larger arena. It helped me realize the inter-connectedness of the larger body of Christ. The three adult supervisors on that committee where my mentors for the next twelve months, I still look to them as a support and help during periods of transition. I was accepted in 1985 to attend Alderson-Broadus College in Philippi, WV. Even though I was concerned about my future, I really had no life goals except to be a good Christian. Although many people had already predicted I would be a preacher, "like your daddy", I could see myself doing a lot of other things besides teaching and preaching. I chose to go my own way and to double major in Accounting and Computer Information Systems. The natural extension of my state youth work involvement was the Baptist Campus Ministry at A-B. The director of that program also became a very influential figure in my life. From deaths in my family to finding a fiance, Robin Crouch wasn't just the director of BCM, but he was a trusted friend. The BCM group attended state meetings as well. These retreats were held in Ripley, WV at the Parchment Valley Conference Center.

When I went to the Winter retreat of 1987, I had already been to three of these same type meetings and did not expect this to be anything out of the ordinary. I always had a wonderful time of fellowship and personal reflection. Initially, I thought the biggest difference of this retreat was my going with a girlfriend. I found the retreat to be just as pertinent to us as a couple as they had always been to me. At the close of the weekend, the speaker, Paul Morton, gave an invitation that might have been considered a bit unorthodox. All 150 college students were asked to step inside a gigantic tomb-like structure made with opaque heavy plastic. An outsider may have surmised a Jim Jones re-enactment was about to unfold by way of mass suffocation in this huge plastic bag but Paul had something else in mind.

As I sat in this bubble with Koreen (who is now my wife), Morton began to explain our current surroundings. He said, "This air filled protective plastic dome represents Christians as they fellowship at retreats, in their BCM groups or their home churches. There is a sense of protection, of security, that can be found within a body of believers. Think of this plastic refuge as a womb. We can't stay in here forever. As each person



thinks about exiting this safe environment and entering a world that is not our own, what is it that God is calling you to do? There are some out there that know without a shadow of doubt that God is calling you to be doctors, accountants, social workers, teachers, entrepreneurs, or any other specific vocation that you are currently seeking. But I am speaking to those that have not found that decisive direction in their lives. In our present day and age, God needs all those people that are not specifically called to other vocations to be his workers."

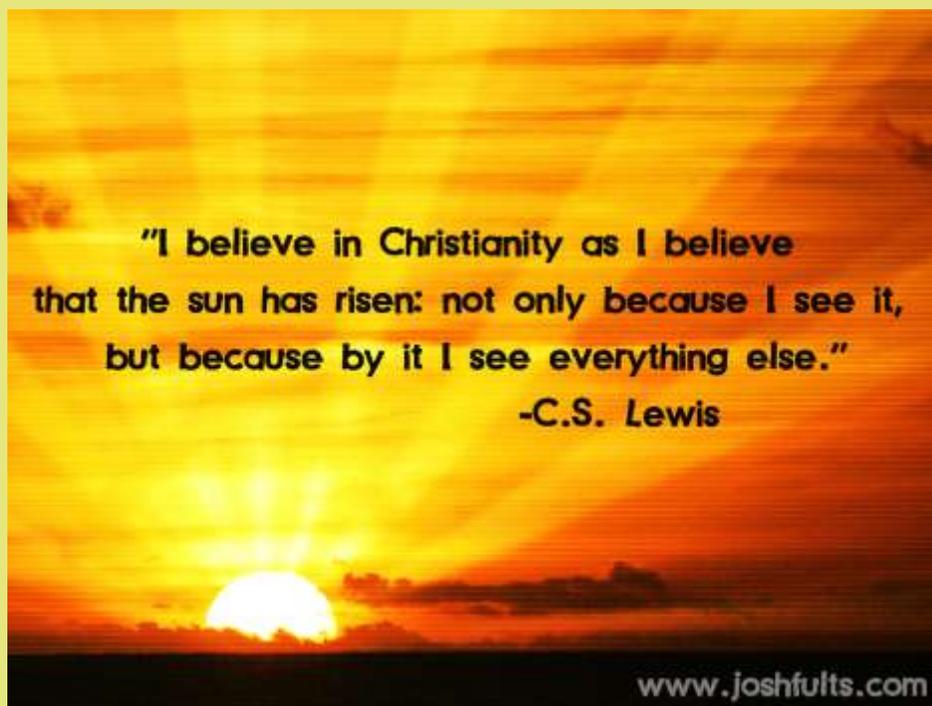
Those words touched my heart. I turned to Koreen and poured out the convictions I was feeling. I told her that for the first time, I really felt God calling me and my family to some type of full-time Christian work. There was one more issue that had to be addressed before I could, in good faith, respond to God's call. After watching a pastor's family from the inside for nineteen years, I knew that both my companion and I had to be committed to God's direction in order to withstand the journey in ministry. I wanted this calling of God to be for my family and not just me. As Koreen pledged her commitment also to God's leading, we went forward in this plastic cocoon and made our decisions known. One of the most exciting telephone calls I ever made was placed to a number in Elizabeth, WV. I told Dad that he better get Mom on the other phone because I had some news to tell both of them. I said to them, "Well after all these years of people telling me I was going to follow in my father footsteps, my father in heaven has asked me to do that very thing! I feel the Lord is calling me and my family into some type of full-time Christian work and I want to start preparing in school for the work God will have me do." Some moments in time I will never forget. I had passed another capstone on this journey called life.

My prayer for you is to look back on your life and gain a perspective from God's viewpoint. He does know the plans He has for us, plans to prosper and not for evil to give you hope.

Shalom,

Pastor Jon Villers

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BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE

MATTHEW 5:13-16



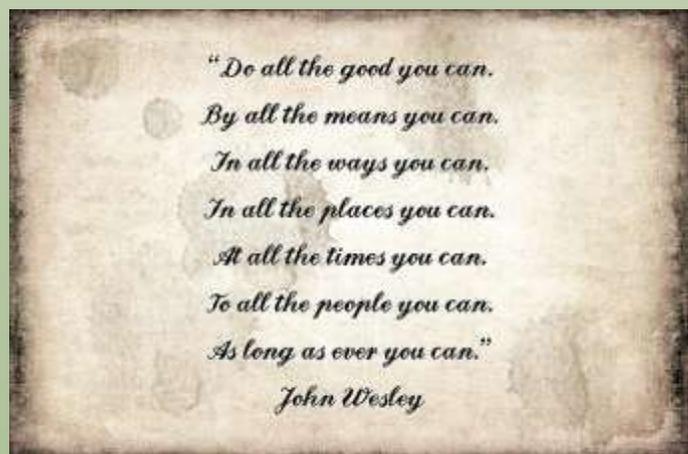
AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2013

The America for Christ (AFC) 2013 theme is “Building Communities of Hope,” based on text in Matthew 5:13-16. This Scripture is a vital reminder that we are to be “salt and light” in the world. We are to live out an incarnational practice that makes a difference in our churches and communities. Those first disciples would have been intimately familiar with the function of salt. Without refrigeration, the fish that they caught would quickly spoil and rot, unless they were packed in salt. Once salted, the fish could be safely stored and then used when needed. The spiritual health and strength of the Christian is to counteract the corruption in the world. Christians, as salt, are to be agents of change that thwart destructive forces in society. This, in turn, creates opportunity for the gospel of hope to be proclaimed and received.

In Matthew 5:14, Jesus tells His disciples, “You are the light of the world.” As “light,” we are to illuminate, or make visible. Our lives are to be an ongoing witness to the reality of Christ’s hope and presence in our lives. When we worship God with pure hearts, when we love others as ourselves, and when we do good without growing weary, we are lights shining. It is important, however, to know that it is not our light, but the reflection of the light of the world—Jesus Christ—that people will see in us.

Those who have counted the costs of discipleship and pay the price daily are different. They function as salt and light. It is a call to stand out and stand up for Christ—to change the atmosphere and to influence others with a transformational hope wherever we go. This year’s theme—“Building Communities of Hope”—encourages us to be engaged. I am asking you to join me in becoming “salt and light” by giving liberally to the AFC Offering 2013 to help us reach our church goal in support of making a life-giving difference in the lives of others for the cause of Christ.

Engaging in transformational hope,
Pastor Jon





A-B College, President Creehan faculty, staff and students

- Lee Beuckman
- Holly Camacho
- Audrey Cross
- Ciera Dalton
- Becky and Mike Elmore
- Melissa Franke's Aunt Gail
- Hayward Fridley (Rosa Kines') family
- Jane Gibbons
- Joe & Beverly Gouer
- Judy, Tonya Goud's mother
- Karl Greathouse
- Christina Maddy
- Amanda Means
- Tom "Crane" Maxon family
- Donna Moore
- Don Murray (Marj's Campbell's brother) family
- Dr. Jennifer Parks
- Penny & Euida from Baughman Towers
- Dorine Righman
- Robinson Run Mine catastrophe
- Julanne Roy
- Tom Roy's family
- Margaret Salimi
- Mary Selvaggi
- Kaley Sinsel
- Don Smith
- Donna Thorne

Pray for protection for military personnel and their families throughout the world and those serving our country:

- Tim Jenkins,
- Chris Mossburg,
- Major Kris Wood
- Captain Aaron Cross
- Corporal Charles Jackson James (injured)



- 1- Jovan Vlastic
- 2- Tom Dadisman
- 5- Evalene Bartram
- 5-Margaret Salimi
- 15- Rosa Kines
- 17- Janis Sweet

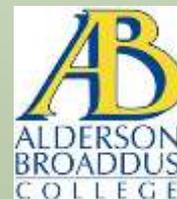


"Thank you for your kindness & sympathy at a time when it is deeply appreciated. Thank you for the lovely floral Arrangement and your support."

~ The Tom Roy Family



- Otilia Franke (Mansfield Place)
- Blair & Pearl Marks,
- Dr. Shearer,
- Mary Tamulitis
- Vangie Shaffer: (Mansfield Place)
- Germaine & Austin
- Whitman,



President Rick Creehan and Alderson Broaddus sent PBC a letter thanking us for our support. The letter can be viewed on the Missions Bulletin Board.

Unspoken requests for family members, unsaved people, community concerns, job and home loss, financial difficulties.

Also, in need of prayer: Our nation, state, and country leaders and officials. Please pray for victims of crime, war and violence throughout our country.



A Woman for All Assignments

She's done it all—or almost all—a member at various times of the Board of Christian Education, the Diaconate, the Board of Worship, and the Board of Missions and Outreach; a Sunday school teacher and director of Vacation Bible School; cooked fellowship meals and run the projection. Dianna Wright is a highly visible and valuable member of Philippi Baptist Church.

A lifelong Barbour Countian, except for the decade she lived in Ohio. Dianna attended Mt. Vernon Elementary School, then Philippi Junior High School and Philip Barbour High School. After a year at Alderson-Broaddus, she married Charlie Davis and, in Dayton, gave birth to three daughters. All now grown, Megan and Caitlin live in Lexington, Kentucky, Erin here in Barbour County. All three girls were baptized at Philippi Baptist Church.

When Dianna and Clarence Wright were married on December 27, 1996, their blended family included Clarence's four children. Nick lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, Chris in Bridgeport, WV, Tim in Tallahassee, Florida, and Annie (who has shared her singing talents with PBC) in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dianna's first major employment was at Broaddus Hospital, where she worked in the housekeeping department. Then, in Dayton, she was head baker for Westward Ho Cafeteria. Returning to Philippi, she served as secretary for three city managers, but for the past ten years she has worked at the WV Department of Environmental Protection, where Clarence is also employed.

Anyone who knows Dianna Wright knows that she is an advocate and very active leader of Weight Watchers. Other interests include cooking and "hosting." She also travels, having cruised through the Panama Canal, throughout the Caribbean Sea and Hawaii. But, she says, the best trips are visiting any of the five grandchildren.

Asked what role Philippi Baptist Church plays in her life, Dianna says, "I married into the church in 1983, was baptized here and became a member in 1994 and since then this congregation has been my big family. A good part of my identity—and that of my smaller family—rests right here in this church." In turn, it is safe to say that without the Wrights the identity of this church would be greatly diminished.

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship Sunday Nite Lite (6th- 12th grades)	9:15 10:30 6pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house) Baptist Campus Ministires (@ AB)	1pm 8:38pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service Choir practice	6pm 7pm- 8:20pm
Thursdays	Chapel Service (@ Wilcox Chapel) while classes are in session	11pm
Fridays	Code Blue (ages 13-17)	6pm-9pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for February

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Nursery	Wanda Steele James Steele	Christie Allen Need Volunteer	Rebekah Hicks Need Volunteer	Cheryl Wolfe Allison Villers
Wee Church	Cheryl and Abby Blankenship	Koreen Villers Bobby Villers	Tom Dadisman Pete Ferguson	Heather Cottrill Hayden Cottrill
Junior Church	Sarah Ferguson Pete Ferguson	Kelly Bracey Lindsay Bracey	Chuck Ervin Carol Ervin	Sara Poling Eddy Poling

COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

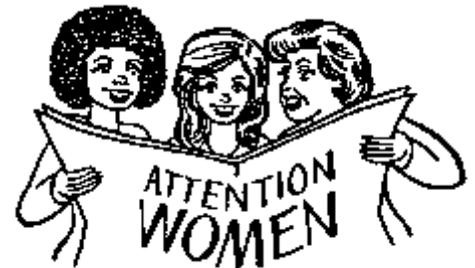
Who: Women of the Church

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 9:30am

Program: Weirton Christian Center presented by Jane Digman

Bible Book of the Month - Esther



We will be collecting Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education throughout the year.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 2nd @ 7:30am
At the Medallion

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 2nd– 7:30am– Men’s Prayer Breakfast
 Sunday, February 3rd– 10:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief Fund
 6pm– Board of Deacons meeting
 6pm– Super Bowl Party
 7pm– Board of Worship meeting
 Monday, February 4th– 6:30pm– Heart & Hand Volunteer Night
 7:00pm– Code Blue Youth Alliance Board of Directors meeting
 Saturday, February 9th– Church officer training at Parchment Valley
 Sunday, February 10th– 4:30pm– Board of Christian Education meeting
 6pm– Board of trustees meeting
 7:30pm– Church Council meeting
 Wednesdays, February 13th– March 20th– 12pm Lenten services at Philippi Baptist
 Sunday, February 17th– 6pm– Board of Missions & Outreach meeting
 Tuesday, February 19th– 7pm– Chris Tomlin concert in Charleston Municipal Auditorium
 Thursday, February 21st– 6:30pm– Community Potluck in the fellowship hall
 Saturday, February 23rd– 8am– American Baptist Men’s prayer breakfast at Belington First Baptist
 Sunday, February 24th– 11:45am– Fellowship meal

Philippi Baptist Church Officers, Boards, Committees 2013

Officers

Moderator– George Davis
 Vice Moderator– Charles Scheick
 Financial Secretary– Clarence Wright
 Assistant Financial Secretary– Scott Spinger
 Treasurer– Craig Cobb
 Assistant Treasurer– Jeff Allen
 Clerk– Carolyn Davis

Board of Trustees

(2nd Sunday @6PM)

Skip Ervin– Co-Chair
 Mary Boyer– Secretary
 Hayden Cottrill– Co-Chair
 Randy Moore
 Greg Mouser
 Marj Campbell

Board of Worship

(1st Sunday @ 7PM)

Cheryl Blankenship– Secretary
 Jovan Vlastic
 Lauren Lindsey
 Carol Ervin
 Eddy Poling
 Heather Cottrill

Diaconate

(1st Sunday @6PM)

Kelly Bracey– Co-Chair
 Carolyn Davis– Co-Chair
 Ken Waddell– Secretary
 Glenn Sweet
 Chuck Scheick
 Cheryl Wolfe
 Gary Price
 Vacancy
 Vacancy

Board of Christian Education

(2nd Sunday)

Sara Poling– Co-Chair
 Koreen Villers– Co-Chair
 Judi Funk– SS Superintendent
 Sarah Ferguson– Secretary
 Crystal Gray
 Rebekah Hicks

Board of Outreach & Missions

(3rd Sunday @6PM)

Dianna Wright– Chairman
 Margaret Salimi
 Zvesdana Vlastic– Secretary
 Linda Howell
 Martha Rose Roy
 Dawn Scheick

Nominating Committee

Chuck Scheick– Chairman
 Rebekah Hicks
 Barbara Smith
 Christie Allen
 Bob Boyer

Finance Committee

Clarence Wright– Chairman
 Craig Cobb
 Bob Digman
 Gary Price
 Bruce Blankenship
 Scott Springer
 Jeff Allen

Pastorial Relations Committee

Gerald Fogg– Chairman
 Jan Sweet– Secretary
 Darlene Waddell
 Michele Moore
 Vacancy



Barbour County Ministerial Association @ Philippi Baptist Church

Lenten Services will begin Ash Wednesday and go for seven weeks, with the last week being held on Good Friday. It was decided in the December Meeting that half the offerings taken each week would be donated to the mission of that weeks sponsoring church. Food for approximately 100 people needs to be fixed and served by the same church.

- February 13 -- Trinity Charge with Trinity's Assistant Fund as the mission represented
- February 20 – People’s Chapel with Kenya as the mission
- February 27 – Mountain Hospice with Hospice as the mission
- March 6 – Mansfield Charge with The Salvation Army as the mission
- March 13 – Belington Circuit with Heart and Hand as the mission
- March 20 – Haven of Hope with Haiti as the mission
- March 29 – New Life Family Worship Center with mission TBA. This will be on Good Friday, not Wednesday.*

The Union Association

- February 17 @ 4pm- Summit Park Baptist Church– Pastor Rick Owens, Speaker
- February 24th @ 4pm– East Clarksburg Baptist Church– Pastor Larry Fleming, Speaker
- March 3rd @ 4pm– Webster Baptist Church– Pastor Bruce Hoffman, Speaker
- March 10th @ 7pm– Hepzibah Baptist Church– Pastor Alan Rosenburger, Speaker
- March 17th @ 7pm– Union Baptist Church– Pastor Chris Mullett, Speaker
- March 24th @ 7pm– Middleville Baptist Church, Pastor Paul Boyles, Speaker

AUDIOADRENALINE

KINGS & QUEENS VIP EXPERIENCE

- VIP PRE-SHOW ENTRANCE
- VIP PRIORITY CHECK IN
- EXCLUSIVE AUTOGRAPH SESSION
- EXCLUSIVE Q & A WITH THE BAND
- COLLECTOR'S EDITION LAMINATE
- LIMITED EDITION AUDIO ADRENALINE PHOTO

Coming to Philippi... March 21, 2013

JUNIOR HIGH CONVENTION

MARCH 1-3, 2013

SAINT ALBANS
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
6TH AVE. & 2ND ST.
SAINT ALBANS, WY 25177

2012-2013
Youth Theme:
"Distinguishable"
Daniel 6:3

Speakers: Michael & Hayley DiMarco

Michael is Publisher & Creative Director at Hungry Planet and has authored or co-authored over a dozen bestselling books including the 2010 Christian Book of the Year for Youth- B4U/D8 (*Before You Date*). He is a skilled communicator and teacher, taking complex topics and breaking them down in an engaging and conversational style. Michael is also versatile in his speaking style, whether it's making a presentation to theological scholars or talking to a youth camp of middle schoolers about becoming the girly guy God made them to be. His passion is to point people to the One that saved him. He is married to an even more bestselling author, Hayley DiMarco, and father to their daughter Addison. Hayley founded Hungry Planet and is the best selling author of over thirty books, i.e. *Datiable*, *Marriable*, *Moan Girls*, *Sexy Girls*. Hayley has been a featured guest speaker for such large events as Women of Faith, Precept National Women's Convention, and MOPS Int. Leadership Convention among others. She has also consulted on the creation and enhancement of some of the largest stadium events geared to teens and young women in North America.

Band: 3 Shades of Blue

is a Christian rock band from Philadelphia, PA. They are 3 brothers (Jeffery- 18, Jesse- 18, Austin- 18) plus a guy who has refrigerator rights at their house (Dane- 18 who also happens to play bass). They are known for their unique blend of rock and solid lyrics of hope. Their energy and hearts for ministry have gained the attention of leaders in the music industry and many fans along the East Coast.

Schedule

Friday:
7:00-8:00 Registration
8:00-9:30 Worship with 3 Shades of Blue and the DiMarcos
9:30 Dinner to Housing

Saturday:
9:00-10:20 Worship with 3 Shades of Blue & the DiMarcos
10:20-11:00 Small Group
11:00-11:35 Games
11:35- 12:00 Rob Ely
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 Relationship Workshop
2:00-3:00 Games
3:00-3:45 The Distinguishable Voice
3:45-6:00 Free Time
6:00-8:00 Worship with 3 Shades of Blue and the DiMarcos
8:00-8:30 Distinguishable Youth Group
8:30-9:30 Fellowship & Snacks

Sunday
9:30-10:45 Worship with 3 Shades of Blue and the DiMarcos

COST: \$30.00... (including adults)
if postmarked by February 22nd
\$35 if AFTER Feb. 22, 2013 or at the door.
(Money must accompany registration in order to get the early bird price.)
Housing Deadline: February 22nd

All housing requests must be postmarked by February 22nd, at churches.or.admissions@wybc.org or accepted after this date. NO Exceptions!

Housing should NOT be requested by anyone who has made personal arrangements to stay with specific individuals.

JUNIOR HIGH CONVENTION is a three day event designed to equip, challenge and encourage the Christian Walk of Junior High students in grades 6-8. This event takes place in one of our local churches. The members of that church and surrounding WYBC churches provide housing for the youth.



**CHRIS TOMLIN
BURNING LIGHTS TOUR**

CHRIS TOMLIN
LOUIE GIGLIO (Select Dates)
KARI JOBE

CLICK TO PURCHASE TICKETS



Charleston Municipal Auditorium
Charleston, West Virginia
Tuesday, February 19th @7PM

NEW LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
WINTER RETREAT 2013

2 Timothy 1:6
I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you...

ABLAZE

"I set myself on fire and people come to watch me burn." - John Wesley



Guest speaker, T.J. Sletten
and his wife should be
surreptitiously
Serving as the Young
Adult leaders at Chestnut
Assembly of God in
Vandalia, MO. They have
A zeal for God and a
Passion to see the lost
saved and the bound set
free! You don't want
to miss this weekend!

Where: New Life
Family Worship Center
Philippi, WV

When: February 15-17

Contact: 304-457-5862

Cost: **FREE!**
(with exception of hotel rooms)

Age 13 - 19



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Hey, all you eager volunteer!

Save **Monday, February 4th**
For volunteer night at the Heart & Hand
Thrift Store
6:30pm to 8:00 pm

The West Virginia Baptist Convention staff has planned the Annual Church **Officers' Training** Event for Saturday, **February 9, 2013** at Parchment Valley Conference Center. The cost is \$15 per person for the day, including lunch. Registration begins at 9am.

