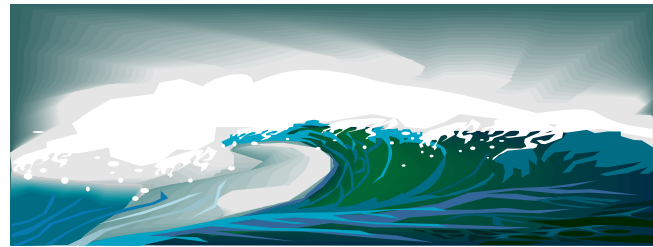




# The *March 2018* Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



**First Baptist Church , 215 Ann Street, Ravenswood, WV 26164 ~ 1-304-273-9910**  
**Pastor Mark Gerstell ~ 1-304-377-2812 ~ [www.fbcravenswood.org](http://www.fbcravenswood.org)**

Winter is the time that change of weather can have many extremes. This year has been no exception with bitter cold temperatures, snow and now flooding. I guess it is the time of year to expect the unexpected. The same can be said about our health and other realities in our lives. Using the weather as an analogy, there will be times of fair weather skies and times of great drought or storm clouds.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (KJV) speaks of life

<sup>1</sup> *To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

<sup>2</sup> *A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;*

<sup>3</sup> *A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

<sup>4</sup> *A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

<sup>5</sup> *A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

<sup>6</sup> *A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*

<sup>7</sup> *A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

<sup>8</sup> *A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

There will be times of great sadness and other times of immense joy. God has allowed life to be this way. They say that what does not break you, makes you stronger. Speaking for myself, I know I will have much more empathy and compassion for those who are hurting, as a result of my experiences with a mini stroke. Just as it takes time for seeds to germinate and develop, so does God's will for our lives. Many times, we find it hard to have patience as we wait on the Lord.

God's seasons are predictable. We are assured that after winter, spring will arrive with new life. Spring has always been my favorite time of the year. The promise of new life has a way of lifting our spirits to a new height. I look forward to the sound of the peepers and the songs of the spring birds coming back to nest.

At some point in everyone's life there will be a time of winter. Keep in mind that spring is just around the corner.

We like to think that life will always be peaches and cream. The scripture referenced reminds us that there will be times of hardship. In these times, our prayer life is probably most active. Maybe God understands how we need times in our life that we are forced to turn to Him in prayer. Life will have those difficult periods when we wonder what tomorrow might bring. We are called to hold fast to the solid rock of our salvation and the storm will pass one way or the other.

God's love goes beyond anything we could fathom. Therefore, we stand firm, growing in our faith, looking to be in God's will through all things.

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Mark



I want to start by thanking the church for your continued love and support of me filling the pulpit during Pastor Mark's illness and recovery. They're big shoes to fill but your support has been encouraging. *I will continue to do my best in sharing God's love with you.*

As we enter the month of March, I am excited to announce that Captivate has begun working on our annual Easter Sunrise Drama. The production this year is called *“The Untold Story... of Amazing Love.”* I don't want to give the plot away, but I can say we have a fantastic cast. This year, the production will include not only members of Captivate, but also will include Helen Johnson and Hannah Wagoner. We will also have special live music with Cari Mize and Sami Wagoner. **It really is a unique play telling the Easter Story from another perspective.** There are monologues, interaction, humor and drama. Make plans to join us for the Sunrise Service April 1. Captivate will be spending the month of March preparing for the production.

The church had 8 registered for the West Virginia Baptist Convention Senior High Convention at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Hurricane. Teens were treated to lunch as part of the program and First Baptist provided both breakfast and dinner for the kids. They enjoyed three sermons throughout the day and small group studies focusing on their walk with God.

Would you be interested in helping chaperone **Brothers Keeper** this year? Each year, we send male and female teenagers to **Brothers Keepers**. We will need both a male and female chaperone. If you are willing to help in that role, please let me know. I am unable to attend. I do try and treat the kids out to a dinner, usually in Parkersburg on Wednesday of that week. *Any high school student wanting to participate in **Brothers Keeper** must have a both a registration form and health form notarized.* The Youth Budget is covering half the costs of our teenagers who want to attend. We will be doing the same for Camp Cowen. First Baptists Camp Budget will pay half of one camp for each youth. If you would like to sponsor a youth for camp, please let me know. Thanks to your support, we have been able to send our high school students to camp without a fee.

*I want to give a special shout out to our youth volunteers like Liz Stewart, Ann Johnson and Helen Johnson for their tireless work with our young people.* You are planting seeds that are changing lives. I also want to thank the volunteers who make children's church and the nursery a safe, fun, place for our children. We do have several of our youngest students heading to Play Dates with Liz for a day of fun the first week in March. We also have several signed up for the Children's Rally at Parchment Valley.

In closing, I will be missing two Sundays this month, March 18 and 25, as Jen and I will be going on a vacation to recharge our batteries. Rest is important, and I usually try to take a mini vacation three times a year. This is the first. No worries, Sami Wagoner is covering Captivate in my absence. I expect to come back and be ready to crank it up a bit. *I'm excited what God is doing in our church. **I'm excited about Easter!*** Keep me in your prayers when we travel. Love you all!

In His service,  
Toby

### Monthly Meetings & Activities

Mar 3-God's Cadets Playdates  
Mar 5-Trustee Meeting @ 7 pm  
Mar 9-11 Youth Leader Core at FBC  
Mar 10-Spring Children's Rally  
Mar 12-BOCE @ 7 pm  
Deacon Meeting @ 8 pm  
Mar 13-Men's Fellowship @ 6:30  
Mar 16-Movie Night @ 7 pm  
Mar 19-VBS Planning Meeting  
Mar 22-CIRCLE @ 7 pm  
Mar 25-Palm Sunday  
He Is Here @ 9:30  
Easter Egg Hunt @ 6:30  
Mar 26-30 Holy Week Services at FUMC  
Mar 29-Maundy Thursday @ 7 pm  
Mar 30-Good Friday - Office Closed  
Deadline for Brother's Keeper Reg.

### Nursery Workers

Mar 4 Connie Staats  
Mar 11 Bev Stephenson  
Mar 18 Leigh Ann Staats  
Mar 25 Jessica Morgan

### Children's Church

Mar 4 Deb Lyons  
Mar 11 Jennifer Wagoner  
Mar 18 Susan Gerstell  
Mar 25 Eugene Morgan

### CommUnity Kitchen

Mar 3 Bill Stewart  
Mar 10 Susan West and crew  
Mar 17 Lion's Club  
Mar 24 Episcopal Church  
Mar 31 Freewill Baptist

### Deaconess for Communion

Phyllis Massey



### Focus on Sunday School:



### ***Holy, Holy, Holy!***

*This month of March we are preparing for the wonderful celebration of **Easter**.*

All month you will see activities around FBC that remind each of us of the greatness of this season.

Captivate will be practicing their parts for the program for the **Sunrise Service** April 1.

The choir will be practicing beautiful music telling of the Christ's entry into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday**.

Liz Stewart will be getting ready for the big **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids.

Helen and Geraldine will be decorating the sanctuary and church for the upcoming holy services.

Additional services will take place - both at FBC and First United Methodist Church. **Holy Week Services** will be held at FUMC at noon each day. Our people will be feeding and serving on Wednesday that week. Our **Maundy Thursday Service** will be on Thursday at 7:00.

**As for Sunday School**, we will be presenting the play, *He Is Coming* on Palm Sunday March 25 at 9:30. Everyone is invited to come and begin our week of celebration with Sunday School.

***Christmas is when God sent the gift of His Son. Easter is when His Son gave us the gift of Life.***

*Bring your family and attend Sunday School each week!*





# Super Bowl Celebration





## FBC says Goodbye to Tina



On Sunday, February 4, First Baptist held a reception for Tina Wolfe.

Tina moved to Florida to be close to family and enjoy the sunshine.

Tina, you will be missed but our prayers are that you have a wonderful and blessed life!

## Captivate on the Go!



On February 24, Toby took members of Captivate to the Senior High Convention at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Hurricane.

The group took part in different workshops through out the day on Saturday.



## *Time for Brothers Keepers*

It's that time of year again to plan for Brothers Keepers. Early registration is due to the convention by April 1.

Further on in the Anchor, you will find forms that need completed. You can also get these online at WVBC.org or in our office.

For each student, you will need to have the individual application AND a health form completed and signed.

All Crew Leaders need to complete the Crew Leader form AND a health form also. All forms are available online or in the office too.

Please complete and bring all forms to the office by March 23 to allow for notarizing, check to be written and mailing.

## *Men's Prayer Breakfast 2018*

Five of our men participated in the Annual Men's Prayer Breakfast that was hosted this year by Parchment Valley Baptist Church in Ripley.

Throughout the program, the men lifted prayers of thanks to the Lord, prayers for our churches, families, the WVBC, men and fathers, missions and our veterans.

We are blessed to have men of prayer in our community.

**James 5:16** *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."* KJV

West Virginia Baptist Convention

# **Bible Conference**

featuring

## **Dr. George Hancock-Stefan**

*"Challenged to be like Christ" (Philippians 2:5),  
Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

**March 10, 2018**

**Parchment Valley Conference Center in Hill Hall**

**Conference Fee: \$15.00 per person**

Registration Deadline (with money enclosed): March 5, 2018

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and instruction will start at 9:00 a.m. Fee includes lunch and snacks.

**Guest Instructor: Dr. George Hancock-Stefan,**  
**Associate Professor of Church History, Palmer Theological Seminary**



Dr. George Hancock-Stefan has taught Baptist history and polity at Princeton Theological Seminary as well as courses in theology and church history at New York Evangelical Seminary and Wheaton College Graduate School.

An American Baptist Churches pastor, George served for 16 years as pastor of Central Baptist Church in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. Prior to that he served as Minister of Christian Education at First Baptist Church of Hightstown, New Jersey, and as pastor of the bilingual Lakeview Baptist Church in Chicago.

From 1982 to 1989, George was executive director of the Romanian Missionary Society, Wheaton, Illinois. His work included developing weekly radio programs (in the Romanian language) broadcast in Romania, serving as theological editor of more than 30 books and preaching at churches throughout Eastern Europe.

### **WV Baptist Convention Bible Conference - March 10, 2018 - Registration Form**

**COUPLES MAY USE THE SAME FORM. Please complete the following:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate boxes below.**

☐ \$00.00 - Conference Registration Per Person

*(If I am one of the first 30 pastors to register, I would like to attend for free.)*

☐ \$15.00 - Conference Registration Per Person (REQUIRED FOR ALL)

☐ \$15.00 - Conference Registration Second Person

☐ \*\$25.00 - School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Single Credit

Apply credit to ☐ Two-Year General Studies or ☐ Three-Year Congregational Transformation

☐ \*\$35.00 - School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Couple Credit

Apply credit to ☐ Two-Year General Studies or ☐ Three-Year Congregational Transformation (#1)

Apply credit to ☐ Two-Year General Studies or ☐ Three-Year Congregational Transformation (#2)

☐ Total Amount Enclosed

**\* SCS ADVANCED STUDENT'S PLEASE NOTE: THE \$25.00/\$35.00 FOR CREDIT FEE IS STILL REQUIRED, EVEN IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE FIRST 30 TO REGISTER.**

**To provide adequate arrangements, registrations must be post-marked with  
payment enclosed by March 5, 2018.** Make checks payable to: West Virginia Baptist Convention.

Please mail your form and check to: West Virginia Baptist Convention, Attn: Donna,  
P.O. Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102-1019.



# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.





## Celebrating Valentines Day

Each year, the Valentine Dinner has been a fund raiser for the youth activities. This year, however, the group decided to give the donations they received to the Lance Ritchie Scholarship Fund in honor of the love our church had for Lance and the love Lance had for all kids.

The scholarship will be used for students who may want to attend a trade school after graduation.

## Kudos Captivate!



Captivators attended the Senior High Youth Convention in February.  
!!Music, mayhem, games, and the word of the Lord!!





Matthew 25:40

OFFICE USE ONLY:  
Date Appl. Received: \_\_\_\_\_

## Work Project Application

### RESIDENT INFORMATION

Resident's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people living in this household: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own this home? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own this property? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you rent this home? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you rent this property? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent, you must provide landowners/landlords name, address, and phone number so we can contact them about the work you are requesting:

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity Available: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Available: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Access/Restrictions: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Van: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-Wheel Drive: \_\_\_\_\_ Pick-up Truck: \_\_\_\_\_

Car: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Home: One Story: \_\_\_\_\_ Two Story: \_\_\_\_\_ Brick: \_\_\_\_\_ Frame: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Neither of these questions will eliminate your project from being considered:

Would you be able to provide materials for the project? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to contribute financially toward project? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what amount? \_\_\_\_\_

**Double check the following, and check appropriate blank:**

Pets? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

(You may be asked to remove pets from home/site at the time work is done)

Bees/Wasps obvious? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the roof sound? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical Wiring in area? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other concerns? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladders: Is a ladder needed? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Step: \_\_\_\_\_ Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Will resident be able to provide a ladder? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Suggest neighbors, friends or relatives?)

Location of ladder: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions to Work Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Work you would like to have done: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to allow the Brothers' Keeper work camp participants to perform repairs and improvements on my home. I understand the amount of work completed depends upon the budget limitations and time available. Brothers' Keeper, through the West Virginia Baptist Convention and Jackson County Community Resources, Inc., do not guarantee that the work performed by participants will equal that of professional contractors. I understand the crew, made up of at least one adult and 2-6 youth, are volunteering their service to help me.

Resident's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Worker's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write directions to your residence on the back of this application.**

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: Brothers' Keeper, 1715 Lower Parchment Valley Road, Ripley, WV 25271.**

# 2018 Brothers Keeper Participant Registration Form

**June 24—June 29 2018**

**ANY PARTICIPANT WITHOUT A COMPLETED HEALTH FORM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY.**  
Health forms can be found on our website at [www.parchmentvalley.org](http://www.parchmentvalley.org)

(Please PRINT clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ M ☐ F First time camper: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall of 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ XXXL

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (if camper is under 21) ~

Please PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print legibly

Do you give your child permission to swim with lifeguard supervision? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you give your permission for photographs to be taken during the camp and used for promotional purposes?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

**WEST VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**Brothers' Keeper**  
**PERMISSION FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT & HEALTH HISTORY**

Any changes to this form should be provided to camp health personnel upon participant's arrival in camp. Provide complete information so that the camp can be aware of your needs. Please send this form with your registration. ANY PARTICIPANT WITHOUT A HEALTH FORM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY AT CAMP.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age at Camp \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip code

Social Security Number of participant \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: **M** **F**

Custodial Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above) Street Address City State Zip code

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip code

Second Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above) Street Address City State Zip code

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip code

If not available in an emergency, notify \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip code

Is the participant covered by family medical/hospital insurance: YES NO Please attach copy of medical card

If so, indicate carrier or plan name \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insured \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to participant \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY # OF POLICY HOLDER OR INSURANCE ID # \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Please fill in information on reverse side of this form

Parent/Guardian Authorizations: This health history is correct and complete as far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted. I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order x-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for me/or my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. This completed form may be photocopied for trips out of camp. I understand that all reasonable attempts will be made to contact me as soon as possible after the condition necessitating treatment arises, and, that failing to reach me, all reasonable attempts to contact the alternate listed above will be made. I understand that all reasonable precautions will be taken for safety at all times. I further release the West Virginia Baptist Convention, the Parchment Valley Board of Directors, the West Virginia American Baptist Youth, and all persons associated with these organizations from any liability associated with any accident, injury or disease to the person who is the subject of this form.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR ADULT CAMPER/STAFFER \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

I, a qualified Notary Public, in and for the County aforesaid, hereby certify that the person whose signature appears above, did on this date, appear before me, after begin duly sworn or affirmed, and reading this document in its entirety did affix his or her signature hereto in my presence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Date Executed \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Please Imprint seal in area to the right



Date of Last Tetanus Shot: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEDICATIONS BEING TAKEN

Please list ALL medications (including over-the-counter or non-prescription drugs) taken routinely. Bring enough medication to last the entire time at camp. Keep it in the original packaging/bottle that identifies the prescribing physician (if a prescription drug), the name of the medication, the dosage, and the frequency of administration.

This person takes NO medications on a routine basis.

This person takes medications as follows:

MED #1 \_\_\_\_\_ DOSAGE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME TAKEN EACH DAY \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR TAKING \_\_\_\_\_

MED #2 \_\_\_\_\_ DOSAGE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME TAKEN EACH DAY \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR TAKING \_\_\_\_\_

MED #3 \_\_\_\_\_ DOSAGE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME TAKEN EACH DAY \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR TAKING \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR MORE MEDICATIONS.

IDENTIFY ANY MEDICATIONS TAKEN DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR THAT PARTICIPANT DOES/MAY NOT TAKE DURING THE SUMMER \_\_\_\_\_

#### ALLERGIES:

Describe reaction and management of the reaction.

##### 1. Medication Allergies (list)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

##### 2. Food Allergies (list)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

##### 3. Other Allergies (list) - include insect stings, hay fever, asthmas, animal dander, etc.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

#### SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

Gluten Free Diet    YES    NO

Other food allergies or special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Lactose Intolerance    YES    NO

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Please initial here \_\_\_\_\_ The information provided here in is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

# Official 2018 Brothers Keeper Crew Chief Registration Form

*June 24– 29, 2018*

ANY PARTICIPANT WITHOUT A COMPLETED HEALTH FORM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY.

(Please PRINT clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print legibly

Gender: ☐ M ☐ F First time volunteer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ XXXL

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing needed ☐ Yes ☐ No Breakfast ☐ Dinner ☐ [Lunch is Provided]

Do you give your permission for photographs to be taken during the camp and used for promotional purposes?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

I am willing to undergo a background check ☐ No ☐ Yes SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Skills:

☐ Carpentry ☐ Roof Coating ☐ Painting ☐ Yard Work

Do you have a truck you are willing to use to haul materials to job site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list examples of projects you have completed in the past: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature

Date

## Holy Week Services

This year the Holy Week Services will be at First United Methodist Church on Flinn Street starting Monday March 26. If you have never participated in the services, this year would be a great time to start.

The services are every day starting at 12:00 noon. The Jackson County Ministerial Association organizes the ministers in the area who will be presenting the daily devotion. Music and prayers are lifted up before the Lord each day.

Following the service, a luncheon is provided by the various churches. The JCMA tries to have everything timed to allow people who work in our community the ability to come enjoy the food of God as well as a nice lunch before they have to return to work.

This year, the message of the day will be given by the following:

- Mondayô Pastor Bill Stewart; Reedy Baptist Church
- Tuesdayô Rev. David Shirer; Ravenswood Church of the Nazarene
- Wednesdayô Pastor Chris Skeens; Freewill Baptist Church
- Thursdayô Rev. Claire Butler; First Presbyterian Ravenswood & Ripley
- Fridayô Rev. Ken Peters; First United Methodist Church



First Baptist Church will be providing meals on Wednesday. The meal will consist of soup, rolls, crackers, desserts and drinks. If you are able to help with the mealô either cooking or servingô please contact the office or Carolyn Torris.

## Tenebrae

**Tenebrae** (/ t .n .bre / or / t .n .bri / -Latin for "darkness") is a Christian religious **service** celebrated during Holy Week within Western Christianity, on the evening before or early morning of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.



Each year on Maundy Thursday, First Baptist Church observes a time of sadness with a Tenebrae Service. The purpose of the service is to recreate the emotional feelings of the passion storyô the punishment of Christ for our sins. The service is not a happy, celebrative time. It is a time we quietly come together to recognize the anguish of Jesus.

We will hear scriptures telling of the prophecies; words spoken by Jesus; the brutal beating by the Romans; the betrayal of the disciples; the sadness of no hope.

Candles will illuminate the sanctuary. A solo will be heard. A solemnness will permeate the evening as, one by one, the candles are extinguished with each scripture reading. The final candleô The Christ Candleô is the last one to be put out, leaving us in a near darknessô like the world without hope.

A black cloth will cover everything signifying the death of our Savior as we depart in earnest silence to reflect on what has been done to Jesus.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events that happened so long ago, and *it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over* í í ...

***Easter is on the way!***

## ***Lance Ritchie Memorial Scholarship Fund Raiser***



Meraki-  
*to do something with all your soul, heart,  
and creativity; putting all of yourself into  
what you are doing.*

Our Dad did just that no matter what he was doing whether it was fixing an ice machine, helping us with projects, and teaching Brent and I to draw. Not many people knew of the gift he had with a pencil and paper. Most of the bulletin board decorations at Mom's school were created with the help of our Dad.



With that being said, my family and I would like to invite all of you to join in on a fundraiser for the Lance Ritchie Memorial Scholarship Fund. ***All proceeds will go to a wonderful opportunity for a Jackson County graduate!***

Want to donate to a good cause, eat pizza and have fun while doing it? Come join us as we are *Brushing it with Betsy* on ***Saturday March 17 from 4-7 pm in the fellowship hall!*** All levels of artists are welcome! Each student will be guided with step-by-step instructions to ensure you love your unique masterpiece. We will be painting a piece that celebrates the love that Lance had for WVU! The painting will be on a 12x12 wrapped canvas, all supplies and pizza are included in the ticket price. ~ \$50 in advance ~ \$55 at the door.

Spaces are limited to 40 ~ please prepay to ensure your seat and to receive the discounted price, via paypal ([bet\\_c\\_boop@yahoo.com](mailto:bet_c_boop@yahoo.com)) use the friends and family tab. Don't have paypal, no worries! My mother ( Rhonda Ritchie) and I would be happy to collect your payment and get it to Betsy. Hope to see you there!

My cell 304-532-0253 if you need to get in contact with me. Bethany (Ritchie) Taylor







**PLEASE JOIN US  
APRIL 13 - 15, 2018  
“BETTER TOGETHER”**

We are thrilled to be having the third annual Women's Camp at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen! We would love to welcome any woman 18 years and older join us for Women's Camp 2018.

The weekend is focused on uniting generations of women with ages ranging from 18 to 95. From college-aged girls washing the feet of wiser women at spa night, to small groups praying together and sharing each others burdens, it has been a joy to see such an incredible group of ladies attend each year and grow in the Lord and with each other.



This year there will be fun, fellowship and Bible study for all including a snack swap, special movie night, interest groups with offerings including crocheting, hand lettering, missions, and more. This year's "Women in Mission's" session will feature some special guests, who you'll just have to come to meet!

*This year our focus is going to be, "Better Together," with our theme Scripture coming from Ephesians 4. I encourage you to read that Scripture and think about how we as women can better work together to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I think often times we get caught up in competition with other women and what we need to do is work together for the glory of the Father, because we are Better Together.*



We pray you join us for the journey that Women's Camp 2018 as we grow and learn and share on being Better Together.

- **Participants** – Women who are 18 years of age or older
- **Meals** – Served family style, includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks
- **Scholarships** – There are a limited number of scholarships available.) Please contact Lisa Simmons (lsimmons@wvbc.org or 304-273-9693 for more information)
- **Housing** – there are a variety:

Cabin style (bunk beds, 10 to a cabin and bath house)

Crouch Retreat Center (bunk beds, 10 to a room and indoor bathrooms)

Milam Cabin (handicapped accessible, individual rooms, indoor shared bathrooms)

Staff House (limited, two to a room, bathroom for each room)

# Events

## Friday

6:30-7:30 pm – Registration

8:00 pm – Welcome – Snack & Book Swap

9:00 pm – Campfire

## Saturday

8:30-9:00 am - Breakfast

9:15-11:30 am - Worship, Speaker Jana Stoner, Small Group

Noon – Lunch

1:00 pm – Worship & Women in Missions

2:00 pm – Interest Groups

3:00-5:30 pm – Fellowship (Free) Time

Optional Activities: Board Games/C

ards, Nature Walk

5:30 pm – Dinner

6:30-7:30 pm – Vespers, Speaker Jillene Narraway

7:45 pm – Evening Activity

8:30 pm – Campfire

## Sunday

9:00-9:30 am – Breakfast

10:00-11:30 am – Worship & Speaker Jana Stoner

11:30-12:00 am – Departure Time

## SPEAKERS

Rev. Jana Stoner is passionate about God's Word and community development. Jana is wrapping up her doctorate degree this spring. She and her husband, Ryan, have been married 10 years and live in Huntington, West Virginia, where they raise their three children.



Jillene Narraway is the Associate Director of Camping and Youth for the West Virginia Baptist Convention. She and her husband, Joshua, have been married for almost 19 years and they have eight crazy children. She blogs at [thinmoments.com](http://thinmoments.com) and enjoys studying scripture, photography, baking, concert/event planning, and talking with friends...but most of all she is a child of God trying to seek Him and live for Him.



Women's Camp at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen

April 13-15, 2018

\$45 for the Weekend\*, includes all meals

*Please join us for a wonderful weekend uniting generations of women as we focus on living life as a Christian woman in this world!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs, request for handicap facilities, food allergies: **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_

If yes, what: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer to share accommodations with: \_\_\_\_\_

*Do you give your permission for photographs to be taken during the camp and used for promotional purposes? **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_*

For Office Use:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Total Camp Fee: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid by Individual: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid by Church: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarship: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Mail Registrations to:**

Women's Camp Registrar  
7 Pinecrest Lane  
Huntington, WV 25705

**Priority Registration: April 1, 2018**

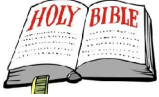
**\*\$45 if received by April 1, 2018 or \$50 at the door.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call  
304-840-1482 or email [kasey.madden@icloud.com](mailto:kasey.madden@icloud.com).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Book of the  
Month  
March 2018  
1&2 Peter; Jude**



**God's Cadets to  
PLAYDATES  
March 3**



**Mar 5 Meeting**  
Trustees @ 7:00

**Mar 12 Meetings**  
BOCE @ 7:00  
Deacons @ 8:00

*Youth Leader Core*

*March 9 through March 11*

*Morning Service will be YLC*

**March Birthdays**

Amy Williams 3/3  
Helen Johnson 3/4  
Gusta Arrington 3/4  
Larry Bailes 3/20  
Zach Graham 3/21  
Tina Wolfe 3/24  
Ross Mellinger 3/27  
Rhonda Ritchie 3/29  
Sharon Adkins 3/30



*Children's Spring Rally  
Parchment Valley Conference Center  
March 10*



**Men's Fellowship  
March 13 @ 6:30**

**March Movie Night!**  
March 16 at 7:00.



**Women's CIRCLE**  
At Marie DeLong's home  
March 22 at 7:00



**Holy Week Services at Noon  
March 26-30  
at First United Methodist Church**

**Maundy Thursday Services**  
March 29 @ 7:00



Please return your baby bottles  
for The Women's Care Center by  
March 04. Thank you!

**Have you checked out the prayer calendar today?**



## CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



### March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Tim & Connie Staats	2 Cole & Diana Staats	3 Ron & Amy Starkey
4 Warner Stephens	5 John & Rose Stephenson	6 Tom & Bev Stephenson	7 Stephen & Leanne Thompson, Ryley	8 Randy & Carolyn Torris	9 Jared Torris	10 Kindsey Torris
11 Dale & Anna Vanderlaan	12 Dorothy Varney	13 Quinter Vought	14 Toby & Jennifer Wagoner, John, Aaron, Hannah	15 Sami Wagoner	16 Janyce Watkins	17 Megan Watkins
18 Susan West	19 Dan & Amy Williams, Cody, Kenley	20 Nick Williams	21 Sierra Williams	22 Dave & Dena Williams	23 Jordan Williams	24 Josh Williams, Sarah Lycans
25 Mike & Cara Williams, Deshone, Marcus	26 Jennie Wise	27 Tina Wolfe	28 Kevin & Abbi Woods	29 Taylor Woods	30 Geraldine Wright	31 Brandon & Ashlee Wyant, Connor, Beckett

*On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, **Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

John 12:12-13

