

The First Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.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.**



*Attend our Sunday school
and Bible Study
classes*

Valentine's Day

St. Valentine, a Roman priest, was martyred in 270 A.D. for loving Jesus. Some sources say he performed weddings after the emperor banned them; others say he rescued Christians from Roman prisons. Two centuries later, the pope declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day.

According to legend, the priest signed his letters "Your Valentine." Later, Christians followed suit to honor him. By the mid-1700s, friends and sweethearts exchanged heart-shaped trinkets or sent handwritten notes of affection on February 14.

The Movie, Groundhog Day

In the movie, *Groundhog Day*, actor Bill Murray is doomed to repeat the same day over and over. For Christians, the "sin cycle" is similar: mess up, repent, resolve to do better — and fail yet again, often in the exact same ways.

That movie is really about grace, contends Mark Lockard. "We fail in small ways ... and in tragic ways. Sometimes I think it would be nice to be able to hit repeat and try again the next day, to aim for perfection, to be the saintly Phil Connors we see at movie's end. But that takes away the spontaneity of the new day, the challenge of being more Christ-like despite a brand new set of circumstances."

On earth, the "chill" of sin keeps biting, but we can "face the stark winter day knowing that it's okay to get it wrong," Lockard writes. "That's part of figuring out who we are as a beloved child of God. That's what grace is all about."

Music in the Bible

I have always been interested in music and history. The Old Testament records that the use of music in worship services was a prominent part of the worship of God in Israel. The first written record in the Bible of vocal music being used as part of a religious ceremony is found in Exodus 15:1-2.

After Moses parted the Red Sea and led the Israelites to the opposite shore, they paused and celebrated their victory over the pharaoh and his army. Exodus 15:1-2 (NIV) says, "*Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: I will sing to the Lord for he is highly exalted.*"



"The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him." This is the first time in the Bible that an entire community sang praises to God.

Hebrew music was usually vocal. The lyre was a common instrument used to accompany the human voice. When singing first appears in the Bible, it was noted that it was used as a familiar part of merry making. Genesis 31:27 speaks of "*singing with joy to the music of tambourines and harps*".

It is said that David had a choir of 288 voices. Solomon was a song writer who, according to I Kings, 4:32, composed '*a thousand and five*' songs.

Throughout history, the journey of faith has been joined together with praises to God through the use of music. In Psalm 147:7 (NIV) we read, "*Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.*"

And then in Psalm 150: 3-6 (NIV): "*Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with re-sounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*"

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Hymns help

Many people say that singing hymns in church is very helpful to them. After an exhausting week at work, they find it inspirational and soothing to sing hymns in church. Hymns let them put the stress of their week behind them, to become touched with something beautiful and holy, and to become more relaxed and uplifted.



From a church bulletin:

helping people.

He actually loves

Please welcome Brother Bill, a caring individual who loves hurting people.



Our sympathy is extended to Pastor Richard McGuire and Eloise. Pastor Richard's mother, Emily "Betty" McGuire, died on Thursday, January 3.

Mission offering

Thank you for contributing to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering and helping us reach our goal. \$1,290.00 was donated to this important outreach ministry.

Bible Study

We will be meeting on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. during the winter months. We are studying "The Ways of the Alongsider" by Billy Mowry. Contact Pastor Jay if you want to order a book. The cost is \$13.40.

Baptism

On Sunday, December 23rd Mrs. Kenna Brown and Desiree Smith were baptized. On Sunday, January 13th, Mrs. Shirley Jean Brown was baptized. May your baptism be a solid foundation that anchors and supports your lifelong relationship with God. Congratulations on your baptism!



An early Post Card picture of the Buckhannon First Baptist Church. The view is from the corner of South Florida Street and Arnold Avenue. Date unknown.

West Virginia Baptist Convention

Bible Conference

featuring Dr. Trent Eastman

"A Shadow of the New Creation"

The Book of Exodus -Israel's Deliverance -

The Establishment of the Covenant -

The Tabernacle

March 2, 2019

at the Parchment Valley Conference Center in Hill Hall

Conference Fee: \$15.00 per person

Registration Deadline (with money enclosed): February 25, 2019

See Pastor Jay for details and a registration form

Spring Children's Rally Saturday, March 9, 2019

Glow in the Dark

at the

Greenlee Activities Center

Parchment Valley Conference Center, Ripley, WV

For children currently in grades K-5, 6th grade is optional

Registration fee is \$12.00 per person ~ including adults ~ (if postmarked by February 25th). Postmarked after February 25th, or at the door, the cost is \$25.00.

"Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life'." John 8:12b
See Pastor Jay for details and a registration form

Camp Cowen

The ministry of the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen has been a blessing to campers for generations, impacting lives for Christ over its 75 years of existence! Over the 75 years of ministry, thousands of campers have walked the paths from the cabins to the dining hall each morning and walked silently into Vespers each evening.

God has changed hearts and lives for many people over many years through the camping experience at Cowen! *Note: We will print a list of the 2019 Camp dates in the March issue of The Buckhannon Baptist.*

The Buckhannon Baptist - February 2019

From Pastor Jay

Dear friends, dear church, let's pray. Let's pray more. Let's pray with our eyes open. Let's pray with our heads bowed and eyes closed. Let's pray as we walk. Let's pray as we drive, but with our eyes open! Let's pray when we feel like it. Let's pray when we don't feel like it. Let's pray before we go to bed. Let's pray when we wake up. Let's see the marks on our pant legs as we've been on our knees. Let's create divots on the floor. Let's pray as we sit, stand, and lay down. Let's pray and discover God's grace. I'm guessing you may know what this article is about. I feel I'm learning and re-learning how to pray.

Let's abide in Jesus and boldly ask (John 15). Let's go to the powerful prayers of Paul. Look at Philippians 1, Colossians 1, Ephesians 1 and 3. Remember Jesus, his prayer in John 17, as he prays to His Father, His disciples, and us. Remember Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray in Matthew 6 and Luke 11. Let's follow the acronym some of us were taught, giving God praise and **Adoration, Confessing** our sin and asking for forgiveness, **Thanking** God in all things, for the big and the small, and finally intercession and petition to God for our daily needs through **Supplication**.

Let's pray **with** our brothers and sisters. As many of us know, we spent a 24-hour period lifting up the Tucker family as well as praying for needs of people of First Baptist. I've been praying for Shawn's health, we've been doing this for a number of months. What I also need to realize is that as we pray we are experiencing God in His fullness, we get to grow in our relationship with Jesus, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit. What I need to realize is we don't pray to get stuff, we pray to get God. Yes, God is the ultimate giver of good gifts, but we pray to know God. I hope that has been your and mine experience.

Let's pray **for** our brothers and sisters. All of us need prayer. For me, it has been a very rich time praying for the Tucker's and praying for the people of our church. I want Shawn to be healed. I want our church family to be without pain and sickness. But most importantly, I want all of us to experience the fullness and presence of God.

When we pray we are interceding. We are pleading to God on behalf of another, a friend, family member, a co-worker. We are praying for the light to defeat the darkness. I want to resist familiar platitudes and pithy statements about prayer. We are praying for God to do something we can't. We pray, because we can't. We are dependent. We are helpless. God can. Through prayer, God heals, God forgives, God reconciles enemies, God saves, God surprises, God says yes, God says no, God brings revival. Let's remember as we pray God is working, for our ultimate good and for His ultimate glory.

Pastor Jay continued...

Let's pray for changed lives. Along with healing, as I was praying during the course of the day, I prayed that someone would come to know Jesus through our sustained and consistent prayer. I pray this happens. It may not have happened over the 24 hour period, but I pray that God would use the Tucker family to reveal the gospel. That Jesus would be revealed through sickness and healing. Jesus would you draw people to yourself through our praying? Would you save them and heal them from their sin? In Mark 2, Jesus would heal the paralytic, but ultimately, it was his life that needed transformed.

I leave with hopefully lasting and powerful quotes to challenge and encourage us. John Newton, who wrote "Amazing Grace" shares, "Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring, for His grace and power are such none can ever ask too much." From E.M. Bounds, "Prayer is the mightiest agent to advance God's work. Praying hearts and hands only can do God's work. Prayer succeeds when all else fails." And finally, "What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men (and women) whom the Holy Ghost can use...men of prayer, men mighty in prayer."

To read The Buckhannon Baptist newsletter online,
news of upcoming events, and more, visit the
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4th Annual Adult Spelling Bee, Friday, January 25. It is a fundraiser for the Upshur County Arts Alliance. There were 42 teams that participated. Our team was called the First Baptist Bee-Attitudes.

Photo: Front row L-R: Jim Vance, Nancy Hackett, Hallie Hurst and Damian Zirkle. Back row L-R: Thelma Norman, Ranson Hackett, Cathy Vance.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Tommy Moffett
- 4 - Tom Leggett
- 5 - Becky Cox, Lori Vance
- 7 - Caila Linger
- 14 - Bonnie Cartier, Baylee Hurst
- 18 - J. D. Hinkle, IV
- 21 - Betty Puffenbarger
- 21 - Vicki Crowder
- 21 - Kenneth Kerekes

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None to report

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

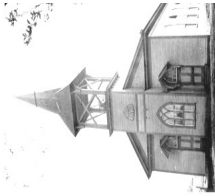


Don't Forget!

- [] **Tuesday, February 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, February 18 - 7:00 p. m.** - Deacon Board Meeting.
- [] **The Widow's for Christ** will not meet in February due to weather conditions.
- [] **The American Baptist Women's Ministries** will not meet in February due to weather conditions.
- [] **Each Wednesday evening - 7:30 p. m.** - The United Youth meets at the Alliance Church.
- [] **Men's Fellowship Breakfasts** - To be announced.



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