

# The Parchment Valley Scroll

## Message from the Director...

Be still, and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

God reminds us to be still. One of the many attributes of Parchment Valley is experiencing the stillness of God's presence. Recently, our internet service was out of commission for nine days. During this time we had no option but to wait for the technical support groups to resolve the issue. Finally we were online again, connected to the world and cyber space. How often we miss the blessing from those who humbly give of their time and talents. When we take time to see the beauty of our Lord working through others, it is then we are encouraged to "be still" and appreciate the labor of those who care.

I recently asked one of our volunteers what Parchment Valley meant to them and they quickly replied, "Parchment Valley is truly a place where we enjoy fellowship and growing spiritually." Our volunteers continually bless us through their kindness and acts of love; such as, the beautiful flowers that have been well manicured! When we receive such positive feedback of how wonderful our volunteers are, it's then that the Holy Spirit conveys God's peace in the stillness of His love.

I would like to thank each of you for praying and supporting the ministry of the West Virginia Baptist Conference Center, Parchment Valley, "where lives are changed."

Be Blessed,



Frank Miller  
Director of Operations  
West Virginia Baptist Conference Center  
Parchment Valley

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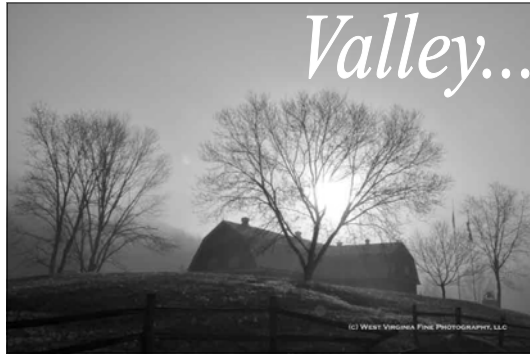
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# Come to the



## 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*

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

***Randy Bratka!***

***“Winner of the Parchment Valley Newsletter Name Challenge”***

*Please contact the office at (304) 372-3675 to receive a FREE weekend get-away for two at  
Parchment Valley on the weekend of your choice (depending on availability.)*

*A special thanks to all who entered this challenge.*

...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.  
Philippians 2:13 NIV

Brothers' Keeper 2009 brought many blessings and as a result, the lives of 36 families were changed. There were a total of 164 youth and adults who successfully completed 81 building projects. This was due in part to your financial support and the dedication of our Crew Chiefs and awesome teenage helpers. Each gave 100% of their time and energy, regardless of the task assigned, to assist the less fortunate in Jackson County, WV. As a result of the Brothers' Keeper program, complete strangers experienced brotherly love and fellowship. Thank you for your prayers, financial support and allowing our Lord to bless others through you.

Don't miss the May 1 early-bird registration deadline to participate in Brothers' Keeper 2010, July 18-23. Please continue to support this wonderful program, as we are on the move again! If you would like a Brothers' Keeper registration form or a spokesperson to speak to your church, just give us a call.

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Attention Friends of Parchment Valley ~

Your prayers and support are needed to help with a few upcoming projects:

- We are in need of a load of stone for the new RV park, and
- We are working on getting a kids slide for the swimming pool.

If you would be interested in helping with either of these projects,  
please contact Frank Miller at (304) 372-3675.

***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](mailto:conference@wvbc.org) ~ Visit us on the Web at [www.parchmentvalley.org](http://www.parchmentvalley.org)*

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

## WV AB Women's Ministries Special Project 2010

Every year the WV AB Women's Ministries select a Special Project to benefit a Ministry in West Virginia. This year, Parchment Valley Conference Center was selected in which our goal is \$14,000. Included in the package is a new kitchenette complete with cabinets, sink and microwave in the lobby area of Hill Hall as well as a new full size refrigerator in the storage area. This will allow groups to prepare food, clean dishes and supply storage space.



Parchment Valley has purchased a T-1 line in the Santrock Education Building for high-speed internet access. In today's world, technology is a very important factor in reaching out to others, so part of these funds will provide campus wide high speed internet services. Any extra funds will be used for additional lighting for parking lots and walkways as well as additional signs for campus buildings.

Additional questions can be directed to Gerry Prunty at (304) 428-1679 or Lou Ann Nicholas (304) 622-0988.

The AB Men appreciate all the churches that were recently involved with our state wide Men's Prayer Breakfast. Watch for a greater opportunity to gather in fellowship and mission support with the AB Men 2011 Prayer Breakfast, currently being planned.

The AB Men Disaster Relief Team building is now complete at our new Parchment Valley home. We wish to thank each of you for your contributions and hard work in making a dream become reality for God's Glory.

We continue to assist those in Southern WV, who were devastated by the recent flooding. Not only did we share our time and resources with them but also God allowed us to share the gospel in their homes. AB Men worked five weeks completing 15 jobs with one in progress to be completed next week. Owners completed 55 and 16 were not started as we could not contact them for various reasons. Total contacts are 86.



I have reserved Friday evening and Saturday (March 19, 2011) for the Annual 2011 Disaster Relief Meeting at Parchment Valley. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. If you are interested in joining the ranks of this most blessed ministry, please contact Mr. Jack Cobb today. You won't be sorry, you will be blessed.

If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered. Proverbs 21:13 (NIV)

Jack Cobb, American Baptist Men of WV  
Disaster Relief Coordinator, disaster.relief@abmen.org  
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## GOLDEN'EERS

Who are they? What do they do? Where do they gather? Why?

The Golden'eers are senior citizens, 55 years of age or older.

The Golden'eers come from churches all over the state of West Virginia, some even neighboring states for sharing in God's Word and worshiping. The program offers information that is relevant to seniors. Guest speakers share ideas for the importance of wills, ideas for caregivers, knowledge of health etc. There is always time for fellowship and getting acquainted with others. Talents are shared.



We gather at Parchment Valley twice a year; in May and September. Our Spring Conference this year is May 3, 4, and 5 with our Fall Conference being September 13, 14, and 15.

No matter what age we are, we all need fellowship, friends, and an opportunity to share with others. This provides the opportunity for seniors. This is our invitation to **YOU** to come and join us. I promise that you will only be a stranger until you get in the door.

If you have any questions you may contact our leader,  
Jerry Losh at (304) 562-9281 or e-mail jerry@fbcoh.com.

# Parchment Valley

## Upcoming Events May and June 2010



**Golden'eers  
Conference**

May 3-5

*Oakwood Baptist  
Mission  
Trip  
Planning  
Meeting*



South Parkersburg  
Baptist Church  
Camp Counselor  
Training Meeting

May 7-8



Fifth Avenue  
Baptist  
Homebuilders  
Sunday School  
Retreat

May 7-8

*Jackson County Anti-Drug  
Coalition Meeting*



May 13

*Campbell Memorial Baptist  
Church Retreat*

May 14-15

AB Girl's Festival  
May 14-16



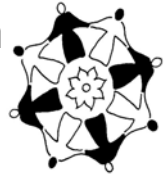
Sugar Creek  
Missionary Baptist  
Church Retreat

May 14-16



WVBC Staff  
Meeting  
May 19

Fairplain Union  
Women's Retreat  
May 20-22



Parkersburg Broadway  
Church of the  
Nazarene Retreat

May 28-30



*ABW Executive  
Board Meeting*  
June 4-5



*Baptist  
Polity*  
June 5

Bowen Trust Meeting  
June 7

Living Faith Christian  
Church Camp  
June 8-12

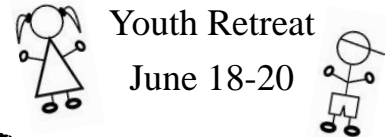
Ripley Police Department  
Youth Leadership Academy  
June 13-17

Parchment Valley  
Board Meeting  
June 17



*ABMen Executive  
Board Meeting*  
June 18-19

Christian Life Center  
Youth Retreat  
June 18-20



Twelve Pole Association  
Youth Camp  
June 20-25



Children's  
Music Camp  
June 27-29

