

### **The First Baptist Church**

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

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

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### **Mother's Day**

The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis (who lived in Grafton, West Virginia). Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.

In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.



### **Graduation**

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. *"I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life,"* he said. *"She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."*

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. *"It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting,"* he said.

### **A special day**

Memorial Day remains one of America's most cherished patriotic observances. It is a day to honor those who died defending our freedom and democracy.



Monday, May 27

### **Music and worship**

There is an old Jewish legend about the origin of praise. After God created mankind, says the legend, He asked the angels what they thought of the world he had made. *"Only one thing is lacking,"* they said. *"It is the sound of praise to the Creator."* The story continues, *"God created music, the voice of birds, the whispering wind, the murmuring ocean, and planted melody in people's hearts."*

There are 150 hymns in the book of Psalms. The Psalms are composed of devotional hymns, heartfelt praise and personal testimonies of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Some give far reaching predictions.



For instance, Psalm 2 is a view of the Messiah's redemptive career and His return as King of Kings. Psalm 22 is an amazing detailed prophecy of the suffering and death of Christ. Psalm 16 heralds His future resurrection.

These 150 hymns were widely used in worship services in temples and synagogues in Israel. The Psalms have been cherished by God's people since they were first written. Many agree that in all the Old Testament there is no more practical, instructive, beautiful or popular book than the Psalms.

Music has had a positive relationship with our Christian faith for centuries. On the night of his betrayal, Jesus and his disciples sang a Passover hymn. In Matt. 26:30 (NIV) we read, *"When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."* Since then, music and verse has been a dominate part of Christian life and worship.

*JLP*

Historical note: After Moses led the Israelites across the Red Sea, they paused and sang to the Lord: *"I will sing to the Lord for he is highly exalted."* (Exodus15 :1)





From a church bulletin:  
Oh, oh. It doesn't look  
like the books will be  
here on time.

Announcement: Beginning next week we will be using a new book for Bible Study. Don't forget to give your order form to Henry Simmons after the service. (Allow 7 to 8 weeks for delivery.)



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Eddie Veith who died on Wednesday, April 10. He was 80. He was an ordained deacon and enjoyed distributing communion and assisting with church dinners. His wife, Sally Anne, survives.

### Announcements

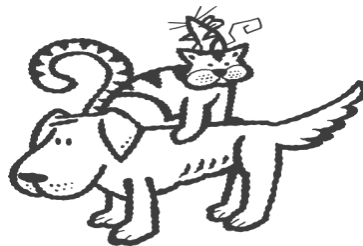
The Church Women United will meet at the Buckhannon First Baptist Church on Friday, May 3 at 12:00 Noon. Please bring a salad for lunch. All women in Upshur County are invited.



Mid-week Bible Study will begin holding meetings on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 1.

### Getting along

A man who spends half the year in Bisbee, Arizona, wrote to the local paper expressing his appreciation for the small town. He told of a man who's a fixture on Bisbee's main street. The man is accompanied by three pets: a mouse who sits on the back of a cat, who sits on a dog.



To the man, that scene speaks of Bisbee's wholesome, accepting attitude. It is proof positive, he wrote, that "everyone gets along in Bisbee."

That reminds one of Isaiah's words: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6, NRSV).

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### Spring Golden'eers Conference 2019

May 6-8, 2019

#### Parchment Valley Conference Center

Bible Study Leader: Mike Sisson

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.

Please see Pastor Jay for details

### Encouraging others

Intentionally helping one another along life's journey is a heartfelt challenge for each of us to accept. Busy schedules, daily interruptions and planned commitments consume much of our time, but the word of the Lord speaks clearly to us.

I Thessalonians 5:11 says "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." In a recent conversation with a West Virginia Baptist Convention pastor, those encouraging words complemented the mission of Parchment Valley Conference Center, "Where lives are changed."

Many people have noticed the change in our worship and programs. These new work projects and scheduling of many more camps and conferences is a great blessing.

In February 2019, we hosted a new group of 200 college students from across the country. Their passion for preaching, teaching and recreation was over the top.

When our Parchment Valley staff asked them about their first experience with us they told us Parchment Valley was so conducive to their ministry program and the staff's willingness to meet their needs was superb. They said, "Please tell us you have availability on your calendar for our retreat next year and we will bring more students."

Frank Miller,  
Parchment Valley Director

### Buckhannon First Baptist Church

#### Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

Sunday, May 5

(RSVP to Cathy and Jim Vance  
at [vancecj@aol.com](mailto:vancecj@aol.com) or 304-924-6829)



## From Pastor Jay

*"It's like the great stories, Mr. Frodo, the ones that really mattered. Full of darkness and danger they were, and sometimes you didn't want to know the end because how could the end be happy? How could the world go back to the way it was when so much bad has happened?"*

*But in the end, it's only a passing thing this shadow, even darkness must pass. A new day will come, and when the sun shines, it'll shine out the clearer. I know now folks in those stories had lots of chances of turning back, only they didn't. They kept going because they were holding on to something...that there's some good in this world, Mr. Frodo, and it's worth fighting for."* Samwise Gamgee, J.R.R. Tolkien's, The Two Towers

The Avengers: Endgame movie came out last week. Amanda likened our family's excitement as a national holiday. She's right! Some of you reading this will see the movie. Some of you will care less. Last Thursday, Sam and I went to the cinema early to get a good seat and to save places for Jacob and others. The latter part of that was n't very wise. As we were waiting, I remembered being a young kid going to Return of the Jedi. I was 12 years old! The people in the theater then were chanting, "Start the movie! Start the movie!" That same excitement filled the room last week.

As Samwise mentions above, the great stories reveal great themes and those themes are darkness and light. Those stories also show us courage, honor, and sacrifice. The characters fail, they lose but overcome. They fight on and persevere. They lay down their lives. Maybe that's why we love them so much. Although some may think these movies are silly and preposterous, which often they are, they truly capture an audience of millions as box office records have been shattered.

We enjoy these themes and characters and I believe (seriously, I do!) we can all find them in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. He is our one true hero. These themes were found in the works of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis decades ago, and yes, we can truly find them in our modern day stories: Marvel, Disney, Harry Potter, Star Wars, etc. Whether we enjoy, dismiss, or disagree with them, their message resonates and captivates, and I believe there are gospel strands to our hero, Jesus.

This is the message of the gospel and our Lord's resurrection: Jesus, ***"who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2b)."*** Jesus, ***"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:19-20)."***

The cross is a reminder of darkness and the passing shadow. And there, the enemy was defeated by our unexpected king, our unexpected hero, but the hero nonetheless. Jesus, who for the joy that was set before him, kept going for our good. His death for

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our life. His sacrifice for our deliverance. His death, to bring reconciled sinners back to Himself. But the story is even better and stronger. The story doesn't end at the cross. The story begins at the resurrection. Jesus has overcome death and through his death we can be given eternal life and abundant life, through faith. Jesus held on for our good, but our hero went further than the cross. He defeated death. He is more than a hero. He is our friend, our Savior, and Lord. To God be the glory.

## Congratulations College Graduates!

### Servando Rivas Arredondo III

Servando will graduate with a degree in Social Work from WVU

### Mykenzie Martin

Mykenzie will graduate with a degree in Business Administration from WV Wesleyan College

To read The Buckhannon Baptist newsletter online, news of upcoming events, and more, visit the Buckhannon First Baptist Church web-page at [firstbaptistbuckhannon.net](http://firstbaptistbuckhannon.net)

## Stick with each other

To develop lasting friendship with others, it's important to stay connected and not take friends for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together.



This applies to church life too. If we become annoyed by some aspect of congregational life, it's tempting to drift away from our friends and become a little isolated. Even when all is okay, we often let our church friends take a back seat in our lives.

But our ties and bonds with the family of God are *"part of the glue that holds life and faith together."* Church friends are precious. We gain many benefits when we *"hang in there"* and *"stay connected"* with our church family. Let's not take one another for granted, but thank God for this *"glue"*.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Keith Wolverton
- 8 - Esther Bise
- 9 - Eli Withers
- 11 - Amanda Peck
- 13 - Sue Sommerville
- 14 - Bryan Swisher
- 20 - Nikki Simmons
- 30 - Caitlin Lee



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Wayne and Sue Sommerville
- 2 - Opal & John Marsh
- 5 - James II and Lora Vance
- 24 - Tom and Sandi Peck

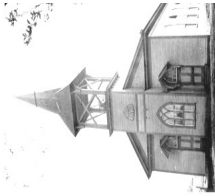
If you want to have your birthday or anniversary listed, please give your name and the dates to John Puffenbarger or Amanda Teodoro.

Don't Forget!

- [ ] **Wednesday, May 1 - 11:30 a.m.** - The Widows for Christ will meet at the 88 Restaurant.
- [ ] - **Sunday, May 5 - 5:30 p. m.** - Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet in the dining hall. RSVP to Cathy and Jim Vance at vancecj@aol.com or 304-924-6829.
- [ ] **Tuesday, May 7 - 10:30 a.m.** - ABW Ministries will meet at the church.
- [ ] **Tuesday, May 14 - 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** - The Community Outreach Dinner. The dinner is free and everyone is welcome. Desserts are always needed for the dinner. (Please note the change of the time.)
- [ ] **Monday, May 20 - 7:00 p.m.** - Deacon Board Meeting.
- [ ] **Wednesday evenings - 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** - The United Youth will meet at the Christian Alliance Church.
- [ ] **Men's Fellowship Breakfasts** - To be announced.



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