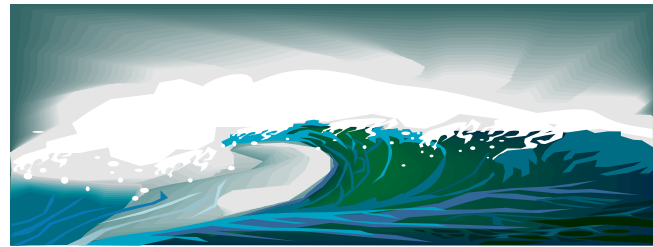




The *July 2019*
Anchor

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



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As we celebrate our nation's independence this month, I think about our freedom in Christ. Before we were saved, we were ensnared in the bondage of sin. For many of us, we may not have known what that meant. But at some point, we made the decision to seek a better life. We repented of our sins and asked Jesus to be the Lord of our life. Now, we celebrate our freedom we have in Christ. God's Word tells us in 2 Corinthians 3:17, ***"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."***

Similarly, the colonists in American history brought their heads together and determined there could be a better life away from the monarch of Britain, and as such, the American Revolution took place. The colonists declared their Independence, and formalized that separation in July 1776. The colonists were now able to worship as they chose, and would extend personal choice through freedoms about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The colonists were seizing their freedom, much the same as you and I did with Jesus Christ.

Since 1776, the United States of America has been a beacon of hope to the world. Our independence helped solidify our nation being founded under God - our Creator. Today, as a Christian, we have the freedom to worship our Lord in whatever manner we choose. Many have fought and died over the last 220+ years to help shape the nation into that which we live today. We must never forget the freedoms we have in our life and the sacrifices given by so many. I believe our nation is blessed, because we have not forgotten God. We must never forget God.

In closing, let us all be praying for our men and women in uniform that serve our nation every day. Let us always show our veterans honor for their service to our nation. And, let us remember that we are so blessed by God almighty, to live in the greatest nation on Earth. Happy Fourth of July, and may you celebrate your independence day remembering all the freedoms we have today, that so many in the world do not have. I pause now to say, "Thank you Jesus for the freedom from sin that I have in you." For us, we truly get the passage in John 8:36 for what it says, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Here are a few fun facts about our nation that I found online. First, our country does not have an official language, whereas most others do. Second, our nation accounts for 18% of the world's total energy consumption – which is considered amazing. Third, our nation's flag design was created by a high school student for a class project who received a B- in school over the design. And lastly, there is roughly 100 acres of pizza served in the United States every day. I guess that means we are a nation that loves pizza. You can read more of those fun facts at www.worldatlas.com.

Prayerfully,
Pastor Toby



Happy Birthday
Pastor Toby

July 1



The youth continue to meet each Wednesday and Sunday. Our attendance has stayed up even with school out. We have been studying Baalam and sins - how they affect us and how we can overcome them. The youth are continuing to remember our people with cards of encouragement and love.

Seven of our youth attended Brothers's Keepers - John Wagoner, Nikki Nicholson, Brody Noble, Aaron Wagoner, Grace Shirley, Kinzie Grandon and Kaeleigh Grandon. All participated in helping others in our county with projects that would help make their lives easier. The kids were witnesses of love for the Lord with their presence.

We also have youth attending Camp Cowen - for the younger kids - Conner Ritchie, Hannah Wagoner and Ryley Thompson went to the June camp. About 4 of our high school group will be going July 14-20.

We are planning some activities for the summer. One of the activities is a Dog Show. We are looking for a date to do this. Our second fundraiser will be a Yard Sale on Thursday, July 11 starting at 7:00 a.m. You can help support this by donating items we can sell. If you have items that need picked up, please contact me and we will make arrangements to get them to the church.

I am so grateful for a church that loves the youth like First Baptist does. Thank you for your support. The youth are learning to love Jesus and you are helping.

Blessings,

Ann

FBC Captivate Yard Sale !!

***Thursday, July 11
7:00 a.m.***



Someone's junk is another one's treasure

Maybe a sheet, blouse, record or pot

Come and see what you can find with pleasure

First Baptist Fellowship Hall and Yard is the spot!

Monthly Meetings & Activities

July 1 Trustees Meeting @ 7:00
Deacons Meeting @ 8:00
July 4 Happy Fourth of July! Office Closed
July 8 BOCE @ 7:00
July 9 Men's Fellowship @ 6:30
July 10 Second Quarterly Reports Due
July 11 Youth Yard Sale @ 7 a.m.
July 15 Nominating Committee Meeting @7:00
July 17 Second Quarterly Business Meeting
July 18 CIRCLE @ 7:00
July 22 Anchor Articles Due

Nursery Workers

July 7 Jane Moore
July 14 Talia Martinez
July 21 Destiny Thomas
July 28 Leigh Ann Kerns

Children's Church

July 7 Richard Massey
July 14 Kathy Hudson
July 21 Cari Mize
July 28 Sami Wagoner

CommUnity Kitchen

July 6 Calvary Baptist
July 13 Episcopal Church
July 20 CIRCLE
July 27 Susan West Crew

Bell Ringers

July 7 Cass Bennett
July 14 Aiden Morgan
July 21 Logan Kerns
July 28 Conner Wyant

Deaconess for Communion

Carolyn Brown

Junior Usher

Jacob Graham



Focus on Sunday School:



The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees our freedom of religion.

We have the right in America to worship our Lord and Savior the way we choose. This right is prohibited in many places around the world. We hear of martyrs being beaten, imprisoned, tortured, and even killed because they believe in Jesus.

Our freedom to learn about Christ is a freedom many do not practice. What would happen if tomorrow that freedom was taken away? Would you and your children know about the salvation of Christ? If our Bibles were destroyed and all we had was our memory of biblical stories and scriptures, would we be able to pass those wonderful stories and truths along to our children and grandchildren as the Hebrews did throughout the ages?

Would we be bold in our faith and continue reaching out to others for Jesus? Do we know enough to support that faith with what we now know of the Bible?

Sunday School is a very important part of learning. We hear those wonderful messages of love and truths of God. Yes, sometimes repeatedly but that's what makes the message stick. That's what makes it real in our hearts.

If you haven't been attending Sunday School and don't bring your children to Sunday School, you are missing a freedom - a freedom to worship the Living God.

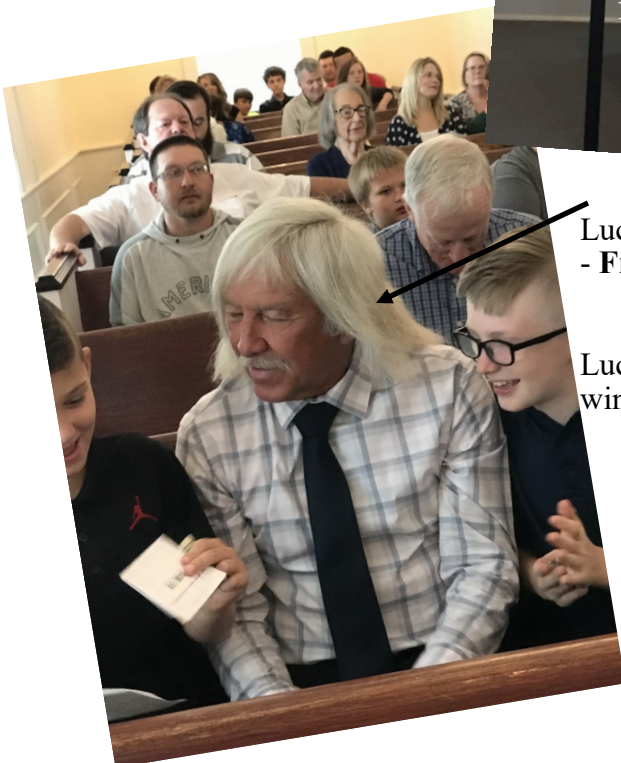
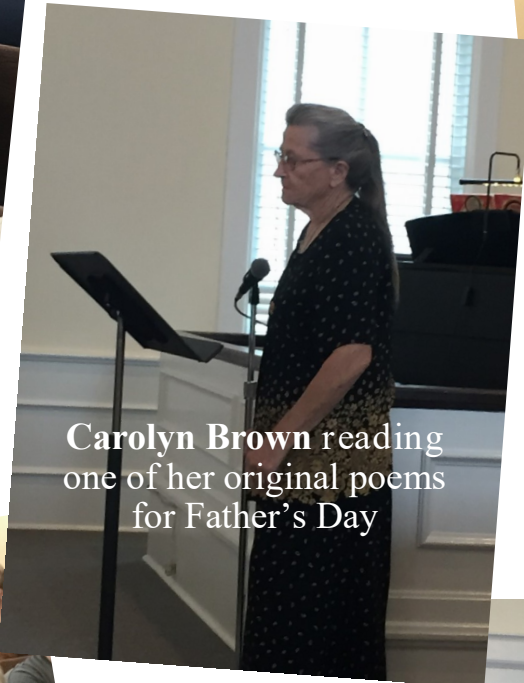
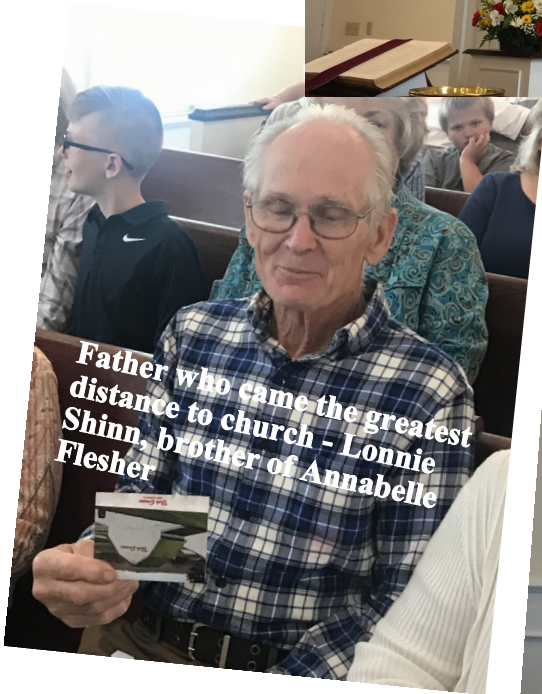
This freedom is one we dare not lose.

Attend Sunday School Today!

Father's Day at FBC



Jane Moore, Chair of the Board of Christian Education, MC'd the Father's Day presentation.



Lucky Tape Measure winner - **Mike Comer**



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 15. 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



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"We're looking for someone with a doctorate in Christian education and five years of experience, but we'll settle for someone with a van."

Adventures at Camp Moose on the Loose



Lessons at VBS were great!!!



Bruce the Moose was a big hit at VBS this year.

We kept him busy leading parades, dancing to music and, of course, loving on the kids.

Thanks Bruce for your help at VBS!!





Thanks Stephen and Leanne Thompson for all the fun games!



VBS games and crafts



Thanks Dena Williams for organizing the great crafts! And to all those who helped with the kids put them together.





**Feed them
and they will
come!**



**Thanks Jen
Wagoner for
organizing the
kitchen and
food!**



**Thanks to all
those who
helped prepare,
serve and clean
up!**



In and out of FBC



Beau Bennett our Junior Usher For June



Special Music - Sami Wagoner



CAMP ECHO 2019

Our favorite Elvis Singer!
Megan Watkins!

Arabiān Nights



Anne Adkins - 90 years young!!



Barbara Layton / Reporter
Camp MVPs from left to right are Isiah Nessleroad, Mason Kerns, Blake Claudio, and Marcus Williams. Back row, Hadleigh McGoskey, Logan Alfred, and Beau Bennett.

Always Winners to us! Mason Kerns, Beau Bennett, Marcus Williams

FBC Goes to Camp!



Hannah Wagoner, Ryley Thompson, and Conner Ritchie were toughing it out at **Camp Cowen** for the week.



FBC had 7 worker bees at Brothers' Keepers in June.

**Grace Shirley
Kaeleigh Grandon
Kinzie Grandon
John Wagoner
Aaron Wagoner
Brody Noble
Nikki Nicholson**

Our adults who helped out were **Alan Arrington and Bill Stewart**



Update on Weirton Christian Center

In our 102nd year, we have had a great start in our new building...serving close to 200 different children... with more registering on a regular basis. We are considering a second Preschool Class this fall, due to the increased awareness and interest. We are getting ready to start our Summer Program for Kindergarten through 8th grade, using our High School Students as additional staff as part of a Leadership Program. We are also offering Kindergarten Readiness for those starting school in the fall.

Free Lunch will be served all summer, even for those not in our programs, through the Child Nutrition Program.

We have been so blessed to be able to have this wonderful new building and be **debt-free!** God has answered our prayers—and your prayers! We cannot thank our Baptist Family enough for all you have done to make this happen! Not only your help with the new facility, but so many of you have included us in your Mission Budgets, or make regular contributions to our program. We could not be here without your support and prayers. Everyone who knows our program is astonished by what we do for our children, for NO CHARGE! Feeding, Transportation, Basic Needs, Computer Access and more! Please feel free to visit any time.



We are so thankful for our West Virginia American Baptist Women! They are always thinking of us!! Paper Products and Cleaning Supplies from the Goshen Association, Camp Supplies from Good Hope Association (*that's us!*) and all kinds of Bedding and supplies from Harmony Baptist Church in Burton! We are so blessed by all the projects that our Circles and Women's Ministries all over the state have done for us. Ladies, thank you so much for thinking of us, collecting for us, delivering to us, and praying for us! You will never know how many lives you are touching by your efforts. We also received an amazing collection of Bedding, Beach Towels, Flip Flops and Camp supplies from the Children's Rally! What a blessing!



WV Hope Mission Outreach Project



Young hill tribe children in Chiang Mai, Thailand beg in the streets at night to help their families make a living. The House of Blessing is working to keep these children in school. By supplying rice to each family, the children are assured a good rest and are able to stay in school and do their school work.

WV ABWM Mission Outreach Project has a goal of \$6000 which will provide **16 families enough rice for a year.**

FBC CIRCLE will be having a fund raiser in September to help with this goal.

Help keep this child in bed at night.

Support the rice project coming in September.

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. Proverbs 22:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Book of the
Month
July 2019
Philippians**



July Meetings 7/1

Trustees—6:00

Deacons—7:00

7/8

BOCE—7:00

July Birthdays



Pastor Toby—7/1

Micah Arrington—7/4

Dena Williams—7/5

Christie Mize—7/5

Allen Palmer—7/5

Beth Wood—7/7

John Stephenson—7/12

Roger Rader—7/12

Jeff Flesher—7/16

Zach Wood—7/17

Annabelle Flesher—7/19

Jordan Williams—7/19

Carolyn Brown 7/21

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



**Men's Fellowship
July 9
Riverfront Park
6:30**



**Nominating Committee
Meeting
June 15 at 7:00**

**Quarterly
Reports
Due
July 10**

**Women's CIRCLE
July 18 @ 7:00
Hostess: Abbi Woods**



**2nd Quarterly
Business Meeting**

**July 17
@ 6:30**



**High School Camp
@ Cowen**

July 14-20

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.



JULY



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

