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

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

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

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### A thought about Memorial Day

“Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount.”

—General Omar Bradley

### **The birth of Mother’s Day**

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother’s favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother’s Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

### **A new beginning**

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn’t an end or a farewell. Instead, it’s an entryway threshold, a beginning.

The Bible tells us that life is a series of beginnings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements. Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. We pray that graduates will partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of their lives!

### The lowly paper clip

Some problems, such as fixing a broken computer, can be pretty easy to solve if you have the right knowledge. Others, such as figuring out what you want to do with your life, can be very overwhelming because that answer is unique to you and takes time and experience to resolve—not to mention several other complications.

Nonetheless, you can find solutions to simple and difficult problems alike by approaching them a particular way. While this approach to problem-solving isn’t the only way, it’s one way that’s particularly effective. Have you ever sat around wishing something should be done about a problem? You’re not alone because a lot of people feel that way.

Once when I complained to another teacher about a problem in school, the teacher asked, “So what are you doing to solve the situation?” I gave it a little thought and said, “I can’t think of a thing.”

By keeping quiet and not thinking what to do about the issue, I was part of the problem! Being quiet had its benefits. I could just complain and wish that things could be better. That way I was off the hook.

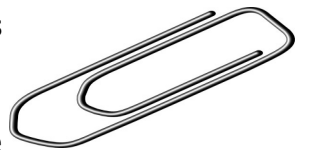
Several years ago, an expensive laboratory jet was approaching Edwards Air Force Base in California. When the pilot tried to lower the nose wheel to landing position, it didn’t respond.

The co-pilot ran a quick check and traced the problem to a faulty relay panel. Recognizing the problem, he hunted around for something to bypass the relay and activate the nose gear.

He found a paper clip and bent it so that it bypassed the problem and triggered the nose gear. It worked like a charm, saving the expensive jet, not to mention the crew, from a crash landing.

At that moment, for that special job, the lowly paper clip was more important than the rest of the expensive, sophisticated equipment on the plane.

If God wants us at a specific moment, for a special job, are we willing to be shaped into the solution?



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2018  
West Virginia Baptist Camp Schedule

Men’s Work Party .....April 27-28  
Youth Work Party .....May 18-19



Women’s Camp ..... April 13-April 15  
Older Midler (grades 3-4) ..... It was June 3-6 ... Changed to: \*July 30-August 2  
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 Camp ..... July 27-30  
American Baptist Men and Boy’s Camp ..... August 3-5  
Camp Global ..... August 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](http://www.campcowen.org). Be sure to print off a health form for each individual attending.

Please see Pastor Jay for details.

**\* Attention Parents, Guardians and Church Leaders:**

Due to the revision of school calendars across the state, **Older Midler Camp** at Cowen will be moved to **July 30th-August 2nd**. Please make a note of this camp schedule change as you begin to organize your summer plans.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Patricia Ann “Pat” Snyder, 81, of Charlotte, N.C., died on March 27. She was the sister of Karon King and Lynette Lemley.



A new website name:  
[www.abwomensministries.org](http://www.abwomensministries.org)

American Baptist Women’s Ministries announces a change to the domain name for the organization’s website. The new domain name is [www.abwomensministries.org](http://www.abwomensministries.org) to more closely align with the name of the organization. Staff email addresses have also been changed to [abwomensministries.org](http://abwomensministries.org) for consistency.

“We hope that the domain name update will enable those who are connected, and those who are seeking Christ-centered leadership and engagement uniquely focused on women and girls, to learn more about American Baptist Women’s Ministries by providing easier access to our mission, vision, workshops, conferences, and programs,” says Executive Director Gina Jacobs-Strain.

**New ABWM executive director**

Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain began serving as executive director of American Baptist Women’s Ministries on February 1, 2018 on March 1.

Jacobs-Strain remarked, *“I am filled with expectation as I join a sisterhood of women committed to build the body of Christ by embracing the gifts and participation of all women and girls throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.”*



*From Pastor Jay*

I believe there is something so extraordinary and life-giving shown to us in the book of Hebrews. God has opened to us a pathway to come to Him. He has permitted a way of access where we can go to Him in complete confidence. There is a former way of God that has been replaced by the better, even best way. The law and the sacrificial system have been replaced by the grace given to us in Jesus Christ. Let's consider God's love as we take in the passage.

**Hebrews 10** *19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,*

Our own conception of love often comes through the lens of romance, where love is flickering and fading. Here we see it through what Jesus has completed on the cross. He makes it possible for us to encounter Him through his blood. Once where only a high priest could enter the Holy of Holies, our true high priest, Jesus, makes a way, tearing apart the curtain. His body was torn, Christ's blood was shed, death was arrested and defeated, and now we can come to Him with complete joy and confidence! This passage reveals the stamp of permanence and sun displaying brilliance. The brilliance of the Spirit enabled author and the excellence of the founder and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), our Lord Jesus.

*21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

Because there is One who intercedes and dies for us. Because His death and resurrection washes away the dirt and grime of our own sin and shame. Because of His holiness and righteousness, we can be made holy and righteous. We have been washed. We are cleansed. We are made whole. We can fully breathe, inhaling and exhaling God's love with a clear conscience. What wonderful reminders of how we can come near to God in 'full assurance of faith' and be unwavering in our 'confession of hope'. Even though we are unfaithful, God remains faithful.

We know this. We have heard this good news. We clench God's grace and make it our own story and song. But, I love that God takes this to another place, because He was sacrificial, He has also become personal, drawing us in fellowship with Himself and now calling us to be communal. To put it another

way, as God gives us access to Himself, He calls us to community with one another.

*24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

There is the Day all of us in Christ are coming closer to, a final destination for the children of God. We know there are abounding blessings God has given us. We also know life comes with hardship, hurt, and brokenness. Fellowship and community helps us walk towards that glorious day. I memorized verses 24-25 as a young believer as it taught me the value of fellowship. What I didn't recognize that there is a greater weight toward the importance of life-giving, self-dying, continually meeting, always praying community.

As Jesus made it possible for us to know God, we are to give one another permission to deeply know each other. As God opens a way to us, we are to open up our lives to one another. May we strive to live this out, and may our love and good works abound to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to our neighbors who need to see and know God. "I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God!"

Buckhannon First Baptist Church web-page:  
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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.

From a church bulletin:



The Vatican is in *Italy*.

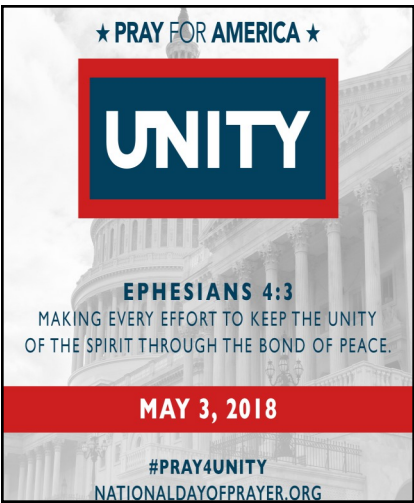
This summer our youth enjoyed a mission trip to England. They stayed at a hotel near the Vatican.

### MLK 50th anniversary

Members of American Baptist Churches USA journeyed from all over the country to participate in the ACT to End Racism Rally in Washington, D.C., on April 4, 2018. The date marked the 50th anniversary of the assassination of civil rights leader and Baptist minister, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Organized by the National Council of Churches and its affiliated denominations, the day-long event focused on the continuing need for racial justice in our country. Many traveled to Washington, D.C. on their own or as part of ecumenical bus groups.

One participant said, *"It was truly a blessing to participate in this historic event in remembrance of Dr. King, Rosa Parks and all the courageous Civil Rights heroes, as we continue to stand up for justice, freedom and dignity for people of all races. It was good to see so many young people at the rally."*



### Oh How I Love Jesus

A Sunday school teacher said one time that you can't love an inanimate or lifeless object. He said that for instance, you can like ice cream, but you can't really love it. And yet all of us are always saying we love this - or we love that.



Frederick Whitfield knew that there is a great difference between liking and loving. He was committed to loving Jesus.

Whitfield wrote the words to the hymn, "Oh How I Love Jesus." He was born on a cold January day in tiny Threapwood, England, population about 250, on Jan. 7, 1829. After attending Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, he became an Anglican Church clergyman.

His greatest legacy is this hymn about the name of Jesus. It was written when he was a student. It's interesting to know that while Whitfield wrote the words, he didn't write the melody. The tune is an American melody of unknown origin, but it's typical of camp meeting songs that emerged in America in the early 19th century.

In less than ten years after its first printing, the hymn began to appear in hymnals in America. However, most churches on the western frontier, and small churches in the eastern states usually only had one copy of a songbook, and it contained only the words.

As a result, the preacher or song leader would call out the name of the tune and then would "line out" the hymn. "Line out" means the preacher would read the lines ahead of time, line-by-line as the congregation sang the hymn.

The refrain is not part of Whitfield's original hymn, but was later added by some unknown person. The tune has a simple but uplifting style. It's a simple song with a deep meaning.

### Music

There's a reason why churches incorporate music into the act of worship. Music stirs some portion of our hearts that intellect alone cannot touch. When you think about it, it's strange that music should exist at all. But somewhere, at some time, someone sang the first song — and it was a gift of God's grace.





## The painter of light

Probably the most successful artist in America was Thomas Kinkade, sometimes called the painter of light. Kinkade was a devout Christian who tried to allow God to speak to people through his paintings.

His work usually portrayed Victorian-type villages featuring inviting churches, attractive cottages often made of stone and lighted from within by romantic fireplaces, candles and lamps. The alluring home and the ever-green trees generously placed in the landscape may be covered by snow. Each of Kinkade's paintings purposely carries a message of faith, family and love.



Thomas Kinkade's Mountain Chapel

One painting done by Kinkade is called The Mountain Chapel. It has a mountain landscape with light suggesting the glory of God pouring through the clouds, and a little chapel by some water. When someone sees the little country church, he said, they would be reminded that faith is a foundation for living. A cottage reminds one of family and home.

Kinkade signed each painting with the ancient Christian symbol of a fish and a Bible reference. His Christian witness was through art that lifts up the themes of faith, family and love. His work offered him a method of bearing his Christian witness.

His paintings were meant to inspire and help us remember that the loveliness of much of nature and the warmth of a peaceful home can lift our spirits and spur our gratitude to God.



Thomas Kinkade  
1958-2012

## Don't look back

Looking back can sometimes bring trouble. A Sunday school teacher was telling about Lot's wife, who looked back toward Sodom and Gomorrah and turned into a pillar of salt.

Prompted by those words, a boy said, "My mom was driving one day and suddenly looked back, too. She turned into a telephone pole."



## New on Facebook

West Virginia American Baptist Women's Ministries is now on Facebook. We share a daily devotional or inspirational thought each morning. Any upcoming events or announcements are shared on this page.

We are asking that if you have a picture of your group meeting, doing ministry, great new ideas or just saying hello, that you send them to us so that we can share with your fellow women around the state.

Coming up is our June Conference "Hand of the Man" and it will be one you will not want to miss! This will be held at Parchment Valley Conference Center June 1-3, 2018.

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American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia Bible Book of the Month for May: *Lamentations*.

Although Lamentations do not bear any name of an author, they have been ascribed to the prophet Jeremiah. The Lamentations are written in poetry.

The five chapters form five stanzas of one elegy over Zion's fall and are the expression of a heart full of love for the earthly people of Jehovah, a people punished for their sins by losing their kingdom, their land, their city and their sanctuary.

## American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia Women's Conference

at the  
Parchment Valley Conference Center  
June 1-3, 2018

Registration is open from April 13 - May 18, 2018.  
Registration form and fees are needed for each person registering.  
See Cathy Vance for details.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 8 - Esther Bise
- 9 - Eli Withers
- 11 - Amanda Peck
- 13 - Sue Sommerville
- 14 - Bryan Swisher
- 20 - Nikki Simmons
- 30 - Caitlin Lee



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Wayne and Sue Sommerville
- 2 - Opal & John Marsh
- 5 - James II and Lora Vance
- 24 - Tom and Sandi Peck

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

UPCOMING  
Events

[ ] **Tuesday, May 1 - 7:00 p. m.** - ABW Ministries will meet at the church.

[ ] **Tuesday, May 8 - 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.

[ ] **Friday, May 11** - The Church Women United Gathering will meet at 12:00 noon for a covered dish luncheon at the First United Methodist Church.

[ ] **Monday, May 21** - Deacon Board Meeting.

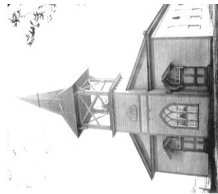
[ ] **Men’s Fellowship Breakfasts** - To be announced.

**Note:** The United Youth meet on Wednesdays @ 6:00pm at the Alliance Church.

**Note:** FBC will be hosting three Summer Hangouts this summer. Look for more information in the June Newsletter! Volunteers are needed, please let Amanda know if you can help!



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