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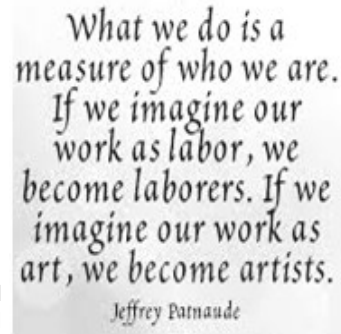
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Labor Day September 4

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.**

Prayer for students

Our Heavenly Father, bless the students in our schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it.

May they learn to follow in Jesus' steps, just as He grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. Amen.

Everyone is somebody

George Washington Carver attended church-sponsored Simpson College after being denied enrollment elsewhere because of his skin color. When the school's president asked what the college had done for him, Carver replied, "Simpson College helped me realize that I was a human being."

That was the starting point of the great inventor's career. People all need affirmation that they are valuable because God created and loves them.

Success

Success in life is finding what you like to do, and then doing it the best you can.

The new replaces the old

I can't believe it's been about 55 years - but if I remember correctly it was around 1964 when construction began on the new road to Weston.



Part of the construction didn't disturb traffic flow because it was built through new land. However, some of the construction tore up the existing road, so there were a lot of traffic delays.

I don't know if any homes were destroyed in the process. Crews did build a temporary way around part of the construction areas. They had a problem with the land in an area in Lewis County and worked several months to get it solved. After the road was built they planted grass, trees and landscaping about 100 yards on either side.

Many times when road construction is going on, driving becomes a pain. We often need to allow extra time to arrive at our destination. Traffic slows down and a person never knows how long it will take to get through. Construction on bridges on I-79 between Jane Lew and Clarksburg has been difficult to deal with this summer.

I share this highway story because in my mind the construction on highways illustrates - to some extent - the Old Testament Covenant - and its purpose. Old Testament history records that there was a huge gap between people and God. The Old Covenant was a temporary way for this gap to be crossed.

Today, because of Jesus, people no longer have to obey a rigid system of laws accompanied by endless sacrifices. With the New Covenant, once we ask Jesus to be our Lord and Savior the gap is closed between us and God and the road is open. Then we can come into God's presence with no "theological stoplights", complex laws or congestion to block our way.

JLP

Definitions of the church

The church is not a store to furnish hammocks for the lazy. It is an equipping house that offers others well-fitted harnesses for drawing life's loads.

The church is not a refrigerator for preserving perishable goodness. It is a dynamo for charging human souls with power.

**New Baptist Church, Huntington,
West Virginia**

In February of 2008, after much prayer, Twentieth Street Baptist and Beverly Hill Baptist joined together to become one church. It was not always an easy task, but the two congregations coming together was helped by historical ties.



Beverly Hills Baptist started as a church plant of Twentieth Street Baptist and Baptist Temple. We bought an abandoned ice skating rink as our new location with the prayer "Ok God, what would you have us do?" Since then we have grown, and we continue to grow as a community of faith, passionate about our Lord.

New Baptist remains affiliated with the Guyandotte Baptist Association, the West Virginia Baptist Convention and American Baptist Churches USA.

We are a blended church, worshiping in a traditional/contemporary style. In any service you may hear songs and music from the old-time Baptist song book or the top-20 contemporary Christian music countdown.

Mixing things up

A minister was attending a men’s breakfast. He asked one of the older farmers in attendance to say the prayer that morning.

The farmer began, “Lord, I hate buttermilk.” The pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going.

Then the farmer said, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the pastor was worried. But the farmer prayed on, “And Lord, you know I don’t care much for raw flour.” Just as the pastor was about to stop everything, the farmer continued.

“But Lord, when you mix ‘em all together and bakes ‘em up, I do love those fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don’t like, when life gets hard, when we don’t understand what you are saying to us, we just need to relax and wait ‘til you are done fixin’ and mixin’. It will probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen .

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Picture Album



Promotion Sunday!
(LtoR): Kaleigh Zirkle, Anna Thomason, Damien Zirkle, Sam Teodoro

Volunteer Choir
August 20, 2017



Sunday School Fun!
(LtoR): Kaleigh Zirkle, Brooks Tucker and Jasmine Zirkle

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.



September 15-16, 2017
Camp Cowen
Grades 6-12 Youth Event

Speakers: Adam Myers and Alex Phares
Music: Curt Mann, Campfire Music: Tony Nutter
Registration Fee: \$15.00, including adults.

Fall Rally will begin with registration on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. and end on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Afterthoughts - Betty Norvell

In honor of Betty's passing we are sharing a writing from her booklet "The Book of Sheep" which was read at her Memorial Service at First Baptist Church on Aug. 27th, 2017.

WITH HIM FOREVER by Betty Norvell

"This must be my favorite, a nice one to close on. Remember the end of the 23rd Psalm, "surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever?"

Remember how Jesus told the disciples in the Upper Room that He was going to prepare a place for them and He would come back and get them? Meanwhile He would send the Holy Spirit to look after them?

Remember His last words after the resurrection were that He would be with them even to the end of the world? I love my pets. I want to feed them, protect them, love them, and I want them to be with me always.

I think I get it. There is no permanency here on this earth. There is not meant to be. We go through deep valleys, we sometimes rest in green pastures and still waters and we move on and on. We can't hold on, even if we want to. We want some permanent place, but maybe we should not be looking for a place but for a Person.

I have never really heard this preached like this but the Person of Christ is our heaven. When we go through His cross with Him we rise with Him. He said, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life."

When we think about getting to heaven, or even a better place on earth, we often think of how. It isn't a how. It's a He.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Betty Norvell, who went home to be with the Lord on August 18, 2017.

From Pastor Jay

Betty's Hope

***Philippians 1** 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.*

"Betty didn't fear death, she embraced it." Steve Saudley, her good friend who performed the graveside service, spoke these words. Shared in her obituary, our dear friend Betty Jeannine Groah Norvell, was "promoted to be with God in eternal life on Friday, August 18, 2017." Steve's words have weighed on my mind throughout the week. I'm neither that brave nor that confident. But, I seek to have hope.

On August 3rd, I talked to Betty the morning she would leave for Winchester, VA. She was cheerful, chipper, and appreciative of receiving an early wake up call before getting on the road. We know she was sick, but I believe the severity of her illness was still an unknown. Her niece, a physician living in the D.C. area, was able to have her seen at this wonderful facility. It gave Betty peace and comfort knowing that the hospital would accommodate her and that she was closer to family.

Sadly, the cancer was very far advanced and spread throughout her body. She was hoping to get back to Buckhannon, but her caregivers recommended that she not travel. Through her friend Jenny, I learned that Betty certainly questioned why she had to go through this. Jenny shared that God was not done using her and we can read this in v.22 above.

In fruitful labor, Betty was able to share the hope that she had in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 3:15). The caregivers knew and saw that she was okay and accepted her illness. She was the person we've known her to be - colorful, content, confident, witty, and prepared for heaven. Didn't we often hear how she wanted the Lord to take her home?

Although this was expressed, who knows completely the range of emotions Betty felt or how any of us would feel as it is actually happening. As death comes to all of us, we might be overcome with fear, doubt, or despair. Yet, in the midst of all of this, as our faith is challenged and stretched, our faith is to be lived out and applied, and an outward expression of our faith is hope. We hope. We believe in hope. Hope wins over fear and doubt. Hope of what is to come, hope of eternal life, hope of heaven, and ultimate hope in Jesus Christ. Betty's confidence was expressed in hope.

Pastor Jay (continued)

Hope is confident assurance of what is to come. I don't remember who gave it but I have this wonderful and helpful quote, "Our faith need not be hindered by what is as it rests upon the certainty of what will be." To live is Christ and to die is gain. And to live in Christ will come trial, pain, difficulty, and sometimes cancer. Our Savior did not avoid trial and suffering, He endured it.

To live is Christ and to die is gain. Both come with reward. The former is this present life we live today; the latter is something better and infinitely more glorious, the ultimate reward. May we rest upon this hope, may we realize that our departed loved ones in Christ are celebrating with Jesus, **for that is far better** (v.23), and may we abide in Christ as we live by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Amen.



Promotion Sunday was held on August 13, 2017. We had five kids who were promoted to new classrooms. We met for a time of worship and recognition where children were given a charge to consider all the ways they can and will grow this school year both academically and spiritually. We pray for our kids to have a great year being the best they can be but above all growing to know Jesus better!

Prayer



Prayer Kids Ministry

We still have a few more children to adopt in prayer and love for the new school year. You may sign-up after church at the front pew or if you have any questions please talk to Amanda Teodoro 304-993-0686.

The West Virginia Baptist Convention 152nd Annual Meeting

*"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*

*Thursday, October 19 - Friday, October 20, 2017
at the New Baptist Church
610 28th Street, Huntington, WV 25702
304.523.3355
www.newbaptistchurch.com*

Dear West Virginia Baptist Family,

The early church felt it was necessary to come together to share what God is doing in the world, to seek council from each other and to encourage each other. We should too.

These are the primary purposes of the Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. We live in a day of many troubling questions, discouraged believers and passion that has grown cold, but also at a time when God is doing remarkable things, changing lives and growing disciples.

What a privilege it is to live in such a day and to do His work where God has placed us! This is why we need the annual meeting - to be reminded of God's work, to be encouraged by His work and to grow in wisdom with regards to doing His work.

With these purposes in mind, I invite and welcome you to New Baptist Church of Huntington this fall for the West Virginia Baptist Convention 152nd Annual Meeting.

Pastor Trent Eastman, D. Min.

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

From a church bulletin:

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Omit the second *not*.

Church kindergarten class teacher, Susan Jones, reminded parents that she is "not happy until they're not happy."

Surprised by grace

Austrian composer Franz Schubert (1797-1828) was deeply religious, and much of his music stirs people to pray.

In a letter written to his father after he finished a soul-touching hymn, Schubert said that at times devotion involuntarily overpowered him. It was then, he wrote, that "the devotion I give voice to is genuine and deeply felt."

What Schubert felt was God's grace. Grace refers to God's touching a person and revealing his love even before the person calls upon him. God's grace (unmerited love) sometimes is bestowed on a person in a sudden and indescribable way even though the person isn't praying.



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Eric Lee
- 11 - Wilma Bassel
- 20 - Amy Vance Harper
- 22 - Karen Leigh
- 23 - Derika Nestor
- 30 - Don Swisher, Sandy Leggett
Patty Stalnaker



[] **Tuesday, September 5 - 7:00 p. m.** - The American Baptist Women’s Ministries will meet at the church.

[] **Wednesday, September 6 - 11:30 a. m.** - The Widows for Christ will have a covered dish luncheon at the home of Wilma Bassel at 11:30 a.m. If anyone needs transportation, please call Jean Harris, 304-472-2247.

[] **Thursday, September 7 - 3:45 p.m.** - Dinner for the BUMS Football Team and Coaching Staff. Volunteers are needed to help with meal.

[] **Tuesday September 12, - 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** - The Community Outreach Dinner. The dinner is free and everyone is welcome. Desserts are always needed for the dinner.

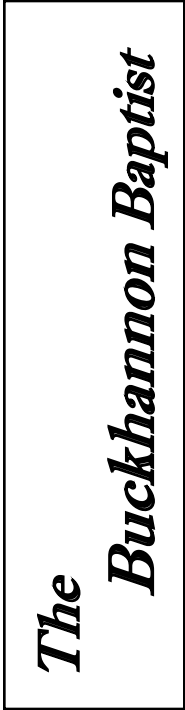
[] **Monday, September 18 - 7:00 p. m.** - Deacon Board meeting.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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