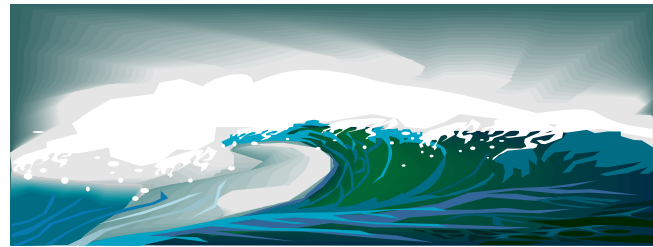




# The *July 2018* Anchor

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



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Many in our congregation will be traveling over the next several weeks as we are in the midst of vacation season. My prayer is that God above extends traveling mercies to each of you as you spend time with family and friends over the summer months. Make the most out of those visits. You never know when this year could be your last with that special person, so make it count.

The month of July is special, not because it's my birthday month, but because we celebrate the birthday of the United States of America in what we call Independence Day! As you know, our independence from Great Britain is recognized as July 4, 1776. In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation and these people were no longer forced to accept a state religion. These people could now worship as they saw fit. Here we are 242 years and 316 million Americans later, and we still have that same right. *Unfortunately, today, not everyone worships our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* Instead, they have placed their faith and trust in man and other gods. This should not be surprising, as it has always been that way, and we see that all throughout the Bible.

There was a time that Joshua had to take a stand for what he believed when others were on the fence, and seemingly drifting in their faith. The people in that day were unsure about who to worship, or even why they worship. Joshua was bold and assembled the people together and called them out for their worshiping of other gods. He told them to worship and serve the living God in sincerity (Joshua 24:14). He encouraged them to turn to the one true God by putting away the gods that their fathers worshiped back in Egypt and the gods of the Amorites. Joshua compelled them to choose who they wanted to serve. They were asked to take a stand. *Then, Joshua boldly commanded that he and his house would serve the Lord.*

*Oh, that we would be so bold.* Are we taking a stand? Many of the children today only see July 4 as merely a day set aside to watch fireworks, and maybe hang out at the pool. They see the pleasures of this world as their god. *But what is our role?* I believe we have the responsibility to make sure that our friends, our neighbors, our children, and our grandchildren understand just how blessed we are to live in the United States. *Not only did our forefathers risk their lives, but many servicemen and servicewomen have defended this nation and still do today, to give us the privileges we are afforded in the Constitution.*

Our nation was founded on Christian values. We know that God blesses those who honor him. In Deuteronomy 28:8, the Bible says, *“The Lord God will bless you in the land He is giving you.”* I like to think that statement can apply to us even today, because I believe with all might heart, He gave us this land so that He may be worshiped in Spirit and Truth. *This July 4, we celebrate our nation's independence which is always joyous, but I challenge you to remember the ultimate freedom we have today, which is found in the saving grace of Jesus Christ.*

In His service,

Pastor Toby





## Captivate Goes to Brother's Keeper





### Monthly Meetings & Activities

Jul 2 Trustee Meeting @ 7 pm  
Jul 3 Second Quarterly Reports Due  
Jul 4 Happy Fourth of July! Office Closed  
Jul 8 Baby Dedication  
Jul 8-14 Jr High 2 Camp Cowen  
Jul 9 BOCE @ 7 pm  
Deacons Meeting @ 8 pm  
Jul 10 Mens Fellowship @ 6:30 pm  
Jul 11 Second Quarterly Business Meeting  
Jul 15-21 Hi School 2 Camp Cowen  
Jul 16 Nominating Committee Meeting @7  
Jul 19 CIRCLE @ 7pm  
Jul 23 August Anchor Articles Due

### Nursery Workers

July 1 Jane Moore  
July 8 Connie Staats  
July 15 Bev Stephenson  
July 22 Jen Wagoner  
July 29 Leigh Ann Kerns

### Children's Church

July 1 Helen Johnson  
July 8 Leanne Thompson  
July 15 Liz Stewart  
July 22 Deb Lyons  
July 29 Eugene Morgan

### CommUnity Kitchen

July 7 Burt Lyons  
July 14 Susan West and crew  
July 21 Lions Club  
July 28

### Deaconess for Communion

Andrea Crow



### Focus on Sunday School:



### *Try Something Different*

*Summer Time!* We are off to new places or maybe favorite family spots to relax and enjoy God's creations around the world.

Some are traveling to Hawaii - some to Europe - some to that extra West Virginia county (Myrtle Beach) - some are cruising. Some are camping close to home - some visiting loved ones.

Everywhere you go, I would encourage you to visit the local church for worship and Sunday School. *People worship Jesus in different ways.* See what others are doing; how they are learning; how they are reaching out.

Be refreshed on your vacation but remember to be refreshed with the Lord too. *He may open your eyes to even greater wonders on your trip.*

For those stay-at-homers, your attendance at worship and Sunday School is a blessing to the church, to the Sunday School and to God. **Come hear what the Lord has to say.**

**Attend Sunday School!**





*Prayer for Liberty*

*Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth, and the life, hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make men free.*

*Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived.*

*Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded.*

*Make us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.*



*-Peter Marshall,  
before the U.S. Senate*



## Goodbye to the Rupert Family

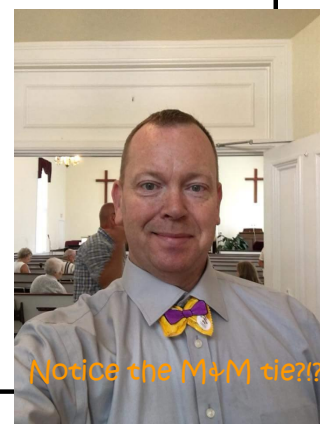
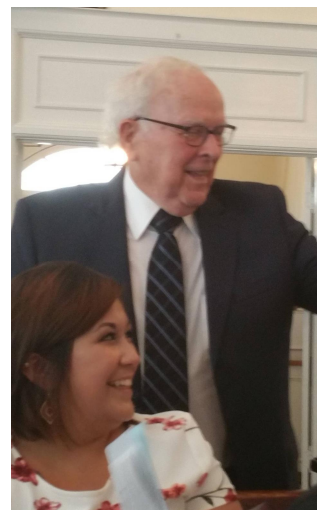


June 3 was the last Sunday we were blessed to have the Ruperts with us. After church we had a reception to say goodbye to them. They will be missed by many and our prayer is that they will have a beautiful life in Brunswick, OH.

## Fathers Day Celebration at FBC



Rob Wagoner, Toby's dad, and Bob Johnson were winners of Father's Day gift cards during the FD presentation on June 17. The children sang to the dads in celebration.



Notice the M+M tie???

## Nominating Committee to Meet

It's that time of year again when our church Nominating Committee begins its search for people willing to do the Lord's work.

Their job is not an easy one. More people say "No" than "Yes." We have many good Christian people in our church and each one has a gift.

If you are approached by a committee member, please take time to consider the position, pray about it and answer as the Lord leads you.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting on July 16. The slate of officers will be presented and voted on during the October business meeting. The officers will begin their service on January 1, 2019 (unless otherwise specified).

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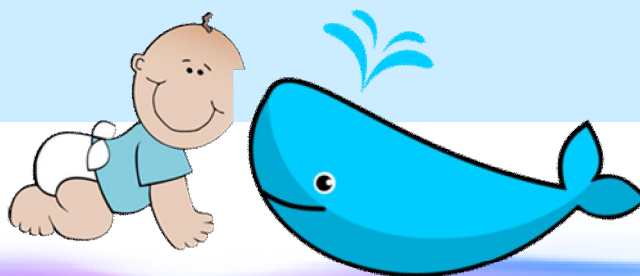
*"Jesus called me out of the multitude to be a servant to my Lord. The only obligation I have is to give Him the best that I've got. I don't have to be as good as anyone else or as smart as anyone else or as anything as anyone else. I just have to be myself."* Rev Dr. Ronny Lanier

~

***'Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.'***

Deuteronomy 15:10

# SAVE THE DATE



Baby Shower for Anna Flesher Davis

Saturday August 11 at 2:00

**It's a Boy!!**



# FBC Out and About



Hawaii



Samantha with world's First Facial Transplant in Massachusetts



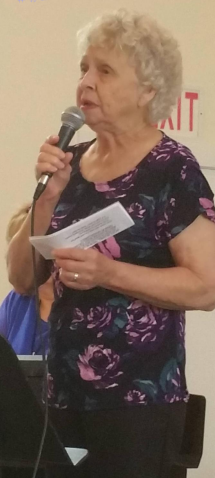
Camp Cowen



Megan at Camp Echo



Jennie sings at church



Down in Texas



In London



Torren down and dirty!





# Story time at VBS



Video time at VBS



*Roman Soldiers taking a break  
between battles during story  
time at VBS*

## Crafts for Christ during VBS







Ok guys! Who is going to get the pie in the face?

### Fun and Games at VBS

The VBS offering was taken for Savannah's Closet. The group made a challenge that if the boys had the biggest offering, Leanne would get 3 pies in the face. But if the girls won, Pastor Toby would get pie-eyed. Guess who won!!!

It was a great turn out and the kids collected \$286.07 to help out with Savannah's Closet!



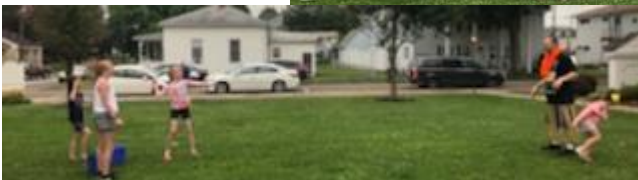
A tearful Leanne Thompson finds out the girls are behind on Thursday. She isn't looking forward to the pie in the face!



Pastor Toby likes pie! ..just maybe not in his face!  
***The Girls Won!!!!!!***



Stephen is getting ready to play at VBS!







Yummy Dinners at VBS



Singing, Chillin' and playing in pre-school VBS



Sharing cake and friendship as we say goodbye to Cindy, Katelyn and Tim





**Thank You!!**



**2018  
MISSION  
OUTREACH  
PROJECT  
(MOP)**

**GOAL: \$6,000**

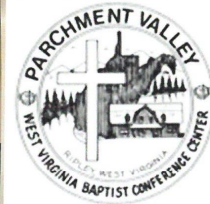
**Trees from Zechariah 3 for South Africa**

It is anticipated that this project will create sustainable nursery locations employing local people and producing 10,000 grafted fruit, nut and Chaya trees annually for the local sale and distribution. The trees will beautify urban slums and provide avocados, mangos, lemons, Macadamia nuts and Chaya leaves to combat hunger and malnutrition.

The money contributed to this project will help train, equip and supply people to run local fruit and nut tree grafting nurseries for local profit, nutrition, environment improvement and sustainability in South Africa.

*The project will be managed by American Baptist International Ministries Medical Missionaries Drs. Rick and Anita Gutierrez.*

A PLACE WE CALL **HOME**



2018

**SPECIAL PROJECT**

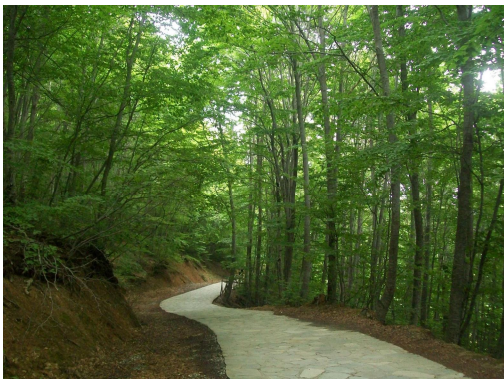
ROOFING LODGES AT PARCHMENT VALLEY

AMOUNT \$12,000

There is a song with lyrics that say, *"Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed. Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am so glad you gave."* (Ray Boltz)

ABWM wants to say thank you for giving to our Salads-to-Go on June 24. We were able to raise donations to go toward our mission projects. The two above tell what the needs are and where you are helping with the Lord's work. Your contributions will be going to help generations in Africa to eat, to work, to prosper. Your contributions will be helping hundreds to fellowship and share in the Lord's work at Parchment Valley.

**Thank you!!**



*I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow being, let me do it now.*

*Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.*

*\_Author Unknown*



### Newest Members to First Baptist

Pam and Gary Balser came forward on Sunday, June 24 to join the church. What a blessing to add new members to our congregation!

Welcome Pam and Gary!



**No Hunger Food Pantry**  
231 Walnut Street  
Ravenswood, WV  
(304)512-7309



**Open House**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Hot dog Sale**  
**Face Painting**

*Help us Celebrate 10 years of Fighting Hunger!*



**SATURDAY JULY 21st**  
**From 11am to 2pm**

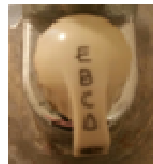
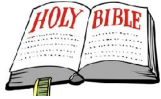
There will be a Silent Auction and hot dog sale during the open house.

If anyone would like to donate baked goods - cookies, brownies, etc. to this fund raiser for the No Hunger Food Pantry, please contact Liz Stewart at 304-761-4849.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Book of the  
Month  
July 2018  
Colossians**



Do you know  
where this  
is in the church?

**Camp Cowen**  
July 8-14 Jr High 2  
Grades 7-9

July 15-21 High School 2  
Grades 9-12

### July Meetings

**7/2**  
Trusteesô 7:00

**7/9**  
BOCEô 6:00  
Deaconsô 8:00

**7/16**  
Nominating Committee  
@7:00

### Second Quarterly Business Meeting

**July 11, 2018 @ 6:30**

First time Grandparents, Pastor Ken and Allison Miller, welcomed Lorelei Diane Adams into the family this week. Mother Mallory and father Cory are doing well too.



**Men's Fellowship**  
**July 10 @ 6:30**



**Women's CIRCLE at**  
**Rhonda Ritchie's home**  
**July 19 at 7:00.**

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

### July Birthdays



**Toby Wagoner—7/1**  
**Micah Arrington—7/4**  
**Dena Williams—7/5**  
**Beth Wood—7/7**  
**Katelyn Rupert—7/12**  
**John Stephenson—7/12**  
**Roger Rader—7/12**  
**Jeff Flesher—7/16**  
**Zach Wood—7/17**  
**Annabelle Flesher—7/19**  
**Jordan Williams—7/19**

## 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.



*July 2018*



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

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

*Galatians 5:1*

