



## **Spring Time May 2018**

(Reprinted from May 2013)

Every year, when the seasons move from winter to spring I am always awestruck. Prior to moving to West Virginia, the seasonal changes were either nearly nonexistent (Kenya & Bangladesh) or very slow and subtle (Oregon). Here though, in West Virginia, one goes to bed on a winter night and wakes up the next morning to spring. This sudden change from naked trees to colorful forests causes me to be filled with wonder each year. It is not just the beauty of spring that causes me to catch my breath in awe, but the suddenness in which it comes. Despite what we know about how seasons are caused by the earth rotation around the sun and the tilt of earth's axis towards the sun, along with relative latitudes with prevailing winds and so forth, the suddenness and beauty of spring is a mystery to me. The sudden beauty of spring is an unexplained wonder.

It is beautiful out today. The leafy branches hang over the roads, casting a wonderful light upon travelers. The cherry blossoms are in bloom with a beauty that is indescribable with any words that I know. The smell of cut grass is in the air, and the parks are full of people just enjoying the beauty of this world. Yet it seems but a week ago that I was throwing salt onto my drive way for fear of ice. This sudden change from the cold winds and the deadness of winter to the warmth, beauty and life of spring is an image of a mystery and hope that we have in Christ.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15 about this hope. He says in verses 51-53 *"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will*

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*be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality."*

Can you imagine how beautiful being clothed with immortality will be? I am not sure my imagination is large enough to even begin to grasp the beauty, awe and glory of our own seasonal change from the perishable to imperishable. I think we will have bodies, but different. I think we will recognize and be recognizable, but in different ways. I think that if we could get but a glimpse of that future self, clothed with the imperishable we would laugh at the ways we try to make ourselves beautiful today. I think that no eye has seen the awesome, wonderful beauty of our spring in Christ.

Paul also says that this change from the perishable to the imperishable happens in but a moment, in a flash, a twinkle of an eye. What a profound image and hope. Clearly Paul is talking about the resurrection and the second coming of Christ in which all believers are caught up with Him. In a twinkling of an eye, we will go from winter to spring.

Yet even now, in our own lives and at this time, we get hints of this future Kingdom event. There can be days, even seasons of life that feel like winter. We feel unproductive, cold, gray and gloomy. Then all of a sudden, in God's timing and grace, we enter into an unexpected spring given to us by God's marvelous grace and creative power. Lives, young and old, blossom and proclaim God's handiwork.

As you enjoy the arrival of spring, may it be a reminder of not only God's faithfulness we witness year after year, but of the hope that you and I have in Christ; a hope of abundant life with Him into all of eternity, and a fullness of life in Him now.

*Pastor Trent <<*

**Happy BIRTHDAY**

- 3 Andrew Kinch  
Harper Kinch
- 4 Bill Kendall
- 6 Sally Davis  
Ethel Dunfee  
Jimmy Robinson
- 7 Bethany Adkins
- 8 Pam Woodall
- 9 Jim Castleberry  
Jase Cox  
Carla Cruz
- 11 Jo Anna Smith
- 13 Gail Kelly  
Kristen Nunley
- 15 Harrison Brown  
Jane Napier  
Kathy Via
- 16 Karen Pruitt Adams  
Larry Baker  
Kimberly Pratt
- 17 Glen Dailey
- 19 Leslie Collins  
Laynce Cruz  
Peggy Jeffrey
- 20 Jacob Eastman
- 23 Zach Jeffrey  
Angie Wise
- 24 Samuel Collins  
Sarah Miller
- 25 Ginny Blake  
Kristin Caviani  
Cason Kessinger  
Sasha Kessinger  
Dillon Mullins
- 27 E. A. Dowling
- 28 Mark Booth  
Laura Jordan  
Art Lydick
- 29 Sarah Smith  
Teresa Trawick
- 30 Hope Jones
- 31 Russell Hatten  
Mary McClure



Thursday, May 3, 6:30pm  
at the home of **Robin Crouch**  
7002 Country Club Drive  
Huntington  
517-231-6376



Cabell County school teacher **Trena Wise** was honored for renewing her National Board Certification at a recent Board of Education meeting.

**Lexi Baisden**, granddaughter of **John and Pat Baisden**, was pictured on the front page of The Herald Dispatch on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Lexi and others in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade TAG class at Martha Elementary took part in Rocket Day. The students built and launched their own rockets under the guidance of Cabell Midland High School's Air Force JROTC.

**Mason Elam**, a freshman Video Production major at MU, was a winner at the Green Globes, April 22, 2018. In collaboration with Jason Morgan, they won Best Music Video overall with Mason's performance of "I'm Not Famous." They also won Best Cinematography for a Music Video, and the Audience Choice Award for "Bad," a short narrative video.

**Judy's Shawls**

will meet Monday, May 7, at 6:30pm  
in the Bykota room.



**Trustee's Notice – Church Security Presentation**

As we become more aware of violence in our world and our community, we are always looking for ways to increase the safety of our church family and guests as we gather to worship and fellowship. To better understand the church safety issue, we have scheduled a "Securing the Faithful" presentation by WV State Police Captain D.M. Lee, Director of Training and Chaplain-Troop 5, WV State Police Academy, on **Tuesday, June 19** at 6:00pm. This is a powerful presentation on the need for churches to be aware and prepared to the best of their resources for a physical assault on those gathered to worship.

This presentation is open to the whole church family and to all churches in the Tri-State area and beyond. Please plan to attend and invite others to this eye-opening presentation.



- 6 – Michael & Patsy Stephenson
- 16 – Jim & Lisa Daniels
- 16- Don & Jessica Pennington
- 19- Carl & Sandy Pemberton
- 20 – Lee & Carmen Boso
- 22 – David & Patti Cooper
- 22 – Erick & Jessica Willis
- 23 – Chuck & Joyce Adams
- 25 – Tim & Kristi Haney
- 27- Charles and Susan Stephens
- 29 – Stan & Kathy Meadows
- 30 – Brent & Lindsey Manchester

### From Our Family Life Pastor

We are nearing the youth mission trip dates of June 15-24. There are 14 participants, 8 students and 6 adults, who will spend the week working on a cobb house in a community outside of Cochabamba

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP**



Bolivia. We will be partnering with JD and Rhonda Reed, to support local pastors and communities as they spread the good news of Jesus. A cobb house is built by making a mud mixture of dirt, water, and straw, mixed using your feet and rubber boots (think the movie 10 Commandments), and then rolled into mud balls stacked into forms. Each day the mud dries and you move up about a meter for the next level. This is a job that students (and adults) have been preparing for since their toddler years. As we go, we look forward to learning about the local culture and building relationships with the Missionaries, community, and House of Hope Bolivia to help them further their work. We are about 80% funded as we approach the June date. When I plan a trip, I see multiple roles of participation, there are the trip members who are sent, but also the church who sends. We are grateful for everyone who has supported us through mission lunches, opportunities to serve for donations, buying chocolate eggs, and offering donations and prayers throughout this process. If you would still like to give, we will have a mission luncheon May 20<sup>th</sup>, but also welcome donations provided to the church with "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo. In addition to supporting the trip, we have the opportunity to support the ongoing work of the Reeds and House of Hope by sending plain toothbrushes, travel size tooth paste, chewable (not gummy) vitamins, or children's clothing (in good shape) for 6-year old's or below. We will each be packing a bag with team items to help support the ministry of the Reeds and welcome donations of these items. Thank you in advance for your support!

Lee <><



As summer approaches, it's time to think about Camp Cowen! Registrations are available for students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, in addition to Families for Family Camp. **This year we will pay the \$25 registration fee for one camp per person who turns in their form to the office by May 20<sup>th</sup>. You will then be responsible for making checks for the remainder to "WV Baptist Camp at Cowen" and sending them in.**

Camp Cowen is a life changing opportunity for all who attend! For 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders, we will attend Youth Work Weekend May 18-19<sup>th</sup> and be able to participate in the preparation of camp for the summer. This is a great taste of Camp Cowen for anyone who's never attended. If you have questions about camp or other youth activities I'd like to encourage you to reach out to me at [leeboso@gmail.com](mailto:leeboso@gmail.com) or call the church office.



At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

### Close to God

I can take my telescope and look millions and millions of miles into space. But I can lay it aside, go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth.

—Isaac Newton

New Baptist Church In Mission  
May 2018



**Thank You!!!**

**April Mission Luncheon:** You all continue to be a very generous church...maybe a hungry one too! In April we were able to raise over \$800 for Pastor Dasnis to support his continued ministry with Jerusalem Baptist Church.

**Easter Egg Sale:** The Bolivia youth mission team sold peanut butter Easter eggs and made \$2700 toward their mission trip this summer!

**Upcoming Events:** Mark your calendar now!

**Sunday May 20** – This mission luncheon will be hosted by the Bolivian mission team and all donations will go toward their upcoming trip.

**Saturday June 2** – we will be hosting the second motorcycle rodeo. The Blue Knights and Upon Wings of Eagles Ministry have come together once again for a motorcycle rodeo. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up. We are also asking for donations of drinks, chips, cookies. Sign-up sheets will be available in May. Please watch your bulletin for more information or ask Kevin Skaggs.

**Service Updates:**



**Food Pantry:** Our food pantry ministry continues to be an amazing ministry within our church. In March they were able to serve 176 families, 382 people made up of 104 children, 207 adults, and 71 seniors. They also served 30 homeless, gave away 35 hygiene kits. They were also able to provide 150 backpacks to kids at Highlawn Elementary.

They continue to request help on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of every month as that is the day food is delivered. Last month the delivery totaled 10,000 lbs. of food. If you have a truck that can help pick up the deliveries or you are willing to help unload the trucks, please see Joyce Mannon for details on how to become involved. In addition to the food deliveries that day for the past two months they have also served over half the total families for the month on that week alone.

The food pantry is also collecting reusable grocery bags. They **do not need** any more plastic grocery bags.

**BCM Easter Dinner:** BCM at Marshall University held an Easter dinner for international students. Approximately 40 students were in attendance. BCM students were able to share their testimonies and the gospel story. We as a church were able to provide decorations for the dinner and treat bags for the students to take home with them.

**Easter Baskets for our Veterans:** On March 31 many NBC members met at the Veterans Home to assemble 85 Easter baskets for the residents. This is always a fun time of assembling the baskets and the residents are very appreciative. We were also able to donate 28 packages of underwear to the residents.

**Service Opportunities:**

**A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive:** During the month of May we will be collecting money for A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center. You will be able to pick up a baby bottle in the back of the sanctuary to collect coins, bills and checks during the month of May. A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center has an amazing ministry with young mothers and fathers. They provide education, budgeting advice, counseling and many other programs as well. Watch your bulletin for more details.



**New Baptist Prays for the Nations:**

**Nation of the Month:** England

Websites with more information about England:

<http://www.operationworld.org/unki>

<http://prayercast.com/england.html>

<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/UK>



**Sunny Day Leadership Center at the West Virginia Baptist Camp**

The West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen is Holy Ground for many of us. It was there that we heard God's call to follow Him and our lives were transformed. I can remember as a high school junior hearing and responding to God's call in my life during vespers at camp Cowen. My story is only one of hundreds. Each year nearly 2000 young people attend camp and many respond to God's call.

This year we are celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camp's ministry. Through the years improvements have been made and facilities have been upgraded and added. All this was done so that more lives could be touched and changed by an encounter with God during a camping experience at Cowen. It is time for another addition to the facilities in order to reach more lives more effectively.

The Sunny Day Leadership Center will be a facility that will greatly enhance the opportunity for ministry at the camp. Our state convention is currently raising the money to construct this facility. As a church instead of giving gifts to all the mothers on Mother's Day and fathers on Father's Day we will be making a contribution to the Sunny Day Leadership Center in honor of our mothers and fathers.

If you would like to make an additional gift to this, you can do so by making your check out to New Baptist with a note on the memo line for the Sunny Day Leadership Center. Your gifts will be added to the gift we will be making as a church. This is a tangible way we can assure the ministry of Camp Cowen continues to touch the lives of West Virginia Baptists for years to come. For more information, go to [www.cowencampaign.org](http://www.cowencampaign.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pasha Rosen".



RSVP BY CONTACTING HANNAH @ 304-517-3006  
OR HANNAMARIELOVESJESUS@GMAIL.COM  
BY MAY 1ST  
#EAGERTOBEEASTMAN

**Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon**  
 May 17, 2018 Meeting

**Program: Bob Hardin and Tom Dobbins**  
**Guitar Duo**



Catering by: The Scrumptious Company

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

Program: Back by popular demand to present another great program for our listening enjoyment is the Dynamic Duo consisting of Bob Hardin and Tom Dobbins (no, not Batman and Robin). Bob and Tom have been presenting a program for us for the last several years and they do an outstanding job of pickin' and grin'n, actually they strum and sing Gospel and Classic Country songs which we are all familiar with and most likely sang as we were growing up. They are both "locally grown". Bob was born and raised in Huntington and graduated from Huntington East High School in 1963. He attends Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church and is also active in civic affairs as president of Walnut Hills Action Team. Tom was raised in Ashland, Kentucky and graduated from Ashland High School in 1959. He attends Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church and also plays guitar for the Tri-State Mountain Dulcimer Society, Harmonica Club and Kelley's Bridge Band. We are invited to sing along with them and this would be a great time to exercise your vocal chords and join in singing the old songs and reminisce about growing up and you ladies wearing your poodle skirt, saddle oxfords, fuzzy sweater, scarf around your neck and the boys wearing blue jeans, clodhopper shoes with the metal taps on the toe and heel and a tee shirt without some printing on it. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you and enjoy the great food, fun and fellowship. You will be glad you did and so will we. Looking forward to seeing you at the "Meetin' House" in the merry merry month of May.

Roy Maynor



**May Games**

- 5/1 Fellowship
- 5/14 Valley
- 5/21 Antioch
- 5/31 Pea Ridge

Games played at the ball fields  
 at Camp Ona.

**Camp Cowen 2018**

**Younger Midler**

June 8-10  
 (Grades 2-4)

**Junior 1**

June 10-16  
 (Grades 5-6)

**Junior High 1**

June 17-23  
 (Grades 7-9)

**Junior 2**

June 24-30  
 (Grades 5-6)

**High School 1**

July 1-7  
 (Grades 9-HS Grads)

**Junior High 2**

July 8-14  
 (Grades 7-9)

**High School 2**

July 15-21  
 (Grades 9-HS Grads)

**Older Midler**

July 30-Aug. 2  
 (Grades 3-4)

Age group based on grade level in Fall of 2018.



Wednesday, May 23  
 for June issue of *Bridges*

**The Giver**

It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out-give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to him, he will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

—Charles Spurgeon



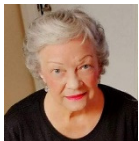
**Prayer Concerns**

(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:** Coralie Adkins, Susan Arthur, Philip Scott Burt, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Mary Clifton, Kenny Coates, Jack Cook, Brittany Crockett, Lisa Daniels, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Bob & Sally Flanders, Tracy Foster, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, John Hall, Harper Haney, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, Scott Jackson, Allison Sheils Kays, Virginia Lawrence, Betty Maynor, Joe Midkiff, Linda Miller, Warren Napier, Marlin Oldaker, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Jack Rickman, Charlie Shorey, Major & Lynnette Simms, Jim Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Mark Willett, Emma Wagner, Sharon Wimmer

(Pray also for our church, our community, unsaved loved ones, our military personnel, our government leaders, our country)

**Death in the Church Family**



**Angeline "Ski" Midkiff**, 86, of Jacksonville FL, formerly of Huntington WV, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2018. Ski was a retired beautician and a charter member of New Baptist Church. Before her move to FL, Ski enjoyed volunteering in the Food Pantry. Ski was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Gene Midkiff and her only brother, Bob Isaacs. She is survived by a daughter, Tara Midkiff.

**New Baptist Church  
Men's Group Annual Reds Trip**



Vs.



Saturday, June 30, 2018

Game starts at 4:10pm

Cost: \$75

Money due by May 20!

**Just for pun!**

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

**LILY'S PLACE**  
2nd Annual Rodeo  
HOSTED BY  
MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY  
NEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
SINGLE KNIGHTS  
FIRST WARRIORS

**HELMETS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE**

Music • Bike Wash • Food  
NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED

**EVENTS**

Single Rider	Double Riders
Slow Race	Ball on Cone
Barrel Race	Hot Potato
Narrow Board	Tire Drag
Trash Can Toss	Water Race

• \$90.00 Single Riders (includes all events)  
• \$25.00 Double Riders

• TROPHY AWARDED FOR EACH EVENT  
• TROPHY AWARDED FOR LARGEST GROUP ATTENDING

**SATURDAY JUNE 2ND.**  
Location: 281b Street 51b Avenue New Baptist Church  
Registration is 10:00 am Events Start at 12:00 pm (noon)  
Open Free to All Spectators  
Rain Date June 9th



Recognizing high school and college graduates, Sunday, May 20, during the morning worship service. Graduates need to turn in their info (name and school, degree (college), future plans). Please email info to the church, [newbaptist2008@gmail.com](mailto:newbaptist2008@gmail.com). If possible, please submit a picture of the graduate. Deadline – May 13.



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10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Tuesday thru Friday**

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Rev. Lee Boso  
([leeboso@gmail.com](mailto:leeboso@gmail.com))

Rev. Robin Crouch  
([rlcrouch1948@gmail.com](mailto:rlcrouch1948@gmail.com))

### Service Hours:

#### Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
Kid's Church/Nursery  
4:45 Choir Practice  
6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)  
Youth  
6:30 Evening Service

#### Wednesday

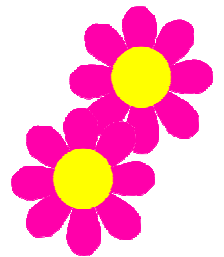
9:30 Ladies' Bible Study  
6:30 Ladies' Bible Study  
Prayer Meeting/Bible  
Study  
Children's Programming  
Youth Pods

Food Pantry open every Tuesday  
10am-4pm

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## *Guyandotte Association ABWM Spring Rally*



**Tuesday, May 15  
Milton Baptist Church**

**Speaker: Debbie Myers**

**Dinner starts at 6:00pm  
Cost \$6**

**Program begins at 7:00pm**



Contact LaAnna Blake (304-633-8037) or  
Sandy Pemberton (304-654-7254) for more info.