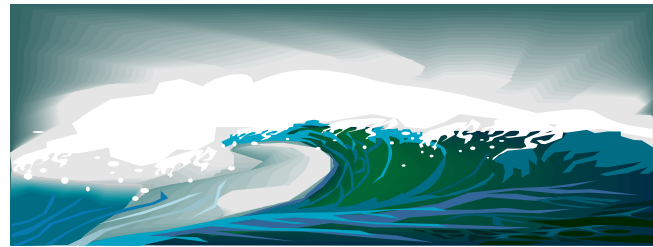




The *September 2018*
Anchor

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 ~ www.fbcravenswood.org**

First, let me thank you and the entire church for your vote of support naming me as the next pastor of First Baptist Church of Ravenswood. I am honored and excited to be a part of a legacy that has been in existence for over 150 years in this community. I understand the significance of knowing that one day, someone will be researching our church history and leafing through the records of our church, and my name will be counted among the many great men who have faithfully served our church. That is a humbling thought for me. I have the church's reputation and legacy to protect. With the Lord's help, I will. I would have never imagined in a million years, I would be here in this very moment at Ravenswood First Baptist Church. In my personal time of reflection, I have found myself saying, *"Lord, how in the world did I ever get to this place? I know You know why, and You know the needs of our community. I am talking this leap of faith because I love and trust You. Help me be faithful to the calling You have on my life and help me lead Your church forward. Help me rekindle the fire of the first love that we all felt when we were saved."*

I really will try my best to be a faithful servant to the Lord Jesus and to you as we move forward. I want to be there for you during times of celebration and hardship for you and your family. As you read this, if you do not have my cell phone number in your wallet, purse, or in your phone contacts, please consider adding it now to 304-377-6796. Jennifer's number is 304-377-6745. It's important that you can reach me in a moment's notice. If you prefer to text, you are welcome to do so. If you get my voicemail when you call, please leave a message, and I will call you back. If it's an emergency, please call day or night. I am there for you. **My prayer is that you understand, as your pastor, I am available to you.**

For the last couple of weeks, you have heard me preach about FBC15. These are 15 areas of ministry that I believe First Baptist really needs to place an emphasis, during the coming year. In preparation for church growth, we need to have active, vibrant, and welcoming ministry. We need to have people in positions to carry out the functions needed following church growth. It requires people willing to serve. I have always said, God will not send us more people that we can handle. Therefore, the 15 areas in the church where we could use your help, are called FBC15. ***Will you join me by standing in the gap?***

You can see the list of the 15 ministry target areas in this addition of the anchor and in our church bulletin each week. *Will you pray for me and the church leadership in the months to come?* Are you willing to sing in the choir and bless people with your special singing gift? Are you willing to attend Sunday evening preaching beginning September 16? Can I get at least an additional 15 people - other than what we normally have - during September? Will you commit to attend an interactive Bible study with me on Wednesday night? Can I get an additional 15 from what we normally have? Will you commit to attending Sunday School **and** bringing your kids? Are you willing to work with God's Cadets (the littler kids) in the evening? Will you serve one or two Sundays of each quarter in the nursery or children's church?

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Would you be willing to get involved in youth or young adult ministry efforts of the church? We want to develop small groups for young families that might involve dining out. Will you send cards or letters to people and show them how much you care? Will you work in the church garden to ensure our church looks beautiful and welcoming? Some people have a real talent for outdoor flower gardening. Will you get involved in the men's and women's ministries to grow in relationship with one another and support their projects? Will you help me invite people back to church who used to attend but for whatever reason have not been here in a while? Would you go with me to visit those people after you have connected with them? Here's something easy, we need at least 15 people who are willing to greet people during the morning handshake - not fearful of clogging the aisle - to get to new people, and introducing yourself and welcome them to the church. There are so many ways you can help others see the love we have for Jesus. *Ultimately, my prayer is that when you jump on board in one of these 15 areas, you will just fall in love with church all over again.* I pray you get so excited about church and worshiping the Lord, that you can hardly wait for the next service or church function.

I am ecstatic that Ann Johnson has agreed to serve as our interim youth ministry director for the coming year. She will be leading *Captivate* and helping ensure our youth programs are getting 30 minutes of Bible lessons, a fun activity, and relationship building opportunities. In youth group ministry, we call those relationship building opportunities, fun trips. I am excited that Ann knows and loves our kids. I am excited that as a professional teacher, she is willing to devote the time needed to serve in this vital role. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to get involved. Please consider volunteering to help in our youth ministry efforts. Let Ann know how you can help. We can always use a substitute here or there. The funny thing about working with the kids, is how much of an influence you play in their lives. Do you remember your Sunday School teachers? Do you remember that special person in the church you grew up in that made church special for you? That's the same feeling these kids will have. *Long after you have gone on to heaven, your memory with those kids will remain. It's not babysitting. It's teaching and showing kids how to love Jesus.*

There is something special about teaching our littlest children how to fold their hands in prayer or learning the Lord's Prayer. We need your help in this ministry in our God's Cadets program on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Maybe you can team up with someone and take turns.

Together, we can and will grow into something amazing with the leading of the Holy Spirit. We can build on the foundation that was set over 150 years before us. We can ensure our children, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren have a place to worship long after we are gone. I can feel the excitement in our church. We can *reach out, invite* folks to join us, and *grow together in Christ* when we all agree in unity that we all have a role to play in our church. ***We can do more together, than we can apart.*** I am really excited about what God has laid on my heart for this church moving forward.

But to make it happen, we all have to work together. Call Susan and let her know what you would like to do. **Where do you fit into this puzzle?**

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In closing, we are busy moving into the parsonage. We have been moving 12 years of memories. That's a lot of stuff. As soon as we get settled in, we will be inviting you to the parsonage for lunch or dinner. I am looking forward to getting to know you on a deeper and more personal spiritual level. I hope you want to do the same with Jennifer and I. We sure hope to do some visiting soon. Be in prayer for us, as we hit the ground running in September. Once we are through Labor Day, it's full steam ahead. ***May God Bless You and I look forward to seeing you all soon. We are truly excited about what God has set before us.***

Blessings to All,

Pastor Toby



*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging
one another.....*

Hebrews 10:24-25a

Captivate

Teen Ministry of Ravenswood First Baptist



Monthly Meetings & Activities

Sep 2 World Mission Offering
Sep 3 Labor Day - Office Closed
Sep 4 Trustee Meeting @ 7 pm
Sep 9 Church Picnic 4-6:30
Sep 10 BOCE @ 7 pm
Deacon's Meeting @ 8 pm
Sep 10 - 12 Golden Years Fall Conference
Sep 11 First Responders Appreciation Day
Men's Fellowship @ 6:30
Sep 14 End Zone
Sep 15 Living Room Reset with Kirk
Cameron @ 6:00
Sep 19 October Anchor Articles Due
Sep 20 CIRCLE @ 7:00
Sep 21 End Zone
Sep 21-23 Spiritual Growth Retreat
Sep 23 Debbie Mulneix to speak

Nursery Workers

Sep 2 Leigh Ann Kerns
Sep 9 Jane Moore
Sep 16 Jen Wagoner
Sep 23 Jessica Morgan
Sep 30 Connie Staats

Children's Church

Sep 2 Eugene Morgan
Sep 9 Deb Lyons
Sep 16 Liz Stewart
Sep 23 Deb Lyons
Sep 30 Leanne Thompson

CommUnity Kitchen

Sep 1 No CommUnity Kitchen
Sep 8 Burt Lyons
Sep 15 Susan West Crew
Sep 22 Lion's Club
Sep 29 Freewill Baptist Church

Deaconess for Communion

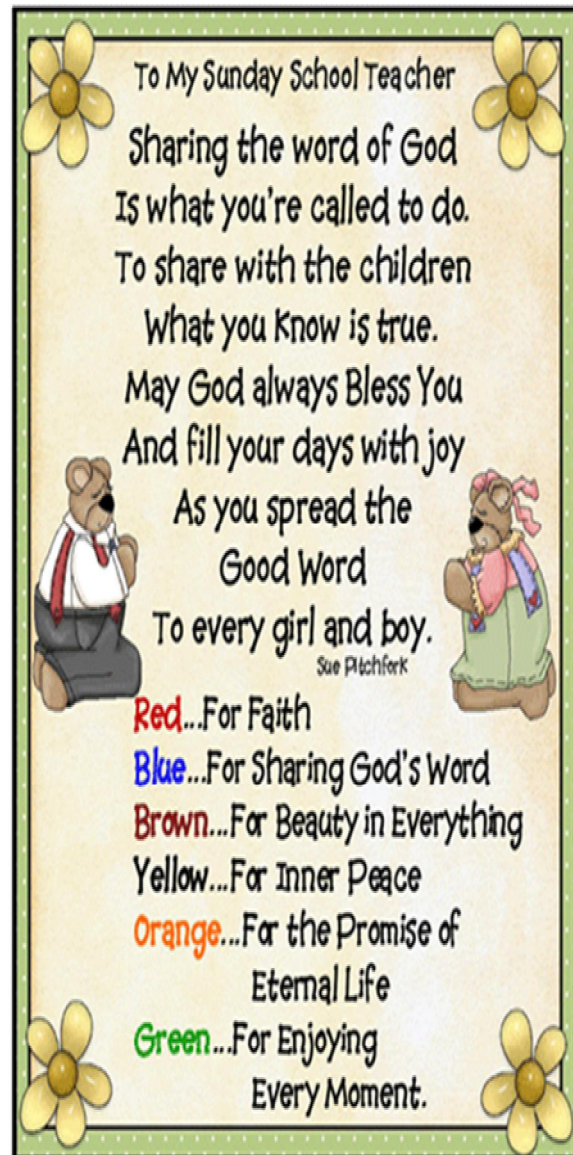
Carolyn Brown



Focus on Sunday School:



Fall in love with Jesus



Attend Sunday School!



Welcome Pastor Toby Wagoner!



September 1, 2018 begins the next chapter in the history of First Baptist Church of Ravenswood as we welcome Pastor Toby Wagoner to the position of senior pastor for our congregation.

Pastor Toby is a familiar face in the church and our community. We look forward to his excitement, his love for the Lord, his devotion to the Word as he begins his fulltime ministry for Jesus.

Be in prayer for him and wife Jennifer, and children, Sami, John, Aaron and Hannah as they settle in the parsonage.

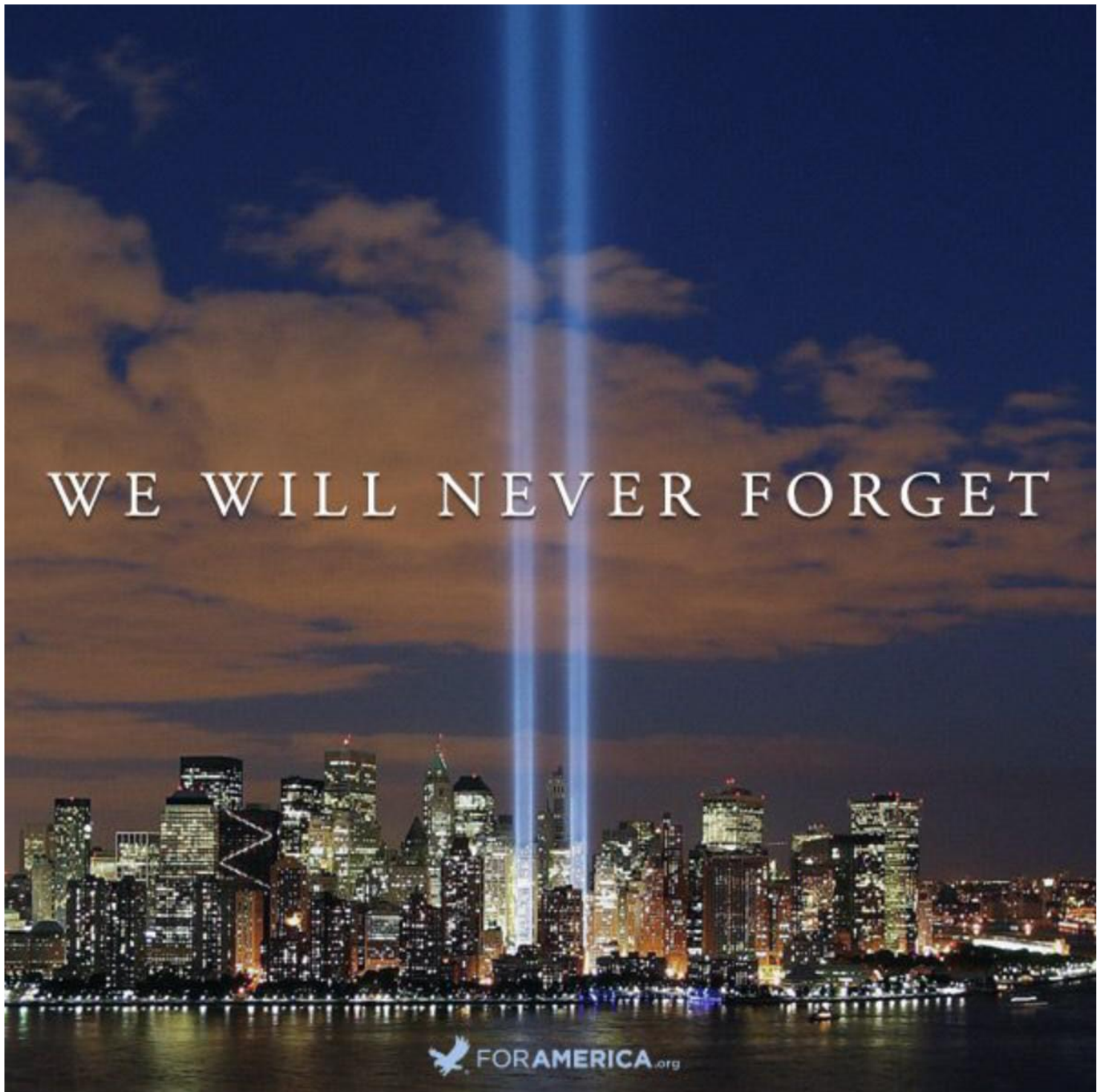
"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."
Jeremiah 3:15

- Choir
- Youth
- Sunday School
- Card Ministry
- Visitation
- Outreach
- Church Garden Care
- Sunday Night



- Greeting
- Bible Study
- Wednesday
- Weekday Bible study
- Children's Church/ Nursery
- Tithing
- Young Adult Ministry

- Pray for Pastor



Remembering Our First Responders

In recognition of our community First Responders, we are collecting snacks to take to the Ravenswood Fire and Police Departments and our Emergency Medical Service members to say "Thank you for your service". Snack items include: individual chips, cookies, cheese crackers, slim jims, jerky, gum, homemade cookies, muffins, treats, etc.

We will be taking baskets of goodies to each location on September 11 in the early afternoon. Please bring your homemade or store bought items to the church kitchen by 9:00 on September 11.

Be sure to sign the cards on display in the vestibule on Sundays September 2 and 9.

FBC has fun at ORF



Generations of FBC met at the Ohio River Festival for a day of fun and games.





Transparent Productions presents

Living Room Reset with Kirk Cameron

Matt Hammitt

Saturday Sep 15, 2018

Doors: 6:00 PM

Show: 7:00 PM

\$20 - \$50

Maranatha Fellowship Church

2910 Kanawha Terrace

Saint Albans, WV

[An Event on Marriage + Parenting](#)

Kirk Cameron is bringing the Cameron living room to churches across the country, and he wants you to join him for a heartfelt conversation about what matters most to us as husbands, wives and parents. Think of it as a "home-run date night" with Kirk and his wife, Chelsea, and also our special music guest, Matt Hammitt. Get away with your spouse for 3 hours of laughter, prayer, learning and worship as everyone dives deep into the subjects that matter most. Best of all, you'll learn how to see your family with new eyes and give your family a "Living Room Reset."

5:00pm - VIP doors

5:30pm - VIP Q&A

6:00pm - General doors

7:00pm - Event begins

General Information: All tickets subject to \$5 increase when purchased at the door. Purchases are non-refundable.



End Zone is Back!





Annual Church Picnic

Riverfront Park

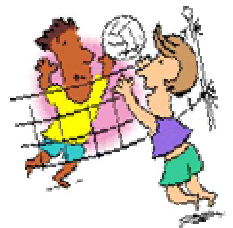
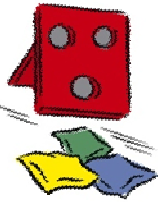
Sunday, September 9

4:00 to 6:30

Hamburgers! Hotdogs! Furnished.

Bring your favorite
Picnic Food and Drink!

Food! Games! Vespers!



AROUND FBC



Thanks Doug Bashaw for working on the weeds on the side of the Fellowship Hall.



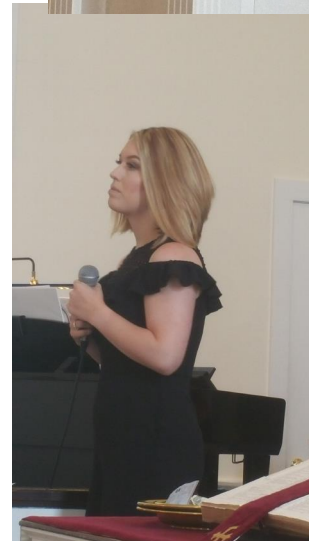
Bob Martin sings a special song for Sunday Morning.



Pastor Herman Robinson fills the pulpit while Pastor Toby is on vacation.



Pastor Toby and Family back from vacation and ready to work!



Sami Wagoner sings her heart out for the Lord!



Showing her hog at the JCF AND First Runner up as Jackson County Fair Queen - Destiny Thomas



Heave Ho! Getting the piano back in place for the start of choir season! Thanks





Debbie Mulneix to Speak at FBC



Debbie Mulneix will be speaking at First Baptist Church on Sunday, September 23 during the morning worship service. Please come and be prepared to hear of message of hope and missions.

Debbie serves as a regional consultant, promoting volunteer and short-term mission opportunities in Asia for U.S. churches and individuals. She provides training for the volunteers before their arrival in Asia. The training is designed to prepare their hearts and souls for cross-cultural ministry and to help enrich their volunteer experience. Debbie assists volunteers, teams and partner churches in developing their work plans together, using their combined skills and resources to respond to the needs God has set before them. Debbie also assists two International Ministries area directors for Asia by providing caring and service arrangement support.

World Mission Offering

The World Mission Offering is the American Baptist response to the needs of international missions as mandated by the Great Commission in partnership with national Baptist churches in other countries.

Gifts to the World Mission Offering are distributed by International Ministries to American Baptist missionaries and mission work in countries around the world. A directed giving program provides individuals and congregations with the opportunity to personalize their giving.

Our WMO will be collected throughout September. Envelopes will be in the pews. Our goal for this offering is \$100,000. You can make your checks payable to First Baptist Church and enter WMO in the memo.

***Please be in prayer for the offering and
give as the Lord leads.***



FBC WOMEN
DESTINATION: PITTSBURGH!
August 18, 2018



What would make this group of 10 FBC women get up at sunrise on a Saturday morning and travel 3 hours to Pittsburgh? To take a ride on the Duck Boat, of course. Duck Boats were built during the war to traverse on land and water. We boarded the Duck Boat for a tour on land with our two guides that had more one liners than Jimmy Fallon. They led us in a chorus of “Quack, Quack, Quack” when we passed an audience on the sidewalks. When we weren’t laughing, we were learning about the sights and history of Pittsburgh. Did you know that Pittsburgh has a total of 446 bridges? Hence the nickname “City of Bridges.” After passing the stadiums that are home to the Pirates and Steelers, our Duck Boat headed straight for the river. Our faith was tested but soon we relaxed and enjoyed a jaunt on the water. Abbi Woods showed off her river boat skills by taking over the wheel of the Duck Boat, expertly dodging obstacles in the water. We were sad when our cruise came to an end but then our stomachs reminded us that lunch was next at Buca de Beppo! We were all seated together and served family style the most delicious lasagna, chicken parmigiana, and fettuccine alfredo. No women’s outing is complete without some shopping time so we headed for Pittsburgh’s Historic Market District, better known as the Strip District. Treasures were found by all but none compared to our bags of Pittsburgh Popcorn. The trip home was rich in recollections of the day, and looking forward to the next adventure! All ladies invited!

WOMEN'S FALL RALLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
GRASS LICK BAPTIST CHURCH
KENNA, WV



ANNUAL FALL RALLY FOR THE GOOD HOPE ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Brunch at 9:00 am
Program at 10:00 am.

Brunch -- Special Music -- Skit -- Fellowship with Sister Churches

Program will be a time of reflection on our strengths and weakness within the women's ministries. Just like a mirror that reflects not only the beautiful color of your eyes, the wrinkles also get reflected. It is good to step back and take a look at our organization so that we can better serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Contact Kathy Hudson (304-373-8938) for a ride! All women invited!!!



2018 SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

September 21 - 23, 2018

Parchment Valley Conference Center



3 John 2 - "Dear Friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you even as your soul is getting along well." NIV



"Good 'FER' You"

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sandra Lutz



**Workshop:
Temple Challenge
Bath Bombs (\$3.00)**



**Women's Leadership Academy
Session #10—Evaluation
Janey Carrico**



**Sessions:
Physical Health
Emotional Health
Social Health
Spiritual Health**



**Bring your guitar if you want
to help with Campfire**

Jeane Fisher
Spiritual Growth Retreat Coordinator
P. O. Box 324
Glenville, WV 26351
Phone: 304-462-8860
E-mail: Jeane.fisher@aol.com



**American Baptist Women's Ministries
of West Virginia
Spiritual Growth Retreat
Parchment Valley Conference Center**

September 21-23, 2018

Registration is open August 17 - August 31, 2018.

Registration form and fees are needed for each person registering.

Lodging request includes registration fee, two nights lodging, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

Lodges: () Double Occupancy - \$97.00/per person, roommate listed below.

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() Triple (3) or quadruple (4) \$87.00/per person, roommates listed below. (To take advantage of this price, at least 3 per room is required. It is essential to share a bed and must be pre-arranged.)

** Three (3) handicapped rooms are available. Please indicate if needed -- includes handrails on toilets, tubs and walk-in showers.

Air Conditioned Cabin (Dorm) Rooms:

() \$84.00 per person (bring your own linens)

() \$87.50 per person (includes linens)

Cabin room sleeps 10 people, 5 single size bunk beds.

Roommates listed below or on attached sheet.

**Registration begins at 5:00 pm on Friday evening
and 8:30 am on Saturday morning.**

Part-Time Registration :

() \$20.00 Full Time Registration Fee

() \$15.00 Saturday **ONLY** - Registration Fee

() \$ 5.50 Saturday Breakfast

() \$ 6.50 Saturday Lunch

() \$ 7.50 Saturday Dinner

() \$ 5.50 Sunday Breakfast

() \$26.00 One Night's Lodging, Double Occupancy

_____ Total

Walk-ins are welcome. However, it is suggested that you bring a bag lunch as lunches cannot be assured.

Mail registration forms, including fees, to:

Carrie J. Gasaway

451 22nd Street

Dunbar, WV 25064

panda112260.cj@gmail.com

Phone: 304.552.3760

I work and cannot take personal calls. You can reach me between 5:30-9 p.m.

***Make checks payable to AB Women's Ministries of WV**

Financial assistance is available for first-timers from the Durig Leadership Fund. Scholarships are based on need. Please submit a written request September 1st to:

Debbie Higginbotham

571 Skyline View Drive

Ripley, WV 25271

Phone: 304.372.8602

higgnb@suddenlink.net

Please print legibly.

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Church _____ Association _____

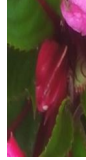
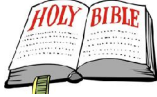
Roommate (s) _____ Email _____

Dietary Needs _____ Handicap Needs _____

_____ Please check here if you are attending the Women's Leadership Academy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Book of the
Month
September 2018
Obadiah**



Do you know where
this
is in the church?

September Birthdays



Janyce Watkins—9/1
Riley Stewart—9/7
Abbi Woods—9/7
Jim Frazier—9/9
Diana Staats—9/10
Philip Lyons—9/15
Angel Ritchie—9/16
Nathanael Flesher—9/17
Jessica Morgan—9/21
Bev Stephenson—9/27
Jonathan Morgan—9/27

September Meetings

9/4
Trusteesô 7:00

9/10
BOCEô 7:00
Deaconsô 8:00

END ZONE

September 14

September 21



**World Mission Offering
September 2018**



**FBC Choir
Is
Back!**



**Men's Fellowship
September 11
@ 6:30**



**Women's CIRCLE
September 20 @ 7:00
@ Debby Bashaw's home**

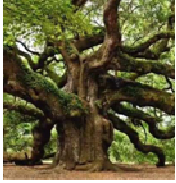
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Spiritual Growth Retreat
September 21-23**



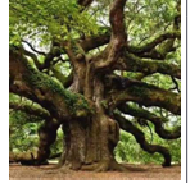
Have you checked out the prayer calendar today?

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.



September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Crystal Hickman, Tara Destinijane
2 Kathy Hudson	3 Mark & Rhonda Hunt	4 Margaret Johns	5 Bob & Helen Johnson	6 Ann Johnson	7 Torren Johnson	8 Jason & Leigh Ann Kerns, Mason, Logan
9 Phyllis King	10 David Lehw	11 Emily Lehw	12 Debbie Legg	13 Wayne & Pam Legg, Victoria, Samantha, Josh	14 Tom & Susan Lookabaugh	15 Burt & Debbie Lyons, Philip
16 Peg Lyons	17 Bob Martin	18 Talia Martinez	19 Richard & Phyllis Massey	20 Robert McCauley	21 Fred & Robin McGoskey	22 Adam McGoskey, Taylor
23 Theresa McKown	24 Cassandra McKown	25 Carolyn Mellinger	26 Ross & April Mellinger, Katie, Logan, Peyton	27 Ben & Christie Mize, Joshua	28 Cari Mize	29 Jesse Mize
30 David & Mary Jo Moore, Hunter						

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

