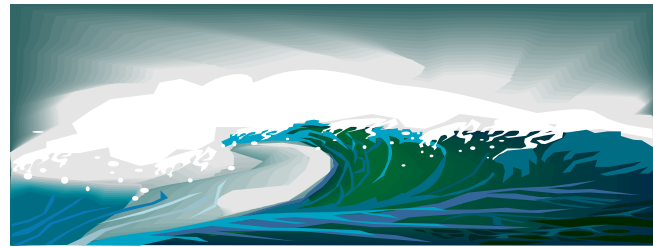




The *August 2019*
Anchor

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



**First Baptist Church , 215 Ann Street, Ravenswood, WV 26164 ~
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One of the most important tasks we have as Christians is keeping our focus on the Lord always. This sounds pretty simple on the surface, but circumstances in our life can make doing such challenging. We may have trouble in our families, at our workplaces, or maybe even in our personal relationships and these circumstances can challenge our faith in God.

When we feel our faith is waning, we should run to the Lord. In our Bible, we see example after example of where “personal faith” makes the difference. Whether it was a healing or another matter, it was faith that triggered God’s immediate response. Let’s run to Jesus with our needs. He hears our prayers. My hope for you here at First Baptist, is that you rekindle your passion for serving the Lord Jesus. Reminisce on all that God has done for you. Use those memories to say, I know that I’m not perfect, but I know and will serve the One who is. He loves me. And then, pronounce to the world, I will serve the Lord.

We saw a great example of our church extending love to our community last month. The youth had a rummage sale that blessed many people. Who could have imagined that an inside sale where neighbors were given the opportunity to “name their price” or “make an offer” on items they felt they could use, would actually be beneficial. But God response allowing the youth to collect over \$1,800 toward their youth trip was phenomenal. I personally witnessed several people try to purchase items for \$3, only to be told to give \$2 or less. The response by the neighbors was flabbergasting. People were shocked. Many had never been to a sale like this, where you ended up paying less than what was expected. You see, the youth wanted to not only fund raise, but also to help people in the process. The goal was to make about \$300, but God responded with six-times that amount. When we do things with the right motive and the right heart, God blesses. We experienced that here at church last month. Thank God for a church who loves people.

Additionally, I want to thank those of you who have already given to the building fund. We are needing to raise about \$16,000 immediately to help pay for two new air conditioning/heating units for the fellowship hall. Unfortunately, we just had to replace one upstairs last month. All of our units were over 20 years old, and some much older than that. Now, two more units have stopped working. We trust that you will continue to pray for the Lord’s leading in this endeavor about giving to this project. Please earmark your donation to the “Building Fund.” We all understand the importance of having a fellowship hall that is not only used by the church, but also by our community to have adequate air conditioning and heat for comfort. We’ve seen people come into our church as a direct response to being a part of our CommUnity Kitchen program and End Zone celebration. Let’s continue to make our fellowship hall a bright example of using our resources to help reach the community. It would be great, if we could generate enough funds to complete this project in the next few months. Just think, a new air/heating unit will last another 25 years. How many people will benefit from your gift over that period of time? I think it is certainly a critical purchase.

Let me end, by thanking you for making First Baptist a great place to worship. There is so much love and encouragement in our church. Thanks to all of you considering a position in the church as the nomination committee continues its work. Let’s be in prayer for those considering roles of service in the church. If I can be of help to you or your family, please reach out to me at the church. I’m here for you. Jennifer and I love you all dearly.

In His service,
Pastor Toby



WOW! We have been busy this month! July was full of fundraisers and trips. We've had a great time together and are back home safe and sound.

I was hoping to raise \$300 on a yard sale but the Lord had other plans. Members of Captivate were with me as we drove around town to collect items for the sale. With everyone's help we were able to raise over \$1800! That's amazing to me. Many thanks to Helen Johnson, Jimmy Speer, Peg Lyons, Anne Adkins, Debbie Legg, Jennie Wise and Susan West for all their help.

We also had our first Fun Dog Show fundraiser on the church lawn. What a great time we had! Eighteen dogs were registered to show. A big '**Thank You**' to Ryan Mullins, US Army Veteran for being our judge for the different categories. We raised \$186.10 for the event. About 80 people came out and enjoyed a great picnic fixed by the Men's Fellowship.

Off we journeyed to Lewisburg, WV to see the Lost World Caverns. The group totaling 18 kids and adults enjoyed the caverns (and especially the gift shop, I think). We left the caves and traveled to Sandstone Falls, then to Hinton to see what was there.

After 2 meals (some kids ate more) - the last one at King Tut Drive Inn, we headed safely back to Ravenswood. Thanks to Kathy Hudson, Jen Wagoner and Susan West for driving and chaperoning the group.

We are planning our next outing - possibly to Hawk's Nest. More about that later.

I hope you enjoy the pictures we have submitted of our activities.

Blessings, *Ann*

Monthly Meetings & Activities

Aug 4 Youth Promotion Sunday
Aug 5 Trustees Meeting @ 7:00
Deacons Meeting @ 8:00
Aug 12 Finance Committee Meeting @ 6:00
BOCE @ 7:00
Aug 13 Men's Fellowship @ 6:30
Aug 17 Trip to the Wilds
Aug 18 Good Hope Association Meeting @ 1:00
Aug 21 Anchor Articles Due
Aug 28 Choir Practice Resumes
Aug 30 End Zone

Nursery Workers

Aug 4 Angela Graham
Aug 11 Connie Staats
Aug 18 Lauren McGoskey
Aug 25 Rhonda Ritchie

Children's Church

Aug 4 Fred & Seth McGoskey
Aug 11 Cari Mize
Aug 18 Sami Wagoner
Aug 25 Jen Wagoner

CommUnity Kitchen

Aug 3 RAKtivists
Aug 10 FUMC
Aug 17 Pilot Club
Aug 24 Susan West Crew
Aug 31 Freewill Baptist / Nazarene Church

Bell Ringers

Aug 4 Mary Beth Stewart
Aug 11 Tyler McGoskey
Aug 18 Hunter Moore
Aug 25 Cole McGoskey

Deaconess for Communion

Rose Stephenson

Junior Usher

Christian Jeter



Focus on Sunday School:



Questions and Answers

by Billy Graham

September 29, 2016

Q:

A Sunday School teacher I had over 30 years ago died recently, and I feel bad because I never thanked her for what she did for me. We were a rowdy bunch and I'm sure she got discouraged, but she planted spiritual seeds in my soul that eventually grew. Maybe my letter will encourage other teachers.

A:

Thank you for your letter, I too hope it will encourage those who have been called to teach the Bible, especially to young people. We can trust God's promise: "My word...will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Why did God use this teacher (even if she wasn't aware of it)? I didn't know her, of course—but I suspect there were at least three reasons.

First, preparation. She didn't do her lessons shoddily or at the last minute; she took her responsibilities seriously. Paul told his young coworker Timothy to "Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them." (1 Timothy 4:15)

Second, prayer. Effective Bible teachers know they must not depend on their own abilities; they need God's guidance and blessing. They also pray for their students, that God would open their hearts and minds to His truth, and plant the seed of His Word within them (as happened with you),

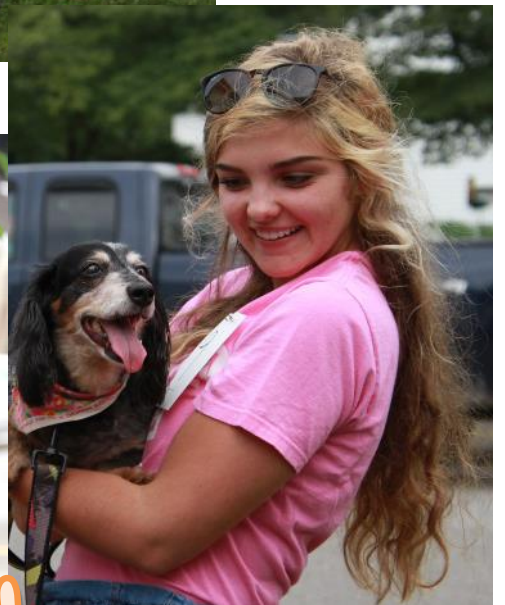
Finally, patience. It takes patience to be a teacher—especially with children who are easily distracted or don't seem to be paying attention. But God is still at work, and even when it doesn't seem like anything is taking place, God's Word is still active. Paul told Timothy, "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2)

billygraham.org/answer/sunday-school-teachers-can-make-an-eternal-difference

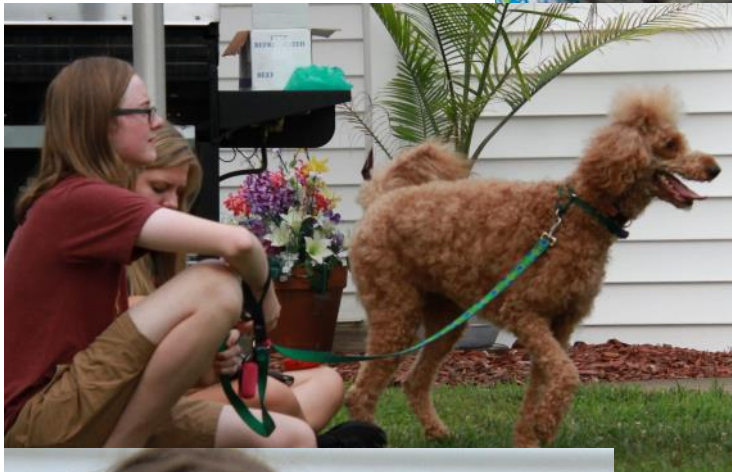
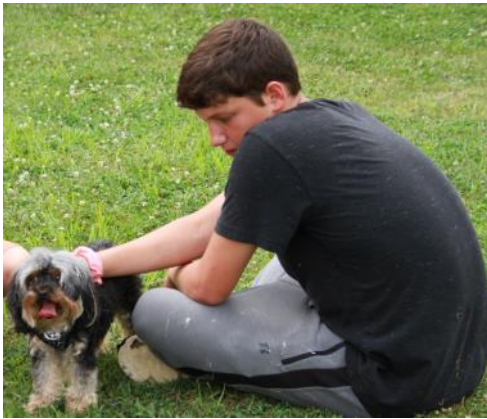
Attend Sunday School Today!

Yard Sale Success

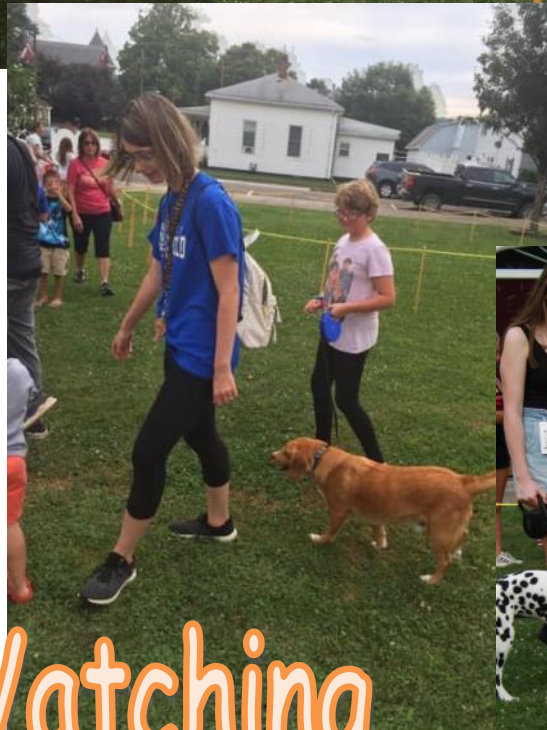




Fun Dog Show







Dog Watching



Just Chit Chatting





Thanks Men's Fellowship



FBC Around Town and County



John Wagoner recently became a member of the Ravenswood Volunteer Firemen.

Kudos to John for his willingness to help others in this way.



Fond memories for **Destiny Thomas** as she had her final show at the Jackson County Junior Fair.

Destiny will begin college this fall in Charleston.



Libby Hall takes a break from softball to show animals at the fair.

Here she is showing her lamb. She also showed a hog.

Great pose Libby!

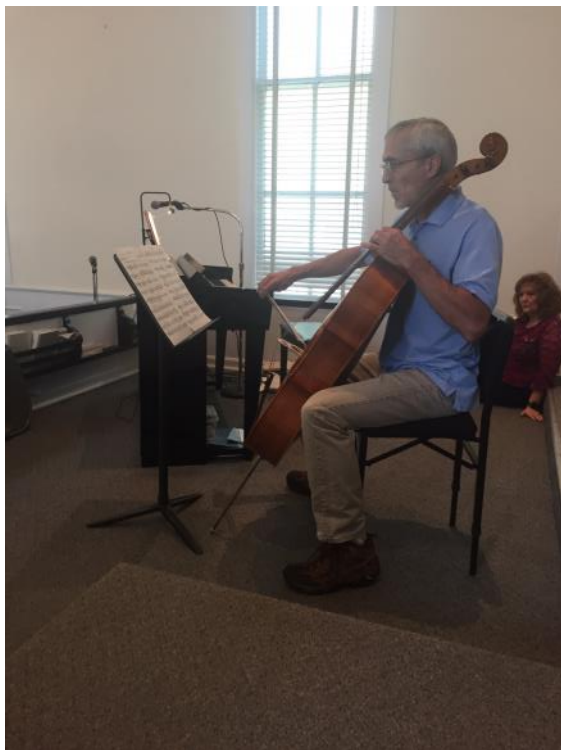
First Baptist - Happenings

Adult Games Day

The Adult Games Day, every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00, was started by Dena Williams, Senior Adult Representative for the Board of Christian Education, earlier in the year to give the senior adults and others something to do. At one time, we thought it would last for a month or two at the most.

But this fellowship has developed to be a more permanent gathering. Those coming enjoy the camaraderie of card games, dominos and more. But they are getting a blessing by listening to each other and lifting up the needs of each other in prayer.

*The Lord can work in the midst of any gathering. **Praise be to God!***



Special Music

We recently were blessed to have Dale Vanderlaan perform during our special music time.

Dale designed and crafted his own cello that he played for the piece.

Excellent workmanship and an excellent performance!

Thank you, Dale, for using your gift for the glory of the Lord.

Thirteen Folds

FBC celebrated our nation's birthday with a demonstration of the Thirteen Folds.

We were blessed to be a part of this presentation and would like to thank Bob Johnson for organizing the ceremony. Also Thank You to Pastor Bill Stewart who brought the flag belonging to Charles Stewart, his grandfather, given to the family at his death 22 years ago.

Each fold of the American Flag represents a unique meaning and is done in a very specific way. Folding with Pastor Bill was Marine Veteran Roger Rader. Jacob Graham did an excellent job narrating the presentation. Many thanks also to Roger and Jacob for their participation.

The program ended with Ann Johnson singing a solo - adding the congregation on the final chorus.

A meaningful program for a wonderful nation!



COMING SOON

School begins in August, as we all know, but the month of August is the restart of another First Baptist activity.

The FBC Choir will resume their practices beginning Wednesday, August 28 at 7:30.

Abbi Woods, music director, is busy gathering music for the group to sing.

So mark your calendars and warm up those vocal chords choir members!

FBC choir is back!



Excuses

I'm too old, my health isn't what it used to be. **I just can't.**

My son's has too many activities, my daughter is in the choir. You know how much time that takes. **I just can't.**

I've been on one committee or another for the last 40 years. I need a break! **I just can't.**

Are you serious?! I don't know how to do that! I'd be way too nervous. What if I messed things up? **I just can't.**

You don't really want me. There are so many others that would do a better job. **I just can't.**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

When the Nominating Committee calls, open your heart.

END ZONE RETURNS

Our church will be hosting the after game youth activity - End Zone - again this year.

The End Zones are after every home football game for Ravenswood High School. This year's first home game will be on August 30.

As with every year, we will need chaperones, kitchen help as well as donations of food and drinks.

If you are willing to help in any capacity, please come on board!





SING AT THE PARK

WASHINGTON RIVER FRONT PARK

RAVENSWOOD, WV

SATURDAY- AUGUST 24thTH

2:00 P.M.-??????

**SINGING BY VARIOUS GROUPS AND SOLOISTS
FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY AREA**

FREE HOTDOGS, DRINKS & DESSERTS

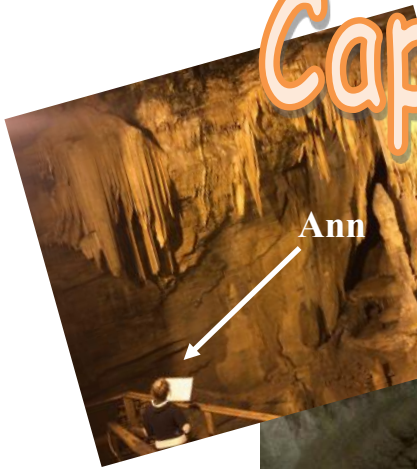
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SPONSORED BY AREA CHURCHES

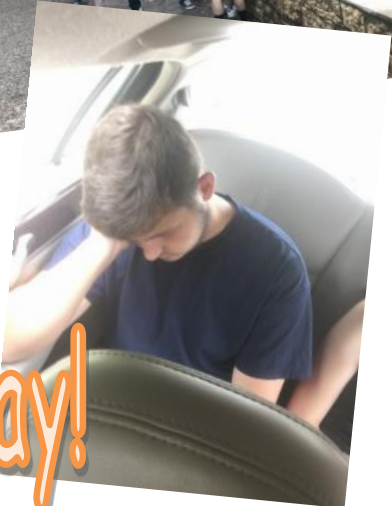
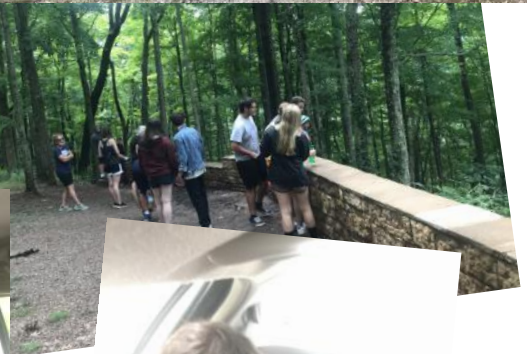
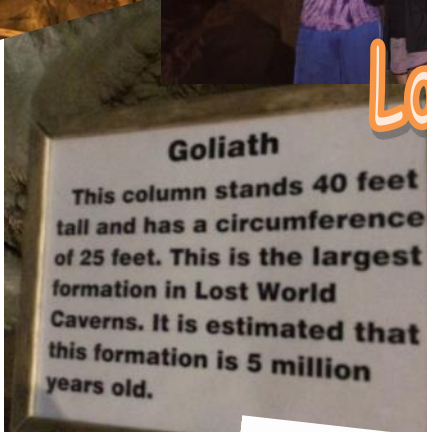
**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE CALL**

(TOM) @304-532-7388 OR (RUTH) @ 304-531-5263

Captivate Travels!



Lost Word Caverns



It's been a long day!



Each August, CIRCLE members have been taking a journey together instead of having their monthly meeting.

This year, the ladies will be going to The Wilds to see the animals in an outdoor zoo.

The group will be taking on this adventure on August 17.

***Prepare to be engaged with
the
Lord's creations!***



American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

Spiritual Growth Retreat

**Missionary
Portrayals
Grapevine
Chapel**

**Bookstore
Crafts
Campfire
Bible Study
Door Prizes**

*Be still and know that
I am God*

Psalms 46:10

**Holy Grounds
Coffee and Tea
Café**

**Worship Leaders
Amanda Philpott
Mandy Emrick**

**Friday Evening
Saturday
Sunday Morning**

**Registration
Form on
Page 13 and
online at
[wvbc.org/
abw](http://wvbc.org/abw)**

*I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.*

"In the Quiet"

September 20-22, 2019

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Rev. David Bush



Spiritual Growth Retreat 2019

September 20-22

"In the Quiet"

Daughters of the King,

My name is Kim Pickrell, and I am this years' Spiritual Growth Retreat Coordinator on the WV ABW Board. I am so excited to share this information with you regarding the 2019 Retreat at the Parchment Valley Conference Center! God is using the women on this board to do amazing things, and I could not be more honored & humble to be a vessel for His glory.

We know that God has big plans in store for this weekend, and we want you to be part of this spiritual growth experience! This will be a time for you to take a minute from life's beautiful craziness, and listen to Him. Take a break for YOU, sip some coffee, be STILL, HEAR Him speak, and fellowship with all of the wonderful women God has brought together.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Please feel free to contact me anytime via call, text, or email with any questions. I am here to help in any way that I can. My phone number is 304-481-2632, and my email is pickrellk@aol.com. The registration form will be ready in August; you can get this from the Seasons magazine, or online @ www.wvbc.org.

Please know that this retreat is for ALL ladies. We want to be clear that you do not have to be a member of the ABW to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,

Kim Pickrell

"Be still & know that I am God"

Psalms 46:10



American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV Spiritual Growth Retreat

Parchment Valley Conference Center (Hill Hall) – Ripley, WV

September 20-22, 2019

Registrations must be received by Sunday, September 1, 2019.

Registration form and fees needed for **each** person registering.

Spiritual Growth Retreat Package

Includes registration fee, two nights lodging, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

Lodges: () Double Occupancy - \$112.00/per person, roommate listed below.

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() Triple (3) or quadruple (4) \$102.00/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 on this form if needed-- includes handrails on toilets, tubs and walk-in showers.**

Air Conditioned Cabin (Dorm) Rooms:

() \$86.00 per person (bring your own linens)

() \$91.00 per person (includes linens)

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

.....Roommates listed below or on attached sheet.

Check-in begins at 5:00 pm on Friday evening and 8:30 am on Saturday morning.

Registration Options:

() \$25.00 Registration Fee

() \$ 6.00 Saturday Breakfast

() \$ 7.00 Saturday Lunch

() \$ 8.00 Saturday Dinner

() \$ 6.00 Sunday Breakfast

() \$17.00 Bunkhouse/Dorm (per person)

() \$25 One night's lodging, 3-4 to a room

() \$30.00 One night's lodging, double occupancy

_____ Total

Walk-ins are welcome. However, meals 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 cannot receive personal calls at work. You can reach me between 4:30-9 p.m. Thanks

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

Please print legibly.

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

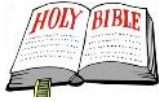
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Roommate (s) _____ Email _____

Dietary Needs _____ Handicap Needs _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Book of the
Month
August 2019
II Chronicles**



August Meetings 8/5

Trustees—6:00
Deacons—7:00

8/12

Finance—6:30
BOCE—7:00

August Birthdays



Mary Beth Stewart—8/3
Jane Moore—8/3
Patti Calvert—8/8
Warner Stephens—8/8
Beau Bennett—8/11
Holly Palmer—8/11
Lincoln Ritchie—8/11
Mason Kerns—8/13
Amy Starkey—8/15
Torren Johnson—8/22
Leigh Ann Kerns—8/26
Kenny Goodwin—8/29



***Men's Fellowship
August 13
6:30***

**Good Hope Association
@
Reedy Baptist Church
August 18 @ 1:00**



**Pastor Toby will be
Preaching**

**Women's CIRCLE
Trip to the WILDS
August 17**



**Choir Practice Resumes
Wednesday
August 28 @ 7:30**

**Any men interested in participat-
ing in the bocce ball team -
contact
John Stephenson**

**Youth Group
Promotion
Sunday
August 4**



**FIRST END ZONE
August 30
After game party**

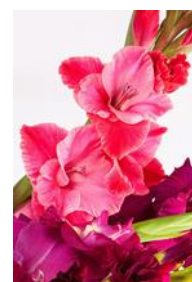
Have you checked out the prayer calendar today?

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.



August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Alan & Gusta Arrington	2 Micah Arrington	3 Anna Bailes
4 Gary & Pam Balser	5 Doug & Debby Bashaw	6 Joshua Bashaw Sara, Luke	7 Aaron & Melissa Bennett, Beau, Cass	8 Blake Bennett	9 Gloria Blackhurst	10 Peggy Boothe, Kolton, Izzie
11 Carolyn Brown	12 Jason Brown	13 Justin Brown	14 Mike Comer	15 Brent & Sandy Confer	16 Jamison Cooper, Dalilah	17 Linda Conley
18 Dave & Carol Crow	19 Bryan & Andrea Crow, Benjamin	20 Brandon & Anna Davis, Liam	21 Marie DeLong	22 Bryan & Andrea Donahue, Xavier, Violet	23 Gloria Easter	24 Rodney & Sheila Eskins
25 Jim & Mona Eubank	26 Annabelle Flesher	27 Jeff & Venisa Flesher	28 Nathanael Flesher	29 Jim & Kathy Frazier	30 Mark & Susan Gerstell	31 Holly Gerstell

And why do you worry about your clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

Matthew 6:28-29

