

The First Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

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

A thought about Fathers' Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

In 1923 the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

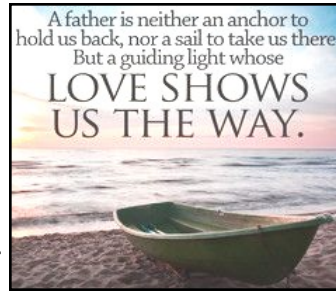
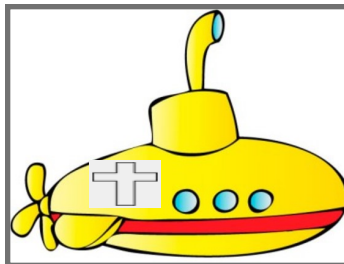
But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.

Spiritual submarines

Author Steve Farrar encourages Christian fathers to be spiritual submarines under the surface of their children's lives.

"Through your prayers you have the ability to affect situations where you are not physically present," he writes in Standing Tall. "You may be undetected, but that does not mean that you are ineffective."

A man who puts on the armor of God and goes to war on his knees for his children is a force to be reckoned with, Farrar adds. *"When it comes to battle ... understand that you have been given awesomely powerful weapons."*



Father's Day June 17



To be continued.



First Baptist Church Summer Hangouts



4:00-8:00 p.m.
For Pre-K and up

Sunday, June 10th

- Backyard Club at FBC
- Bowling

Sunday, July 8th

- Backyard Club at FBC
- Swimming

Sunday, August 12th

- Backyard Club at FBC
- Carnival Games and Picnic

Each hangout begins at First Baptist Church for a faith based lesson and craft time called "Backyard Kid's Club." A light dinner will also be served. We will then travel to our scheduled hangout, i.e. the bowling alley, or swimming pool. The carnival & picnic will be at First Baptist.

To Register please call:

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Help needed

Your help is needed for our First Baptist Church **Summer Backyard Club Hangouts!** The program each evening will begin with a VBS type program that includes Bible lessons, craft time and games. We will also be serving a light dinner.

After dinner will be heading for our "hangout." On Sunday, June 10 we'll be bowling and on Sunday, July 8th we'll head for the swimming pool. Our last evening on Sunday, August 12 will be at our church with carnival games and a picnic.

We need helpers in the following areas:

- Extra adult chaperones who just want to hang out and help ensure everyone's safety.
- Drivers to transport us to our scheduled hangout locations.

If you want to help we'll find a place for you. Contact Amanda Teodoro at ateodoro44@gmail.com or call 304-993-0686 if you are interested.

The importance of Flag Day

America was founded as a "nation under God," and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries — and some of our own citizens — are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we're still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There's a simple way you can help show that to the world — by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you're saying, "I'm an American and proud of what this flag represents."

The flag stands for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

Flag Day is celebrated each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!



From Pastor Jay

Joshua 4 20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. 21 And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' 22 then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.' 23 For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, 24 so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever."

During the first Saturday in May, I was at a WVBC Board meeting at Parchment Valley. We were discussing matters on making and building disciples in our West Virginia churches. Our leader led us in a very meaningful exercise that touches upon the Joshua passage above. The stones were a commemoration. They were a reminder of God's presence, God's power, and how he delivered them once again through the waters; first the Red Sea and now the river Jordan.

Our leader asked, "What word or phrase would your stone have on it and why?" This was a challenge. I never answer first and thankfully we went clockwise and I was way on the other side of the clock! Hopefully it's a challenge for us today. What word would you use in describing God's hand upon your life? I'll give you some of their answers (I'm glad I took notes!) so that it might stir some ideas for you. I'll share mine and our discussion leader's at the end.

What was on their memory stone? Men and women spoke from the heart and shared **LOVE**. Another expressed **THANKFUL**. A couple of people said **PERSEVERANCE** and **DON'T GIVE UP**. Someone spoke of **GOD'S PROVISION**, that God made it possible through the generosity of others to get him/her through seminary. An outdoorsman or scout drew a circle with a dot in the middle which means **GONE HOME**. This brother in Christ has a home and inheritance in heaven. Someone shared **FAITH**, another **DELIVERANCE**, and **LOOK AND SEE**. A brother or sister mentioned **ENCOURAGEMENT**. Romans 8:28 was given as a reminder that **ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD**.

I said **RELATIONSHIP**. God, in Christ Jesus, was given and sent to us. He humbled himself. Look at Philippians 2. He made himself a servant. He humbled himself to the point of death and suffered humiliation on a cross. He knows us. He experienced humanity, pain, and loss.

Pastor Jay, continued

Some of you know my appreciation of 1 Thessalonians 2:8, "We were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you became so dear to us." Jesus has not only saved us, he loves us to the point of being friends with us.

Our leader's word was **LONGSUFFERING**. She spoke of heartbreaking experiences and loss of loved ones in her life. She mentioned serving God and dealing with her own disappointment with her Heavenly Father. In certain areas, she felt, and as we all might feel that God did not come through. Yet, at the same time, God met her and comforted her through those same difficult places. I am thankful that our convention leader was able to be that transparent and strong enough to share tough things.

I needed to hear this. I hope you did too. I pray the Holy Spirit searches your heart and stirs you to memory of specific instances of God's blessing, provision, and faithfulness. I'd love to hear about your memory stone. Share it with me. Share it with our church. Share it with your loved ones, all the while thanking God and giving Him the glory.

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Wanted! *Youth
Pastor*

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 First Baptist Church Photo Directory

On Sunday May 13 and Sunday May 20, family and individual pictures for the church photo directory were taken. Amanda and David Norment did a professional job taking the photos. The photos were as good or better than studio quality.

If you missed having your picture taken, another session will be held on Sunday, June 3rd (before or after Sunday school and after the Morning Worship Service). The photo session is quick and easy and people can come as they are. Of course there is no charge. You can use the form below in advance or fill one out at church.

Note: If you can't attend the session and wish to submit your own photo for inclusion in the directory, David and Amanda are willing to scan the photo and put it into the directory. You would obviously need to provide them with the photo, which would be scanned and returned to you.

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Form for the Photo Session - PLEASE PRINT

Your last name _____

Street address_____

Name of Family Member	Cell or Home Phone #	E-mail Address	Birth Month & Day	Anniversary

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____

Your gifts make a difference

2017 was a year of many natural disasters — extraordinary hurricanes, fires, mudslides, etc. Many manmade disasters — think Syria, Iraq, Ukraine, Nigeria and South Sudan — continue unresolved, claiming new victims each day. The good news is that your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** brought relief in many of these situations.

When you take a global view of our world, natural disasters occur every week. If you include disasters of human origin, the opportunity to respond to people in need is even more frequent.

The larger disasters are captured by our news media, and word of these tragedies is brought into our homes. It is difficult to imagine the suffering of those whose lives are forever changed.

However, many needs of our world — whether in a neighboring state or half the world away — remain uncovered by our news media. However, with our extensive network of international and domestic partners, American Baptists are able to make a difference wherever and whenever disaster strikes.

It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God's world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities.

It is easy to feel that we are too small, too insignificant to make a difference, to believe that there's nothing we do can help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that there is little we can do to truly make an impact.

But there is hope! Better yet: **we are that hope!**

For, as the Apostle Paul writes, "*...by the power at work within us,*" God is able to "*accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine*" (Ephesians 3:20).

Will you be part of God's dream for the world? Will you accept the invitation to make a difference and see what God will do with our giving? We will be taking donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during the month of June. Our goal at First Baptist is \$1,000.00.

*In His name,
Cathy Vance
Missions Chairman*

Church improvement

The foundation of the Hart Avenue ramp was deteriorating and was in danger of collapsing so the Trustee Board recommended that it should be replaced. Work started the week of May 7. The following pictures show how the workers are rebuilding the ramp.



The old ramp has been removed



Cutting the blocks on an angle.



When things go right

Have you ever thought about how often things go right? Usually our conversations are limited to the problems of the day, the ills of society, the obstacles, injustices, or what’s wrong with other people. In today’s world nothing is ever quite good enough for us. We even complain about churches.

Have you ever stopped to marvel at just how often things go right? Every day, literally thousands of events go right. Telephone calls are connected, reservations are honored, technology is advanced, and air travel is smooth.

It continues right down to the fact that most people are friendly day after day. For the most part, we take it all for granted. A huge percentage of the people you meet every day are friendly, helpful and courteous.

What we hear about, however, are the tiny percentages of people who are rude, insensitive, or incompetent. As a result we forget about the many things that go right.

I have a cousin who lives about 20 miles south of London, England. It is amazing that a letter in a little envelope can be delivered from Rohr Avenue in Buckhannon to Claygate, England in about 5 days.

We complain about the postal service, but think of all the post offices that little envelope goes through and the many hands that handle it before it reaches its destination.

When I remind myself of how often things actually go right, it really helps me deal with those things that don’t. When I focus on how often things go right, it opens my eyes to the big picture. I think the same will be true for you as well.

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The Vatican is still
In *Italy*.



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- June 2018

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Servando Arredondo III
- 6 - Ryan Nestor, Lori Newman Dew
- 9 - B. J. Painter, Donna Sommerville Smith
- 13 - Wayne Sommerville
- 15 - Abby Hurst
- 18 - Patricia Craven, Mary Jane Blankenship
- 19 - Luke Leigh
- 24 - Shawna Moffett Kerekes
- 29 - Tom Peck

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - Steve and Marcia Lee
- 8 - Don and Judy Nestor



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

[] **Sunday, June 3** - Before or after Sunday school and after the Morning Worship Service we will be having a “make up” day for taking pictures for the church Photo Directory. See the article inside for more details.

[] **Sunday, June 3 - 12:30 to 4:30 p. m.** - Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for the Tucker Family.

[] **Sunday, June 3 - 5:30 p. m.** - The Weston First Baptist Church is sponsoring a Broad Run Association Christian Education Event. Speaker: Dr. Michael Sisson, our new WV Baptist Convention Executive Director. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p. m. You are invited to hear the direction and vision Dr. Sisson has for WV Baptists.

➤ **Note:** Please let Pastor Jay know if you plan to attend.

[] **Tuesday, June 5 - 7:00 p. m.** - ABW Ministries will meet at the church.

[] **Sunday, June 10 - 4:00-8:00 p. m.** - FBC Summer Hangout (See Inside for details)

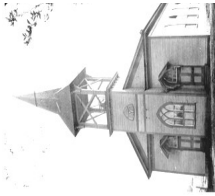
[] **Sunday, June 17** - Father’s Day

[] **Monday, June 18** - Deacon Board Meeting.

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



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