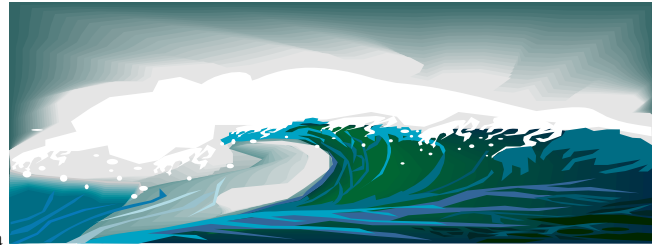




The *May 2021*
Anchor

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



The month of May is upon us and when we think about the month of May, we cannot help but think of remembrances and legacy. Paul gives us a perfect example of such remembrances in Philip-
pian 1:3 ESV when he said, *“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.”* Paul of course was talking about the impact that the Philippian church had on him. He was gracious for their love and their support. Paul attributed that love and willingness to provide this support and watch-care to the Lord. How many people in our lives have touched us throughout the years with their love and support?

During the month of May our church will remember those in the Military who died serving our nation, those precious loved ones who have passed over the years that we miss dearly, and our mothers who God gave us who have touched our hearts. As we remember and celebrate, let us be like Paul and praise God for their lives. As many of us will visit the graves of loved ones, we will come across monuments of those who have bravely served our nation and gave their life. I always picture Arlington in my mind, with the fields of honor dotted with tiny white headstones. It is hard to fathom more than 1.3 million people have died in U.S. military conflict dating back to 1812. Most deaths occurring in the Civil War in which 620,000 soldiers died.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was established as a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service. The national holiday was established in 1971 marking the last Monday in May as Memorial Day. Interestingly, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry will place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 grave-stones at Arlington National Cemetery, and then provide patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing (www.officeholidays.com/holiday/s/usa/memorial-day). This remembrance and honor has occurred every year since the 1950s. I love the care that is involved to honor these brave men and women who served our nation and gave their lives for freedom.

As far as local recognition here at First Baptist, we’ll have our traditional Memorial Day Service honoring fallen soldiers, those in our congregation who passed away between May 01, 2020-April 30, 2021 with a special candle lighting ceremony during our morning worship. During that service, we will also be honoring Philip Lyons who will be receiving his Eagle Scout Award for mapping veterans’ graves at Ravenswood Cemetery immediately following in a ceremony in the Fellowship Hall.

Earlier in May, we will be honoring mothers as part of Mother’s Day. Some of us still have our mothers with us and if we do, we should do all that we can to love on them. But for many of us, we no longer have our moms here. Let us all pray for those who struggle this time of year because of special loved ones who have gone on to heaven ahead of us. Most of all, let us encourage each other as we remain in this world to be the best we can be – and let us carry on the legacy of those who came before us. Chances are, someone is thanking God for you now but you just don’t realize it. That’s because you are leaving a legacy of love worth remembering.

In Service to the King of Kings,

Pastor Toby



It's graduation time! This year, we are so proud of those students who have completed their studies. Some will be going on to college and some will be working; but all will be finding the path the Lord wants for them in the world. Please be in prayer for our graduating youth: Kailey Durback, Kaeleigh Grandon, Hollie Hord, Jacob Murray, Mary Beth Ritchie, Grace Shirley, and Ethan Wright. We will be recognizing the graduates during our morning worship service on May 23. Pastor Toby and Jen will be serving their annual high school graduate breakfast that morning too.

It's also time to sign up for camps - both Brothers Keeper and Camp Cowen. The forms are in the office or you can find them in this issue of the Anchor. FBC will pay for one camp for each child. If you are interested, please contact Susan in the office and she will furnish you with more information. ***The deadline for registration through the church is May 15.***

Brothers Keeper 2021 will be June 20-25. This year will be an exciting time as the youth gather again to the theme "Doing Christ's Work Together." A talent show based on the BK theme and scripture is planned. ***The deadline to register for BK is also May 15 (shirt size is needed too.)*** See Susan in the office for more information. BK this year will be limited to 100 participants so register early!

For those wanting to have an FBC BK, I hope to have the youth who are not able to go to the camp to do some service outreach in our church and community. The kids are excited about this. And so am I!

We are looking at a busy time of year for the youth and soon we will be able to start meeting on Sunday evenings as well as Wednesdays. We are learning what we can do with God's blessing. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with your kids.

In His service,

Ann

Official 2021 Baptist Camp Registration Form

Younger Midler
June 4-5
(grades 2-4)

Junior 1
June 6-11
(grades 5-6)

Junior High 1
June 13-18
(grades 7-9)

Junior 2
June 20-25
(grades 5-6)

High School 1
June 27-July 2
(grades 9-HS Grads)

Junior High 2
July 4-9
(grades 7-9)

High School 2
July 11-16
(grades 9-HS Grads)

Older Midler
July 26-29
(grades 3-5)

**Circle
Camp
Attending:**

(Please PRINT clearly)

Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gender: M F First time camper: Yes No County: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Grade in Fall of 2021: _____

(2021 HS Grads only) Do you plan to attend Sr. Day 2021 on July 10th: Yes No

Special needs, request for handicap facilities: Yes No If yes, what: _____

Church: _____ Association: _____ Pastor's Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian (if camper is under 21) ~ Please PRINT: _____
First Last

Address (if different from above): _____
City State Zip

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Do you give your child permission to swim in the river with lifeguard supervision? Yes No

Do you give your permission for photographs to be taken during the camp and used for promotional purposes? Yes No

By signing below, I understand and agree that my child will abide by the COVID procedures and guidelines as set forth by the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen as defined on www.campcowen.org.

Parent's Signature: _____

BAPTIST CAMP 2021 CAMP FEE SCHEDULE

State Sponsored Camps

CAMP	COST	EARLY BIRD (**)
Younger Midler (grades 2-4)	\$90.00	\$83.00
Older Midler (grades 3-5)	\$120.00	\$110.00
Junior High 1 & 2 (grades 7-9)	\$230.00	\$215.00
Junior 1 & 2 (grades 5-6)	\$230.00	\$215.00
High School 1 & 2 (grades 9-12)	\$230.00	\$215.00

- Grade based on school year in the Fall of 2021
- ** if PAID IN FULL two weeks prior to camp
- Make checks payable to the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen.

COWEN REGISTRAR USE ONLY:

- Early bird pre-payment in full
- Medical Form
- COVID Waiver
- Scholarship ~ Amount \$ _____

Date received: ____/____/21

Total Camp Fee: \$ _____

Camp Store Deposit: \$ _____

Balance Due: \$ _____

Fee Paid by Parent \$ _____

Check #: _____ Check #: _____

Fee Paid by Church \$ _____

Check #: _____ Check #: _____

Looking for registration forms for other camp events such as Family Camp, Men's Camp and Camp Global?

Go to <http://www.campcowen.org/camps>.



Parent/Guardian Information for Camp Registration:



Important Registration Information:

- Please Register Early: If you have not pre-registered two weeks prior to camp, please call to see if space is available. We cannot accept walk-in registrations.
- To register, mail your form and deposit or full payment to:
West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen, 276 Baptist Camp Road, Cowen, WV 26206
- Pick the camp for your child based on the grade they will be in for the school year beginning in the Fall of 2021.
 - Due to COVID 19 protocols, sessions are running at reduced capacity.
 - When registering for multiple camps please mark which camp is your **FIRST** choice. Due to the reduced capacity, your registration for additional sessions will be placed on a wait list until 2 weeks before the camp session and you will be notified if a spot becomes available.
- A notarized health form is required at the camp for each camper as well as a COVID waiver. Please fill one out to send with your child to registration or mail it in. Any participant without a completed health form and COVID waiver will not be permitted to stay at camp.
- Registrations are on a "first come, first served" basis, and no one shall be denied admission to our program because of race, color, national origin, sex, or age. All camps are designed on an age appropriate basis.
- Handicap facilities are available at Camp Cowen. Please make special arrangements in advance to assure proper planning for special needs (Phone: 304-226-3522).
- After registering, you will receive more camp info in the mail: what to bring, when to drop-off and pick-up, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the camp at cowenregistrar@wvbc.org or by calling 304-226-3522.
- To register your child online, go to www.campcowen.org/online-registration-links.



The camping program is sponsored by the West Virginia Baptist Convention and is conducted at:
WV Baptist Camp at Cowen,
276 Baptist Camp Road, Cowen, WV 26206

How to Pay for Camp:

- \$25 of the registration fee is required in order to hold a spot for your child in the camp chosen. The remainder of the fee must be paid prior to the beginning of camp. In order to receive the early-bird price, the fee must be paid in-full two weeks prior to the first day of the camp attending.
- Preregistration fees are applied to the total cost with the balance due upon arrival at camp. Full refunds can be given, if requested, by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the camp. Cancellations after that time will result in loss of \$25.00 preregistration fee. Refunds will NOT be given after the start of the camp attending.
- The early bird registration rate only applies if it is PAID IN-FULL two weeks prior to camp.
- Make checks payable to the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen.



To see what is new at camp and for more information on how to register your child, go to www.campcowen.org.

Brothers' Keeper 2021



Location: Parchment Valley

Date: June 20-25

Cost: \$245/per person

Registration Deadline: May 24

2021 Theme: Doing Christ's Work Together (Ephesians 4:12-13)

Brothers' Keeper, affectionately known as "BK" for short, was established in 2000. A ministry of Parchment Valley Conference Center, it reaches out every year to the community by doing mission projects. Most are construction projects for low income families or families with handicap needs. Youth groups from around West Virginia and the surrounding states have completed more than 1,000 projects over the last 20 years throughout Jackson County.

This year's BK will comply with all COVID safety measures and be limited to 100 participants.

How Can I Get Involved?

- **Sponsorship:** With a \$500 sponsorship, your church or company will be printed on this year's BK shirts.
- **Crew Chief:** Volunteer your time by leading one of our many mission projects.
- **Bring a Team:** Bring a team of youth from your church to participate in this year's event.

To learn more about any of these opportunities, contact Frank or Teresa Miller.

"CELEBRATING 21 YEARS OF THE BROTHERS' KEEPER MISSION TOGETHER"



Brothers' Keeper 2021, the Legacy and Vision, is two decades strong. As we continue this mission work camp in Jackson County, West Virginia, on June 20-25, 2021, at Parchment Valley, we invite you to join us once again in prayer, worship, fellowship and community service that will absolutely please the Lord and make a difference in the lives of those seeking to help others both spiritually and physically.

Thank you to our alumni BK "people" who shaped this ministry and as a result of their intentional "Kingdom Work", souls are saved and families are restored.

Please bring a team of youth this year and a couple of adult leaders and let's canvas this county once again with God's love.

Each group is invited to participate in a talent show. So start planning now. The talent show is based on our BK '21 Theme and Scripture. As we bring in BK '21, get ready for one of the most blessed camp experiences to happen. Our theme is "Doing Christ's Work Together", taken from Ephesians 4:12-13.

Parchment Valley Conference Center will abide by COVID procedures and guidelines set forth by the State of West Virginia and Jackson County Health Department that are in effect at the time of camp.

Please have your final T-shirt count to Parchment Valley before May 24th. All other registration forms must be returned by June 7th. Thank you.

BK '21 Task Force

Parchment Valley Conference Center
1715 Lower Parchment Valley Road
Ripley, WV 25271
304-372-3675
Parchmentvalley.org

What's Been Happening





Coloring Easter Eggs



Easter Egg Hunt





Making Rockets!



FBC Welcomes The King Family



On Easter morning, **Landon King** followed the Lord in baptism. His father **Matt** helped Pastor Toby with this ordinance.

After the service, **Landon, Matt and Kristie King** were welcomed as members of the FBC church family.

In Our Easter Duds





John Stephenson Helps with Red Cross Blood Drive



WooHoo God's Cadets!



Firing Rockets!



Creepy Snake Parade



In God's Cadets

New Look in the Office



Before



After



Great Job
Alan Arrington!
Thanks Much!



How many Baptists does it take to put a desk together? Who cares! As long as we have fun!



Sleeping on the job??

Many thanks to Gary Balser, Richard Massey and, our in house teacher, Sandy Confer for getting the desk put together!

Pearls of Wisdom



The 18-35 Class held a panel of 6 members from FBC to answer questions to help them gain wisdom.

Different points of view from various walks of life - all while loving the Lord.

Happy Mother's Day

God's Ideal Mother

The mother who owns Christ as Lord
And Saviour in her life;
The mother who has peace with God,
Who has no inner strife;
The mother who knows how to trust
The Father for all things;
The mother who is right and just,
As punishment she brings.

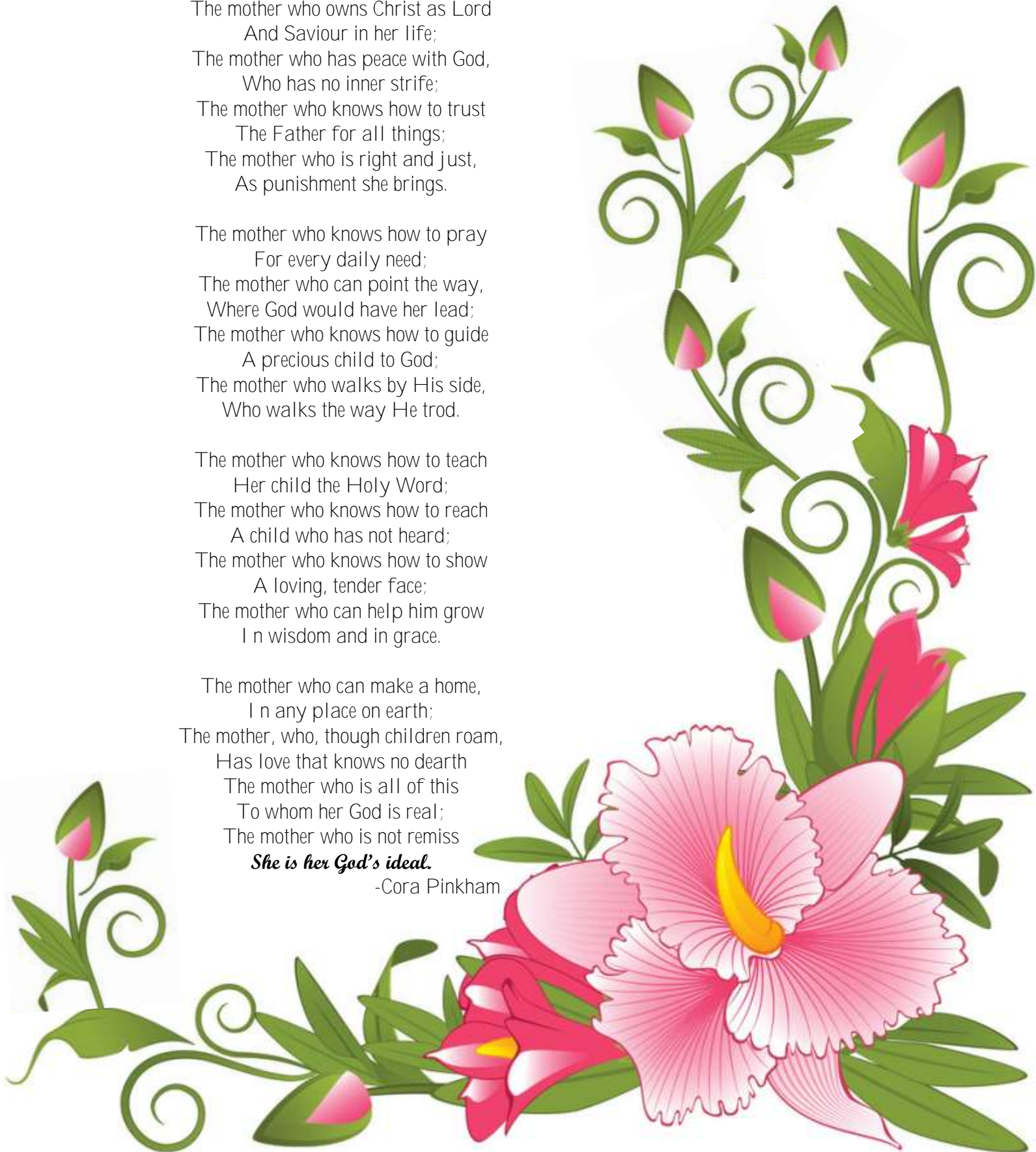
The mother who knows how to pray
For every daily need;
The mother who can point the way,
Where God would have her lead;
The mother who knows how to guide
A precious child to God;
The mother who walks by His side,
Who walks the way He trod.

The mother who knows how to teach
Her child the Holy Word;
The mother who knows how to reach
A child who has not heard;
The mother who knows how to show
A loving, tender face;
The mother who can help him grow
In wisdom and in grace.

The mother who can make a home,
In any place on earth;
The mother, who, though children roam,
Has love that knows no dearth
The mother who is all of this
To whom her God is real;
The mother who is not remiss

She is her God's ideal.

-Cora Pinkham



18-35 Corn Hole Event



CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FOR

This single elimination tournament is a partner event for all ages.

DATE OF EVENT: Sunday, May 16, 2021

TIME: Starting time is 2:30

PLACE: Courtyard at First Baptist Church--215 Ann Street

COST: \$20 per team;

SIGN UP BY NOON Friday, May 14. Drop off entry forms at the Church; mail in; or call 304 273-9910 or

Call or text 304 761-8255 OR 304 687-1222 to register

(Payment will be accepted at the tournament)

NAME, AGE (as of 5-16-21), PHONE NUMBER

DIVISION (Check One):

To be in the Junior Division, both partners must be ages 15 and under. If either of the partners is 16 or over, sign up for the senior division.

_____ Junior (Up to Age 15)- Play 15 point games

_____ Senior (Ages 16 and Up)- Play 21 point games

Note: Refreshments Will Be Sold

AWARDS:

First Place and Runner Up Trophies will be awarded in each division.

The First Place Team in the Senior Division will receive a cash award of \$50

Runner Up team in the Senior Division will receive a cash award of \$25

The First place and Runner Up individuals in the junior division will receive \$5-\$10 gift cards

The fun and fellowship will be its own reward!

Register Today!

Congratulations Nathanael Flesher

Nathanael will be graduating from WVU-P on May 8 with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervisory Management. He has also earned an Associate of Applied Science in Advanced Manufacturing Technology (Magna Cum Laude) on December 12, 2020, an Associate of Applied Science in Multi-Craft Technology (Magna Cum Laude) on May 11, 2019, a Certificate of Applied Science in Industrial Maintenance (Magna Cum Laude) on May 11, 2019, and a Certificate of Applied Science in Electricity and Instrumentation (Magna Cum Laude) on May 11, 2019. He is pursuing a career in industry.



Congratulations Nathanael!

Eagle Scout Achievement



Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Scout Boy Scouts of America program. Since it began in 1911, only 4% of all Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review. To date, 2.5 million youth have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Some of the recipients of this award may be familiar to you:

- President Gerald Ford
- Astronaut Neil Armstrong
- Film Director Steven Spielberg
- Secretary of Defense Robert Gates
- All Star Baseball Player Shane Victorino

And on May 30, FBC member Philip Lyons will be added to the list.

Philip will be speaking during the service that morning. Following the service, leaders of the Boys Scouts will present Philip with his award in the Fellowship Hall.

A reception will follow in Philip's honor.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries
Of West Virginia**

87th Annual Conference

June 5, 2021

Parchment Valley Conference Center

"A TIME TO SERVE"

"Special Interest Sessions"

Special Project

Mission Outreach Project

Love Gift

Scholarship/Loan

WVBC Missionaries

WV Hope Ministries:

Fruits of Labor

House to Home

Life Choices

Weirton Christian Center



WV Hope Sessions

(There will be a gift receptacle at each session location for your donations)



House to Home

- **Dietary Needs** - food in easy-to-open cans, ravioli, Vienna sausages, beans, food that can be eaten hot or cold, paper plates, paper cups (cold and hot), plastic silverware, sugar, creamer, coffee and tea.
- **Staples** - laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, towels, Pine Sol, trash bags, deodorant, under garments, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, tents, sleeping bags and candles (used for warmth), checks and gift cards.

Needs: diapers, diaper bags (neutral color), strollers, (good condition used) Diaper Genie, large baskets (laundry size), infant Tylenol, Gripe Water, baby Orajel

Financial Help: Checks or gift cards!



Life Choice



Fruits of Labor

Ways you can help:

- Weekly sponsorships for students' educational programming is \$175 per student. It is fine to send a check and in the memo write "training sponsorship."
- Donate towards the purchase of chef coats (\$25), hats (\$11), aprons (\$8), knives (\$14) and cutting boards (\$9) for students. These are current pricing.
- Send cards with hand-written notes of encouragement, favorite verses, and/or new favorite inspirational books for women.

GENERAL FUND - Funds donated will be used for payroll and general expenses. This is one of our chief needs.

QUARTERS FOR GRADES - Children earn quarters for attendance, doing homework and for every report card they bring in.

TRANSPORTATION FUND - As we are able to transport 68 children at one time with our five donated vans, we have experienced a tremendous increase in the cost of gasoline and maintenance.

FEEDING PROGRAM - Healthy snacks, dinner four days per week and blessing bags for long weekends and holidays.



Weirton Christian Center



**American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV
87th Annual Conference**

June 5, 2021

Parchment Valley Conference Center in Hill Hall

Registration 8:30 a.m. – Program 9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM



“A TIME TO SERVE”

Registration is open April 1 – May 15, 2021

\$15.00 \$15.00 Registration Fee
.90 6% State Sales Tax
 \$7.00 (optional lunch)
 Total Amount Enclosed

**Register through the church to save on tax.
Deadline to register through the church is
May 10.**

Make checks payable to AB Women's Ministries of WV

Mail registration form with fees to:

Carrie J. Gasaway, 451 22nd Street Dunbar, WV 25064

Please print legibly:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Church _____ Association _____

Registration form and fees needed for each person registering.

Overnight lodging is available by contacting Parchment Valley Conference Center at 304-372-3675 or conference@wvbc.org.

With Love, We Remember



*Beth Anne Stephenson Wood
7/7/1962-6/4/2020*



*James Morris Eubank Jr
2/17/1932-6/9/2020*



*Anne Loar Adkins
6/6/1929-6/29/2020*



*Carolyn Yvette Randolph
9/17/1948-7/11/2020*



*Freda Buckland McVey
3/3/1958-8/20/2020*

Gone From Our Sight



Gloria Ann Easter
2/1/1947-11/17/2020



James F. Porter
12/17/1925-11/17/2020



Gloria Ann Blackhurst
6/9/1956-1/31/2021

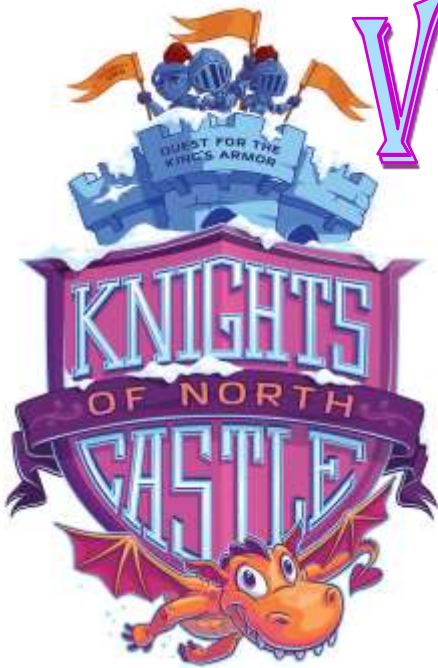


Rosemary Stephenson
11/29/1936-2/2/2021



Geraldine Iris Gregorich
6/27/1930-4/13/2021

But Not Our Hearts



VBS IS COMING!

We are in the process of gathering items for our First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School June 14-18. This year is going to be beyond fun!!

We'll have dragons and knights and ladies in waiting - all kinds of nifty things! The best part is learning about The King's Armor! Mark your calendar for your kids and grand-kids!

If you are willing to help with some of the items listed below, please mark them VBS and drop them off at the church Fellowship Hall.

And thanks for helping us make this a super great year!!

Craft Supplies

- Multi-colored felt 9x12 squares
- Orange, red, yellow tissue paper; cardboard larger than 24"
- Empty Paper towel & toilet paper center roll, Front and back of cereal boxes
- 25 Foam Boards
- 5 foil (75 sq ft)
- All kinds of rhinestones
- 4 packages of sponges
- 1 pkg Q-tips
- White glue; gray paint
- Black construction paper
- 80 1" washers
- Cellophane (variety of colors)
- Lace material; pom poms
- Foam plates

Science

- Large trash can
- Play dough
- Matches
- Shower curtain liner
- 2 bungee cords
- Painters tape
- Dixie cups

Food

- 2 bags of large pretzel rods
- Melting chocolate - white
- 1 bag big marshmallows
- 1 large jar peanut butter
- 1 large jar jelly
- Big bag gummy lifesavers
- Hugs kids drinks
- Little (4oz) bottled water

Perishable items will be needed as we get closer to VBS in June.

If you would like to donate money for those items, please make checks payable to First Baptist Church with VBS supplies in the memo.



NORTH CASTLE KNIGHTS AWAY!!

Focus on Sunday School:



Good Reasons to Read/Learn the Bible:

- * You can find answers (1 Peter 3:15)
- * God commanded it (2 Timothy 2:15; John 5:39, 1 Peter 2:2, 3:18)
- * Ignorance is not excused (Acts 17:30)
- * Ignorance destroys (Hosea 4:6)
- * Ignorance causes church problems (Romans 16:18)
- * You can make good decisions (Psalm 119:105)
- * It keeps us from sin (Psalm 119:11)

Sunday School is a great place to read and learn about the Bible!

Please join us at 9:30 on Sundays!

May Birthdays



**Ann Johnson - 5/2
Nick Williams - 5/10
Kenley Hickman - 5/14
Hannah Wagoner - 5/21
Juanita Raines - 5/21
Cole McGoskey - 5/22
Venisa Flesher - 5/25
Josh Mize - 5/27
Susan West - 5/27
John Wagoner - 5/30**

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

May Calendar

**May 1 Church Wide Clean up day
May 3 Trustee Meeting at 6:00
May 6 Deaconess Meeting at 6:30
May 9 Mother's Day
May 10 BOCE at 6:30
May 11 Men's Fellowship at 6:30
May 16 1835 Corn Hole Tournament at 5:30
May 17 Deacons Meeting at 6:30
May 18 Financial Committee at 6:00
May 19 Anchor Articles due
May 20 CIRCLE at 7:00
May 23 Graduation Sunday; Pentecost Sunday
May 30 Memorial Sunday; Philip Lyons Eagle Scout
May 31 Memorial Day - Office Closed**

**Bible Book of the Month
May 2021**

Nahum



CommUnity Kitchen

**May 1 Burt Lyons
May 8 FUMC
May 15 Wagoner Family
May 22 Calvary Baptist
May 29 No CK - Holiday**

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.

May 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 John & Jennifer Ortt
2 Allen & Holly Palmer	3 Adam Palmer	4 Tyler & Jennifer Pitts, Owen, Isabella	5 Mick & Susan Price	6 Mary Proctor	7 Amy Purdue	8 Kay Pursley
9 Roger & Belinda Rader	10 Juanita Raines	11 Don & Melissa Raynes	12 Lee & Connie Reynolds	13 Tyler & Michelle Ritchie Josh, Mary Beth	14 Rhonda Ritchie	15 Brent & Angel Ritchie, Conner, Lincoln, Beckham
16 David & Felisha Scott	17 Darrell & Camille Smith	18 Jim Speer	19 Bill & Liz Stewart, Michael, Riley Mary Beth	20 Tim & Connie Staats	21 Cole & Diana Staats	22 Ron & Amy Stark- ey
23 Warner Stephens	24 John Stephenson	25 Tom & Bev Ste- phenson	26 Ralph & Jen Taylor, Kelly, Hunter, McKenzie	27 Destiny Thomas	28 Stephen & Leanne Thompson, Ryley	29 Randy & Carolyn Torris
30 Jared Torris	31 Kindsey Torris					

Good morning God.
I hope you have a wonderful
day!