

The First Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study7:00 p.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

The Buckhannon Baptist is sponsored by the Deacon Board, and is compiled, typed and edited by John L. Puffenbarger. **The deadline for articles is the 20th of the month.**

World Wide Communion Sunday

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.



The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. It will be held on **Sunday, October 1** this year. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

The answers

When I awoke this morning, I asked, "How shall I live this day?" The answers were all around me:

The fan said, "Keep your cool."

The ceiling said, "Aim high."

The window said, "Look outside yourself."

The clock said, "Every minute is precious."

The calendar said, "Stay up to date."

The door said, "Take advantage of opportunity."

The floor said, "Kneel down and pray."

Dear Friends of International Ministries,

Hello and greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus!

The gospel of Jesus Christ is changing lives around the world, and we, like you, are privileged to be a part of fulfilling God's global mission on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus invited his disciples, "*come, follow me.*" (Mark 1:17) For those men, it meant leaving fishing nets behind to become "*fishers of men.*"

Today, that invitation is still ours to take in and live out. IM global servants work in cross-cultural settings to extend Jesus' invitation through American Baptist churches and beyond in many creative ways.

This year, we've put a brand new effort into filming how this work is taking place through three major initiatives: (1) *Peace and Justice in Egypt*, (2) *Abolishing Global Slavery in Thailand* and (3) *Economic and Community Development in Chile*.

The scope of God's work in the world is truly breathtaking. I can say from personal experience that nothing compares with visiting global servants where they are stationed when it comes to getting a tangible sense of their good work.

The World Mission Offering makes it possible for us to train new global servants, care for the ones on the field and provide the services and resources that they need. The World Mission Offering is an opportunity to remember our global servants and the great work being done by our great God in communities around the world.

Please join me in praying for our global servants together and in giving cheerfully and generously to the World Mission Offering as the Lord Jesus leads us to give.

Gratefully,
Sharon Koh
Executive Director/CEO

P.S. International Ministries works to promote vibrant and passionate endeavors to respond to God's call to global mission. We're working hard to bring a new and refreshed look to our 203-year-old mission society. We encourage you to experience our redesigned, mobile friendly website at www.internationalminstries.org.

(Editor's Note: We will be collecting donations to the World Mission Offering during the month of October. Our goal at First Baptist is \$1,000.)

Betty Norvell

I was saddened to hear of the death of Betty Norvell. She was a wonderful woman. She had taught at West Virginia Wesleyan College. She loved music, played the organ and piano for our church and wrote several original songs.

She loved to write. She wrote articles for the Record Delta newspaper, and many were about her cat, Purr. She wrote articles titled "After Thoughts" for our church newsletter. I told her once that she didn't need to write an article every month if she couldn't think of a subject to write about, but she said she enjoyed writing. She would write thoughts about sermons she liked.

She loved the church and added a lot to discussions during Bible Study. A few months ago she told me how beautiful she thought the First Baptist Church was. She will certainly be missed by all whose lives she touched.

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Church Women United

Dorothy "Eloise" Tenney will be awarded the "Woman of Distinction" award at the CWU assembly on September 25th.

Eloise's first statement will always be "I am a Christian and God is a priority in my life." Her next priority is her family; she is one of thirteen children born to Rev. Owen and Opal Lee. She was married to the late Eldon Tenney and has one adult son, Paul, and a grandson, eight year old Sheldon. A lifelong resident of Buckhannon, West Virginia, Eloise has always been active in the United Methodist Church and currently serves as treasurer of Mt. Rupert United Methodist Church.

She also organizes the collection of Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child at Mt. Rupert. Eloise has been active in the Buckhannon/Upshur Unit of Church Women United for 37 years and is now serving as treasurer. Eloise is a member of the Heavner Grove CEOS. On Mondays, you may find her volunteering as cashier and/or providing meals for our neighbors at the Clothes Closet and the Parish House in Buckhannon. In her spare time, Eloise enjoys painting classes at the local Senior Center, gardening and tending to her flowers.

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, October 1	2 cans of corn and 2 cans of sweet potatoes
Sunday, October 8	2 cans of green beans and 2 cans of peas
Sunday, October 15	2 cans of baked beans and 2 cans of carrots
Sunday, October 22	1 large can of peaches and 1 large can of fruit cocktail
Sunday, October 29	2 boxes of macaroni and cheese and 2 cans of applesauce
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

Everyone can serve

We should always look for opportunities to serve. We shouldn't wait to be asked! Remember: We can serve without being a part of an "official" ministry. We all can:

- extend the word of welcome, whether or not we are official greeters;
- be listening, caring friends, whether or not we are official church officers;
- be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us, whether or not we are on the evangelism team;
- be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand, whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees.

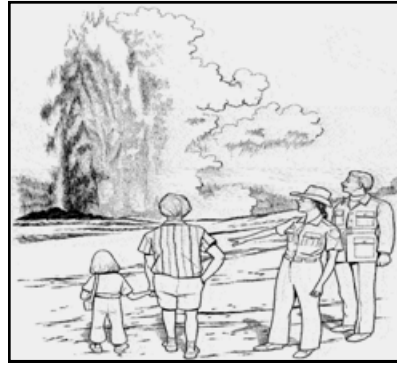
Old Faithful

Old Faithful is not the largest geyser in Yellowstone National Park. Other geysers have taller eruptions. Nevertheless, it is by far the most popular geyser.

It's popularity is due mainly to its regularity and dependability. You can count on Old Faithful. Every sixty-five minutes, give or take a few seconds, it erupts with a stream of water and steam that lasts precisely four minutes.

During the more than eighty years that people have been watching Old Faithful, it has not missed a single eruption on this schedule.

This geyser has a profound message for church members. Nothing takes the place of faithfulness and dependability when it come to church support. Determine today that you will be a faithful and loyal supporter of our church.



The West Virginia Baptist Convention

152nd Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 19 - Friday, October 20, 2017

at the New Baptist Church

610 28th Street, Huntington, WV 25702

304.523.3355

www.newbaptistchurch.com

➤ For information about the Annual Meeting, visit the WVBA web page or contact Pastor Jay.

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Now I Belong to Jesus

We all like to belong to something greater than ourselves. Many times you see people wearing sports clothes with logos of their favorite team. Around town you'll see people wearing West Virginia Wesleyan and Buckhannon-Upshur sportswear.



Wearing sports clothes gives us a sense of identity. It gives us some comfort in knowing that we share our interests with others. To belong - or not to belong - is a choice that each of us makes from time to time.

In the 1700's people living in this country had to choose between being a Patriot or a Tory. Patriots were people who wanted the American colonies to gain their independence from Britain. Tories were people who wanted to remain British citizens. Eighty-five years later the American people had to decide which side to support ... the Northern Yankees or the Southern Confederates.

God has created us to have a real desire deep down to connect with others and be part of a group that shares common beliefs. This is particular true about belonging to a church. In the New Testament we read in 1 Peter, Chapter 5, verse 2 ... Paul assumes that every true follow of Jesus will join the church.

That thought raises two questions. Why do we choose to worship at First Baptist? Why a Baptist church? There are several reasons but let me state just three of them.

First - Baptists believe that while belonging to a national organization, the local church has the freedom to act independently. Second - Baptists observe two ordinances: Believers' Baptism - and the Lord's Supper. Third - Baptists are serious about supporting mission work because we want to tell others about Jesus.

One person who wanted to tell others about Jesus was Norman Clayton. He was a music composer who wanted to tell others about the need to belong to Jesus. In 1942 he wrote the hymn, "Now I Belong to Jesus". The words of the song referred to teachings in the Bible.

Norman Clayton was born in 1903 in Brooklyn, New York, and died in 1992, at the age of 89. He became a church organist by the age of 12. He kept up the role of church organist for the rest of his life.

Clayton wrote more than 100 gospel songs. They were easy to sing, with beautiful melodies. "Now I Belong to Jesus" became Clayton's most popular hymn.

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From Pastor Jay: Let Your Light Shine

2 Corinthians 4 *5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (ESV, English Standard Version)*

The Bible is the Word of God. The scriptures can also be an amazing reference book. Because as we read there are many arrows pointing to other books, chapters, and verses. This can be found in Paul's letters. Paul makes us dig beyond the surface and as we keep digging or even mining, we find greater treasures in God's Word. We discover. We also discover a wonderful coherence and an underlying theme which unifies this whole Word together, the good news of the Gospel.

"Let light shine out of darkness." This brings us to the beginning, to Genesis 1 and the firstfruits of creation. Fast forward to John 1:4-5, *"In him (Jesus) was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* Jesus life, death, and resurrection gives us this life, extends this light to us, and through him, *"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:13-14)."*

"...has shone in our hearts to give the light..." Let's consider the power and weight of God's goodness granted and given to us. God's first act of creation was light. The Father followed this up more brilliantly in sending His son Jesus, the light of men. Through the cross, Jesus has defeated Satan, he has victory over the power of darkness, and has included us to take part in His work of redemption and re-creation. Don't we remember that *"if anyone is in Christ, he is a NEW creation (2 Cor. 5:17)"*? We said the first act of God's creation is light. Now, the light of the gospel in US makes us new creations!

Sin and darkness, those powers which ensnare us and kill us, are exposed, defeated, and finally killed. The light overcomes the darkness. That same light shines in our hearts. I love how Peter explains this light in us, *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you OUT OF DARKNESS into his MARVELOUS LIGHT (1 Peter 2:9)."*

"...the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." We close with this wonderful phrase that ties it all up and leads us to God's glory. We go to another passage in John's gospel, *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14-15)."* God's glory is expressed everywhere. It's expressed in the grandeur of His creation. Just look up and out, it's seen in the sun, moon, and the stars. It's witnessed in the cry and crawl of a baby. We give God glory for the love we have for one another.

But ultimately, where is His glory most seen and shone? It's in the face of Jesus. It's in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. We discover the beauty of God's infinite grace and truth. We experience a love that is like no other. The light that shines in our hearts is a stewardship to what we want others to also see and experience. Let your light shine. *"For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."* To God be the glory.

Hello all,

With school now in session and everything seeming to be in rhythm (for now) we are excited to announce that our United Youth Group is meeting from 6-7:30 at Buckhannon Alliance Church every Wednesday. We had our first regular meeting on September 13th with 26 kids attending. Which is great for the first one. In case you don't know how our Wednesday Youth Group works we usually have a quick snack for the kids because some come right after practice or they just need food because they are hungry teenagers.

We then have a whole group bible lesson lead by a leader for about 10-15 minutes. Following that we break up into our age and gender groups for small groups where we really break down what the whole group lesson was about in a safe and more comfortable environment. We end our night with a game of some sorts, it is sometime silly and messy, while other times it is highly active and sweaty. The kids are always entertained and have great relationships with the leaders and their peers. We appreciate all the love and support our church gives us.

Every month we try and have a big event to invite kids to come and have fun with something different then the usual Sunday school lesson or Wednesday night group. In August we had our 4th annual Mud Wars. It was amazing. We had over 40 kids play and a ton of adults just come out and watch kids get muddy and have fun. We had everything from slip and slides, to relay races, to team building activities, even paint dodge ball. It was great to see so many kids have fun in a safe and Godly environment. We ended the day with Pastor Trevor Morris giving a bible lesson with all of the kids cleaned up and listening.

On September 10th we had a scavenger hunt that was all over the town of Buckhannon. We had about 20 kids come out for that, which isn't as much as Mud Wars but that work out ok because we had technical difficulty with our app that ran the scavenger hunt. We had 4 teams that went around snapping pictures of random acts like "stranger giving you a piggy-back ride" and playing "opossum" in a crowded area. The kids had a great time with that running around with a leader and just laughing and goofing off with their peers. It was a great day to have fun with kids.

We look forward to more exciting events with our youth and also our Wednesday night bible study. It truly is a blessing from God to be apart of something like this where the kingdom of God is being grown and mobilized in the community. Again I can not thank you all enough for your prayers and support. God bless you all and may we all continue to be the Light that God has called us to be to everyone we meet.



Love in Christ, Bryson



Relief for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

American Baptist Home Mission Societies urges American Baptists to pray for and donate to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds to those in the path of Hurricane Irma. Irma was a Category 5-turned-Category 4 storm which has affected the Caribbean islands, rendering approximately 1 million people in Puerto Rico without power.

Media outlets called Hurricane Irma the “strongest Atlantic storm in recorded history.” The storm hit the Florida Keys with winds of at least 150 mph and reached as far as the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee.

Irma followed closely on the heels of Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall on the Gulf Coast on August 25, severely affecting both Texas and Louisiana.

Donations designated to “OGHS-Hurricane Irma” can be made through your church; by visiting <http://www.abc-usa.org/> and clicking “Give Online” at the top right of the page. In the “Comments” section, type “OGHS-Hurricane Irma.” If you want to donate to Hurricane Harvey relief, type “OGHS-Hurricane Harvey.”

Or, mail to the attention of Kim Wilkins at American Baptist Home Mission Societies, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA, 19482-0851. *One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs.*

For more information about mailing a donation, contact Wilkins at 1-800-222-3872, x2413, or kim.wilkins@abhms.org.

➤ To ensure that our church receives credit for your gift, write the Buckhannon, WV First Baptist on your check or, if giving online, in the “comment” box..

Editor’s Note:

One Great Hour of sharing (OGHS) is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches, USA.

The committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering received by churches.

From a church bulletin:



Actually, *someone* will talk to you.

Call the church confidential hotline if you have a problem. No one will talk to you.

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.

Keep Up To Date
With First Baptist
Happenings.
A calendar of special
events is posted in
the First Baptist Web Page.



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jamie Bragg, Jim Kane
- 3 - Opal Marsh
- 7 - Hallie Hurst, Steve Lee
- 9 - Cathy Vance, Mary Ellen Davidson
- 12 - Jim Vance
- 18 - John Marsh, Mike Hewitt
- 19 - Jean Marks
- 20 - Kaiha Jade Hurst
- 26 - Dick Curry

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 - Wayne and Adelene Price
- 28 - Bill and Connie Painter



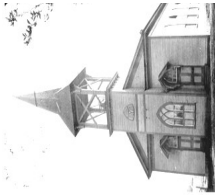
UPCOMING
Events

- [] **Sunday, October 1** - World Wide Communion Sunday.
- [] **Tuesday, October 3 - 7:00 p. m.** - The American Baptist Women’s Ministries will meet at the church.
- [] **Wednesday, October 4 - 11:30 a. m.** - The Widows for Christ will meet at the Legends Restaurant. If anyone needs transportation, please call Jean Harris, 304-472-2247.
- [] **Tuesday October 10, - 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, October 16 - 7:00 p.m.** - Deacon Board meeting.
- [] **Wednesday, October 18 - 7:00 p.m.** - Church Council meeting.
- [] **Thursday, October 19 to Friday, October 20** - The West Virginia Baptist Convention at the New Baptist Church, 610 28th Street, Huntington, WV 25702.
- [] **Monday, October 23 - 7:00 p.m.** - Church Business Meeting.

**** FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)** is doing another WVU Game Day, **football game on November 4th.** The cost is \$43 dollars a ticket and is for high school and middle school students. Start time for the game is still undetermined. Please let Bryson Morlan know if you are interested. They will be ordering tickets soon and it will be on a first come first serve basis.



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