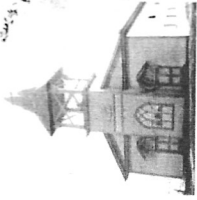


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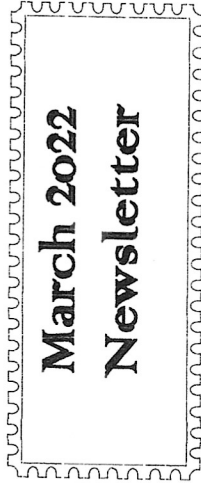
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WELCOME
Come Worship With Us

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)

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March

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves. Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them.

A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.



The origin of praise

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."* So, the legend continues, *"God created music, the voice of birds, the whispering wind, the murmuring ocean, and planted melody in people's hearts."*

Be careful of your phraseology

A small town was losing population, so two churches, one a Baptist and the other a Methodist, decided to form one church.

When the idea was suggested to the presiding elder of the Methodist church, he replied, *"I've been a Methodist for sixty years. I couldn't become a Christian."*

Did you know

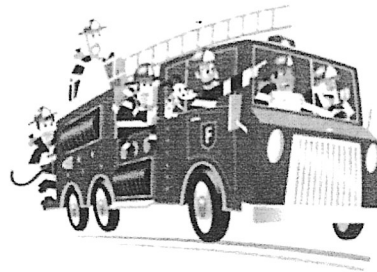
- Baptists got an early start west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Bridgeport Simpson Creek Baptist Church was organized about 1770. The site of the original church is marked with a large stone near the entrance of the Bridgeport Cemetery.
- The Prickett's Creek Baptist Church, just out of Fairmont, was organized in 1776.
- The Simpson Creek Baptist Church sent Elder Issac Edwards to Buckhannon to hold services there. This led to the organization of the "**Old Baptist Church**" in **Buckhannon in 1786.**
- The first Baptist college west of the Allegheny Mountains was Rector College, located at Pruntytown. Rector College opened in 1840. The college was named for Enoch Rector who donated more than half the funds to open the college. It was destroyed by fire in 1855.
- Alderson-Broadus College was formed in 1932 by the union of two Baptist institutions: Alderson Academy (founded in 1901) and Broadus Institute (founded in 1871). It was moved to Philippi in 1909. The school became Alderson-Broadus University in 2013.

Why are fire trucks red?

Fire trucks have 4 wheels and 8 firefighters, and 4 plus 8 equals 12. There are 12 inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler, and the *Queen Elizabeth* is one of the largest ships on the seven seas.

Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians in World War II. The Russians are red. Fire trucks are always rushin'. Therefore fire trucks are usually red!

If you think this is wild, you ought to hear some people trying to explain why they are not attending Sunday school and church on Sunday morning!



*Sentence Sermon: If we learn to laugh at ourselves
we'll always have something to make us happy.*

From Pastor Cyril - *What is there to say but "Thank You"*

Dear First Baptist Friends,

I want to thank you for allowing me to be your Interim Pastor for almost two years. It has been a privilege and honor to work with such willing, helpful, cooperative, and committed people.

With all the challenges of losing Pastor Jay and the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic it would have been easy to just back off and give up. But you did not back off and give up.

With careful reliance on the Lord, you embraced the changes forced on us and took the giant step into on-line ministry, and with that step have been able to reach many people who would otherwise never have been touched.

You have listened to my preaching and singing and have put up with my choosing hymns you didn't know. (I suspect you even liked some of them.) You have encouraged me, prayed for Felicia and me, and welcomed us into the First Baptist family.

Whoever God calls to be your full-time pastor will be coming into a loving, warm, caring, and welcoming community of believers. No pastor has ever been more loved than I have been during this time.

As I move on to devote my time and energies to my coaching, music, RV-ing and whatever else God has in store, I look forward to hearing of what God is doing through you as you continue to faithfully serve Him.

In Jesus' Love,
Pastor Cyril

An Irish friendship wish

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your windowpane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

America for Christ Offering - 2022

"I will praise you and testify about that you have done." Psalm 22:22

Dear friends:

It is up to us to answer God's call to help and to heal. COVID-19 is devastating communities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Wildfires are raging in the West. Floods are rising in the East. Hurricane Ida leaves destruction from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast. Unemployment soars in many communities.

In this context, our American Baptist partners are faithfully serving in congregations and communities with helping ministries and creative responses to the diverse needs in their local communities.

That includes helping innocent children living in conditions of poverty, assisting a family that is being evicted, providing food and shelter to the homeless man pushing all his belongings in a shopping cart, and so many others who are hurting and lost.

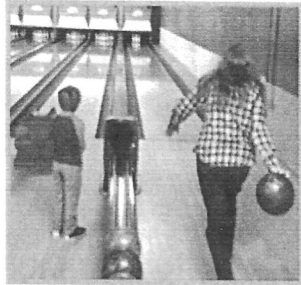
What is needed is God's love in its fullest expression in our church and our congregation. Through your generous financial partnership with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, we together can work to bring more hope into our broken world with leaders and disciples who are the hands and feet of Jesus.

So please, consider your gift to the America for Christ offering as we engage in transformational mission to bring God's love and light into the hearts of people everywhere. Our goal at First Baptist is \$500.00.

Opal Marsh
Missions Chairman



The Youth had a bowling night on Friday, February 25 at Woody's Bowling Center. Congratulations to Landon Hyre who won the \$10 cash prize for highest score of 119!



A note from the Youth Director

It's been a rocky start so far in 2022 in my life. Sickness, loss of loved ones, changing jobs etc. Some days I'm not sure if I'm coming or going, or how I should feel. I ran across this inspirational message on Facebook, and I thought it might encourage someone else:

"What is the difference?"

"When I was in High School, during a Sunday school class my Youth Pastors wife posed a question to us. "What is the difference between Praise and Worship?"

"Well, we all had similar but different answers."

"Tempo"

"Singers"

"Instruments"

"On and on we went."

"Then she explained to us that the difference between praise and worship is that praise tells everyone else how good God has been to you, and worship is you telling God how much you love, and adore him, and how good he has been to you.

"When you step back and take a look at it, it creates a cross.

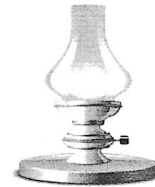
"We need to live our lives where praise and worship intersect ... and even though sometimes that may be hard to do, it is well worth it in the end." *(Author Unknown)*

— *Christine Dunaway*

Lamps for the new church

In a mountain village in Europe long ago, a nobleman wondered what gift he could present to his townspeople. He decided to build them a church.

No one saw the complete plans for the church until it was finished. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty. Then someone asked, *"But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?"*



The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave each family a lamp, asking them to bring these with them each time they came to worship.

"Each time you are in church, the area where you are seated will be lighted," the nobleman said. *"Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."*

Doing our best

I suppose at certain times in life we may feel insignificant and useless. We feel there are people many people with greater talent than ours, so sometimes we just sit back and let somebody else do the work.

We think that what we have to offer won't make much difference anyway. We forget that God has given each of us gifts and talents we can use in His service.

I read that Sir Michael Costa was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a large choir. About halfway through the session, with the choir singing, trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing their rich melody, the piccolo player muttered to himself, *"What good am I doing? I might as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway."*

So he kept the instrument to his mouth, but he made no sound. Within moments, the conductor shouted, *"Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?"* It was missed by the ear of the director of the group, who was most important person.



I believe it's much the same way with the use of our abilities for the Lord. Whether our talent is great or small, the performance isn't complete until we do our best with what we have.

As the apostle Paul wrote in Roman 12:6, *"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them"*.

— JLP



The "Wireless Connection" sang at the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, February 20.

Members of the group are (Left to right) Bobby Linger, banjo; Jim Vance, guitar; and James Ferry, old time banjo.

The songs they played were "Old Country Church", "Hills of Glory" and "I'll Fly Away".

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 - Don Shingleton, Cynthia Parker
4 - Karian Wolverton
8 - Sally Anne Veith
12 - Jacob Teodoro
14 - Eloise McGuire
18 - Larrel Harris
21 - Zach Leggett
25 - John Puffenbarger
28 - Joyce Edgell
29 - Connie Painter

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

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



Being active

Editor's Note: I have read that church attendance is fading across the nation. One reason may be that online services have become convenient. However, if people are healthy it is important for them to be in church.

The pandemic has made it difficult for us to serve others during this time. It is challenging to have spiritual oneness with others when we can't join together. Covid has made it tough to have the fellowship of other Christians worshipping together.

Christians aren't consumers ... we are contributors. We support missions. We help others in need. We don't stand by and watch. We encourage others and experience life together. During these days the church needs you and you need the church.

Being wise

Editor's Note: Because of the pandemic, many churches in our state have fallen on difficult times. I believe that it is important to continue to give our energies in supporting church activities. When we spend time in church we have the opportunity to help people in our community and around the world.

The wisest people are those who continue to study God's word at home, in Sunday school, and worship services. The Bible will show us how to live on earth. We need to think about what we can do to spread the gospel. It is difficult for us to do the work of the church if we neglect serving.
