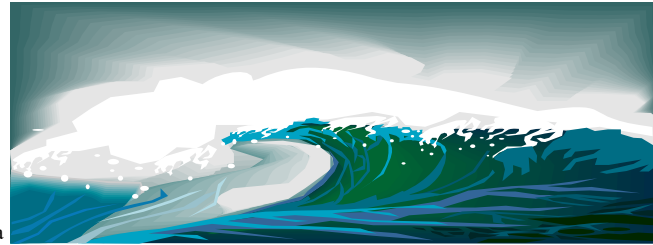




The *November 2023*
Anchor

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



Psalm 106:1 says "*Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.*" The month of November is upon us and for many of us our minds start thinking about the season of Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving dinner menus. At the top of the list will be turkeys. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), notes that more than 46 million turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving. Americans are estimated to consume about 250 million pounds of potatoes also during the holiday.

While we are busy planning for the big dinner, we may find ourselves thinking about having our family come together to not only share a meal together but also to do some strategizing about Black Friday shopping, watching sports, or even the Macy's parade. Maybe, you are planning on doing a little deer hunting this season. Whatever it is that you and the family will be doing, it's a great time for some conversation. It is a good time for families to reminisce on those loved ones who have passed away during the last year. Regardless of whatever your celebration looks like this year, be sure to be thankful for living another year with your families.

In the Wagoner home, we use Thanksgiving as an opportunity to literally go around the table sharing something in which we are thankful. Many times, I hear the words "I'm thankful for my family and friends" or "I'm thankful for my salvation," and those comments are honorable. The Scripture says in Psalm 107:21 says "*Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind.*" When we praise God in this manner, we know He is pleased. Should we not always remember the good things God is doing for us.

Thanksgiving always reminds me of the old church song, "Count Your Many Blessings," by Johnson Oatman, Jr. in 1897. The song lyrics remind us to count our blessings and name them one by one. As simple as the lyrics are, we soon realize that when we count our blessings and name them, we can spend all day seeing how blessed we really are. Whether it be the fact we have homes, beds, groceries, medicines, family, friends, jobs, automobiles, the ability to walk, talk, see, hear, and smell are all just a few. We have heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. We have children or grandchildren in our lives. We can go to church. We are saved. We pray. We live in America. The list goes on and on. Perhaps the old song is correct, "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings every doubt will fly, and you will be singing as the days go by."

I encourage you this season of Thanksgiving to pause and give thanks to the Lord for your blessings. List them, count them, or tell someone just how blessed you are. Tell people how God is good to you. Tell people how good God can be to them. All of this helps us see and realize that God is good all the time. He is worthy of our praise even beyond Thanksgiving. But, Thanksgiving is a great place to start. It's a reminder to us all. Now go ahead, and count those blessings.

Many Blessings!

Pastor Toby



The Youth are still active! We had a great time at the Good Hope Association Youth Rally. We won almost all the games!



Our attendance winner for this quarter was Lily Stewart and second place was Johnathan Williams. Bryce Bibbee came in third. I'm so thankful for their dedication to the youth.

The youth are really going to miss Wayne Fridley. They called him the Donut Man. Wayne was very faithful to help with the youth projects and End Zone. I had 7 kids come to his funeral to help sing. Rest in peace, Wayne.



Many of the youth attended the Family Fun Festival. Whether in costume or not, I believe they all have a great time!

Our last End Zone will be on November 3 after the last home football game. I want to thank everyone who helped in any way for making the End Zones a fun, safe place to be.

Everyone is invited to our annual bonfire at the Johnson farm on Flatwoods Road on Sunday November 5 from 5pm. to 6:30 pm. We'll be having food, KFC, fun, hayrides, maybe singing and games. Bring the whole family!

We will soon be starting to practice for our Christmas program that will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30.

Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support of these kids. They have many needs and your love is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Ann

Final End Zone

Friday November 3

After the Game

Snacks, Drinks and Chaperones needed

Bonfire for All

The Youth are sponsoring the annual Bonfire at the Johnson farm on November 5 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Lots of food (KFC), snacks, music, hayrides and games for all.

Everyone is invited!



Youth Rally





Upcoming this Month

**Grieving a loss?
Know someone
who is?**

Grief Share

Surviving the *Holidays*

Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Date & time

Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm

November 6

Location

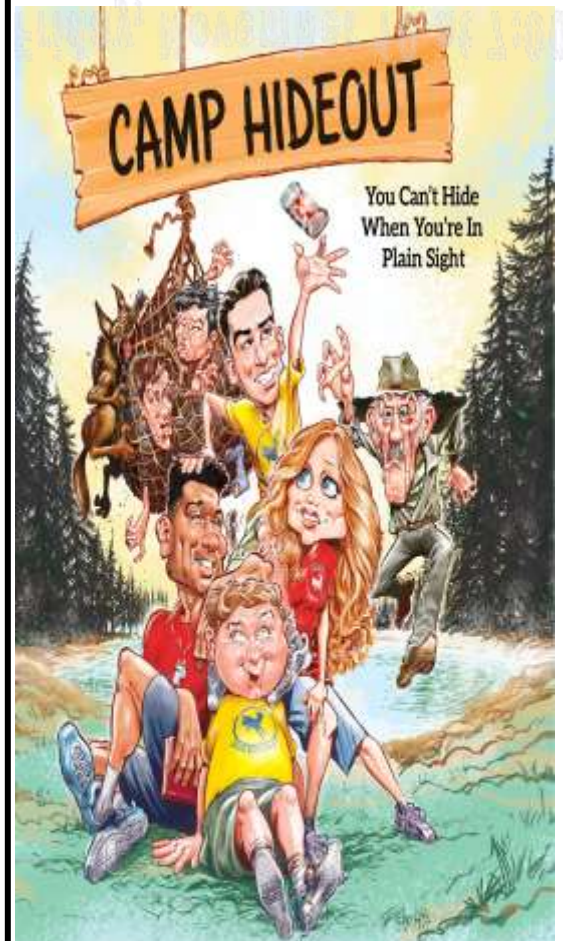
Calvary United Methodist

205 Court Street Ripley, WV

Contact church 304-372-3202

Griefshare.org/holidays

Movie Night!
Friday, November 10 at 7:00



This year Gallipolis in Lights will have their opening on Wednesday, November 22 starting at 5:30.

Singing, Reindeer, Santa, Ice Sculptures, and more will kick off the Christmas season with fireworks after 7:00.

If you are interested in going to see this free spectacle, contact Susan in the office. If there is enough interest (since it's the day before Thanksgiving), we will try to make plans for all wanting to go.

If this date is not good, we will plan to go another evening that will be announced.

Remember Their Service



Ken & Allison Miller



Ron & Jan Stoner



Jean (Jim) Cunningham

**Pray. Listen. Baptize. Marry. Direct. Lead.
Bury. Comfort. Counsel. Mourn. Welcome.
Intercede. Guide. Celebrate. Enlighten.**

Give to RMMO.

**Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering
2023**

**We will be collecting the RMMO during the month of November.
Our goal is \$800. Please give to this offering to support those who
dedicated their lives to serve us through the years.**

Tell them ‘Thank You for giving to the Lord!’

Prayers for Mission Team



Commissioning the Mission Team



The Good Hope Association's mission team to Mayfield, KY will be leaving soon to work with others to help build housing for those whose homes were destroyed in the tornadoes over a year ago.

There are a total of 13 from GHA going with 6 from FBC. Keep the team in prayer as they travel, build and witness to those in need in Kentucky.



The office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

We pray your Thanksgiving will be greatly blessed!

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer



This year, our church will be hosting the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer (BWWDP) on Monday, November 6 at 6:00 pm. Calvary Baptist ladies will join us as they bring the program.

All women are encouraged to come and join in prayer with others around the world.

Soup and sandwiches will be served following the service.

Operation Christmas Child The Shoebox Ministry



This year, FBC will be the drop off for the shoeboxes that have been filled in our area. Talia Martinez is the leader of this outreach.

Collection will be November 13 through November 20. If you are able to help with this, please sign up at the side office door for a time that works for you.

Remember - pray for the boxes that they reach a heart for Jesus!

Thanks to



Ashlee Wyant

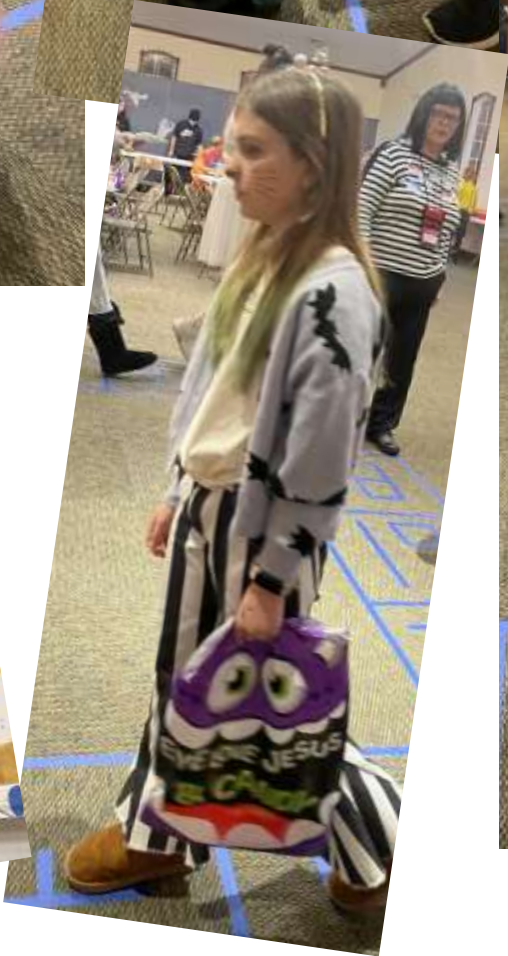
& Jane Moore

For Family Fun Festival





















Veterans Sunday November 12

History Alive: Presentation of Ruby Bradley



Rebecca Mason Park will be joining us on Veterans Sunday to perform a reenactment of Colonel Ruby Bradley, the Army's most highly decorated nurse and she was from Spencer, WV. Let's all come and hear this amazing story.

**Welcome
Wheeler Alan Arrington**



Born 9/20/23
to Polly & Micah Arrington
Grandparents - Alan & Gusta



*Congratulations
Mr. & Mrs. Hickman*

Skyler & Kenley

September 30, 2023

Mission Outreach Project 2024

Tunnel Domes for Africa

Rick and Anita Gutierrez – Global Servants to South Africa



Background: Doctors Rick and Anita Gutierrez have been missionaries in South Africa for 20 years. Their mission uses health promotion and disease prevention, along with capacity building primarily through agriculture to make disciples for Jesus Christ. In 2018, American Baptist women of West Virginia played a founding role in our Zachariah 3 Tree Project by donating \$10,025. With these funds, we were able to train over time approximately 100 people in techniques of propagating valuable fruit trees using "air layering". This method is relatively



easy to learn, and for approximately \$1.00 worth of materials a new tree can be propagated. These trees have a vulnerable stage requiring shade for 30 to 45 days. During this time, the root system is minute and fragile. Trees at this stage are ideally kept in fiber bags, which optimizes healthy root growth for later transplantation. Additionally, the trees require securing in a triangular fashion against winds which are strong and our coastal region of Africa. While on home assignment in 2023, the Gutierrez team engaged American Baptist Women to make fiber bags for trees (\$4.65 per bag) and 60% shade cloth Dome covers (\$50 per cover).

Each year, approximately 20-30 tunnel domes are cut by hand using PVC by Rick Gutierrez. The PVC is purchased at cost in Durban South Africa by a friendly vendor who wishes to help our mission. Each Dome measures approximately 16 and three quarters feet in width, 20 feet in length, 8 1/2 feet in height, and covers the ground area of 271 square feet. Material costs per Dome is approximately \$450.



The domes are strong that use cable ties as connectors, and could be rapidly disassembled for moving to other locations. They can be used for tree nurseries, housing of chickens, and training space for Health workers and Bible study. The domes are assembled for local missionaries who partner with us in making disciples for Jesus Christ. They become a means of livelihood generation for these partners, who are living in poverty or at the edge of poverty. For this reason, we see this as a continuous part of our mission in the years going forward. We find this geodesic tunnel structure ideal for the purposes mentioned. Here is a link to the design: <https://www.ziptiedomes.com/geodesic-dome-calculators/tunnel-dome-calculator-0.htm>

Goal: \$12,000 which would provide 24 domes with covers and/or several tree bags.

WV Hope 2024

The WV Hope Committee has selected the following charities for your consideration.

1. **Weirton Christian Center**, contact person: Kim Weaver, P.O. Box 2045, 117 Ivy St., Weirton, WV 26062. Volunteers are always welcome as contributions of Quarters for Grades Program, Youth Leadership Program - \$5 Rewards - DQ, MacDonaldis, etc., \$10 Walmart Gift Cards for child's birthday and other gift cards to help purchase shoes, clothing, coats and needs for school. (Walmart or Visa cards)

2. **Hope Center Ministries**, contact person: Brian McClure, Director, 6148 Parkersburg Rd, Sandyville, WV 25275, 304-679-7870.

Hope Center Ministries exists to lead addicts and their families to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Ongoing needs are cleaning supplies, toiletries/hygiene, Bible study materials.

3. **Elk River Backpack Blessings**, contact person: Angela Brown, Director, P.O. Box 662, Pinch, WV 25156, 304-553-2114.

We feed children who attend the following schools: HE White (Clay County), Shoals Elementary (Kanawha County), Elk Center Elementary (Kanawha County), Clendenin Elementary (Kanawha County), Elkview Middle School (Kanawha County)

It is easier for gift cards and monetary donations to purchase the amount of food. We usually purchase at Sams it can be overwhelming.

4. **Hope For Appalachia**, contact person: Erin Flanagan, Director, 213 Randolph St., Charleston, WV 25302, P.O. Box 20076, Charleston, WV 25367. 304-993-5693

Hope for Appalachia provides wrap around services for those going through addiction recovery and those impacted by addiction.

Through the Children's Resource Center, we help children and families that have suffered because of the addiction of another family member.

Our HOPE Closet, this is a cabinet that is placed in schools, and we stock it with toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, soap and deodorant. We are expanding our ministry to include help for women who are pregnant and going through addiction recovery.

It is easier for gift cards and monetary donations or in-kind to purchase the necessary items needed.

5. **Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care**, contact person: Barbara Kincaid, Director, 8 Meadow St., Buckhannon, WV 26201

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charity, religious, and educational purposes.

The Center has a great impact in the community not only to infants and toddlers but to moms needing guidance and education. We also provide support and care for those in need.

We welcome contributions of diapers, formula, clothing, cribs, car seats, highchairs, etc.

WV Hope contact person:

Sherry Husted, 21 Washington St., Reedy, WV 25270

304-927-2061

sherryhusted@gmail.com

2024 Special Project

WV Mission House

Parchment Valley

Goal

\$12,000



Our WV Mission House is used to house many of our beloved missionaries on home assignment or pastors in transition. The Mission House is showing much wear and tear because it is gaining age and showing it. Our 2024 Special Project will be used to replace the roof and purchase some new appliances.

By raising these funds, we will be able to help keep the rent down significantly for our missionaries because these expenses won't have to be built into their rent.

Pumpkin Rolls Are Back!

CIRCLE ladies are at it again this year! Their annual pumpkin rolls fundraiser is in the works! They are making 75 pumpkins rolls to sell as a fundraiser for their mission projects.

The pumpkin rolls will be made on November 4, so if you haven't ordered them yet, please contact any CIRCLE member, Sandy Confer, Connie Staats or the office. They can be ordered with or without nuts. The cost for either is \$13.00.

Some of the mission projects supported by this fundraiser are:
WV ABWM Special Project - WV Mission House at Parchment Valley
Mission Outreach Project - Tunnel Domes for Africa
Weirton Christian Center
Hope Center Ministries
Elk River Backpack Blessings
Hope for Appalachia
Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care



Many more local needs are met as the ladies become aware of them. Your support is appreciated. Have a delicious time too!

Happy Thanksgiving Dinner!
Sunday, November 19 at 5:00
Bring your family!
Bring your friend!
Bring a vegetable or two or a dessert



The church will furnish - Turkey, Ham, Dressing,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Rolls, Tea & Coffee
Great time of fun and fellowship and FOOD!

Focus on Sunday School:



Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
Colossians 3:17

For by grace have you been saved. Through faith—and not of yourselves. It is the Gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. James 1:17

Do not be anxious about anything, but in prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, presents your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to His righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High. Psalm 7:17

His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1

*It's amazing what you can learn in
Sunday School!
9:30 a.m.*

November Birthdays



Shealyn Johnson—11/4
Jamie Standridge—11/6
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—11/22
Max Pistelli—11/25
Dan Williams—11/25
Peggy Boothe—11/28
Bob Johnson—11/28
Burt Lyons—11/29
Connor Wyant—11/29

**If your birthday is missing,
please let Susan know.**

November Calendar

Nov 1 RMMO Begins
Nov 2 Deaconess Meeting
Nov 3 Last End Zone
Nov 4 Pumpkin Rolls
Nov 5 Youth Bonfire / Daylight Savings Time Begins
Nov 6 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
Nov 10 Movie Night
Nov 12 Veteran's Sunday
Nov 13 BOCE
Nov 14 Men's Fellowship
Nov 16 CIRCLE
Nov 19 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 21 Financial Meeting
Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving—Office Closed
Nov 28 Deacons Meeting

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

Bible Book of the Month

2 Corinthians



CommUnity Kitchen

Nov 4 Sherry Walker
Nov 11 Rose & Glen Stevens
Nov 18 Episcopal Church
Nov 25 Holiday - No CK

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.



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Megan Watkins	2 Susan West	3 Danny & Kim Westmoreland	4 Dan & Amy Williams
5 Cody Williams	6 Nick Williams	7 Dave & Dena Williams	8 Jordan Williams	9 Mike & Cara Williams, Marcus	10 Lucas & Samantha Willis, Silas	11 Sharon Adkins
12 Alan & Gusta Arrington	13 Gary & Pam Balser	14 Scott & Katie Baltic	15 Aaron & Melissa Bennett, Beau, Cass	16 Blake Bennett	17 Thomas & Peggy Boothe, Izzy, Kolton	18 Carolyn Brown
19 Jason Brown	20 CW & Mary Caldwell, Carly, Josie	21 Tom & Patti Calvert	22 Grant & Cari Chapman	23 Shawn & Tonya Cole	24 Brent & Sandy Confer	25 Jamison Cooper, Dalilah
26 Deshone Cooper	27 Dave & Carol Crow	28 Bryan & Andrea Crow, Benjamin	29 Anna Davis, Liam, Emory	30 Mike & Tara Davis, Brayden		

