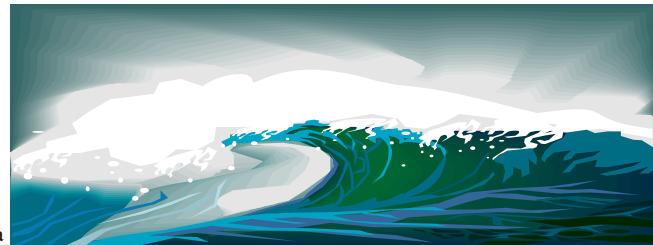




# The *October 2021* Anchor

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



During the month of October, we can expect our days to end earlier as the darkness returns. But it's in this season change, that I am reminded that we are the light of the world. We have reason to be thankful for the many blessings of life that we tend to enjoy every day. The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 that we are to *“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”* We should rejoice, because we always have something to be thankful for in our lives. This joy could revolve around our families, our health, our jobs, our church or our salvation - we are a blessed people. The church is planning a Fall Family Celebration on October 31 that will include pumpkin decorating, a costume contest and more for all ages. When I think about pumpkins, I am reminded of a Christian Poem about lights and pumpkins. The author is unknown, but it reads this way:

*I am a Jack O' Lantern, My lights will shine so bright  
For I'm a Christian pumpkin, My symbols tell what's right  
My nose is like the cross, On which our Savior died  
To set us free from sin, We need no longer hide  
My mouth is like a fish, The whole wide world to show  
That Christians live in this house, And love their Savior so!  
The story starts at Christmas, My eyes are like the star  
That shone on Baby Jesus, And wise men saw from far  
My color, it is orange, Just like the big bright sun  
That rose on Easter Day, Along with God's own Son*



Whether its decorating pumpkins or playing fun games or enjoying food, we can always find ways to honor our Savior and point others to Him. We have that chance coming up. As such, I hope you will make plans to join us later in the month when we come together for the fall family festival that I mentioned. Organizers are planning fun activities for all ages including a cake walk for adults. You can come dressed as your favorite Bible character or in some other costume if you want. Won't it be fun, just to have fun and laugh after a hard year with COVID? Yes, I'm going to wear a costume, too.

To that end, I look forward to seeing you at church soon. We are hopeful our church attendance in person numbers will continue to increase throughout the month. We are running 50% to 60% as far as in-person attendance of where we were pre-COVID. We know many of you are still uncertain about the pandemic and are staying home in an effort to stay protected. Keep in mind, you can continue to watch the services online and take care of your financial giving online as well at [www.fbravenswood.org](http://www.fbravenswood.org). Of course, you can still mail your check to the church. Your continued support of FBC financially has been critical and helpful in meeting our expectations. Lastly, and Lord willing, we should be getting our new roof installed later this month. We are all very excited about this new roof project that has taken about a year to have ready to go. Be on the lookout for it soon. If I can be of help to you or your family, please let me know.

In His Service.  
Pastor Toby

# Pastor Appreciation Month

Although we should express our gratitude toward our pastors throughout the year, October is designated the month of appreciation for all pastors.

Let's take time during this month to say "Thank you for your dedication to the Lord and our church" to Pastor Toby and his family.



## Thank you, Pastor Toby



September was a great month for the FBC Youth group. We averaged 12 kids for Wednesday and Sunday evening gatherings. We had our last pool party of the year with 18 kids on hand to enjoy the evening. Thanks again Bob and Helen!

End Zones are on again. With Covid in the shadows, we decided to not have games or gatherings inside though. Tables were set up at the doors so kids of all ages could come and enjoy conversations, food and drink before they headed home. Our numbers are low right now but we hope that will improve as the season continues. Thanks to everyone who helped with food, set up, clean up and chaperoning. We couldn't do it without you. Our End Zones for the month are October 1, 15 and 29. That will finish us up for the year.

October 7 is ***Bring Your Bible to School Day***. Let's all encourage our students to take your Bibles in with them that day. And pray for their courage to stand strong in the Lord.

We are studying in I Corinthians, the love chapter. We are learning how to love one another. I Corinthians 13:13 ***So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.***

Some upcoming activities we are planning are a trip to Old Man's Cave and another Dog Show. The last dog show was so much fun and the kids really enjoyed it whether they had a dog or not. We will be having a bon fire (hopefully) but that needs to wait until football, band and soccer seasons are over (weather permitting too).

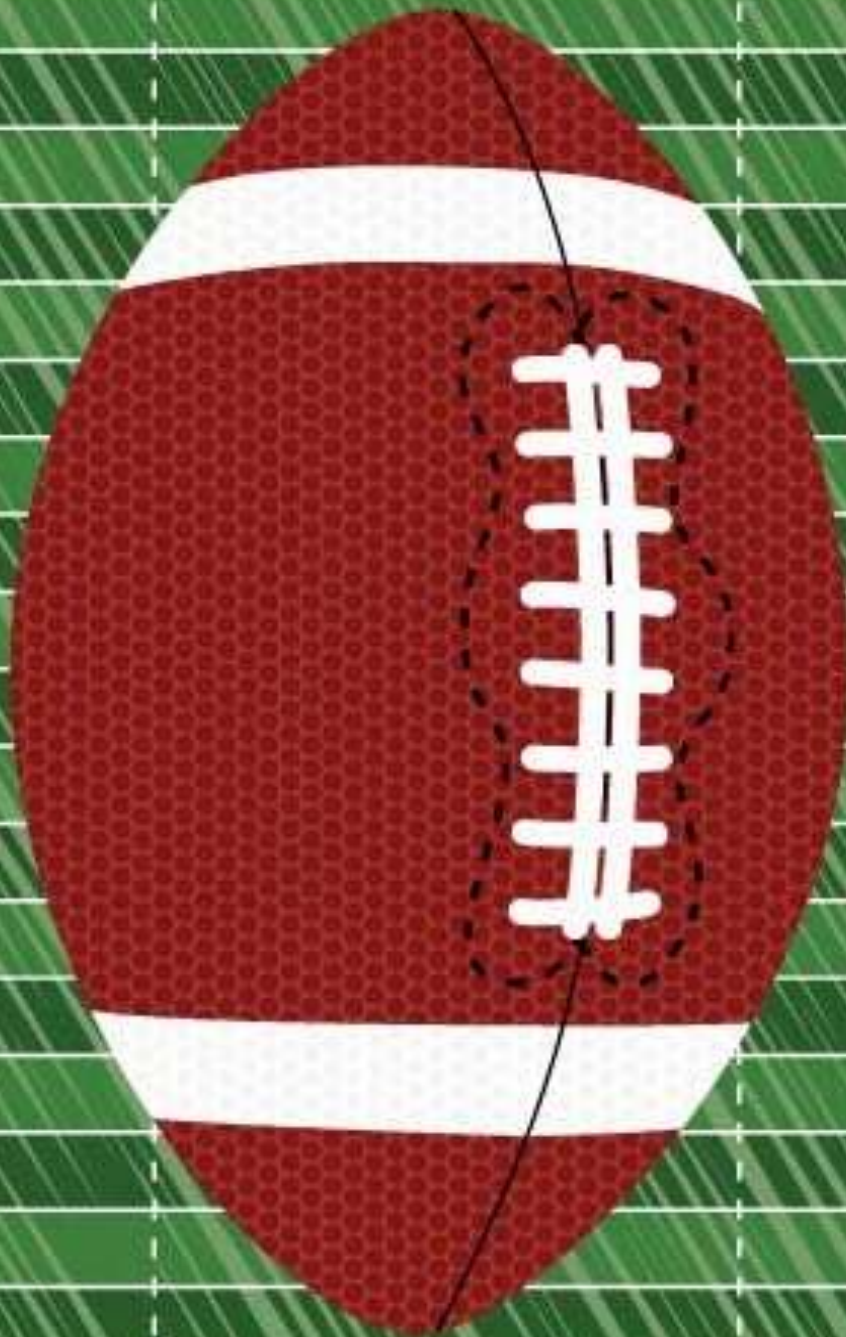
One of the fun things we'll be attending is the *Fall Family Costume Party* on October 31 from 6:30-8:30 at the church. We are going to join in the activities and games and have a really great time with everyone else. I hope all the parents, friends and neighbors are planning on coming too. It's going to be a really great time!

Lots of things happening at FBC for the youth. I thank God for everyone who has helped make them possible. Love to all.

Blessings,

*Ann*

**END ZONE !!**



**October 1, 15 & 29**

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY™

**BRING  
YOUR  
BIBLE  
TO SCHOOL DAY®**

**“Be strong and courageous ...”**

Joshua 1:9

**OCTOBER 7 | [BringYourBible.org](http://BringYourBible.org)**

# Look whats new this past season.

**Jocelyn Kate Lawson**



Kate was born September 22 at 8:00 a.m.

Proud parents are Randy and Sami Lawson.

**Finley Gabrielle Donahue**



Finley was born July 16 at 10:36 p.m.

Proud parents are Bryan and Andrea Donahue.

**Brayden Michael Davis**



Brayden and twin brother Kashton were born July 19.

Proud parents are Mike and Tara Davis.

**Kacie Claire Johnson**

Kacie was born May 28 at 3:41 p.m.



Proud parents are Torren and Shealyn Johnson.

**Kashton Lee Davis**



God's been blessing our families the past few months. Just thought you would like to see some of the flowers that have bloomed.

Congratulations to all the families on their newest members!

# 'Round about FBC People



## Helping with CK

*Jacob and Zack Graham* are busy making sandwiches for a weekend at CommUnity Kitchen.

The guys were a big help one Saturday. They helped set up for the meal, making peanut butter and butter sandwiches, serving the food and cleaning up.

*Thanks Jacob and Zack for your service.*

If you are able to help out with a weekend meal, please contact the office.



*Conner Ritchie*, one of our FBC Youth members, is also a member of the Ravenswood Middle School team.

That's Conner #85 on the ground.

# From Beginning to End





*Please Join Us*

**Thursday, October 21 -  
Friday, October 22, 2021**

# **156th Annual Meeting**

*of the West Virginia Baptist Convention*

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Hurricane**

*I have become all things to all men, so that I may by  
all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel,  
so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.*  
**1 Corinthians 9:22b-23 (ESV)**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jeremy Myers**

*Lead Pastor, Seymour Indiana First Baptist Church*

**Annual Sermon Speaker: Rev. Rick Bergdoll**

*Pastor*

**Worship Leader: Mr. Tony Nutter**

*Worship Leader, Hurricane First Baptist Church*

**Executive Minister: Dr. Michael Sisson**

*West Virginia Baptist Convention*



**DOING CHRIST'S WORK** *together.*

# WVBC Annual Convention

The 156th Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention will be October 21 and 22 in Hurricane, WV.

FBC is allowed 7 delegates for the meeting. If you would like to be a delegate, please contact the office asap. We will pay for your ticket.

**Women's Day** is on Thursday, October 21. Registration starts at 9:00 with the meeting to follow at 9:30. The cost is \$6.00 which includes lunch and child care. Please contact Susan in the office if you plan to go.

If you have never had the blessing of seeing our convention and meeting the people involved, now is a wonderful time to start.

*Be Blessed!*



Women's Day - American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

*Theme: Come to the Table*  
*Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25*  
*Missionary Speaker: Rhonda Reed*  
*Worship Leader: Meredith Thomas*  
*Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church - Sanctuary*  
*Registration: 9:00 a.m. - program begins at 9:30 a.m.*  
*Lunch: 11:30 a.m.*  
*Lunch will be provided for \$6.00.*  
*Nursery provided for preschool children*  
*Contact: Mary Davis*  
*primandproper.m@gmail.com*  
*Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.*



Pastors 4 Pastors: The Ministers' Council

*Location: Mount Vernon Baptist Church - Chapel*  
*Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
*Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.*  
*Speaker: To Be Announced*  
*Topic: To Be Announced*  
*Cost: Members - \$10.00, Non-Members - \$25.00, includes lunch*  
*Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.*  
*Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.*



American Baptist Men

*Location: Heritage Farms*  
*Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*  
*Meet and depart from Alderson Broodius fountain at 8:30 a.m.*  
*Cost: \$10.00*  
*Shuttle Available*  
*Contact: Frank Miller, millen@wvbc.org or 304.372.3675*  
*Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.*

# Fall Family Costume Party!

Sunday October 31  
6:30 to 8:30



Come as your favorite Hero,  
Princess or Bible Character



Crazy Snacks



Fishing Game



Night Corn Hole

Bring 2 cans of food for the  
Food Pantry



Pumpkin Decorating



Cake Walk

# Thank You!



The Board of Christian Education, with your help, collected snacks to give to the First Responders in the Ravenswood community.

Three baskets of goodies were delivered to the Police Department, the EMS and the Fire Department.



Fire Department

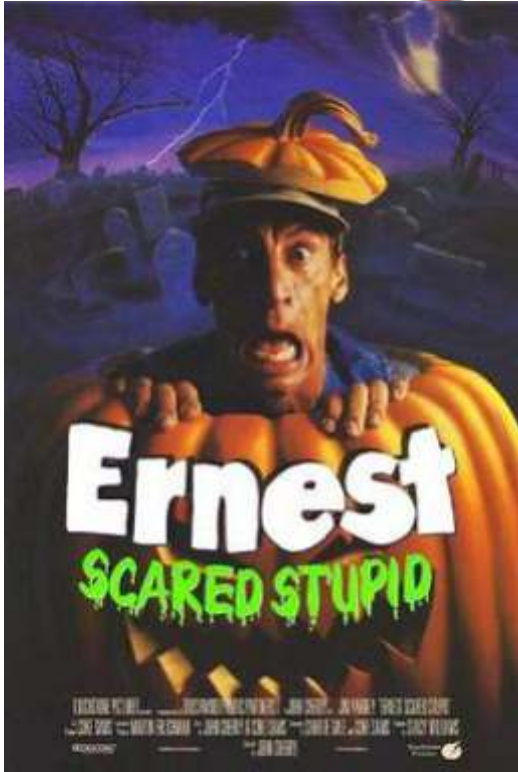


EMS Workers



Police Department

# Movie Night!



Friday October 22 at 7:00

Free Movie, Snacks, Pop-corn and Drinks!

Family Friendly  
and Funny!

## *October Nursery and Children's Church*

The schedule for October for the children's department is:

October 3

Nursery: Jane Moore  
CC: Ashlee Wyant

October 10

Nursery: Destiny Thomas  
CC: Talia Martinez

October 17:

Nursery: Dena Williams  
CC: Zack Graham

October 24

Nursery: Jordan Williams  
CC: Sandy Confer



## **The Perfect Church**

We'll never find a perfect church,  
Made of imperfect men;  
So let's quit looking for that  
church  
And love the church we're in!

## **New Church Directory Pictures**

We are in the process of making a new Church Directory and need your help. If you are a member or active attendee, please see Amy Starkey to schedule to have your picture taken. If your address or phone number has changed recently, please contact Susan West in the office.



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD  
**DAY of PRAYER**



**COURAGEOUS LIFE!**  
HEBREWS 13:6



**November 1, 2021**



# ABWM of WV

## Love Gift Distribution



Year	Total Collected	ABWM Nat'l 15%	Ministry Orgs. 3.4%	Global/Nat'l Min. 4.25%	ABC/USA 22.95%	 WVBC 54.40%
1985	\$ 159,477.00	\$ 23,921.55	\$ 5,422.22	\$ 6,777.77	\$ 36,599.97	\$ 86,755.49
1986	\$ 170,662.00	\$ 25,599.30	\$ 5,802.51	\$ 7,253.14	\$ 39,166.93	\$ 92,840.13
1987	\$ 165,635.00	\$ 24,845.25	\$ 5,631.59	\$ 7,039.49	\$ 38,013.23	\$ 90,105.44
1988	\$ 182,813.00	\$ 27,421.95	\$ 6,215.64	\$ 7,769.55	\$ 41,955.58	\$ 99,450.27
1989	\$ 182,242.00	\$ 27,336.30	\$ 6,196.23	\$ 7,745.29	\$ 41,824.54	\$ 99,139.65
1990	\$ 188,889.00	\$ 28,333.35	\$ 6,422.23	\$ 8,027.78	\$ 43,350.03	\$ 102,755.62
1991	\$ 190,031.00	\$ 28,504.65	\$ 6,461.05	\$ 8,076.32	\$ 43,612.11	\$ 103,376.86
1992	\$ 191,678.00	\$ 28,751.70	\$ 6,517.05	\$ 8,146.32	\$ 43,990.10	\$ 104,272.83
1993	\$ 177,588.00	\$ 26,638.20	\$ 6,037.99	\$ 7,547.49	\$ 40,756.45	\$ 96,607.87
1994	\$ 181,322.00	\$ 27,198.30	\$ 6,164.95	\$ 7,706.19	\$ 41,613.40	\$ 98,639.17
1995	\$ 178,947.00	\$ 26,842.05	\$ 6,084.20	\$ 7,605.25	\$ 41,068.34	\$ 97,347.17
1996	\$ 189,084.00	\$ 28,362.60	\$ 6,428.86	\$ 8,036.07	\$ 43,394.78	\$ 102,861.70
1997	\$ 192,697.00	\$ 28,904.55	\$ 6,551.70	\$ 8,189.62	\$ 44,223.96	\$ 104,827.17
1998	\$ 194,831.00	\$ 29,224.65	\$ 6,624.25	\$ 8,280.32	\$ 44,713.71	\$ 105,988.06
1999	\$ 198,320.00	\$ 29,748.00	\$ 6,742.88	\$ 8,428.60	\$ 45,514.44	\$ 107,886.08
2000	\$ 202,992.00	\$ 30,448.80	\$ 6,901.73	\$ 8,627.16	\$ 46,586.66	\$ 110,427.65
2001	\$ 206,070.00	\$ 30,910.50	\$ 7,006.38	\$ 8,757.98	\$ 47,293.07	\$ 112,102.08
2002	\$ 204,377.00	\$ 30,656.55	\$ 6,948.82	\$ 8,686.02	\$ 46,904.52	\$ 111,181.09
2003	\$ 194,426.00	\$ 29,163.90	\$ 6,610.48	\$ 8,263.11	\$ 44,620.77	\$ 105,767.74
2004	\$ 196,510.00	\$ 29,476.50	\$ 6,681.34	\$ 8,351.68	\$ 45,099.05	\$ 106,901.44
2005	\$ 179,229.00	\$ 26,884.35	\$ 6,093.79	\$ 7,617.23	\$ 41,133.06	\$ 97,500.58
2006	\$ 161,675.00	\$ 24,251.25	\$ 5,496.95	\$ 6,871.19	\$ 37,104.41	\$ 87,951.20
2007	\$ 156,307.00	\$ 23,446.05	\$ 5,314.44	\$ 6,643.05	\$ 35,872.46	\$ 85,031.01
2008	\$ 155,324.00	\$ 23,298.60	\$ 5,281.02	\$ 6,601.27	\$ 35,646.86	\$ 84,496.26
2009	\$ 154,503.00	\$ 23,175.45	\$ 5,253.10	\$ 6,566.38	\$ 35,458.44	\$ 84,049.63
2010	\$ 143,926.00	\$ 21,588.90	\$ 4,893.48	\$ 6,116.86	\$ 33,031.02	\$ 78,295.74
2011	\$ 145,424.00	\$ 21,813.60	\$ 4,944.42	\$ 6,180.52	\$ 33,374.81	\$ 79,110.66
2012	\$ 137,295.00	\$ 20,594.25	\$ 4,668.03	\$ 5,835.04	\$ 31,509.20	\$ 74,688.48
2013	\$ 131,524.00	\$ 19,728.60	\$ 4,471.82	\$ 5,589.77	\$ 30,184.76	\$ 71,549.06
2014	\$ 114,438.00	\$ 17,165.70	\$ 3,890.89	\$ 4,863.62	\$ 26,263.52	\$ 62,254.27
2015	\$ 116,454.00	\$ 17,468.10	\$ 3,959.44	\$ 4,949.30	\$ 26,726.19	\$ 63,350.98
2016	\$ 115,126.00	\$ 17,268.90	\$ 3,914.28	\$ 4,892.86	\$ 26,421.42	\$ 62,628.54
2017	\$ 109,491.00	\$ 16,423.65	\$ 3,722.69	\$ 4,653.37	\$ 25,128.18	\$ 59,563.10
2018	\$ 93,879.00	\$ 14,081.85	\$ 3,191.89	\$ 3,989.86	\$ 21,545.23	\$ 51,070.18
2019	\$ 91,463.00	\$ 13,719.45	\$ 3,109.74	\$ 3,887.18	\$ 20,990.76	\$ 49,755.87
2020	\$ 67,288.78	\$ 10,093.32	\$ 2,287.82	\$ 2,859.77	\$ 15,442.78	\$ 36,605.10
2021						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,821,937.78</b>	<b>\$ 873,290.67</b>	<b>\$ 197,945.88</b>	<b>\$ 247,432.36</b>	<b>\$ 1,336,134.72</b>	<b>\$ 3,143,846.40</b>

# 2021 Mission Outreach Project

## *House of Hope Medical / Dental Clinic Bolivia*

The goal of this project is to provide dental equipment, medications and vitamins to care for over 800 people in Cochabamba, Bolivia. In Bolivia, only children under five-years-old get health coverage. Almost 85% of dental cavities in adults and children go untreated. Access to healthcare is very difficult and indigenous communities are at high risk for completely preventable diseases such as diarrhea and chronic malnutrition.



**J D. and Rhonda Reed and Family  
WV Global Servants to Bolivia**

The House of Hope in Cochabamba partners with local doctors and dentists to bring mobile clinics to serve vulnerable populations in the city and surrounding provinces. Your support will provide equipment and supplies for two mobile dental clinics and one medical clinic in Cochabamba, Bolivia. These clinics will provide needed medical and dental care on a regular

basis. Through education and screening, this project will prevent diseases and provide local churches with outreach opportunities for ministry to their local communities.

The House of Hope mobile dental clinic will provide care and prevention to 800 people, resulting in improved oral health. The mobile medical clinic will provide annual care to 500 people, resulting in improved overall health in vulnerable populations. These clinics give House of Hope the chance to build relationships with Bolivian doctors and dentists through monthly meetings that build community among the volunteers and offer evangelism and discipleship opportunities. Pray these clinics will have long-term spiritual impact that will bring about true shalom in the community. Pray these clinics will bring improved health for hundreds of children, men and women.

**Lou Ann Nicholas**  
Acting Church and Community Coordinator  
Shinnston First Baptist Church  
202 Maryland Avenue  
Nutter Fort, WV 26301  
Phone: 304-622-0988  
E-mail: [lanicholas13@aol.com](mailto:lanicholas13@aol.com)





## Focus on Sunday School:



### **Eat My Words!**

Ezekiel was a prophet of God. He tried to do whatever the Lord told him to do. One day God had a strange message for Ezekiel.

He wanted Ezekiel to deliver a message to His people. But before he went to the people, God gave him a weird order.

A hand stretched out to Ezekiel that had a scroll (what they wrote on back then). When it was unrolled, he saw writing on both sides of the paper. Then God said, "Eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it."

Wow! Weird, huh? Can you imagine your mom, dad or teacher telling you to eat your homework?

Ezekiel ate the scroll though. And guess what! It was as sweet as honey! Then Ezekiel was able to go speak God's word to the Israelites. And he wasn't afraid. God told him just what to do.

We may not always understand why God wants us to do something; but He will always be there to protect us and guide us when there's a job for us to do for Him. (Ezekiel 2:9-3:3)

'Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus. But to trust and obey.'

*It's amazing what you can learn in Sunday School!*

**Please join us at 9:30 on Sundays!**

## **October Calendar**

- Oct 1 End Zone
- Oct 2 AED/CPR training
- Oct 4 Trustee Meeting  
Red Cross Blood Drive
- Oct 6 3rd Quarter Reports Due
- Oct 7 Deaconess Meeting
- Oct 11 BOCE
- Oct 12 Men's Fellowship
- Oct 13 3rd Quarter Business Meeting
- Oct 15 End Zone
- Oct 18 Deacons Meeting; Anchor Articles Due
- Oct 19 Financial Committee Meeting
- Oct 21 CIRCLE; Women's Day at Convention; WVBC Annual Convention begins.
- Oct 22 Movie Night
- Oct 24 Social Committee Meeting
- Oct 29 End Zone
- Oct 31 Fall Family Costume Party

## **October Birthdays**



**Jason Brown—10/1**  
**Aiden Morgan—10/3**  
**Andrea Crow—10/4**  
**Mike Davis—10/6**  
**Caralyn Graham—10/8**  
**Brandon Wyant—10/9**  
**Bryan Donahue—10/10**  
**Cari Chapman—10/15**  
**Taylor Woods—10/15**  
**Liz Stewart—10/20**  
**Wayne Fridley—10/22**  
**Jason Kerns—10/23**  
**Bill Stewart—10/24**  
**Charlie Stewart—10/24**  
**Joan Grimmett—10/29**  
**Kay Pursley—10/30**

## **Bible Book of the Month October 2021 Joshua**



## **CommUnity Kitchen**

**Oct 2 Burt Lyons**  
**Oct 9**  
**Oct 16 FUMC**  
**Oct 23**  
**Oct 30 Calvary Baptist**

**If your family or group would like to help out with this ministry, please contact the office. Thank you.**

Help is needed for 2 week-ends in October for CommUnity Kitchen. Please consider helping with this ministry.

## 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.

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Brent & Angel Ritchie, Conner, Lincoln, Beckham	2 David & Felisha Scott
3 Darrell & Camille Smith	4 Jim Speer	5 Tim & Connie Staats	6 Cole & Diana Staats	7 Ron & Amy Starkey	8 Warner Stephens	9 John Stephenson
10 Tom & Beverly Stephenson	11 Ralph & Jennifer Taylor, Kelly, Logan, McKenzie	12 Destiny Thomas	13 Stephen & Leeanne Thompson, Ryley	14 Randy & Carolyn Torris	15 Jared Torris	16 Kindsey Torris
17 Jody Tolbert	18 Dale & Anna Vanderlaan	19 Ellen Varner	20 Dorothy Varney	21 Toby & Jen Wagoner, Aaron, Hannah	22 John Wagoner	23 Pauline Walker
24 Janyce Watkins	25 Megan Watkins	26 Susan West	27 Grace Shirley	<b>28</b> <b>Danny &amp; Kim</b> <b>Westmoreland</b>	29 Dan & Amy Williams	30 Nick Williams
<b>31</b> <b>Cody Williams</b>						

