



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

As we enter the month of February, we turn our attention to the importance of love. After all, February is considered the "Love month" due to the fact Valentine's Day falls within the month. Valentine's Day has been a day celebrated as a day of romance since about the 14th century, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. But love itself, is far greater than romance or any secular holiday. It's bigger than roses and chocolate. You see, beyond intimacy or romance, love is defined as "*an intense feeling of deep affection*" which crosses the spectrum of fondness, tenderness, and warmth. It's an attitude. Love can lead to a more fulfilled life. I think Martin Luther King, Jr. described love well, when he said, "*I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear*." He is correct, that a lifestyle of love is a choice. If we accept the fact that our life on earth is short, why would we ever want a life rooted in bitterness or envy? Why would we want to spend our precious time in hate or anger? I ask you, is loving people not better? Of course, it is.

The Bible reminds us that *God is love* (1 John 4:7). God demonstrated His love to the world when He gave us Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). The Scriptures tell us that *love is patient, kind, it does not envy or boast, or dishonor others* (1 Cor.13:4-5). God's Word says, *love is not self-seeking, is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs* (1 Cor. 13:5-6). I like the fact that God tells us, *that love never fails* (1 Cor. 13:8). We take all of this information to heart allowing it to serve as a reminder to us, that we all can do better as Christians by loving people more. Can we as a church vow to show others kindness? **Would it not be great, if our church was known as "the kindest church in Ravenswood?"** Or, maybe First Baptist could just be known as "the little-big church" in town that loves people. I think we can.

How do we get there? First, we have to want to get there. We have to want it. It won't just happen. Second, we have to actually be kind. That means, be kind to everyone, not just a select few. I challenge you this month to do at least one random act of kindness for someone who is not related to you. Here are some ideas: 1) Buy the person's lunch behind you in line or in the drive thru at your favorite restaurant; 2) put a few quarters in several laundry machines at the laundry mat with a note that says, your next load of laundry is on me; 3) pay someone's fines at

the library, just stop by and tell them you want to; 4)donate to a good cause like the building fund; 5) offer a compliment to someone for a job well done; or 6) pay a student's lunch bill that is delinquent; 7) call someone or send a card to someone that might be lonely, depressed, or stressed; or 8) if none of these acts spark your interest, come up with your own, or just smile. **Extending love and kindness to others are doable. But, it's a choice**. Let's choose today and this month to renew our commitment to love others as ourselves. We do this not for atten-

tion, but because it honors God. Let us all strive to be "The Church" God has called us to be.

Blessings and Love, Pastor Toby

is patient, Love is kind, It does not envy, It does not boast, It is not proud, It does not dishonor others, It is not self-seeking, It is not easily angered, Love keeps no record of wrongs, Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails? -1 Corinthians 13:4-8



The youth and I have been very busy this month. Our average attendance on Sunday night has been 27 and on Wednesday the average has been 18. For our Christmas/New Year's Eve party, we had 27 youth and had a great time!

In January we had our first ever Hot Chocolate Competition. That evening we had 37 kids in groups presenting 14 entries for judging. *Thanks to the 62 tasters who enjoyed the chocolate and voted!* We had some really delicious entries. Our winning team was **Philip Lyons, Kelly Taylor and Hunter Taylor.** Way to go guys!! Our second place team was **John Wagoner, Nikki Nicholson, Hollie Hord, and Kailey Durback.** Great job everyone! We even made the newspaper!



Some of our youth members helped with Breakfast with the Wisemen. John Wagoner and Ryley Thompson were Joseph and Mary. Philip Lyons and Hannah Wagoner were read-

ers. Thanks, guys for helping out.







Each time we meet, we have a Bible lesson and I try to help them put these lessons to work in their lives. We discuss any difficult situations they may have and how the Lord can help them in times of trials and decisions.

The group attends the movie nights and other activities the church has. We are planning really fun event— the **Youth Valentine Dinner/Theatre Fund Raiser**. Hope we see you all there. We have plans to go **Lazer Bowling** and will be traveling to Parkersburg to see the play *Sense and Sensibility* (**Zach Graham** has a part in the play).

At this time, we have one student who will be going to the annual Senior High Convention— **Aaron Wagoner**. This year the event is at Gassaway Baptist Church.

God is good! Thank you for allowing me to be part of your youth's life.

Blessings, Ann

Monthly Meetings & Activities

- Feb 1 Church Officer Training Event @ 9:15
- Feb 2 Ravenswood Choral Dinner Theatre Feb 4 Trustee Meeting @ 6:00
- Feb 6 Game Day (a) 1:00
- Deaconess Meeting @ 6:30
- Deaconess Meeting (\underline{w})
- Feb 7 Movie @ 7:00
- Feb 9 Youth Valentine Fund Raiser Dinner/Theatre
- Feb10 BOCE @ 6:30
- Feb 11 Men's Fellowship @ 6:30
- Feb 13 Game Day @ 1:00
- Feb 16 Meet Your Deacon Dinner @ 5:00
- Feb 18 Financial Committee @ 6:00
- Feb 19 Anchor Articles Due
- Feb 20 Game Day @ 1:00
- CIRCLE @ 7:00
- Feb 21-23 Senior High Convention
- Feb 24 Deacons Meeting @ 7:00
- Feb 27 Game Day @ 1:00
- Feb 28 Lazer Bowling @ 7:00
- Feb 29 Youth Trip to Sense and Sensibility
- Feb 29 AB Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 8:30

Nursery Workers

- Feb 2 Connie Staats
- Feb 9 Lauren McGoskey
- Feb 16 Angela Graham
- Feb 23 Rhonda Ritchie

Children's Church

- Feb 2 Sami/Jennifer Wagoner
- Feb 9 Charolette Jeter
- Feb 16 Sandy Confer
- Feb 23 Jen Wagoner

<u>CommUnity Kitchen</u>

- Feb 1 Burt Lyons
- Feb 8 FUMC
- Feb 15 Broken Chains Ministry
- Feb 22 Kay Pursley and Destiny Thomas
- Feb 29 Calvary Baptist Church

Bell Ringers

- Feb 2 Cass Bennett
- Feb 9 Izzy Boothe
- Feb 16 Kolton Boothe
- Feb 23 Aiden Morgan

Deaconess for Communion Kay Pursley

> <u>Junior Usher</u> Philip Lyons



Focus on Sunday School:

Meet Your New Sunday School Superintendent!



Sandy Confer

Sandy Confer has taken on the roll of our Sunday School Superintendent. She began her duties as of January 1 and has done an excellent job.

Sandy coordinated *Breakfast with the Wisemen* in January. We had 48 people come out for the program and breakfast. Thanks to all who helped with the program! And many thanks to the cooks and helpers in the kitchen! The breakfast was delicious!!

Sandy reports to the Board of Christian Education to discuss the needs of the Sunday School. She will be planning ideas to help grow the SS and encourage all to come learn the exciting truths that God's Word holds for each of us.

Sunday School is an important part of our Christian walk. Children learn the stories of Adam and Eve, Moses, Noah, King David—all the way to Jesus and His disciples. You'd be surprised how much the younger generation does not know about these stories in the Bible.

Make the choice to join in our learning. Bring your self, your spouse, your kids and your friends. *Sunday mornings at 9:30!*





Youth Fundraiser Valentine Dinner/Theatre February 9 @ 5:15 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the Youth Valentine Dinner Theatre Fundraiser Event.

Spaghetti Dinner with all the fixings.

Then stay for the entertainment provided by:



Magician Pastor

Women of God Sunday School Class



And more.



Come for an evening of food and fun!

Singles; Couples; Families

Sign up today!



Hot Chocolatey Fun!















College Students Sunday

Each year, FBC has a tradition of inviting our college students who are home for the holidays to present the different areas of the program on the Sunday before they leave to resume their studies. On January 5, we were blessed to have 6 of our students participate.

Many thanks to Destiny Thomas, Sami Wagoner, Jacob Graham, Nathanael Flesher, Blake Bennett and Josh Mize for your dedication to the Lord's work.



February Movie Night 2020



On Friday February 7 at 7:00, you are in for a treat! It's comedy night at FBC. We will be watching the Tim Hawkins Stand Up comedy. As always, we will be treated to a movie, popcorn, pizza and drinks for free!

Bring your family and friends and be prepared to laugh!

Lazer Bowling!

We are planning really fun night for our people. On January 28 at 7:00, FBC will be traveling to Parkersburg for some games of Lazer Bowling!

It's been a couple years since our last trip there. Everyone had such a great time, we decided to try it again.

If you are interested, please contact the office and let Susan know so she can reserve enough lanes.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men at our church are invited to attend the annual AB Men's Prayer Breakfast on February 29 at 8:30.

This year, Parchment Valley Baptist Church in Ripley is hosting the men of the Good Hope Association.

The men will be gathering to prayer for families, friends and needs all over as they join together in Christian brotherhood.

A breakfast will be served at the prayer gathering.

Be a part of a great group! Join in prayer with the AB Men.





Silent Communion

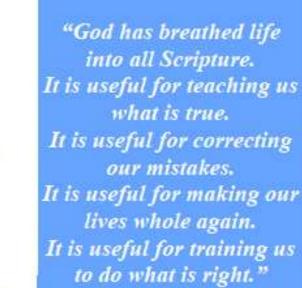
During our Silent Communion on New Year's Eve, about 60 people participated in the worshipful evening as they came for prayer, reflection and to observe the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Toby and the deacons served the cup and bread with those attending and offered prayer for each one. FBC youth contact the office by FEBRUARY 17 to register. We will pay the cost.

CPring Children's Rally For children currently in grades K-5, 6th grade is optional.

Saturday, March 7, 2020

at the Greenlee Activities Center Parchment Valley Conference Center



New Testament Books

Books

COST: \$13.00 + 6% tax (if postmarked by February 24th) \$25.00 + 6% tax (if postmarked after February 24th or at the door.)

Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30-9:50 a.m.	Welcome
	Singing
10:00-10:40 a.m.	Lesson 1
10:45-11:25 a.m.	Lesson 2
11:30-12:10 p.m.	Lesson 3
12:15-12:45 p.m.	
12:45-1:10p.m.	Singing
1:15-1:55 p.m.	Lesson 4
2:00-2:40 p.m.	Lesson 5
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Singing
2.62	Closing
	0

MISSION PROJECT

Weirton Christian Center Paper Products

Divided Paper/Styrofoam Plates Regular Paper/Styrofoam Plates Plastic Forks **Plastic Spoons** 9 oz. plastic cups Napkins Paper/Styrofoam Bowls Paper Towels **Toilet** Paper

Paper Products are one of Weirton's biggest expenses.

Children bring your BIBLES!

> T-shirts: Pre-sale only. No t-shirts will be for sale at the Rally. Cost \$10.00 and must be pre-ordered, pre paid ana st-marked bruary 24

Congratulations Winter **Big Bell Ringer** Graduates!! Anna Flesher Davis Little Jazalyn Morgan was one of our bell ringers in January. Pull that bell, Jaz!! lariah Jackson Care Mize

We are proud of you!!



The Guy in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self, And the world makes you "King for a Day", The go to the mirror and look at yourself, And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father or Mother or Wife Whose judgment upon you must pass. The feller whose verdict counts most in your life Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest; For he's with you clear up to the end, And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like jack Horner and "chisel" a plumb, And think you're a wonderful guy, But the man in the glass says you're only a bum If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years, And get pats on the back as you pass, But your final reward will be heartache and tears If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

> Author Unknown Submitted by Amy Starkey

Thank you Bob Johnson for over 50 years of service for the Lord at First Baptist Church.





Solid Rock Award for Deacon Emeritus



Reception for Friends and Family

















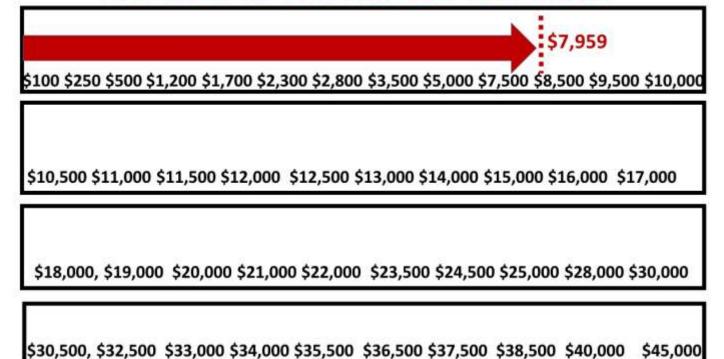


FBC Officer Installation Sunday



Our officer installation service was held on January 12 here at First Baptist. All officers started their positions on January 1. Thanks to everyone who willing serves at FBC doing the Lord's work.

2020 - BUILDING FUND NEW ROOF GOAL \$45,000



IT'S GROWING! Thanks everyone!



March 7, 2020 Parchment Valley Conference Center, Administration Building - The Barn

"The Divided Kingdom" The Book of Kings

featuring: Dr. Trent Eastman

Pastor, New Baptist Church, Huntington and Adjunct Professor, Palmer Theological Seminary

Trent Hastman has been lead pastor of New Baptist Church (Guyandotte) since its inception in 2008. Prior to the creation of New Baptist Church, Trent pastored Beverly Hills Baptist Church, one of the churches merged to form New Baptist Church. Before coming to Huntington, he served with Food for the Hungry International in Kenya and Bangladesh (January 1991 to December 1999).

Trent received his Doctor of Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary of Wilmore, Kentucky in the spring of 2016. He completed his Master of Divinity at Palmer Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 2002. Currently, Trent chairs the Guyandotte Baptist Association Ordination Council, is a member of the West Virginia Baptist Campus Ministries Board and serves as a mentor assisting Doctor of Ministry students. Trent is also a member of the International Society of Theta Phi, an honor society for scholars in the field of religion and outstanding religious leaders. Periodically, Trent serves as an adjunct professor for Palmer Theological Seminary's extension program in West Virginia.

Conference Fee: \$20.00 per person

<u>Registration Deadline (with money enclosed): March 2, 2020</u> Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., instruction will start at 9:30 a.m. and the event will end at 3:00 p.m. Fee includes hunch and snacks.

School of Christian Studies ADVANCED credit is available. Please see the registration form on the back of this sheet.

Questions? Please contact Donna at snyder@wvbc.org or 304.422.6449.

10	N Baptist Convention Bible Conference - March 7, 2020 - Registration Form
	(gastaller) / turt
Couple	s may use the same form.
Please	complete the following:
Name:	
Addres	#2
City/S	itate/Zip:
Teleph	one:
Church	/Organization:
DI	check the appropriate box(es) below.
riease	\$00.00 - Conference Registration Per Person
	(If I am one of the first 25 pastors to register, I would like to attend for free.
	\$20.00 - Conference Registration Per Person
	(This fee is required for all if you aren't one of the first 25.)
	\$20.00 - Conference Registration Second Person
	\$27.00 - School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Single Credit
	Apply credit toTwo-Year General Studies orThree-Year Congregational
	Transformation as elective/module
	*\$37.00 - School of Christian Studies ADVANCED Couple Credit
	Apply credit toTwo-Year General Studies or Three-Year Congregational
	Transformation as elective/module (#1)
	Apply credit toTwo-Year General Studies orThree-Year Congregational
	Transformation as elective/module (#2)
X.06	6% Sales Tax (REQUIRED) State law now requires us to add 6% sales tax to our event fees.
-	Sales Tax Total
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED
· SCS	ADVANCED STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: The \$27.00/\$37.00 For Credit Fee Is Still
	ed, Even If You Are One Of The First 25 To Register.
	To provide adequate arrangements, registrations must be post-marked with
	payment enclosed by March 2. 2020.
	Make checks payable to: West Virginia Baptist Convention.
	Please mail your form and check to: West Virginia Baptist Convention, Attn: Donna,

Meet the Deacons Dinner



Kevin Woods



John Stephenson

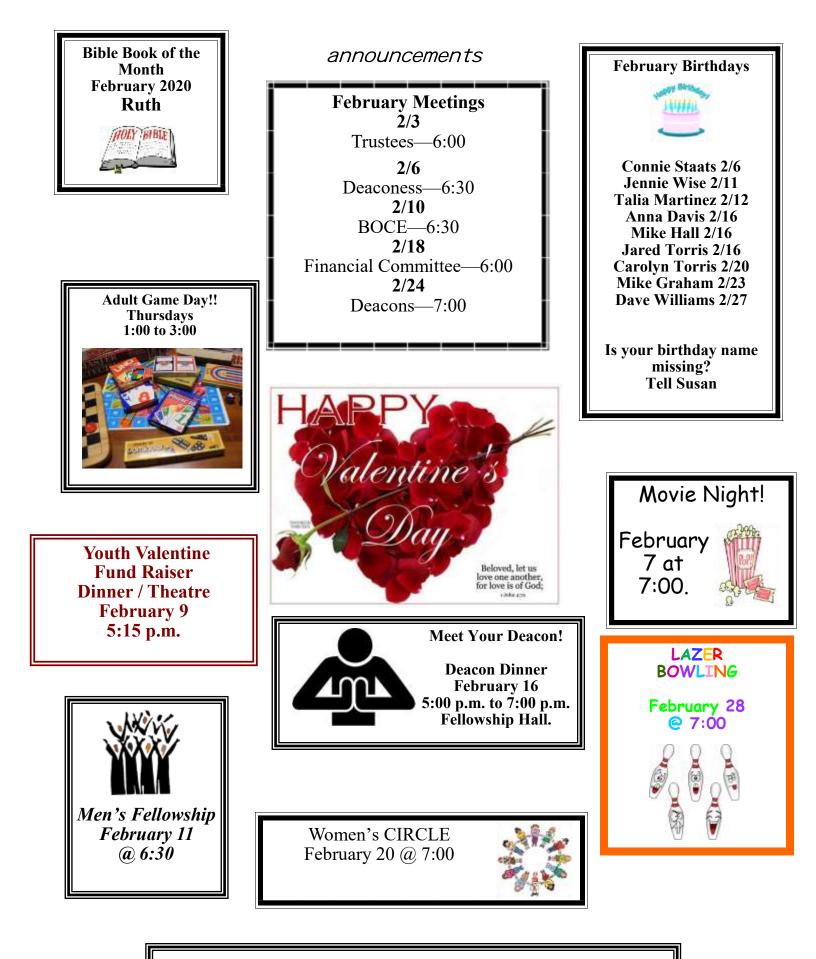
The deacons of FBC will be hosting a "Get to Know Your **Deacon**" dinner on Sunday, Feb. 16 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The meal will consist of ham and turkey and all the fixings, along with cake for dessert. There will be assigned seating for you and your family so you can be seated at your deacon's tables. The "Get to Know Your Deacon" dinner provides an opportunity for you to meet and hear from the deacon who is assigned to your family. You'll also hear from Kevin Woods, our deacon chairman, about his plans for the coming year. The dinner will end with a special message from Pastor Toby in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:30. Please plan on attending.



Richard Massey



Ben Mize



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.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Wayne & Pam Legg, Victoria, Samantha, Josh
2 Tom & Susan Lookabaugh	3 Burt & Debbie Lyons, Philip	4 Greg & Rhonda Lyons, Libby, Cameron, Kyler	5 Peg Lyons	6 Talia Martinez	7 Richard & Phyllis Massey	8 Robert McCauley
9 Fred & Robin McGoskey	10 Adam McGoskey, Taylor	11 Seth, Lauren McGoskey, Cole Hadleigh, Tyler Kian	12 Theresa McKown	13 Cassandra McKown	14 Carolyn Mellinger	15 Ross & April Mellinger, Katie, Logan, Peyton
16 Don & Phyllis Michael	17 Daryl & Roberta Miller	18 Sue Miller	19 Ben & Christie Mize	20 Jesse Mize	21 Cari Mize	22 Josh Mize
23 David & Mary Jo Moore, Hunter	24 Jon & Jane Moore	25 Eugene & Jessica Morgan, Aiden, Jazalyn	26 Rick & Cathy Murray	27 John 'Nikki' Nicholson Alana	28 Megan Noble, Brody	29 John & Jennifer Ortt

