

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.**

Who Was St. Patrick?

Patrick was born somewhere in Britain in the late 4th century A.D., he later became captured by pirates as a child and brought to Ireland. During his enslavement, he was called to Christianity and escaped his captors after six years. He returned to Ireland later as a missionary. He is annually honored on his feast day, March 17.

Why is St. Patrick important?

Historically, St. Patrick's missionary work forever changed Ireland. His bold faith and godly character makes him one of the great saints in church history. As a former slave, he condemned slavery as an ungodly institution. As a missionary, he lived among the Irish, identified with them, honored their customs and beliefs and redeemed many of them to reflect the truth and teachings of Christianity. As an evangelist, he was driven to make God's name known among the Irish. God used his steely resolve and ambition to advance God's kingdom in a mighty way in Ireland. Patrick was passionate about evangelizing the Irish, but he was also passionate about educating converts in Christian living and service. Today, Patrick is seen as the ultimate model for Celtic Christians. Ultimately, his life and ministry serve as a pointer to the life and ministry of Christ himself.

How can families participate in St. Patrick's Day?

There are a number of ways your family can celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Families can set aside time to read the real story of Patrick's life and share it with their friends and neighbors. Recalling the biographies of past saints is a great way to encourage and embolden modern believers. Reciting famous Irish prayers and blessings as a family can honor Patrick's love for prayer. Families might also consider a feast or gathering at their home to celebrate God's heart for the nations and his global mission.

****Read this and more at:** www.jellytelly.com/blog/should-christians-celebrate-st-patricks-day



*Attend our Sunday school
and Bible Study
classes*



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (NIV) Galatians 6:9-10

This verse is the theme verse for the America for Christ Offering (AFC) 2019. It reminds us that mission and ministry are rooted in service and that God's grace extends to all, regardless of location.

Your gifts to the AFC Offering impact thousands. Last year you supported the following ministries:

- Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico - rebuilding the island one church, one building at a time.
- Scholarships and Emerging Leaders - providing scholarships to students to help ease the debilitation effects of excessive student loan debt.
- Immigration and Refugee Resettlement - partnering with organizations that have resettled more than 100,000 displaced persons from across the world.
- Rizpah's Children - partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

AFC 2019 encourages us to engage in service to the church and community. For many, that may be the way they experience the love of Christ in us. Give generously, and help us support AFC and help us reach our goal in healing communities.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Shawn Tucker, who went home to be with the Lord on February 24, 2019.



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From a church bulletin:

I think they meant our tithes
and offerings?

The ushers will come forward to take our
tithes and offerings.



Bible Study :

"The Way's of the Alongsider" by Bill Mowry

"The Ways of the Alongsider" is more than a Bible study or a program. This Bible-centered guide is a fresh approach to making disciples in life-to-life ways.

This study paints a new picture of discipling that moves this vital ministry out of the hands of ministry professionals to everyone who wants to participate in the great commission. The 10

chapters are packed with Bible studies, creative assignments, and challenging reflection questions. You will learn a new pathway to disciple people in life-to-life ways.

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for this study. Please feel free to join us anytime. Contact Pastor Jay if you want to order a book, or just show up and see what you think!

American Baptist Women (ABW) will resume meetings again this month! Our first meeting is scheduled for March 5th, at 10:30am at FBC.

The ladies are committed to serving and honoring God with their gifts and talents. Some of the projects they participate in are White Cross, Mission Outreach Projects, supporting scholarship girls, hosting dinners, adopting Holbrook residents, Love Gift, Least Coin, Operation Christmas Child and many more. All women are invited to participate in ABW activities, there are no dues or membership required.

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

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Dash for the 'Stache 5K Run/Walk

What: 5k Run/Walk Race Fundraiser
When: April 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM (Registration begins at 1:30)
Where: McDonough Park in Vienna, WV Race
Registration Cost: \$25 (t-shirts are available for \$10 for registrations received by April 1st)

The race afternoon will also include a chance to shave or save the famous Rob Ely mustache. All race registrants will have their name included in the "Shave or Save" raffle. Each additional \$100 donation given between February 1st and April 13th will give you another entry in the drawing (\$100= 1 additional, \$500= 5 additional, \$1,000= 10 additional).

Going the Second Mile

A farmer left his son to plow a large field, instructing him to plow out to the peach trees and to try to finish the job by the end of the day.

When the farmer returned that evening, he discovered that his son had plowed all the way out to the road, far beyond the peach trees. It was almost twice the amount of work he had expected his son to do.

When he asked his son about it, the boy replied, "Dad, I plowed out to the peach trees because you told me to. But I plowed on out to the road because I wanted to."

The *wanted to* in this boy's response is the language of genuine love. Only the love of Christ within us can compel us to go beyond the requirements and give more than expected.

"And whoever compels you to go one mile," Jesus taught, "go with him two." Matt. 5:41

SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 3rd following morning worship
Bring a favorite soup to be sampled and enjoyed by our
Church Family

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."

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Sr. High Convention was held at First Baptist Church of Williamstown, February 22nd-24th. The speaker was Jeffrey Dean, who is devoted to making the family strong. He is a family & teen-culture culture expert, podcast host, motivational speaker, ordained pastor and best- speaker, ordained pastor and bestselling author whose mission is to make families strong by equipping students and their parents to face & deal with daily dilemmas. The theme and verse for the weekend were Jesus Inc., Colossians 3:17 - *"And, whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."*

These three had a great time!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Don Shingleton, Cynthia Parker
- 8 - Sally Anne Veith
- 12 - Jacob Teodoro
- 14 - Eloise McGuire
- 18 - Larrel Harris
- 21 - Zach Leggett, Terry Leigh
- 22 - Eddie Veith
- 25 - John Puffenbarger
- 28 - Joyce Edgell
- 29 - Connie Painter
- 31 - Nathan Lee

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 - Francis and Wanda Light
- 25 - Beulah and Clayton Phillips

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

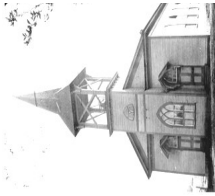


Don't Forget!

- [] Tuesday, March 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.
- [] Tuesday, March 5 - 10:30 a.m. - The American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet at the church.
- [] Monday, March 18 - 7:00 p. m. - Deacon Board Meeting.
- [] Each Wednesday evening - 7:30 p. m. - The United Youth meets at the Alliance Church.
- [] The Widow's for Christ will not meet in March due to weather conditions.
- [] Men's Fellowship Breakfasts - To be announced.



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