

**Deacon of the Week:**

1st Sunday: Kelly Coons  
2nd Sunday: Josh Becker  
3rd Sunday: Alex Little  
4th Sunday: Rhonard MacRae  
5th Sunday: Stephen Willie

**September Wedding Anniversaries**

Josh & Lisa Biddix 3  
Bill & Juanita Ramsey 6  
John & April Brooks 18  
Allen Harris & Rebecca Bruner 21



**September Birthdays**

Betty Marston ..... 3  
Phil Buchanan ..... 4  
Thurlene Hogan ..... 7  
Lawrence Reel ..... 7  
Reece Yearly ..... 9  
Steve House ..... 11  
Rebekah Dalton .... 14  
Josh House .... 16  
Bob Smith ..... 17  
Stephen Willie .... 23  
Masen Davis ..... 27



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THE VOICE



Reflections of a Shepherd

Like some of you, I love the Fall; especially Fall in the mountains. The air is crisp and cool instead of hot and muggy. The leaves begin to change into their various hues of red, yellow, and orange. With Fall, you know that the holiday season is just around the corner; and for my family the “birthday season” kicks into high gear. It also marks the beginning of football season, and the baseball post-season is about to begin (which has been a much bigger deal for me as of late!). And then there’s the food! Roasts, stews, soups, crock-pot meals! There’s just something about those colder weather meals that are so heart-warming, so cozy. I just love the Fall season for all those reasons and many more.

Unfortunately, one of the other things that happens during this time of year is that many of us begin to turn inward. We’re not going out to the park or out to the pool. Because the air is cooler and the nights are longer, we begin to spend more and more time inside. Which isn’t necessarily a problem, but if you are spending more time inside your home; it means that you are spending less time outside. Outside where you encounter your neighbors. Outside where you are given opportunities to share Jesus with the world in which God has placed you.

Or maybe the opposite is true. Maybe you’re one of those people that can’t stand the hot weather, and spend more time inside during the summer.

Maybe you’re like me and are more apt to “hibernate” in the summer than the winter. That’s one of the reasons I love the Fall so much is that air has cooled off enough to where I can actually enjoy being outside! There’s festivals and fairs to attend. There’s games and school functions. There really is a lot of different activities that can be had in the Fall. But are we so distracted by these activities that we are missing the opportunities God is given us to reach out and share Jesus? Are we so wrapped up in our own little world to notice the lost and dying world that surrounds us?

Just this week I was having a conversation with one of our deacons and he confessed to me that he had let an opportunity to share Jesus slip through his fingers. “I just didn’t think about it until it was too late.” I can’t tell you how many times I let this happen in my own life. If we are to take advantage of the opportunities God gives us, we must be intentional in looking for them and acting when they present themselves. Now I’m not suggesting that we should stand on a box in the middle of the street screaming “THE END IS NEAR!!!” I really doubt the effectiveness of that kind of evangelism. But what I do suggest is that before we head out the door, say a little prayer, ask God to open your eyes to the hurt, want, and need in this world, be on the lookout for chances to share your Gospel story, and THEN SHARE IT!

*Pastor Drew*

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**SUNDAY:**  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11 - Worship Service  
5 - Adult Choir Practice  
6 - Children’s Choir  
6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth

**WEDNESDAY:**  
6 - Adult Bible Study/Prayer, Youth, Children in Action, Mission Friends,  
7 - Adult Choir Practice

**Sept 2** - No Evening Services (Labor Day Holiday)  
**Sept 3** - Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday  
**Sept 5** - WMU, Baptist Men 6 pm  
**Sept 8** - Youth Clean Up Day 11am-4 pm  
**Sept 9** - Church Wide Breakfast 9 am; OCC Kick-Off 11 am; Deacon’s Meeting 7 pm  
**Sept 15** - National Clean Up Day Old Fort 8 am; Fun Evening for Youth Girls & WMU Ladies  
**Sept 16** - Observance of the Lord’s Supper/Revival Service 11 am; Revival Services Sept. 16-19 6 pm nightly  
**Sept 20** - Newsletter Articles Due  
**Sept 21** - Youth BBQ Fundraiser  
**Sept 22** - Flu Shot Clinic (Fred’s Pharmacy) 9 am-12:00 pm  
**Sept 23** - All Committees Meeting 4 pm  
**Sept 26** - See You at the Pole  
**Sept 30** - 5th Sunday Singing with Rejoicing Mountains 6 pm/ Refreshments

**Church Staff**

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No Evening Services on Sunday, September 2nd.

The Church Office will be closed  
Monday, September 3rd in  
observance of Labor Day.



A total of 33 pints were collected  
on August 7, 2018.

Thank you to the volunteers from  
our church who made all the donors  
feel comfortable.

## WELCOME New Members

We welcome  
Jason, Hannah,  
Anna & Reece Yeary  
Who joined our fellowship on  
July 29, 2018

## 2018 Operation Christmas Child - September

We will be focusing on doing the majority of our  
collections prior to October again this year. Back to  
school sales are coming, which will provide opportu-  
nities to take advantage of sales in clothing items, as  
well as school supplies.

Let's all add "look for OCC bargains"  
to our shopping list.



We will observe the  
Ordinance of the  
Lord's Supper  
on Sunday, September 16  
at 11:00 am

## Bible Verse of the Month

A word spoken at the right time is  
like gold apples on a silver tray.

Proverbs 25:11



Fred's Pharmacy will be here at  
First Baptist to conduct a flu shot  
clinic in the fellowship hall on  
Saturday, September 22  
from 9 am-12 pm.

Be sure to bring  
your insurance card.

## Cleff Notes

Last year in October I scheduled a group to come  
sing for us for the 5th Sunday in October, but had  
to cancel due to my illness. This September I  
have invited them to come and do a concert for  
5th Sunday again. This is a new group who is  
looking to praise the Lord with song and looking  
for opportunities to perform in and around our  
community. Please mark your calendars and  
plan to be here on Sunday September 30th as  
they perform some hymns of old. They call them-  
selves, "Rejoicing Mountains."

Also, the choir has begun working on our Christ-  
mas cantata for this year and I invite everyone to  
take part as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We  
are in need of Altos, Tenors, and Basses. The  
Choir is open to our youth as well. Please come  
and join us.

Stephen



Thank you for the generous contribution of class room  
supplies to *Operation Backpack* in McDowell County  
Schools. Your donation will help to provide school  
supplies and materials for the welfare of needy students  
attending McDowell County Schools. The generous  
support we receive from the community and donors  
make our program successful at helping students  
achieve their goals of a high school diploma and  
brighter future.

Cheryl F. Austin,  
Financial Secretary for the Endowment Fund

Thank you to everyone who pulled out a few towels  
and wash clothes from their linen closet and to those  
who purchased other needed supplies for the Women's  
Shelter (Friendship House). You should have seen all  
of the smiling faces as we were carrying the boxes in-  
side. What a blessed week, the request to you was on  
Sunday, August 5 and delivery of items was Friday  
morning, August 10. You're the best!

The Outreach Team



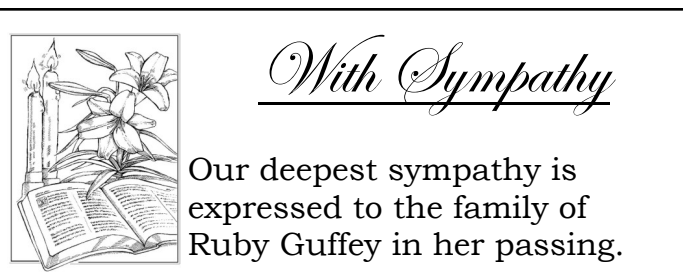
Church Picnic  
at the Carson House  
Sunday, October 7  
12:00-5:00 pm

Youth Poor Man's Supper  
Monday, October 8  
1:00-6:00 pm

Women's Self Defense Seminar  
Saturday, October 13  
9:00 am-12:00 pm

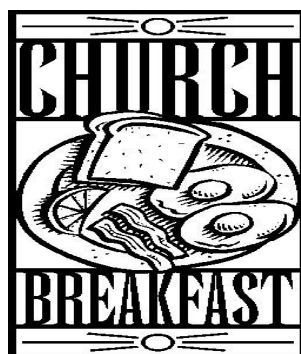
BRBA Annual Session  
October 29 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Vein Mountain Baptist Church

Trunk or Treat  
Wednesday, October 31  
6-8 pm



Our deepest sympathy is  
expressed to the family of  
Ruby Guffey in her passing.

Youth  
Clean-Up Day  
Saturday,  
September 8  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm



Church Wide Breakfast  
Sunday, September 9th  
at 9:00 am

Please join us for food and  
fellowship. Breakfast will be  
in the Fellowship Hall. Bring  
a dish and a friend.



Patriot Day falls on September 11th (also commonly  
known as 'Nine-Eleven') and is remembered globally  
as the anniversary of the catastrophic terrorist attacks  
on the USA on September 11, 2001. It is observed as  
the National Day of Service and Remembrance of the  
2,977 people killed in the 2001 September 11 terrorist  
attacks on the World Trade Center.

Patriot Day is recognized by US law as the official day  
of remembrance for these tragic events, and has been  
observed every year since. Each year on this day,  
American flags are flown at half-staff to honor and  
commemorate those lives lost. The US President asks  
fellow Americans to observe a moment of silence at  
8:46 am (Eastern Daylight Time), the time of the first  
plane collision into the North Tower of the World  
Trade Center.