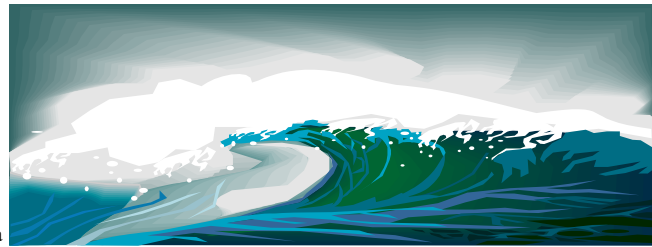




The *June 2023* Anchor

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



Father's Day is always one of the highlights of the month of June that is set aside to remember the fathers in our lives. Much can be said about fathers who are active in the home, as well as those who are not present. Dan Pearce was quoted as saying, "The greatest mark of a father is how he treats his children when no one is looking."

Fatherhood has changed over the years. Gretchen Livingston and Kim Parker with Pew Research Center wrote an article in 2019 on dads called "Eight Facts about American Dads." Interestingly, dads made up 17% of all stay-at-home parents in 2016. That was a huge change from back in 1989 when the rate was only 4%. A 13% increase is more than significant. When asked why those chose to stay at home, 24% reported that it was to care for the family. Dads are similar to moms in that they see their identity as a being a dad is who they are. Another interesting note was that 44% of all 18-49 year-old men hope to become fathers at some point. Being a father is not without a burden of stress. Nearly three out of every four all men Pew surveyed back in 2017 said they felt a lot of pressure to support their families financially and 49% touted the stress on them to be a parent. Part of that reason is that 63% of the men surveyed said they feel they do not do enough to raise their children properly like spending enough time with them citing work obligations as the number one factor. Of all fathers surveyed, only a third thought they were doing a very good job.

I wanted to share that with you, because being a dad is hard. I know for me; I've made many mistakes raising my children. As you know I have five. Four of the five are on their own now. As I watch those who have children parent their own children, I realize I would do some things differently. But what they do, seems to work just the same as the way I did things. Yet, we see things differently. The bottom line is, a true father loves. A good father cares. A father is present. A father provides. In every situation, we see the father providing for his children, similar to the way the Lord provides for us as His children.

We are corrected when we do wrong, we are loved always, and we are dusted off when we fall and helped to stand again. This Father's Day, I encourage you to remember your father or your father figure in your life that made a difference. For those dads in our church, I say thank you. Thank you for being a part of this church. Thank you for being the leader in your home. Thank you for teaching and showing your children that Jesus matters, and having Him first in your life is the most important thing you can do for your family.

For those of us, who still have our dads living, here are some things from Lovepop.com that we can do to make sure he knows he still has a special place in your life. First, try to connect with your dad. Find something you both like to do and do it, together. Second, say I love you. Don't miss the opportunity to say it, because one day he won't be here to hear it. Number three, say thanks for all you did for me. Even if he fell short often, chances are he came through at times. For those times, say thanks, and mean it. Number

four, tell him you appreciate him and all he does for you now. Even if he is much slower than he used to be, tell him that he is important to you. Above all, honor your dad while he is still here. If your daddy has passed and this holiday is hard for you, remember the good times and the life you lived together. Be thankful you had a good dad, because not everyone did. We look forward to honoring all dads this year in church. We have a special gift for each of them present. If your dad hasn't been to church in a while, just invite him to go with you.

In His service,

Pastor Toby





We were excited to see two of our Youth graduate this year. Sierra Clark graduated from Ripley High School and Tara Hicks graduated from Ravenswood High School on May 26. They both attended Senior Sunday and then at youth that night we had a reception for them.

We were able to go to the Senior Parade for Sierra and cheer her on. We were 15strong to join in the celebration. Check out the pics!

We have been having a larger group of kids to attend. A lot of the time, when the weather is nice, we have been meeting at the Riverfront Park and enjoying every minute of it!

Our next big Youth Yard Sale starts on July 7. we will begin collecting items on June 15 after VBS ends. If you have any items - furniture, knick knacks, clothing, etc.– to donate, please bring them in. If you need pick up, let me know. We especially like to get furniture. We will come get it. The Youth really appreciate your interest in our Yard Sale. The proceeds will go to help finance our activities.

Our End-of-the-school-year Swim Party will be Sunday June 4 from 6-7:30 at Bob and Helen's pool.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support of the Youth.

Blessings,
Ann



Senior Parade Supporters



Meeting Jesus at the Riverfront



Youth Yard Sale



Our Youth Yard Sale is July 6,7 and till noon on July 8. We will be collecting items for the sale after June 14. If you would like to donate furniture, clothing, knick knacks, etc., please contact Ann Johnson. Pick up is available.

Happy Graduation!

Tara Hicks



Tara receives gifts from the church and from Pastor Toby.

Congratulations Tara

Sierra Clark



Sierra receives her gifts from the church and from Pastor Toby.

Congratulations Sierra



Shilyn "Sam" Butcher

Sam became the third winner of the FBC Scholarship at Ravenswood High School. *Sam* was presented her certificate at the RvHS Awards program and came to Senior Sunday to be presented with her first check.

Congratulations Shilyn!



Pastor Toby and Deacon Gary Balser present award to Shilyn Butcher

Congrats College Grads!

Josh Ritchie



Destiny Thomas



Josh Mize



Skyler Varney



We recognized and celebrated our college graduates too!

Each one received The Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey

Those in attendance also received a monetary gift from the church.

We are proud of each of you.

May the Lord watch over and guide your path.



Young Adults 18-35

Congratulations to the church

College Graduates:

Skyler Varney

Destiny Thomas

Josh Mize

Josh Ritchie

We're proud of you!

Congratulations to group members who have earned their first pins of the year! This program is designed to promote faithfulness to God and fellowship in learning and serving.

Faithfulness Pins:

Zack Graham

Talia Martinez

Devotions & Gratitude Pin

Zack Graham





Till We Meet Again

FBC lost a beloved member in May. Sue Miller passed away on May 15.

Sue was funny, sarcastic, loving, loyal, had a contagious laugh, loved the outdoors, was great and a wonderful person.

She was very active in church when she was in better health. Sue had served on the Board of Christian Education and was the Angel Tree person every Christmas season for many years.

She will be missed by sister Deb Bashaw, daughters Jamie Standridge and Shelly Wotring, son Rich Miller and all her beloved grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

I, personally, will miss my friend.

Fly high, Sue. See you on the other side.

Susan

2023

Ravenswood's Ben Crow earns All-State

by Mark Martin
FOR JACKSON
NEWSPAPERS

RAVENSWOOD, W. Va. (WV News) — Ben Crow enjoyed an outstanding season of tennis this past spring.

And the Ravenswood junior has been honored for his hard work and ultimate success.

Crow was named recent-

ly to the Class AA-A All-State tennis team.

During the 2023 campaign, Crow put together a nice resume which included a 21-4 singles record. He reached the quarterfinals of singles at the state tournament in Charleston.

Crow teamed with Cameron Rawson to produce an 18-5 record in doubles play. The two also competed in the state tournament.

The All-State team consists of state champ Austin Bosgraf of Williamstown, Charleston Catholic's Nick Giatris, Winfield's William Sinclair, Winfield's Conner Waybright, Williamstown's Tyler Fenton, Charleston Catholic's Ethan Bastin and Eluardo Saint of Point Pleasant.

Crow's fine junior season followed a sophomore campaign where he registered

a singles season and a doubles season. Crow finished his sophomore season with a 10-10 record. He was a semifinalist in the State Tournament. During the season, Crow was named to the All-State team. Crow's fine junior season followed a sophomore campaign where he registered



Congratulations Benjamin Crow!

Ben earned All-State in tennis.

Seen right with his doubles partner Cameron Rawson, Ben had a great year!

We are proud of you!



What Difference Can Summer Camp at Cowen Make?

(I saw this in a past Anchor June 2000. Ken Miller had received this story from his mother. After 23 years, it's still so appropriate, I wanted to share it again. Susan)

John Never Heard His Parents Say "I Love You"

A true story of how God's love touched the heart of a boy at summer camp—and changed his life forever....

John trembled as he opened the door to his house. He was barely 10... and he held a beautiful rose in his hand. His teacher had given it to him so he could show his mother he loved her. But John didn't feel any love toward his mother. Not once had he ever heard her say, "I love you." John's father never expressed his love either. Instead, he was the victim of repeated emotional and physical abuse. As he stepped in the house, his parents started yelling at him. They were painting and thought he should have been home much earlier to help. "Where have you been?" they screamed. With a greeting like that, John knew he couldn't give his mother the rose. Bitterly, he twisted the flower from its stem, crushed it in his hand, and dropped it in the trash. It was just one more disappointment in a sad and troubled childhood.

Soon school was out and John went to summer camp. There, for the first time in his life, he learned that God loved him. John was overjoyed to know that his life had value—that he wasn't just something to hit or yell at. John embraced that good news like desert sand soaks up the rain. He was the happiest kid at camp. He left camp feeling like a new person.

Over the following years, John held onto God's love with all his might. Even though his parents continued their abuse, they were never able to break his spirit again. Eventually, John married and had children—sharing his life with others in many ways. But John's camp experience had an even deeper, more far-reaching impact than he had ever realized—until one day...

John was working in his office at home. His back was to the door when he heard his daughter say, "Daddy, I have something for you." He almost told her to go away because he was too busy. Instead, John turned around to see his daughter's beaming face and her hand holding a flower. "It's for you, Daddy, because I love you." Suddenly memories of his own childhood and the rose he brought home for his mother years before, but couldn't give her, swept over John. He could hardly hold back the tears remembering the pain and heartache of that night.

He realized his experience at camp many years ago had changed his life—enabling him to feel loved, so that could receive his daughter's love, and return it. Summer camp had touched two generations of young people—John's and his daughter's. Today John works for the Salvation Army because he wants to make a difference in other people's lives. And he has a special concern for boys and girls from homes like the one he grew up in.

***Camping changes lives. Encourage your young one to go to camp.
It makes a difference.***

Forms are available in the office and on the bulletin board.

The church pays for one camp per child.

Please complete and return to Susan asap for early registration.

This and That



Eleven-year-old Bryan Fridley competes during the 51st Cabell County Special Olympics on Friday at Huntington High School.

Proud Grandpa!

Wayne Fridley shares the clipping of his grandson Bryan Fridley as he competes during the Special Olympics in Huntington.



Welcome Back!

We are so happy to welcome back Mitch and Sarah Hoffman

Give them a hearty hello when you see them on Sunday!

Tyler McGoskey



Reads the Word

Injured Pastor



Memorial Day



Mayberry Visited



Great Mayberry Trip!



Loving our Mothers





Our VBS will begin on Sunday at 6:00 at the church.

**All kiddos ages PreK to 5th grades are welcome to come and
have a super duper Lava Luau Time!**

Our last day will be Wednesday ending with an exciting POOL PARTY from 6-8.

All FREE!

BRING YOUR KIDS, THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

WE'LL HAVE A VOLCANIC TIME!!

VBS Donation List

Brown Construction Paper (50)

Tape

Foam Sheets (multi colored/20 sheets)

Magnetic Tape Strips

Hawaiian/beach theme stickers (small ones/will need several since its for a craft)

Red Crepe Paper- Several

Orange Crepe Paper- Several

Blow up Palm Trees (2)

Cookies- any type is fine.

Chips- any type is fine

Cheese Balls- Big Containers (2)

Drop the items off in the God's Cadets Room or the office.

Blood Drive



Monday

June 5

Noon to 5:00

First Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

Register at

Redcrossblood.org

Happy Father's Day!

Walk With Me, Daddy

By Helen Smith

WALK alongside me, Daddy
and hold my little hand
I have so many things to learn
that I don't yet understand

Teach me things to keep me safe
from dangers every day.
Show me how to do my best
at home, at school at play

Every child needs a gentle hand
to guide them as they grow.
So walk alongside me, Daddy.
We have a long way to go.

Saturday, June 3, 2023



89th Annual Conference

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Theme: "Plant the Seed"

I Corinthians 3:9 'For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.'

(Are you working in your field: planting? watering? harvesting?)

Speaker: Koreen Villers

Special Music: Brian & Sara McClure

Saturday Registration Fee: \$25

**Friday Fun Night: Whippoorwill Covered Campfire
Fire, Singing, Devotions and Dinner - Hot dogs, S'mores
(Dinner Cost: \$8)**

Questions -- Contact Sandy Foster Currey, Conference Coordinator

304-545-7471 sandyfostercurrey@gmail.com

Focus on Sunday School:



Man of Distinction

Timothy was a man of God. But he didn't get there on his own. Timothy had a devout mother and grandmother who loved Jesus and were witnesses to him from birth.

When he grew up, the Apostle Paul, helped Timothy to develop a firm foundation in his faith. Paul called Timothy, "my true son in the faith." Paul prayed for him and gave him Godly advice.

- Prayers should be made for everyone.
- Teach the true Gospel
- Be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, gentle, not quarrelsome, manage his family well, and see his children obey him with proper respect.
- Be sincere, be loving, worthy of respect, keep hold of the deep truths of the faith.

Men of God, men of distinction, stand firm in the Lord and love.

Pray for the children; Raise your children with Jesus.

Happy Father's Day!

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

June Calendar

Jun 1 One Great Hour of Sharing begins
Deaconess Meeting
Jun 2 Young Midler Camp Cowen
Jun 3 ABWM Conference
Jun 5 Blood Drive; Trustee Meeting
Jun 6 Men's Fellowship
Jun 11 Grade 5-6 Camp Cowen
Jun 11 VBS Swim Party
Jun 12-14 Vacation Bible School
Jun 18 Father's Day; Brother's Keepers;
Jr High Camp Cowen
Jun 19 BOCE
Jun 20 Financial Committee
Jun 25 Play in Parkersburg; Grade 5-6 Camp Cowen
Jun 29 CIRCLE

* Game Day every Thursday 1:00-3:00 (not on holidays)

June Birthdays



Bryan Crow—6/1
Jacob Graham—6/1
Tara Davis—6/3
Cody Williams—6/7
Jim McCauley—6/7
Danny Dzierzanski—6/8
Anna Bailes—6/13
Benjamin Crow—6/14
Aaron Wagoner—6/17
Stephen Thompson—6/20
Pauline Walker—6/29

Is your birthday name missing? Tell Susan

Bible Book of the Month June 2023 1 Kings



CommUnity Kitchen

June 03 Burt Lyons
**June 10 Adult Sunday
School Class**
June 17 Burt Lyons
June 24 Need Volunteer

*Sign up for
CommUnity Kitchen 2023!*

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.



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Blake Bennett	2 Thomas & Peggy Boothe, Izzy, Kolton	3 Carolyn Brown
4 Jason Brown	5 Mary & CW Caldwell, Carly, Josie	6 Tom & Patti Calvert	7 Grant & Cari Chapman	8 Shawn & Tanya Cole	9 Brent & Sandy Confer	10 Jamison Cooper, Dalilah
11 Deshone Cooper	12 Dave & Carol Crow	13 Bryan & Andrea Crow, Benjamin	14 Anna Davis, Liam, Emory	15 Mike & Tara Davis, Brayden	16 Bryan & Andrea Donahue, Xavier, Violet, Finley	17 Danny & Sherry Dzierzanski
18 Rodney & Sheila Eskins	19 Heidi Farrell	20 Annabelle Flesher	21 Jeff & Venisa Flesher	22 Nathanael Flesher	23 Helen Frank	24 Jim & Kathy Flesher
25 Wayne Fridley	26 Mark & Susan Gerstell	27 Mike & Angela Graham, Alli, Caralyn	28 Jacob Graham	29 Zack Graham	30 Terri Greenwood	

