

The Parchment Valley Newsletter



Winter 2010

Message from the Director...

Recently Parchment Valley was Blessed with several inches of snow. Trees were glazed with the white topping and the land was hidden beneath the sudden storm. In this serene setting I am reminded of God's magnificent Grace that covers a multitude of sins in our own lives. The beauty of His Love is definitely etched by the continued work and support we receive of our friends here at Parchment Valley.



This year brought many changes to your conference center. With the passing of Dr. Donald M. Loudermilk, the man who passionately lived and wrote, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," always drove the tractor for the exciting wagon rides for Parchment Valley and inspiringly touched every life who knew him. Dr. Loudermilk and his legacy remain as a reminder of the dream, that WV Baptists would have a conference center that would be more than a camp site. Today that vision is a reality.



Dr. Donald M. Loudermilk

We said our goodbyes to The Division of Corrections, who officially left us January 1, 2010. Our prayer for Parchment Valley is to once again experience our Loving Savior's hand in providing our every need. So, without hesitation we ask you to continue to schedule your events and be the messengers to ADVANCE GOD'S KINGDOM.

Please share with the church and your community the wonderful opportunity to come to Parchment Valley and experience first hand what we have to offer. Contact us at 800-489-8564 or visit our website, www.parchmentvalley.org.

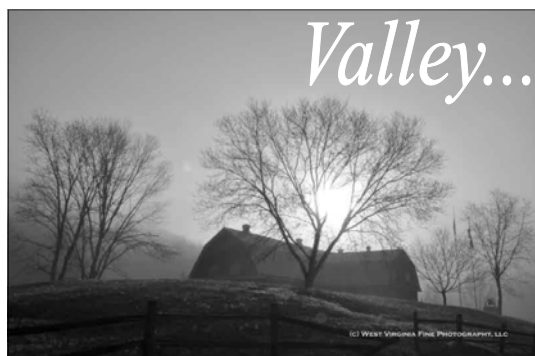
Be ~ Blessed,



Rev. Frank Miller
Director of Operations
Parchment Valley

Mark your calendar ~ April 30, 2010
ABMEN will meet at Camp Cowen for a
Cowen Work Party Retreat

Come to the



Valley... **Parchment Valley Conference Center**

“Where lives are changed.”

Designed For:

*Seminars - Conferences; Retreats - Classes; Summer
Camps; Band Camps; Reunions - Church Picnics;
Family & Group Camping*

Providing a Peaceful Setting in a Convenient Location

Parchment Valley Conference Center is a full service conference and seminar facility featuring accommodations for a variety of events. This secluded setting, located less than three miles from Ripley exit 138 on Interstate-77, is situated on more than 1,200 acres, including the main campus.

This beautiful, modern year-round facility features hotel style lodge accommodations for 78 overnight guests. All rooms feature private baths and air conditioning, and three rooms are specially equipped to accommodate guests with physical challenges.

The “dorm” facilities accommodate 120 guests, housing 10 persons per room in bunk beds with private bath. They are used by groups of all ages and are available throughout the year.

Our dining facility, which accommodates up to 200 guests, is located in the Administration Building (pictured on the front cover). Our foodservice staff prepared delicious menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner and a pot of coffee is usually on throughout the day.

Modern meeting room facilities are housed in four separate buildings and will comfortably accommodate groups from three to three hundred people. These meeting rooms are equipped with audio-visual technology that will enhance your presentation through multimedia. Five of the meeting areas feature hospitality centers for your convenience.

Attractions both Indoors and Outdoors

Need room for a leisure-time activity after a long day of meetings? Then the Greenlee Activities Center is a facility you need to reserve. The center is truly a multipurpose facility, offering quiet meeting rooms and a multipurpose area that features indoor volleyball, basketball courts and plenty of space to accommodate group activities. It also features a large open space called “The Loft” and a kitchenette. It is fully handicap accessible.

Just outside of the Activities Center is our outdoor pool, which is open during the months of June, July and August for the convenience and enjoyment of our guests. Use of the pool is included in the lodge and dorm room fees. Guests in our picnic areas and camp grounds may enjoy the pool for a nominal daily fee.



Lodge Room



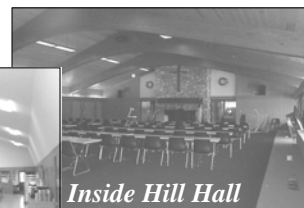
Inside the Dorms



Meeting Room



Dining Hall



Inside Hill Hall

From the very beginning, Parchment Valley was designed to accommodate groups of all ages, from children to senior adults. Meeting areas are situated to allow multiple groups to be on the grounds at the same time. Our activity fields easily accommodate athletic events or band field practice.

Parchment Valley is the perfect location for your week-long summer camp experience as well as for weekend retreats. Children and youth groups will find the “dorm” housing unique and the Greenlee Activities Center will provide programming space no matter what the weather may be. Campfire areas are located near the dorms and lodges for convenient access by groups as they close their day’s activities.

We are the Great Outdoors

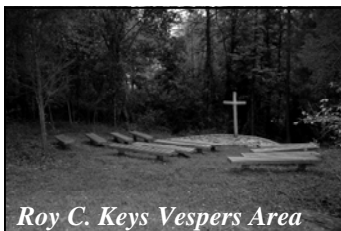
Enjoy outdoor worship in the new Roy C. Keys Vesper Area or take a hike out to Grapevine Chapel.

Our facility also features a camp ground with sites with utility hookups for RVs and a modern bath house located nearby. Tent camping sites are located near scenic Winter Lake just a short walk from the bath house.

The more than 1,000 acres of forest and seven miles of woodland trails afford many beautiful areas for you to step away from the crowds and experience the quiet serenity that envelops.



Grapevine Chapel



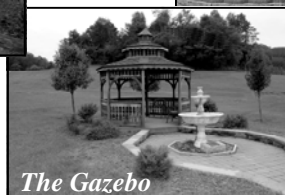
Roy C. Keys Vespers Area



Swimming Pool



Greenlee Activities Center



The Gazebo

“Newsletter Name Challenge”

Attention all you creative thinkers out there...

We want to challenge you to put your mind to work and help us choose a catchy title for The Parchment Valley Newsletter. Send your thoughts and ideas to blayton@wvbc.org or call them in to Barbie at (800) 489-8564 no later than Friday, April 2, 2010.

Once all suggestions are received, we will review them and make our selection to use for the next issue, which will go out towards the end of April.

The winner of the “Newsletter Name Challenge” will receive a FREE weekend get-away for two at Parchment Valley on the weekend of their choice (depending on availability.)

Deadline for suggestions: April 2, 2010

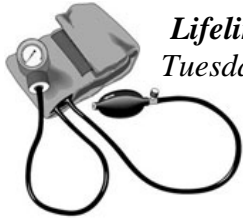
For Additional Information...

or reservations contact Guest Services at: Phone: 304-372-3675/Toll Free: 1-800-489-8564 or E-mail: conference@wvbc.org ~ Visit us on the Web at www.parchmentvalley.org

Route 2 Box 304, Parchment Valley Road, Ripley, WV 25271

Parchment Valley

Upcoming Events March and April 2010



Lifeline Screening
Tuesday, March 2nd

WVBC Staff Meeting
March 10



March 5-7
Tabernacle
Woman's
Retreat



ABWM Executive Board Meeting
March 12-14

March 6

School of Christian Studies -
Leadership Styles



National
ABMen's
Disaster
Relief
Meeting ~
March 10-12



ABMen's
Disaster
Relief
Meeting ~
March 12-13

March 13

School of Christian Studies -
Worship & Music



March 18 - Parchment Valley Board Meeting

Mt. Calvary Baptist Men's Retreat ~ March 19-20

March 22-26

Palmer Theological Seminary -
Theology Practice of Worship



of Faith & Hope
March 19-20



Children's
Spring
Rally
March 20
Theme:
The Armor
of God

PTS Graduation Banquet
March 25th



Boy Scout Dinner



March 23, 2010

First Baptist Hurricane/Pea Ridge Baptist Youth Retreat ~ March 26-28



Children & Youth
Worker Training
March 27

April 9-10
WVBC
Executive
Committee
Meeting

April 9-11
Youth Justice
Training

April 12 ~ Bowen Charitable Trust Meeting

April 13-15 ~ Minister's Retreat

ABWM
Marietta Association
April 16-17, 2010



First Baptist
Williamstown
Women's Retreat
April 23-25



April 30-May 2
West Virginia Baptist Convention
Minister's Wives Retreat