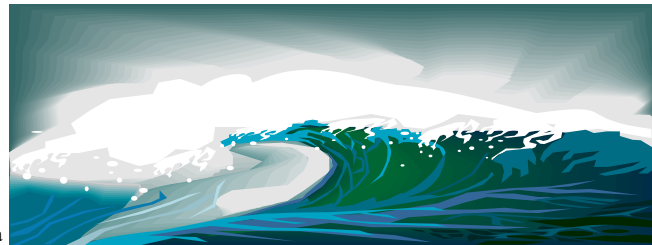




The *September 2024*  
Anchor

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



September is upon us, and when I think of September, I think of the Labor Day holiday. President William Howard Taft signed the act, creating the U.S. Department of Labor in his final hours as president on March 4, 1913. Labor Day is observed annually on the first Monday in September and often is a day off for many workers. I tend to think of Labor Day as a day of rest. The Bible tells us we need rest. I'll have more on that in a moment. First, let's look at the history of Labor Day.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the Labor Day holiday commemorates American workers' social and economic achievements. They report the holiday is "rooted in the late nineteenth century when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize workers' many contributions to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being."

Many workers get the day off to honor that resilience. While many people see the Labor Day Holiday as the official end of summer, resulting in last-minute travel trips and cookouts, we can use it as a time of rest.

The Bible tells underscores the importance of rest. As Christians, we find our rest in Jesus. Matthew 11:28-30 says, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*"

The weight of the world can bog our minds with overstimulation and frustration. The chaos of jam-packed schedules we often carry can leave us running here and there without much time to recharge our spirits and our bodies. We cannot do much to limit what we do in our lives every day, but are we making time to recharge our souls in Christ? Can we make time for Bible reading, Bible study, or even just being around God's people at church?

Hebrews 4:9-11 says, "*There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.*"

When we become spiritually exhausted, we can fall into dangerous habits. We can become so tired that we no longer pray or attend church services. We will put those activities on the back burner to ensure we have time to do everything else. But, if we can reprioritize our lives differently, where we put God first and then schedule everything else, we would be happier and more rested people. We can find comfort and rest in God's Word. We see the same being with God's people.

So this Labor Day holiday, make sure you pause to rest. Make sure you make time for church and things of God. The other things are essential, too, but not as important as your spiritual, physical, and mental health. Rest. You can do it. Take time for yourself, and when you do, lean on God. Look to Him. Praise Jesus because He is good to you. Always incline an ear to what the Holy Spirit is telling you. In these moments, we can say we know that the Lord was always there. Have a safe Labor Day! All month, let us all remember to take time to rest from our Labors. After all, we are only here on earth for a little while.

In His Service,  
*Pastor Toby*



## **THANK YOU!**

This year we will be gifting our area First Responders  
with a special gift card to a local restaurant.

We thank our Fire Fighters

We thank our Emergency Medical Technicians

We thank our Police

For our protection

For your fast response

For putting your lives in danger to protect us

**Thank you!**



## DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHILDREN

Do you know where your children are?  
Do they often roam?  
Do they wander far afield?  
Are they very seldom home?



Do you know what your children think?  
Do they say you're 'square'?  
When they need some answers,  
Can they find you waiting there?

Do you know what your children believe?  
Have you ever asked?  
Do you simply hope they'll learn,  
Or are you the mold that's cast?

Have you talked to your child today?  
Or did you incur their wrath?  
Oh parent, take the time to care  
And share their Growing Path.



By: Carolyn Brown  
September 16, 1993  
9:15 pm

# Our Pews Are Ordered!



Our pews will be ready about the first of December. We are excited to have this new update coming to our sanctuary and know we can not only enjoy a great sermon, but also be comfortable while we listen.

Our old pews have been spoken for. We pray that many souls will know salvation when attending the church they are going to.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the new pews, they are \$1600 each. Any amount donated to the cost is greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church with 'pews' in the comment.



Haggai 1:8-9

***“Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord”***





All youth are invited to join us September 13-14 at Camp Cowen for worship, fellowship, games and growth in the name of Jesus. The cost is \$30 for Saturday only.

The Youth Ministry Planning Team (YMPT) welcomes you back for another year of state youth events! Kick off the school year with us at Fall Rally, an event designed for 6th through 12th grade students. Held at Camp Cowen, this is the perfect venue for your youth group to join with others from across WV in worship, teaching, activities and fun!

The speaker will be Bryson Morlan

You will enjoy Small Group Time, a Scavenger Hunt, Worship, Youth Group Time, Free Time and Interest Groups.

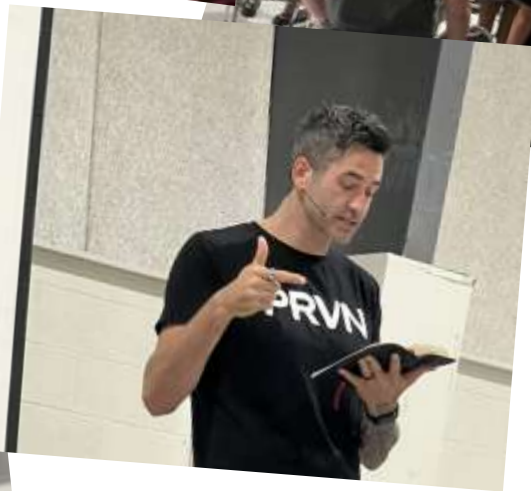
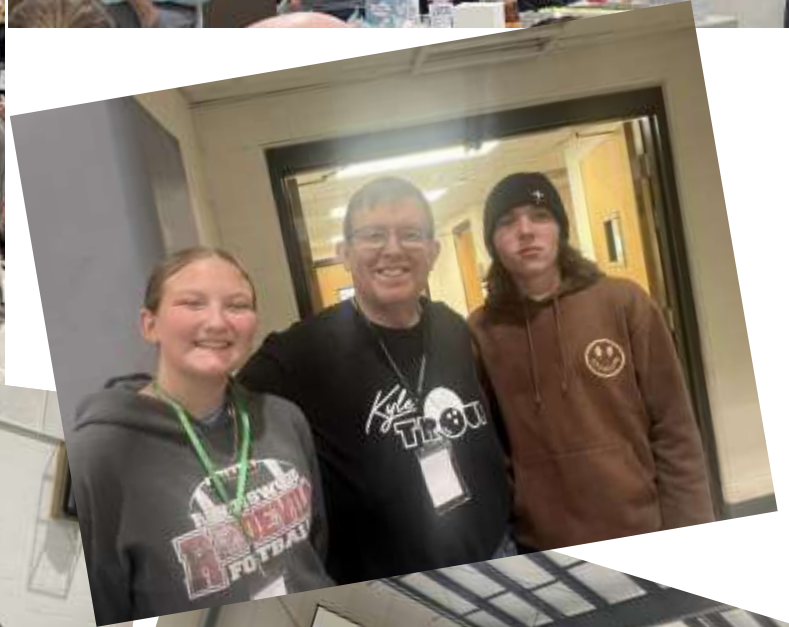
Lunch and Dinner are provided.

Sign up with Tom or Pastor Toby in the Youth Group or get a form from the office.

Registration Deadline is September 4.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

# GHA Youth Rally





# Youth Helping Youth



First Baptist Church Youth gathered together to pack some school back packs for those who may need them in the local school.

Way to go Youth!



# God's Cadets at Work



**Gabe Harpold at church and 4H**



**Connor Wyant helps with offering**



**Pull Jax Pull! Jax Vintorini**



# This and That at FBC



Katie and Taylor at their wedding shower



Praying for our schools



Charity signs our special music



Recognizing our church teachers

# More about FBC



Wren shares her song



Ding Dong! Emrie and Beckham ring the bell



Learning about World Mission Offering



Prayers for our local teachers and support staff! Thank you!



## Family Bowling

Family Life is sponsoring another Family Fun Bowling event on September 15 from 5-7 in Parkersburg.

We invite everyone to come and enjoy the evening for free bowling, pizza and soda.

We do need a count so that Susan can reserve enough lanes. Please contact the office or let Susan West know how many will be going by September 5.



## Warm for Winter



During the month of September, we will be collecting gently used or new coats, hats, gloves of all sizes - Adult and Youth - for the homeless and shelters in Parkersburg.

Please bring your items to the Fellowship Hall by September 22. Fred McGoskey will be delivering everything collected.

Matthew 25:40

*And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

Let's help ***Warm the Winter***  
for those our brethren!

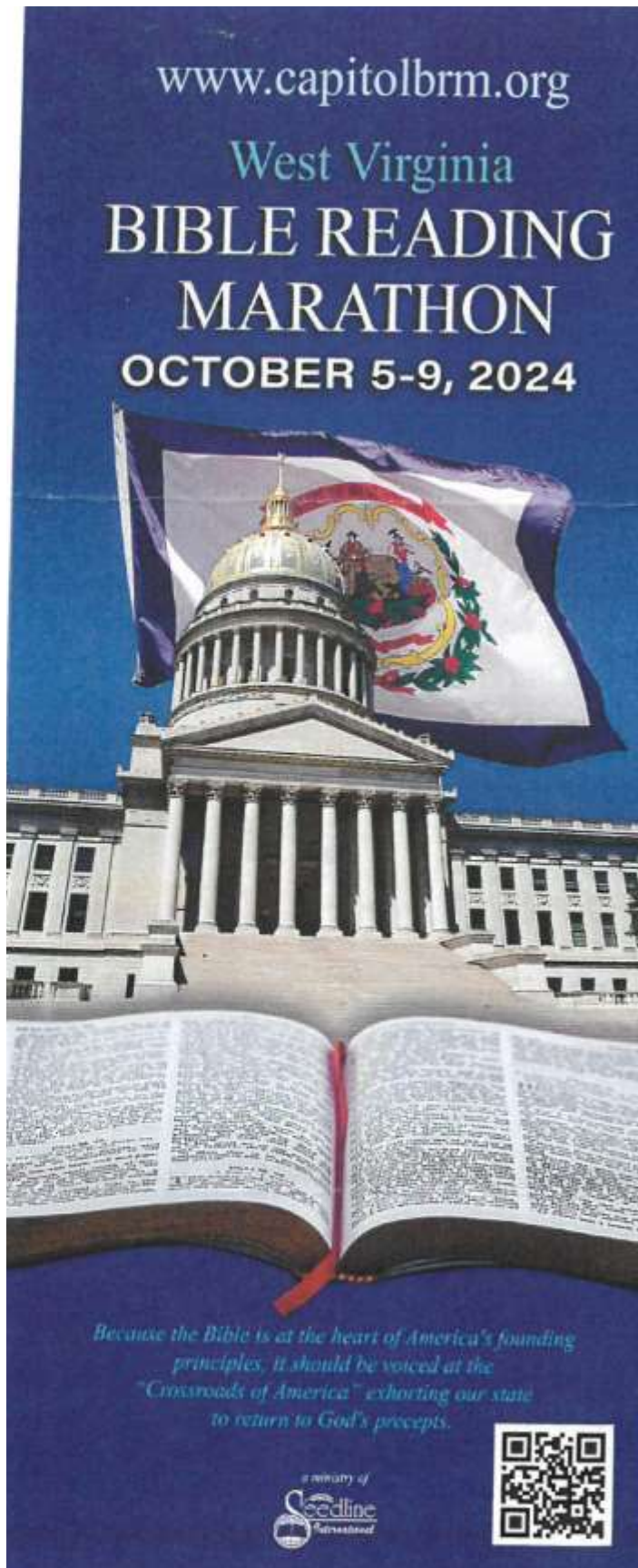


## Men's Fellowship Welcomes Frank Miller to Their Meeting

Frank Miller has retired from Parchment Valley Conference Center but is still active in many activities around the area.

Our FBC Men enjoy a morning breakfast as they shared time with Frank.





## *Let's Join In!*

This is the second annual Bible Reading Marathon in our state capitol. It will start on Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m. until Wednesday October 9 at 2:00 p.m.

This will take place in Charleston on the Capitol Building steps facing the Kanawha River.

Isaiah 55:11 tells us *“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it”*.

There are four ways to participate in the Bible Reading Marathon:

1. Prayer - Be in prayer for the success of the Bible Reading Marathon.
2. Sign up to read - Each individual can sign up to read the Bible in 15 minute increments for as much time as you want.
3. Gather a group to sign up to be table workers - Table workers will be groups of 3-6 and will hand out information, Bibles, lead people to Jesus, answer questions, etc. in 2 hour increments.
4. Financial Support - They are partnering with the international ministry: Seedline International. As such they are bringing in the team to help run the Bible Reading Marathon and they need financial support to help cover the costs of bringing in this team. It also covers administrative overhead from state support. You can send support to Sunrise Baptist C/O BRM 709 Hill Street, Parkersburg, WV 26105.

**Pastor Toby has already signed up for Monday October 7 from 8:45-9:30 and 9:45-10:30. If you are interested in this ministry, sign up at:**

[www.capitolbrm.org/west-virginia.html](http://www.capitolbrm.org/west-virginia.html)

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105*

# FALL GOLDEN'EERS CONFERENCE

**SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2024**

**at Parchment Valley Conference Center**

**Theme: Grateful for Relationships:  
A Study of Philippians**



***Kevin Sions***

*WVBC Northeast  
Area Minister*

**Bible Study, evening  
group activities,  
indoor/outdoor games,  
bookstore, puzzles,  
crafts and much more.**

**"A Conference for adults 55 years of age and older."**

**The Conference will begin on Monday in the Santrock  
Education Center with registration and pizza at 12:00  
Noon and will end on Wednesday at 11:00 am.**

**For more information, please contact Jerry Losh at  
[jerry@fbcoh.com](mailto:jerry@fbcoh.com).**



# REGISTRATION FORM—Due **August 30th**

(Please use **ONE** form per person - this includes husbands and wives)

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Dis: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs:(Dietary): \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL-TIME COST:** (This rate is per person. Please mark your choice on the line provided)

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$110.00 **Double** - includes two nights lodging @ \$30 per night, linens, meals and \$10.00 program fee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 **Single** - includes two nights lodging @ \$45 per night, linens, meals and \$10.00 program fee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$105.00 **Triple** - (you will be required to share a bed and be responsible for choosing your own roommates by the time of registration) includes two nights lodging @ \$25 per night, linens, meals and \$10.00 program fee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00 **Dorm** - (bunk beds) includes two nights lodging @ \$20 per night, meals and \$10.00 program fee. (You will need to bring your own bed linens/towels and washcloths if you choose the dorms.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 **Campground** - includes two nights lodging @ 20.00 per night (per camper/RV) does **NOT** include the cost of meals or program fee per person.  
(See Day ONLY box for these costs.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ -\$10.00 **Discount for First-Timers (Full-Time Only)**
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed (Full-Time Only)**

## Day ONLY Cost: (For those not staying in Parchment Valley Lodges or Dorms)

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| _____ \$10.00 Program Fee            | _____ \$9.00 Tuesday Dinner            |
| _____ \$9.00 Monday Dinner           | _____ \$7.00 Wednesday Breakfast (Hot) |
| _____ \$7.00 Tuesday Breakfast (Hot) |  |
| _____ \$7.50 Tuesday Lunch           | _____ <b>Total Enclosed (Day ONLY)</b> |

**REGISTRATION:** If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Tracie at 304-422-6449 or email [temerick@wvbc.org](mailto:temerick@wvbc.org).

Please make checks payable to **WVBC** and send **full payment BY AUGUST 30, 2024** to:

Fall Golden'eers Conference

Attn: Tracie Emerick, PO Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102



American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

# Spiritual Growth Retreat



God created you, crowned you, and made you a ruler! C'mon now!

You have made them a little lower than angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

-Psalm 8:5

*Straighten your crown, girl!*



On the darkest days when I feel inadequate, unloved, and unworthy.

I remember whose daughter I am and I straighten my crown!

Keynote Speaker  
Jill Narraway

Worship Leaders  
Brian & Sara McClure

Workshops

Fellowship

Campfire

September 27-29 2024

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Kim Pickrell, Coordinator (304) 481-2632 pickrellk@aol.com



**140TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF  
THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN**



**COME AND WITNESS  
THE BEAUTY OF THE  
NEW RIVER GORGE  
BRIDGE ON OCT 17,  
2024**

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,  
OAK HILL, WV

**THEME: Bridge to Joyous Living**

**Scripture:** Psalm 16:11 "You lead me in the path  
of life; I experience absolute joy in your  
presence, you always give me sheer delight."

# Church History

## Did you know...

Our new church archivers, Ellen Varner and Amy Starkey, have been gathering First Baptist history and pictures to scan and save for future generations. We have some really interesting facts that are in our past.

Here are a few facts:

- ◆ In 1951 the decision was made to start raising funds for building improvements and modernization
- ◆ In 1952 construction began on the Educational Unit.
- ◆ D.E. Cole was the Chairman of the Building Committee.
- ◆ J. F. Moore (father of David Moore) was the Chairman of the Trustees and Construction Oversight.
- ◆ In 1954 construction was completed
- ◆ Week long dedication services were held March 29 to April 4, 1954.
- ◆ Work and improvements totaled \$40,000 and included:
  - Educational Unit - building addition - upstairs classrooms, assembly hall, kitchen, downstairs offices and library.
  - Installation of forced air furnace, new roof, addition of pillars to front porch, wall to wall carpet in the sanctuary, new baptistery, rebuilding of pews and redecorating the sanctuary.
- ◆ In February 1954, the church formally changed its name to First Baptist Church, Ravenswood, WV
- ◆ Children's Church was organized in 1955 and the choir was organized including Senior High Youth and Adults.



REMODELED AND REDECORATED SANCTUARY

GORBY'S 100<sup>th</sup> ALLEN ORGAN INSTALLED  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
RAVENSWOOD, W. VA.

REV. MICHAEL D. HALLEY, PASTOR  
MR. BOB C. JOHNSON, MUSIC CHAIRMAN  
MRS. MICHAEL D. HALLEY, ORGANIST

This church knows its organ worries are over. With the installation of an Allen organ, a new level of tonal beauty enriches the worship services. For Gorby's of South Charleston, this marks a milestone of accomplishment, its one hundredth Allen Sale.

**RECITAL**  
SUNDAY - MAY 13 - 5:00 P.M.  
PUBLIC INVITED



**Women's Circle taking in local history!** We had a wonderful group of 14 ladies (including Kathy Frazier's two granddaughters) come out for a spectacular day trip to Marietta for this year's Circle Trip on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Our first stop - the Multiracial Tour at the historic Mound Cemetery, followed by a savory lunch at the Levee House Bistro (the only remaining riverfront building in Marietta). Then we enjoyed an amazing tour of "The Castle", an absolutely beautiful property, this 1855 Gothic Revival house & museum is a must see (Christmas trip anyone?). Our final stop -- Whit's Frozen Custard. The weather was perfect and the unseasonably low humidity was appreciated by all! Thanks to everyone who was able to join us & we look forward to seeing You next year!





# Enjoying Noah's Ark





## Focus on Sunday School:



### How Are You Training Your Child?

Proverbs 22:6 tells us “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart.”

Ephesians 6:4b tells us “bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

How can we train our children? Some ways Christian families can educate their children are:

- Lead by your example. Do you show them the 10 Commandments? I don't mean how they read but show them how to live them.
- Teach them how to love unconditionally as Jesus loves us. Show them by example.
- Help them serve others. Again, show by example how to reach out to those in need, not just for food, clothing but also for love.
- Share how important Jesus is to you and to them. Tell them about salvation. By example, let them know faith is important.
- Pray with them, for them, for what is important to them. That is the way they can learn.
- Teach them that it is important to be in Sunday School and church. How? By example. If they see you attend regularly, then they can see how important it is.

Don't let them depart! Attend Sunday School today!

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

## September Calendar

Sep 2 Labor Day Office Closed  
Sep 3 Trustee Meeting  
Sep 5 Deaconess Meeting  
Sep 8 9/11 Recognition  
Sep 9 BOCE  
Sep 10 Men's Fellowship  
Sep 11 First Responders Appreciation  
Sep 15 Family Fun Bowling  
Sep 17 Finance Committee  
Sep 18 Anchor Articles Due  
Sep 19 CIRCLE  
Sep 24 Deacons Meeting  
Sep 27 ABWM Spiritual Growth Retreat

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

## September Birthdays



Janyce Watkins—9/1  
Helen Frank—9/2  
Abbi Woods—9/7  
Kristi King—9/7  
Jim Frazier—9/9  
Diana Staats—9/10  
Alan Arrington—9/14  
Philip Lyons—9/15  
Angel Ritchie—9/16  
Nathanael Flesher—9/17  
Liam Davis—9/17  
Sami Lawson—9/19  
Gary Balser—9/19  
Susan Gerstell—9/20  
Megan Noble—9/22  
Jocelyn Lawson—9/22  
Kathy Hudson—9/24  
Susan Price—9/25  
Bev Stephenson—9/27  
Sandy Confer—9/27  
Cass Bennett—9/29

## Bible Book of the Month September 2024 Revelation



## CommUnity Kitchen

Sep 7 Sherry Walker  
Sep 14 Burt Lyons  
Sep 21 Grace & Talia  
Sep 28 Rose & Glen Stevens

*Sign up for  
CommUnity Kitchen 2024!*

**Delivery People needed for  
CommUnity Kitchen.  
Contact Susan**

## 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.



# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Scott & Katy Baltic	2 Doug & Debby Bashaw	3 Aaron & Melissa Bennett, Cass	4 Blake Bennett	5 Beau Bennett	6 Thomas & Peggy Boothe, Izzy, Kolton	7 Carolyn Brown
8 Jason Brown	9 Zack Brown	10 CW & Mary Caldwell, Carly, Josie	11 Patti Calvert	12 Grant & Cari Chapman	13 Shawn & Tanya Cole	14 Brent & Sandy Confer
15 Jamison Cooper, Dalilah	16 Deshone Cooper	17 Dave & Carol Crow	18 Bryan & Andrea Crow	19 Benjamin Crow	20 Anna Davis, Liam Emory	21 Dustin & Kindsey DeRito
22 Bryan & Andrea Donahue, Xavier, Violet, Finley	23 Danny & Sherry Dziersanski	24 Rodney & Sheila Eskins	25 Heidi Farrell	26 Annabelle Flesher	27 Jeff & Venisa Flesher	28 Nathanael & Kaylin Flesher
29 Helen Frank	30 Jim & Kathy Frazier					

