

The First Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Thursday morning Bible Study10:30 a.m.

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The shepherd's door

While traveling in Iran, writer Eric Bishop asked a villager about an earthen enclosure topped with dry thorns. The man said sheep stayed in the round space at night for safety.

"What are the thorns for?" Bishop asked. "If a wolf tries to break in and attack the sheep," the man replied, "he'll knock against the thorns, and they'll make a noise, and the shepherd will wake up and drive off the wolf."

Pointing out the enclosure's open entrance, Bishop asked why a wolf wouldn't just enter there. Because, replied the villager, "that's where the shepherd sleeps; the shepherd is the door."

Suddenly Bishop understood why in John 10 Jesus calls himself first the door, or gate, for the sheep and then the Good Shepherd. Because Jesus is the shepherd, he's also the door that keeps us, his sheep, safe within his care.

Surprises

When the women went to Jesus' tomb early on the first day of the week, they expected to find a sealed cave or, if they could move the stone door, a corpse. They expected to pour out their grief and anoint their dearly departed's body. Instead, they found an open and empty tomb — and soon after, Jesus, very much alive.

With God guiding our journey, life is full of joyful surprises.

Getting the job done

One day, several years ago, I left Central Grade School and I drove down Meade Street on my way to East Main Street Grade School. As I drove down the street I suddenly ran out of gasoline. I drifted down the street and pulled into Hinkle's gas station which was located across from the Gibson Library. I filled the gas tank and drove on to the school.



Like an automobile all of us sometimes run out of gas. It's often because we have too many pressures in our lives that demand too much of our time and energy. When that happens we become less effective doing our jobs or tasks in our everyday lives.

Perhaps you're like me and tend to multi-task at times and have several things on your mind to do at the same time. Or we may procrastinate and put things off until we have to work harder to meet a deadline. When that happens we can't be as effective as we should. As a result, our lives become stressful and not as enjoyable as they should be.

In order to eliminate stress we need to plan ahead. We spend our time in certain ways because we choose to. There is nothing we do without choosing, although our choices are not always deliberate or visible. We have the choice to work or not to work, to start on that task or not, to make the phone call or to wait.

In order to keep from running out of gas, and to avoid stress, we should take a moment to reflect on all the things we appreciate in our lives.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7.

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Coping with stress

Studies have shown that people who take their faith seriously and practice it daily live longer and, generally, have fewer health problems than others. Woman's Day magazine has reported that a study of 1,092 women found that *"those who felt a deep sense of religious faith coped with stress better and were less likely to be depressed than those who were less religious."*



2018
West Virginia Baptist Camp Schedule

Men’s Work PartyApril 27-28
Youth Work PartyMay 18-19



Women’s Camp April 13-April 15
Older Midler (grades 3-4)June 3-6
Younger Midler (grades 2-4)June 8-10
Junior 1 (grades 5-6)June 10-16
Junior High 1 (grades 7-9)June 17-23
Junior 2 (grades 5-6)June 24-30
High School 1 (grades 9-high school grads)July 1-7
Junior High 2 (grades 7-9)July 8-14
Senior Day (2018 high school grads) July 14
High School 2 (grades 9-high school grads)July 15-21
Family CampJuly 27-30
American Baptist Men and Boy’s CampAugust 3-5
Camp GlobalAugust 10-12

All registration forms are available by calling the West Virginia Baptist Convention at 304-422-6449. You may download any of the registration forms online at www.campcowen.org. Don’t forget to print off a health form for each individual attending.

The camping program is sponsored by the West Virginia Baptist Convention and is conducted at: West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen, 276 Baptist Camp Road, Cowen, WV 26206.

Please see Pastor Jay for details.

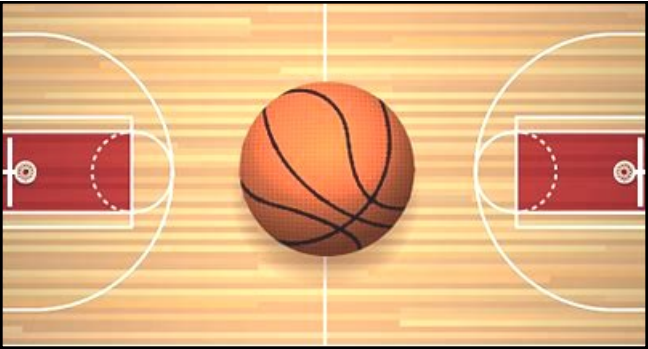
Notice from the camp staff: (March 5, 2018) *"We know that many people are wondering how the changing school calendar will affect the Camp Cowen summer schedule. The short answer is we don't know yet. Once school districts announce their amended calendars then Cowen leadership will meet to make any necessary decisions."*

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Opening this summer

Set to open for the 2018 Camp Cowen camping season, the Sunny Day Leadership and Activities Center will house three classrooms and a gymnasium facility.

The hope for the new facility is to honor the leaders who have gone ahead of us by continuing the training necessary for church leadership to thrive in the future.



With three separate classrooms, leadership training for extra campers will be able to occur simultaneously with camps that are already established during the summer.

The gymnasium area will also provide a place for indoor activities to occur when the weather gets rough as well as an area for athletic groups to utilize and potentially be brought face-to face with the Gospel message.

Third Annual Women’s Camp
April 13-15, 2018
at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen
Theme: “Better Together”

The third annual Women’s Camp will be held at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen. The weekend is focused on uniting generations of women with ages ranging from 18 or older. Save \$5 if you register by April 1st. Check online to find out more about the weekend, download the registration form or register online.

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to eternal life might be provided for poor sinners like you. Go and see how the Son of God gave Himself for you, and learn to think it a small thing to give yourself to Him (J.C. Ryle).”

Lastly, brothers and sisters may all of us **go to resurrection morning**. Go see the power and beauty of your Savior and King. He goes before you. He has risen! Wipe your tears, your burdens are removed and you have been given an everlasting hope. Go and share this good news. Grow in faith. Grow as disciples. Strengthen the bonds of friendship within the church and with your beloved brothers and sisters. Every step and decision you take is for Him. Empty yourselves for His glory, for your good and the sake and salvation of the lost.” As the hymnist declares, “You can face tomorrow. All fear is gone!”

Be a disciple

☞ A girl returning home from Sunday School expressed disappointment with the class’s reaction after the day’s lesson.

“We were taught to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations,” she said, “but we just sat!”

Schedule for Holy Week

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p. m. - A Maundy Thursday and Holy Communion Service at the First Baptist Church.

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: 7:00 a. m.
Celebration Breakfast: About 7:45 a. m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. (A Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the service.)



Serving God By Serving Others

The Buckhannon First Baptist Church is seeking applicants for a **paid** part-time Youth and Family Worker to minister within the Church and the Upshur County Community.

A four year degree and experience in ministry is preferred. Please send your resume to Pastor Jay Teodoro, 42 Hart Avenue, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

The legend of the sand dollar

There’s a pretty little legend that I would like to tell
Of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you’ll see that you find here
Four nail holes and a fifth hole, made by a Roman’s spear.

On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star
That appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side
Reminds us of his birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release
The five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol, Christ left for you
and me
To help us spread his Gospel, through all
eternity.

—Author unknown



From a church bulletin:

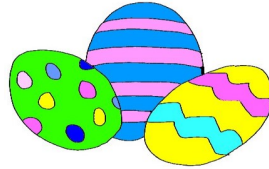


That should be *historical* district.

The church parsonage, located in the town's hysterical district, is now being offered at a reduced price.

Egg=stra facts

- Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hard-boiling them in various broths, which led to colored eggs.
- In medieval times, churches held "egg-throwing" festivals. The priest threw a hard-boiled egg toward the choir boys, who tossed it back and forth. When the clock struck 12, whoever was holding the egg got to keep it.
- In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.
- Each year, the PAAS Dye Co. sells more than 10 million egg-coloring kits, which consumers use to decorate 180 million eggs.
- The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever produced weighed 16,000 pounds — more than an elephant!



Wanted: A pair of shoes

Nothing fancy. Any kind will do. It doesn't matter what color they are. The main requirement is that they be motivated by a heart of love - love so strong that it causes feet to be willing to help with various activities in the church.

Search your closet to see if you have a pair of shoes that might be willing to get involved in the ministry of our church.



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From Pastor Jay

So What? Now What?

Please indulge me as I use a past article to reflect on Good Friday and Easter. Dr. Howard Hendricks, a renowned Dallas Theological seminary professor, who passed in 2013 taught his students to answer the first question above when preaching. Pastor Rick Warren seeks to answer the second question when he preaches. I believe in a nutshell they are saying, "We answer why does it matter and what do we do with what we have learned." With Good Friday and Easter Sunday in view, let's try to examine this in light of the cross and the resurrection.

Why the cross? "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18)." When we draw near to the cross we experience the radiance of God's glory, we witness the boundlessness of God's mercy and we are given what we our hearts, minds and souls have always needed and desired, LOVE. Jesus gives all of Himself and takes upon Himself the weight and penalty of our sin and declares to us, "I love you and I forgive you!"

Our works and our efforts to earn our way to God and to heaven are desperate and futile. The cross shows us that Jesus did for us what we could never do on our own, "he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5)." **So what?** Dear Christian, you are dearly loved, forgiven and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb!

Why the resurrection? The one who conquered death, who comes alive makes us alive in Him! I realize I'm using a long passage, but this is great stuff! Consider the glorious implications of the resurrection, because of God, for our behalf. "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST – by grace you have been saved – and RAISED US UP with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places IN Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-6)..." **So what?** Dear believer, you are a new creation in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17), you are newly alive, saved and raised up with Christ and have gained access and inheritance in a new family and a home in heaven!

Now what? A mentor and friend sent me this as a reflection on Good Friday. I think it shows all of us a way to respond and live in light of the cross, "**Go to the cross of Christ**, all you that want to be delivered from the power of selfishness. Go and see what a price was paid there to provide a ransom for your soul. Go and see what an astounding sacrifice was there made, that a door

Walk with Jesus

"Walk with Jesus: An Easter Event for Families" was held on Sunday, March 18. This inspiring event gave adults and children time to follow Jesus through His last days on earth - and in their daily lives.

There were four stations. As participants visited each station, they discovered the powerful emotions and sacrifice of Jesus' last days on earth - and experience the joy of His resurrection! Each station included powerful activities and the participants took home special keepsakes that serve as reminders of Jesus' tremendous sacrifice and love for them.

The stations were: "Jerusalem for Palm Sunday", "Sit down for the Last Supper", "Discover the Sacrifice of Good Friday", and "Celebrate Freedom From Their Sins at the Empty Tomb That First Easter Morning".



Joanne taught us about the Lord's Supper.



We got to taste unleavened bread and we washed each other's feet.



Cynthia is sharing about the resurrection.



Pastor Jay leads praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.



Hallie is teaching us about the crucifixion.



Lemons are sour just like Jesus' death on the cross, but with the help of sour changing tablets, they helped us see that his death is also sweet!



Some of the adults who joined us.

The origin of "Easter"

It's not certain where the word Easter, which never appears in Scripture, originates. In some places, the day is called Pasch, which comes from "Passover," the festival during which Jesus was crucified. Others call it Resurrection Sunday.

Some scholars think the church absorbed the word Easter from pagan roots, because the goddess of spring, Eostre, was celebrated about the same time as Passover.

Others suggest the word derives from an old Latin phrase referring to the white robes traditionally worn by people being baptized on the Sunday that celebrates Jesus' resurrection.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Don Nestor
- 6 - Chad Smith, Shirley Thorne
- 7 - Amanda Norment, Nevaiah Simmons
- 10 - Nancy Moffett
- 11 - Joy Shingleton, Beulah Phillips
- 15 - Logan Leigh
- 29 - Max Grayson Simmons
- 30 - Andrew Daugherty



If you want to have your birthday or anniversary listed, please give your name and the dates to John Puffenbarger or Amanda Teodoro.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Pastor Richard and Eloise McGuire

UPCOMING
Events

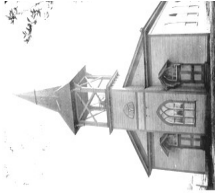
- [] **Thursday, March 29 - 7:00 p. m. - Maundy**
Thursday Service at First Baptist.
- [] **Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.** Breakfast following the service.
Sunday School - 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship Service - 10:45. Easter Egg Hunt following the service.
- [] **Tuesday, April 3 - 7:00 p. m. - ABW Ministries** will meet at the church.
- [] **Tuesday, April 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, April 16 - Deacon Board Meeting.**
- [] **Saturday, April 21 - 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. - American Baptist Women’s Spring Gathering** at the Salem Baptist Church. Theme: “Finding Joy in the Little Things.”
- [] **Men’s Fellowship Breakfasts - To be announced.**

Note: The United Youth meets on Wednesdays at the Alliance Church.

Looking ahead: Covered Dish Luncheon. The Church Women United Gathering will be held on Friday, May 11 at 12:00 noon at the First United Methodist Church.



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