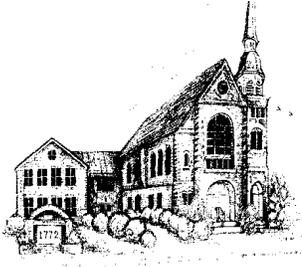


## Baptist Connection



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**SEPTEMBER**  
2018

**BERRYVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
CELEBRATES 246 YEARS**



**KICKOFF SUNDAY**

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**This Sunday we begin our 246<sup>th</sup> year.**

**Attendance goal 100!**

**Invite a friend.**

**Worship at 9 AM and 11 AM.**

**Bible study at 10 AM.**

**Church-wide dinner at 5 PM.**



### ***A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR***

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, we plan to Kick-Off our new church year. Our attendance goal for the Sunday is 100 people in our worship services. We are asking everyone to bring a friend on that Sunday. We will be on our regular schedule with worship at 9 and 11 AM.

Sunday evening at 5 PM, there will be a church-wide dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Meat (chicken and barbeque) will be furnished. Please bring side dishes. After we eat, Skip Royston and friends will be performing country music.

Our Theme for this upcoming year is "You Count, Together We Make a Difference". It is true everybody counts and we all can make a difference. Each of us possesses various unique and special gifts that can be used to make a difference. That's the beauty of church.

We are all different but gifted, each in our own way. And when we come together, side by side, sharing our gifts, our church can truly make a difference.

Pray that September 9<sup>th</sup> will be a great kick-off to a great year in the life of our church.

Pastor Dan



## Nurses's Corner

Earlier this year we all endured the endless news coverage of Bill Cosby, Harvey Weinstein and other men in Hollywood who were behaving very badly toward

women. I confess, when I saw them going to court I had a brief time of *shadenfreude*. That is a German word that translates literally to "dark joy". It describes the feeling people may have when they see a criminal receiving even a small measure of justice.

My older brother has cancer in both lungs, with metastasis to the liver. He has refused all aggressive treatment and has opted for hospice care. Next month I will drive 4 1/2 hours to see him. When we were children he had a great deal of anger because of our alcoholic father, and he chose to take it out on me. How should I talk to him when I see him? Satan would have me say, "Do you remember when we were young, all the times you hit me and made me cry? Now you're dying in a nursing home at the age of 68. Serves you right." Should I really say that?

Because of Jesus we have the ability to forgive, to love, and to live the salvation message. If we get the utterly evil thought to remember past offences (I've had plenty of those) we have but to rebuke the devil "...and he will flee from you". We can't do it ourselves. We were never meant to. That's why the Cross had to be.

Forgiveness and letting go have more emotional and physical benefits than

would fit into this newsletter. For my part, I plan to kiss him, to tell him I love him, and gently inquire as to his spiritual status. I very much want to see him in Heaven. There will be no time of *shadenfreude* for me. That is incredibly liberating.

As Christians we are free to rise above bitterness and hate and pray our enemies to the throne of grace. It is not impossible, as with God nothing is impossible. All because of the blood of Jesus.

Judy Melton, R.N., F.C.N.  
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## MIGRANT HEALTH CARE BAGS

Way to go, everybody! Fran said she delivered 38 Health Care bags to the Shenandoah Baptist Assoc. Several churches in the area participated and the association will distribute to the migrant workers. Thanks for helping with this local mission.



### ***ANNIVERSARY PICNIC - 246 YEARS***

September 9th at 5:00 p.m In the Church Fellowship Hall Country/Gospel Music by Skip Royston & Friends. Bring a covered dish: vegetable, salad, or dessert and join in celebrating our Baptist heritage. Chicken and barbeque will be provided.



### ***BACK PACK PROGRAM***

We are gearing up for another year for our "Back Pack Program" for schools. If you would like to help, bring in Mac and cheese bowls and place on the bottom shelf of our food rack outside the choir room. Martha Howard will deliver each month to be included with other food staples. Several churches are contributing to fill the need of hungry children identified by our schools. Back packs are sent home each weekend throughout the school year. Duncan Memorial has been assisting 46 children through a summer food program. Thank you for prayers for these children and for helping these programs.

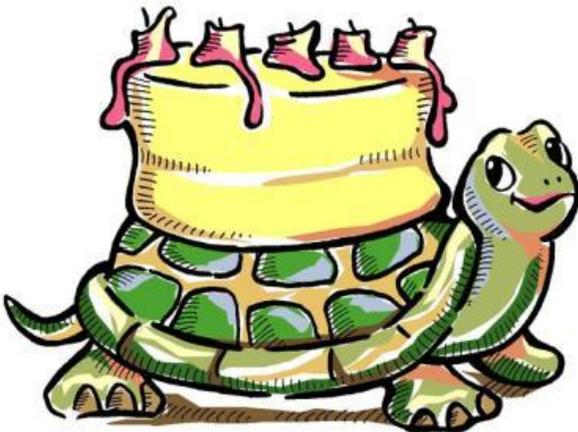


### *Property Improvements*

In June a new stove was purchased for our kitchen. In July painting and plaster work was done in numerous places in our sanctuary. A leak from our air conditioner caused stains and plaster damage. Last week a company specializing in bats eliminated entry points into our building. In October or November our new sound system will be installed. We received enough donations to make this project possible. Our current system is forty years old and needless to say outdated. Our new system will be digital, wireless and we will provide listening devices as needed. No longer will soloists need to bring boom boxes or speakers up front. Also our front doors are in bad shape. Unless repaired they will be lost forever. These doors are unique and historical. They will be professionally refurbished sometime during the month of October. All of these projects are costly: stove 600 dollars, painting 2,800 dollars, bat removal 6,000 dollars, sound system 15,000 dollars, doors refurbished 7,000 dollars. Without your financial support these improvements would not be possible. Our old, yet beautiful church building requires consistent upgrades and maintenance.



Each Wednesday at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall, we meet around the table for a time of Bible reading and sharing led by your pastor. We read one chapter a week and work our way through a particular book of the Bible. Currently we are reading through the Gospel of John, chapter by chapter, week by week. Feel free to join us.



**DID WE MISS YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY?**

Please let the church office know by e-mailing [marysue@berryvillebaptist.org](mailto:marysue@berryvillebaptist.org).



### **STONE'S CHAPEL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION**

Once again, Stone's Chapel Memorial Association will sponsor a Community Choir Sing. The event will be held at the Berryville Baptist Church on Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Each participating church choir will sing one or two selections. The entire ensemble will join together for a closing hymn. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the hymn sing. An offering will be collected to benefit the ongoing restoration of this historic chapel.



The team returned yesterday for our first practice of the season. We welcome back Ally Parker and join in as a group to express our congratulation to John Bartosiewicz who was our one graduate this year. He was a constant and devoted member of the team, and we miss him greatly.

On a personal note, I do not see replacement team members coming up as they have in the past. The group we have now is very talented and is sharing some beautiful programs both with children and adults. Members can start in the sixth grade.

We have approached other local churches hoping to recruit young people from there to join the Baptist Rascals with no success. I fear that if we do not attract some teens, the ministry will fade away. I suppose after 29 years it should be considered time to take a rest, but those of us working with the Rascals know what a positive effect they have both on themselves and the people we meet. I'll be glad to visit anyone you might suggest, but I hope you will be on the lookout for likely members and keep us all in your prayers.

### **MISSION 2018**

Thank you so much to our church members and families for support of Youth Sunday and for the wonderful refreshments following the service. You all make us stronger because you are with us through all our endeavors.

### **MISSION 2019**

At this time we are still in the planning stages but need to pull things together within the next couple of months. The team is planning to go to Puerto Rico in June of 2019, but a great deal of work needs to be done first. Our next fund raiser will be the "soup sales" at the holiday bazaar at the Parks and Recreation building on November 3 and 4. There will be more information coming soon.



As Sunday School begins next Sunday, we are spreading the word that the high school class needs more members! Brandon and Brianna have been a consistent support, but it would be awesome to have a couple more members. Please encourage your family and friends to come join us.

Think Christmas! The Sunday School Christmas program will be in mid-December.....more information later.

