

### **The First Baptist Church**

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

Wednesday evening Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

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

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### **Making a difference**

When you serve on a church committee, you make a big difference in people experiencing the hope and healing power of the Gospel. When you serve in Christ's name, you do more than fill a gap. You discover a purpose that you didn't know was waiting for you, and forge relationships you didn't know you were missing.

All believers are endowed by God with unique spiritual gifts. In addition everyone has special talents. Use yours so that you can make the impact God has designed for you to make. *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."* (1 Peter 4:10).

Besides serving on committees there are "behind the scenes" positions that are useful to the ministry of the church. People serving "behind-the-scenes" help to provide a worshipful experience for all who attend.

Serve, and watch what happens.

### **Sharing the same observance**

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. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

### **Early Christian unsung heroes**

We hear a lot about Paul, Peter, James and John. But there are several people in the New Testament that slip by us unnoticed. Even though they are mentioned briefly, they demonstrate lessons for us today.

One of the most important unsung heroes was Gamaliel. He was a first-century Jewish rabbi and a leader in the Jewish Sanhedrin. In Acts Chapter 5, John and Peter were standing trial in front of the Sanhedrin.

The council wanted the apostles to stop preaching in the name of Jesus. The council became very angry when Peter said they had no intention of stopping. He enraged the council who began to seek the death of the apostles.

Into the fray stepped Gamaliel. The rabbi, "who was honored by all the people", first ordered the apostles to be removed from the room. Gamaliel then said, *"In the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go"* The Sanhedrin were persuaded by Gamaliel's words. That the council yielded to his advice speaks to the influence that Gamaliel possessed.

Barnabas was another unsung hero of the early church. He was from Cyprus which was famous for its vineyards, wheat, oil, and figs. To own land there a person had to be rich, and influential. Yet, Barnabas surrendered his fortune. When he heard about the needs of the early church he sold his land, and brought the money and laid it at the apostle's feet.

There are a many other unsung New Testament Christians. For instance, Acts 16:13-15 records that Lydia opened her home to Paul, from which he led many to Christ and founded a church in Philippi. In Acts 17:5-9, Jason risked his life for the gospel by allowing Paul to stay in his home. He stood up for what was true and right, even though he faced persecution for it.

The early church would have struggled if it hadn't been for the unsung heroes, the men and women who through some small but committed act moved the church forward.

What about us? We will probably not have our names mentioned on the pages of church history books. But the witness and service of God's unsung heroes – the average people in every local church – will bear fruit in their communities.

*JLP*

## Update on the church directory

The directory was scheduled to be printed the week of September 17. Please check the church bulletins for further updates. Amanda and David Norment have been fulfilling requests for prints of photos from folks who wish copies for their own personal use.

Please contact them via e-mail at daven3ngm@aol.com or watch the church bulletins for further information.

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## 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 16, 2018. This outreach program helps many families in need at Christmas time. Your generous donations will be appreciated.

If you know of a family in need call the church office at 304-472-4789, Hallie Hurst at 304-642-5430 or Don Shingleton at 304-472-1106.

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| Sunday, October 7   | 2 cans of corn and 2 cans of sweet potatoes              |
| Sunday, October 14  | 2 cans of green beans and 2 cans of peas                 |
| Sunday, October 21  | 2 cans of baked beans and 2 cans of carrots              |
| Sunday, October 28  | 1 large can of peaches and 1 large can of fruit cocktail |
| Sunday, November 4  | 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese and 2 cans of applesauce  |
| Sunday, November 11 | 1 box of stuffing mix                                    |
| Sunday, November 18 | 1 box of instant potatoes and 2 cans of gravy            |
| Sunday, November 25 | 1 jar of peanut butter and 1 jar of jelly                |
| Sunday, December 2  | 1 box of oil or 1 can of shortening                      |
| Sunday, December 9  | 1 box of cake mix and 1 can of frosting                  |
| Sunday, December 16 | \$5.00 donation for perishables and a bag of candy       |

From a church bulletin:



It would be better to place your *cards* in the offering plate and your cars in the parking lot!

Stewardship Sunday  
Please place your cars in the offering plate ...  
to symbolize your commitment

## 153rd West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting Pre-Convention Activities



### Women's Day Friday, October 19

American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia  
Theme: Living Loved

Worship Leader: Ginny Prunty

Location: South Parkersburg Baptist Church

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch: Will be provided for \$6.00

Nursery provided for preschool children

Contact: Sandra Lutz at sandralutz150@yahoo.com

Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.



### American Baptist Men Friday, October 20

Location: Henderson Hall

517 Old River Road

Williamstown 26187

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Depart from the church at 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$6.00

Contact/R.S.V.P.: Frank Miller at miller@wvbc.org

or 304.372.3675

Shuttle Available. Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.



See Pastor Jay for more information or go to the West Virginia Baptist webpage for registration forms

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*The Buckhannon Baptist - October 2018*

*From Pastor Jay*

**James 1** 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything (NIV, 2011).

Do you remember Mad Libs? It wasn't something I played a lot as a kid, but it certainly made an impression. You simply create a story of your own by filling in the blanks. You use your own nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc. And what usually is produced is something quite funny, and usually inappropriate. Well, maybe in our household.

The book of James is written to Jewish Christians who have departed Jerusalem and are scattered throughout. We are studying the book in our Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30, and we'd love for you to join us! I may be treading on dangerous ground here, but I want us to consider what we might do as Christians to the passage above, treating James's command as a Mad Lib as opposed to what is given.

Consider it pure joy, my dear friends whenever you face good things,  blessings, happy thoughts, receive cards and gifts, or go to Disneyworld. Doesn't that fit, or maybe sound better with joy than with what James asserts? I might think of joy that goes along with the positive things we receive. This is not his intention at all. James is challenging us to receive our respective trials not as sadness or melancholy or discouragement but with joy.

Not many will equate joy and trials. What about sickness? What about struggling financially? What about marital and relationship heartbreak? What about mockery or persecution of faith? All of these become challenges for us, but James certainly gives us a different way of looking at our trials. But he has reasons and he gives us them. We also can't forget that James qualifies trials. Notice the verse above. It's not if you meet these trials, it's when you meet them. Trials are no respecter of persons, as we've heard that phrase before. They come for everyone.

What are James's reasons? The testing (proving or examination) of your faith (belief, trust in God) produces steadfastness. I know for myself and for some of us, the testing and trials of our faith have produced a lot of things: doubt and unbelief, questions, anger, loneliness, bitterness, self-pity, etc. But, what does James say about trials and testing? Faith produces perseverance. Faith produces steadfastness. Faith produces in us a hang in there, hold the rope mentality. Faith gives the Holy Spirit something to work with as we partner with Him. Because we're not depending on ourselves, we're cooperating, trust-

ing, submitting, and obeying God.

Faith not only has a process, it also has a finished work. That's something we are to keep in mind. Thankfully, there is a graduation day. Remember Paul declaring in Philippians that "to live is Christ and to die is gain"? This is a great reminder for us that in the testing, in the persevering, even in the suffering, we have the opportunity to see that Jesus was in all of it. Because, Paul was saying that all of these point me to experience Jesus Christ, in both joy and suffering.

When perseverance finishes its work, James shares that we will be what? Not naive, immature, and unfinished, but mature and complete. In other translations, it would say perfect. This graduation day is coming for those whose trust is in the Lord Jesus Christ. This graduation day is coming for those who persevere and remain steadfast, not solely through our own wares and strength, but through the reliance of the Holy Spirit within us. To die, according to Paul, but most importantly to Christ, for we will have an eternal home with Him, is truly gain. May we re-frame and re-consider the difficult and often impossible trials that God places in our lives. They are not there to discourage us or punish us, but to strengthen, mature and perfect us.

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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.

## Please pass the salt

When a group gathers at a table to enjoy a good meal, no sooner are the plates filled than the salt shaker begins making its rounds so that everyone may season the food to their liking. Many a meal would be far less tasty if salt was not readily at hand!

Jesus tells those of us who follow him that we are "the salt of the earth." Since ancient times, salt has been used not only as a seasoning to enhance flavor, but also as a preservative. Long before refrigeration was available, salt was coarsely rubbed into meat so that it could be saved and stored over time, remaining useful for nourishment.

As the "salt of the earth," there is a quality about us, a "flavor" that should enhance the quality of life for those around us. It should make people thirsty for the living water, generating an awareness of spiritual need that can only be quenched by the presence of the Spirit given to those who come to faith in our Lord Jesus. (John 7:37-39)

Jesus includes with this charge a warning, however: Salt that "loses its saltiness" becomes useless and is tossed aside. The "salt" to which Jesus was referring was a course white powder mined from the area of the Dead Sea. Over time, the sodium chloride would leach out of the powder. No longer useful it was discarded.

So also we, as followers of Jesus, must remain in him and so retain those qualities that arise out of devotion to Jesus and commitment to the way of Christ—the fruit of the Spirit, love for one another and Holiness. (John 15:4-5; Galatians 5:22-23)

Even these qualities may lose their life-enhancing, culture-preserving and spiritual-thirst-producing qualities when they are only turned inward. Our "saltiness" is useless when we remain in the shaker, when we become inwardly focused only on our personal spirituality or the life of our Christian communities.

We invite you to join International Ministries in "passing the salt," around the globe. Through gifts to the World Mission Offering, you enable IM's global servants, volunteers and international partners to share the good news of Jesus in word and in deed.

➤ The 2018 World Mission Offering will be received during the month of October. Our goal at First Baptist is \$1,000.

*Cathy Vance,  
Missions Chairman*

## Sally Anne Veith receives CWU award

Editor's note: On September 24th, Sally Anne Veith received the Valiant Woman Award at the Church Women United Annual Meeting. The award is given to someone who serves CWU, her own church and her community over a period of time and promotes The Gospel message. The award is given at all levels, local, state, regional and national.

She was nominated for the award by Adeline Price and Cathy Vance. Below is information that was submitted about her background and work in the church.



Sally Anne attended school in her native Seattle, Washington, before moving to Cleveland, Ohio. While living in Cleveland she worked in Accounting. She and her husband, Eddie, were active in the Baptist faith while living in Cleveland.

After Sally Anne's retirement, she and Eddie moved to Buckhannon, West Virginia and joined First Baptist Church, where they both serve on the Deacon/Deaconess board and support the community outreach of the church.

She is active with the American Baptist Women and Church Women United, both of which she supports financially and with contributions to ongoing projects. Sally Anne has directed VBS. Eddie and Sally Anne have also prepared "Blizzard Boxes" for the Upshur County Senior Center's meal delivery program.

Sally Anne is an accomplished seamstress and makes aprons for all occasions. These aprons have been donated to the local Senior Center, missionaries, friends and the kitchen crew at First Baptist Church. Her pillowcase dresses, boys' shorts, tote bags, and other sewn goodies are shared in the local schools and in Operation Christmas Child "Shoebboxes" around the world.

She has overcome the loss of both of her sons and many hardships in her life, but continues to serve others with love and joy.

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## 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!"

## Women's Fall Gathering

The American Baptist Women's Ministries Fall Gathering will be held on Saturday October 27 at Buckhannon First Baptist. Food will be collected for the School Snack Pack Back Program. Suggested items are:

- Doug and Daphne Johnston from Tallmansville Baptist Church will present a brief
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| ✓ INDIVIDUAL serving containers, with pop-top lids     | ✓ Vienna Sausages, Slim Jims |
| ✓ Pastas and soups with beef (focus on protein)        | ✓ chocolate milk boxes       |
| ✓ Applesauce, fruit and pudding cups with milk, yogurt | ✓ 100% Juice Boxes           |
| ✓ Snack crackers with peanut butter and cheese         | ✓ Cereal                     |

report on the most recent Kodiak Baptist Mission trip. The speaker will be Sue Hamrick. She is the editor of Seasons Magazine and secretary of Spencer Baptist Church.

## Messages around us

William Shakespeare wrote of times when *"our life ... finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything."*

The month of October can preach breathtaking sermons. It speaks in the glorious colors of leaves, the splendor of the abundant harvest, the grass whitened by the first frost, the honking birds flying to their winter haven and busy squirrels gathering nuts before snow covers their feeding ground.

How wonderful October's sermons are, and how they bless us. Thank you, Lord!



## Christian symbols

The harp is a multi-stringed musical instrument that is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many Psalms.

The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22).

The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 ("And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps").



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of the  
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Friday, October 19 to Saturday, October 20  
at the  
South Parkersburg Baptist Church  
1655 Blizzard Drive,  
Parkersburg, WV 26101  
304-422-7722  
www.spbc-wv.org*

Dear West Virginia Baptist Family,

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV) reminds us, *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

We all share the same hope that is found in Christ, and because of that, we also get to serve as bearers of this hope in the world. Though we all face challenges, obstacles and sometimes frustrating circumstances, there is no doubt God is doing amazing things in and through our churches.

➤ That is the purpose of this annual meeting - to gather together for a time to share these victories, praise God for what He has done and continues to do and encourage one another in our service in ministry.

What a tremendous blessing it is as followers of Christ to be able to participate in the reconciling work Jesus is doing in our communities and our world! It is my privilege to invite you to South Parkersburg Baptist Church for this year's Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

My prayer is this will be a time of worship, spurring one another on and sharing wisdom as we all strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

*Pastor Rich Blain,  
South Parkersburg Baptist Church*

(See Pastor Jay for a schedule, registration form and more details.)

**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 - Kaiha Jade Hurst
- 26 - Dick Curry

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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



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

***Don't Forget!***

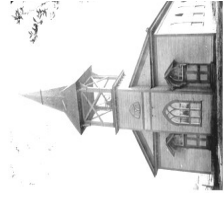
- [ ] **Tuesday, October 2 - 10:30 a. m.** - ABW Ministries will meet at the church.
- [ ] **Wednesday, October 3** - The Widows for Christ will meet. Location to be announced. Point of contact for more information is Bonnie Cartier, 304-472-9079.
- [ ] **Tuesday, October 9 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** - The Community Outreach Dinner. The dinner is free and everyone is welcome. Desserts are always needed for the dinner.
- [ ] **Monday, October 15 - 7:00 p. m.** - Deacon Board Meeting.
- [ ] **Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20** - West Virginia Baptist Convention at the South Parkersburg Baptist Church. For more information contact Pastor Jay.
- [ ] **Saturday, October 27 - 9:30 a. m.** - Buckhannon First Baptist will host the Broad Run Baptist Association Women's Gathering.
- [ ] **Wednesday, October 31** - We will be distributing candy and hot chocolate at the South Florida Street side of the church. Volunteers and bags of candy are needed.
- [ ] **Men's Fellowship Breakfasts** - To be announced.



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The First Baptist Church - 232 Years of Worship



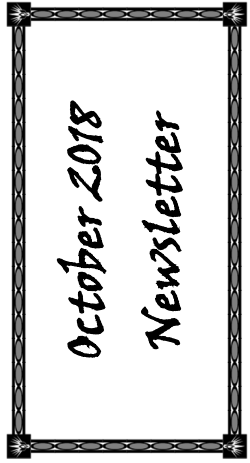
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