



# BRIDGES

*A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - October 2023*

## *Rejoice in Hope*

*What brings you joy?* For many, it's those victorious moments and celebratory milestones that brighten our lives. Whether it's the day of graduation, the union of two souls in marriage, or the accomplishment of a personal goal, these occasions awaken a sense of fulfillment that's hard to surpass. Life offers numerous opportunities for celebration:

- Achieving significant life goals or milestones, like earning a hard-earned diploma.
- Celebrating life's blessings, such as the sacred union of marriage.
- Personal triumphs, like shedding those extra pounds and embracing a healthier you.
- Ascending the professional ladder and relishing a well-deserved promotion.
- Encountering beauty, like when a soul-stirring melody fills the air.
- Special holidays, like Christmas, that unite families and communities in shared joy.
- Heartfelt thanksgiving, when our hearts overflow with gratitude for life's abundance.

These moments, whether grand or modest, weave together a tapestry of joy, imbuing our lives with depth and purpose.

Yet, amidst these tangible reasons for rejoicing, the apostle Paul, in Romans 12:12, encourages us to "**rejoice in hope.**" Initially, this may seem paradoxical. How can we rejoice in something that has not yet been achieved,

experienced, or attained? Hope, by nature, is forward-looking. It's the confidence that something good, something significant, lies ahead. It's the unwavering belief in the promises of God, even when they haven't yet fully materialized in our lives. But what does it truly mean to rejoice in hope?



Rejoicing in hope is an invitation to find joy in the journey, not just in the destination. It's an affirmation of trust in a God who has promised good things for our future. It's an acknowledgment that, even in the midst of uncertainty, we can have confidence that God's promises are true and that He is faithful to fulfill them. When we rejoice in hope, we embrace the process of waiting, believing, and anticipating. It's a mindset that recognizes that though we may not see the full manifestation of God's promises today, we trust that they are on their way. It's an outlook that allows us to find joy

in the small victories, the steps forward, and the glimpses of God's faithfulness along the way.

Rejoicing in hope is an act of faith. It's declaring, "I believe that God is at work, even when I can't see it yet." Therefore, as Romans 12:12 exhorts us, "***Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.***"

Grace and Peace  
Pastor Trent Eastman



**Sunday, Oct. 22, for the November issue of Bridges**



**Sunday, November 5  
2:00am**

Drew & Ripley Riley	Oct. 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
David & Brenda Stevenson	Oct. 2
C.R. & Carrie Brown	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
Tracy & Teresa Foster	Oct. 22
John & Ashley Stephens	Oct. 27
Michael & Debi Campbell	Oct. 31

- 2 Joyce Adams
- Drew Riley
- 3 Robin Creasy
- Sandra Crutchfield
- 4 Mike Cyrus
- Jimi Lawson
- 6 Sherry Walden
- 7 Anita Jones
- 8 Nancy Carter
- Josh Dierdorff
- Ethan Kelly
- Charles Morris
- Leslie Starnes
- 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 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



Mark Your calendar for **Saturday, October 28**. We will be hosting our annual Fall Festival from 11:00-1:00. How can you help?

We need every one with all different skill sets. We need set up and clean up help. We need people to help serve food. We need people to help play carnival style games. We need people to be our storytellers for our trunk and treat. Our trunk and treat is different than others. Each trunk tells a story of the Bible. As our guests go through

they start at creation and end with the resurrection and promise of heaven.

Sign up to help before or after each Sunday service in October. You can also reach out to **Josh Eastman or April Walker** for more info.

**Sunday morning, October 15**

Dedication of our updated stage.



**Sunday, October 29**

Sunday School Teachers  
Appreciation Luncheon following  
the morning worship service.

Join us for the **October Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon**

**October 12, 2023** Noon

**Program: Rob Ely (BCM Students)**

**Menu**  
**Honey Baked Ham**

\$10

Please **sign up by Thursday, 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**

As I write this, we are preparing to take more than 20 youth and adults to Camp Cowen for Fall Rally, the first event of the year hosted by the West Virginia Baptist Convention Youth Ministry Planning Team. Two of our youth are serving on that team that plans 4 events for youth groups across WV each school year. This one-night event will give students a chance to experience Camp Cowen and grow in their faith as they learn, worship, and play together.



God is doing exciting things as two of our youth were baptized in September and students are excited about their faith and living it out. We are beginning a series about how Jesus is the G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time). And because of His work, we can love God and others in response. We will be looking at the great commandment, great commission, and being great as we become less and let Jesus become more in our lives. Students will be encouraged to reflect on living out Jesus’ command to love God and love others. We are providing opportunities to serve in the youth group and church to put these lessons into action. Students will have opportunities to lead games and announcements at youth as well as being scheduled to help in our kids’ ministry during Sunday morning worship. With growing numbers of youth and children in our church there are lots of opportunities for youth and adults to serve!

Youth will be making bracelets and coloring the insides of Operation Shoe Box and we look forward to a multigenerational packing party in November.

Stay connected with our social media and text list for updates of events and activities! Please be praying for God to work through this young generation as excitement about what God is doing in them spreads to their friends!

I’m praying for you and your family as the school year continues on!

Lee Bosso <><



**Choir Notes from Karen Dailey**

It has been a blessing to add new members in our choir in the past few weeks and we would gladly welcome more. In addition to working on the weekly choir special we will also be working on songs for Christmas during October. Please talk to me if you would like to join the choir. A choir member’s act of service and devotion not only deepens one’s connection to their faith but also creates a sense of unity with fellow believers, fostering a profound spiritual experience as we sing and pray together. By joining and participating in our church choir not only does it contribute to the joy of worship to the individual but also contributes to the spiritual vitality of the entire congregation. It is a testament to the power of music to uplift, unite and inspire. We rehearse each Wednesday evening at 7:30

There are many ways you can contribute to the music ministry. Here is a list of what I have so far of those sharing their time and talent for the month of October:

DATE	PRELUDE	SPECIAL MUSIC	CHOIR SPECIAL
Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Myra Lydick	LaAnna Blake	“Come Find Forgiveness and Love”
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Daniels	Kathleen Stoner	“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Sumpter	Carl Sullivan	“Amazing Love, Amazing Grace”
Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Becky Crouch	Ripley Riley & Harper Haney	“Stand for Jesus”
Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen Napier	Handbell Choir	No Choir

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



LADIES' NIGHT OUT 2023 is history, but what wonderful memories we have of an evening that was FULL in so many ways! The room was FULL...130 strong ladies together in a beautifully decorated setting! Our tummies were FULL...Rebel Barn Catering did not disappoint! Our heads were FULL...with information on service opportunities and Bible study options! Our hearts were FULL...with a lifetime of stories to inspire us from our beautiful Henriella Perry! And our spirits were FULL...as the Holy Spirit filled us throughout the evening with the unfolding theme of "Strength and Dignity"! MANY THANKS to all who worked to make Ladies' Night Out such a blessing to all who attended! New Baptist Church ladies are a blessing to our church...and our world!



BIBLE STUDY opportunities for the fall have begun, but it is never too late to join one!

"God of Creation" began Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30pm (Lisa Riley)

"God of Creation" began Thursday, September 21, at 9:30am (Suzanne McCallister)

"Accepted and Free" began Wednesday, September 27, at 6:30pm (Christie Eastman)

"Now That Faith Has Come" begins Wednesday, October 4, at 9:30am (Barbara Meek, Gail Kelly)

"Brave and Beautiful" (has begun online) meets on Sunday, October 15 after church (Lacie Casto)



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES were presented at Ladies' Night Out, and you can contact the person listed who is in charge of organizing these groups:

Shoe Box Ministry...Becky Crouch

Tree Bags for Missions...Bethany Cox

Hygiene Kits...Meredith Hadlock

Shut ins and Elderly...Dolores Adkins

There are many more ways to serve, both in our church and outside the walls of our church. Since we are called to "Go ye into all the world," please prayerfully consider where God can best use you and your gifts, time, and talents!



STRENGTH AND DIGNITY! Our new theme is taken from Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." May you walk in the strength and dignity you have been given by the Creator!

For Good...  
Dolores Adkins

Advice from a pumpkin



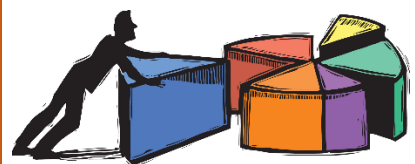
Be well-rounded.  
Get plenty of sunshine.  
Give thanks for life's bounty.  
Have a thick skin.  
Keep growing.  
Be outstanding in your field.  
Think big!

—Ilan Shamir

Note from Finance Board

All boards, committees and staff who will make budget requests for 2024 need to **submit the request in writing to Darrell Walden or Pat Baisden by November 1, 2023.**

The finance board will meet on November 18, 2023 to consider budget requests and to develop the overall general fund budget plan for 2024.



Submit Your Budget Requests

Operation Christmas Child Update from Becky Crouch



Sitting down on the sand is Malaika, a 10-year-old girl from Kenya. She is among a few children in this region who cannot attend school due to poverty. When she recently received her gift-filled shoebox, Malaika was so happy to find books, pens, and other school items inside. She could not hide her excitement, shouting with joy "Jesus!"

I am learning our American definition of a "Wow" item is different from the children in poverty, regions of war, and unreached people groups. We think of a stuffed animal, a doll or a soccer ball. A "Wow" item for them may be a toothbrush, school supplies, a picture of the family who packaged the shoebox, or a note/letter that was enclosed.

Thanks to you and the generosity of others in our congregation many children will be receiving "Wow" items of all kinds. I am amazed at the number of items being donated. It appears that we will have more than 300 boxes to pack at our party on **Wednesday, November 8**. Praise God!

We will still receive items through October, so it is not too late for you to participate. Cards with suggested items are on the table in the lobby if you are looking for ideas.

We are also accepting money for shipping. \$10 is the requested donation for each box to cover shipping costs, training of national leaders who present the gospel at shoebox distribution sites, and the materials used for discipleship training. If we pack 300 boxes, we would like to donate \$3000. Please pray about how you can be involved.

*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*  
2 Corinthians 9:11



**Open mic/coffeehouse/karaoke**

**Friday, Nov. 10**  
**6:30-9pm**

**Snacks & fellowship starting at 6:30**

**Please bring your favorite finger foods or desserts to share at 6:30 and sign up to sing.**

**Music will start at 7pm.**

**Pastor Trent will be our barista for the evening.**



**Lynne & Barry Taylor** were presented the Beverly Hills Garden Club Yard of the Month for August for their "amazing feast for the eyes with a variety of colorful flowers all around their home on Wiltshire Boulevard."



**Reflections**


On September 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary as New Baptist Church. The creation of New Baptist is a story to be celebrated and shared. Most often we Baptists multiply by division. A group gets disgruntled and splits (divides) to go form a new church. Our story is so different. Two historic churches in Huntington, Twentieth Street Baptist and Beverly Hills Baptist, examined their current ministry and situations and decided to merge and see what more could be done together as one congregation rather than two separate congregations. The result of that coming together is a thriving church making a difference for the Lord in our community. I am honored to be part of the pastoral staff for nearly eight years. I look forward to the continuing impact we can make together in our community, state and world. The future is bright for New Baptist.

I grew up at Highlawn Baptist. A church plant in the east end of Huntington out of the Twentieth Street Baptist Church in 1914. I had three pastors there, Dr. Norman Lewis, Rev. Charles Cross (he baptized me) and Rev Ted Sisk. Although these three had a profound influence on me a far greater influence was by the many couples that poured their lives into us as children and young people. My heart swells with gratitude as I think about them. The Goodalls, Burgesses, Jones, Parsons, Barnetts, Blakes, Porters, Birds, Ellises, Vincents and Crouches . I am sure there were others but the point is the spiritual impact they had on us. **On October 14 we are having a Highlawn Baptist Reunion at the Church building on Collis Ave.** St. Mary's and Mountain Health are allowing us to use the building for the reunion. Even though the ones that impacted me are with the Lord, I look forward to re-connecting with so many that I grew up with and those that came after I left Huntington in 1970. If you were part of Highlawn Baptist mark the date and come join the fun of reconnecting at the Reunion.

October 15 is an important date to me. It is Becky's birthday and also the date of my mother's death. These two women have impacted my life more than any others. My mom, "Miss Betty", modeled and taught me the faith lessons that still sustain me today. She and my Dad made faith a priority in their lives and modeled it for my sister and me. I am so honored when someone asks, "Are you Miss Betty's son?" Yes, I am. Becky's love for me has made me a better man, husband, father, grandfather, pastor and friend. The scripture tells us Proverbs 18:22 (ESV) *He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD*, and Proverbs 12:4 (ESV) *An excellent wife is the crown of her husband...* Both of those are true for me. I am surely blessed.

I have reflected long enough but I hope this will cause you to do the same. It is good to look back and reflect because it encourages us with a sure hope as we move forward.





**Men's Bible Study**

**Men's Morning Bible Study**  
**Led by Pastor Greg Creasy**

Book Study  
*The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

7:00AM at McDonalds at 2105 5th Ave  
(The McDonalds behind the Marshall Stadium)

**Every Other Wednesday**

October 4 - Chapters 10-13  
October 18 - Chapters 14-17  
November 1 - Chapters 18-20  
November 15 - Chapters 21-26  
November 29 - Chapters 27-30  
December 13 - Chapters 30-32



New Baptist is blessed to be a church "home away from home" for many Marshall students. In order to support them and help them connect with our church family we are once again asking for volunteers to "adopt a college student." If you choose to participate, some ideas would be to – check on your student each week at church, perhaps have them over for dinner and a home cooked meal, etc. You can offer spiritual encouragement and most of all pray for them during this phase of their lives. If you're interested in adopting a student, please contact **Carla Booth at 304-617-7289.**

**October 13 & 14, 2023  
Apple Butter Weekend  
On the Booth Farm  
3083 Malcolm Road  
Barboursville WV 25504**



**Friday Night 7pm-9pm**

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

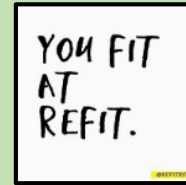
Campfire songs – Bonfire

**Questions? Contact Carla Booth @ 304-617-7289**

**REFIT® with  
Steph & Carla**

Classes on Mondays at 5:30pm!  
New Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall

Find us on Facebook for updates and class information!



Come, see and hear  
the **ThunderTones**

**Saturday – October 14  
7pm**

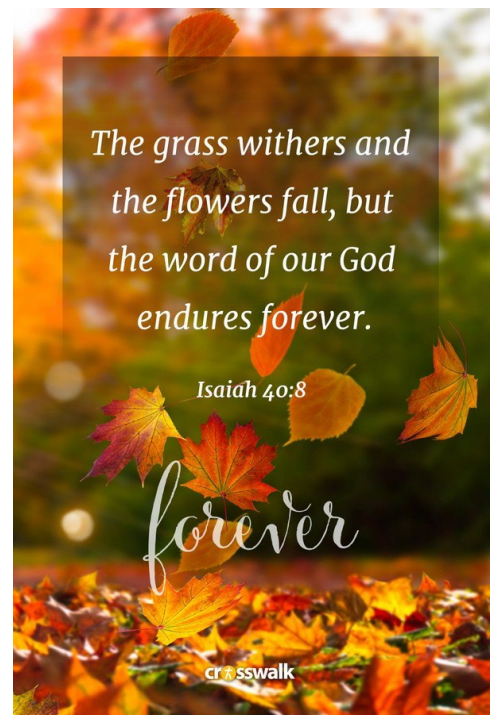
New Baptist Church

**He's everywhere**

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested.

"Don't be scared," Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you." When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe."

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"



# 158TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEST VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONVENTION



**OCTOBER 19-20**

South Parkersburg Baptist Church

1655 Blizzard Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26101

**INTENTIONALLY ENGAGING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST**

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."  
- John 1:14 (KJV)

## SPEAKERS:



**Mike Sisson**  
Executive Minister

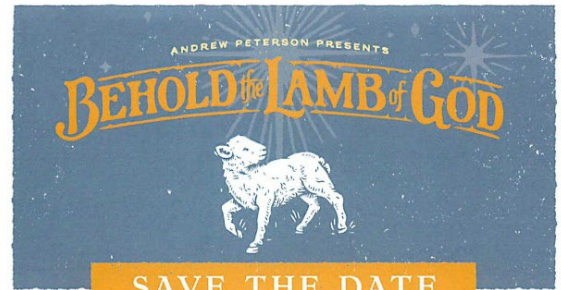


**Phil Wayman**  
Annual Sermon



**Dr. Verlon Fosner**  
Keynote Speaker

Register online at [wvbc.org](http://wvbc.org)



SAVE THE DATE

**DECEMBER 13 | 7:00 pm**  
KEITH-ALBEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
HUNTINGTON, WV



**ANDREW PETERSON**

Featuring  
The Arcadian Wild, Jess Ray, and Skye Peterson

Join storied Nashville singer-songwriter and author Andrew Peterson as he presents the Advent song cycle Behold the Lamb of God: The True Tall Tale of the Coming of Christ. Now in its 20th year, the concert brings the singing and playing of Peterson's original folk-roots infused rendition of the Christmas story as it is foreshadowed in the Old Testament and brought to bear in the New.

HOST SPONSOR: COVENANT SCHOOL



tickets at: [Andrew-Peterson.com/tour](http://Andrew-Peterson.com/tour)



**Dear Pastors,**

**Thank you**  
for the early Sunday mornings & the late Wednesday nights.

**Thank you**  
for the seeds you plant & disciples you nurture.

**Thank you**  
for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up.

**Thank you**  
for the wise counsel & the words of encouragement.

**Thank you**  
for the sacrifice and service.





**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, Paula Adkins, Jim & Jenny Benson, Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Steve Cook, Becky Crouch, Sandy Crutchfield, Lisa Daniels, Randall Davidson, Rose Davis, Oleta Dolen, Joe & Pam Fannin, Sally Flanders, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Beverly Gartin, Karen Gillispie, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Darlene Humphreys, Sandy James, Brenda Jameson, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Virgil Kelly, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Joseph Leggott, Roy Maynor, Jim McSweeney, Alan Meek, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Marvin & Valerie Moore, Spencer Moore, Charlie Morris, Gary Norris, Bob & Paula Paden, Sandy Pemberton, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Nina Rakes, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bob & Jo Anna Smith, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond Spurlock, David Stevenson, Dick & Annie Stewart, Judy Swann, Grover & Sheri Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Sherry Walden, 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            |

**Death in the Church Family:**

**Betty Owens**, 93, of Ona, WV, passed away Saturday, September 16, 2023. Betty worked at St. Mary’s Hospital for over 20 years in the bookkeeping department. She was a long-time member of Highlawn Baptist Church and Fellowship Baptist Church, before joining New Baptist Church in October of 2012. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, William Owens, Sr., a son, Steven, and her only sibling, Jacqueline Campbell. She is survived by one son, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.



Just a few pics from our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Thank you to the 220+ that attended. What a wonderful evening of fellowship.



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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

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
610 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
HUNTINGTON WV 25702



**Senior fellowship**

Noon – Thursday, **October 12**

**Oct. 13 & 14**  
**Apple Butter Weekend**

Booth Farm  
3083 Malcolm Road  
Barboursville

Contact Carla Booth at  
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**Oct. 14**

**The ThunderTones**

New Baptist Church  
7pm



**West Virginia Baptist Convention**

Intentionally Engaging Communities for Christ  
Thursday & Friday – **October 19 & 20**  
South Parkersburg Baptist Church



**FALL FESTIVAL**

Saturday, **October 28**