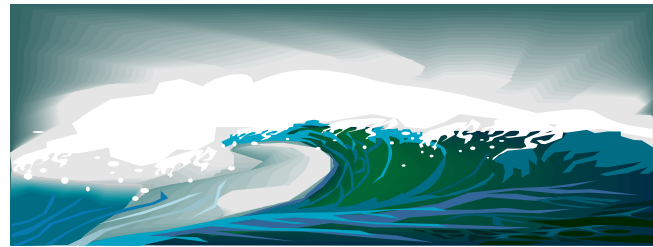




The *June 2018*
Anchor

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



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As we begin to head into the summer months, we hear many of church members talking about vacations, family reunions, outdoor events and cookouts. All of these events are wonderful settings that will open the door for relationship building if we think about those opportunities before we take part.

For example, one of the greatest things we can do at these events is to talk about our love of Jesus Christ with our friends and family. Having this *“meaningful”* fellowship time at these events does not have to be preachy and intrusive, but what they can be is genuine and honest. What is meaningful fellowship, you may wonder, and how do we do it? It is actually not that complicated and is much easier than you think. **The concept of meaningful fellowship is to use five-to-ten minutes and tell someone what you are up to, or doing in church, and always end that conversation by inviting them to join you at an upcoming service.**

According to Christianity Today, nine out of ten people who are unchurched say they would attend a service if they were invited. **Can you believe that fact?** Nine out of ten unchurched people surveyed said they would attend a service if they were asked. We are missing opportunities at every corner.

In the coming months, you’ll hear me talk a lot about *growing from the inside out*. When you hear that, what I mean is that we need to start inviting some people we know to join us at First Baptist. It is fun to go to church with people you know. Imagine two or three people right now that you would love to have in church with you today if you could. Often, we fall prey to hoping people will just walk through our doors on Sunday. We need to be more intentional in our efforts. I have found that being intentional doesn’t have to be *“Bible-Pounding,”* it just needs to be done in love and sincerity. It is as simple as saying why you attend church.

One more nugget before I go this month! In the same article I referenced, it points out that many of the unchurched felt guilty about not attending church. This is another reason that having a *“real”* or *“genuine”* conversation with someone you know is a great place to start.

We have a great church. First Baptist has plenty of seats for people to come join us and learn about the Lord. There’s probably a seat by you that you can offer that special someone in your friend circle. We have great youth programs to encourage these persons to bring their children to youth fellowship for spiritual growth. The Bible is clear about our efforts being fruitful. ***In Isaiah 51:11, we learn the Lord’s Word will not be void...It will achieve its purpose.***

So, don’t be afraid, and let us invite someone to church.

In His service,

Pastor Toby



The Youth at First Baptist will have a busy month ahead as summer gets underway. We have several youth attending Camp Cowen this year in Webster County. Camp Cowen is a great place where kids get to be kids, with opportunities to grow in their faith. We are pleased to announce that we have 8 youth attending camps this year. Several of our younger kids will be attending camp the week of June 24 through June 30.

We do still have time for July registrations for Camp Cowen. *The early bird deadline for July registration is June 15.* If you are interested, please see Susan West or Pastor Toby as soon as possible. If you need a scholarship in order for your child to attend camp, please let us know. *Church members who would like a donation to support our camp scholarships, please earmark your check as **camp sponsor**.*

First Baptist will have four high school teenagers attending *Brothers Keeper* later this month. This includes **Zack Graham, Nikki Nicholson, John Wagoner and Aaron Wagoner.** *Brothers Keeper* gives teenagers the chance to complete local mission project work specifically helping persons who are unable to make much needed repairs to their homes in Jackson County. Frank Miller at Parchment Valley Conference Center oversees the program and it is a first class operation. First Baptist makes an annual contribution to Brothers Keeper to support this annual ministry.

Vacation Bible School is coming up in a just a couple of weeks. This is going to be a great time for everyone. There will be a special finale of fun including a waterslide. *Dates for Bible School are June 11 through June 15 with the finale on Saturday June 16 from 11-2.* Liz Stewart is the Bible School Director this year. Adults, please ask Liz about how you can help with this year's event. If nothing else, please come and show your support. We can always use some extra hands, here and there.

On Saturday, June 30, the church is sponsoring a trip to the ***Living Word Outdoor Drama***. All youth in the church can attend for free. They must register in advance. The event takes place in Cambridge, Ohio. Pastor Toby will have a van rented that will accommodate about 15. So far, four teenagers are already signed up to attend. Adults can go for \$10. Please see Dena Williams for more information. The trip will depart around 3:30 p.m. and return about 11:30 p.m. This is an amazing outdoor drama! If you only take one church trip this year, this would be a good one.

The youth are busy planning some summer events for July and August including a "Friends and Family" pool party in Ravenswood, a trip to the Putnam Wave Pool, the Sky Zone Trampoline Park, and maybe even the Columbus Zoo. We are currently looking at dates for July and August. Most of these events will be open to all of youth and their families. *Please see your youth leader about details.* More info will be coming soon.

First Baptist loves our young people. If you are willing to volunteer to help with our youth programs, take a turn in the nursery or children's church, please let Liz Stewart or the office know. *We will make your volunteering fun. In fact, we believe you will be blessed for your efforts.*

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Toby

Monthly Meetings & Activities

Jun 1-3 Women's Conference
Jun 3 Reception for the Rupert Family
Jun 4 BOCE @ 6 pm
Trustee Meeting @ 7 pm
Deacon's Meeting @ 8 pm
Jun 6-10 Younger Middlers Camp
Jun 8 Meals Ministry Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Jun 10 Sunday School Promotion
Teacher/Leader Appreciation Dinner
Harvest America
Jun 11-15 VBS 5:30-8:00 pm
Jun 15 July Camp Cowen Registrations Due
Jun 16 VBS Party 11-2
Jun 17 Father's Day *No Evening Service*
Jun 17-23 Jr Hi 1 Camp Cowen
Jun 19 CIRCLE @ 7pm
Jun 20 July Anchor Articles Due
Jun 21 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6:00 pm
Jun 24 Salads-to-Go Fund Raiser @noon
Jun 24-29 Brother's Keeper
Jun 24-30 Junior 2 Camp Cowen
Jun 30 *The Living Word* Outdoor Drama

Nursery Workers

June 3 Bev Stephenson
June 10 Jane Moore
June 17 Jennifer Wagoner
June 24 Jessica Morgan

Children's Church

June 3 Eugene Morgan
June 10 Helen Johnson
June 17 Liz Stewart
June 24 Deb Lyons

CommUnity Kitchen

June 2 Burt Lyons
June 9 FUMC
June 16 Kathy Hudson
June 23 Susan West Crew
June 30 Free Will Baptist Church

Deaconess for Communion

Phyllis Massey

Focus on Sunday School:



June is a month of changes! Our schools are letting out for the summer. Our Sunday School students will be moving up June 10. *The Annual Teacher/Leader Appreciation Dinner* will be held on June 10 after the morning worship service. Many thanks to all who dedicate their time and talents to teaching and caring for both our young and old!

Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte

***If a child hears about Jesus,
He learns salvation.***

Attend Sunday School!



Congratulations Graduates!



Blake Bennett



Nathan Hall



Riley Stewart

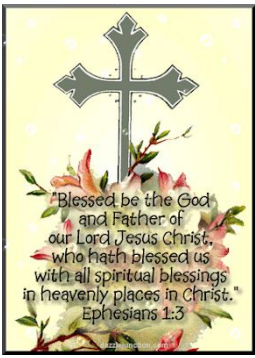


Kindsey Torris



Others graduating were **Gage Nease** and **Josh Ritchie** from high school; **Talia Martinez** and **Andrea Donahue** were among our college graduates.

We are proud of our young people and ask for blessings for them as they embark on the next adventures in life.



God Creating The Father

When the good Lord was creating Fathers, he started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of Father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put Fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping." And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a Father's hands, they were large and sinewy. And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats." And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day; yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. And the angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a Father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?" And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, and hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had every seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?" And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross, or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the Father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added tears. Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a Mother?"

The angel shut up.

– Erma Bombeck.

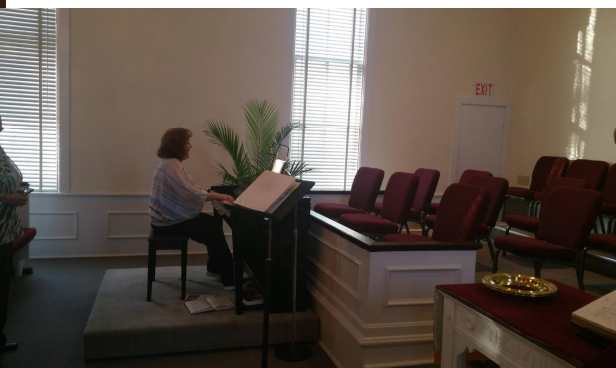
Happy Father's Day

Revival Fun

Ready to be dazzled by the Word



Revolving Revival Revisited

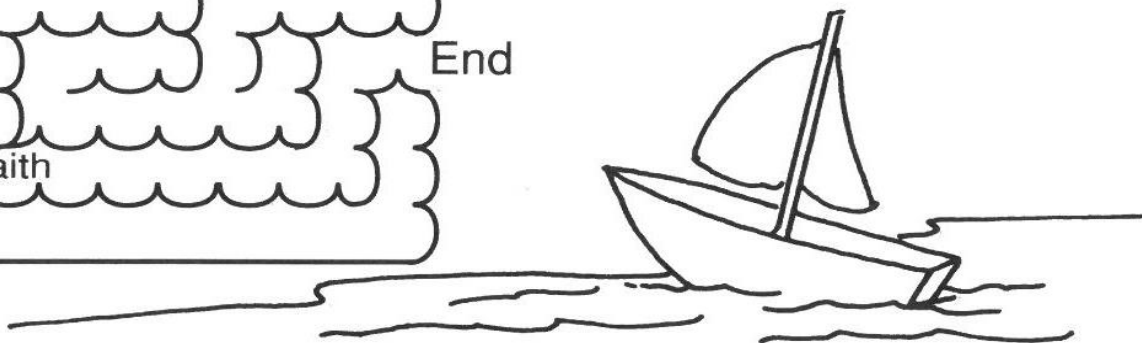
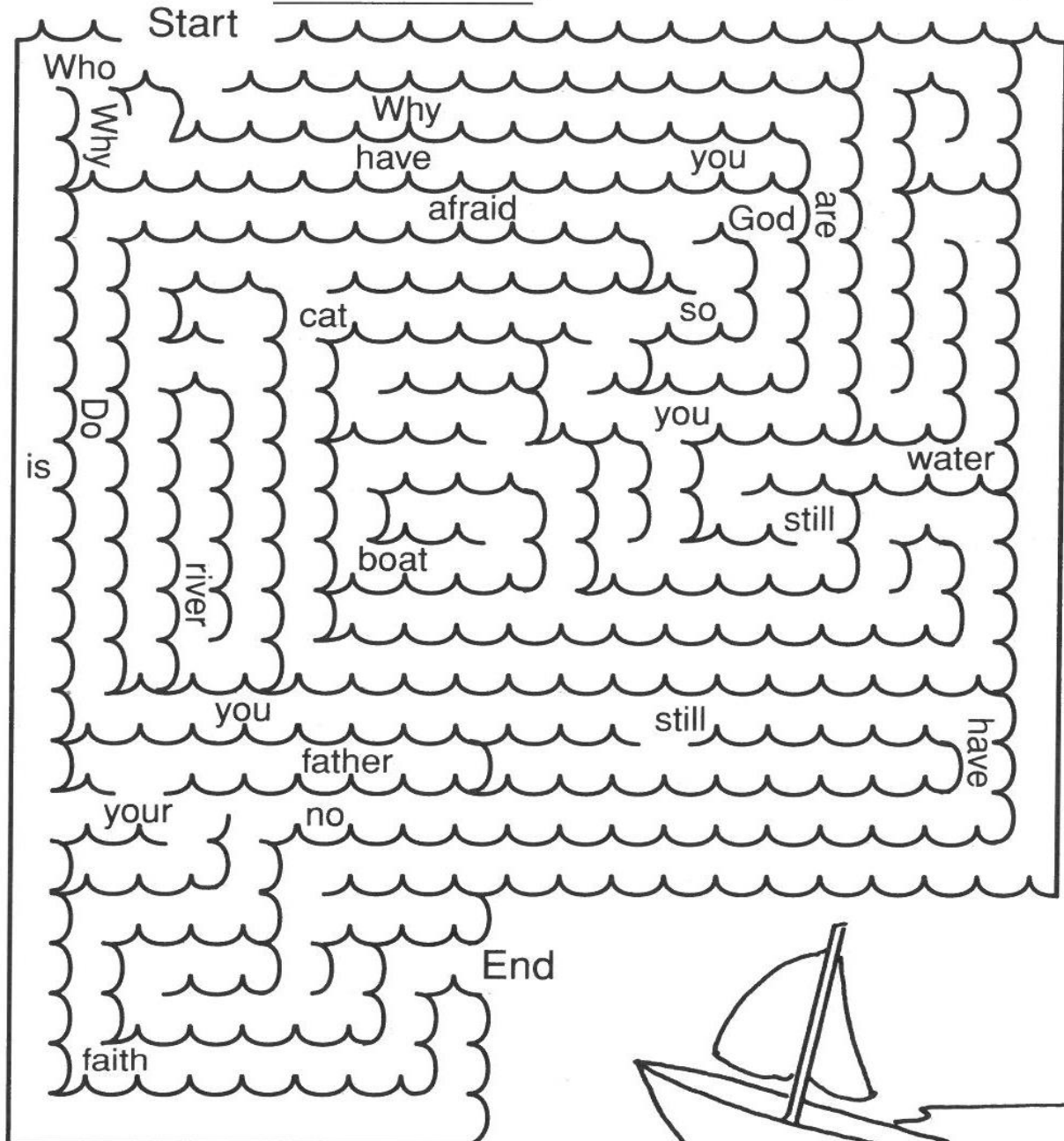


What did Jesus say to His disciples?

Go through the waves to find the answer.

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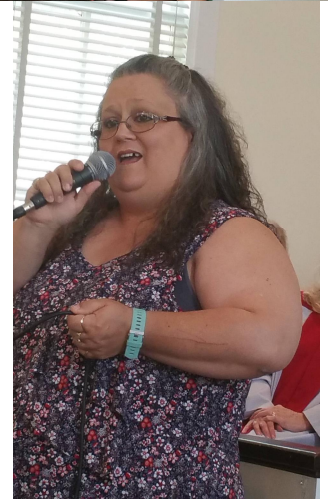
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Mothers Day 2018

Thanks Miss Rhonda!

Planting seeds and what they grow



Beautiful Message
in song!
Thanks Miss Jennifer!





**American
Red Cross**

A Red Cross Blood Drive will take place in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist on June 21 from 1:00 to 6:00.

All blood types are needed.

If you have given before, please consider giving again.

If you have never given, please consider starting to give to this needy cause. The donation time from registration to recovery is about 1 hour.

- Registration includes going over eligibility, showing ID (such as driver's license), getting information about donating blood.
- Health History includes answering questions about your health history, where and when you have traveled, prescription medications, temperature, pulse, BP and hemoglobin check.
- Donation includes lying down to have your blood drawn
- Refreshments and Recovery allows for a snack and 10 to 15 minutes of recovery time before you leave.

Remember, the life you save, may be your own.



Library

In this age of technology, people tend to forget the joy and relaxation that can come with sitting down with a good book.

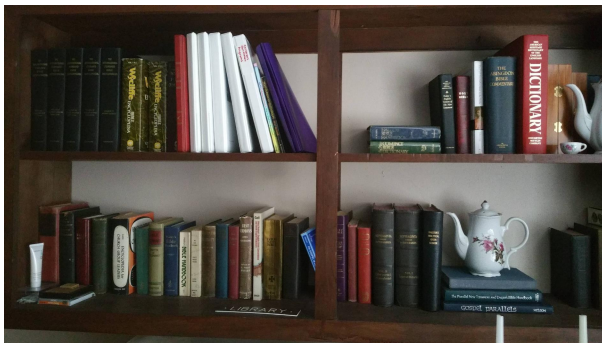
Online books are nice, *but there's nothing quite like holding a hard copy of fun, knowledge and information in your hand.* Some even love the smell of the pages as they turn to see the adventure on the next one.

At First Baptist Church, we encourage people to read good, wholesome books. Some may even like to use biblical reference material for a study they may be doing. Check out our library!

Many thanks to Amy Starkey for keeping it organized! She has recently purchased new books of interest for men, women and children. If you are interested in checking out a book, we use the honor system - find the book you want, take it home and read it, then bring it back. Amy has a basket on the shelf by the door for returned books.

The library is located on the first floor by the Godø Cadets room.

Check it out today!



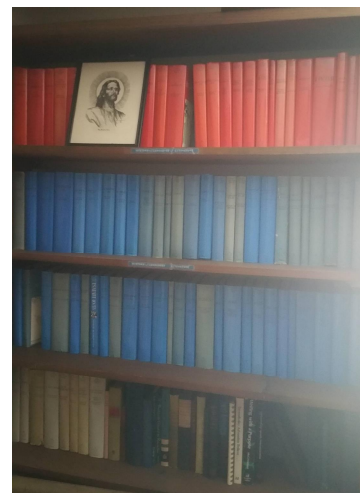
Different versions of Bibles, reference books



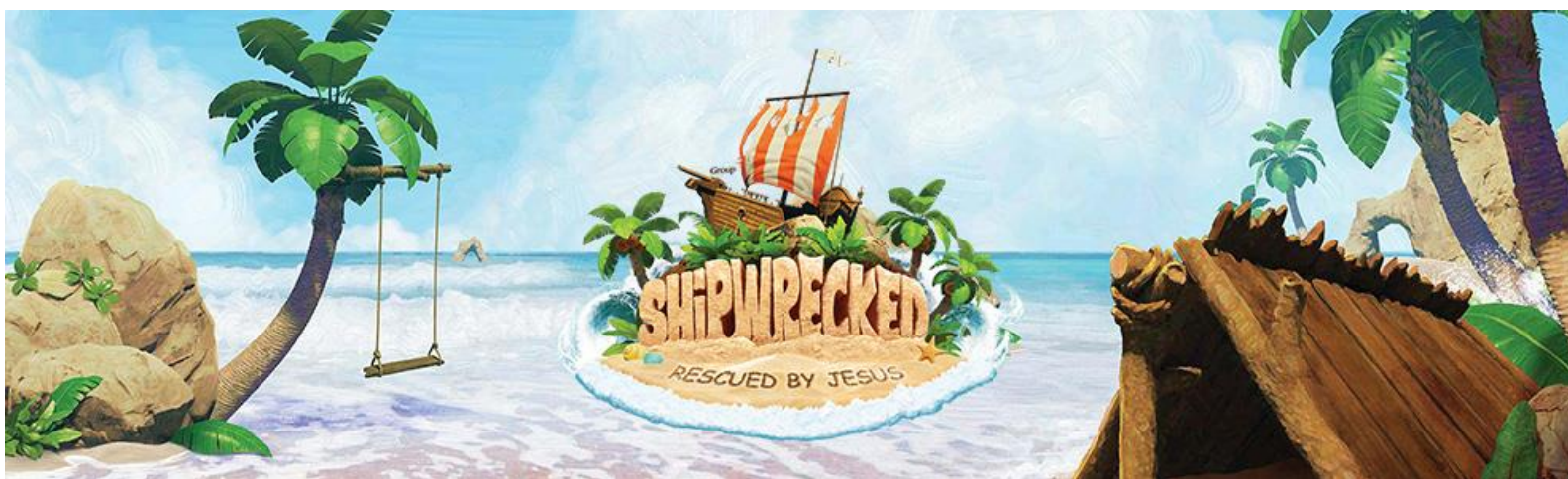
Inspirational books, fiction



Fiction and children's books



Apocrypha and historical books



Vacation Bible School **June 11 through 15**

5:30 to 8 pm

All kids welcome

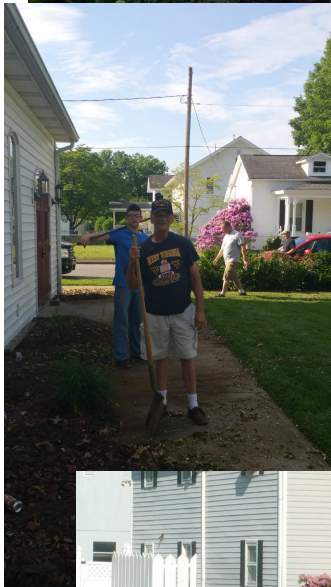
preschool through 5-6th grade.

Dinner will be served during snack time

VBS Party Saturday June 16
from 11-2:00 at the church.
Everyone is invited.

Church Wide Clean-up Day

Our FBC people came together on May 12 to do some heavy duty cleaning. The holly shrubs were removed, windows cleaned inside and out to make our church look even better. More landscaping is being discussed.



Living Word Drama



Members and friends of FBC are planning a trip to Cambridge, OH on June 30 to watch the outdoor drama, *The Living Word*.

The outdoor setting is an authentic representation of the Old Jerusalem. The drama follows the passion of Christ.

Those who have gone before have enjoyed the performance and look forward to this next journey.

Anyone interested in going, please contact Dena Williams at 304-543-6448 or the church office at 304-273-9910. The group will be leaving the church at 3:30 and should be back in town by 11 to 11:30. There are concession stands at the drama to get food. The cost for the drama is \$10 and carpooling will be available.



Rev. Frank Roughton Harvey



Installation Service for Dr. Michael Sisson

*You and your church family are cordially invited
to a Service of Installation for*

Dr. Michael Sisson

**Executive Minister
of the West Virginia Baptist Convention**

Saturday, July 14, at 2:00 p.m.

Gassaway Baptist Church

56 Beall Drive, Gassaway, WV 26624

Special Guest: *Dr. Lee Spitzer, General Secretary*

American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

*There will be a reception immediately following in the church fellowship hall.
Please R.S.V.P. to Ginny Prunty at prunty@wvbc.org or calling 304-422-6449.*

A WAY TO MINISTER TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN TIME OF NEED

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MINISTRY?

TEAM 1

**Gusta Arrington
Kathy Hudson
Phyllis Michael
Susan West**

TEAM 2

**Debby Bashaw
Debra Lyons
Phyllis Massey
Jessica Morgan**

TEAM 3

**Andrea Crow
Margaret Johns
Jane Moore**



MEALS MINISTRY



TEAM 4

**Carol Crow
Leigh Ann Kerns
Connie Staats
Bev Stephenson
Abbi Woods**



TEAM 5

**Shelia Eskins
Kay Pursley
Rose Stephenson
Carolyn Torris
Anna Vanderlaan**

MEALS MINISTRY MEETING

All Current Volunteers and NEW Volunteers

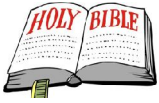
June 8, 2018 at 7 pm

Hosted by Debby Bashaw

Call 304-373-8938

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Book of the
Month
June 2018
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Do you
know
where this
is in the
church?

One Great Hour of Sharing
Give Today!

Goodbye, Ruperts!
June 3



Blood Drive June 21 1-6



Camp Cowen
June 6-10 Younger Midler

June 17-23 Jr High 1

June 24-30 Junior 2

June Birthdays

Bryan Crow—6/1
Cody Williams—6/7
Benjamin Crow—6/14
Aaron Wagoner—6/17



Meals Ministry



June 8 @ 7 at
Debby Bashaw's

June 4 Meetings

BOCEô 6:00
Trusteesô 7:00
Deaconsô 8:00

Sunday School Promotion
June 10

Teacher / All Youth Leaders
Appreciation Dinner
Following Worship Service



VBS
June 11 to 15 5:30-8
Party June 16 11-2



Womenø CIRCLE at
Connie Staats home
June 19 at 7:00.



Salads - To - Go
June 24



Father's Day June 17
No Evening Service

Take Dad out to fishing!!



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.



June 2018



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 Cari Mize | 2 Jesse Mize |
| 3 David & Mary Jo Moore, Hunter | 4 Jon & Jane Moore | 5 Rick & Cathy Murray | 6 Leigha Myers | 7 Nikki Nicholson | 8 John & Jennifer Ortt | 9 Allen & Holly Palmer |
| 10 Adam Palmer | 11 Tyler & Jennifer Pitt, Owen, Isabella | 12 Mick & Susan Price | 13 Mary Proctor | 14 Amy & Ron Purdue, Destiny Thomas | 15 Kay Pursley | 16 Roger & Belinda Rader |
| 17 Lee & Connie Reynolds | 18 Tyler & Michelle Ritchie, Josh Mary Beth | 19 Rhonda Ritchie | 20 Brent & Angel Ritchie, Connor, Lincoln | 21 Rankin Roach | 22 Tim & Cindy Rupert, Katelyn | 23 Darrell & Camille Smith |
| 24 Jim Speer | 25 Bill & Liz Stewart, Michael, Riley, Mary Beth, Riley | 26 Tim & Connie Staats | 27 Cole & Diana Staats | 28 Ron & Amy Starkey | 29 Warner Stephens | 30 John & Rose Stephenson |
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The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise child will delight in him.

Proverbs 23:24

