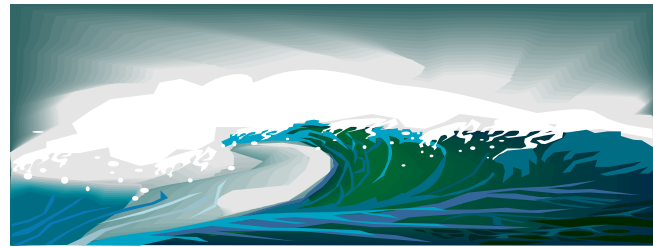




The *June 2019*
Anchor

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



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We are entering the summer months which means a time for cookouts and vacations. For many of us, we'll take some down time to recharge our batteries from a year of hard work. Summer affords us the opportunity to reconnect with our children and grandchildren in special ways, making lasting memories for all involved. For me, summer is one of those times of the year, when I look forward to being with friends and family, mainly due to the extra-long sunny days. I don't like cloudy days; I need sunny days.

Regardless, summer is a good time for me to remind you that our church will be hosting ***Vacation Bible School*** in the next week (June 10-13), and we trust you are ready to help us with this wonderful outreach opportunity. *We need as many of you to get involved as possible.* We need volunteers of all ages and there are tons of jobs you can help us accomplish. Even if it's just offering hugs and hellos from a comfy chair.

When I mention VBS is an outreach opportunity, it truly is. We can all think back over the years and remember a special Bible School that we attended or our children attended. Chances are you can even remember a lesson you taught, or an ornery child that actually learned something about Jesus during Vacation Bible School. VBS, as we call it, is one of those opportunities where the church gets a free pass, working with children who may not actually be a part of our regular church attendance. This is all done in a nonthreatening way. That means, by helping, we also get to meet moms, dads, and grandparents who may not be a part of our church either. This is why we need your help the most. It's called "*making connections*". If you can volunteer an hour or two, and maybe one or more days, you can help us make connections.

A "connection" is a fancy word, meaning that you will probably know someone who has kids in the program. Maybe you worked with one of the adults in the community, or you haven't seen someone for a long time. Or, perhaps one of the kids attending decides to gravitate toward you, throughout the week. They become your friend. This gives each of us one opportunity to impress upon them and their families about how much we value children and are grateful for their trusting us with their children for the week. To that end, in one week, **we have the privilege to demonstrate the amazing benefits of having a church family that loves us, and offers smiles, hugs, words of encouragement, and friendship.** Don't miss this opportunity to be a blessing.

Keep praying for our church as we seek to do the will of the Lord. God is blessing our church in amazing ways. We cannot become complacent. Let's keep moving forward and see what the Lord has planned for us. **Perhaps, we'll see His hand at work during Bible School.**

Prayerfully,
Pastor Toby



Our Youth numbers continue to stay strong as we gather on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Our group continues to send out cards to minister to those who are shut-ins, have health issues or just need to know someone cares about them.

We will be having an end of the school year pool party at Bob and Helen Johnson's on June 5 from 6:00 to 8:00. The kids always enjoy this activity and I look forward to watching them have a great time. Many thanks to my mom and dad for hosting this event.

We had 5 of our youth graduate from high school - **Jacob Graham, Josh Mize, Destiny Thomas** and **Nathan Cedar** as well as **Jonathan Morgan** who moved earlier this year. We went to the senior breakfast hosted by Pastor Toby and Jennifer on Graduate Sunday. **Holly Gerstell** graduated from Marshall and **Jordan Williams** received her college diploma from WV Junior College. Even **Pastor Toby** received his Regents Bachelor of Arts. I'm so proud of their achievements and my prayer is that they continue their walk with Jesus as they move forward in their lives.

The kids are planning a fund raising to be done soon that will allow us to pay for some trip/activities. We haven't quite decided on the trip but I really think it'd be a great time for all of them.

We continue with our Bible studies each time we meet. It's really important for the kids to understand how to put their faith into action.

I love all the youth and I thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to work with them.

Blessings,

Ann



Monthly Meetings & Activities

June 2 Sunday School Promotion / Teachers
Appreciation Dinner
June 3 Deacons Meeting @ 7:00
Trustees Meeting @ 8:00
June 5 Youth Pool Party 6:00-8:00
June 9 Pentecost Sunday
June 10 - 13 Vacation Bible School
June 16 Father's Day
June 19 Anchor Articles Due
June 20 CIRCLE
June 23-27 Brothers Keeper
June 30 Celebrating Freedom (4th of July)

Nursery Workers

June 2 Jane Moore
June 9 Leigh Ann Kerns
June 16 Connie Staats
June 23 Lauren McGoskey
June 30 Destiny Thomas

Children's Church

June 2 Sami Wagoner
June 9 Cari Mize
June 16 Jennifer Wagoner
June 23 Fred & Seth McGoskey
June 30 Leanne Thompson

CommUnity Kitchen

June 1 Broken Chains
June 8 FUMC
June 15 Lions Club
June 22 Susan West Crew
June 29 Freewill Baptist Church

Bell Ringers

June 2 Kian McGoskey
June 9 Izzy Boothe
June 16 Isaac Adkins
June 23 Hunter Moore
June 30 Jazalyn Morgan

Deaconess for Communion

Robin McGoskey

Junior Usher

Beau Bennett

Focus on Sunday School:



June 2 is Promotion Sunday!

On June 2, we will be recognizing those students who will be moving up to the next level for Sunday School.

This is a day to celebrate! Each child has been taught at a level they can understand and now it is time to move on....to learn more about Jesus and God's Word.

I am so thankful to our Sunday School Teachers and those who substitute for them. Their willingness to take the time to study and prepare each lesson for Sundays is commendable. At times, our numbers have been down and, at times, a teacher may not have any students, but they still come prepared to teach, to love and to serve.

In appreciation of their work and dedication to the Lord's children, we will be honoring them and their families with a dinner after the morning worship service June 2.

Be in prayer for our Sunday School, our teachers, our children and our church.

Let us be about the Lord's business!

Attend Sunday School Today!



Father and Lad

*Today I chanced upon a father and his son,
A smile lit his youthful face.
With cap awry and shirttail out
The lad skipped to keep in pace.*

*Be careful, Father, where your footsteps fall,
For your son will keep in stride.
Walk only in a pathway straight and true,
So he can follow you with pride.*

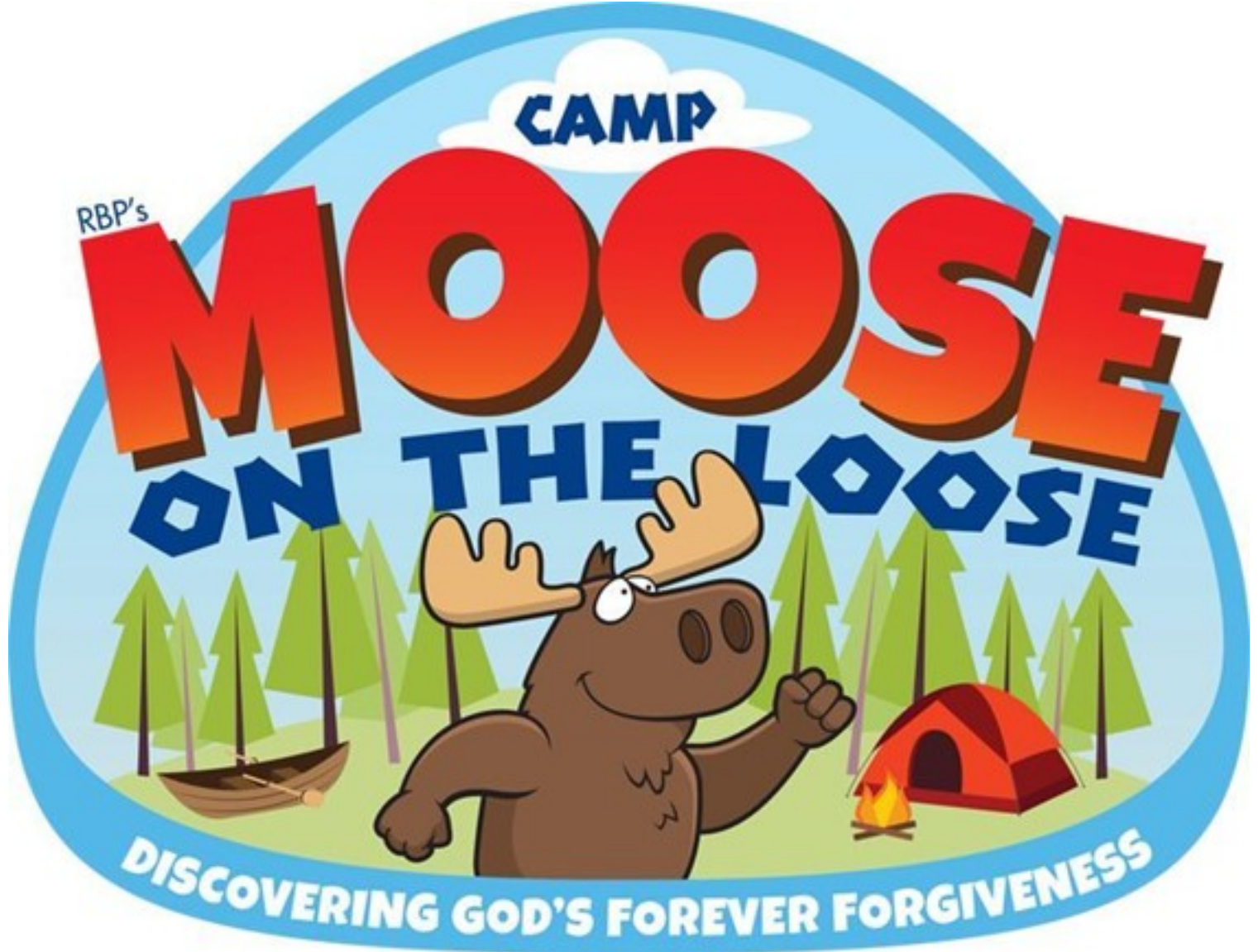
*Linger not in the places where danger dwells,
For he's not wise in the ways of the world.
And lead him not in the paths of sin
Where Satan's darts are hurled.*

*Know well, Father, that the small hand you hold,
Will someday belong to a man.
So guide him well and love him true
And thru life's storms he shall boldly stand.*

*March 17, 1994 2:45 PM
Carolyn H. Brown*

*'I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in
uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have will-
ingly offered all these things...'*

1 Chronicles 29:17



VaCation Bible School is on the moooooove!

Round up the young'uns and bring 'em on! We're getting ready for a big camping good time! June 10 - 13 from 6:00 to 8:30

We are trying to locate some decorating items for VBS. If you have any of the following, please bring them in (with your name on them):

- Camping gear
- Fishing poles
- Tackle box
- Back packs
- Hiking boots
- Etc.
- Fake trees to make a forest
- Fire pit and stakes to roast marshmallows
- VOLUNTEERS

Decorating will begin on Saturday, June 8 if you are willing to help.



“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

The OGHS will be observed during the month of June at First Baptist Church. This offering is a tangible way American Baptists can provide for the human needs here in the U.S.A. and around the world. The OGHS offering provides emergency relief, development projects focused on meeting chronic human need, and refugee and immigration ministries. Throughout June, bulletin inserts will highlight the various areas that the offering supports.

First Baptist Church’s goal is \$1,500.00. ***Your gifts proclaim that even in the midst of disaster, God can and will do more than we can imagine!*** Offering envelopes are available in the pews and coin boxes are available in the vestibule and outside the church office. Please give as you feel led. Thank you.

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 3/19/19)—In response to floods in the Plains and Midwest caused by rapid snowmelt and heavy rains, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, has launched a One Great Hour of Sharing campaign to raise much-needed funds for victims.

At least two people have been killed and several others are missing, prompting government leaders in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois to declare states of emergency, forcing residents of those states to flee their homes. News of the deaths came as Iowa residents were driven from their homes when the Missouri River breached and broke levees. In the southwest portion of the state, the river rose to over 30 feet.

Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops, executive minister, ABC of Nebraska, reports two-thirds of the population in his state has been affected by the flooding. The ABC Church in Valley (United Faith Community Church) has sustained damage from sewage water coming up through basement toilets. Currently there is about two feet of sewage water in the basement classrooms. Gibbon Baptist Church is assisting its members and members of the community with clean up and repair. First Baptist Church of Fremont is working with the poorest elementary school in the area, providing backpacks of food and other supplies to students; many live in a trailer park that has been completely flooded. “The list goes on and on,” Stoop says.

“Please pray for survivors, many of whom fled their homes with little more than the clothes on their backs,” says Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, ABHMS executive director. “And consider prayerful giving: your financial gifts will allow survivors to return to their lives with some sense of normalcy.”

<https://www.abc-usa.org/2019/03/call-for-one-great-hour-of-sharing-contributions-to-aid-victims-of-midwest-floods/>

Memorial Day We Remember

On Memorial Sunday, FBC had a beautiful service honoring those who gave their lives for our country's freedom and those beloved members who passed during the preceding year.

Thank you to those family members and friends who participated by lighting the candle for their loved one.

We will always remember with love and appreciation all those who served the Lord during their time on earth.

We will always remember with love and appreciation those whose lives allowed us to live freely.



Happy Grads!
2019



More Grad Pics



FAMILY FUN DAY
FUNDRAISER FOR
NO HUNGER FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY JUNE 8TH

11:00— 4:00

Location:



Ravenswood Presbyterian Church

601 S. Ritchie Ave.

HOT DOG OR

BBQ LUNCH

\$5.00

GAMES

BOUNCE HOUSE

FACE PAINTING



Ring Those Bells!



Xavier Donahue gives the bell a big yank!



Pull hard **Kolton Boothe!**
Good Job!

Birthdays and Gatherings



FBC friends and family gather to help **Juanita Raines** celebrate her birthday.



Men's Fellowship enjoy each other's company at their May meeting at the Riverfront Park.

2019 Mission Outreach Project

Rice for Students in Thailand

GOAL: \$6,000

In the overcrowded city of Chiang Mai, Thailand, it is hard to come by steady employment, much less a living wage. Parents struggle to meet their family's basic needs, and when there isn't enough food to go around, the children are often sent out to the night market to beg. When children spend the night begging, they come to school exhausted, and both their health and classwork suffer.



The House of Blessing is an early childhood education center that serves ethnic minority hill tribe children. It provides bags of rice to the students' families. Each family is required to contractually agree that the children will not be made to beg on school nights. As a result, children are coming to school more consistently, well rested, and better able to learn.

How We Can Help

\$30 provides one family with enough rice for a month.

\$360 provides one family with enough rice for one year.

Our goal of \$6,000 would provide 16 families with enough rice for one year!



CIRCLE will be doing activities through out the summer to bring awareness to the Students in Thailand and having fund raisers to support MOP.

Watch for future events!



I'd like thank you each of you who have already supported CeCe's Friends! My sister, Mindy, and I have been amazed and humbled by the support and encouragement given to our little project by the American Baptist Women of Ravenswood.

Please allow me to tell you a bit about CeCe's Friends and how it came to be. Our mother, Charlotte L. Mitchell passed away on May 17, 2017 from Alzheimer's. The disease was brutal, unforgiving and horrible to watch. It took everything away from our mother, except for her maternal instinct. She did not know her husband, children, or grandchildren but she knew she was a mother. Looking back on that time, we all wish we'd thought of giving her a doll much earlier, for it became the only peace she had during a very scary time. When my sister brought one of her daughter's baby dolls into Mom's hospital room, Mom reached out for her immediately. The nurse at her bedside asked her what her baby's name was and my Mom replied "her name is CeCe and she's ready for a nap". With that, she tucked her in right beside of her and CeCe continued to offer Mom comfort until the very end. CeCe was beside her in her Hospice room and she was cremated with her after Mom's beautiful soul met Jesus.

Our mother was the kindest, most loving person you'd ever have the pleasure of knowing. She was a blessing to all her knew her. She believed in God's grace and was the embodiment of the Fruits of the Spirit. My sister and I wanted to honor her life in some way, long after she was no longer with us. She left very big shoes to fill!!

It is our goal that every Memory Care facility in Kanawha and Jackson counties will eventually have CeCe's Friends available to anyone who needs to be reminded of her maternal instinct, and we give the men their choice of a doll, a stuffed dog or a gift bag made especially for them.

You can adopt one of CeCe's Friends in memory of your loved one for \$25.

You can find CeCe's Friends on Facebook and we will have a link to Paypal posted on the page very soon.

Mindy and I thank you from the bottoms of our hearts for your continued support, enthusiasm and, most importantly, your prayers for CeCe's Friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Book of the
Month
June 2019
1 Chronicles**



**Men's Fellowship
June 11
Riverfront Park
6:30**

June Meetings 6/3

Trustees—6:00

Deacons—7:00

6/4

BOCE—7:00

(Members Note Change)

June Birthdays



Bryan Crow—6/1

Tara Davis—6/3

Cody Williams—6/7

Anna Bailes—6/13

Benjamin Crow—6/14

Aaron Wagoner—6/17

Geraldine Gregorich—6/27

**Is your birthday name missing?
Tell Susan**

Women's CIRCLE

June 20 @ 7:00

Host: Connie Staats



Teachers Appreciation

Sunday

June 2

**Dinner to follow
Morning Worship
Service**

**For the teachers and
their families**



Pool Party!



**Youth Pool Party
June 5 6-8:00
Johnson's Pool**



Fathers Day

No Evening Services

June 16

Take Dad 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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ross & April Mellinger, Katie, Logan, Peyton
2 Don & Phyllis Michael	3 Ben & Christie Mize, Josh	4 Cari Mize	5 Jesse Mize	6 David & Mary Jo Moore, Hunter	7 Jon & Jane Moore	8 Eugene & Jessica Morgan, Aiden, Jazalyn, Jonathan
9 Rick & Cathy Murray	10 John 'Nikki' Nicholson	11 John & Jennifer Ortt	12 Allen & Holly Palmer	13 Adam Palmer	14 Tyler & Jennifer Pitts, Owen & Isabella	15 Mick & Susan Price
16 Mary Proctor	17 Amy & Ron Purdue, Destiny Thomas	18 Kay Pursley	19 Roger & Belinda Rader	20 Lee & Connie Reynolds	21 Tyler & Michelle Ritchie, Josh, Mary Beth	22 Rhonda Ritchie
23 Brent & Angel Ritchie, Connor, Lincoln	24 Rankin Roach	25 Tim & Cindy Rupert, Katelyn	26 Darrell & Camille Smith	27 Jim Speer	28 Bill & Liz Stewart, Michael Riley, Mary Beth	29 Tim & Connie Staats
30 Cole & Diana Staats						



*For the Father loves the Son
and shows him all he does.
Yes, and he will show him
even greater works than these,
so that you will be amazed.*

John 5:20