

The First Baptist Church

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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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The cornucopia

The cornucopia expresses the abundance that Thanksgiving celebrates. It is an ancient symbol used in Greek and Roman mythology.



In some myths, the goat Amalthea, whose milk fed the infant Zeus, was said to have a horn that was always filled with whatever anyone wanted to eat or drink. In other tales the Roman goddess of plenty, named "Copia," always wore or carried a horn filled with fruits and drinks. The horn of plenty was always full; its abundance could never be exhausted.

Today the cornucopia sounds the joyful noise of God's bountiful blessings, of the abundant, overflowing graciousness that God makes available in our lives. This horn also sounds a note to remind us that we must use our blessings to bless others.

A day of remembrance

Veterans Day is a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

On this national holiday, we should pray for the day when *"they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more"* (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

The Bible according to kids

Children say the funniest things about Scripture. Here are a few examples:

- "In the first book of the Bible, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off."
- "Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients."
- "The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments."
- "The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him."
- "When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta."

Listen

As a doctor examined a 4-year-old boy, he thought it would be interesting to let the lad listen to the beating of his own heart. With the listening device in his ears and the probe on his heart, the boy was asked, "What do you hear?"

The boy, who attended Sunday school regularly, responded, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

Eagerness

A church school teacher was instructing her class of young children about the need to bring an offering to buy food for hungry children.

One eager lad spoke up and said, *"I'll go home now to get money and I'll bring it right back. The children might starve before next Sunday."*

The psalmist who wrote *"O that today you would listen to his [God's] voice!"* (Psalm 95:7, nrsv) would have loved that "go-getter" boy.

Don't put off doing the good deed you could do now.

How To Find Friends

*I went out to find a friend, but could not find one there;
I went out to find a friend, and friends were everywhere.*

God of the humdrum

If God is not in your typewriter as well as your hymnbook, there is something wrong with your religion.

If God does not enter your kitchen, there is something wrong with your kitchen.

If you can't take God into your recreation, there is something wrong with your play.

If God for you does not smile, there is something wrong with your idea of God.

We all believe in the God of the heroic. What we need most these days is the God of the humdrum — the commonplace, the everyday.

—Peter Marshall

Playing baseball

The pastor began his "Time for Children" with a statement and a question. "I did something yesterday which I have not done in a long time. What do you think I did?" "Paid your bills," answered a 10-year-old boy.

After the congregation's laughter subsided, the pastor said, "No, I played baseball." Then he went on to say that he couldn't see the ball well without his glasses.

He compared his inability to see with the inability of two of Christ's followers to see that the person who joined them on their walk to Emmaus was really the risen Christ. They only truly recognized the risen Lord when *"he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them"* (Luke 24:30, NRSV).

Christ was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread. We, too, may sense the presence of the living Christ whenever we take Holy Communion.

Advice from a pumpkin

Be well-rounded. Get plenty of sunshine. Thank God for life's bounty. Have a thick skin. Keep growing. Be outstanding in your field. Think big!



Adopt-A-Family Weekly Food List

The Deacon and Deaconess Boards are once again sponsoring the Adopt-a-Family program this Christmas season. Food collection will conclude on December 3, 2017. This outreach program helps many families in need at Christmas time. Your generous donations will be appreciated.

Sunday, November 5	1 box of stuffing mix
Sunday, November 12	1 box of instant potatoes and 2 cans of gravy
Sunday, November 20	1 jar of peanut butter and 1 jar of jelly
Sunday, November 26	1 box of oil or 1 can of shortening
Sunday, December 3	1 box of cake mix and 1 can of frosting
Sunday, December 10	\$5.00 donation for perishables and a bag of candy

We weren't the first

We tend to think of Thanksgiving as a holiday unique to the United States. But America's neighbors to the north and south celebrated it even earlier than the Pilgrims' famed meal in 1621.

Canada's first Thanksgiving feast, held by English explorer Martin Frobisher, occurred in Newfoundland in 1578. The country's Thanksgiving observance is now on the second Monday in October, with holiday fixings that are similar to those enjoyed by Americans.

In Mexico in 1598, a large group of explorers, soldiers and Franciscans traveled on sand dunes in what's now the American Southwest. They were running low on water, so when they reached the Rio Grande, they expressed gratitude to God by feasting on fish, duck and geese. No official date is set for Thanksgiving celebrations in Mexico.

People of all nationalities have been giving thanks to God for as long as we've been on the earth.



Sending and receiving cards

When the postman delivers a birthday card, it makes the person who receives it happy. When you receive a card you feel better. When a person is in the hospital, receiving a get well card makes a person realize that someone really cares about them.

There are various types of greeting cards: Sympathy, Birthday, Thinking of You, Musical, and Holiday. Every greeting card is unique in its own way. But the best thing about a greeting card is the message of the person sending it. That's what makes it unique. Many cards are kept and treasured for a long time.

In this fast paced world, many people send cards via the computer. However, there is nothing more pleasant than receiving a card that someone has mailed. Just knowing that the sender made a special effort to purchase the card, wrote a few words inside and mailed it makes a person feel special and needed.

I have always enjoyed receiving birthday cards. When Betty was in the hospital recently, we realized how important cards were. When you receive a card you know that people are thinking of you and are wishing you well.

There are even benefits to the person sending greeting cards. When you send a card you are making someone happy, which makes you happy. These feelings are beneficial to our well being. Greeting cards bring a lot of joy to the giver and the receiver. Isn't that great?

-JLP

Church Women United
World Community Day
Theme: "Kindling Fires of Peace"
Friday, November 3, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Seven Day Adventist Church
Brushy Fork Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

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Hello all:

I hope this letter catches you well and in good spirits of all that God has been doing with our youth. We have had a wonderful October with some great activities for our youth like capture the flag and video game night. We have a lot going on in November as well.

We have two big events for November. Saturday, November 4th is our paint ball trip to Scary Creek in Saint Albans. The cost is \$40 but bring a little extra money for food and extra paintballs. The \$40 dollars covers your basic gun, 500 paintballs, mask and CO2. We will leave from Buckhannon Alliance Church at 7:00 a. m.

Another big event we have is for our Jr. High. It is Jr. High Convention in Beckley at Crab Orchard Missionary on November 17-19. It is an over night trip that takes a special sign up so please come and see me to sign up so we know about lodging arrangements.

The cost is \$35 if we register before November 6th. It's \$45 dollars after that. This is NOT just for 6-8th graders, it is for anyone in grades 6-9th grade. We will have a live band and a special speaker, Elliott Gregory.

If you are interested in either one of these events please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have help support the youth this past month through prayers, food, and finances.

*In God's love,
Bryson*



THANKSGIVING DINNER

The church Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Friday, November 17 at 6:00 p. m. in the dining hall.

The meat, dressing, gravy and potatoes will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts.

From Pastor Jay *Discovering the Bridge of Hope*

When you're miles from home, the last session of the WV Baptist Convention (152nd) Annual Meeting can be something you want to miss. People are anxious to get back and it could be scheduled at an earlier time. But, for those who decided to skip, they truly missed out on hearing a wonderful message and testimony from our denomination's General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer.

Anyone's testimony is a miracle. We who have been saved by grace, who confess and profess Jesus to be Lord and Savior are walking, living miracles. But, we are human and compare each other to someone who's story is more interesting or exciting. We think, "why isn't my life that interesting?" Dear friends in Christ Jesus, you are unique and extraordinary! We thank God for every story.

Rev. Spitzer's shared that in the 1890's, the families of Jewish immigrants coming to America were often separated. On the boats, young babies and children were taken from their parents. They would be reunited when they docked but this was obviously devastating. Spitzer traces his American Baptist roots to these events as American Baptist women, served these families, set up nurseries, and took care of the children during this separation. He stated that they may have served his family.

I have heard of conversion stories of God revealing himself to Muslims, to Eskimos, to people all over the world meeting Christ but those details are fuzzy. Lee's story is similar. Simply, Jesus revealed himself to Lee Spitzer, a young Jewish teenager, in his dreams. In his recurring dream a man is riding on a white horse, coming down from a mountain, and leading an army.

Over time and I'm not sure of where he found it, but he discovered a Bible. He heard a voice that told him to turn to Revelation 19:11, "Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war." Whoa. He was also shown Matthew 1 where he read the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah as it traced back to Abraham! Dr. Spitzer surrendered his life to Jesus Christ and became a Christian.

Rev. Spitzer humorously spoke about saying to God that he would become a Christian but he wouldn't tell anyone about it. But over time he became a witness and shared his faith. The most difficult decision was letting his family know and he described telling his father. He was sitting at the dinner table. He walked to his dad who was over 300 lbs. and that he was under 100 lbs. and since then he has made up for lost time! He was terrified but shared his decision to follow Jesus, "Dad, I've become a Christian."

Pastor Jay (continued)

Amazingly, his father followed with, "I am too." They embraced and I'm lost in the details but for fear of endangering his family, Lee's dad would not tell anyone. When Lee was born, his father held him up and prayed that God in Christ would reveal himself and save his son! Praise God that he did. God would lead him to serve within the American Baptist Church. He was taken by this body of Christ who loved the Lord and stood against prejudices toward Jews, African Americans, and Asians and received them as neighbors.

I'm thankful that I was there to see, hear, and experience that! Into 2018, our convention's theme is to be a Bridge of Hope anchored by John 14:6, "I (Jesus) am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We praise God for the bridge Jesus made for us and to Dr. Spitzer.

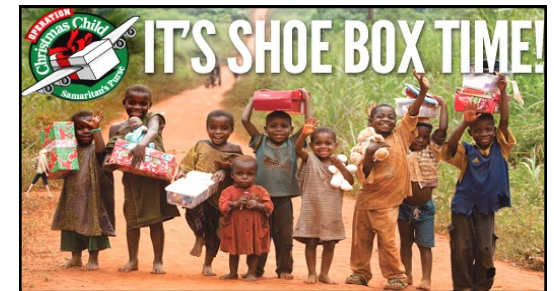
Around the world

From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country.

New in 2017. No toothpaste or candy. These items are no longer allowed in shoeboxes due to customs regulations.

Cathy Vance announced that First Baptist will once again serve as the collection center for this area. Shoeboxes will be collected during the week of November 13 to November 20. Monday, November 20 is the day the shoeboxes will be taken to Bowden, West Virginia.

If you need shoeboxes for packing items you have purchased, please see Cathy Vance or Amanda Teodoro.



Announcement

Joanne Rozelle and Jacob Teodoro joined the church this past month. We welcome both of them to our church membership.

Children's Fall Rally

November 4, 2017 at Parchment Valley

Scripture: "I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.
What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well." Psalm 139:14

Cost is \$12.00 if postmarked by October 27th
and \$25.00 if postmarked after October 27th or at the door.
See Bryson Morlan for details

From a church bulletin:

Actually, it will feature
excellently *prepared* food.



Our church dinner Sunday evening
will feature excellently repaired
food.

Fans ... or followers?

In *Not a Fan* (Published by Zondervan), author Kyle Idleman distinguishes between people who enthusiastically admire Jesus (fans) and those who fully commit their lives to him (followers).

Do you acknowledge and cheer for Jesus but show no real interest in truly following him? Do you want to be "close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires anything" from you?

If either of those statements hits too close to home, pray that Jesus will transform you from a mere fan to an all-in follower.

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In your web browser often.

Baptists respond

Heavy rains fell on July 28, 2017, causing flash flooding and mudslides in the Northern Panhandle and North Central areas of the state. Communities such as Hundred, Littleton, Mannington, McMechen, Wadestown and Wallace as well as the surrounding areas, experienced loss of homes, businesses and essential services. West Virginia Baptists quickly responded to help those in need.

Always ready to go where needed, the West Virginia American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Team, led by John Vannoy, initially responded to mudslides in McMechen. They continued to work in the other areas affected.

Pastor Jason Sleeth and members of Harmony Baptist Church wasted no time in responding to the needs in Hundred and Littleton. The church formed a Flood Relief Committee to coordinate and distribute aid where needed. Water also got into the basement of the Mannington First Baptist Church.

West Virginia Baptists, both churches and individuals from all over the state, collected and sent supplies, contributed funds, sent work crews or simply showed up on their own. Some of the first responders were from areas affected by last year's devastating flood. Financial contributions allowed the West Virginia Baptist Convention to offer grants to help rebuild.

Announcements

➤ The American Baptist Women invites our church family to join in the Holbrook "Adopt a Resident" project by: (1) Joining a Team (2) Adopting a Resident or (3) Contributing to the project. Gifts for Residents usually include: sweat pants, soap, personal hygiene, coloring books, etc. If you need more information please contact Cathy Vance.

➤ Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria Relief. You can help the victims of hurricanes in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Puerto Rico by giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Please write OGHS in your memo line. Checks will be sent to the WV Baptist Convention.

➤ The Kodiak Baptist Mission Trip for 2018 will be from July 22 to August 4. Please contact Joyce Collins at 304-904-7828 for more information.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Chuck Marks
- 4 - Twyla Barlow
- 7 - Wayne Price
- 9 - Jean Harris
- 11 - Adelene Price
- 16 - Pastor Jay Teodoro
- 21 - Cara Leigh Hewitt
- 22 - Sam Hurst
- 25 - Brooke Swisher LeBlanc, Donna

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

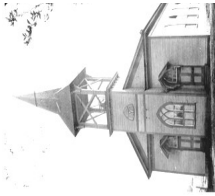
- 23 - Jean and Larrel Harris
- 24 - Don and Joy Shingleton



- Dates to remember!**
- [] **Saturday, November 4** - Youth paintball trip. See the youth article inside.
 - [] **Sunday, November 5** - Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.
 - [] **Tuesday, November 7 - 7:00 p. m.**—The American Baptist Women’s Ministries will meet at the church.
 - [] **November 13-20** - Shoebox Ministry National Collection Week.
 - [] **Tuesday, November 14 - 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.
 - [] **November 17-19** - Jr. High Convention. For details see the youth article inside.
 - [] **Friday, November 17 - 6:00 p. m.** - **Church Thanksgiving Dinner.** Please bring side dishes and desserts.
 - [] **Monday, November 20 - 7:00 p. m.** - Deacon Board meeting.
 - [] **Thursday, November 23** - Thanksgiving Day



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