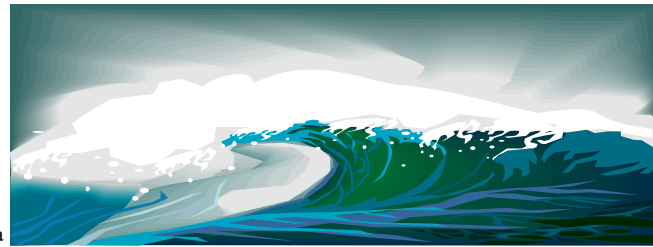




The *October 2026*

Anchor

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



October's Harvest: Trusting the God Who Never Changes

I love the month of October. It's the time of the year where living in West Virginia allows us to experience a change in both temperature and scenery. From those early morning nippy chills and cooler evenings to seeing the leaves turning vibrant colors of red, orange, yellow, and gold. We bask in the majesty of the Lord all around us.

The fall season also provides opportunities for families to spend time together. We see families gather, pumpkins and hay bales decorate porches, and we watch children dress in all kinds of costumes enjoying Halloween trick-or-treating. Our church has our annual fall festival later this month, which also provides a wonderful time for those of all ages as we celebrate the season of harvest. Be sure to read about that upcoming event in this edition of our church newsletter.

Nevertheless, while we see the month of October usher in a variety of seasonal changes, we remember God does not change. The beauty of autumn will eventually give way to winter, spring, and summer, but our heavenly Father remains faithful through every change of life. I am reminded in Hebrews 13:8 that assures us, ***"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."*** What a comforting promise we have as believers! Our circumstances may change frequently, and our responsibilities may shift, and yes, life often brings unexpected challenges, but God's character, love, and promises remain constant.

When we think of seasons of change, we might recall Ecclesiastes 3:1 that tells us, ***"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."*** In October, we see this truth clearly in the harvest. Throughout the year, farmers prepare the soil, plant seeds, tend their crops, and wait patiently. Eventually, the time comes to gather what has grown. This is the season of harvest. God provides.

The same principle applies to the work here at First Baptist. Galatians 6:9 reminds us to hold the line, keep pressing forward, and stay faithful. The Scripture reads, ***"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."*** You see, every prayer, every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, every Sunday school lesson, every worship service, and every gospel conversation that you have with someone, are seeds planted that helps grow God's kingdom on earth. We may not always see immediate results, but we trust God, knowing he is faithful to use our obedience in His perfect timing, to bring about His harvest.

So this month, let us enjoy October's colors, the cooler temperatures, and celebrate the fall harvest, while remembering that we are also called to sow faithfully of our time, our talents, and our love for the Lord. We must remember, there is work to do, neighbors to love, children to teach, families to encourage, and souls to reach with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Let us continue serving the Lord with joy and gladness. Let us be thankful for our Lord who is present in every season. The leaves may change, the weather may change, and our lives may change, but thanks be to God, He never does. His faithfulness is our firm foundation today, tomorrow, and forever. This church family, is just another reason to love Him.

In His Service,

Pastor Toby



MOVING MOUNTAINS YOUTH

Join Pastor Toby
as we launch a new era of
Moving Mountains Youth!

**OUR JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH
WILL BEGIN MEETING
SUNDAY NIGHTS
OCTOBER 4 AT 6:00**

Our first plan of action will be to:

-  **PLAN A TRIP
TO THE WILDS**
-  **A RANDOM
ACTS OF KINDNESS
NIGHT**
-  **A TUBING TRIP
THIS WINTER**
-  **REVERSE
TRICK OR TREATING**

Bring a Friend!

AND GET A
Google Play
OR **iTunes Card**
FOR YOUR PHONE.


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF RAVENSWOOD

BRING
YOUR
BIBLE
TO SCHOOL DAY.
BY FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

OCTOBER 1

Making Mazes in Children's Church



Family Fall Festival!!



Costume Swap



Everyone is welcome to come to the
Family Fall Festival on
Sunday October 25
from 4:00 to 7:00.
Games, Food and Fun with
Jesus in our hearts!!!





Thursday December 17 at 7:00
The Warehouse Church
2501 Garfield Ave
Parkersburg WV 26101

Celebrate *Christmas* Early!

General Admission \$37.67
Early admission \$58.02
VIP \$104.87
(Tickets need to be ordered early)

Carpooling for this event will be available
Contact Kristi King for more details
(816)522-1957

Attention All Women!

STUDY GUIDE +
STREAMING VIDEO

SIX SESSIONS

Uninvited

Living Loved When You Feel Less Than,
Left Out, and Lonely

#1 New York
Times
Bestseller

Starting October 5 at 10:00

Lysa TerKeurst

Author of *The Best Yes* and *Unglued*

Collection for those in need..



During the month of October, we will be collecting new or gently used coats, socks, shoes, warm clothing (all sizes—male and female) and blankets for the homeless shelters. Drop off your items in the corner area for Fred McGoskey. He will deliver them to the shelters. Thank you for caring for the Lord's children.

Luke 3:11 – *“He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.”*

Deuteronomy 15:11 – *“For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.”*

Matthew 25:34-40 *“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?’³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?’³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’*

Wright Mission Circle



It's always a great evening when the ladies get together. In September, they met at the home of Debby Bashaw (who took the above picture) and enjoy planning activities, sharing prayers, eating (of course), and fellowship.

The next meeting of the Wright Mission Circle will be on October 16 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to come and enjoy the evening.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25

Thank you Ladies of the church!



Our guest speaker for the day was Katie Ferrell Woods. She spoke on 3 Questions and delivered a blessing to all who heard her.

Amy Starkey also blessed us with her solo - *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Trudy Casto made the announcements for the church. Ann Johnson led the congregation music and Abbi Woods blessed us with her music abilities.

Susan West led prayer for the prayer requests and offering. Ellen Varner, Jane Moore, Sherry Walker and Christie Mize were our ushers for the morning.

Our greeters for the morning were Kathy Hudson and Kathy Frazier.

Thanks to all who helped with our Women's Sunday!

Welcome
TO OUR
160th
CELEBRATION
PICNIC
and
FAMILY FUN DAY





160 Strong!



Waiting for 2066!



Happenings



Congratulations!



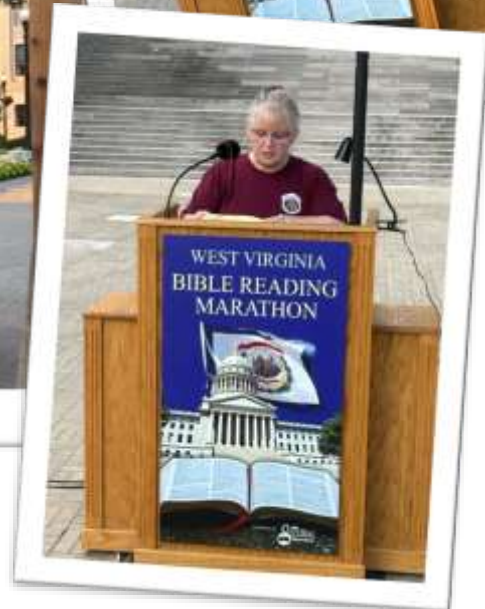
Josh Scott and Charity Cummins
on their beautiful wedding!

May your marriage be blessed!



YA & Beyond celebrates 6 years together at the
Riverfront Park. Here's to 86 more!

The YA & Beyond read scriptures in Charleston
at the Bible Reading Marathon.





Dealing with Disruptive Individuals

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

6:00pm - 8:00pm



113 Ellsworth Ave.
Marietta, Ohio 45750

This practical, church-focused class equips safety team members and staff with proven communication and observation skills to recognize concerns early, manage difficult encounters, and maintain a calm, respectful environment. Participants will learn to recognize the signs of dangerous behavior, learn skills to manage people in crisis, and make sound decisions about when to involve law enforcement, all while integrating these skills into their existing safety plans. Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance.

The course is grounded in real-world experience and designed specifically for faith-based settings. We will also conduct a demonstration with SOK Defense Spray after the presentation.

\$75 To Register: www.ServingProtectors.com

TOPICS

- Active Listening Techniques
- De-escalation
- Danger Clues
- Working as a Team
- Professional communication strategies
- Situational Awareness
- How and when to involve law enforcement

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Church Safety Ministry
- Pastors
- Kids Ministry
- Teachers
- Day Care Workers
- Office Staff
- Ushers
- Greeters

\$75 per person

REGISTRATION



CONTACT:

JEREMY ALLEN

740-808-0445

Jeremy@TriadProtectiveSolutions.com

Serving Protectors



Fall Children's Rally

For children currently in grades K-5, 6th grade is optional.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

At Parchment Valley in the Greenlee Activities Center



2026 Children's Fall Rally
Parchment Valley Conference Center
Ripley, WV

JESUS IS FULL OF SURPRISES!

When Jesus throws a party, He defies all expectations. Sinners are befriended, strays are celebrated, and rebellious failures are embraced. In a house full of uninvited guests, the best seats are reserved for those least deserving.

Kids will learn

- ⇒ Jesus has unexpected grace for unexpected people
- ⇒ Jesus wants us to share His unexpected grace with everyone
- ⇒ God's grace is so surprising that it can be hard to deal with
- ⇒ God's grace is so surprising that it can be hard to deal with
- ⇒ Everyone is invited to the unexpected grace of Jesus.

COST: \$15.00 (if postmarked by October 13th) **\$28** (if postmarked after October 13th or at the door.)

Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30-9:50 a.m.	Welcome
	Instructions
	Singing
10:00-10:40 a.m.	Lesson 1
10:45-11:25 a.m.	Lesson 2
11:30-12:10 p.m.	Lesson 3
12:15-12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45-1:10 p.m.	Singing
1:15-1:55 p.m.	Lesson 4
2:00-2:40 p.m.	Lesson 5
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Singing
	Closing

MISSION PROJECT

CHILDREN'S NEEDS for
FLOOD VICTIMS IN WESTON

*New Children's Toys
New Children's Books or
Walmart Gift Cards
Books A Million Gift Cards*

T-shirts:

PRE-SALE ONLY
T-shirts WILL NOT
be for sale at the
Rally. Cost \$12.00
each and must be
pre-ordered and
pre-paid by
October 13th.



CHURCH _____ ASSOCIATION _____

Fall Children's Rally

Saturday, November 7, 2026

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date _____
Check Number (s) _____
Amount Paid \$ _____ Balance \$ _____



Greenlee Activities Center, Parchment Valley
Conference Center - Ripley, WV

REGISTRATION

Complete this sheet and send along with check(s) payable to WVBC.
Mail to: Fall Children's Rally, PO Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102

CHILDREN

Name	Grade	Photo	Permission	Name	Grade	Photo	Permission
1. _____	_____	Yes	No	9. _____	_____	Yes	No
2. _____	_____	Yes	No	10. _____	_____	Yes	No
3. _____	_____	Yes	No	11. _____	_____	Yes	No
4. _____	_____	Yes	No	12. _____	_____	Yes	No
5. _____	_____	Yes	No	13. _____	_____	Yes	No
6. _____	_____	Yes	No	14. _____	_____	Yes	No
7. _____	_____	Yes	No	15. _____	_____	Yes	No
8. _____	_____	Yes	No	16. _____	_____	Yes	No

ADULTS

(At least one adult from your church must be with your children throughout the day.
One adult is required for every 10 children)

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

Early registrations (postmarked no later than October 13th)

Number of participants _____ x \$15 = _____

Late registrations (postmarked after October 13th)

Number of participants _____ x \$28 = _____

T-shirts MUST be
pre-ordered and money MUST be
included with your registration
fee by October 13th.

T-shirts: Please mark how many you would like of each of the following sizes: (\$12 each)

Youth Small (6/8) _____ Youth Medium (10/12) _____ Youth Large (14/16) _____

Adult Sm. _____ Adult Med. _____ Adult Lg. _____ Adult XL _____ Adult XXL _____

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR COMPLETE EMAIL ADDRESS

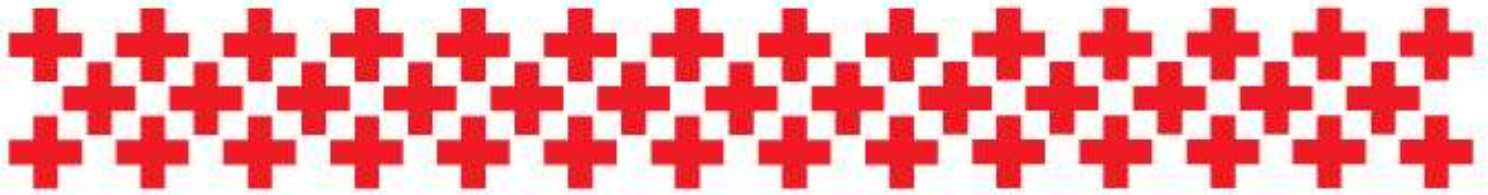
CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ EVENING PHONE _____

Please note special meal requests or food allergies: _____

American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Blood Drive **First Baptist Church** **Fellowship Hall**

215 Ann Street
Ravenswood, WV

Monday, October 5
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Ravenswood to schedule an appointment.

**Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card
when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.**

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RAVENSWOOD OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION

This month, we are kicking off our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for our big packing party in November! Our goal this year is to collect 415 shoeboxes to advance the kingdom of God in countries around the world!

This Month we are collecting donations towards **SHIPPING COSTS!**

Throughout this month, we will have bottles designated for OCC, in a basket in the vestibule!!! PLEASE take one, fill it up with QUARTERS and return it! EVEN IF ITS NOT FULL!!! Every bit of your donations will go towards shipping costs this year!!! If you wish to TRACK a shoebox-please include a slip with your name in your donation bottle and we will try to arrange for your donation to be attached to a box from our church!!!

PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER DONATING TO OUR OCC ACCOUNT by writing a check to FBC Ravenswood and writing OCC in the memo line or putting cash donations in an envelope with OCC written on it! These donations will help with shipping costs or purchasing items for shoeboxes throughout the coming years! EVERY PENNY COUNTS towards extending the GOOD NEWS and GREAT JOY of Jesus!

Have any Concerns or Questions please feel free to contact Talia Martinez at 304-761-8255, Jordan Williams at 304-531-9076, or Trudy Casto at 509-254-3308!

Focus on Sunday School:



PUMPKIN PRAYER



Dear God...
Open my mind so I can learn about
You.
Take all my sin and forgive the
wrong that I do.
Open my eyes so Your love I will
see.
I'm sorry for times I've turned up
my nose at what You've given me.
Open my ears so Your word I will
hear.
Open my mouth to tell others
You're near.
Let Your light shine in all I say and
do!
Amen.

Come to Sunday School and learn.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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

October Birthdays



Andrea Crow—10/4
Caralyn Graham—10/8
Brandon Wyant—10/9
Bryan Donahue—10/10
Tyler McGoskey—10/10
Cari Chapman—10/15
Taylor Woods—10/15
Jason Kerns—10/23
Annalee Cummins—10/26
Joan Grimmett—10/29
Kay Pursley—10/30
Ashlee Wyant—10/31

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

Bible Book of the Month October Joshua



October Calendar

Oct 5 Trustee Meeting; Red Cross Blood Drive
Oct 7 3rd Quarter Reports Due
Oct 11 Deaconess Meeting
Oct 12 BOCE
Oct 13 Men's Fellowship
Oct 14 3rd Quarter Business Meeting
Oct 15 Wright Mission Circle; Woman's Day at WVBC
Oct 15-16 WVBC Convention in Huntington
Oct 18 Social Committee Meeting
Oct 20 Financial Committee Meeting
Oct 25 Family & Children Fall Festival
Oct 27 Deacons Meeting

* Game Day weekly 1:00-3:00 (not on holidays) (check bulletins for day of week)

CommUnity Kitchen

Oct 3 Walkers
Oct 10 Episcopal Church
Oct 17 Wagoner/Lawson Family
Oct 24 Burt Lyons
Oct 31 Calvary Baptist Church

**Please consider helping
with this ministry.
Call the office to sign up.**

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 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Charlotte McCoy	2 Nancy McCoy	3 Fred & Robin McGoskey
4 Roberta Miller	5 Ben & Christie Mize	6 Josh Mize	7 David & Mary Jo Moore	8 Jon & Jane Moore	9 Julie Morgan, Lila	10 Patrick & Scarlet Mullins, Emry, Ryleigh, Hudson, Hunter
11 Gage & Destiny Nease	12 Allen & Holly Palmer	13 Adam & Brittany Pistelli, Colton, Max, Ella	14 Mick & Susan Price	15 Kay Pursley	16 Roger & Belinda Rader	17 Juanita Raines
18 Lee & Connie Reynolds	19 Brent & Angel Ritchie, Lincoln, Beckham	20 Conner Ritchie	21 Tyler & Michelle Ritchie Mary	22 Ben & Kellie Roberts	23 Wesley Rosencrance	24 Gary & Rhonda Samples
25 Josh & Charity Scott	26 Kim & Dee Scritchfield	27 Grace Shirley	28 Tim & Connie Staats	29 Ron & Amy Starkey	30 Warner Stephens	31 John Stephenson

The Lord does not look at the things people look at.
People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
- 1 Samuel 16:7B

