



Spring Time May 2023

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.

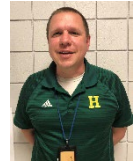
Pastor Trent <<

Happy BIRTHDAY

- 3 Andrew Kinch
Harper Kinch
- 4 Bill Kendall
- 6 Sally Davis
Ethel Dunfee
- 7 Bethany Adkins
- 8 Pam Woodall
- 9 Jase Cox
Carla Cruz
- 10 Nolan Cox
- 11 Jo Anna Smith
- 12 Audrey Hampton
- 13 Gail Kelly
- 15 Kathy Via
- 16 Karen Pruitt Adams
Larry Baker
Kimberly Booth
- 17 Glen Dailey
- 19 Laynce Cruz
Peggy Jeffrey
- 23 Angie Wise
- 25 Ginny Blake
Cason Kessinger
Sasha Kessinger
- 27 E. A. Dowling
- 28 Mark Booth
Art Lydick
- 29 Sarah Smith
Teresa Trawick
- 30 Mary McClure
Dale Shao



Congratulations to **Courtney Powers** and **Justin Cox** for being selected as Teachers of the Year for 2024 at their schools, Cabell Midland and Huntington High. **Justin** was also one of the five finalists for Cabell County Teacher of the Year.



- 6 – Michael & Patsy Stephenson
- 13 – Andrew & Kara Dutton
- 16 – Jim & Lisa Daniels (20th)
- 16 - Don & Jessica Pennington
- 19 - Carl & Sandy Pemberton (45th)
- 20 – Lee & Carmen Boso
- 20 – Josh & Shelli Dierdorff
- 22 – David & Patti Cooper
- 22 – Erick & Jessica Willis
- 23 – Chuck & Joyce Adams
- 25 – Tim & Kristi Haney
- 26 – Evan & Becky Arkell
- 27- Charles and Susan Stephens (45th)
- 29 – Stan & Kathy Meadows
- 30 – Brent & Lindsey Manchester

Registration is open!! We're excited to learn about God together this summer! But we need YOU! We need you to register your children! We need you to volunteer your time! We need your prayers!

Please register your kiddos and register to volunteer so we're sure we're fully staffed for a STELLAR VBS this year!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/newbaptist>



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. 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.



Thursday,
May 11, 2023
12-1:30pm
New Baptist Church

Suggested Donation: \$10

Reservations due by May 4, 2023.



Wednesday, May 24
for June issue of Bridges

Menu: Sweet and Savory Pork Loin, Pot roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Broccoli Casserole, Sweet Potato with Brown Sugar and Marshmallows, Banana Pudding and Orange Velvet Cake

Program: Wayne Elementary Choir led by Sheri Tadlock

FAMILY LIFE MOMENTS

The end of the school year is within sight which means graduations and summer are just around the corner. We look forward to celebrating our graduates and recognizing them on May 28th. We are gathering names and photos of graduates from our New Baptist family so we can recognize them. Please send your graduates name and photo to leebosogmail.com by May 17th.



As we approach summer, our youth are preparing for their mission trip to Philadelphia in June. They have done a couple of fundraisers and have a couple more coming up to help pay for the trip. Please be in prayer for the students and leaders as they prepare and pray that God would use them and work in them during the trip.



In addition to trips, summer means camp! We love our West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen and believe that kids experiencing camp can powerfully impact their faith journey! The church will pay the \$25 registration fee if you communicate with Pat in the office if you're registering online or you can turn your forms in to her by June 1 to make sure they make it to camp before camps start. This summer's theme is "Basecamp" as a reminder that God is our secure place where we find rest, protection, and renewal for our life's journey. There are camps for kids going into 2nd grade through high school seniors. If you would be interested in being a counselor at camp, contact Pastor Lee so he can help connect you to the right week for you. If you are interested in going to Camp Cowen with your whole family, there is also a Family Camp directed by Bethany Cox. You can find more information at www.campcowen.org.

I hope you have a great May and praying for you and your family as you wrap up this school year and transition into summer.

Pastor Lee<><



Notes from the choir director – Karen Dailey

For the choir, the Easter season was quite different this year with all the changes in the sanctuary. We couldn't do our rehearsals in the sanctuary because of the remodel so it became necessary to postpone the presentation until we could. Our Easter cantata was called "Ransomed & Redeemed" and I would like to publicly thank those that went above and beyond to make 2023 Easter cantata such a blessing. All the soloists were powerful and inspiring in their message. Each member of the choir gave their all to pay attention to every detail of the music. Kevin Blake gave lots of extra time to provide us with the best sound possible and Jeff Wise worked hard to provide beautiful media presentation complete with all the words. It is our desire to bring you uplifting truth in song of our Savior's love and grace. We are always looking for new choir members, so if you are interested in singing with us, please let me or a choir member know. We sing together, pray together, and fellowship together.



No class on Monday, May 8. Keep checking the FB page for information.



Joel Michael Booth
born
3/29/23

Proud parents:
Zach & Kim Booth

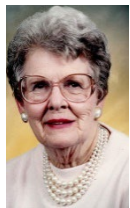


News!

Commencement is **May 10** at 6pm in the sanctuary. Please join us in closing AWANA for 2022-2023 and recognizing the children and helpers for their hard work this year!

Parents of PUGGLES and CUBBIES please sit with your child in the areas they usually sit in for evening pick-up.

Please, wear your full uniform, invite your family, and we will see you there!



Thinking About My Mom

May, being the month of Mother's Day, finds me reflecting on my mom. Many of you knew her. Let me share some reflections on her:

We were walking in a mall somewhere in North Carolina one summer afternoon when I heard a child's voice yelling, "Miss Betty, Miss Betty!" Down the mall came a little boy my mom had taught in nursery school a couple of years before. He and his family had moved to North Carolina but he had not forgotten Miss Betty.

For nearly 30 years my mother taught in the Crossroads United Methodist Church's Nursery School. When she retired she had had students in 18 graduations and still had 12 more to come. For mom it was always a labor of love. In those hours each day she would, in word and deed, love and teach these children their lessons but most of all the love of Jesus.

In West Virginia she was known as a song leader at the West Virginia Baptist State Convention or the ABW Ministries Conference or at retreats or at camp. In her retirement she took numerous mission trips to Alaska, Eastern Europe and Central America. She served as a denominational leader. Her witness was consistent and strong throughout the years. Literally 100's, probably 1000's, of lives have been affected by her faithful witness.

You need to know she did not do this alone. Mom and Dad were a team and what they did they did as a team. One energized the other and lives were changed. There were three lives in particular. I am who I am today and in ministry today because of the heritage given to me by Bob and Betty Crouch. My commitment to Jesus and ministry is a result of their prayers, love and parenting. My sister, Jane was encouraged to use and develop her gifts in ministry, too. She went back to school after nearly twenty-five years and completed her degree in Education. She taught in public elementary schools in North Carolina and in her first year of teaching was nominated for "Teacher of the Year" in North Carolina. Now retired she continues to sing and serves as Choir Director in her church. When she sings, she lifts my heart to the edge of heaven. The third life is that of my closest friend for nearly over 50 years now. Roger Adams will tell you that my mom and dad had the most profound influence on his spiritual development. Roger was my mom's pastor for nine years before he left to plant a new church in Winfield and is now leading a church he planted in Lewisburg. Roger is a gifted pastor and leads more people to Christ than anyone I know. He really is part of our family, closer than a brother to me. I thank God for parents who chose to invest in the lives of others and to point those lives to ministry. THANKS MOM - I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU.

As you think about Mother's Day - Thank God for your mother then ask yourself, "What am I doing to make a difference in the lives of my children and their friends?"

Jokes only a mother could love

Why is a computer so smart?
It listens to its motherboard.

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their kids have to play inside!

Why did you chop the joke book in half?
Mom said to cut the comedy.

What did the mother rope say to her child?
"Don't be knotty."



What's Happening in Missions?

Bridges Easter Dinner: The Lydick's hosted an Easter dinner for international students from Marshall. Star used resurrection eggs to share the Easter story and they also had an egg hunt. They had 16 students attend from 7 different countries. (France, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Venezuela, Kenya and India)

Marshall Football Team Bible Study: On March 22, we were able to provide lunch for the 18 football players who joined into the weekly Bible study. We provided breakfast for lunch. We also provided lasagna last week for the team as well. Thanks to everyone who helped. If you would want to help provide food in the future, please contact Bethany Cox or Amy Smith.

Easter Baskets for Veterans: We were able to assemble and distribute 84 Easter baskets for the residents of the Veterans home in Barboursville. They are always very appreciative and we are always blessed to thank them for their service and sit and chat a bit.

Food Pantry: For the month of March the food pantry served:

- 244 families
- 3 homeless
- 87 hygiene kits
- 400 backpacks at Highlawn Elementary

New Missionary: Our newest missionary, Sarah McCloy, had her commissioning service on March 5th. She arrived in Japan on April 6th. Be in prayer for her as she begins her new ministry.

Pop Tabs Needed: We are continuing to collect tabs found on pop cans, soup cans, etc. these are given to the Ronald McDonald House in Huntington. They recycle these and use the money to help cover their utility costs. Collect your tabs in a bag and drop off at the mission board in the back of the sanctuary.

Upcoming Events:

A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive: During the month of May we will be giving out baby bottles to collect spare change or paper money for A New Beginning. This ministry provides counseling, education, life skills training and supplies for families in our community. It is not just support for the baby/mother but for the whole family. So be on the lookout for our display in the back of the sanctuary and grab a bottle to fill.

Operation Christmas Child: We have been approved to be a local collection center for shoeboxes this Nov. more details will be coming as we near the time.

Donations: We have recently made donations to several ministries/organizations.

- Both **Huntington East Middle School and Huntington High School food pantries** were in need of spaghetti-o, ravioli, Raman, etc. we were able to supply them with quite a bit of food. HEMS was also in need of hygiene products which were supplied as well.
- **Saints ministry** is a ministry that takes a team of men into prisons to play baseball. But they are able to share much more than 9 innings. They play several games throughout the day but also get to share the gospel. From our church we have Mark Napier, Rob Ely and Caleb Wise playing this year. We were able to donate \$500 to their ministry.
- The **Campus Christian Center** is in need of maintenance/upgrades. We recently donated \$200 with the hope of giving more later in the year.

From Bethany Cox, Mission Chair



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, Lynn Barcus, Jim & Jenny Benson, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Ron Caviani, Piper Clark, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Randall Davidson, Rose Davis, Pam Fannin, Sally Flanders, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Beverly Gartin, Kathy Gillette, Karen Gillispie, Linda Gregg, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Darlene Humphreys, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Virgil Kelly, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Joseph Leggott, Bob Mannon, Roy Maynor, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Nancy Messinger (sister of David McMellon), Marvin & Valerie Moore, Spencer Moore, Charlie Morris, Tom Nash, Bob & Paula Paden, Audy Perry, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Nina Rakes, Carol Richardson, Cheryl Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bob & Jo Anna Smith, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond Spurlock, David Stevenson, Dick & Annie Stewart, Judy Swann, Grover & Sheri Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

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

Spring Golden'eers Conference

May 1 - 3, 2023

Parchment Valley Conference Center

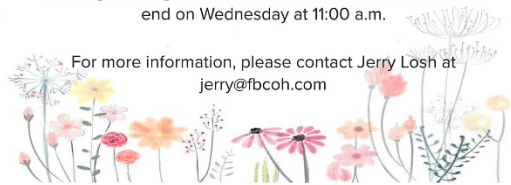
"A conference for adults 55 years of age and older."

love
is in the air

Join us for bible study, evening group activities, music by the Putnam Family, indoor and outdoor games, vespers, book store, puzzles, crafts and much more!

The conference will begin on Monday in the Santrock Building with registration and lunch at 12:00 noon and will end on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, please contact Jerry Losh at jerry@fbcoh.com





SUMMER KICK OFF

Bring your youth group friends and head to Camp Cowen to celebrate the end of the school year as we conclude WVBC Youth's theme for 2022 and 2023, *Community, Faith, Fellowship, & Action.*

Participate in work projects to help prepare camp for this coming summer, play your favorite camp games, and celebrate all the Lord is doing through worship!

MAY 12-13TH

AT CAMP COWEN

REGISTER ONLINE
<https://summer-kick-off-2023.eventbrite.com>

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 12	9:30 Work Crews
7:30 Registration	12:30 Lunch
8:30 Games in the Dining Hall	1:15 Work Crews
9:00 Free Time/Store	3:00 Clean Up & Free Time
9:30 Campfire	4:00 Worship
SATURDAY, MAY 13TH	5:30 Dinner
8:30 Breakfast	6:15 Games
9:00 Morning Devotion	7:45 Campfire


COST
\$5 per person, \$35 maximum for groups


T-SHIRTS
Available for purchase at Camp


Look ahead (from Church Art Pro)


"The spirit of complaint is born out of an unwillingness to trust God with today," says Priscilla Shirer. "Like the Israelites, it means you are spending your time looking back toward Egypt or wishing for the future, all the while missing what God is doing right now."




 **MAY!** May flowers and May celebrations! "May" you experience the blessings of God in all you do this beautiful month! From digging in the dirt and planting your favorite blooms to celebrating moms and graduates with those you hold dear, enjoy each moment! By the way, to those who still have your moms, do hold them near. To those of us who will be facing this day without ours, we offer our prayers that we can rest in the hope of eternity with ours...

 Summer is on its way and we plan to take a break from our **small group Bible studies**. Perhaps you "may" want to continue on your own or "may"-be would like to meet with a few of your closest friends for something informal during the summer! There are many other opportunities for study and service with others at New Baptist Church, like helping with VBS or volunteering in the Food Pantry. Use this summer for His Glory!

 Some of the ladies who are taking the "God of Creation" Bible study have discussed the possibility of a **day trip to The Ark Encounter and The Creation Museum**. All those who have taken this study know how it opened our eyes to see the Creation story in Genesis in a whole new light! **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING? This is only in the planning stage, but we would like to know if there is any interest, so we can pursue the plans. Please contact me at 304.521.5129 if you would like more information.**

 "Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Take the truth of these words from Joshua 1:9 with you wherever you "may" go!

*For Good,
Dolores Adkins*



FCA NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS
PUTNAM/CABELL COUNTY FCA

ST MARYS CENTER FOR EDUCATION
2853 5TH AVE.
HUNTINGTON, WV 25702

MAY 15, 2023
VIP RECEPTION 5:30 P.M.
DINNER BEGINS @ 6:30 P.M.

FEATURING:
DONNIE JONES
STETSON UNIVERSITY
HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH
FORMER MARSHALL BASKETBALL COACH

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)
Night of Champions**

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Coach Donnie Jones

If you would like to be a sponsor, contact
Eric Brookes, Area Director
Putnam & Cabell County Areas
304-767-5904
ebrookes@fca.org

FCA Vision: To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.
FCA Mission: To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

Saturday, June 3, 2023



89th Annual Conference

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Theme: "Plant the Seed"

I Corinthians 3:9 "For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

(Are you working in your field: planting? watering? harvesting?)

Speaker: Koreen Villers

Special Music: Brian & Sara McClure

Saturday Registration Fee: \$25

Friday Fun Night: Whippoorwill Covered Campfire

Fire, Singing, Devotions, and Dinner

Hot dogs, S'mores

Dinner Cost: \$8

Questions - Contact Sandy Foster Currey, Conference Coordinator sandyfostercurrey@gmail.com

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PARCHMENT VALLEY	\$245 BY APRIL 1
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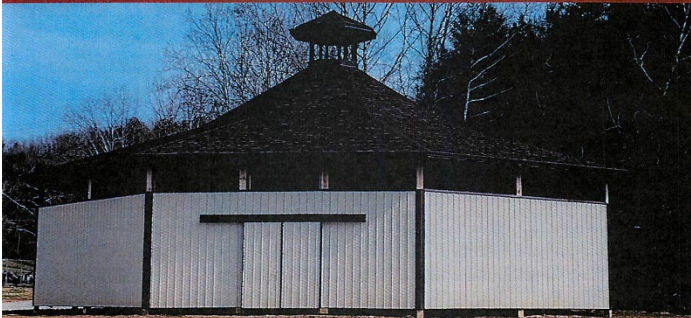
Loving an EGR (Extra Grace Required)

During a conversation over coffee, a friend mentioned an "EGR." I had to interrupt and ask for a definition: Extra Grace Required — in other words, people who can seem tough to love. Often, they're the most in *need* of love because they're hurting. Perhaps Jesus was referring to EGRs when he said, "If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much" (Matthew 5:46, NLT).

Truly loving others — even EGRs — might not be as tough as we think. Simple gestures such as smiling, truly listening, sending a note or extending an invitation go a long way toward expressing care and softening hearts. At times, we all require extra grace. Thankfully, God has an unlimited amount to extend *to* us and then *through* us. Out of joy, we can find ways — even simple ones — to share God's grace and love with people who need it.

—Janna Firestone

Join us in celebration



WHIPPOORWILL COVERED CAMPFIRE
DEDICATION SERVICE

MAY 6, 2023
STARTS AT NOON

Join us in celebration Whippoorwill Covered Campfire Dedication Service

May 6, 2023

Thanks to many generous donations, we are excited to dedicate Parchment Valley's newest venue: the Whippoorwill Covered Campfire.

Join us May 6th, rain or shine, for our special event. Sisters BBQ Company will provide lunch at noon, followed by the dedication service at 1 PM. Entertainment will also be provided by the Putnam Family.

RSVP by calling our office at 304-372-3675.



It's only a couple more weeks before the books get here, and we are collecting money for orders already placed. We can take cash, check (payable to New Baptist Church with "cookbook" in memo line), or Venmo (@little_red517)!

Thank you all so much for making this cookbook a success!!

Brooke & Becca

PUZZLE

Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV [] [] []
2. [] ABLE
3. [] AY OF PENTECOS []
4. [] ONGUE
5. [] PIRI []
6. [] OGETHE []
7. [] ES []
8. [] ONGUE []
9. [] A []
10. [] IND []



"When the _____¹ came, they were all _____² in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____³ came from _____⁴ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____⁵ what seemed to be _____⁶ of fire that separated and came to _____⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____⁸ and began to speak in other _____⁹ as the Spirit _____¹⁰ them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind





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May Highlights

Service Hours:

Sunday

- 9:30 Radio Bible Class
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- *11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery

*Service is also live streamed on
Facebook
([@NewBaptistChurchWV](https://www.facebook.com/NewBaptistChurchWV))

Wednesday

- 6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study

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

