

The First Baptist Church

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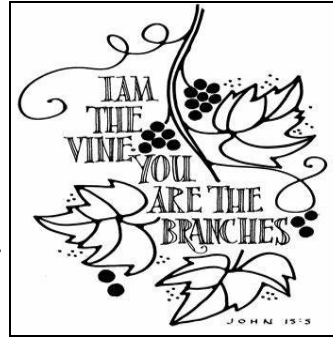
Those who help us worship: Amanda Teodoro (Sound and Projection). Barbara Hamilton, Mary Ellen Davidson and Cynthia Parker (Piano). Cynthia Parker (Music Committee Chairman)

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

ing Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morn-



Celebrating Mother

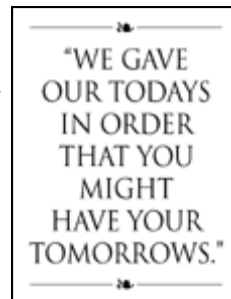
In the spring of 2013, a young man named Aba Atlas wanted to do something special for his birthday, so he gave his mom a present — and made a video about the gift and its beloved recipient. (Editor's Note: You can find it on YouTube by searching for "iProjectAtlas, Dear Mother.")

For years, Aba's mother had worked long hours outside the home and then cared for her kids each evening. She'd bought a house so her children would always have a place to call home, yet the mortgage caused her great stress.

Working at a \$30,000 a year position, Aba saved enough money to pay off his mom's mortgage and, on his birthday, presented her with a check. According to a caption in the video, her response was "Wow x 9000." Aba said, "I wanted to celebrate my life - by celebrating the woman who gave me life,"

Memorial Day

There is a cemetery in Okinawa where many American military men are buried. Near the entrance to the burial ground, visitors find a thought-provoking statement that we might recall on Memorial Day. The sign reads: "We gave our today's in order that you might have your tomorrows."



Oatmeal

My Aunt Mary and Uncle Carl Hagerman lived in Witcher, West Virginia. When they visited us they always fixed oatmeal for breakfast. We always noticed that it took a lot of effort to cook it, but their oatmeal was the best I had ever tasted.

One day I asked Uncle Carl how they fixed the oatmeal. He said, "I use a small cooking pot. Then I carefully measure the water and the oats. I turn on the gas stove with the flame not too high or too low. I time cooking the oatmeal exactly to the second.

"When it's fully cooked, I turn off the gas stove, put a lid on the pot and let it stand for a few minutes. I'm careful to stir the oatmeal when it's cooling so it doesn't stick. Before I wash the pot I let it stand in warm water so it's easier to clean."

While his oatmeal was delicious, all those extra steps sounded like too much effort to me. I was glad when Quaker Oats developed 1 minute oats - even though it didn't taste as good.

During the past several weeks we have been frustrated with the extra effort we have had to use dealing with the virus situation that has affected our lives. We have had to make a special effort to cope with new challenges. When we are irritated about problems that affect us all, we need to remember the words of the Apostle Paul.

In Galatians 2:21 Paul wrote, "I do not set aside the Grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing." In Paul's message to us, the words "set aside" could be translated "frustrate". Leaning on the words in the Bible can help us make an extra effort as we deal with the frustrations of life.

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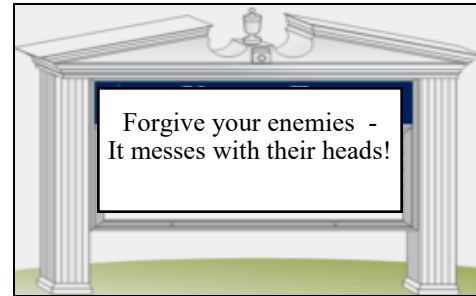
Works in progress

A little girl returned home from her first day at school. "Did you learn anything today," her mother asked? "Not enough!" the girl replied. I have to go back tomorrow."

Daily school work is like being a Christian. Christians read the Bible, attend church services to learn more about God and His will for their lives. You see, we are works in progress and are a piece of God's unfinished business.



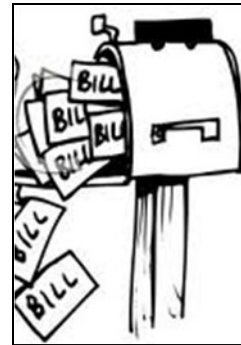
Church Signs



Paying bills

During this pandemic crisis when church services and activities are not being held, bills continue to arrive. Your gifts are needed to enable the church to remain strong and vigorous during these uncertain and changing days.

⇒ Please remember to send your offering to the church at 42 Hart Avenue, Buckhannon, WV 26201 whenever you are not able to attend our worship services.



God's promised spring

This winter, our faith journey may have begun to feel cold and barren because of the Covid-19 virus. Will renewal ever come? Will spring flourish again in our heart? Will things be somehow like they were before? Yet the world bears witness to God's power to bring new life where all seems lost.

In the early 1990s, the St. Louis neighborhood of South City deteriorated sharply due to a stagnant economy, population decline and crime. Then Bosnian refugees started settling there. Thousands of people renovated abandoned houses and other buildings; they started businesses and brought skilled labor back to the neighborhood.

When our faith is challenged by despair, lost dreams or an uncertain future — when God's promises feel as dead as winter — real-life renewal stories are signs of spring. They testify to the resurrection God has in store for us.

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Announcement from the WVBC:

- The following West Virginia Baptist Convention Events have been canceled:
- ◇ Pastors4Pastors' Spring Retreat. (Was scheduled for April 17-18, 2020)
 - ◇ Spring Golden'eers' Conference. (Was scheduled for May 4-6, 2020)
 - ◇ Baptist Campus Ministries. (BCM) Beach Week.

The following West Virginia Baptist Convention Events have been postponed and rescheduled:

- ◇ West Virginia American Baptist Men's Work Party has been rescheduled to be held with the youth at the Summer Kick-Off Event on May 15-16, 2020. (Was scheduled for March 27-28, 2020)
- ◇ American Baptist Women's Ministries' Conference has been rescheduled for August 14-15, 2020. (Was scheduled for June 4-5, 2020)
- ◇ Women's Camp has been rescheduled for September 18-20, 2020. (Was scheduled for March 27-29, 2020)
- ◇ American Baptist Women's Ministries' Spiritual Growth Retreat has been rescheduled for October 9-11, 2020. (Was scheduled for September 18-20, 2020)
- ◇ American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV Executive Board Meeting has been canceled, but will be rescheduled.



Many people are asking if there will be camps this summer at Camp Cowan. Right now, we are doing the best thing we all can do, take things one day, one step at a time. This is a continually developing and changing situation.

So what do you need to know?

Please know that we are following things closely and will make decisions when the time comes and information is available to us.

Registrations are still being received for camps. However if, as a result of this crisis, changes need to be made to the camp schedule, those who have preregistered will have payments refunded.

*Jill Narraway
Associate Director of Camping and Youth*

From Pastor Jay

1 John 3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

What's your thought about award shows? Overall, I may say negative. It's usually a room full of wealthy, bloated, over opinionated, drunken people, who believe they are the moral conscience of our society. Now that may be my take, but sometimes from those award winners, there's a healthy, heart-warming sense of genuineness and gratitude. They worked long hours at their craft. They fought to improve themselves and they recognize the people who helped get them to that point. I think and I hope. No, this article is not about award shows, thank goodness.

Consider this a long-winded...I'm not sure what to call this. Amanda, Jacob, Samuel, Sarah, and myself, would like to say **THANK YOU**. Thank you, First Baptist Church of Buckhannon. You have been our family for over eight years. And to the praise and glory of God, we continue to be family for years to come until our heavenly reunion with God and with each other. Thank you for your expression of kindness and friendship.

You have sought to build us up. You have been warm, encouraging, and welcoming to our family. You have been a great blessing to our children with smiles, hugs, cards, and gifts. You have shown your generosity many times over with those same things, delicious meals, and financial blessing. You have been cheerleaders for us and wanted to see us succeed.

The disciple John really says it well, doesn't he? See how much God loves us? Grasp the kind of grace and love God has poured out upon his children. His love can't be contained! He gives us himself. He gives us Jesus. He gives us his Spirit. And His love is big enough to bring us into his family, as adopted children, sons and daughters of God. Artist, Cory Asbury describes the love of our Heavenly Father, "I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away. Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God."

Thank you for your many expressions of service, hospitality, sharing your talents and gifts. I say expressions because we've seen them in many and varying ways, as we're about to see. They have been in the office, in the kitchen, serving as an officer, or on a board. There is financial oversight, groundskeepers, home repairers, handy-men, table decorators, card senders, renovators, Advent sanctuary decorators, Communion preparers and servers. We have had faithful men and women taking care of us as a family and taking care of our church.

Thank you to newsletter writers and editors. Thank you to all of those who contribute articles and get those same newsletters out on a monthly basis. Thank you to those who keep our subscriptions up to date, facility caretakers, and those who get the garbage out. Thank you for our faithful Operation Christmas Child workers. Thank you for all of those who served during Vacation Bible Schools and Summer Sports Camps.

Pastor Jay, continued

Thank you to our talented and steadfast musicians and singers. Thank you to our puppeteers and making us smile and laugh. Thank you to our greeters, ushers, hand-shakers, and guest speakers. Thank you for my friend who greets me on Sunday mornings, puts down the screen, and turns on the lights. Thank you to our nursery workers and Sunday School teachers. Thank you for the wonderful meals and food dishes all of you have prepared and served over the years. Thank you to those who have served our children and youth.

Thank you for inviting us into your homes. Thank you for lunch and dinners out. Thank you for wonderful picnics and trips to the lake. Thank you for always showing and sharing your exceeding generosity. Thank you for being our cheerleaders and encouragers. Thank you for being our friend and thank you especially for praying for our family. You have truly lavished us with love from God.

In **1 John 5**, John writes, ***4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*** I am thankful that we have served and worshipped together. We continue to worship the living God, to sing the song, and to live out what has been the recurring theme of our church family, Victory in Jesus, our Savior forever. God bless you, friends. Love in Christ Jesus, the Teodoro Family.

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National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day of observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation."

The modern law formalizing the annual National Day of Prayer observance was enacted in 1952 and each year since, the President of the United States has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. ► Editor's note: The National Day of Prayer this year is on Thursday, May 7.

Sentence sermons:

"If at first you don't succeed, do it like your mother told you."
"A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." —Tenneva Jordan

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



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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

Postponements

During this extremely difficult situation with the coronavirus (Covid-19), nothing is more important to our church than the health and safety of our congregation. That's why our church services and social gatherings have been postponed.

Please continue to read e-mail announcements concerning First Baptist Worship Services, Sunday school and other activities for updates and new dates.

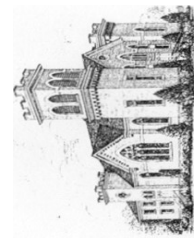
Keep in touch with other members of the congregation if you don't have a computer.

Please continue to mail your Offerings to the Lord to the church at 42 Hart Avenue, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Dealing with postponement

Even though we are not able to gather together, we can continue to glorify God and grow in our fellowship with Christ. Every day we need to remember that, *"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24).

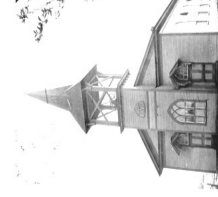
We should the best use of every opportunity that God gives us to serve Him. It's what the Phillips Translation says in Ephesians 5:18: *"Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. Thank God at all times for everything."*



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