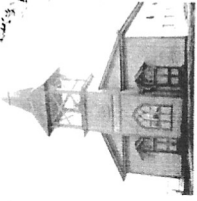


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*Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8*

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

(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.**

Mothers

"God couldn't be everywhere, so He made mothers." This old Jewish saying describes beautifully the significant role mothers have in our lives.

Motherhood is one of God's greatest gifts to humanity. A loving, committed mother is an indispensable person in our development. Just imagine a world without mothers. It would be a barren place indeed.

Mothers instill powerful social and nurturing characteristics in each generation. It is principally from their mothers that children learn the virtues of sacrifice, sharing, valuing others, compassion, community and a host of other interpersonal values and skills that enable humans to live together in peace.

Pause to remember

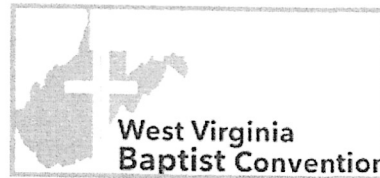
Memorial Day is a day that is set aside to remember, and honor, our brave soldiers who have given their lives to protect our land and keep us free. It began as a day to honor our Civil War dead, but after World War I, it was expanded to include our war dead from all the wars in which America was involved.

On this Memorial Day weekend, let us remember the brave soldiers who have so unselfishly given of themselves for us. Let's not only appreciate their actions but then take steps to help these veterans and their families whenever and wherever we can.



New campfire at Parchment Valley

Parchment Valley Conference Center is excited to announce the construction of the Whippoorwill Covered Campfire, honoring all those who have volunteered to support the ministry here.



Excavation has begun and we are continuing to receive donations from individuals and churches who want to be part of building this amazing venue. Discussions of a covered campfire have been ongoing for several years.

With our outdoor campfire being in a location that is not easily accessible for all groups or during all seasons, this new facility (located near the barn), will allow groups to use it year round.

Also, with so many important faith decisions being made around the campfire during the past few years, our prayer is that this will simply be another tool God uses to help us live out our mission of being a place *"where lives are changed."*

As spring continues and the weather gets warmer, you will see a lot more work being done in the area. The design will be very similar to the covered campfire that exists at Camp Cowen.

If you are interested in being part of this incredible project, email Frank Miller at miller@wvbc.org or call our Parchment Valley office at (304) 372-3675

Good points count

We should all learn to emphasize the good and the positive in others. When someone criticizes the faults in another person, we should emphasize the good points in that individual.

For instance, two boys were speaking of another lad. *"He's so slow in baseball,"* said the first boy. *"Yes,"* replied the other, *"but he always plays fair."*

"But he makes so many mistakes!" *"Yes, but he always tries hard."*

Every unkind word spoken by the first boy was canceled by the second. We should all look for the good in others.

Mission giving

During 2021, of the Top 50 West Virginia Baptist Churches,
Buckhannon First Baptist was:
✓24th in the Mountain State Offering
✓32nd in the America for Christ Offering
✓10th in the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Thank you for your support of the Mission Offerings

The 88th Annual Conference of the
American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV

Saturday, June 4th

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Featuring: Sarah McCloy and Debbie Myers

Theme: "Along the Road"

Conference Fee: \$15 - Optional Boxed Lunch: \$7

Registration is open from April 1 - Register at www.wvbc.org

Questions? Contact Sandy Foster Currey at sandyfostercurrey@gmail.com

Broad Run Association Summer Camp

The Broad Run Association has announced summer camp plans for Fisher Baptist Camp, located in Lewis County.

The Older Camp is scheduled for June 12-17, with the Younger Camp following on June 26-30. Rachel Smarr is the camp director. More details later.

CAMP COWEN EVENTS

June 3-5

Younger Midler Camp (Grades 2-4)

June 5-11

Junior 1 Camp (Grades 5-6)

June 12-18

Junior High 1 Camp (Grades 7-9)

June 19-25

Junior 2 Camp (Grades 5-6)

June 26—July 2

High School 1 Camp (Grades 9-12)

PARCHMENT VALLEY

CONFERENCE CENTER EVENTS

June 19-24

Brothers' Keeper

June 4

ABW Ministries Annual Conference

See the complete list of Camp Cowen and
Parchment Valley Conference Center
Events at www.wvbc.org

Did you know

.... that in 1770, five years before the start of the American Revolution on April 19, 1775, there were approximately 20,000 people living within the present borders of West Virginia.

... Baptist churches in West Virginia began appearing shortly after 1770.

... The travel and advancement of explorers, trappers, Indian traders and some permanent residents made the early establishment of churches possible.

... The early pioneers founded churches near rivers, and many of the churches are still in existence.



On Interim Pastor Cyril's last Sunday, March 27, Dave & Amanda Norment gave him a puppet that they had used during the Puppet presentation during the Morning Worship Service.

Thanks to Opal Marsh who had the idea of giving him the gift. After the service a luncheon of light snacks was held in the Assembly Room for Pastor Cyril and Felicia.



Something wrong

If God is not in your typewriter/computer as well as in your hymnbook, there is something wrong with your religion.

If God does not enter your kitchen, there is something wrong with your kitchen.

If you can't take God into your recreation, there is something wrong with your play.

If God for you does not smile, there is something wrong with your idea of God.

We all believe in the God of the heroic. What we need most of these days is the God of the humdrum - the commonplace, the everyday.

*Peter Marshall
Former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate*

Where's my newspaper?

An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday."

After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: "So that's why no one was in church today."

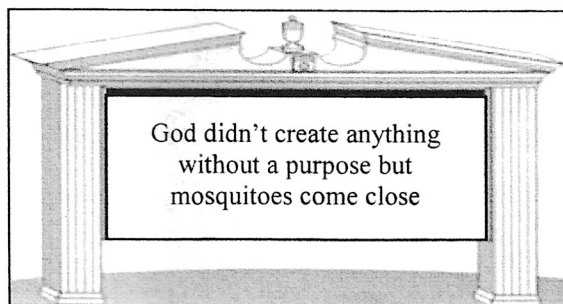


Reorganization

A church acquired a new secretary, who was a former Pentagon employee. She immediately reorganized the church filing system, labeling one file cabinet drawer "SACRED" and the other "TOP SACRED."



Church Signs



Know the facts

It's a little intimidating to realize that people are watching us - even in the little things. I hope, however, that my actions would not cause someone to stumble.



The apostle Paul said he would even abstain from lawful things if engaging in them would cause another to stumble so as to fall - ¹³*So if eating meat offered to idols is going to make my brother sin, I'll not eat any of it as long as I live because I don't want to do this to him.* (1 Cor. 8:13).

We should never make any judgments about others until we know the true facts. The Jews during the time of Jesus had done just that when they observed him. They were ready to arrest and condemn him early in his ministry.

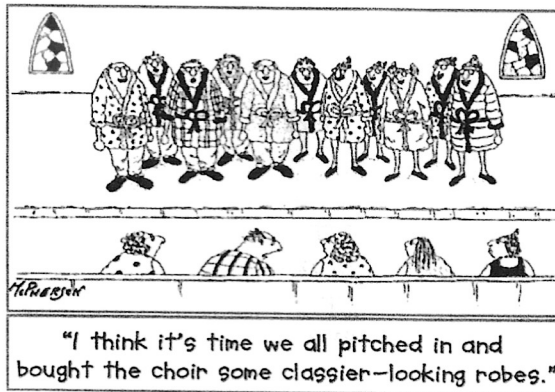
Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who had come to Jesus by night, was a voice of reason in the council. He asked this egotistic group of scholars, *"Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"* (John 7:51).

Sadly, there are many people who are quick to judge and condemn others without knowing the facts ... and the truth. All of us should use our influence for good and not judge others too quickly.

— JLP

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 5

This day is designed for people to take time to actually pray, so the best way you can celebrate it is to do just that. Pause for a moment and think about a few messages you'd like to send to God, and acknowledge the existence of faith in your life.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 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 editor John Puffenbarger..

Habits

Editor's Note: Like all other habits, if we fall into the routine of sleeping in and missing church, we need to have a plan ahead of time for how we will respond when Sunday morning comes.

What are we going to do when we get the impulse to sleep in and as a result miss church? We need to prepare for what we will do when we do have the urge to do something else rather than go to church.

If you are a person who recently began missing church it was probably because of being cautious due to Covid 19. It's very unlikely you were in the habit of staying home on Sunday mornings all of your life.

You don't need to feel guilty - you just need to start being loyal again. Even if it was months ago, you once attended church regularly, which means you can certainly do it again.

Changing habits

Editor's Note: One thing about changing a bad habit like missing church is that it's easy to judge ourselves for not being there. Every Sunday that we miss it's easy to tell ourselves how awful we are.

If we want to start begin to attend church again, but we can't stop hitting snooze, if we say to ourselves, "*I'm the kind of person who worships God*" we are more likely to get up and go to church. This simple shift in our identity will help us break the habit of hitting the snooze button, and will replace it with a healthier one of worshipping God.
