



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - October 2022

Six Words for Love

Do you realize that the English language has over 1,025,000 words, and more words are added to it every year? According to the Oxford English Dictionary, about 4000 new words are added each year which means a new one is added to the English language every 30 minutes. In September of 2022 alone, there were 370 new words added to the English Language. Here are some of the new words added.

- “**Dumbphone**,” which is the opposite of a smartphone.
- “**Greenwash**,” which is when someone (marketing, politicians) makes something seem more environmentally friendly (or less damaging) than it really is.
- “**Yeet**,” which is a word “used to express surprise, approval, or excited enthusiasm.”

You can read more about these new words at [merriam-webster.com](https://www.merriam-webster.com).

It is shocking that despite the English language having the most extensive language vocabulary in the world, with more words being added to it every day, there are some words that our language lacks. ***In particular, our language for LOVE is extremely limited.*** Due to this lack of love words, we English speakers are forced to use just one word, LOVE, to describe multiple kinds of relationships. For example, we love ice cream and love our pets and love the weather and love our children and love our spouses, and so on. AND since we have just one word (Love) to express affection for nearly everything, there is a constant misunderstanding about what the word love actually means. We, English speakers, are not good at talking about love.

The Bible, on the other hand, excels in the language of love. Did you know that there are six unique words for love in the Bible? Or, to say it in a different way, there are six unique words in the Bible that each describe a different kind of relationship, but when translated into English, they are all translated as “Love.” Here are the words and the relationships they define.

1. **Phileo** – The love that exists between friends. The Phileo love is born out of shared in-common interests.
2. **Eros** – A romantic love that exists between a man and a woman. The Eros love is experienced as a powerful emotional feeling and physical attraction.
3. **Storge** – The familiar type of love that exists in families. The Storge love is a natural love that we have for things familiar to us, especially our parents and children.

4. **Agape** – A love for someone as an act of the will. The other three loves (Philo, Eros, Storge) are naturally occurring loves between family, friends, and romantics. Agape is not a natural love in that it does not just happen.

Instead, Agape love is where a person chooses to love another person for no reason at all. It is a love that God has for us. It is the love that Jesus calls us to have for each other and even for our enemies. When people talk about love being a choice, they are talking about Agape love.

5. **Aheb** – A Hebrew for love that is best compared to the Greek word agape, Love as a choice. Thus in Hebrew, this word for love is often described as God’s tender love and mercies. It is the love that cherishes the beloved.

6. **Hesed** – A Hebrew word for love based upon promises given. Hesed love may be the most misunderstood word for love in the Bible, yet it is the most important. All the other words for love describe an external situation that may change. Friends fall out, romantic love dies,

families move away, and sometimes it is very hard to choose to love. Hesed love is different, for it is a love anchored not in the present feelings of affection or even the ability to choose but in past promises made. Hesed love is only hesed love if a promise has been made and that promise is kept. Therefore hesed love is manifested as steadfastness, faithfulness, and loyalty. It is the love that is created and exists within a covenant-like marriage. ***And it is the type of love that defines God’s love towards us in Christ. His love for us is anchored in the promises of the covenant. Promises that He is forever faithful and steadfast to keep.***

Thus when the Bible says that God loves you, it not only means that God has chosen to love you but has committed himself to you through the promises of the New Covenant, promises that he is faithful to keep.

“So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose (His Great Love), he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:17-19).”

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent Eastman





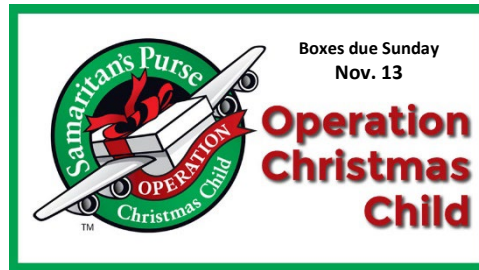
Sunday, Oct. 23, for the November issue of Bridges



Sunday, November 6 2:00am

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C.R. & Carrie Brown	Oct. 6 (15 th)
Bill & Oleta Dolen	Oct. 6
Trent & Christie Eastman	Oct. 6
Mitchell & Kaylie Redman	Oct. 8
Chris & Jessica Chaney	Oct. 10
Mike & Kathy Via	Oct. 10
Charles & Becky Morris	Oct. 12
Harry & Kelli Estep	Oct. 21

- 1 Titus Sierson
- 2 Joyce Adams
- 3 Robin Creasy
- Sandra Crutchfield
- 4 Mike Cyrus
- Jimi Lawson
- 6 Pat Vickers
- Sherry Walden
- 7 Anita Jones
- 8 Nancy Carter
- Josh Dierdorff
- Ethan Kelly
- Charles Morris
- John Stinespring
- Annaleese Waugh
- 9 Ron Jarvis
- Emma Kelly
- Asher Roy
- 10 Dan Beirne
- Rebecca Powers
- 12 Coby Roland
- Leo Traube
- Trevor Wilson
- 13 Aaron Brown
- Ron Caviani
- Ray Spencer
- Reagan Waugh
- 14 Donna Best
- 15 Becky Crouch
- 16 Cheryl Lawson
- 17 Hazel Kirschenmann
- Kennedy Smith
- 18 Beth Ely
- 19 Amy Lawson
- Phil Simpson
- 20 Shelli Dierdorff
- 21 Amy Hogsett
- Reese Hufford
- 22 Zack Simpson
- Jim Spurlock
- Penelope Stephens
- 24 LaAnna Blake
- Tristyn Blake
- 25 Ron Waugh
- 27 Debbie Lapole
- 28 Carter Mann
- 29 Lauren Hanna
- Nancy McSweeney
- 30 Scott Blake



Note from Finance Board

All boards, committees and staff who will make budget requests for 2023 need to **submit the request in writing to Darrell Walden or Pat Baisden by November 1, 2022.** The finance board will meet on November 12, 2023 to consider budget requests and to develop the overall general fund budget plan for 2023.



Join us for the October Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

October 12, 2022 Noon

- Menu**
- Pork Tenderloin
 - Roast Beef
 - Sweet Potatoes
 - Green Beans
 - Peanut Butter Pie
 - German Chocolate Cake
 - Apple Pie

Program: Drew Osenbach

Suggested donation of \$10 to cover cost of meal.

Please **sign up by Wednesday, October 5.** Signup sheets are in older adult Sunday School Classes and at the Welcome Center.

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If your special date has been left off our list, please check with the church office to make sure we have your current information on file.

Family Life Moment

October brings out haunted houses, stories of ghosts, witches, and monsters, and other spooky things. As we start into a new season we are challenging the youth to look at some of the creepier stories of the Bible and creatively teach them as a small group during the month of October. Stories like Ezekiel and the valley of dry bones, Daniel and the hand writing on the wall, Lazarus being brought back to life, Korah being swallowed by the earth, Saul seeing a vision of Samuel and other stories that could fill a haunted house and that lead us to scratch our heads and wonder what God is up to.

We are trying a new approach of discovering God in His Word as students are tasked with exploring, studying, and presenting these stories. I am so excited to see what they come up with. One of the great things about these stories is that they make for good conversation starters. Some don't make it immediately clear what they mean and why they are in the Bible so it leads to some exploration to gather the context and see similar themes throughout scripture. This might be a fun exercise as a family. Pick a story (age appropriate for your kids) and read it, ask some of these questions: What is God showing us through this? Where do we see God? What does this show us about humans? Why do you think this is in the Bible? What can we learn from this as we live today? What questions do you have as you read this story?

What a great way to study God's Word together and have some fun! I look forward to God meeting us in these studies and in the conversations around them! I hope you and your family encounter God at work in scripture, your lives, and the world around you this month!

Coming Up:

- Family Night at Milton Corn Maze (Monday, October 24, 6-8pm)
- Junior High Convention- Youth 6-9th grade. November 11-13, FBC St. Albans

Lee Boso <><

*Choir Notes* (from Karen Dailey, Choir Director)

It is such a great feeling to be back in our regular routine of giving God our time, talent, and praise on a weekly basis as we hold choir rehearsals each week on Wednesday nights from 7:30 – 8:30. It has been wonderful to welcome new members to our choir, but we have missed several that have had to miss for sickness and/or injuries. Our prayer is for everyone to be well and whole again quickly so the whole choir family can be back together! If you feel the Lord leading you to sing with us, please feel free to talk with me or any of the choir members about it. If you can't make every rehearsal, we can work around that by providing you with MP3 or a CD along with sheet music to practice on your own.

It has been fun to pull in some old southern gospel hymns, some more contemporary songs as well as more poignant songs suitable for communion and other special services. In October and November, we also include time working on our Christmas program. For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed the talents from many in our congregation since we couldn't perform as a choir. What a joy it is to hear so many talented folks during that special service! We are a very blessed church to have such amazing talent! I will once again be asking some of you to share your talent with us during our Christmas program. Please be in prayer for that service as well as for the people that so generously give of their time and talent. I am thankful and blessed to be a part of God's family at New Baptist Church.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

🌸 **LADIES' NIGHT OUT** on September 8 was a beautiful evening for all 100 in attendance--a record crowd second only to 2019 when **Myrna Eastman** was with us as our speaker! **Becky Crouch** welcomed all (as only a former teacher could!) and opened us with prayer. **LaAnna Blake** blessed us with a lovely solo, and then we all enjoyed the delicious meal catered by **Rebel Barn** (there were so many compliments on the food!). After dinner, **Carla Booth** and **Stephanie Spencer** shared ministry opportunities, ending with a nice little ReFit workout (the room was filled with smiling faces enjoying our attempts to follow along!). We united our voices to sing "Be Strong in the Lord" and "Don't Be Afraid" together in praise. We heard **Joyce Mannon's** testimony of what small group Bible study has meant in her life, just before the Fall Bible and book studies were introduced (see next section for details). Our speaker for the evening, the beautiful and much-loved **Carmen Boso**, shared so many illustrations of how knowing our Lord through Bible study has been the rock of her life...using the theme of "**Strong and Courageous**" from the first chapter of Joshua. We were all blessed as she shared both good times and hard times through the lens of being in the Word...and we thank her again for her heart-felt message! Our evening ended with a remembrance of ladies who have gone on before us to Glory during the past year, thank yous to all who contributed their time and talents, and closing prayer by our dear **Christie Eastman**. What a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, and praise to God in so many ways!

📖 **BIBLE STUDY** for our ladies has begun, but it is never too late to join ANY of the 5 small groups that are meeting! On **Wednesday mornings** at 9:30am, **Barbara Meek** and **Gail Kelly** are leading a book study called "**Prodigal God**" and on **Thursday mornings**, **Suzanne McCallister** leads "**God of Covenant**", also at 9:30am. On **Wednesday evenings**, **Christie Eastman** is leading "**Believing God**" and **Dolores Adkins** leads "**God of Covenant**", both beginning at 6:30pm. A new approach to Bible study is being employed by **Katelyn Mann** and **Lacie Casto**, and has been very well received. They will meet occasionally after Sunday morning church services to share a meal and have a time of discussion on the book "**Holy Hot Mess**". See the New Baptist Facebook page or contact either of these leaders for details. As of this writing, over **60** ladies are enrolled in these five groups! Isn't that amazing...and such a blessing as we dig deeper into God's Word together!

📖 **JOSHUA 1:9** says "Be strong and courageous...for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." This is our theme verse for the year, and you will see it repeated in this article each month. It is such an easy verse to memorize (if you haven't already!) and we need to carry with us the promise it gives every day! He is with us **WHEREVER** we go! So **BE STRONG** and **COURAGEOUS!** **HE IS WITH YOU!**

For Good...
Dolores Adkins

Thank You

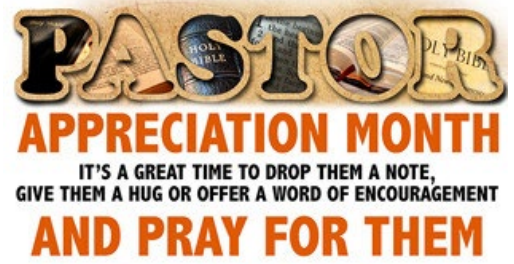
*In Everything Give Thanks -
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Thank you for your support during the last few months. The prayers, texts, calls, cards, visits and meals have been such an encouragement. We ask for continued prayer in our journey. We also ask your prayers for our daughter (Autumn) and son-in-law (Sean). He has just begun a 5-week regimen of radiation and chemo for esophageal cancer.

Again, thank you so much.

Tracy & Teresa Foster

**October is
Pastor Appreciation Month.**



Random Reflections (from Pastor Robin Crouch)

Our world is dramatically different now than it was just a few short years ago. Take a moment and think of the changes that have taken place in the last ten, twenty or thirty years. Where would we be without the personal computer? What once took up an entire floor of a building can now be put in a watch or handheld computer.

Who would have thought that two historic churches, Twentieth Street Baptist Church founded in 1892 and Beverly Hills Baptist Church founded in 1948 would join together to become one church, New Baptist Church. We Baptists generally multiply by division but here two joined together to become stronger and more effective in ministry. I know that New Baptist is only 14 years old but our church roots, through the two merging churches, of ministry in Huntington reaches back for 130 years. Think of the changes our church has witnessed and lived through over the past 130 years. Our church has witnessed the great depression, two World Wars and Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, 911 and the War on Terror. We have witnessed the advent of Radio and Television. We predate the automobile and automated farming. We were here before paved streets and electricity. A lot happens in 130 years.

Our witness and ministry in the community is still strong. Did you know that the Radio Bible Class, begun at Twentieth Street, is the longest continuously running live radio broadcast in the Huntington area? We have been on the air each Sunday Morning for more than 70 years.

I am so honored to be part of the pastoral staff of New Baptist and thought we should celebrate our history.

Random Reflection Two

On another note, the Berean trip to Amish Country was a wonderful couple of days. It did though for me reveal a couple of needs we have going forward to be sure we have up to date information and emergency contact information on each individual.

That need also triggered another thought I have had and that is to have a "My Funeral Desires" planning sheet. This is not meant to be morbid but rather to have you write down your desires rather than leaving that for your family to wrestle with. Included would be favorite scriptures, music, hymns, poems, soloists, etc. Which Pastor would you want to conduct the service. This is a general information sheet that will help your family at a very difficult time to know what you desire. I will be making these worksheets available in the next few weeks.



Melanie Hall,
president and
CEO of Hospice
of Huntington,

pictured in the Herald Dispatch newspaper recently, was one of the speakers as Hospice celebrated its 40th anniversary at the Guyan Golf and Country Club in Huntington. In her comments she noted that since 1982, Hospice has provided care to more than 15,000 patients and their families.



Awana —

We're off for a new year!!

We still need listeners for our young Kindergarten and 1st grade class! This group needs consistent one-on-one listeners. We would love to have you join!

If anyone can be a substitute listener or someone who is able to help in any capacity whatever the need, would be much appreciated. Just let me or Sheri know and we can get you placed.

Children remember to wear safe shoes, work on your lesson and memory work before to come to Awana, and most of all have an open heart when you come to Awana and we can fellowship and get to know Jesus and see Him at work. ❤️

See you Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:30!

In His Service,
Miss Debbie
304-544-3913



Mission Highlights (from Bethany Cox, Mission Board Chair)

Haiti:

In September, we hosted a luncheon to benefit the upcoming Haiti medical mission trip. Donations totaled around \$1200!!! (You all are amazing). Unfortunately, the team was not able to make their trip. On their way to Florida, Pastor Dasnis contacted them to let them know there were riots happening and it was unsafe to travel at this time. The team was disappointed but we trust in the Lord’s timing and look forward to our trip in the Spring.

Food Pantry:

In August the Food Pantry served 312 families (326 adults, 140 children, 239 seniors, and 10 homeless). They were also able to distribute 87 hygiene kits and 200 school food packs.

Upcoming Events:

1. **October 9th - cookie sale** after church to support Pastor Dasnis. Each bag will have 6 cookies for a donation. We will also have a gluten free cookie this time as well!!!
2. **October 22nd - Fall Festival.** We have downsized this year. We will be continuing to tell Bible stories and kids will collect candy. We will then give a bagged lunch to our guests. Please watch for sign-up sheets to help in the coming weeks.
3. **October 16-Nov 13.** It is that time of year again...**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.** Fill a shoebox with gifts for children around the world. This is an opportunity to send a present to a child who otherwise would not receive a gift, but more importantly they also get to hear the Gospel message. So share the gift of Jesus this year. Be on the lookout for a display in the back of the sanctuary with more details.
4. **November 6th -** we will have a **hotdog bagged lunch** following the morning service to support Pastor Dasnis.
5. **December 3rd - Christmas Bazaar.** LaAnna Blake is busy getting details together for this great event. Proceeds will support our American Baptist Women’s Ministry.

REFIT® with Steph & Carla

Find us on Facebook for current class information and updates!

Who? All the girls...all ages, sizes and shapes!
What? We believe fitness isn’t just for the fit...it’s for the willing. Come dance with us!
Where? New Baptist Church 610 28th Street
Huntington
Enter the building on the field side, left of the building near the rear. There will be a sign on the door.
When? Thursdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm
What to wear? Whatever is comfortable to workout in for you and some tennis shoes.

*Bring a bottle of water so you can take a break when you need one.
We will dance for 50 minutes then have a short devotion and out the door by 6:30pm!

Questions? Just ask!!
We can’t wait to see you!

Carla Booth - 304.617.7289
Stephanie Spencer - 304.544.1467



Welcome to Children’s Church!

We are so blessed to have you and your children join us!



We use D6 curriculum in Sunday School and Answers curriculum in Children’s Church. All ages study the same materials with age-appropriate lessons. There are take home suggestions for your family to use to discuss the scriptures studied. I would love to show you these materials, just let me know!

We have new Bibles in Children’s Ministry. If your child needs an age appropriate Bible, let me know and we can make that happen!

It is a joy and privilege to get to know your children and families. We have a wonderful church family here at New Baptist, invite a friend and see you Sunday!

Debbie Harman
304-544-3913





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, Mickey Bane, Nancy Bane, Lynn Barcus, Bill Bartram, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Robert Bonecutter, Debbie Brown (friend of Annie Stewart), Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Parker Campbell, Ron Caviani, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle Cook, Virginia Cortese, Jonah Cruz, Rose Davis, Pam Fannin, Tracy & Teresa Foster, 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, Nancy McSweeney, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Nancy Messinger (sister of David McMellon), Valerie Moore, Charlie Morris, Mandy Saunders Null, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Audy Perry, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, 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 Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Sherry Walden, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Faith Watkins, Lori Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Richard Weston, Mary Lee Wilkes, Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

- our pastors
- our community
- our military personnel
- our country
- unsaved loved ones
- our government leaders
- those devastated by flooding

Death in the Church Family:

Carolyn Spurlock, 84, wife of Raymond Spurlock for 63 years, passed away peacefully Tuesday, September 13. Carolyn and Raymond both joined the Twentieth St. Baptist Church on February 1, 1976 – 46 years ago. They were thus charter members of New Baptist. Carolyn and Raymond have three daughters, Camellia Ramey, Rebecca Dowling, Jennifer Russell and one son, Raymond Lee Spurlock, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Both Raymond and Carolyn were faithful members of the Bykota Sunday School class until illness prevented their attending.



Sally Davis, 89, of Huntington WV, passed away Tuesday, September 27. She was a lifelong citizen of Huntington. Although she never attended high school, Sally had a desire to learn and while she had young children she attended Marshall University and after several years completed her Master’s Degree in Education. She taught public school for over 30 years in Cabell County. Sally was a long-time member of Baptist Temple before joining New Baptist Church where she volunteered faithfully with the food pantry for many years. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Davis. She is survived by two sons, Allen (Becky) Davis, and David Davis; a daughter, Sue Davis; two grandchildren; two great-grandsons; a brother, Mike Light and a host of friends.

24-7-365 (from The NewsletterNewsletter)

God’s presence in Christians’ lives can be summed up in these numbers: 24-7-365. It’s not a very complex code to crack. The God revealed through Christ’s sacrifice is a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year God. No timeouts, no halftime breaks. God is present for us and with us every moment of every day of our lives.

God can be a 24-7-365 God because Jesus was a one-time Savior. Jesus’ sacrifice was once and for all. It doesn’t need to be endlessly repeated.



Praise God that his Son’s one act of complete obedience gives us true peace of mind
24-7-365!



**October 7 & 8, 2022
Apple Butter Weekend
On the Booth Farm
3083 Malcolm Road
Barboursville WV 25504**

Friday Night 7pm-9pm ~ Square Dancing in the Barn
Bring a lawn chair and s'mores or your favorite snacks to share. We will also have a bonfire and hayrides. You can bring your tent and sleeping bags to spend the night and help us load the kettle at 6am Saturday morning. Stick around and stir the pot or take a nap while your friend takes a turn.

Tentative Schedule for Saturday

Please bring a lawn chair and food to share.

6 am Put sauce in Kettle and Breakfast in the oven.

11 am Apple Cider making

Noon Pot Luck Lunch

Hay Rides, Frisbee, Soccer, Football, Treehouse Rope Swing . . .
Sweet Fellowship

2 pm Make homemade Pumpkin Ice cream (5 gallons)
Make memories –
cleanup messes all day long

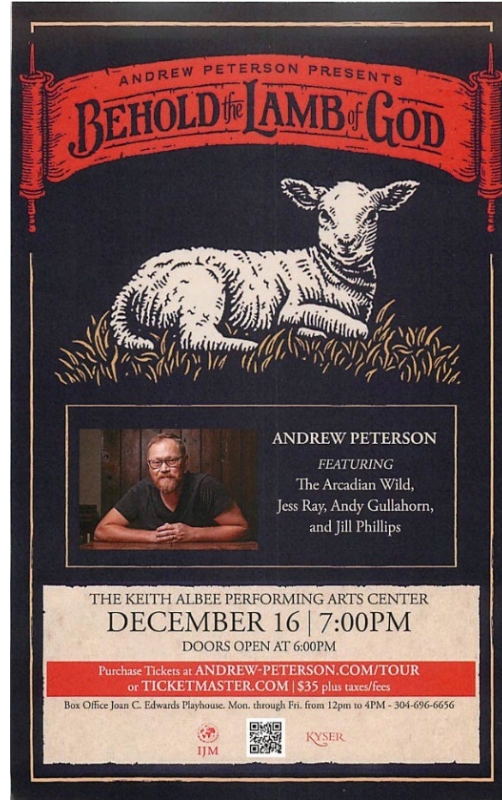
4ish. We will need lots of help to begin canning the Apple Butter
Clean up the kettle
set up pot luck dinner

5:30ish Pot Luck Dinner and homemade ice cream

Campfire songs - Bonfire



\$6 a pint. \$10 a quart



Tickets are still available for this great event. Call the Box Office at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse Monday through Friday, 12pm to 4pm – 304-696-6656.

Prayer with a boost (from The NewsletterNewsletter)

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, God answered my prayer! On the eighth time round the block, there it was!





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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
610 28TH STREET
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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
Youth
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study

**NBC Food Pantry
Hours**

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm
(additional hours 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays – 5pm-7pm)

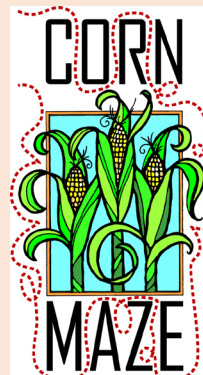
Senior
fellowship

Noon – Wednesday, **October 12**



**West Virginia
Baptist Convention**

Intentionally Engaging Communities for Christ
Thursday & Friday – **October 20 & 21**
Summersville Baptist Church



**Family Corn Maze
Night**

Cooper Family Farm
Milton WV

Monday, **October 24**
6-8pm