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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study7:00 p.m.

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From Pastor Jay

Going Uphill



Seneca Rocks from the bottom



..... the view from the top

West Virginia is beautiful. Canaan Valley. Blackwater Falls. Seneca Rocks. We live in an awesome state surrounded by God's handiwork. I'm grateful for a week where we saw the greatness and grandeur of God. Shifting gears, I have to brag on my family as we hiked, climbed and ascended Seneca Rocks and finally made it to the obser-

Youth Retreat

Hello all,

What a wonderful retreat we had with our united youth group. We had 24 students attending, ranging from grades 6-12. It was an amazing time learning about God. We studied the "Seeking God".

We had alone time with God each day, small groups, sang praise and worship songs and even cooked our own food. For a few hours on Saturday we swam, fished, played Ultimate Frisbee and just enjoyed God's creation.

One of the greatest things that happened all weekend was seeing kids unplug from their mobile devices and just get plugged into God. We had great lessons where kids opened up their hearts and just shared what God has been doing in their lives.

We were all very grateful for your support and prayers. It was an amazing weekend and we can't wait to do it again. Thank you all again for supporting our youth.

Bryson Morlan



Jacob showing the group a magic trick.



The group gathers for the first session about God.

How Sunday School began

Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see unschooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn't know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England's prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and homes to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the one day children didn't have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people's opposition to the education of lower-class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ's light and love to children around the world.

➤ *You and your family are invited to participate each Sunday in this important part of the life of our church.*

Stand up for your beliefs

Actress Patricia Heaton, a committed Christian, was supposed to make a presentation at the American Music Awards a few years ago, but the foul language used by some performers bothered her. Much of the talk was being "bleeped out" by the television network.

Heaton decided not to remain in such an uncomfortable setting. She stood up, walked out and went home.

Many people who saw Heaton leave sent her e-mail messages or letters praising her courage. We should all have the courage to stand up for our beliefs.

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vation deck. We weren't the swiftest but we got there. For parts of the trail, I carried Sarah on my shoulders. My brother-in-law Josh, had his eleven month old harnessed to him as he also often carried his soon to be three year old!

For our family, there are some trails we fail to finish. Our physical and mental threshold has limits and some of us get tired, stubborn, and cranky. That is how I imagined it for this trip, I thought we'd turn around. Thankfully, we kept going.

Yes, there was complaining along the way, but when we made it to the top, it was worth it. The finish. The view. I certainly consider it a neat accomplishment. All of us were, at least that's what I believe, happy to do it.

Thanks to incredibly generous in-laws, we stayed at the properties in Timberline. Ski resorts are much different in the summer, but they might be more beautiful. Amanda would agree. Timberline has a friendly trail on the left part of the resort; it's called Salamander. I distinctly remember skiing it, because it's one of the easier slopes. It's friendly going down (especially when you ski!), it's less so going up.

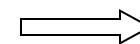
I don't run 5K's, 10K's, and marathons. It is a fight to get three miles on a treadmill. Thankfully, I took hiking up Salamander to task and made it up and down twice. That was three times going uphill.

Uphill. That's the word for this little article and some thoughts that come along with it. *Uphill.* For some of you, that's the circumstance of your life and it doesn't seem to be getting easier. Physical and mental fatigue won't stop. Add to this the possibility of stress and depression.

Some of you are facing battles that I cannot relate. Your fight is uphill and it filters into your daily living and into your relationships; you suffer and your family suffers. The stress and the strain are too difficult. You ask God to take things away and He doesn't. You ask God why and there is no answer given, or not the answer you want.

Maybe I cannot completely relate, but I can pray. Maybe I can share truth and hope. The God who made mountains, rock formations, and rolling meadows is not far off from you in the battles you fight and the hills that you climb.

Matthew 11: ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



2 Thessalonians 3: ³ *"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."*

May you experience the love, the strength, and the comfort of Jesus and His Spirit in your times of trial and helplessness. Earlier I mentioned the view after going uphill. Sometimes we don't get to see the view. We may not get our questions answered because the final view may be on the other side of eternity.

Amidst all that we go through that is an uphill, arduous and difficult climb, may we find hope that God continues to work for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28), for our good and His ultimate glory.

Church Women United

Church Women United will host the annual state assembly on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Quiet Dale United Methodist Church. This is a one day event with registration from 9 to 10:00 a. m. and closing on or before 3:00 p. m.

The day will include Bible Study, speakers from around West Virginia and a Memorial Service, a business meeting and information on Church Women United. Registration will include refreshments and lunch. See Cathy Vance for more information and registration forms.

WVBC Annual Meeting

The 152nd Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention will be held at New Baptist Church on October 19-20, 2017. The church is located at 610 28th Street, in Huntington, West Virginia.

I scream for ice cream

For many people, August is synonymous with cool treats. "I must have eaten 10 tons of ice cream alone in my lifetime," said the late TV commentator Andy Rooney. "It makes life seem long and lovely just thinking about every bite of it."

Ice cream's origins go back to the first century, when Roman emperor Nero served "sweet snow" at feasts. He had slaves gather snow from the mountains and flavor it with fruit, wine or honey.



Afterthoughts - "Missing" - Betty Norvell

I have been missing from church for several Sundays so I decided to write about missing church.

Some people miss church because they would rather be doing something else. That may be all right occasionally but not as a pattern. It seems to me that sports can take over. So can Sunday morning laziness, or just habit. And, of course, sickness.

Some people have been deeply hurt by a bad experience and cannot face going back. I hope in time they will seek another church.

But here is a major reason: who needs God? You may be an atheist, or a confessing but inactive Christian. You have been successful on your own, probably are. And children have not been raised to go to church. So who needs Church?

We all do. For our own uplifting but to show our gratitude and support for the institution and faith that has supported us, and our country. Shakespeare in *Lear* tells of the terrible suffering that comes for the family and nation by ingratitude.

Should we not give thanks to God and hold up some sense of responsibility to the Church, which is so needed in this period of cultural decline? What if it collapses? Did we do our part?

Aren't we all being hurt? Ingratitude breaks my heart.

Foolish talk

A pastor named P.S. Hensen was to speak at Lake Chautauqua on the subject of fools. His talk was likely based on 1 Corinthians 4:10, in which Paul said, "We are fools for the sake of Christ."

Bishop John Vincent rose from his seat and with a big grin on his face introduced Hensen with the following words: "Ladies and gentlemen, we're about to have a talk on 'fools' by one of the most well known ... (long silence, with laughter from the audience) distinguished men of Chicago."

As Hensen went to the lectern, he put his hand over his mouth to cover his laughter. He paused a few seconds and then said, "I am not so great a fool as Bishop Vincent ... (pause, silence, more laughter) would have you think."



Upshur Coun- Kelly Coberly at Buckhannon



ty's in Concert First Baptist

On **Sunday, August 6** our church will host Southern Gospel Recording Artist Kelly Coberly at our 10:45 Morning Worship Service. Kelly will share her music and her testimony with us and we will take a love gift offering to help support her ministry.

➤ Please plan to attend this special music service and invite friends and family to come along. The following information is from Kelly's website:

Growing up in a musical family, Kelly has always had a real passion for music. While attending Bluegrass Festivals and other musical events as a child, she always knew she wanted to pursue a singing career.

Kelly says, *"My first job in the music business was at age 7 when I helped my grandparents in their recording studio in Broadway, Virginia. I thought shrink-wrapping cassette tapes was the biggest thing in the world!"* Kelly has now turned her childhood dream into a reality.

Kelly began singing in the school choir at the age of 9, and in the year 2000, she began her career as a Country/Bluegrass Artist. Her career led her to receive 18 Awards from the Tennessee Country Music Association (TCMA), and the North America Country Music Association International (NACMAI). Kelly also had an original single, titled "YaWanna Bet" that reached #2 on the Country Music charts in Australia.

➤ As a Country/Bluegrass Artist, Kelly recorded five albums, including a tribute album, titled "Remember West Virginia Coal". **This album was a tribute to her hometown of Upshur County, West Virginia, where the Sago Mine Tragedy occurred in January 2006.**

In early 2014, Kelly's singing career advanced to an even greater level when God called her into the Gospel Music Ministry. She is now a Southern Gospel Recording Artist, and has released her debut Gospel Album titled, "Because He Loved Me".

In September 2015, Kelly released her debut single, "Because He Loved Me" to national radio, which reached #12 on the SGN Scoops Top 100, #16 on the Southern Gospel Magazine Top 40, and #53 on the Singing News Top 80.

Kelly's latest single, "Midnight Cry" reached #1 on the Music To Radio Top 40, and is still appearing on multiple Gospel Music charts, including the Christian Voice TOP 100. In 2016, Kelly received Female Vocalist of the Year at the 2016 Crimson Music Awards, bringing her total to 19 awards throughout her Gospel, Country, & Bluegrass career.

Kelly's highly-anticipated follow-up album, "I Believe", was released in March 2017. Kelly says "I am extremely blessed to be able to do what I love, and to be able to use the talent God has given me, and to share His word in song. If I can bless someone with my music, and lead them closer to the Lord, then my mission has been accomplished. I want everyone to be able to experience the joy of having God in their life."

Thoughts about hymns

The words in at First Baptist re-authors as well as faith from Christians of these songs have what other Christians have been through.



many of the hymns we sing reflect the best 20th-century prayers and statements of many centuries ago. Many a rich history that tell us

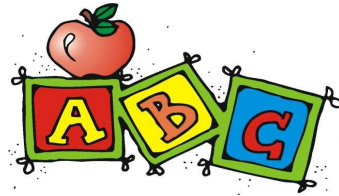
When we look into the author's lives we can identify with their struggles and their losses. For example, "It is Well With my Soul" was written by a father, Horatio Spafford, mourning the tragic loss of his four daughters in a ship wreck.

Hymns can lift our spirits, give us courage, and move us to righteous action. They can fill our souls with heavenly thoughts and bring us a spirit of peace. Many of the hymns we sing are thought provoking and help us to understand the Christian life.

JLP

Practicing the ABC's

As school resumes, Christians of all ages can practice their faith ABCs. Connie Willems, editor of Discipleship Journal Online, suggests praying through the alphabet to describe God.



What would you list? Ideas could include Almighty, Blessed, Christ, Divine, Elohim, Faithful, Gracious, Holy and so on. If Q and X stump you, relax the rules a bit: Quitting? Never! and Xcellent! surely describe our Lord.

Try a similar approach to think of people and things to thank God for: Apples, Books, Cats, Daddy, Elephants, Friends ... and on and on!

Spelling spree

As A kindergartner was practicing his spelling with magnetic letters on the refrigerator. He'd formed the words cat, dog, dad and mom for his family to see. One morning, the boy showed his proud mother three magnetic letters: G-O-D. "Look what I spelled!" he exclaimed.

"That's wonderful!" Mom said. Happily, she thought, "The influence of Sunday School sure is having a great impact." Just then the boy asked, "Mom? How do you spell 'zilla'?"



Camp Global 2017 - Family Mission Camp August 11-13, 2017

West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen

Programming for children, youth and adults.

The camp will begin with registration on Friday at 6 p.m.
and will conclude on Sunday at 1 p.m.

See Pastor Jay for a copy of the registration form.
Registration deadline: August 8, 2017

For more information contact Joan at 304.422.6449 OR hall@wvbc.org.

From a church bulletin:



It should be the
other way around.

Sermon title: "As Fall turns to Summer."

Makers of movies, take notice

Ted Baehr, a Christian who monitors moral content in media, discovered that films containing a strong moral and ethical worldview make more money than films that don't. On average, films that reflect Christian faith and values averaged \$75.6 million, while those with lower standards recouped only \$26.9 million.

Considering that 76 percent of Americans identify themselves as Christians, movie-makers would do well to lift up such values as honesty, truthfulness, justice and love of God and neighbor. And we would do well to support these efforts.

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Don't worry ...

Past issues of the newsletter are be-
ing posted under the Events icon.



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firstbaptistbuckhannon.net in your web browser
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Note: The site is being developed. More
information will be added in the future.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Sandi Peck
- 9 - Tori Hewitt, Kloe Lee
- 12 - Peggy Swisher
- 13 - Frances Light, Sam Teodoro
- 15 - Bill Hurst
- 18 - Jacob Hinkle
- 19 - Wanda Light
- 21 - Matt Leigh
- 22 - Marcia Lee, Sebastian Leigh
- 23 - Willie Parker



UPCOMING
Events

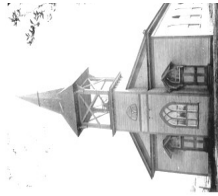
- [] **Tuesday, August 1 - 7:00 p. m.**—The American Baptist Women’s Ministries will meet at the church.
- [] **Wednesday, August 2 - 11:30 a. m.** - - The Widows for Christ will meet at Butera's Italian Grill at the Buckhannon Country Club. If anyone needs transportation, please call Jean Harris, 304-472-2247.
- [] **Sunday, August 6 - During the Morning Worship Service** - Our church will host Southern Gospel Recording Artist Kelly Coberly in concert. Please invite your friends, neighbors and family.
- [] **Wednesday, August 8 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** - The Community Outreach Dinner. The dinner is free and everyone is welcome. Desserts are always needed for the dinner.
- [] **Friday, August 11 - 7:00 p. m.** - A Finding Favor Concert at the Gassaway Baptist Church. The price of tickets are \$7:00 for balcony seats and \$10 for floor level seats. If you are interested see Bryson Morlan for tickets.
- [] **Monday, August 21 - 7:00 p. m.** - Deacon Board meeting.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Don and Peggy Swisher
- 10 - Jerry and Karen Leigh
- 19 - Eddie and Sally Anne Veith
- 27 - Fred and Janet Newman
- 27 - Tom and Sandy Leggett
- 29 - Pastor Jay and Amanda Teodoro



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