



*Changing Lives Forever*



# The VBC Voice

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## All in the Family

When the words "family reunion" are mentioned, it conjures up as many different perspectives as there are individual experiences. Some look forward to the reunion with anticipation, others with dread. Some think of great food and laughter, others think of cold casseroles and old arguments.

Regardless of your perspective, I would like to ask you to consider participating in a different kind of family reunion taking place later this month. On October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, South Parkersburg Baptist Church will be hosting the 153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC). This will be a gathering of Baptist churches from all over our great state who come to celebrate what God is doing in their churches, learn from one another, encourage faithful service to God in our communities, and commit ourselves to ongoing cooperation to accomplish together what we cannot do alone.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Bearers of Hope...Doing Christ's Work Together." During the two-day event there will be fellowship opportunities, workshops offered on multiple topics, and worship experiences for us to enjoy. We will celebrate the installation of our new Executive Minister, Dr. Michael Sisson, and have opportunity to hear his first address to our churches as he begins to cast vision for our future as a convention. In addition, I have been offered the privilege and honor of preaching the annual sermon to our WVBC family in the closing session.

I hope you will consider spending some of your time on those two days at South Parkersburg Baptist Church. You will learn a "good bit" about the big family of which we are a part here at VBC and be encouraged by the knowledge you gain. Your own family reunions might not make your list of favorite things, but this WVBC family reunion will be worth your time.

Hope to see you there - *Pastor Bill*

### **94th Anniversary of Vienna Baptist Church October 10, 2018**

Let us take time to remember all of the dedicated ministers and members who have given themselves and their resources as we look forward to the future and "Changing Lives Forever." We are grateful for the past, faithful to the present, and hopeful for the future.

HE CAME TO  
CHANGE LIVES  
FOREVER BY  
REDEEMING US  
AND  
GIVING US  
LIFE

Blessed be the name of God for ever : for wisdom and might are his. He changes the time and the seasons. He removes kings and sets up kings. He reveals the deep and secret things and light dwells with him.

Daniel the Prophet

**Annual West Virginia Baptist Convention**

The 153rd Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Baptist Convention is Friday Octobr19 –Saturday, October 20 at South Parkersburg Baptist Church. Keynote speaker is Rev. David Bush, pastor of Rainelle First Baptist Church. Pastor Bill will give the Annual Sermon on Saturday.



**Men’s Fellowship Breakfast**

October 29th breakfast is cancelled. New Date is Saturday, November 3rd. At 8:00 AM.

Note-There will be no breakfast in December!

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**October Birthdays**

Congratulations & best wishes to each of the following whose birthday falls in the month of October. 3<sup>rd</sup> Charles Boston, Ronna Williams, & Kevin Williamson; 5<sup>th</sup> Isaac Brown; 6<sup>th</sup>



Barbara Morgan; 9<sup>th</sup> Larry Stoops; 12<sup>th</sup> Joani Brohard, Don Wise & Zane Carden; 14<sup>th</sup> Phil Fleming II; 15<sup>th</sup> Robert Casto II; 16<sup>th</sup> Andrea Fluharty; 18 Cliff Russell ;19<sup>th</sup> Jim Burke; 23<sup>rd</sup> Lilly Burrell; 24<sup>th</sup> Betty Fletcher; 25<sup>th</sup> Mariah King; 27<sup>th</sup> Stacie Hall & Abby Noffsinger; 28<sup>th</sup> Rachel Farnsworth; 29<sup>th</sup> Kyle Williams; 30<sup>th</sup> Diana Henderson. Please inform the church secretary if we have omitted anyone from this birthday list.

**Donations for the Month of October**

Good Samaritan: Jell-O and pudding

Latrobe Mission: Large trash bags

Blessings of Hope: Pop Tarts

House to Home : Small trash bags

Women’s Care Center: Size 4 disposable diapers



**Seniors on the Move**

Join us for a MINI LEAF PEEPERS TOUR to the North Bend State Park, Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Lunch at the Lodge.

We will depart the church parking lot at 10:00 AM. Sign up at the welcome desk in the narthex. \_For more information call Bill Crites 304.481.7564 or Eva Jo Crites at 304.481.7552

**Trivia Night Fundraiser**

Faithlink will host a fun “Trivia Night” fundraiser at Wayside United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 PM. \$10.00 per person. Teams are limited to 6-8 people per team. You may register your team by calling the Faithlink Office at 304.458.5525, ext. 31. Proceeds raised will go to assist individuals who are seniors, or those with a physical disability or chronic illness, to maintain their independence. Finger foods and drinks included.

**Cub Scout Pack 104**

Many “thanks” from Cub Scout Pack 104 on your help and support of their fundraiser at DaVinci’s restaurant on September 25. The Pack really appreciates Vienna Baptist and the help and support of the Church and their members. We are signing up new Scouts every day. Give us a shout.

The Pack will be sending Veterans Day cards to veterans and active duty personnel. Please email your names and addresses to Kathy Wise at [kloua@suddenlink.net](mailto:kloua@suddenlink.net).

**Sunny Day Center**

There will be a 5k race/walk on October 28th at 2:00 PM at the Parkersburg City Park to raise money for the construction of the “Sunny Day Center at the West Virginia Baptist Camp. We are looking for volunteers to help at registration and at the water breaks. If you would be willing to help please contact Susan Armstrong at 304\_482.9593. All help would be greatly appreciated!

## **Children's Ministry**

We will practice for our Christmas program on Sundays, during the second hour (11:00 AM). Then for those with speaking parts, we will also practice on Wednesday nights (6:30 PM) during the last half of Kids Klub. Our Christmas program needs cardboard boxes to be used as props. If you have boxes you can donate, please bring them to the church and we will store them in the "Temple Room" (room 302-top floor). Large ones are especially needed. Serving Him, Janelle Walker

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## **When Seasons of Life Change**

At the writing of this newsletter, I am thinking about a variety of changes that have occurred in our family in the past two weeks. A first cousin passed away on September 9; and a brother-in-law passed on September 19. In the midst of these two events, our daughter-in-law went to Houston, TX for further treatment regarding her leukemia. Which brings additional changes in our lives. As I was setting out in our back yard thinking about all of this, I observed leaves dying and falling to the ground, which made me think of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Verse 1 always brings everything into focus, because it says, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven."

What about you? Are you on the eve of change? A new chapter? A new season? Let me provide you some reassurance, Heaven's message is clear: when everything else changes, God's presence never does. Our journey in the company of the Holy Spirit, John 14:26 says, "will teach you everything and will remind you of everything," he has told you! Moreover, verse 27 says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace..."

Remember, change is a part of life, and a necessary part of God's strategy. To use us to change the world, he alters our assignments. Someone might ask, what about the tragic changes God permits? Some seasons make no sense. They do, however, if we see them from an eternal perspective. What makes no sense in this life will make perfect sense in the next. As Paul wrote, "These troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing." (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Praying your Fall Season is blessed,

Pastor Dwight Brohard

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## **Redeemed Student Ministry**

Hello all,

September has always been my favorite month of the year for personal reasons and this past month in our RSM ministry has only added to my love for September. We have had a great month in ministry with our Sunday night community group averaging 9 high school students, our Sunday school classes being in great attendance, and our Wednesday night youth averaging over 30 students. God has surely been using the students and the leaders for His glory here at VBC. It is amazing to see and humbling to be part of it.

In addition to the great things going on at the church, we also had some great things happen away from the church building. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, we went to Camp Cowen for the West Virginia Baptist Fall Rally for students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We had 10 students in attendance from our church and I was honored to be the speaker for the event. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September we went a Fellowship of Christian Athletes WVU football game in Morgantown. We had 17 people go to that event where we heard from a former NFL safety for the Denver Broncos speak about how he came to Christ and he shared from the verse Jeremiah 29:11.

One event that I want to highlight for the month of October is Dare 2 Share. This is a one-day event for students grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> down in Breckenridge, WV to equip students with the tools and confidence to share the gospel in their everyday life. It starts at noon on the 13<sup>th</sup> and ends 7:30 that evening. We should be back around 11:30 that night. If you are a student who has interests in it please let me know by Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you're an adult please pray for this one-day event. Not just for our students that will go but for all the students from around the state that will be in attendance learning to share the gospel with confidence.

Thank you for all your support through prayer and concerns for our students. I truly believe that they need more than just a few adults pouring into them, but a whole church.

Love in Christ,  
Bryson Morlan



## Annual Craft Bazaar

“Mark your calendars for October 20<sup>th</sup> and attend and come out and support the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual ViBaChu Crafter’s show from 9-3. Do your holiday shopping, shopping for a baby gift and more. The Crafters meet each Wednesday all year long to hand craft items for this sale. Some of the items over the years the crafters have purchased for the church with profits from this sale include new choir robes; church van; piano in the sanctuary; cooking pots and stove for the kitchen; support Blessings of Hope, sound system donation, office machine that folds the bulletins, donation towards the new furnace and much more.

Donations of items for the bake sale table at the bazaar would be appreciated as well. Please drop these off at VBC on the 19<sup>th</sup> from 9-1pm.



Thank you for supporting the Crafters and their bazaar.”

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## October Dates for Your Calendar

Monday, 8th -Consolidated Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

Wednesday 10th– 94th Anniversary of Vienna Baptist Church

Thursday 11th-Finance Board Meeting at 6:00 PM

Monday 15th Church Council Meeting at 6:30 PM

Tuesday 16th– SOM Trip to North Bend State Park

Wednesday 17th– Crafter’s Birthday and Love Gift Luncheon– 12:00 PM

Wednesday 17th—Quarterly Business Meeting at 6:30 PM

Friday and Saturday 19th and 20th WV Baptist State Convention

Tuesday 23nd– Helping Hands

Thursday 24-Varsity Dinner at 6:00 PM

Saturday 20th –30th Annual Crafter’s Bazaar begins at 9:00AM

