

### **The First Baptist Church**

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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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### **When asked ...**

When you're a follower of Jesus, no matter what your talent or ability is, there are many opportunities to honor God by helping other people. Christians believe that God has a plan for our lives. God has given us talents to help him spread the Gospel.

➤ *We should use our gifts and talents to serve God as a committee member, church officer or in any other capacity in the church.* God has given us skills to serve Him, and we should use them to the best of our ability.

When we are asked to perform an activity or an office in the church we should think: *"Christ has served me and I should do whatever I can to serve him. When we serve Christ, we find joy in what we accomplish and are able to say, 'I'm glad that I'm able to serve God through my work.'"*

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### **Labor Day**

We sometimes dislike the word, "work". However, work is important for us. It allows us to use our talent, our minds and our strength to create and bring forth the "fruits" of our labor. Work is a way of exercising good stewardship of the personal gifts God has given to us: our brain power, our physical strength, our special talents.

Since we have the privilege of being "workers together with God" it seems fitting that we set aside one day a year to think about the goodness and dignity of work. Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate Labor Day.



### ***Weirton Christian Center***



The Weirton Christian Center held an open house on Sunday August 26 to celebrate the completion of its new building. The Center is supported by several organizations, including the West Virginia American Baptist Women's Ministries.

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Golden'ers  
Fall Conference 2018  
Theme: Senior Olympics

September 10-12, 2018  
Parchment Valley Conference Center

Bible Study Leader: Jeff Davenport  
The conference will begin on Monday in the Santrock Building with registration and pizza at 12 noon and will end on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.  
\$10.00 discount for first-timers (full-time only)!

Registration Deadline (with full payment) by August 31, 2018.

For more information, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Valma at 304.422.6449 or [adams@wvbc.org](mailto:adams@wvbc.org).

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Our sympathy is extended to the family of Pauline McCray "Polly" Nye, 92, of Glenville, North Carolina, who passed away on Sunday, August 5, 2018. She was a long time member of First Baptist.

## Update on the church directory

Amanda and David Norment have been fulfilling requests for prints from folks who wish copies for their own personal use.

Note: Walmart, where they get the enlargements made, has increased the price of the 5X7 prints from a respectable .87 cents each to a ridiculous \$1.44 each! As a result they have to pass that increase along to the people who want copies.

David said they are still in the assembly mode with the actual directory. They are laying the pages out with the photos and necessary information. The finished directory will take a while longer than originally planned because of David's health problems and with his surgeries on the immediate horizon.

David expects some progress will be made while he's at home recovering. The date the directory will be finished will be pushed back a bit but Amanda and David will strive to complete the project as soon as possible.

You can contact Amanda and David via e-mail at [daven3ngm@aol.com](mailto:daven3ngm@aol.com).



## Our Sunday school teachers

James Michener, the author of books such as *The Source* and *Hawaii*, was once invited by President Eisenhower to a dinner at the White House. He answered the president with these words:

*"Dear Mr. President: I received your invitation three days after I had agreed to speak a few words at a dinner honoring the wonderful high school teacher who taught me how to write. I know you will not miss me at your dinner, but she might at hers."*

President Eisenhower answered Michener by saying, *"In his lifetime a man lives under 15 or 16 presidents, but a really fine teacher comes into his life but rarely."*

Public school and Sunday school are both now in full swing, so let us honor all of our teachers. They sacrifice their time to prepare lessons, decorate classrooms, and teach with loving care - and most importantly, to be "there" for their students.

## Kodiak, Alaska

Editor's Note: I recently asked Jim and Cathy Vance to write an article about their trip this summer to Kodiak, Alaska. Cathy sent an article and replied: *"This verse speaks to the mission of Kodiak: 1 John 3:18: 'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions in truth.'*



*"There is so much about a mission trip that doesn't fit on paper. The Walkers are such good people and seriously teach Jesus, they have recruited some wonderful staff members as well as volunteers. Pastor David Roberts came to teach outdoor cooking and helped to break the team of Haflingers to pull the wagon, delighting the children and adults. Joyce Collins' homemade pepperoni rolls pleased everyone."*

*"Rob Prince, a member of Beaver Baptist Church and cancer survivor, travels to Kodiak each summer to teach golf camp. Maria Downy, from Pennsylvania, works with the horse camps. The Island is beautiful and we love the people. They certainly make us feel welcome, loved and nurtured. Joyce Collins' homemade pepperoni rolls pleased everyone."*

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

#### 40th Annual Spiritual Growth Retreat

September 21-23, 2018 at Parchment Valley Conference Center

Theme: Good Fer' You

Scripture: 3 John 2 – Dear Friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you even as your soul is getting along well.

Speaker: Dr. Sandra Lutz

This will be such a joyous time of fellowship and music. Come expecting to be blessed! Please join us for this inspirational weekend.

Sessions: Physical Health, Emotional Health, Social Health and Spiritual Health

Women's Leadership Academy: Session 10 – Evaluation with Janey Carrico

Registration is open from August 17 – 31, 2018. A registration form and fees are needed for each person registering. Lodging request includes registration fee, two nights lodging, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

For more information and a registration form, contact:

Coordinator: Jeane Fisher – [jeane.fisher@aol.com](mailto:jeane.fisher@aol.com); 304.462.8860

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*The Buckhannon Baptist - September 2018*

From Pastor Jay

"We have the technology." I was born in the 70's and I remember that TV show. I think you might, too. Wasn't it the Six Million Dollar Man? Other than Lee Majors, I don't remember many of the actors, but I think it was the character Oscar who spoke the quote above. So grateful for the useless and countless things stored in my memory. Concerning technology, imagine if they had what we have now.

We've spent some time reflecting over the greatest commandment, to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In my message several weeks ago, we talked about the motivation of this, the 'why'. Why? Because God is deserving of our love. Because God, in Jesus Christ, first showed his love for us. And, because as we love God with our entire being, we will love others and ourselves, best.

I shared that in the coming weeks we would talk about the 'how'. How? How do we grow in our love for God? There are certainly ways we can answer this through God's Word, but I want to submit a passage that the apostle Peter shares from 2 Peter 1 *3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

We don't just have the technology, we have the tools. We don't just have the tools, as you see in the Word we have God's Divine Power within us. Wonder working power through the Holy Spirit. Power to move us, to sustain us, to keep us faithful, and to love God by living a godly life in knowing Him. God doesn't stop giving us His love. His love flows and overflows into our daily lives. But we play a part in this divine process. We'll get to this soon.

God doesn't stop giving. The verse above shares that he has called us. Out of his own glory and goodness, he brought us into relationship with Jesus. The blessings continue as he calls us His own. We have power. We have God's promises. We are participants in God's divine nature and activity. I don't have color or a painting to describe these things. I simply use these words to inform you and me that God loves us this much! He wants us to live full and abundant lives. He wants us to live in joy, peace, and victory. His promise is that He will never leave us or forsake us. As we think of the woman in John 4, Jesus is the well where we never need to thirst. We are both divine nature participators, all the while being, evil world escapers.

So Peter shares with us how we do this. Peter gives us understanding of what it means to grow. Now remember, the key is effort, not earning. I'll say it again EFFORT not EARNING. We are not seeking reward to gain God's love for us. We already have His love. We aren't going after these things so that we become self-righteous. Christ's righteousness is already given to us. Peter even words it so.

*5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.*

With Christ living within us and with Holy Spirit power put forth this effort. And add to your faith these qualities. Peter doesn't say it, but isn't it possible that these are also Fruit given by the Spirit. Add these things. Pray these things. Live them out before your family, your friends, your church family. Add. Pray. Practice. Discipline yourselves. Demonstrate. Grow. These are a lot of verses to take in. Peter further punctuates the passage and ends with this helpful exclamation point! He tells us 'why' it's important to grow. Why?

*8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

With Christ and His Spirit in us, may we keep our sights, set upon Him. May we be effective, productive, fruitful servants of Jesus Christ. And give Him the glory.

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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.

## Kodiak Baptist Mission Trip - 2018

By Jim and Cathy Vance

We tell our friends "We are going to Alaska". Our friends ask: "Is it cold there? Do you have family in Kodiak? Will you see the Eskimos? etc."

We went to Kodiak Baptist Mission on Kodiak Island Alaska on a mission trip and experienced the rain forest climate. COLD not in the summer, the temperature ranges from 49 to 70 on the rainy days. When the temperature rises to 75, it is warm and the inhabitants are feeling too warm. It is daylight approximately 19 hours a day in late July and diminishes approximately five (5) minutes each day.

The cool temperatures, rainy days and short summer season, create challenges for growing crops for food. The raised bed gardens, ideal for drainage that we constructed 2 years ago are filled with beets, radishes, and leafy green vegetables, these crops do not require pollination and grow well in cool temperatures. Potatoes have been planted in the field and are growing well in the wet soil. Tomatoes and squash are planted in a greenhouse; these crops require pollination and are pollinated by hand/electric toothbrushes.

Family? YES, although we have known Johnny and Robin Walker for a short time, they are family. Johnny felt the call to go to KBM to work with the horse program; he is currently the Executive Director and has answered the call to preach. Robin assists in the office and oversees registration for the summer camp program. Johnny and Robin are also serving as grandparents to the KBM children. The staff at KBM are our brothers and sisters in Christ. A requirement for KBM staff is to be Christian.

Eskimos? NO. The Aleuts are indigenous people of the Aleutian Islands. A large part of the population of Kodiak consists of folks from the Lower 48, the Philippine Islands and Russia. Kodiak, population is 6,130 as of the 2010 census, is home to the largest Coast Guard Base in the world. People from Russia had a settlement on Woody Island, the original site of KBM. The population on Woody is two.

Kodiak Baptist Mission provides a food bank, pre-school, day care after school programs and summer camps for the children on Kodiak and the surrounding Islands. Matt and Tammy Jones continue the Ouzinkie Mission.

Johnny Walker and the staff of KBM are re-establishing the farming community with cows, horses, pigs, chickens, goats, ducks and rabbits. This will provide food for the community and teach sustainability.

## Living in time

If you have ever sung in a choir or played in a band you know how important it is for everyone to be on the same beat. It is typical for each participant to have rehearsed their part.

It is also very likely the director/conductor has worked with the different sections of voices or instrumentation to prepare the group to play together. Whether one plays/sings the melody or another part, everyone must be in the same time for the performance to be done well.



When I was in high school many years ago, I was privileged to participate in several honor performance groups. Our band/orchestra director would work with us so we would learn the music. He made us practice and practice even more so when we got to the time of the performance we would be ready to be our best.

However, when we got to the actual time of the performance there would be a "guest conductor" who would lead. He/she would have us express their own interpretation of the music. They would often change the flow of each piece to reflect or emphasize how they felt the music should move.

No matter how well we knew the music we had to keep our eyes on the conductor so we could stay in time with the rest of the orchestra. To perform well in a band/orchestra/chorus one must practice their part. And as my first band director said, "You must practice correctly as practice does not make perfect, it makes permanent."

It is in our correct practice that we prepare to be part of the performance. To perform well you must also follow the direction of the conductor/director and play/sing in time with the time set by him/her.

The same can be said of our daily living. We choose each day how we are to live. Do you march to your own beat or do you live in time - in rhythm following the direction of God?

Committed to Missions,  
by John Simmons,  
Associate Executive Minister Missions and Administration  
West Virginia Baptist Convention





From a church newsletter:

The music ministry needs you.

Calling all inspiring musicians!

Join us at our first rehearsal on Wednesday

It helps when *aspiring* musicians also try to inspire!

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## CWU Annual Assembly

Church Women United in West Virginia will be collecting health kits during the annual Assembly on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, for field workers in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia.

### HEALTH KIT ITEMS

➤ Bath Towel & wash cloth (new or gently used) - Large comb - Bath Size Bar Soap - Nail File or clipper - Tooth Brush - Tooth Paste - Band Aids - Safety Pins.

Please place all the items but the bath towel in a zip lock plastic bag and wrap the plastic bag within the bath towel. Tie the towel closed with shoe strings or ribbon.

### NEW BEGINNING PERSONAL KIT ITEMS

We will also be collecting personal care kits for newly released men and women prisoners around the state of West Virginia. The kits are given to them on their release date for their personal use.

➤ Small Towel & Wash Cloth (new or gently used) - Tooth Brush - Tooth Paste Soap - Shampoo & Conditioner - Manicure Kit Large Comb or Brush - Razors (men or women) - Lip Balm - Any Other Necessities

Please place these items in a small backpack so they can be easily transported and managed by the individuals receiving them.

All support for these Kits will be greatly appreciated. There is always a need for these kits. Thank you for your generosity.

We invite and encourage women of First Baptist Church and Buckhannon to attend the Assembly. It will be held at the Quiet Dell UMC Church just off I-79.

Our team of eight people from Tallmansville, Jane Lew, Weston and Buckhannon arrived at the mission a few days earlier than usual this year. Our trusty teammates from Tel City and Nashville, Indiana joined us on Friday. The KBM staff and volunteers were preparing for a rodeo, a first for Kodiak and many of us. Jim helped to transport horses, tents, and other necessities to Northland Ranch for the rodeo. Some of us helped to prepare the brisket and ribs to be for the event. Doug, the children's' HERO, began the repairs on riding toys and lawn mowers.

On Saturday, we were off early for the excitement of the rodeo. Our activities that day included, balloons for the shooting ride event, face painting, balloon animals etc. for the children's tent, serving food and directing traffic.

Sunday morning we were back at the ranch for a Cowboy breakfast, prepared by Cowboy Dave and Sherry Roberts, followed by Cowboy Church in the barn. Kelly Foreman led the singing and Cowboy Dave presented at inspiring sermon.

Each day started with Chapel, led by John Zinck and Kelly Foreman. On Monday, Johnny Walker told us the priority projects that he would like for us to concentrate on during our stay. Complete the milk room, clean the hog pens, organize the loft, hill up the potatoes, mow the grass, transport the horses to Woody and scrape the fence.

Our work began with Doug and Jim repairing toys and lawn mowers, Daphne and Nancy accessing their organization skills and strong-arm labor on that loft. With several others involved in the loft we "found the floor" organized the camp gear, life vests, car seats, household furnishings, etc.

The milk room has to completed to commercial specifications so that the goat milk, ice cream and cheese can be sold. Richard, from the Indiana team, is an electrician and could do the wiring and lighting, Bill was experienced in hanging the tub surround and completed much of the milking room with the help of the WV team.

The potatoes were hilled up, the lawn mowers and weed eaters got a work out. Two of our team members watered and pollinated plants in the greenhouse. John, from the KBM staff, cleaned the hog pens for us and we appreciated his intervention.

Our trip was not all work. We enjoyed some fishing, sight seeing beautiful scenery, bears, whales, and eagles, etc. and visiting with old and new friends. We are truly blessed to be such a small part in God's great plan. We thank our church friends and family for your prayers, love and support.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Chuck and Nancy Marks  
24 - Amanda and David Norment



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, September 4 - 10:30 a. m.** - ABW Ministries will meet at the church.
- [ ] **Wednesday, September 5 - 11:30 a. m.** - The Widows for Christ will meet at the home of Wilma Bassel for a covered dish luncheon. Point of contact for more information is Bonnie Cartier, 304-472-9079.
- [ ] **Sunday, September 9 - 9:30 a.m.** - Promotion Sunday.
- [ ] **Tuesday, September 11 - 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, September 17 - 7:00 p. m.** - Deacon and Deaconess Boards Meeting.
- [ ] **Men’s Fellowship Breakfasts** - To be announced.

**Looking Ahead:** Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the South Parkersburg Baptist Church. For more information contact Pastor Jay.

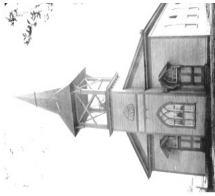
Buckhannon First Baptist will host the Broad Run Baptist Association Women’s Gathering on Saturday, October 27 at 9:00 a.m.



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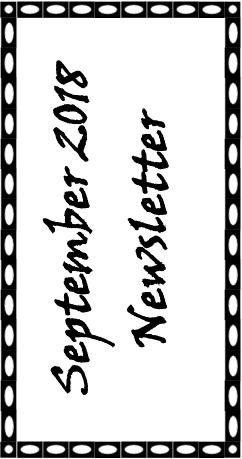
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