

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Servando Arredondo III
- 6 - Ryan Nestor, Lori Newman Dew
- 9 - B. J. Painter, Donna Sommerville Smith
- 15 - Abby Hurst
- 18 - Patricia Craven,
- 19 - Luke Leigh
- 24 - Shawna Moffett Kerekes
- 29 - Tom Peck

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - Steve and Marcia Lee
- 8 - Don and Judy Nestor

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



Don't be sidetracked

Editor's Note: Because of the Pandemic, church congregations have been busy trying to keep up with needed changes in their worship services. I think that the main purpose of being a Christian is to focus on the main business of worshiping God.

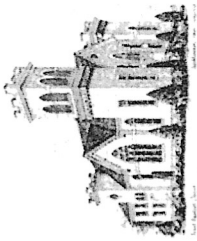
However, sometimes we get sidetracked. We put the business of the church off and miss the opportunity to minister to others. There are things that will never be done ... unless they are done by each of us.

God is wiser than us

Editor's Note: I read that Dick Van Dyke told a story about a little girl who was asked by her mother if she had said her bedtime prayers.

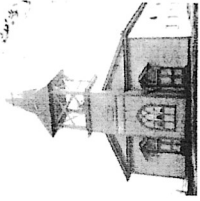
"Yes, I did", she replied, "but when I got down on my knees I began thinking that He hears the same old stuff every night, so I told Him the story of *The Three Bears* instead."

Actually God is bigger and wiser than we are. I'm sure He knew the little girl's heart much better than the words she used to say her nightly prayers.



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

I was glad when
they said unto
me, let us go into
the house of the
Lord.

(Psalm 122.1)

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.**

Father's Day

On December 6th 1907, 367 miners working in the Fairmont Coal Company mines in nearby Monongah, West Virginia lost their lives in an explosion leaving an estimated 1,000 children fatherless.

Grace Golden felt that because so many children lost their fathers it would be a good idea to honor all fathers once a year.

She asked her minister to set aside a date, which happened to be July 5 close to her father's birthday. Ever since then it has been observed nationally.

Fairmont is the official home of the first Father's Day celebration. The celebration took place on July 5th, 1908 and has been a continued celebration not only observed in Fairmont but all across the country.



"Father's Day Church"
Central Methodist Church
301 Fairmont Avenue
Fairmont, WV

The difference

Fathers of 1900 didn't have it nearly as good as fathers of today, but they did have a few advantages. In 1900, fathers prayed their children would *learn* English.

Today, fathers pray that their children will *speak* English so they can understand what they are saying.



Broad Run Association Summer Activities - by Rachel Smarr

We are anxiously waiting for church camps to begin at Fisher Camp in June. The Dining Hall work has been completed and flooring is being installed in the Sago/Tallmansville cabin and the Mt. Olive cabin.

Listed below are some events at Fisher Camp this summer:

- ▷ June 12 to 17 - Older Camp.
- ▷ June 26 to 30 - Younger Camp.



Registration at both camps will begin at 3 p.m. Events will go from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. ending with a campfire service. A pool party will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Registration is required for both camps.

The fee is \$75.00. A late fee of \$10.00 will be added if mailed after May 31st.

A daily admission fee is \$15.00 if you can't come all week.



Broad Run Baptist Church will be hosting a Revival on June 15 to June 17 at Fisher Camp.

Special preaching and singing will be held each night.

Wease Day is June 15.

Mark Evans Day is June 16.

Allen Burnside Day is June 17.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Revival.



Donations are needed to keep Fisher Camp in good repair, especially during the off-season. Donations can be made to the Broad Run Youth and can be mailed to Broad Run Youth c/o Rachel Smarr, 3952 Gould Road, French Creek, WV 26218.

► Need more information? Contact Rachel Smarr at rachel_smarr@hotmail.com or call her at 304-266-2775 - or contact Christine Dunaway. Fisher Camp is also on Facebook.

Why?

Bill Keane, creator of the Family Circus cartoon strip, said one day he was penciling one of his cartoons, and his son Jeffy asked, "Daddy, how do you know what to draw?" Keane replied, "God tells me."



Jeffy said, "Then why do you keep erasing part of it?"

Welcome to our New Pastor

On Sunday, May 15, the Reverend David C. Smith delivered a sermon during the Morning Worship Service. After the service the congregation voted to extend an invitation to Rev. Smith to become our pastor. Rev. Smith accepted the invitation.

When he was 14 years old, he attended a showing of the Billy Graham movie, "A Time to Run". At the conclusion of the film he went forward and accepted Jesus as his personal savior.

In 1977 he joined the Marines. After serving in the military, Rev. Smith has been serving as a pastor since 1992. In 1995 he graduated from Vennard College, located just outside of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and later received a Master's degree from the Northwind Theological Seminary in Winter Garden, Florida.

He has been married for 44 years to Dawn Lynn Smith who is an ordained minister, deaf interpreter and singer. They have two grown children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

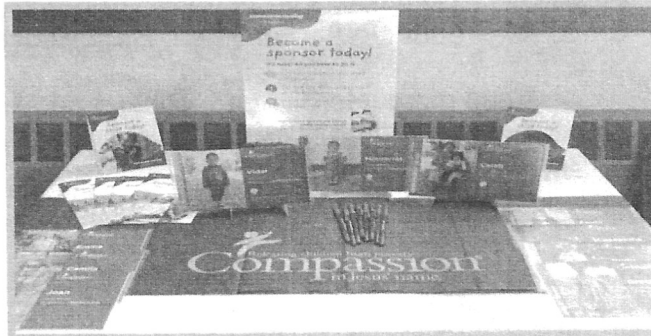


Rev. & Mrs. David Smith



Compassion Sunday

During early May the Youth sponsored Compassion Sunday which gave us a special opportunity to share our experience as a sponsor of a child somewhere in the world, and to help them see their dreams come true.



Children around the world dream of a future where they can thrive. Shown above is the table that was decorated with items for the congregation to pick up if they wanted to sponsor a child.

Dear Friends:

The world has changed dramatically in the last 2 years. Communities around the world have been both socially and economically affected by Covid 19. That impact has been felt even more deeply in the most vulnerable communities.

Wildfires continue to get worse year after year in the U.S. and Canada, and the same is true in Europe. Severe drought affects communities around the world, making safe water even more difficult to access. Earthquakes have destroyed homes, lives, and livelihoods in many global locations.

Even so, through your support for One Great Hour of Sharing, *love remains*. In the midst of much uncertainty and suffering, One Great Hour of Sharing continues to be a tangible expression of love.

However, even in the most difficult of circumstances, love remains. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing you put love into action. Your giving shares faith, hope and love all around the world. Our goal at First Baptist is \$500.00.



In His name,
Opal Marsh,
Missions Chairman

← A woman in Haiti is looking at the remains of her home after a storm.

Remember kaleidoscopes?

When you hold it up to your eye and point it toward the light you will see colorful shapes. When you turn the far end, fragments of material inside shift forming ever-changing patterns.



Bits of metal, lace and bits of glass are placed in the cell for a beautiful effect! David Brewster invented the kaleidoscope in 1817 and named it after the Greek word kalos, for "beauty."

Everyone feels broken or shattered at times. When we donate to *mission offerings*, God's light shines through us, and from our lives shines the beauty of compassion, kindness, hope and love — which brightens this hurting world.

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

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

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

Advice to a graduate

Not everyone is called to be a pastor, missionary or Christian school teacher; but all Christians should want to serve God with their lives. You can do this as a plumber, engineer or preacher.



Whatever you feel called to do, look at ways to be faithful to the Lord. This includes prayer, Bible reading and church attendance. Start today by dedicating your life to God.

**Church
Signs**

We are not Dairy Queen
but we do have
great Sundays!

Two kinds of people

There are two seas in Palestine that demonstrates the difference about the two kinds of people.

The Jordan River flows on into the Sea of Galilee with sparkling water from the hills. People build their homes near it. Fish live in it. Trees and bushes grow near it. Children splash and play in it.



The Jordan River continues on to another sea ... the Dead Sea. However, in this sea there are no fish, no green things, no children playing, and no homes being built. Stale air hangs above its waters, and neither man nor beast will drink of it.



It seems to me that the difference between the two seas is that the Sea of Galilee receives water but does not keep it. All the water that flows in, flows out in equal measure. As a result the Sea of Galilee continues to live.

On the other hand, the Dead Sea keeps its income and gives nothing. It keeps every drop it gets and gives nothing.

I believe the moral of the story is that when we become occupied with our own personal affairs, we should remind ourselves that we need to attend First Baptist regularly and to give of our best to the church so our lives will not become stagnate.

— JLP

The need to be useful

A great musician willed his beautiful violin to a relative. The relative was too busy to take time to learn to play a violin so it was never played again.

Soon the violin that had had made such beautiful music became warped and useless because of the neglect.

This should remind all of us that a life withdrawn from service to others becomes useless and empty. Just like the violin our faith must be used to be of value.

We should keep our lives tuned up and filled with meaning and joy by giving ourselves to the service of others.

