

## The First Baptist Church

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

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

Wednesday evening Bible Study ..... 6:30 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.**

## From harm to good

Years before the Pilgrims arrived in America, English traders kidnapped Squanto and other Native Americans and sold them as slaves in Spain. Incredibly, Squanto was bought by monks, who set him free and taught him about Jesus.

Later Squanto sailed to England, hoping for passage to America. But he had to wait years, so he worked as a stable hand and learned English. Finally able to travel home, he was devastated to find his tribe wiped out by smallpox.

A couple of years later, the Pilgrims came ashore, tired, sick and having lost many shipmates on the way. Implausibly, they encountered an English-speaking Native American, who shared his friendship and knowledge.

Like Joseph going from his homeland to Egypt and from slave to expert leader, Squanto experienced God's leading — even when the path was littered with misfortune. Using Squanto, God saved a whole community. What some intended for harm, God turned into good (see Genesis 50:20).

## Autumn

Autumn is a time of great hope because we bring in our harvests during the fall. We look forward to pumpkins, apples and fresh breads. It is also a time of brilliant colors and dazzling displays of falling leaves that have enchanted thousands of generations of people who looked out upon golden valleys of sleepy trees.



## Update on the church directory

Ralston Press printed the directory the week of September 17. Distribution began on Sunday, October 21. Please contact Don Shingleton if you have not received a copy. Thanks to Amanda and David Norment for taking the photos and to Cynthia Parker for finishing the directories.

Please contact Don, Amanda, David or Cynthia after the Morning Worship Service if you have any questions about the directories.

## 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.

From a church bulletin:

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 bottle 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

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

## *From Pastor Jay*

A few weeks ago, we sat down with an old friend for dinner who is serving as a missionary in the Czech Republic. She expressed that she was sad during that November month because she had no one to celebrate Thanksgiving with and was missing her family. That's certainly something all of us would miss. We always have reason to give thanks. Let's do that, why don't we? There are always reasons to be thankful.

I'm thankful as we serve in the West Virginia Baptist Convention. I'm excited about the direction and leadership of our Executive Minister, Dr. Michael Sisson, and his emphasis of what incredible things can be accomplished as we serve and work together, so often he shared, "We do together better, what we can't do alone." At the WV Annual Meeting, and I wish all of you could have been there, they shared about missions. Missions through Camp Cowen, Parchment Valley and Brothers Keeper. At Camp Cowen, 95 students made first time decisions to know and follow Jesus Christ. Through Parchment Valley, 63 people came to know the Lord.

The convention leadership team has also introduced ministry interns, serving for short periods of time in area churches. Mission Encounter Education Training, otherwise known as M.E.E.T. gives people, young and old, opportunities and experiences to grow in mission. Baptist Campus Ministries are growing, as well as sending out students to serve. The School of Christian Studies continue to build up future leaders and pastors. All of these are helpful reminders that God is at work and alive in our WV churches.

I'm thankful for our own efforts. It was great to see our women serving, singing, and laboring together. Last Saturday's American Baptist Women gathering went very well as our sister churches from the Broad Run Association met with us. We heard about service opportunities and the great work God continues to do in Kodiak, Alaska. It's fun to be the host and love on others with our hospitality.

We continue to do this with our local youth. We were able to serve meals to Buckhannon Upshur Middle School students, the football team and the volleyball team. We had a fun, Fall, Sunday evening dinner with the children and even some new visitors and guests. I'm very thankful for the people in our church who are willing to serve in so many capacities. We truly can accomplish much more together than we could on our own. I'm thankful for God's Word and how we are able to study together through Sunday School and Mid-Week Bible Study.

Pastor Jay, continued .....

Lastly, I'm thankful for our theme of the WVBC for 2019. Our theme for now and next year is, "Bearers of Hope." I find myself saying, "now, more than ever" a lot more than I ever have. Now, more than ever, we need to offer up the hope that can only be found in Jesus. His love, his provision, his blessing, his joy, his care, his hope...these are what we need to be revealing to ourselves and to those outside our walls. Together, we bear our burdens together. We grow together. We serve together. We pray together. We strengthen what's within so we can pour ourselves out. We're finding more and more that what's outside in the world is very dark, often very grim, and desperately needs the love of Jesus. So, let's be thankful that we have that living hope inside of us and extend that hope to a hurting family, to a hurting neighborhood, to a hurting community, and to a hurting world. We are Bearers of Hope!

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7*

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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.

Operation Christmas Child

This area includes Braxton, Barbour, Webster, Lewis, Randolph, Pocahontas, Tucker and Upshur counties. These eight counties have been challenged to pack 1,400 boxes.

Many areas that packaged Shoeboxes have been devastated by natural disasters and will not be able to participate in collections this year. We hope to be able to contribute more from our area.

Packing supplies may be dropped off at the church for the children's packing event on Sunday, Nov.18, 2018. Collection times at First Baptist Church will be:

Monday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.	Friday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Monday, November 12, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Friday, November 16, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 13, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Saturday, November 17, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 13, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Sunday, November 18, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Monday, November19, 9:00 am.-1:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 15, 4:00 p.-8:00 p.m.	

A bag of gold

On the road in front of his palace a king had his guards place a large rock. Standing hidden, the king watched to see how passersby handled the obstruction. Most travelers simply walked around it. A few tried to roll the rock, but found it too difficult to dislodge. They gave up and went on.

Eventually, a peasant pushing a cart full of vegetables stopped. He put his full strength behind the stone and pushed. It didn't budge. Undeterred, he pushed again and again until he finally managed to move the rock out of the path.

He glanced down saw a leather bag where the rock had been. He picked up the bag, opened it, and discovered it was filled with gold coins. There was also a note from the king. It said that any-one who found the bag could have the money.

The winners in life are those who work faithfully until the barriers to fulfillment are removed. *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life"* (Revelation 2:10, NRSV)



Church Thanksgiving Dinner

The Thanksgiving dinner will be  
Thursday, November 15, at 6:00 p. m.  
Meat, Potatoes, bread and drinks  
will be furnished.  
Side dishes are requested.

Thanksgiving in other lands

We tend to think of Thanksgiving as a holiday unique to the United States. But America's neighbors to the north and south celebrated it even earlier than the Pilgrims' famed meal in 1621.

**Canada's** first Thanksgiving feast occurred in Newfoundland in 1578. The country's Thanksgiving observance is now on the second Monday in October, with holiday fixings that are similar to those enjoyed by Americans.

Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, and around the same part of the year in other places.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated in some of the **Caribbean islands**, and **Liberia**. Similarly named festival holidays occur in **Germany, Granada, Liberia, Holland, Saint Lucia, Japan and the Philippines**.

In **Mexico** in 1598, a large group of explorers, soldiers and Franciscans traveled on sand dunes in what's now the American Southwest. They were running low on water, so when they reached the Rio Grande, they expressed gratitude to God by feasting on fish, duck and geese. No official date is set for Thanksgiving celebrations in Mexico.

Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvests and at other times. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Chuck Marks
- 4 - Twyla Barlow
- 7 - Wayne Price
- 9 - Jean Harris
- 11 - Adelene Price
- 16 - Pastor Jay Teodoro
- 21 - Cara Leigh Hewitt
- 22 - Sam Hurst
- 25 - Brooke Swisher LeBlanc, Donna Marteney Ficca

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 - Jean and Larrel Harris
- 24 - Don and Joy Shingleton



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

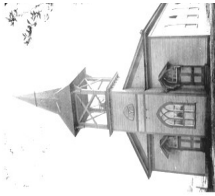
Don't Forget!

- [ ] **Sunday, November 4** - Daylight Savings Time ends.
- [ ] **Tuesday, November 6 - 10:30 a. m.** - ABW Ministries will meet at the church.
- [ ] **Wednesday, November 7** - The Widows for Christ will meet. Location to be announced. Point of contact for more information is Bonnie Cartier, 304-472-9079.
- [ ] **Sunday, November 11** - Veterans Day. Note: Since Veterans Day falls on a Sunday in 2018, Monday, November 12 is considered a federal holiday.
- [ ] **Tuesday, November 13 - 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.
- [ ] **Thursday, November 15 - 6:30 p.m.** - Thanksgiving Dinner at the church. Meat, potatoes, bread and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.
- [ ] **Monday, November 19 - 7:00 p. m.** - Deacon/Deaconess Board Meeting.
- [ ] **Thursday, November 22** - Thanksgiving Day.
- [ ] **Men's Fellowship Breakfasts** - To be announced.

Looking ahead: First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018



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