



The UPDATE of the MONONGAHELA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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December

PRAISES FROM OUR CHURCHES

Calvary/Grafton had a great time at their Fall Fest on Sat, Oct 8th. We had hayrides, games, lots of food including roasting marshmallows around the fire pits, singing hymns and telling humorous stories. Our shredded paper haystack, filled with candies and toys entertained the children. 25 OCC shoeboxes were filled and delivered. Our Christmas dinner will be Sunday, Dec. 11. **Pastor is Michel Boyer.**

Charity is gearing up for the Spring Meeting, which will be held on April 25 here at Charity. We had a wonderful revival in September. God has blessed the church spiritually and with new families. We held October Fest on Saturday, October 22 as an alternative to traditional Halloween for youth and adults. We had over 100 attend and a great time of games and fellowship was enjoyed by all. The annual 'Pink-Out' Sunday was held October 23, where we heard the testimony of a survivor and promoted breast cancer awareness and prayer for a cure. **Pastor is Dan Adkins.**

Freedom has three in-home evening Bible Studies that started the first week of October and will finish up in November. We also have a Women's afternoon Bible Study that started the first week of Sept. and will end in Nov. **Pastor is Jim Sanders.**

Kingwood rejoiced with two baptized on Sept. 24. A mission team of 7 installed subfloor in a flood damaged home in Clendenin and ministered to families there. Items and funds are being collected for a return trip. The lift (elevator) recently installed in the church has been a major blessing to our handicapped. Brotherhood is sponsoring their first mem's fellowship breakfast on Oct. 8. We participated in the Ola Cox State Missions Offering and are starting the Christmas Shoebox Campaign. A float was entered in the Buckwheat Festival. Adults are going to Cass Railroad and Greenbank Observatory. We had 18 go on the Greenbank trip, 7 men attended the breakfast and plan to meet again on Nov., 5. We also received a letter from the SBC National Convention commending the congregation for the substantial increase in giving to the Cooperative Program. Youth went bowling in Sept, and hosted a lock-in/retreat with Rowlesburg youth. One of our members has initiated a prison ministry. WMU sponsored shoeboxes of school supplies for children. We are praising God for the congregation growth spiritually and in commitment, The Choir has new members and we are working on a Christmas cantata. **Pastor is Marty Turner.**



**Association
Missionary**

David Mellquist

There are two words that come to mind this time of the year . The first word is Thanksgiving. What comes to your mind as you think about Thanksgiving? Is it the great big turkey, a drumstick, giblets, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes with marshmallows on top or is it the football game, the traditional football game on Thanksgiving Day? All this is well and good. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. As I stop and think of the things that I'm very thankful for, I wish Thanksgiving was every day of the year. I'm gratefully for our three daughters and three son-in-laws who are very active in their churches. They have given us 11 grandchildren and now two great-grandchildren. Each day I give thanks for our girls to have Godly men. What a time we have at Thanksgiving when they all come home for a get together. Most of all, I am thankful for Christ who loves me so, that He gave his life for me.

The second word is Christmas. A time of cheer and celebration, exchanging gifts, time that most little kids look forward to with wide-eyes for all the packages that are under the tree. It's mostly a time for young folks, when the old folks sit around and tell stories of days past. Christmas is, however, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. A day we have set aside to commemorate our Lord's birth; most gracious and glorious gift that God has given us. We celebrate that gift by in turn giving gifts to each other. Most the time when giving a gift, it's the receiving that has the deepest effect, to see in the eyes of the receiver and sometimes joyous outcries when receiving a gift. We need to remember to be thankful at Christmas, two words to remember. May the Lord truly bless you as you contemplate these two seasons and may we never lose sight of the true meaning.

May God Bless each of you!

**David Mellquist
Association Missionary**

New Creek has seen seven people saved and 1 baptized. Also, the youth group is growing and getting stronger in their walk with the Lord. One of our youth who is a leader in our youth group is launching out to serve as a missionary in India after Christmas. He is a charter member and was saved and baptized in our church shortly after we were called to plant the church in 2002. WOW! What a blessing and privilege to pastor the New Creek Southern Baptist Church. Lastly, we need prayer for the starting of a Baptist Mission in Mt Storm, WV The town is about 15 miles south and does not have a Baptist church for 50 miles down Rt., 50. **Pastor is Tom Roatch.**

Salt & Light had a very successful Trunk or Treat with nearly 100% participation from our church family. S&L provided 5 trunks full of candy and decorated with a Bible theme with a corresponding story told to all the kids. In addition S&L provided a bounce house and inflatable games and hotdogs and drinks for all. S&L hosted nearly 300 kids and parents when during this event and we have begun our follow up by contacting those who registered,. Please pray for S&L as we reach out to our community with the gospel that those who hear will respond and we will see Kingdom growth. **Pastor is Don Knotts.**

Southern Philippi recently welcomed two new members. Pastor Appreciation was observed on Oct. 9th with cards and gifts by each Sunday School class and a church wide cake and ice cream fellowship. Our members, Bennie and Cathy Corder just returned from spending 2 weeks in Kenya & Uganda. Many church members along with the WMU provided support and resources and Karen Heatherly handmade several dresses for young girls that are to be ministered to during the trip. A partial report from their trip included 40 professions of faith at a conference in Uganda. As we look forward to the Thanksgiving and Christmas season we will be packing shoeboxes for OCC and preparing Thanksgiving baskets for community distribution. Our holiday fellowship dinner will be held on Dec. 12th and our choir will be presenting the Christmas Cantata on December 18th. **Pastor is Jim Strawderman.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

- 1 Don & Tammy Knotts—Salt & Light
- 2 Linda Edwards—Grace Fellowship
- 4 Ken Lake—Rowlesburg
- 6 Dan Adkins—Charity
- 23 Rick Price—Calvary, Belington
- 28 Debbie Turner—Kingwood

DECEMBER

- 8 Steve & Joyce Lamb—Real Life
- 9 Keith & Jackie Miller—Canaan
- 16 Jim & Tammy Strawderman—Southern Philippi
- 24 Steve & Linda Edwards—Grace Fellowship
- 26 Joyce Lamb—Real Life
- 30 Denisha Lake—Rowlesburg

**GENERAL BUDGET
October.
TOTAL RECEIPTS**

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>October</u>
Calvary-Bel.	-0-
Calvary-Grafton	476.86
Calvary-Mgt.	393.00
Canaan	-0-
Charity	-0-
Good Shepherd	-0-
Evangel	50.00
Freedom	-0-
Grace Fellowship	140.59
Kingwood	-0-
New Creek	-0-
New Life	-0-
Real Life	-0-
Rowlesburg	20.00
Salt & Light	-0-
Southern Philippi	83.50
Wayside	181.62
Anonymous Donor	220.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,565.57

Thanks to all the churches for your gifts to the Association. The Association is now giving a tithe to the Cooperative Program.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
Love In Action

**DO YOU WANT MBA TO HAVE A
CAMP THIS YEAR!!**

We need your help!

MBA 2017 CAMP

June 25-29

Fisher Camp in Weston

Please be in prayer for the camp!

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- Dan Adkins - Blood Clots
- David Mellquist—Continuing to improve
- Lonnie Ramsey (Jeff's Father)
- All of our churches and pastors
- Terry Harper—Health Issues
- WVCSB

Please remember all of these and

I'm sure there are many more.

Send prayer request to

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The Gassaway Baptist Church Choir

will present

their Christmas Cantata

"The Wonder of Christmas"

at the

Wayside Southern Baptist Church

At 539 Brushy Fork Road

In Buckhannon, WV

Friday Evening, December 2nd

at 7:00 pm

**Come join us as we Celebrate the
Birth of our Saviour.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 24 - THANKSGIVING

***December 2 - Gassaway Baptist Church
presents the Christmas Cantata
"The Wonder of Christmas"
at Wayside Southern Baptist***

***December 6
- Executive Board Meeting
MBA Office 6:30 pm***

***December 4-11—Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering***

December 25 - Christmas

January 1 - New Years Day

***March 18 - Disaster Relief Training
Freedom Southern Baptist
Time - TBA***

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.

