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Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship ....10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

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## **Independence Day**

Freedom. Is there any other word in the English language so sweet?

That's what the Founding Fathers of The United States of America believed anyway. They loved the word, and perhaps even more, the idea of freedom so much that they pledged "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor" to help achieve it for this nation.

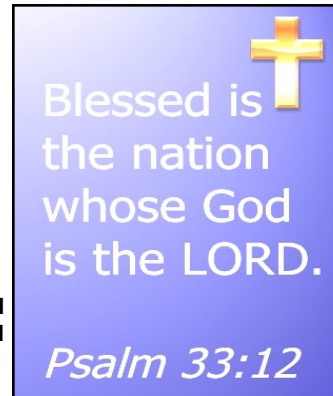
The 56 signers of The Declaration of Independence suffered through threats, imprisonment, and even torture for freedom – all because they found a cause for which it was worth sacrificing their lives.

The cause in their day was gaining liberty from the tyranny of King George III. He had set up our colonies with multiple restrictions on our rights and governance, so our founders decided to break free. We should be thankful they did.

## **Our personal "Independence Day"**

As we celebrate Independence Day this year, it would be good for us to remember (and celebrate) our spiritual journey to freedom, as well.

The Bible describes it this way our personal *"Independence Day this way: "For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins"* (Colossians 1:13-14).



## **2017 FBC Sports Adventure Camp Photos**



From Pastor Jay

Who are you?

That’s the theme Do you know who you are? That may not be a question you fully resolve by the time you read and finish this. More than anything else, as you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you know that you are a Christian. You are also saved. Remember Ephesians 2:8, *"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith."*

As a new believer, I was taught 2 Corinthians 5:17. I am a new creation in Jesus Christ. The old is gone and the new has come. God has forgiven me in Christ and has taken away my sin. He has freed you and me from the old way of life and given us the new, a restored and redeemed life.

I believe these truths about my new nature, given to me by Christ. However, those things that I believe, don’t always filter into how I live. I am forgetful. I am angry. I am impatient. I don’t treat others the way I want to be treated. I am too concerned and controlled by the thoughts and opinions of others. I sin. I lack faith. And by those things mentioned, I drift away from the identity given by God and His kingdom, sliding to an identity resembling the ways of the world.

All of us can trap and pigeon hole others through our words and the attitudes that we have. We fail to realize the hurt and damaging effects of what we say. They may be directed toward others, but also right back to ourselves. *"You’re stupid. You’re useless. You’re ugly. You’ll never amount to anything. You’re a failure. You can’t do anything right."* These words become so destructive that we believe it. We believe the lies said of others and of ourselves to the point of it shaping our identity.

That’s now who I am. That’s not who you are. I encourage you to read Ephesians 1:1-14. This portion of Paul’s letter is powerful, but also dense. It might be confusing. We all need to handle it with prayer and with time. It is very theological and at the same time it is helpful. I believe to see it as a gift given to the children of God. Although I say it gives us incredible insight to who we are, it gives a brighter beacon to the goodness of God, to the praise of His glory alone.

When I mention that this passage is a gift given to us, it reveals a number of gifts bearing light into our true nature, our new identity, letting us know who we truly are. Jesus Christ has made all of it possible. In verse 3, Jesus has blessed us with *"every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places."* I won’t be able to unpack these verses. I simply want to share what the scriptures say about you and me and who we truly are.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe this about yourselves; it is good and powerful news. Forgive my grammar, but I am going to place everything in the present tense to make a point about our true identity in Christ. You are a saint. You are chosen. You are holy and blameless. You are predestined. You are adopted. You are sons and daughters of God. You are redeemed. You are forgiven of your trespasses.

You are given great insight as God has made known to you the mysteries of his will. You are given an eternal inheritance. You are sealed with the Holy Spirit. Simply put, you are called and loved by the God of the Universe, your heavenly Father, and we echo, *"to the praise of His glorious grace!"*

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and much more.

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Interim Executive Minister selected

The Executive Board of the West Virginia Baptist Convention upon recommendation of the Executive Search Committee has taken steps to hire an Interim Executive Minister. Dr. Michael Stephens has been selected to fill this position.

Dr. Stephens will work with the convention staff to meet current objectives and provide leadership during this time of transition.

Dr. Stephens will officially begin his duties on August 18, 2017.



Dr. Michael Stephens



**Camp Global 2017 - Family Mission Camp**  
**August 11-13, 2017**  
**West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen**

We are ... "... the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14

Programming for children, youth and adults.

Bible Study Leader: Ron Stoner, retired pastor  
Worship Leader: Michael Young, interim pastor,  
Main Street Baptist Church, Point Pleasant

Missionary Guests: Keith and Debbie Myers (Mexico),  
Juan and Denise Aragon (Mexico) and Debbie Mulneix (Philippines)

Vespers: Debbie Mulneix

Children's Leader: Rowena Sizemore

Youth Leader: Lisa Simmons

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.

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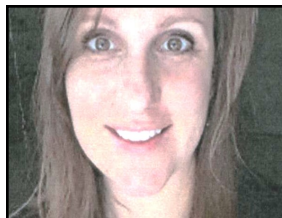
## Camping and youth

The Executive Committee of the West Virginia Baptist Convention approved the hiring of Mrs. Jillene Narraway as the Associate Director of Camping and Youth.

Jill comes to the position having served on the staff of ABC/NYS as its Youth Program Director and as the Director for Camp Vick.

Jill has led the state youth ministries in New York for the past decade. She will bring that job experience to her role in leading the Convention youth ministries and events.

Narraway will begin her ministry with the Convention on July 1, 2017. Please keep her and her family in prayer as they transition to life at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen where they will live in the new Crouch House.



Jillene Narraway

## Afterthoughts - "Thankful: For what?" - Betty Norvell

I was intrigued when Pastor Jay asked the congregation what we could be thankful for about the church. There were three responses. We can do better than that.

When I was growing up most of the time we lived right next to the church. It was a large part of my stability and inspiration. The spire lifted up beyond the other structures, pointed upward to heaven, and the solid foundations of the church, seemingly on every other corner, were the sure foundations of our society.

They demonstrated the beauty of truth in the windows, in the architecture. So It was inside, windows and woodwork. God made a material universe, an awe-inspiring setting for our lives.

Whenever I go to church I find not only that setting but a human atmosphere of friendly support. I am glad to chat with friends, to sit and share with them what we have learned for our journey. I am strengthened by the music and prayers, the sermon. My week seems empty if I don't go to church.

I want to say more about the hymns. I like the new ones but I love the old ones. They take me back to my early childhood, and connect me again to those I loved then and mean so much to me now.

And let me not forget the services of the church to the community and the poor, services I could not do by myself. Above all, the church reminds me that Christ and Holy Spirit are still alive.

There is everything to be thankful for.

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## 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. More information and registration forms will be available at FBC.

# The Doxology

Like a lot of other churches, we sing the Doxology every Sunday. Did you ever wonder how the song originated? Well, it's an old tune – a very old tune – almost 350 years old.

Why do we continue to use such an old song? For one thing sometimes older is better. We often like old things. Antique shops in many towns do a thriving business.



I sometimes feel old in today's world and maybe I am. French Morgan lived across the street from the parsonage in the big house. One day he told me that he had once talked to a man who fought in the American Civil War.

He said I was talking to a man - who had talked to a soldier - who fought in the Civil War. The Civil War ended 152 years ago, in 1865. When he told me that story I felt kind of old.

When a company makes some improvements to a product, they advertize it as "new and improved." But sometimes an improvement is not better. Remember when Coke Cola changed its product and came out with a new Coke? People didn't like it, so the company went back to its old formula.

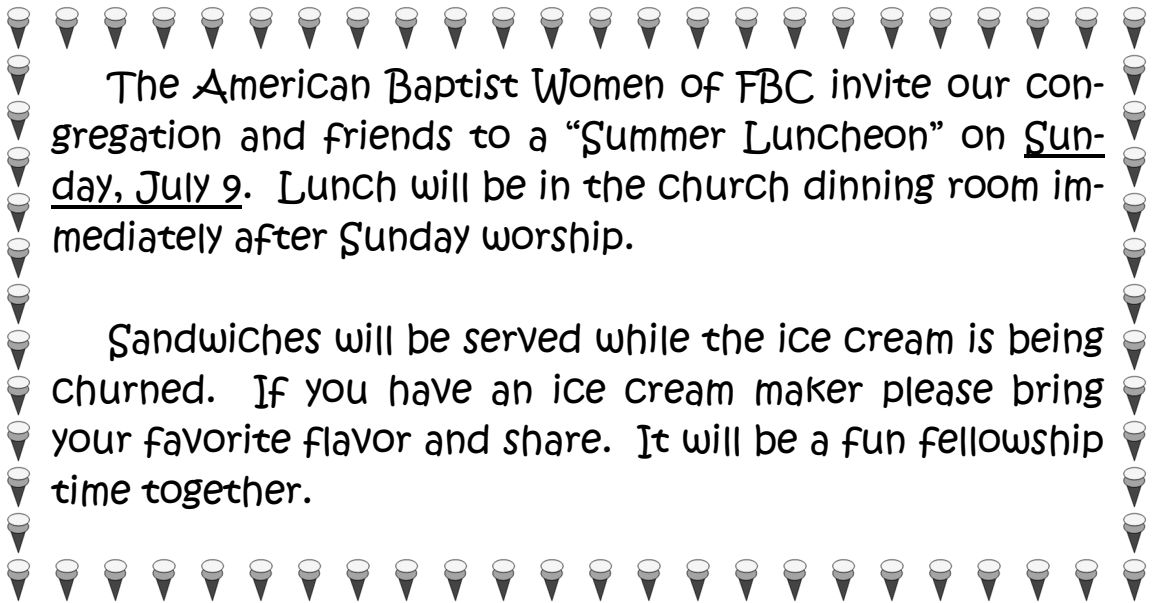
We use the Doxology because it's a great tune to glorify God and to thank him for the blessings we have received. There are several "Doxologies" that are used in churches today.

One used by Protestant churches is called the Gloria Patri. The words are "*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*" As well as praising God, the Gloria Patri doxology also recognizes the three Persons of the Holy Trinity.

The Doxology we use is usually referred to as The Common Doxology, and begins "*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*". The words were written in 1674 by Thomas Ken, a priest in the Church of England. He intended to use it during morning and evening worship at Winchester College when the dedication of offerings was given. It was sung to the tune "Old 100th".

Some Christian denominations have adopted altered versions of the Doxology to include other words to praise God or as a reference of God's love.

— JLP



The American Baptist Women of FBC invite our congregation and friends to a "Summer Luncheon" on Sunday, July 9. Lunch will be in the church dinning room immediately after Sunday worship.

Sandwiches will be served while the ice cream is being churned. If you have an ice cream maker please bring your favorite flavor and share. It will be a fun fellowship time together.

## Camp Mountaineer

Camp Mountaineer is the name of Kodiak Baptist Mission's Adventure Camp. In honor of the Central Baptists of West Virginia who sponsored it the appropriate name of Mountaineer was chosen.

Our slogan "to ride, shoot and speak the truth" is prominently displayed. The island youth will be learning to ride the Mission's horses in a wilderness beach setting, they will be learning marksmanship with Daisy BB Guns and archery as well, but much more importantly they will be hearing the spoken truth of which is the Gospel of our Lord.

This camp started on June 13, 2017 led by Josh Bell, our Outdoor School instructor and coordinator. Orlando Mendez is there with his youth group from Community Baptist Church.



Johnny Walker  
Executive Director  
Kodiak Baptist Mission  
Kodiak, Alaska

— Johnny Walker

(Note: Johnny Walker spoke about the Kodiak Baptist Mission at a Broad Run Baptist Association meeting at Fisher Camp this spring.)

# Threꝛ gatꝛs of gold

One year our band at East Fairmont High School played a selection titled, Three Gates of Gold. It was a beautiful song that had a poem at the top of each sheet of music about three gates of gold. A few years ago I found the poem in a book I had purchased. The poem was attributed to author Beth Day supposedly from 1835.

## Three Gates of Gold

*If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale someone to you has told about another,  
Make it pass before you speak,  
Three gates of gold.*

*Three narrow gates:  
First, "Is it true?"  
Then, "Is it needful?"  
And the next is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"*

*And if to reach your lips at last  
It passes thru these gateways three,  
Then you may tell the tale,  
Nor fear what the result of speech may be.*

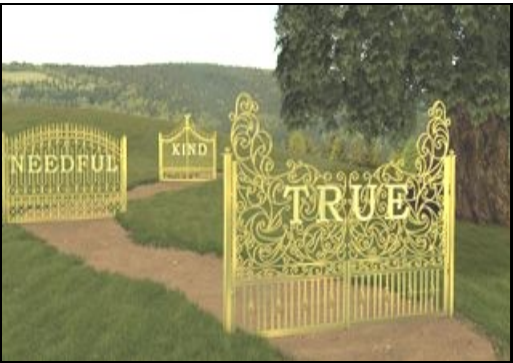
Our band director, Harold Glasgow, told us that most students (and adults) have a natural curiosity about what's going on among people in their community. When you gossip you betray a confidence and you spread sensitive information or hurtful judgments.

He told us we should think before we speak. He said that before we repeat something we've heard about another person, think: Does this really do any good for me to spread this information? Or am I just trying to be in the know?

Using the words in the poem he said we should ask: Is the information even true? Could I be hurting someone by telling this, even if it's true? Is the information needed? Then he said that if the person you are talking to is not part of the situation there's no need to tell them anything.

There are a number of Bible verses about gossip, especially in Proverbs. In Ephesians 4:29 tells us, *"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."*

— JLP



# Youth Weekend Retreat

On July 7-9 we are planning a Youth Weekend Retreat at the Woody farm on the Thomasville Road. It is for students going into 6-12 grades. We are leaving from Alliance church Friday July 7 at 6:15 p.m. and will return on Sunday the 9th around noon.

Items which you need are:

Your Bible, bug spray, sleeping bag, clothes to get muddy in, change of shoes, shower and hygiene stuff, flashlight, and a bandanna.

We will be participating in small groups, having alone time with God, prayers and meditation, games, and a lot of food! More information will be passed out along with registrations and insurance forms as we get closer to the event.

## What can you do to help?

- ✓ Please pray for support for our staff.
- ✓ Also pray to support the kids who might be experiencing God for the first time or to boost their walk with God.
- ✓ We need food and drinks for 2 breakfasts 2 lunches and 2 dinners. Pepperoni rolls, cereal, buns, hamburger, hot dogs and items like that would be welcome along with snack food.
- ✓ You can drop off the food items at the church or parsonage on Thursday or Friday.

Thank you for your time, support, and prayers.

Bryson

From a church bulletin:

January usually  
comes before February



The Moderator announced that the church business meeting will be held on Monday, January 28 or Monday, February 2, whichever comes first.

**Kid wisdom about fathers:** When your father is upset and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Kelli Marteney
- 2 - Clayton Phillips
- 4 - Pauline Nye
- 6 - Bill Painter
- 7 - Tracy Hite
- 14 - Tracy Hurst
- 17 - Jack Lee
- 25 - Judy Nestor
- 26 - Austin Curry
- 27 - Helen Burkhammer
- 28 - Fred Newman, Tracy Hunt

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 - John and Betty Puffenbarger
- 16 - Ryan and Destiny Nestor

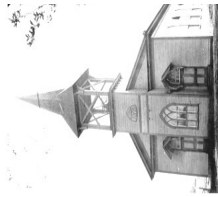


UPCOMING  
Events

- [ ] **Sunday, July 2** - Communion Sunday.
- [ ] The American Baptist Women’s Ministries will not meet this month. They are instead sponsoring an **ice cream social** after the Morning Worship Service on **Sunday, July 9**. Everyone is invited. (See the notice inside.)
- [ ] **Tuesday, July 4** - The Fourth of July.
- [ ] **Wednesday, July 5 - 11:30 a. m.** - The Widows for Christ will have a covered dish picnic at the home of Cheryl Parker. The group will carpool from the church at 11:10 a.m. For additional information, contact Jean Harris, 304-472-2247.
- [ ] **July 7 to July 9** - Youth Weekend Retreat. See the article inside for details.
- [ ] **Monday, July 10 - 7:00 p.m.** - Church Council.
- [ ] **Tuesday, July 11 - 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.
- [ ] **Monday, July 17 - 7:00 p. m.** - Deacon Board meeting.
- [ ] **Monday, July 24 - 7:00 p. m.** - Church Business Meeting.



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