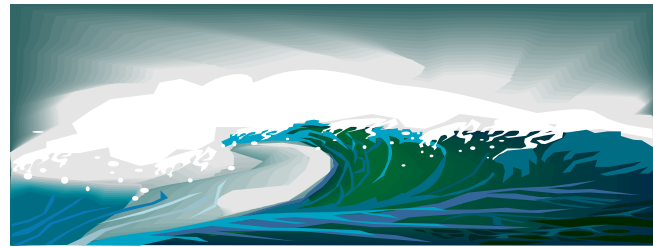




The November 2019 Anchor

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



First Baptist Church , 215 Ann Street, Ravenswood, WV 26164 ~
1-304-273-9910 ~ www.fbcraenswood.org

As we head into the month of November, we start to think about Thanksgiving. According to history.com, the holiday is based on the Colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal. For us as Christians, Thanksgiving reminds us to be thankful for all that God has given to us. This can be in the way of salvation, the food we have, the family and friends we have, and yes – even our jobs. Abraham Lincoln was responsible for putting Thanksgiving on the map, when in 1863, he issued a proclamation asking Americans to pray to God “*commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife,*” and “*to heal the wounds of our nation.*”¹ Originally, he set Thanksgiving as a holiday to celebrated the last Thursday of November, but that changed in 1939 to where it is today.

While today America has made Thanksgiving more about secular activities like shopping, football, and hunting, you and I can use this holiday as a time to pause and reflect on how good God is to us. In the Wagoner home, for as long as I can remember, my family and I always take time to go around the table and say what we are thankful for. There is always a mix of expressions such as “my family,” “my friends,” “salvation,” “my health,” and even an occasional funny expression like “those mashed potatoes.” Regardless of the reason, we always pause to say thanks. Let’s not forget to thank our veterans, too. We have so many freedoms today because of our soldiers who serve at home and abroad.

Speaking of veterans, FBC will have a special Veteran’s Day service on November 10, featuring former PFC Jessica Lynch as our keynote. We will recognize veterans who have put their lives on the line for our country with a small gift. Ms. Lynch will address the congregation about the power of prayer. I have to believe that as a former POW, Ms. Lynch depended a lot on prayer to not only get through her captivity, but also to help her heal her emotional trauma as a result of the war and as part of her recovery. You can read more about her story at the link below.² Let’s begin praying that God will give her a message that blesses our hearts and moves people toward a better prayer life.

To that end, let us become more thankful as we enter November. I have two challenges for you and me. First, that we begin counting our blessings. If we do, every time we look around, we will see that we have “much more” than many other people. Even on our toughest day, there are still many people in our nation with much less. *We have the Lord in our lives. We have family. We have friends. We have a church. We are alive, and God is so good to us.* Second, if you have never started a family tradition in your home about being thankful at Thanksgiving, I encourage you to begin one this year. Let’s not forget to do as President Lincoln suggested when we reach out to God, and that is to be sure to ask God to care for the widows, the orphans, and those who are sad or suffering. *If we can do that, we can see a lot of healing in our land. We can see healing in our hearts and in our homes.*

In His service,
Pastor Toby

Sources:

¹ <https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>

² <https://www.powjessicalynch.com/>



OUR LAST END ZONE IS IN SIGHT! Our End Zones have been so well attended this year and the Friday nights have been hectic. But knowing our youth have been safe and well-fed is a real blessing. The last End Zone is November 1. **Many thanks** to everyone who have dedicated their time to the many tasks needed to make the End Zones work. **Many thanks** to everyone who baked or donated items for the youth. **Many thanks** to our church for allowing this ministry to flourish.

Due to the inclement weather, we had to move our Treat Street to Saturday, November 2. Treating will begin at 6:00 and end at 8:30. The youth should be at the church by 5:30 to help set up tables. Remember to come in costume! Thanks for all the donations of candy.

I will be hosting the annual bonfire on Sunday November 3 from 5:30 to 7:00 at my farm. Everyone is invited to come. The weather looks to be cold that evening so dress warmly and bring a lawn chair. My address is 5359 Flatwoods Road. *There will be no evening service at church that evening.*

We have a celebrity in our midst! Zach Graham plays a bully in the film ***Zombie Club***. Our youth will be meeting at 6:15 on Sunday, November 10 to watch to the movie. We'd love to have anyone wanting to watch the movie to join us.

Captivate is anticipating the good food at the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 24. We will all be there waiting in line to try the delicious food.

I'm planning fun trips for the youth during the Thanksgiving break from school. On Monday, November 25, the SENIOR HIGH kids will meet at the church at 5:00 for a trip to the Fun Barn. Then on Wednesday November 27, the JUNIOR HIGH kids have their trip to the Fun Barn. They will meet at the church at 5:00. We will all have a great time of fellowship and, of course, food on the trips as well watching a good movie.

December will be a tremendously busy month for Captivate. We have a lot of activities planned. Please encourage your youth to come be a part of us. They will learn about Jesus, how to show His love to others and encourage each other too.

Thanks to everyone for supporting First Baptist youth programs!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving season!

Blessings, **Ann**

Monthly Meetings & Activities

Nov 1 End Zone
Nov 1 Retired Minister & Missionary Offering
Nov 2 Children's Fall Rally/ Treat Street
Nov 3 Operation Christmas Child boxes out
Nov 4 Trustee Meeting @ 6:00
Deacons Meeting @ 7:00
Women's World Day of Prayer @ 6:00
Nov 9 Pumpkin Rolls
Nov 10 Recognition of Veterans Day
Youth movie night @ 6:00
Nov 11 BOCE @ 7:00
Nov 17 Operation Christmas Child boxes due
Nov 18 Anchor Articles/Ideas Due
Nov 21 CIRCLE @ 7:00
Nov 23 Junior High Convention
Nov 24 Church Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:00
Nov 25 Senior High Fun Barn Trip @ 5:00
Nov 27 Junior High Fun Barn Trip @ 5:00
Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving/ Office Closed
Nov 29 Office Closed

Nursery Workers

Nov 3 Rhonda Ritchie
Nov 10 Jen Wagoner
Nov 17 Jane Moore
Nov 24 Connie Staats

Children's Church

Nov 3 Fred & Seth McGoskey
Nov 10 Kathy Hudson
Nov 17 Deb Lyons
Nov 24 Leanne Thompson

CommUnity Kitchen

Nov 2 Burt Lyons
Nov 9 Pilot Club
Nov 16 Lion Club
Nov 23 Susan West Crew
Nov 30 Freewill Baptist Church

Bell Ringers

Nov 3 Hunter Moore
Nov 10 Cole McGoskey
Nov 17 Mary Beth Stewart
Nov 24 Kian McGoskey

Deaconess for Communion

Deb Lyons

Junior Usher

Zach Graham



Focus on Sunday School:



Thankful

When thinking of my blessings
Of what the Lord has done
I tend to overlook
The ordinary ones.

Like gazing at the sunset
Or a dawn of pink and blue;
Hearing songs of bluejays;
The smell of fresh morning dew.

The sweet smell of babies,
The bliss of grandma's smile,
Fresh bread baking in the oven,
Of resting for a while.

The fullness of the moment;
Of hearing peaceful silence,
The giggle of a child's joy,
And Thanksgiving's dinner scents.

The car that takes me places;
A comfy seat at home;
Water running in the faucet;
A 'thank you' when I'm done.

The Lord has given many things.
We need not look too far -
His creation of this planet;
The distant sparkling star.

I'm thankful for the Bible,
His Holy Word to me,
I'm thankful for Son Jesus
And salvation that is free.

By: Susan West

Attend Sunday School!

First Baptist Welcomes *Jessica Lynch*



On Sunday, November 10, First Baptist Church will be recognizing our veterans during the morning worship service. As part of our service, **Jessica Lynch** will be presenting her message on the power of prayer.

Jessica Lynch is a former Private First Class (PFC) in the United States Army and a former Prisoner of War.

On March 23, 2003, she was injured and captured by Iraqi forces after her unit was ambushed in Iraq. She was rescued after nine days in captivity on April 1, 2003 by U.S. special operations forces. Jessica's rescue was the first successful rescue of an American POW since World War II. Jessica has been awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Prisoner of War medals.

Today, Jessica speaks to various groups around the United States about overcoming her obstacles and how perseverance helped her survive. Jessica further explains that despite the most difficult circumstances – whatever they might be – a positive outlook and determination can truly help individuals live fulfilling lives and accomplish their goals. Along with being a motivational speaker, she is a mother and an educator.

We would like to invite all veterans to come hear Jessica's message and be a part of our service.

RMMO Reaches First Baptist



Ron and Jan Stoner

Honoring the Service of God's Servants

During the month of November, we will be collecting for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. This offering is one that provides financial support to retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have helped build and sustain our churches throughout the years.



Ken and Allison Miller

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul tells us, *"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."*

We have men and their wives who have pastored our church here at FBC, and widowed spouses who receive benefits from the RMMO.

When you give, you send love to each one of them.

Our offering goal this month is \$900. Please be in prayer and give as the Lord leads.



Emma Lou Scott
Widow of Charles Scott



Rankin Roach



Jean Cunningham
Widow of Jim Cunningham



Michael and Carmen Halley

FBC junior high youth will be going on Saturday only. Sign up today!
Deadline for registration in November 8.

Date: November 22-24, 2019

Location: Oakwood Baptist Church (855
Oakwood Road, Charleston, WV 25314)

Band: Alena Adkins

Junior High Convention 2019

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever
believes in me will also do the works
that I do; and greater works than
these will he do, because I am going to
the Father."
John 14:12

μιμούμαι /mim-eh'-om-ah-ee/
verb. 1. to imitate, emulating a mentor
or example. (see also: μιμηταὶ τοῦ θεοῦ
"Imitators of God")
Usage: I imitate, I follow Christ's
example. ref: John 14:12

COST:

\$40.00...if
postmarked by Monday,
November 12th.

\$50 if AFTER
Nov. 12th or at the door.
(Money must accompany registration
in order to receive early-bird cost,
phone calls will not be accepted as
early registration.)

HOUSING DEADLINE:

Monday, November 12th



All housing requests
must be postmarked
by November 12th.

No changes or additions to
housing will be accepted
after this date...
NO Exceptions!!

Housing should **NOT** be
requested by anyone who
has made personal arrangements to
stay with specific individuals.

Speaker: Brock Gill

While working at a sawmill as a young man, Brock felt that God wanted him to use illusions, escapes, and stunts to bring a message of hope to people. "Brock admits, "I just felt like it was what God was calling me to do."

With a passion for reaching people with the Truth that had changed his own life as the catalyst, Brock went back to college and began performing at church outreach events. News of his creative method of evangelism spread through the area quickly and he began to receive invitations almost immediately.

Since those first outreaches, God has taken Brock's ministry across the United States and the globe, while his heart for the lost has grown. Understanding that people today have short attention spans and a desire to be entertained visually, he has learned how to grab an audience quickly and keep them on the edge of their seats. Brock's message for Christ is clear and effective. He has seen God touch thousands upon thousands of lives through his ministry.



Union Mission

We recently had a coat collection (Thanks to Fred McGoskey for organizing it!) for the Union Mission in Charleston. Some of us may not know much about UM. Below is some information on it origins.

Isn't it amazing what a few kind words can do? What was meant to touch one heart 108 years ago is still touching hearts today.

If you are familiar with the story of Saul in the Bible, you will understand the story of Pat B. Withrow. Both were interrupted by the Lord which changed their lives and their purpose.

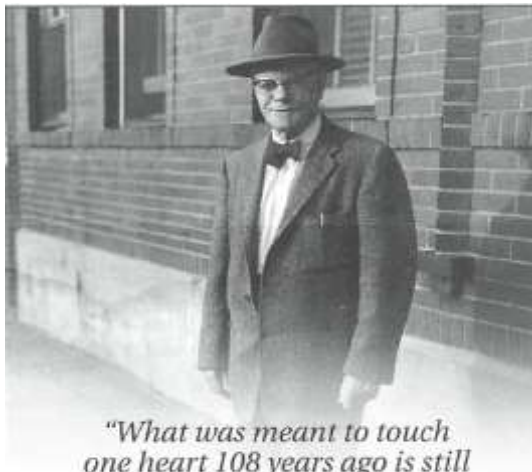
Pat was born on October 9, 1880, five miles west of Charleston. Although he had good parents, he grew up very poor and lost his mother at age nine. From that point on, his life took a dramatic turn. The day after his mother's death, he, his two brothers and sister were separated and sent to live in different homes. At only nine, Pat had lost everything. In the next few years, Pat floated from home to home working for room and board. He attended school occasionally finishing only the third reader before leaving entirely.

At the age of fifteen, Pat had his first real job. He was working for John R. Jenkins and worked for \$7 per month. With his first two months of pay, Pat went into town and bought his first suit. He was so proud. For the first time in his life, he felt important.

From there, Pat went to the city to work at the Farley Hotel where he discovered the saloon next door and began drinking at the age of sixteen. The first drink was just a "friendly" drink. The first time he played pool was just for "fun". The first game of cards was just a "friendly" game. The first time he was arrested, it was a "mistake". The next thing he knew, gambling and drinking became his life. He could not quit no matter how hard he tried.

One night after losing everything and continuously lying to his wife, Pat decided to end his life and headed to the Kanawha River to jump in. As he approached the river, something stopped him and he couldn't do it. Although he continued to try and change, he did not have the will power to give up everything in his life. People would say, "There is no use to fooling with Pat Withrow. He is too far gone." Even Pat thought it was impossible for him to get back to where he needed to be.

One day, a preacher invited Pat to church. He told him, "Jesus loves you!" Pat was touched. No one had ever told him that before. He attended a revival where Dr. John Beddow spoke from Malachi 3:8 titled "Will a man rob God?" Realizing he was the biggest thief in the building, Pat decided to go forward that night. From that point on, Pat served the Lord. He put away the old things and became new. The Lord placed in him a passion for souls, so he began telling everyone his story. With the Lord's guidance, he found a building in Charleston on the corner of Clendenin and Lovell Streets. On October 1, 1911, with \$100 donated by Colonel John Q. Dickinson, the Union Mission was opened, and the first service was held. The mission's first year's budget was \$2,200.



*"What was meant to touch
one heart 108 years ago is still
touching hearts today."*

During the following years, the mission expanded to include 8 buildings covering almost an entire city block in downtown Charleston. In 1970 the Charleston Urban Renewal Authority acquired the entire downtown complex and the mission, except for Crossroads Men's Shelter, relocated to South Park Road in Kanawha City. It is out of this humble beginning that Withrow helped start more than 40 other missions across the United States.

While some things have changed over the years, God's continued faithfulness to Union Mission and those we serve had remained consistent. We continue today what Brother Pat began 108 years ago.

Reprinted by permission: Food 4 Thought
Volume 67/October 2019

FINANCE INFORMATION

2020 Budget

The Finance Committee finalized a proposed budget for 2020 and it was approved at the Annual Business meeting on October 16. Copies are posted on the bulletin board outside the office as well as specific monthly information on giving and disbursements. All those in charge of expenditures in various line items are encouraged to check the information each month to make sure they are staying within their budgets (particularly as we close out the year). If there are any questions, please bring those to the attention of a committee member or Jo Hendricks, treasurer.

Building Fund Drive

Our church established a Building Fund this year for the purpose of meeting mounting building and maintenance needs costs. We are still working toward payment of the 3 new air conditioning units that have been installed at a cost of \$24,000.

The Finance Committee has voted in favor of a Building Fund Drive to contribute to these costs. We are "kicking off" the Change Challenge! Individuals, families, groups, etc.. are encouraged to take one of the "change bottles" and fill it with coins. There are two choice programs:

- ___ *Quarter-Dime Club* (fill bottle with either quarters, dimes or a combination of both)
- ___ *Change Challenge* (fill bottle with any denomination of coins)



Those who participate and turn in their filled bottles will have their names engraved on the Building Fund plaque.

In addition, those who make a contribution will be recognized on the plaque as well. Remember, it's tax-deductible!

- Platinum Level--- \$1000 or more
- Gold Level-----\$500-\$999
- Silver Level-----\$100-\$499
- Bronze Level-----\$50-\$99

Please mark your contribution as Building Fund if you feel led to give to this program. Let's finish the year with a positive balance in the fund so that we may begin 2020 (which means we will need to acquire \$4052.10 by Dec 31.

As of the 3rd Quarter Business Meeting, the Building Fund has:

Received-----\$15,935.09

We have Spent----- \$15,989.09

For a current deficit of -\$54.09

We have one last payment due Nov 5 on the new heat/air units of \$3998.

Church Change Challenge

Get ready for a little friendly competition called the "Left Church/Right Church Change Challenge" (think left Twix/ right Twix!) between those that sit on the left side of the church (the choir side) and those that sit on the right side (the organ side). Come prepared to help your side fill up their change bottle first. Are you up for a little competition? All monies collected will go to the Building Fund.



END ZONE

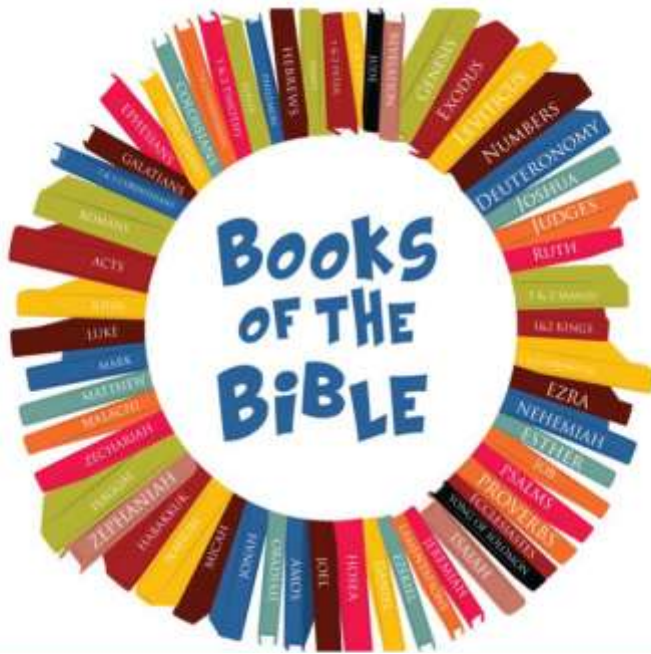


Fall Children's Rally

For children currently in grades K-5, 6th grade is optional.

Saturday, November 2, 2019

at the Greenlee Activities Center
Parchment Valley Conference Center



*"God has breathed life
into all Scripture.
It is useful for teaching
us what is true.
It is useful for correcting
our mistakes.
It is useful for making
our lives whole again.
It is useful for training
us to do what is right."*

On November 2, Sandy Confer, Children's Representative for the Board of Christian Education, will be taking four of our God's Cadets kids to the Fall Children's Rally at Parchment Valley Conference Center.

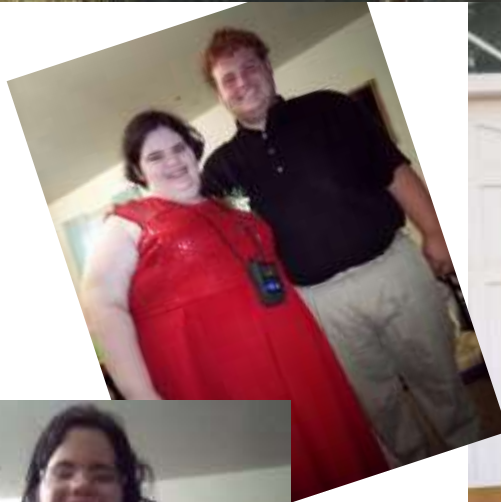
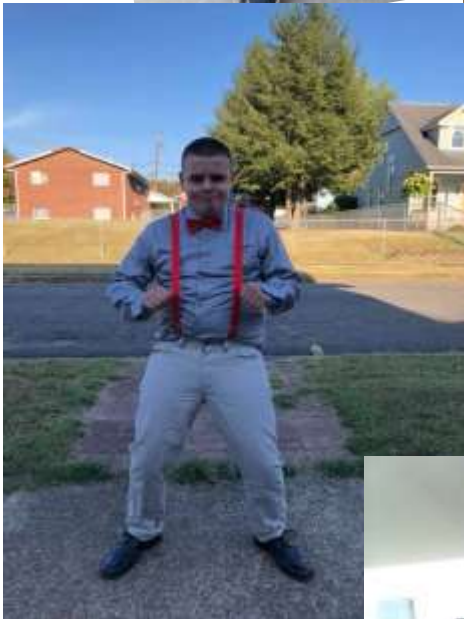
This year's theme - Books of the Bible - promises to be an exciting and learning experience for kids and adults alike.

Our kids need to be at the church by 8:30 for the ride over to PVCC.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at 304-786-2955.



FBC Youth Clean up for Homecoming



Game Day



Thursday's **Game Day** is an ongoing event at FBC. Recently, those attending enjoyed a spot of tea with their activities.

Seems like Anne Adkins enjoys the tea as much as the card games.



Riley Lathey
Stewart



Logan Kerns

Mason Kerns



FBC Kids in the Homecoming Parade!



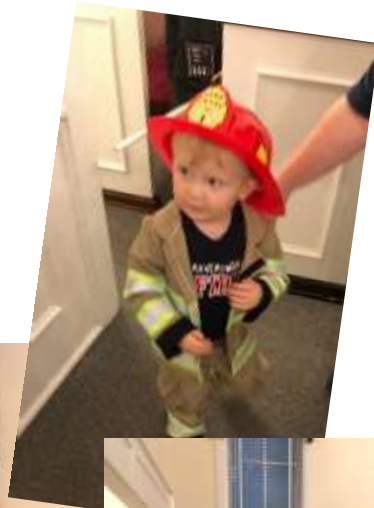
You may not be able to see her very much, but that's our **Megan Watkins** waving to the parade watchers during the Homecoming Parade.

Hi, Megan!!

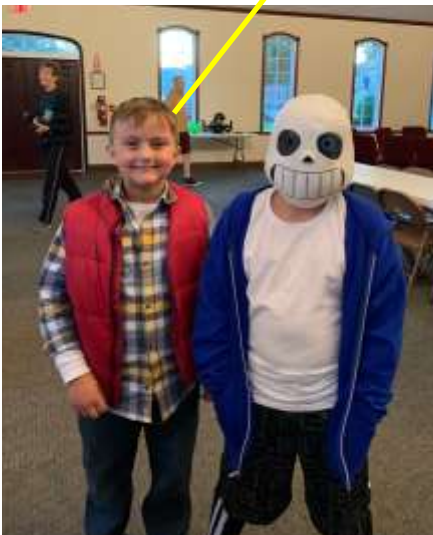


Zach Graham
Nikki Nicholson

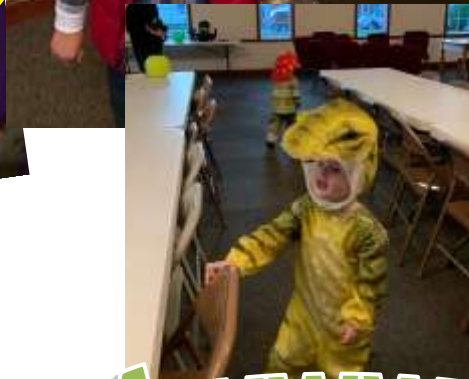
Ninja Turtle, Fireman, Tinker Bell, Jester, Darth Vader and more were parading around the sanctuary during the *Children's Fall Festival*!



Who are these creatures!!!



Cass! What happened to your hair!!!



Awww!

Coming Events at First Baptist

Annual FBC Bonfire

Everyone is invited to come the annual bonfire hosted by Ann Johnson at her home at 5359 Flatwoods Road on Sunday, November 3 starting at 5:30.

Wear warm clothing, bring a lawn chair and your appetite as we gather to enjoy the fire, a devotion and food.

There will be no evening service at church that evening.



Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's theme for the Women's World Day of Prayer is *Arise, Shine*. The women of FBC are encouraged to join us as we travel to Calvary Baptist Church at 302 Henry Street to participate in this yearly event. **The program will begin at 6:00.**

FBC will be bringing the program this year as Calvary Baptist hosts the event. In order to allow more working women to participate, the event has been moved to the evening.

All women are welcome to attend. Come, Arise, Shine, as we pray with all the women around the world.

Pumpkin Rolls are Back!

The ladies of the church will be making pumpkin rolls on November 9 to raise funds for our many mission projects.

You have a choice of a pumpkin roll with or without nuts. Plain rolls are \$12.00 each; with nuts- \$14 each. *We would like to collect the money as orders are taken in order to make the pick up more streamlined.*

Ordering will begin Sunday November 3. Call the office or Connie Staats at (304)273-5175. Leave a message if no answer.

**ONLY 75 PUMPKIN ROLLS
WILL BE MADE!!!**



FBC Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Social/Fellowship Committee has been busy preparing for our annual church Thanksgiving Dinner.

This year, we will meet on Sunday, November 24 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall to partake of a delicious meal. Turkey, dressing, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, and drinks will be furnished.

Everyone is asked to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share.

There will be no evening service that Sunday.

Come, enjoy, and be thankful !

FBC out and about



Mason Kerns helping
the team do its best!



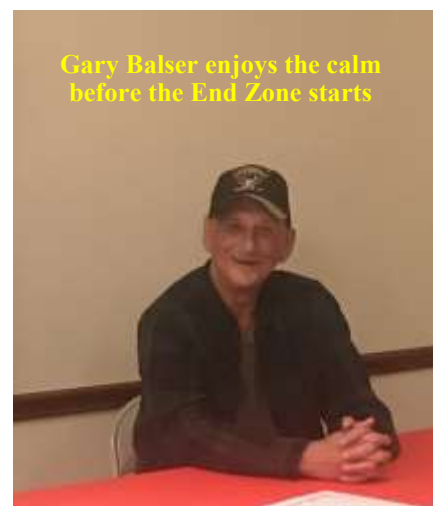
Destiny Thomas reigns as Braxton
County Fair Queen



Friends and cousins enjoy an outing



Tom shows off his new truck to Bev
(HA HA HA!)



Gary Balser enjoys the calm
before the End Zone starts



The Great Pizza and Pumpkin Event!



70 people carved 49 pumpkins!!!





And the winners are...



Ava

Debbie

John

Cady

Grayson

Riley

Helen



It's Shoe Box Time!!



Operation Christmas Child collection has begun. The boxes and the brochure *How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift* are available in the sanctuary. Please consider filling a box for a child.

All boxes should be returned to the church by November 17. We will be taking them to the collection center on Monday, November 18.

Please remember to include your \$9 for postage or give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.



First Baptist at Women's Day



*FBC is well represented at the state level of ABWM as **Kathy Hudson** takes on the task of State President, **Amy Starkey** becomes State Treasurer (as of January 1), and **Liz Stewart** becomes State Missions Representative.*

All are women of God who are ready to do His will - not just in Ravenswood, but also around our state.

Be in prayer for all our state officers as they lead the women of our state to do the Lord's work.



ARISE SHINE



WHEN WE RISE UP
HE SHINES THROUGH
SERVICE

You are invited to
ARISE, SHINE
November 4, 2019

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Baptist World Alliance Women:

Seven Continental Unions connecting
women from **151** countries.

The 2019 program
has been prepared by
the Caribbean Baptist Women's Union



Connecting Baptist Women Globally
Face to face, virtually and
through prayer

BWA Women's Department
405 N. Washington Street
Falls Church, VA 22046 USA
Tel: +1 (703) 790-8980, Ext. 16
Email: bwawomen@bwawd.org
Web: www.bwawd.org

Jesus Shines Through Us When We Serve



Yvonne Pitter
President, CBWU

On November 4, 2019 Baptist Women from around the world will come together to study God's word, pray and give so that our world will be impacted for Christ. As we focus this year on "SERVICE," we conclude our 5 year theme of "Arise, Shine!" Baptist Women living out this theme have experienced the Lord shining through them in Community, Transformation, Unity, Justice and Service. We have become more actively involved in our missional activities seeking peace, reconciliation, justice, and development, through prayer, witness and service helping to transform communities. The Caribbean Baptist Women have emphasized ministry to abused women and children, and trafficking of humans.

For over 58 years Baptist Women have celebrated this time by praying, fasting, attending weekend prayer retreats, and other special activities for the entire church throughout the month of November.

There are many good examples in the Bible of persons, such as David, who took great joy in serving God and worshipping Him. We serve God by serving others. Following are nine blessings we experience by serving others:

Serving:

1. Allows us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12)
2. Allows us to experience miracles (John 2)
3. Allows us to experience the joy and peace that comes from obedience (1Pet. 4: 10-11)
4. Helps us to be more like Jesus. This happens when we shift our focus off ourselves onto others. We begin to see others as Jesus sees them and we see Jesus in others (Matt. 25:40)
5. Bonds us to other Christians who help us follow Jesus as we work side by side. This is God's plan for how the Church is supposed to work. (Heb. 10:24-25)
6. Increases our faith. As we move out of our comfort zones, God reveals new potential in ourselves and His Church

Continued on page 2



ARISE, SHINE

Continued from page 1

7. Allows us to experience God's presence in new ways. Encouragement and healing go hand in hand. As we encourage others and they find healing, we are encouraged.
8. Is good for the soul. Studies show volunteering is good for the mind and body, easing symptoms of stress and depression.
9. Taps into our gifts and passions and builds self-confidence, energy and strength.

Sometimes Christians give excuses for not serving, such as "I don't have the time," "they don't need me," or "I don't have any special skills to contribute." However, 'God doesn't call the equipped: He equips the called.' The Bible tells how God used people with similar doubts to change the course of history:

Moses—not a leader or speaker, but God used him to bring Israel out of slavery

David—youngest of all his brothers but God worked through him to defeat a giant. Eventually had him crowned King

Paul—killer of Christians before he met Jesus, became one of the most highly regarded and prolific writers and church planters in history

God doesn't just want to work through you—He wants to work in you.

God bless you my sisters as you participate in this year's DOP and then **Arise, Shine through Service.**

Yvonne Pitter

President of Caribbean Baptist Women's Union



Baptist women of Trinidad and Tobago recognized for their service

Reflections from our BWA Women's President



Ksenija Magda
BWA Women's President
2015–2020

Recently, I talked to a woman who felt overwhelmed by the constant requests for service by other people. "I feel like I am not living my own life," she complained. And this is a common problem for women all over the world. It is almost unnecessary to encourage women to serve, as they seem to have perfected that area! But, as I was listening to the woman across from me, one thing hit me. She was

not serving anyone, she was slaving away. When I told her, she immediately realised the difference!

The Bible makes this difference between being an heir in the house, and being a slave in several places (see eg. Gal 3:23-4:9 or John 15:14-17). A slave has to serve the master and barely any of her own needs are met or asked about. A daughter of the house is cared for and whatever she does, she does out of her free will to enrich her household and her Father's business.

God did not create people to be slaves to anyone. When we "slave away", we do so because we have allowed things and people to become "gods" who make unreasonable demands on us. As slaves we are driven by fear to offend these masters and be punished. Even our own sinful and selfish nature is such a master. When we feel overwhelmed with service, we need to ask the tough question: Why am I doing this? For instance: Why do I clean all the time? Who am I afraid of? What do I want to accomplish with this: do I need people to love me more? We are daughters of the house, but behave like slaves. Like the older son in the story of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15) we are unaware that we cannot earn our acceptance, because all is ours (1 Cor 3:21–23)!

On that basis we serve as God's daughters. We know we belong and do not need to earn anything. We live because we are beloved by God. We spend time at his table, talking to him and getting to know his mind. We love to contribute to our own household when we serve, and get involved in "God's business" of saving the world with all we have. Quiet times and busy times meld together. Our needs are taken care of by the Father who we belong to as children and heirs. We do not work from guilt or fear to earn our living. We shine, as we serve. The full potential of our Father's inheritance becomes visible to the world, as we do what we love and were gifted for. True, that too may be consuming and busy, but this service fills our batteries, it does not drain them!

So, dear sisters, let us ask the hard questions as we pray. And then, let us shine in this heart-filling service which changes the world.



BE A HOLIDAY HERO

**If you would like to grant a child's wish,
Visit westvirginia.kvc.org and click the
link to request a wish list.**

THE WISH LIST WILL HAVE THREE (3) GIFTS
LISTED. PICK ONE OF THE GIFTS OR
ALL THREE THAT COST AT LEAST \$25

WRAP THE GIFT AND ATTACH THE WISH LIST.
SOMEONE FROM KVC WILL GLADLY PICK UP THE
GIFTS WHEN NEEDED.



KVC WEST VIRGINIA IS A NON-PROFIT THAT PROVIDES
FOSTER CARE AND THERAPEUTIC IN-HOME SERVICES
TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACROSS THE STATE.
EVERY YEAR KVC PROVIDES CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO
EVERY CHILD RECEIVING SERVICES

**Bible Book of the
Month
November 2019
Psalms 73-150**



announcements

November Meetings

11/4

Trustees—6:00

Deacons—7:00

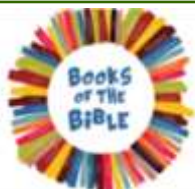
11/11

BOCE—7:00

November Birthdays



**Nikki Nicholson—11/6
Jamie Standridge—11/6
Quinter Vought—11/8
Andrea Donahue—11/10
Tim Staats—11/10
Eugene Morgan—11/10
Margaret Johns—11/15
Angela Graham—11/19
Logan Kerns—11/20
Tara Hicks—11/21
Sue Miller—11/25
Dan Williams—11/25
Marie DeLong—11/28
Bob Johnson—11/28
Burt Lyons—11/29**



**Children's Fall Rally
November 2
Meet at the church
at 8:30**



**FBC Thanksgiving
Dinner
Sunday
November 24
6:00**



**Church wide
gathering
Nov 10 @ 6:00**



**Choir Practice every
Wednesday
@ 7:30**

Order Your Pumpkin Rolls today!



**See Connie Staats
or
Contact the office**



**Women's CIRCLE
November 19 @ 7:00
Hosted by
Sandy Confer**

Special Veterans Day Service-Sunday November 10

Jessica Lynch will be the guest speaker

Invite a Vet Today!

**YOUTH
Treat Street
November 2
6-8:30**



**LAST END ZONE
November 1
After game party**

Have you checked out the prayer calendar today?

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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Darrell & Camille Smith	2 Jim Speer
3 Tim & Connie Staats	4 Cole & Diana Staats	5 Ron & Amy Starkey	6 Warner Stephens	7 John & Rose Stephenson	8 Tom & Beverly Stephenson	9 Destiny Thomas
10 Stephen & Leanne Thompson, Ryley	11 Randy & Carolyn Torris	12 Jared Torris	13 Kindsey Torris	14 Dale & Anna Vanderlaan	15 Dorothy Varney	16 Quinter Vought
17 Toby & Jen Wagoner, Hannah, Aaron, John	18 Sami Wagoner	19 Pauline Walker	20 Janyce Watkins	21 Megan Watkins	22 Susan West	23 Dan & Amy Williams, Cody, Kenley Hickman
24 Nick Williams	25 Dave & Dena Williams	26 Jordan Williams	27 Mike & Cara Williams, Deshone, Marcus	28 Kerry Wines	29 Jennie Wise	30 Beth Wood

