



## Baptist Men & Women's Speaker Series

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$7

This is the last one of the series: Monday, April 23  
Join us for a Cookout with Hot dogs and Hamburgers.  
The speaker will be Michael Harrison, Pastor of  
Community Fellowship Church.

Please make your reservation  
the week before by calling the church office.

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## Pictorial Directory

We are in the process of taking pictures of all church members  
for our directory. If you have not had your picture taken and  
would like to have one in the directory, please call the church to  
set up a time.

The last time pictures will be taken is on:

Sunday, April 15th, starting right after church.

Pictures are being taken in Room 111.

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex  
or  
Call the church office





## Prayer Forgotten

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” is a well-known verse, but greatly forgotten in our busy day to day routine.

In the late 19th century E. M. Bounds penned the following in his book “Purpose In Prayer.” Does it have a familiar ring?

“Where are the Christlike leaders who can teach the modern saints how to pray and put them at it? Do our leaders know we are raising up a prayerless set of saints? Where are the apostolic leaders who can put God’s people to praying? Let them come to the front and do the work, and it will be the greatest work that can be done. An increase of educational facilities and a great increase of money force will be the direst curse to religion if they are not sanctified by more and better praying than we are doing.

“More praying will not come as a matter of Course. The campaign for the twentieth or thirtieth century will not help our praying, but hinder if we are not careful. Nothing but a specific effort from a praying leadership will avail. None but praying leaders can have praying followers. Praying apostles will beget praying saints. A praying pulpit will beget praying pews. We do greatly need somebody who can set the saints to this business of praying. We are a generation of non-praying saints. Non-praying saints are a beggarly gang of saints, who have neither the ardor nor the beauty, nor the power of saints. Who will restore this branch? The greatest will he be of reformers and apostles, who can set the Church to praying.

“Holy men have, in the past, changed the whole force of affairs, revolutionized character and country by prayer. And such achievements are still possible to us. The power is only wanting to be used. Prayer is but the expression of faith. Time would fail to tell of the mighty things wrought by prayer, for by it holy ones have subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to fight the armies of the aliens, women received their dead raised to life.

“Prayer honors God; it dishonors self. It is man’s plea of weakness, ignorance, want. A plea which heaven cannot disregard. God delights to have us pray.

“Prayer is not the foe to work, it does not paralyze activity. It works mightily; prayer itself is the greatest work. It springs activity, stimulates desire and effort. Prayer is not an opiate but a tonic, it does not lull to sleep but arouses anew for action. The lazy man does not, will not, and cannot pray, for prayer demands energy. Paul calls it a striving, an agony. With Jacob it was a wrestling; with the Syrophenician women it was a struggle which called into play all the higher qualities of the soul, and which demanded great force to meet.

“The closet is not an asylum for the indolent and worthless Christian. It is not a nursery where none but babes belong. It is the battlefield of the Church; its citadel; the scene of heroic and unearthly conflicts. The closet is the base of supplies for the Christian and the Church. Cut off from it there is nothing left but retreat and disaster. The energy for work, the mastery over self, the deliverance from fear, all spiritual results and graces, are much advanced by prayer. The difference between the strength, the experience, the holiness of Christians is found in the contrast in their praying.

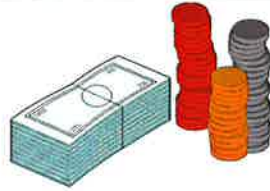
“Few, short, feeble prayers, always betoken a low spiritual condition. Men ought to pray much and apply themselves to it with energy and perseverance. Eminent Christians have been eminent in prayer. The deep things of God are learned nowhere else. Great things for God are done by great prayers. He who prays much studies much, loves much, works much, does much for God and humanity. The execution of the Gospel, the vigor of faith, the maturity and excellence of spiritual graces wait on prayer.”

O God, may we quiet ourselves to hear Your call to pray; may we become righteous people fervently raising unselfish petitions to Your Holy throne.

*Pastor Steve*

## Stewardship Report — March 2018

\$ 383,486 Total Budget  
 85,871 Budget Needs Year to Date  
 64,566 Budget Receipts Year to Date  
 21,305 Budget Shortfall



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### Wednesday Night Supper

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m.

Make your reservations through the church by 4:00 p.m. on Mondays.

- 4 Pork, butter beans, fried apples, biscuit, pound cake, and ice cream.
- 11 BBQ chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, roll, chocolate cake, and ice cream.
- 18 Turkey, dressing w/gravy, potatoes, green beans, biscuit, and cherry cobbler.
- 25 Cubed steak w/gravy, peas & carrots, tossed salad, roll, birthday cake, and ice cream

The Bassett Historical Center & DAR are sponsoring a Martinsville-Henry County Memorial for Vietnam Veterans. They are "Looking for Vietnam Veterans".

To have your name or the name of a family member on the memorial please call :  
 The Bassett Historical Center— 629-9191.



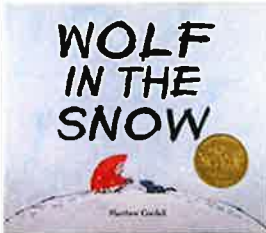
### Children's Worship April

- 1 Linda Gale
- 8 Marsha Garren
- 15 Julie Hall
- 'Nita Gauldin
- 22 Linda Moore
- 29 Linda Dorr
- Martha Perdue

### Library Drifts



### 2018 Caldecott Medal Winner



The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

"Wolf in the Snow," illustrated and written by Matthew Cordell, and published by Feiwel and Friends, an imprint of Macmillan is the 2018 winner.

Visit the Sue M. McCabe Library or the carts to find a book you would like to read.

Wishing all a beautiful and warm spring. May Easter be a meaningful observance in your life.



April-June 2018

### Boxed Macaroni and Cheese

Please leave food in Room 101

Always needed:  
 Hygiene products

### WMU News & Meetings

No regular meeting in April.  
 Annual Association meeting will be April 10th at McCabe Baptist - 5:15 p.m.  
 Global Mission Fund Goal \$1,000  
 Raised to date: \$ 614.75

### Henry County Baptist Association Senior Adult Trip

Washington, D.C. Tour  
 June 18-19, 2018

Penn Dutch Trip  
 October 2-4, 2018

**Remember to keep the Pastoral Search Committee in your daily prayers.**

For more information see the bulletin board outside the office

### E-mail addresses needed

Newsletters are being sent by e-mail or 1st class mail. Please notify the church of your email address if you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

## Our Church Staff

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## Birthdays in April

2 Iva Burnette	25 Martha Perdue
4 George Lester	26 Juanita Gauldin
11 Lottie Estes	27 Sylvia Knight
Robert Reeves	28 Pat Austin
12 Marilyn Turner	29 Betty Shires
16 John Burgess	
18 Ronald Henderson	
19 Dean Johnston	
21 Marsha Frith	
22 Jacob Frith	
24 Betty Jennings	
Bonnie Wilson	



## At Home Ministry

Sybil Cochran, Helen Dandridge, Lottie Estes, Annie Lee Ferrell, Neville Frith, Jean Gray, Helen Hay, Betsy Miers, John Pedigo, Shirley & Jesse Roark, Kitty Sparrow, Jeanette Stone, Melva Stultz, James Turner

**Stanleytown:** Edna Campbell- Room 220

**Heritage Hall:** Iva Burnette

New Address: % Heritage Hall, 16600 Danville Pike, Laurel Fork, Va. 24352

**Blue Ridge Manor:** Esta Wilson, Catherine Shires

**Blue Ridge Rehab:** Betty Prillaman

**King's Grant:** Onslea Gesell, Frances Weaver, Mary Bull, Charlene White, Clifford & Elsie Minter, Bruce Spencer, Pat Jordan, Mary Elizabeth Wells, Betty Minter, Catherine Collins, Judy & Jim Minter, Beverly Estes, Gayle Williams

**Out-of-town:** Betty Brown, Mildred & Clyde England, John Holmes, Frances Whitlock, Davis Walker

# First Baptist Church

## Return Service Requested

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## April Calendar

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Early Easter Service 9:00 a.m.   | 23 Baptist Speaker Series 6:00 p.m. |
| Cont. Breakfast 9:20 a.m.          | Smith River Singers Reh. 7 p.m.     |
| Sunday School 9:50 a.m.            | 25 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m.    |
| Meet & Greet-NartheX 10:30 a.m.    | Business Meeting 6:05 p.m.          |
| Easter Celebration 11:00 a.m.      | Sanctuary Choir Reh. 7:00 p.m.      |
| 2 Church office is closed          | 26 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 a.m.      |
| Smith River Singers Reh. 7 p.m.    | 29 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.          |
| 3 Personnel committee 5:30 p.m.    | Worship 11:00 a.m.                  |
| 4 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m.    | 30 Smith River Singers Reh. 7 p.m.  |
| Prayer and Devotion 6:05 p.m.      |                                     |
| Sanctuary Choir Reh. 7:00 p.m.     |                                     |
| 5 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 a.m.      |                                     |
| 8 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.          |                                     |
| Worship 11:00 a.m.                 |                                     |
| 9 Knitting Ministry 10:00 a.m.     |                                     |
| Smith River Singers Reh. 7 p.m.    |                                     |
| 11 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m.   |                                     |
| Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m.        |                                     |
| Sanctuary Choir Reh. 7:00 p.m.     |                                     |
| 12 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 a.m.     |                                     |
| 15 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.         |                                     |
| Worship 11:00 a.m.                 |                                     |
| Pictures for directory-last Sunday |                                     |
| 16 Smith River Singers Reh. 7 p.m. |                                     |
| 17 WEE Ministry 1:30 a.m.          |                                     |
| Business & Finance 5:15 p.m.       |                                     |
| Buildings & Grounds 5:30 p.m.      |                                     |
| 18 Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m.   |                                     |
| Prayer & Devotion 6:05 p.m.        |                                     |
| 19 Bible Study-Luke 10:00 a.m.     |                                     |
| 22 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.         |                                     |
| Worship 11:00 a.m.                 |                                     |

