



SEPTEMBER 2023

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Dear FBC Waynesburg Family,

For nearly 15 years I served as the chairman of the West Virginia Baptist Convention/Russia Mission partnership. With my move to Waynesburg and ABCOPAD, I've begun mentoring a younger WVBC pastor as the chairman. Here is the latest article I've written encouraging prayer for the situation. – Pastor David

In February 2022, Russia invaded the neighboring nation of Ukraine. Month after month until the present, the bloody war has continued. Despite strong economic sanctions and massive military aid to Ukraine, President Putin is relentless in his quest to make Ukraine a part of the Russian homeland.

Our Russian Baptist friends usually share nothing via email or electronic chat about their convictions on the war in general or President Putin in particular. Communications are monitored, and serious consequences could result if they make remarks that are unsupportive of Moscow. Rev. Yuriy Sipko, however, is an exception. As the former president of the Russian Baptist Union and former vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, he has a large platform from which to share his views. He repeatedly has spoken out against the moral evils of the war. He's now considered a criminal by the Russian government and an enemy of the state. He's fled the country and is safe abroad, but his family is still at great risk. Because of his outspoken stance against the war as a leader of Russian Baptists, all Russian Baptists are now at increased risk. Even though their political opinions vary, they are all Baptists, just as Yuriy Sipko is Baptist. Long before the war, Baptists were viewed with skepticism by the Russian government and the Russian Orthodox Church. Conditions now have grown far worse. As recent events have shown, prominent Russian leaders who are critical of President Putin do not fare well.

What can we do as American Baptists to help our Russian Baptist brothers and sisters? **First, we can pray for God's protection.** We can ask our sovereign, all-powerful God to watch over our spiritual family members. Psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." **Second, we can pray for God's provision.** Due to financial sanctions, official channels are now closed for ABC regions and International Missions to send funds for assistance. God, however, can make a way when there is no way. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." **Third, we can pray for God's boldness.** Russian Baptists are no strangers to obeying God rather than men. During the Communist era, when preaching the Gospel was illegal, godly men would be arrested and imprisoned for pastoring churches. When a pastor was taken, another bold believer would take his place. We should pray now that these saints have the perseverance to stand for the Lord as their Biblical convictions dictate. Proverbs 28:1 says, "The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion." **Finally, we can pray for God's peace.** We can pray that President Putin ceases to wage war. We can pray that the deep divide between the Russian and Ukrainian people would heal. We can pray that all the other nations of the world work toward peace. Isaiah 9:6 says of our Lord Jesus, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Will you join me in making prayer for Russian Baptists a top priority? Will you pray for them regularly as individuals and as churches? As James 5:16b says, "...The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

In His Service,

David Bess

Vice-Chairman

West Virginia Baptist Convention/Russia Mission Partnership

Young Adult

Cup of Grace Coffeehouse

Anyone is invited to attend Wednesday Night Coffeehouse from 7-10pm when Waynesburg University is in session. Find us in the Fellowship Hall for free coffee, fun, and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

*For the most current information, find us at
fbcwaynesburg.org*

Follow us on instagram
@cupofgracecoffeehouse

Youth

Illuminate

During the school year, anyone in 6th-12th grade is invited to attend Illuminate- our youth program! We meet every Sunday evening from 6pm to 8pm. You can find us downstairs in The Well. Bring your friends and join us as we play games, get to know each other, and learn what it means to be a follower of Christ together!

We begin Sunday, September 10th!

Youth Praise Team

Anyone 6th-12th grade is invited to participate in their own praise and worship team! We are looking for singers and instrumentalists. This team will meet every Sunday (during the month that they lead worship) at 5:00pm and provide the music for worship any month there is a 5th Sunday.

Youth Sunday School

Anyone 6th-12th grade will meet Sunday mornings at 9am in the prayer room (beside the first floor bathrooms) for Sunday School!

Greene County Youth Network

On September 16, 2023 The Greene County Youth Network is holding a day of service called the Love Greene Project. The goal and purpose is to give back to Greene County and work together for the good of the community. Church groups and individuals can register online here: <https://forms.gle/UDh5Rv1V4XADJVcMA>

All participants will meet at 8am at Lions Club Park for breakfast, prayer, group assignments, and a picture. We are in need of monetary donations to cover breakfast, site supplies, and t-shirts.

THIS EVENT IS FOR ANYONE WHO
WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

*For the most current information, find
us at
fbcwaynesburg.org/youth*

Follow us on Instagram
@illuminate

Blessings,

Mandi Restanio
First Baptist Church Waynesburg
*Director of Youth, Young Adult, and
Technology*
724.331.7656

**FYI – Phone Numbers
For Pastor David and Jeanne**

If you need to call or text Pastor David or Jeanne the following are their numbers:

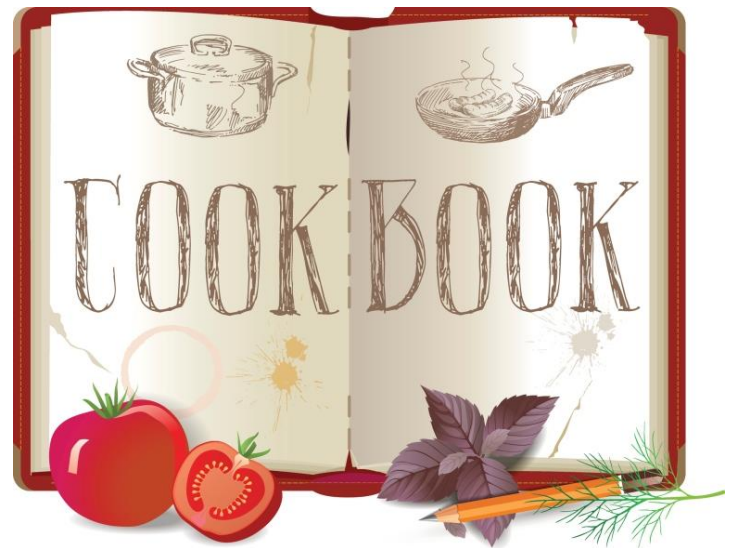
Pastor David	304-542-6838
Jeanne	304-382-7044

Radio Ministry

First Baptist Church's worship service is on WANB Radio each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the weekly broadcast of the service is \$50. If you would like to sponsor the broadcasts either in total or in part, please contact the Church office, 724-627-6444, office@fbcwaynesburg.org, or place in the offering plate with the notation for Radio Ministry. Thank you!

"Room At The Table"

"Room At The Table" fellowship dinner will be on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who are so willing to give of their time to help. Everyone is welcome!

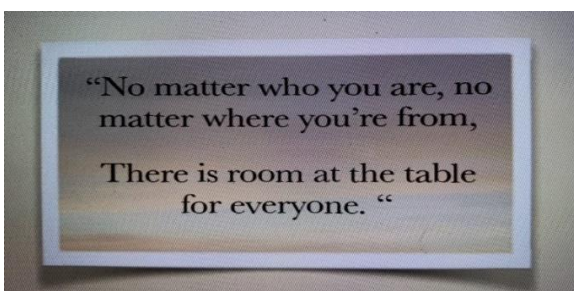


Would you like to share a favorite recipe?

The Mission Board is putting together a cookbook and would appreciate your sharing one of your favorite recipes with us. The cookbook, when finished, will be sold for \$5/each.

Name _____

Recipe _____





Dartball Schedules

FBC Team 1

Sept. 18 FBC @ Hewitt Presby.
 Sept. 25 Oak View @ FBC

 Oct. 2 FBC @ Jefferson Meth.
 Oct. 9 Carmichaels Meth. @ FBC
 Oct. 16 FBC @ Crosspoint Assem.
 Oct. 23 Greensboro @ FBC
 Oct. 30 FBC @ Jefferson Bapt.

FBC Team 2

Sept. 18 Carmichaels Meth. @ FBC
 Sept. 25 FBC @ Crosspoint Assem.

 Oct. 2 Wbg Bible Chapel @ FBC
 Oct. 9 FBC @ Jefferson Baptist
 Oct. 16 Wbg. Methodist @ FBC
 Oct. 23 Greensboro Bapt. @ FBC
 Oct. 30 Bible Baptist @ FBC

Sunday Greeters

Sept. 3 Amy & A.J. Diamond
 Sept. 10 Joanne Todd
 Sept. 17 Byllye Miller
 Sept. 24 Tonya Steinmiller

Scripture Readers

Sept. 3 Gene Falvo
 Sept. 10 Peyton Cowell
 Sept. 17 Byllye Miller
 Sept. 24 Cathy Loughner



Organ Concert

Featuring: Logan Koller

Friday, Sept. 8, 2023
 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 303 West High Street
 Waynesburg, PA 15370
 724-627-6444

Children's Message Volunteers September

Sept. 2 Glen Farrier
 Sept. 10 Tim Mankey
 Sept. 17 Matt Brandstetter
 Sept. 24 Rollie Daniels



Ignite (K-5th) 3-5pm

Wed., Sept. 13

Wed., Sept. 20

Wed., Sept. 27



**U6 Soccer Team Sponsored By FBC
Games are at 188 Fields, 1pm**

Sept. 10

Sept. 17

Sept. 24



Friday, September 15, 2023

At Lions Club Park

Starting at Dusk

Movie: "Greater"

Everyone is welcome!

Bring something to sit on & snack.

Jennifer Lash

First Baptist Church

Children & Family Ministry Director

The Christian Sandbox Preschool

Director

First Baptist Church's
TOUCH A TRUCK



A free family fun event!

SEPTEMBER 30th, 2023
11AM - 2PM

FREE!
T-shirt
(kids 12 & under)
While supplies last
& Food

Lunch will be provided.

For more information:

724-627-6444

www.fbcwaynesburg.org

303 West High Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Ed Gaskill
John McNay
- 2 Louie Greco
- 3 Kyler Theys
- 5 Naomi Brandstetter
- 8 Madison Brooks
- 9 Riley Ann Schloemer
- 10 Amanda Tustin
- 11 Emma Fox
- 16 Lynn Brewer
- 21 Colby Collins
- 22 Desetta Palmer
Zach Chapman
- 23 Lauren Hall

24 Byllye Miller

25 Hadley Schloemer

OCTOBER

- 1 James Gregorich
Lauren Strelick
- 7 Ember Weber
- 9 Zach Gaskill
- 12 Ava Fox
Sadie Fox
- 14 Susan Gregorich
- 15 Rylei Rastoka
Mary Anne Cumberledge
- 18 Mark Fox
- 22 Dustin Cowell
- 31 Elaine Cumberledge

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Rolling Meadows: Geraldine Calvert

Evergreen Assisted Living: Marilee Martin