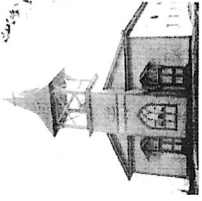


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WELCOME
Come Worship With Us

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

(Watch e-mail for Bible Study messages)

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.**

The legend of the sand dollar

There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here, four nail holes and a fifth hole, made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star that appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side reminds us of his birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release the five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me, to help us spread his Gospel, through all eternity. —*Author unknown*

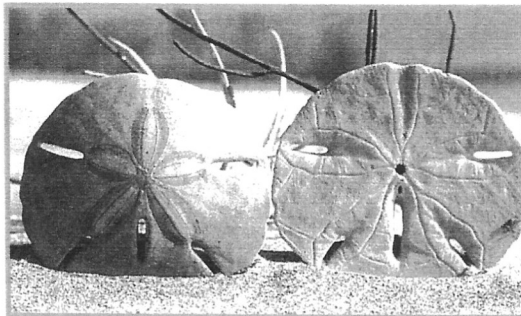


Photo - a sand dollar on a beach - front and back.

Ukraine relief needed

In response to immediate needs resulting from the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began on February 24, International Ministries has sent an initial grant of \$15,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency relief to the European Baptist Federation to provide humanitarian aid.



The initial relief will provide basic provisions - food, shelter, medicine, and hygiene items - to thousands of people who are fleeing their homes. Displaced people will be served by distribution centers set up by the Ukrainian Baptists to provide temporary shelter and relief.

To donate by mail, make checks payable to the WVBC and write "OGHS-Ukraine Relief" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the West Virginia Baptist Convention office at 1019 Juliana St, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

To donate through our church, write "OGHS-Ukraine Relief" in the memo line and ask treasurer Willie Parker to list your donated amount on Line G of the church mission giving remittance form.

Let us know peace

For as long as the moon shall rise
For as long as the rivers shall flow
For as long as the sun will shine
For as long as the grass shall grow.
Let us know peace.

—Native American prayer

Youth News

Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss our 2nd Annual Compassion Sunday on **May 1st!**

A special presentation will be shown during the Morning Worship Service and child sponsorship packets will be made available for anyone wanting to show God's love to a child in need. Watch the church bulletins for more information as the event gets closer!

- Christine Dunaway,
Youth Director

Interim pastor

The Reverend Kenneth A. Miller has been selected as our Interim Pastor.

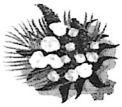
Rev. Miller is a retired senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Weston, West Virginia. He received his Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and undergraduate degree from the University of Louisville.



Prior to serving the First Baptist Church of Weston, Reverend Miller served the First Baptist Church of Kenova, West Virginia, First Baptist Church of Marietta, Ohio, and the First Baptist Church of Ravenswood, West Virginia.

Rev. Miller has served on various local ministerial associations, boards and committees of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, and is a former WVBC Annual Speaker.

Rev. Miller continues to live in Weston with his wife, Allison. They have a daughter, Mallory, a son, Nolan, and a three year old granddaughter, Lorelei. Rev. Miller is a native of Ohio and enjoys golf, fishing, U. of L. sports and Ohio State University sports.




Our prayers are extended to the family of Ramona Marteney who passed away on Friday, March 4. She was the mother of Steve, Donna and Paul Marteney and the sister of Joyce Edgell.

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides

Answer - A. See Luke Chapter 19, verse 40.



Did you know

There were four motivations that brought Baptists into our state.

✓ First, there was an evangelistic and missionary motivation on the part of individuals. For instance, Rev. John Taylor visited the Tygart Valley about 1773 and found about 100 families near the source of the river (present Pocahontas County), but only one Baptist woman was among them.

✓ Second was military service. For example, of the 12 members of the Forks of Cheat church, four were connected with the military as either soldiers or scouts of the nearby fort.

✓ A third motivation for Baptists to enter the region was to organize Baptist associations. The former Redstone Association was formed in 1776.

✓ The fourth reason was the desire for land. About 1783, Baptists from other areas came into our state to acquire free land.

Who broke the walls of Jericho?

A pastor visited a class of boys one Sunday morning to find out what they were learning during Sunday school. *"Who broke down the walls of Jericho?"* he asked. *"Not me, sir,"* all the boys replied.

"Is a typical answer for this class?" the pastor asked the teacher. The teacher replied, *"These are honest boys and I believe them. I don't think they would do a thing like that!"*



Frustrated and discouraged, the pastor told the Sunday school Superintendent about his visit to the class and the response from the boys and their teacher. *"Pastor, I have known the teacher and the boys for a long time. If they said they didn't do it, that's good enough for me,"* the Superintendent said.

Next the minister brought the matter before the official board of the church. They discussed it for two hours, and then reported, *"Pastor, we see no need to get upset about a little thing like this. Let's just pay for any damages involved and charge it to our general church maintenance account."*

WV Baptist Convention Grandparent Seminar

For some of you, this seminar will affirm the good things you are already doing with your grandkids. For others, it will shake your world and give you a brand new perspective on what it means to be a grandparent.

Whether you are on one end of that spectrum or the other – or in the middle somewhere – you are going to be deeply impacted by these few hours. Your passion for your grandkids will be kindled even higher and you'll go away changed.

Date: Saturday, April 2 – Baptist Temple, Fairmont WV

Registration begins at 9 AM and the seminar will conclude at 3:30 PM. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Cost: \$30 per person – includes workbook, lunch and snacks

\$50 per couple – includes one workbook, lunch and snacks

➤ **Go to the WV Baptist Convention Webpage for more information**

Holy week services

Palm Sunday April 10

Maundy Thursday - April 14 - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 17

(Watch for additional information in the church bulletins or e-mail messages.)

Note: The word “Maundy” comes an Old French word which means “mandate or command” and refers to the statement Jesus gave at the Last Supper when he said “*A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you*”,

Easter Lilies Order Form

If you wish to place an Easter Lily in the church for Easter, please fill out the form and give it to Nancy Hackett by Monday, April 11, or call her at 304-871-3616. The cost is \$23.00 which includes tax, and Feola's Flowers will bill direct.

Name _____

Address _____

“In Honor of” _____

“In Memory of” _____

Quantity _____ Total Cost: \$ _____

Avoiding mistakes

For more than twenty-five years nearly every church newsletter I have typed was prepared on a word processor or computer. However, the word processor didn't have a spell check feature like the computer does, so Betty always proof read each issue for me.

After we bought a computer she continued to proof read articles I typed. She always found some mistakes. Now, I have to use spell checks or try to proof-read what I have written.

Spelling checkers that come with computers and cell phones are both a blessing and a curse. They guarantee every word will be spelled correctly, but they can't tell if you used the correct word.

What can a Christian do to be sure they are not making mistakes in their daily lives? Well, reading the Bible and following the teachings of Jesus can make the connection between the text of Scripture and their life.

Romans 10:17 says, "*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ*". Only the Bible can guide you and transform you to become more like Christ.

— JLP

From a church bulletin in Ohio about a weight-loss class:

oops!

Learn to talk off a few extra pounds.

If only it was that easy to **take** off weight.

Clearing the fog at Easter

George Mecklenberg wrote that "a friend of mine stood one day where he could view the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco. At first it was completely shrouded in early morning fog.

"But as the fog lifted between the upright piers of the bridge, the land anchors were still covered.



"Isn't that the way it is in life? We see only what is between the great piers called birth and death. But Easter lifts the fog from both. Easter is the time when we see more completely the anchorages that sustain life."

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Don Nestor
- 6 - Shirley Thorne
- 7 - Amanda Norment,
- 10 - Nancy Moffett, Godric Gillum
- 11 - Joy Shingleton, Beulah Phillips
- 29 - Max Grayson Simmons



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Pastor Richard and Eloise McGuire

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

Unprecedented times

Editor's Note: Throughout 2021 as Covid-19 cases declined across Upshur County, our church returned to in-person services. However, the coronavirus upswing in late summer caused us to be more cautious.

In August we had to cancel in-person services. We took a step back to ensure long term progress. We continued to offer online worship services. After a few weeks we began in-person worship once again. Masks are now optional.

The "unprecedented times" we often talked about during the past two years have become quite precedented. While we don't enjoy these so called "new normal" times, we are trying to adjust to them.

We now realize that we need to be prepared to change practices based on changing circumstances.

An ongoing process

Editor's Note: During March of 2019, the most comprehensive shutdown of worship gatherings since the 1918 influenza pandemic happened all over our state and the nation.

When the Covid-19 pandemic first started, we all imagined it would not be very long before things would once again be normal. However, it soon became very clear this was not the case.

We found that getting past the pandemic involves an ongoing process which none of us were very well-equipped to do. However, we adjusted and continued to contribute to missions and to serve our community in various ways.