



The UPDATE of the MONONGAHELA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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PRAISES FROM OUR CHURCHES

Calvary/Grafton Winter is almost over and the congregation at Calvary Baptist in Grafton is getting in gear for the rest of 2017., A work day was scheduled for Saturday, March 11 for spring cleaning, Dominion—The Trio is scheduled to minister in music in the worship service on April 2. This father and two teens sing a variety of styles of Christian music and have good testimony. On Easter Sunday, the men will cook breakfast, followed by Sunday School, Worship Service including an Easter Cantata "Mighty to Save", then an Easter egg hunt for the kids (and Pastor Michel joins in, too). Donation are being received until the end of April for the Annie Armstrong offering. Youth services will be moving temporarily from Wednesday nights to Friday evenings until the end of April. **Pastor is Michel Boyer.**

Charity is thanking God for the following:

- A motivated, productive youth group and youth leadership
- two recent salvations, one youth in Youth Fellowship and one adult in the morning worship.
- Two baptisms 3/12/17
- Two rededications in Youth Fellowship
- 3/12 was Youth Sunday, morning worship was led by the youth members and leadership and Youth Pastor, Rod Hunter presented the morning message.
- The Charity Baptist Choir will be presenting an Easter Cantata, "Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb" on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. **Pastor is Dan Adkins.**

Grace Fellowship had two baptized in Jan, in February had 5 young people accept the Lord. This was a joyful time. Our youth are getting a skit ready for Easter and we are getting started on VBS. Our Friday night Safe Harbor has been going well with an average of 12 children. We are looking forward to Clear Creek Days. **Pastor Steve Edwards is finally feeling much better.**

New Creek will be losing their pastor and wife in July. They will be going to Ghana, Africa for two years as missionaries. In the second to the last week of June at our Revival/ VBS time, we will be passing the torch to the new pastor and youth director. Also on June 23, Friday at the night revival, we will be having an ordination service for our new



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David Mellquist

Easter: my neighbor has her yard and all the trees on her property full of Easter eggs, large, medium and small. The yard is also scattered with Easter eggs and all decked out like preparing to have an Easter egg hunt. As we go by the yard every day it is very colorful; but the yard is missing the true meaning of Easter. Easter was moved to Sunday because that is the day Christ arose from the grave and lives today. Others dig out the crosses and decorate using the crosses; again, this is not the true Easter. Christ was removed from a cross and put in a borrowed tomb. A large stone was placed over the opening to the tomb and guards were placed at the tomb, to assure know one stole the body.

Bright and early Sunday morning three women came to the tomb with plans to prepare the body as was the ritual of the time. They found the large stone removed, tomb open and the guards gone, **Christ Had Arose!**

He lives today. The tomb was empty, **Praise the Lord;** that's the Easter we celebrate each and every year. What are your plans for Easter this year? Are you showing to the world that Christ lives in you today?

The MBA is here to support churches and individuals promote that Christ is alive; and wants everyone to come to him for eternal life.

God Bless You at this Easter time.

David Mellquist

new pastor, Marquise Taylor. He has been with the church for 13.5 years. He is also a full time staff member with the Youth with a Mission organization here in Keyser. **Pastor is Tom Roatch.**

New Life continues to minister to the community through the food and clothing ministries, Criss Manor, Pricetown's Fire Department and Helping Hands,. They had a baptism on the 26th and showed the movie Grace Card on Sunday Evening. **Pastor is Dave Riddle**

Southern Philippi conducted the Awaken Weekend of the NAMB Church Renewal Journey the first weekend of March. We believe that God has used this time to awaken and renew hearts. Over 50% of those who participated have indicated a rededication to the Lordship of Christ and desire to grow and serve in their daily walk with Christ. Several have expressed specific desire to learn how to intentionally share their faith along with others seeking baptism, church membership, and specific areas of service. FaithLine Youth Ministry was launched on March 18th and will meet each Saturday evening, We are encouraged by the desire of our youth to grow in their walk with Christ and to be an influence in the lives of those they daily come in contact with. Our choir will be presenting the Easter Cantata "Amazing Love" on Easter Sunday and plans are to include a baptismal service. Sunrise service and breakfast are also planned. **Pastor is Jim Strawderman.**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

April 1 - Lisa Owens—Wayside
 April 8 - Marty & Debbie Turner—Kingwood
 April 9 - Steve Lamb—Real Life
 April 25 - Linda Riddle—New Life

MAY

May 11 - Don Knotts—Salt & Light
 May 12 - David Mellquist—MBA
 May 14 - Jennifer Boyer—Calvary/Grafton
 May 29 - Molly Ramsey—Evangel

SPRING MEETING

SATURDAY

April 29th

Charity Baptist

Registration 9:30 a.m.

Please email or call if you need directions.

This is a date change!

GENERAL BUDGET Jan-March 2017 TOTAL RECEIPTS

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>Jan-March 2017</u>
Calvary-Belington	134.18
Calvary-Grafton	936.44
Calvary-Mgt.	1,063.61
Canaan	-0-
Charity	1,186.35
Crossroads	146.78
Good Shepherd	-0-
Evangel	200.00
Freedom	-0-
Grace Fellowship	654.88
Kingwood	596.00
New Creek	135.00
New Life	1,131.61
Real Life	680.01
Rowlesburg	80.00
Salt & Light	1,000.00
Southern Philippi	176.83
Wayside	364.96
Anonymous Donors	1,660.00
WVCSB (Ola Cox)	6,564.89
TOTAL INCOME	15,647.93

Thanks to all the churches, individuals and the WVCSB 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!

If you would like to serve in any capacity,

please call or send an e-mail

to monbaptist@gmail.com

or call 304-613-9037

A Tribute to Shirley Finley

Shirley, your life was a blessing to everyone who knew you, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. We know that you are enjoying your Heavenly Home with Jesus and all the other saints. Your willingness to do anything and everything was just one of your gifts. God has gained a saint and we have lost a great servant.



- David Mellquist—Continuing to improve
- Lonnie Ramsey (Jeff's Father)
- All of our churches and pastors
- WVCSB
- Our Association

Please remember all of these and

I'm sure there are many more.

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DO YOU NEED A MISSION TEAM THIS SUMMER???? We have information regarding mission teams that want to come to WV this summer and help in our churches. Please call the Association Office at 304-613-9036/37, if you have questions or are interested in having mission teams.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 1-2—Clear Creek Days*
- April 7-8—Pastor's Wives Retreat*
- April 8 - WVCSB Executive Board*
- April 9 - Coopertive Program Sunday*
- April 22—YSC - Youth Sing Celebration*
- April 28-29—Mission Celebration - Immanuel
In Princeton*
- April 29—Spring Meeting at Charity*
- May 7—MBA Camp Sunday*
- May 14—Mother's Day*
- May 14-20—Christian Home Week*

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 16TH

**INVITE A FRIEND/NEIGHBOR
TO GO TO CHURCH WITH YOU!!**

