

# **BRIDGES**

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - February 2023

# After God's Heart

What do you desire for your child? Have you noticed how books on parenting never ask that question? I suppose the reason is that books on parenting assume that parents want the "best" for

their children in terms of life success and happiness. I know that I want these things for my children. But the question is important, "what do you desire for your child?"

In ancient Israel, the people wanted a king just like all the other nations (1 Samuel 8:20). So God gave them a king just like all the other nations; he gave them King Saul. And King Saul was very much like the kings of the other nations. He was tall, handsome, and visibly stunning. He was a king able to raise an army to fight wars in the name of God for personal gain (1 Samuel 15). He was a king full of

pride that always pointed people to himself (1 Samuel 13). And He was a king that treated religion as a means to get what his heart desired (1 Samuel 28). Saul was the king the people asked for, a king who was just like the kings of other nations.

After King Saul, the Lord said, "It is my turn, I will now choose a king that is after my heart (1 Samuel 13:14)." And so the Lord chose David, a man whose heart was after God. David was not a perfect man, for he committed horrible sins. He sometimes depended too much on violence (1 Chronicles 28:1-3), he committed adultery that led to murder (2 Samuel 20), and he too was tempted to use war for personal wealth and power (2 Samuel 24). What made David different from Saul was that David sought the Lord, even in his failures. His heart was for God. Thus, as we read in the many Psalms that he wrote, he desired to point people to God, not himself. He trusted the Lord even when people hunted him down (1 Samuel 24). And He sought to rule not according to the desires of his own heart, but to those of God's heart (2 Samuel 7). David was a king after God's heart.

It seems to me that most parents of today are like the people of ancient Israel, who wanted a king like all the other nations. *Most parents today want their children to be like everyone else*. Or, maybe better

said, most parents today want their

children to be BETTER THAN everybody else. Thus, in pursuing this desire, there is a forever list of activities that children are shuffled back and forth from in the fear that they may miss out. Thus, in pursuing this desire, parents are reluctant to withhold forms of entertainment or technologies that "everyone else has." And thus, just like the Lord gave the ancient Israelites what they asked for (a king like all the other nations), so too does the Lord give today's parents what they ask for, children who are just like everyone else.

What do you desire for your child? Do you really want a child that is like everyone else, or do you want a child that is after God's heart? I believe that Christian parenting begins with that question. A parent that seeks their children to be after God's heart will themselves be people who are after God's heart. They will be people who seek to point to the Lord and not themselves. They will be people who trust the Lord even when it feels like the world has turned against them or when they feel like a stranger to this world. And maybe most of all, they will be people who seek the Lord in their own sins and failures. What you desire for your children ultimately will be what

Therefore, "seek the LORD your God, and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul (Deuteronomy 4:29)."

Grace and Peace, Pastor Trent

you desire for yourself.



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- 2 Gwen Caldwell Chris Chaney Curt Mann Terry Smith
- 4 Tyler Hampton Ripley Riley
- 5 Gary Norris Ezra Sisson Peter Sisson Amy Smith Taryn Wilson
- 7 Alissa Stricker
- 8 Jeremiah Cruz
- 9 Carrie Brown Ally Roy
- 10 Suzanne McCallister
- 11 Leigh FryeDebbie Weston
- 13 Mary MacClellan
- 14 Marion Sansom
- 15 Regan Alford Carol Arkell
- 16 Charles Bonecutter C.R. Brown
- 17 Nathan Welch
- 18 Gavin Blake Braelynn Fannin Zooey Roy Darrell Walden
- 19 Kim Day Charlene Kendall
- 20 Sharon Blankenship
- 21 Roger Barcus Greg Creasy
- 22 Jim Benson Brittany Kendrick Myra Lydick Paula Omer
- 23 Karen Dailey
- 25 Dolores Adkins Ezra Brumfield Lisa Caviani
- 26 Madden Casto Jim Daniels Susan Skaggs
- 27 Jean Spurlock
- 28 Janice Mann Betsy Wilson

# Anniversaries

Ron & Lisa Caviani		2/6
Ronnie & Lanna Waugh	$(55^{th})$	2/10
Bret & Pam Woodall		2/14
Fred & Linda Cummings		2/16
Travis & Roberta Noble		2/16
Justin & Bethany Cox		2/19
John & Pat Baisden		2/22



Sunday, February 19, 2023



Notes from the Choir Director, Karen Dailey

We continue to have choir rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 7:30 and are now working on our Easter music. What a blessing it has been to be immersed in the songs of our Savior's love for us. What a beautiful gift of love he gave as he was rejected, mocked, beaten, hung, and died on a thief's cross for you and me. Thankfully, that is not the end of his story! He defeated death, hell and the grave as he rose again!! The choir will be sharing this story in songs as we present Ransomed and Redeemed on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. In 1 Corinthians 6:20 it says, "For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

The words of the old hymn, "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," is written below and is just one of many, many songs of Jesus' wondrous love and gift to us:

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me. On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save. In His boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.

I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant power I'll tell. How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell.



# CHORUS

Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer. With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid my debt, and set me free.

May we always glorify God with our voices, in speech and in song.

## Are you receiving the monthly newsletter via email?

If not, and you would like to have it emailed to you, please contact the church office (304.523.3355, ext.2). If email is not your preferred method of delivery for the newsletter, it can be picked up at the Welcome Center each month or we can send you one through regular mail.





**Sheri Kinder Tadlock** was celebrated in a recent Herald-Dispatch article about the Wayne Elementary Honor Choir which she teaches and directs. The choir, made up of 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Students, practices after school. The students recently performed with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra's "Home for the Holidays" concert and have traveled to Washington D.C., Williamsburg,

Nashville and Philadelphia to perform. They have performed for the WV governor, live radio broadcasts, and the WV House of Delegates. They were featured on WSAZ Studio 3 and opened for the Indianapolis 500. And, of course, have performed for our own Senior Luncheon.

Samantha Meek, granddaughter of Alan and Barbara, was named among the top 100 Junior Theater Festival participants in the festival held January 13-15 at the Cobb Convention Center in Atlanta which featured over 6000 participants. The judges raved about First Stage Theatre Company's performance of Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach JR." A total of 125 groups from 28 states, as well as Washington, D.C., Canada, and Australia, participated in the festival.



I am excited to announce our summer of **2023 youth mission trip!** We will be going to Philadelphia, PA to partner with The Common Place Philly. This Church's story is similar to ours at New Baptist, during COVID, 2 churches from separate denominations came together to share resources and a common mission to be a blessing in their part of their city. We will be staying at the church and partnering with them on a variety of projects as we learn about the challenges that people in the inner-city face.

I am looking forward to providing this opportunity to our students to go, learn, and serve. We will partner with another Huntington church, Fifth Avenue Baptist, on this trip to Philadelphia. I'm excited about these partnerships and the relationships that will form as many churches serve and work together.

Missions, however, are not done in isolation. This trip is an extension of our youth ministry and the ministry of the church. You can partner with us in a few ways. First, pray! Paul invites the churches he serves on many occasions to pray, like Eph. 6:18-20 to pray for all the Lord's people and for boldness in proclaiming the Gospel. Specifically, I ask you to pray for the church in Philadelphia and the ministry they are doing, that we will partner with, and that will continue after we leave. Pray for God to prepare students for this experience, to strengthen their faith. Pray for leaders and volunteers who will drive, lead, and invest in students that week. Pray for the people we encounter and opportunities to share the Gospel boldly in word and action.

**Next you can give.** We will have opportunities for you to **give through sales and meals** over the next few months. Your giving can help send students that may not be able to afford an opportunity like this. Pray about how you can give and support these students!

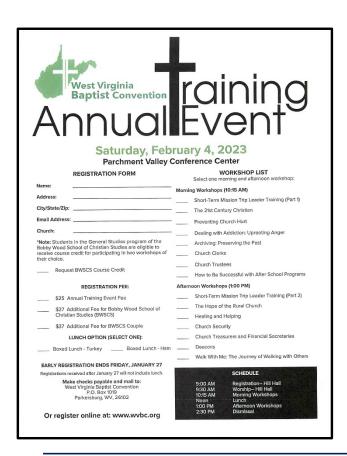
Finally, if you feel like God might be calling you to serve in our youth ministry, there are a variety of roles and needs that I would love to discuss with you. We will be doing a child protection training in the near future and do background checks to ensure all of our volunteers are trained and screened for the protection of our children. I welcome a conversation to explore how God might be calling you to serve!

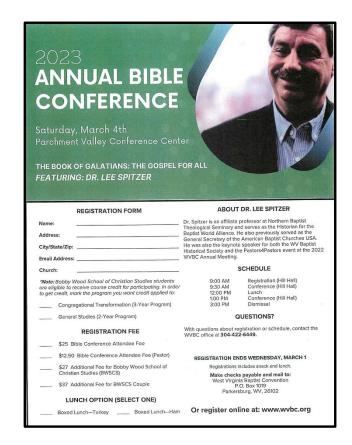
Thanks for your faithfulness in prayers and support for the youth ministry at New Baptist Church! Our recent growth in attendance is exciting and brings new energy to our ministry and church! We look forward to a great year of connecting students to Jesus, his people, and his purpose for them!

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**Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7:30pm** – informational meeting for parents and youth concerning summer mission trip. Meet in youth room.







Women's Ministries

some or us long for at least one good snowfall during our winter season! Curling up in a soft, warm blanket with a good book, we sip a cup of hot tea and glance out at the beauty those white flakes create as they cover all the nakedness of the world outside. Maybe the month of February will bring one of those days...

Resuming our Women's Bible study is a certainty for the month of February! We have had a little break during the winter holidays, and it's time to get back in the Word with our small groups. Christie Eastman already has her group back at it on Wednesday evenings with their Beth Moore study, *Believing God.* Other studies will begin on February 8. A second Wednesday evening group will do *God of Creation* by Jen Wilkin. Barbara Meek and Gail Kelly will lead a book study on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am titled, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* by Eugene Peterson. Suzanne McCallister's Thursday morning group are still deciding which study they will do, possibly one by Priscilla Shirer. If you've never joined a small group study, please consider one of these to prepare you for the Easter season. Signup sheets are in the church foyer, or call me or one of the other leaders for information.

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank all the ladies in Bible study groups who gave so generously in memory of my dear mother, Betty Kilgore, who went to heaven in October. I was recently informed that a gift of \$300 was given to the women's ministries at her church, First Baptist Ceredo, in her memory and in my honor. I am blessed beyond measure to be a part of New Baptist and our women's ministries. I love you so...

Our theme verse from Joshua 1:9 says, "Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." He truly is with us! Hold fast to His promises!

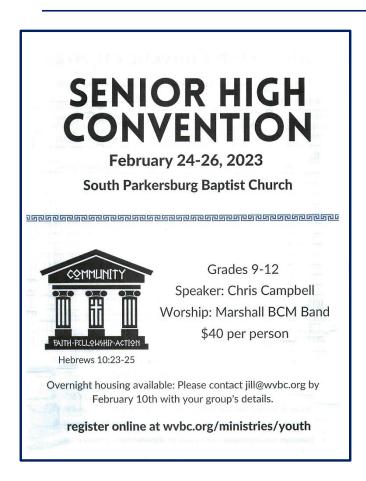
For Good...
Dolores Adkins



Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

We observe Lent because it tells us to **STOP** and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to **LOOK** inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to **LISTEN** — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

**STOP**, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.





# Always choose love

God wants us to choose to love him freely, even when that choice involves pain, because we are committed to him, not to our own good feelings and rewards. He wants us to cleave to him, as Job did, even when we have every reason to deny him hotly. That, I believe, is the central message of Job.

Satan had taunted God with the accusation that humans are not truly free. Was Job being faithful simply because God had allowed him a prosperous life? Job's fiery trials proved the answer beyond doubt. Job clung to God's justice when he was the best example in history of God's apparent injustice. He did not seek the Giver because of his gifts; when all gifts were removed, he still sought the Giver.

-- Philip Yancey, Where Is God When It Hurts?

# **Prayer Concerns**

(Please let the church office know if there are any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer concern list.)



Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Chelcie Adkins, Nancy Adkins, Carol Arkell, Lynn Barcus, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Robert Bonecutter, Debbie Brown (friend of Annie Stewart), Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Parker Campbell, Ron Caviani, Baby Piper Clark, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Jonah Cruz, Rose Davis, Pam Fannin, Kenneth Fetty, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Karen Gillispie, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Virgil Kelly, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Joseph Leggott, Bob Mannon, Roy Maynor, Margaret Mclaughlin, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Nancy Messinger (sister of David McMellon), Marvin & Valerie Moore, Spencer Moore, Charlie Morris, Tom Nash, Paula Omer, Bob & Paula Paden, Audy Perry, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Nina Rakes, Carol Richardson, Cheryl Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Susan Skaggs, Bob & Jo Anna Smith, Bill Snoddy, Ray Spencer, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond Spurlock, David Stevenson, Dick & Annie Stewart, Judy Swann, Grover & Sheri Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Sharon Wimmer

# **Additional Prayer Items:**

our pastors our community our military personnel unsaved loved ones our government leaders our country

#### **Deaths in the Church Family**



**Norm Allred,** 82, of Huntington WV, passed away suddenly on Monday, January 9, 2023. Norm was a member of the former Beverly Hills Baptist Church and a charter member of New Baptist. He is survived by his wife, Fern, additional family members and a host of friends.



**Barbara Pauley**, 87, of Huntington WV, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2023, after an extended illness. She was a homemaker, wife, seamstress, avid gardener and enjoyed reading and walking. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence. Barbara is survived by three daughters, Deborah Justice, Susan (Max E. II) Blake, and Alicia (John) Beal, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

For God
So loved the world
that He gave His
only
begotten
Son So
that whoever
believes
in Him Shall
have everlasting
life.
John 3:16

# I surrender!

Everybody eventually surrenders to something or someone. If not to God, you will surrender to the opinions or expectations of others, to money, to resentment, to fear or to your own pride, lusts or ego. You were designed to worship God — and if you fail to worship him, you will create other things (idols) to give your life to.

You are free to choose what you surrender to, but you are not free from the consequences of that choice. E. Stanley Jones said, "If you don't surrender to Christ, you surrender to chaos."

-Rick Warren, The Purpose-Driven Life

Ladies,

Please note new day.

Join us on **Monday evenings**, 5:30pm, for some fun exercise and social distancing fellowship.

Doors open ant 5:15ish. We start dancing at 5:30pm and workout for 50 minutes. We follow with a short devotion and prayer time.

This exercise experience is for all levels of fitness. Class is led by Stephanie Spencer and Carla Booth.

If you have other questions we have a Facebook page

304.544.1467 Stephanie Spencer 304.617.7289 Carla Booth



For more on ReFit, check out this site: https://refitrev.com/

#### **Biblical love notes**

(from The NewsletterNewsletter)



The following compliments from the Song of Solomon may not go over well on Valentine's Day: "I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots" (1:9). "Your hair is like a flock of goats, moving down the slopes of Gilead" (4:1). "Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing" (4:2). "Your neck is like the tower of David, built in courses" (4:4). "[Your] eyes are like doves beside springs of water, bathed in milk, fitly set" (5:12). "Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat" (7:2).

On the other hand, how about this one: "You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you" (4:7).

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I am often reminded by a Facebook friend that "It's the little things..." These little things make a big difference in our lives for either good or bad. I recently read the following story and I thought it important enough share with you.

Bobby Leach achieved fame and fortune when in July, 1911, at the age of 53, he went over Niagara Falls in a barrel. After recuperating from his injuries, Bobby toured North America and the UK with the historic barrel in

tow, recounting the experience for enthusiastic audiences in circus tents and lecture halls. Leach had been a lifelong circus performer, so daredevil stunts were nothing new to him. Even into his sixties he was attempting crazy things, such as swimming across whirlpool rapids. He was prepared for the big challenges in his adventurous life.

So how did he die? He was the victim of a banana peel. No kidding. He slipped on it, injuring his leg. The leg became infected, leading to gangrene, requiring an amputation, but it was too late. He died within a couple of months. It was a little thing that got him.

Here is the moral of the story. Is it strange that the man who could survive Niagara Falls in a barrel couldn't survive a banana peel? No. More often than not, it's the little things that beat us. It's because they catch us off guard. When you know you're going over the falls in a barrel, you're fully prepared and prayed up. Something as mundane as walking down the street, even a street littered with discarded fruit, you're likely to think you've got it handled. That's when we're likely to slip.

The apostle Paul said, So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! (1 Corinthians 10:12)

I wonder how that banana peel got to Mr. Leach. Did he see it and think that the mere skin of a fruit couldn't hurt him? Or was he simply not paying attention?

In this month of "love" how do we deepen our love for the Lord. Most often it is in "the little things." Our daily Bible reading, talking with God in prayer, weekly worship and Bile studies and times of fellowship with other believers are just a few of the "little things" that make a major impact on our walk with the Lord. Let's pay attention to the "little things" and not be caught unaware slipping on a spiritual banana peel.

\*\*A reminder that if you know someone in our New Baptist family that has a need for some pastoral care please get that information to us. You can put it on a prayer card. Use the connect card on the church website, call the church office or call text or email me. We want to be known for the love we share in Jesus and we as staff need your help in doing that.



### Report by Bethany Cox

**Haiti update:** We were able to host our first in person mission luncheon after 2 years!!! We enjoyed a potluck dinner/fellowship. Donations were just under \$600 for Pastor Dasnis.

Gail and Virgil are busy finalizing details for our church's first trip back to Ft Liberte'. The team will be going in March. We will be collecting items for hygiene bags to be distributed on the trip. Stay tuned for more info on items we will be collecting. The Haiti team will be hosting a luncheon on **Feb 19th** to raise money for their projects during their trip. Menu is Virgil's famous spaghetti.

Marshall Football Team: We are working on dates to continue providing dinners to the Marshall football players who attend a Bible study. If you would be interested in helping with these please let Amy Smith or Bethany Cox know. Bible studies are held on Wednesdays around lunchtime.

**Lunch For A Buck:** The Campus Christian Center has started lunch for a Buck back up this semester. This happens every other Tuesday. Students may come and buy lunch for a Buck. The proceeds are going to renovations at the Christian Center. New Baptist will be providing pepperoni rolls, chips, dessert and drinks on **Feb 14**.

**Cru:** Cru will be taking 30 students to Costa Rica over spring break to work on water filtration systems. What better example of the gospel than providing clean water and then talking about who can provide living water. Please be in prayer for these students. The mission board will be providing these students with a journal to keep track of their God sightings during the week. We are asking our church members to write a prayer in the front of these journals for the students. If you are interested in helping with this project, please see Bethany Cox.

# **Food Pantry:**

December Numbers 279 Families served 98 hygiene kits 300 school food packs

2022 Numbers 3199 Families served 901 hygiene kits 3220 School Food Packs For the past couple of months, the Food Pantry has been able to provide free haircuts and nail polishing to clients. Advanced cosmetology students from Collins Career & Technical Center have been visiting the food pantry once a month and providing these services for the food pantry clients. Next scheduled day is Tuesday, February 14.

# A little Valentine Humor

- 1. Who always has a date on Valentine's Day? A calendar.
- 2. What did the love-obsessed candle say when it was lit? "I found the perfect match!"
- 3. Why didn't the two dogs make serious Valentine's Day plans? It was just puppy love.
- 4. What is it called when your aunt went off to get married on V-Day? Antelope.
- 5. What did the pickle say to the other on Valentine's Day? "You're a big dill to me."
- 6. Why do air fresheners love Valentine's Day? They're so scent-imental.
- 7. How can you save money on Valentine's gifts? **Become single.**
- 8. What are insects called when they're dating? Lovebugs.
- 9. What do you call a happy couple who first met via Twitter? "Tweethearts."
- 10. Which type of flower is the best at giving kisses? Tulips.
- 11. What did the couple say after they were struck by Cupid's arrow? "Ouch!"



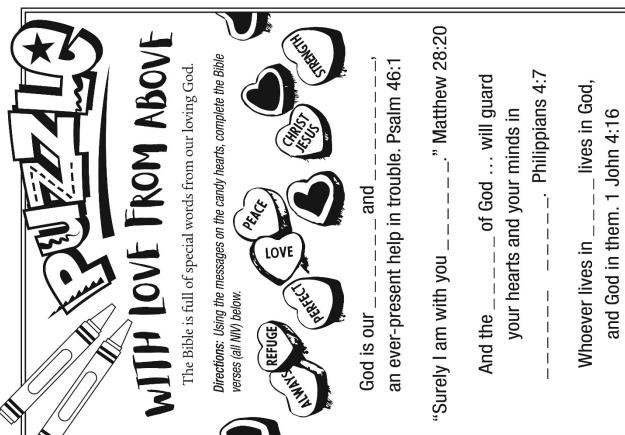


Plan now for summer camp at Cowen.

# Camp Cowen 2023 Schedule

MARCH 17-18 Staff Interviews JUNE 25- JULY 1 Junior 2 (grades 5-6) APRIL 14-16 Women's Camp JULY 2-8 High School 1 (grades 9-12) APRIL 20-22 Musician Summit JULY 9-15 Junior High 2 (grades 7-9) JULY 15 Senior Day (graduated seniors) APRIL 23 Cowen Sunday JULY 16-22 High School 2 (grades 9-12) APRIL 28-29 AB Men's Work Party JULY 23-26 Older Midler (grades 3-5) MAY 12-13 Summer Kick-Off JULY 28-31 Family Camp JUNE 2-4 Younger Midler (grades 2-4) JULY 31-AUG. 4 Raleigh Rockcastle JUNE 6-9 Leaders in Training AUGUST 4-6 AB Men & Boys Camp **JUNE 11-17** Junior 1 (grades 5-6) AUGUST 11-12 Camp Global <u>JUNE 18-24</u> Junior High 1 (grades 7-9)

For more information on camps, events, and registration, visit campcowen.org



Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

love drives out fear. 1 John 4:1

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# **Service Hours:**

# Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class 9:45 Sunday School for all

\*11:00 Morning Worship Kid's Church/Nursery

\*Service is also live streamed on Facebook (@NewBaptistChurchWV)

# Wednesday

6:00 Awana Youth

Prayer Meeting/Bible 6:30

Study

**NBC Food Pantry** Hours Tuesdays 10am - 2pm

