



# Chronicles

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*The grass withers  
and the flowers fall,  
but the word of  
the Lord stands  
forever.*

1 Peter 1:24



## Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 24th

5:00—7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the Annual Harvest Festival for dinner and games. Bring your best chili for the chili cook off or bring a dish using pumpkin as an ingredient for the pumpkin dish contest.

There will also be a best decorated and a best carved pumpkin contest.

There will be prizes for the top three in each category.

Children can come dressed in costume and enjoy the games. There will be White Elephant Bingo for the adults.

If you have any questions, please call:

Gina Starkey ~ 304.489.2234

or

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### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Rehearsal is starting for all friends interested in singing with our choir, as they present the Christmas Cantata, *"A Baby Changes Everything!"* This year's musical includes dramatic interpretation of those who converged on Bethlehem for that awe-inspiring moment in history when the Messiah's was born!

Lend your voice to those who are practicing on Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., under the directorship of Debbie Sayre.

Rehearsal CDs are available for those who would learn their part while driving or practicing at home.

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## CHURCH FINANCES – from the Pastor

There is no doubt we are a generous and giving Church!

Members and friends of the Church give over \$25,000 each year through the church for compassionate and charitable purposes, including our Food Pantry, emergency needs through the monthly communion offering, responding to requests for mission support or other “special” needs or projects that come to our attention. These are “designated funds” above and beyond our typical ministry funds that sustains our worship and discipling ministries, our teaching and outreach and nurturing ministries.

In order to meet our ministry fund, we need to average \$5,900 in weekly giving. We are short of this average by approximately \$1400 per week.

We’re emphasizing two tracks in our financial stewardship campaign this year: The power of our faith in God’s love moves us to generosity with our giving. And so we’re helping our members and friends move to the level of ten percent giving, tithing from their income, believing that your financial gifts enable God’s Church to be faithful in her mission and purpose! Will you increase your regular level of giving by one or two percent more, from 3% or 4% giving to six or seven percent of your income?

Others who are already tithing at 10% are invited to consider what more they want to do for their Church, in thanksgiving to God!

Secondly, we’re asking you to help with our Line of Credit from the bank, encouraging a one time gift in order to pay off the \$20,000 owed. This special gift will be our “Thanksgiving Offering” in November, and we’re asking you to prayerfully consider what you might give so that we reach this goal! We were able to secure the line of credit in order to pay for important work around the Church, including sealing the parking lot, re-roofing the Church, and upgrading the Children’s Sunday School area.

People often ask me, “Now that I’ve returned by commitment card, when should I start...?” Start now, if you’re able! If you had in mind to begin with the new year, then please do so. Regardless, I want you to know how much I appreciate what you’re doing in your desire to be faithful, to trust God, and accept your part in His Church! God bless you!

*Pastor Kevin*

## A VISIT FROM OUR BISHOP

Bishop Ernest Lyght, resident Bishop of the United Methodist Church in West Virginia, will be visiting with the lay members of our Little Kanawha District on Sunday, October 24. Those who are interested in attending the meeting can contact Pastor Kevin. It is an open meeting for all in our United Methodist family! (Location to be announced)

## UNDIE SUNDAY

The Churches of the WV United Methodist Conference will be collecting underclothes for distribution through the many clothes pantries and Mission agencies across the state. 10-10-10 (October 10,) is our collection date at Mt. Pleasant Church. You can contribute a new bag of underclothes for any size or shape!



*With Sincere Sympathy*

We grieve with Lowell Jackson over the loss of a dear wife and friend to the Church, Wilda Jackson, who entered into the life immortal August 12, 2010. Our prayers continue for the family.

**THANK YOU**

*Some people seem to specialize  
In doing thoughtful deeds.  
Before you ask, they understand  
Your problems and your needs.  
They help because they want to,  
They find joy in being kind,  
And making others happy  
Is the first thing on their minds.  
They make this world a better place  
By practicing the art  
Of reaching out to others  
And by giving ... from the heart.*

*Amanda Bradley*

This verse perfectly describes the Mt. Pleasant UMC family. We can never thank you enough for your love, prayers, support, visits, food dishes, and the meal after the service.

Your kindness and support throughout this difficult time has meant so much to all of us.

Wilda always felt very thankful and blessed to be a part of this church. This attitude remained even as her illness progressed and she look forward to her heavenly home.

We are thanking God for the blessing of this wonderful church family.

*The family of Wilda Jackson*

**NEW BABY!**

We are celebrating the birth of a boy, born to Brian and Holly Burnside. Cody Austin was born July 15, coming in at 7 lbs. 15 oz; 21" long! Congratulations!

**INFANT BAPTISM**

We celebrated the baptisms of Karsyn Alianna Marshall. Karsyn, daughter of Bill and Amanda Marshall, was born January 27, 2010. She is loved by her siblings: Kerwyn, Kyla, Kendyl, and Kaydon! Baptism: July 18, 2010

...and Brenley Reese Hupp, who was born on June 3, 2010, daughter of Aaron and Erin Hupp. Brenley came home to an older sister and brother, Rylee and Levi!



**★ In SCRAPBOOKING ★**

**MT. PLEASANT PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

Mt. Pleasant Preschool Scrapbook nights are back!! The dates we have secured so far are October 1, November 5, and December 3. These are all on a Friday night and run 6 p.m. - 12 midnight, at a cost of \$8 per person. To reserve your spot, please contact us on facebook, email us at [mtpleasantpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:mtpleasantpreschool@gmail.com), or call us at (304) 489-3100. All proceeds go to Mt. Pleasant Preschool.

**Come join the fun!**



## SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts are happy. This summer was filled with activities. The latest being the Kings Island Camp In and a weekend trip to Yorktown. Thanks to Greg Cappadona for organizing the Kings Island trip. The troop has enjoyed more outings this year with all of the parent involvement.

Please excuse our mess as Cub Scouts are restructuring. School is in and it is time for new Cubs to join our ranks. Only .... we are missing leaders. We are in need of a Tiger Leader for our first grade boys, a Webelos Leader for our fourth and fifth graders and unfortunately we are also needing a Cub Master to help organize us. Tammy Sampson has asked to be replaced as Matthew is about to

finish his second year of Webelos. Thank you Tammy for three years of volunteering your time to us. Also, a big thanks to Mr. K. for stepping up to be Wolf Leader and to Peggy Grygiel for volunteering to lead the Bears. Everyone's involvement is appreciated.

October will kick off our Popcorn Sales. See your nearest Scout in October to place your order.

### **FAMILY-FUN-HOUR: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader!***

Using the latest episode of the **Narnia Chronicles**, families will watch exclusive, never-before-seen clips from *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, (due in theaters in December). Then as each family huddles among themselves, kids and parents will talk about their faith as they explore the power of God's love!

"Fun-for-the-Whole-Family Hour" is inter-generational and is geared toward involving entire families in an evening at Church. The activities keep families moving and talking! There's not a lot of time to sit still, so this event is great for everyone, even your preschoolers (and for adults who can't sit still)!

The "ticket" price for the evening event is \$6.00 per family.

During the hour, participants will take part in unforgettable interactive activities, including using a really cool water-revealing expedition map that guides each family to the realization that God's love changes us! And each family will take home the Family Expedition Music CD to continue their celebration at home.

### **"Let's Talk Turkey: Getting Real About Aging"**

- an event sponsored by FaithLink for the public

Speakers: Missy Righter and Lisa Bettoli

Wednesday, October 6 ~ 1-2 p.m.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church 219 11th St. Parkersburg, WV

Share in dialogue about dealing with the aging process for yourself or a family member. At home, or in assisted living? What in-home care is available? What can they do? How much will it cost? Will my insurance pay? How can I deal with the guilt? What is the best decision for my loved one's care? Join in important discussion!

## **BUSINESS LEADERS' SEMINAR**

Mount Pleasant is hosting a Dave Ramsey seminar for business owners and managers – on Friday, November 5, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Via a live simulcast event, Dave Ramsey will share his *7 Key Business and Leadership Principles*.

If you run a business, lead people, or are struggling to manage organizational growth, this is an event for you! A business owner from Tennessee wrote, “This is one of the most cost-effective investments I have made in my business. The mentorship I received was absolutely priceless. I was inspired beyond my wildest dreams. The wisdom I have taken from someone who has been in the trenches and has come out victorious cannot be measured.”

Some principles include hiring and management of your business on an ongoing basis, and how to reinvest in your business to attain your objectives. You can see a preview of the seminar at [www.daveramsey.com/entreleadership/preview/](http://www.daveramsey.com/entreleadership/preview/)

The cost of the seminar is \$39.00 per person and includes the cost for the workbook. You can sign up by calling the church at 304-489-1965, or Jeff Matheny at 304-489-1541.

## **THE WOMEN'S CARE CENTER**

This year the Walk for Life will be held October 16, at the Parkersburg City Park beginning at 9:00 a.m., registration at 8:30 a.m. The Walk is the main fund raiser for the Women's Care Center. The Women's Care Center is a Christian ministry with a passion for empowering individuals to make healthy life choices. They provide comprehensive support to protect the life of unborn children by giving information on the risks of sexual activity, free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, and education about fetal development. The ministry also offers compassionate support and healing to victims of abortion.

Staff from the Women's Care Center go into the schools and youth groups to promote sexual abstinence until marriage. Students are taught about sexually transmitted disease and the reality of pregnancy, through the eyes of their peers. These classes are very compelling and the results are very positive. Of 10,326 students receiving the training, 6,654 made purity pledges and 94% claim they are keeping their pledge! The Center also shares the gospel of Jesus Christ with clients who are interested, and many are born again!

In order to take part in the fund-raiser, fill out a form (provided through Mary Jane Carder, 304.489.2199), and begin asking for pledges. People sign up and pledge a donation, you walk, turn in your report and the Women's Care Center collects your pledges! It's that easy! If you can't walk at the City Park, you may walk on your own time anywhere convenient to you!

### **FREE Community Education Sessions**

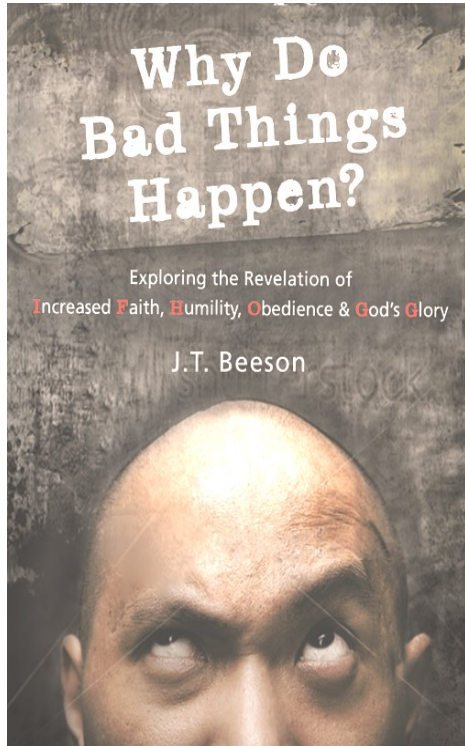
Thursday, October 7 ~ 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church ~ 1341 Juliana Street, Parkersburg, WV

Guest Speakers: Marcia Meeks, WV Bureau of Senior Services

Linda Bunn, AARP WV

Advanced Registration is appreciated by calling 304.424.2055



## ***Why Do Bad Things Happen?***

*By Jeff Beeson*

Does your life seem to be stuck in the mud; do you seem to be living life in a hog pen? Natural disasters, financial ruin, wrongful accusations, terminal illnesses—Why Do Bad Things Happen? It's the question of all humanity. Have you wondered where the power and protection of God is and whether or not your God could be behind these things? Did God cause the blind man to be born blind? Did God cause Job's turmoil?

After being diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2000 and being injured at work and needing neck surgery in 2009, the Lord revealed IFHOGG to author Jeff Beeson. The acronym stands for increased faith, humility, and obedience and God's glory, received and returned, and it's a set of principles Jeff has come to live by and wishes to share with you.

What makes Christianity unique is Jesus, and Jesus modeled IFHOGG perfectly during his time on earth—through the good and the bad. God hopes for the same response from us—an increase in faith, obedience, and humility and a chance to receive God's glory and to return glory to God. His purpose for all bad

situations—whether given or allowed by him—is to prepare us to witness, to serve, and to love God in a deeper way.

Dive into *Why Do Bad Things Happen?* and discover how the principles of IFHOGG will enrich your life whether you are going through good or bad times.

If you would like to purchase a book (\$12.71), contact Jeff (304-834-4488) or Janet Beeson (304-834-4004) (jjbeeson@suddenlink.net)

### **Kids Hope USA is back underway!!**



Most of our last year's mentors are back to mentoring their children at Mineral Wells Elementary. There will be a mentor training session in October. There is a screening process to complete in order to be a part of the training session. All mentor and substitute mentor positions must complete the screening and training. Please complete an application that is available in the church office or at the Welcome Desk. You don't have to wait until there is a training scheduled. Trainings are scheduled on a need basis. It will take approximately 2 weeks to complete the screening process before a training session can be held. Having everyone train together makes it a great training experience! You can go to the church website: <http://www.mt-pleasant-umc.org/> and click on the KHUSA link to read more about the details of KHUSA and the volunteering positions.

Please pray for our current mentors that they will be reunited with their children in a positive way and that their time together will make a difference in their child's day. Also pray for those church members that are considering being a part of the Kids Hope program that they will trust in God's plan with their time and their love. Pray for the children at Mineral Wells Elementary and across the country that do not have a mentor in their life.

**When you change a life, it's no small change!**

# GREETERS SCHEDULE

## OCTOBER 2010

8:15 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

October 3 Ron & Ann Mayhew

October 10 Eddy & Ruth Ann Sheppard

October 17 Butch & Carol Dobson

October 24 Bob & Debbie Sheppard

October 31 Pearl Buchanan & Janet Hinton

Brian & Daneen Moore

Janet & Matt Beeson

Dudley & Linda Daugherty

Shug & Shirley Bush

Kevin & Tina Evans & family

Dave & Joyce Mendenhall

John & Jodi Mendenhall

Greg & Elaine Cappadona

Rich & Bev Davis

### WELCOME CENTER ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER

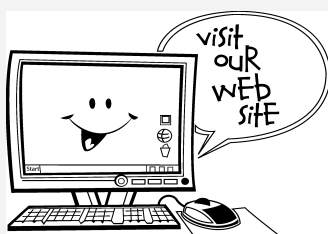
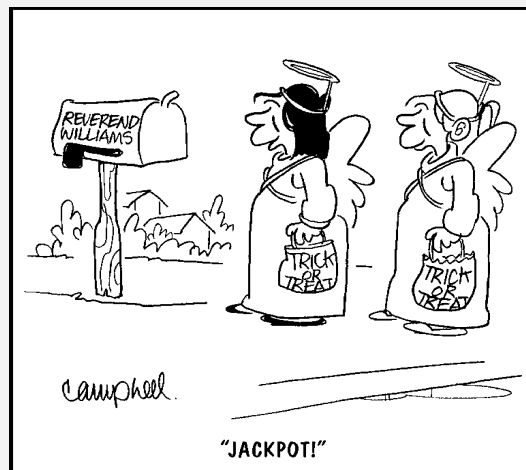
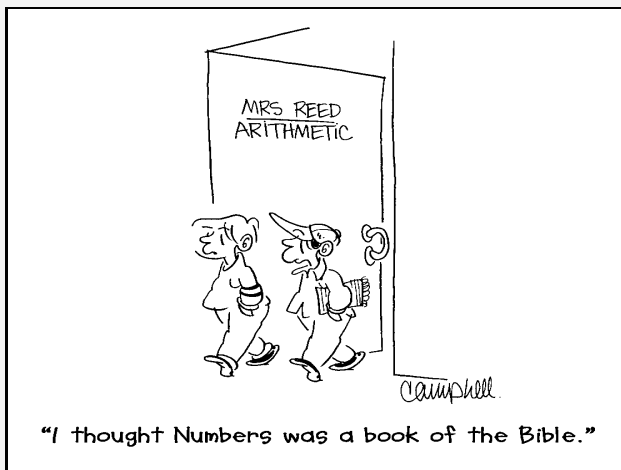
Dave & Jan Bargeloh

Ernie & Joyce Drake

### BREAD BAKING SCHEDULE

October 3 ~ Ruth Ann Sheppard    October 10 ~ Elaine Smith    October 17 ~ Ann Mayhew

October 24 ~ Judy Casto    October 31 ~ Helen Wright



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**OUR MEMBERS AWAY FROM HOME:**

We have currently compiled the names of eleven of our members and friends attending college. If you know of others, please contact the Church office or Daneen Moore, at 304.482-7838 after 4 p.m.

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October 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 31st

\*Registration Begins at 5:00 p.m.

\*1st Group Starts at 6:30 p.m.



