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We connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples.



July 21-28

**West Virginia Wesleyan College
Buckhannon, WV**

Your Invitation to Conference

by Johnmark Camenga, 2024 Session President

Conference 2024 will be here before you know it and I really hope that you'll be able to be there for it. As we gather for this important time of business and fellowship and worship, we also gather so that we can learn together, grow together, and be commissioned together. This year, that learning, growing, and commissioning will be centered on what it means for the church to be unearthed and how we, as an unearthed church, are meant to live in covenant with each other and in service of the people Jesus places in our lives.

Conference 2024 will look a little different than it has in the past. There will still be plenty of time for business and fellowship and worship, but there will be a heavier focus on the learning and growing aspects. We will have a series of presentations and workshops and studies that focus on the following topics: The

History/Mission of the Church, Confession/Repentance, Empathy, Self-Denial, Covenant, and many others. The goal is to help us to recover our foundation such that we are better equipped to live out Christ's mission for his church.

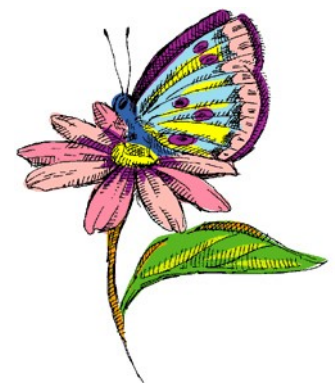
So, you are invited. Indeed, you are needed. If we are to persist in this work as Seventh Day Baptists toward the advancement of the Kingdom, we need as many as possible to come so that we can learn, grow, and be commissioned together in the name of Jesus.

We are looking forward to seeing you July 21-28, 2024 at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV. Register at <https://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/conferenceweek2024/>

**May
2024**

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Pray for the Seventh Day Baptist Conference

by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

This month our prayer focus is on the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. As a local church we are blessed by the many ministries of the Conference. The Sabbath Recorder, SDB University, Pastor's Conference, SCSC, our annual gathering for General Conference – and the list goes on. Often we don't realize how much these services impact our local church. The many ministries of Conference need our prayers and support. Please pray for these leaders and their staff:

- John Pethel – Church Development and Pastoral Services

- Nick Kersten, Director of Education and History
- Carl Greene, Executive Director
- Jeremiah Owen, Director of Communications
- Andy Samuels, Chief Executive Director of SDB Missionary Society

Pray for the work of the many councils and boards

- Christian Education Council
- Tract & Communication
- Council on History
- Council on Ministry
- Women's Society
- Memorial Board
- Missionary Society

- ♦ Thank you, LORD, for these servants and services!
- ♦ May their personal and communal life with Jesus be strong and joyful.
- ♦ Keep these leaders safe at home and during their many travels.
- ♦ May they continue to seek the LORD's vision for SDB's in North America and around the world.
- ♦ Provide all the resources needed to communicate that vision and move it forward.
- ♦ Show us as individuals and a church how we can best support their work.

Mission, Vision and Values

by Pastor John Pethel

Stewardship should be driven by the mission, vision, and values of our congregation. *"We connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples."*

You can find the mission, vision, and values in the welcome center and in the bulletin each week. It is our local church's take on the Great Commission given in Matthew 28.

There are mundane aspects of our church's mission such as buildings, cleaning supplies, salaries, water fountains, and more that help our church equip disciples but may not seem important to that aspect.

It is a blessing to have a space for children to meet Jesus on Wednesday nights or for the community to use during the week or for us to gather in worship on Saturday. We should be thankful for the stewardship that we have over the facilities and for those who care for it and fill it. However, the blessing of a swept floor or a newly painted wall or a replaced light bulb or a new bathroom cannot be actualized without the financial resources to make them happen.

What that means is that the financial health of the church is a key component to helping to accomplish the mission, vision, and values of the



church. Your regular and even increased giving is a way for us to make sure that a Bible verse is memorized by a 10 year old or that a pizza goes into the hungry mouth of a teenager after Bible study or that a senior citizen is able to access a bathroom or that the person who can't physically come to the Saturday worship service can watch it online.

How will you do your part to continue the mission, vision, and values of The Connecting Church for years to come? *"We connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples."*



Camp Discover – June 24-28
Collision Camp – July 7-14
Intermediate Camp – July 14-19
Registration is open.
theconnecting.church/wakonda

Camp Counselor Applications

Are you interested in serving as a counselor at Camp Wakonda this summer? Camp is a very special place. Each summer we see God's powerful presence move in the hearts of the campers as well as the staff. If you have a personal relationship with Christ, you are invited to submit an application to show that you are interested in serving at one of our overnight camps. Applications are available in the church Welcome Center and on the website, theconnecting.church/wakonda.



Work Day at Camp Wakonda Sunday, May 5, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact Brandon Crandall for details of outside projects including painting, cleanup along the fence line, and wood splitting. Call Doneta Osborn for inside cleaning and kitchen job details. Many hands make light work. Hope to see you there.



Kwik Trip Cards

will be available on the 4th Sabbath of each month, starting, May 25th in the Welcome Center after church.

Summer Missions Scholarships

Summer missions scholarships are available to anyone participating in a short-term missions trip, including Koinonia. Please contact the Church Administrator for more information or for a scholarship form.

Pastor Nate's Sabbatical

Pastor Nate is attending the SDB Pastor Conference this weekend and then will be on Sabbatical until the end of June. Please pray for this renewal opportunity for Pastor Nate. During the Sabbatical, please direct your calls to Pastor Liz, Pastor John or Pastor Nick rather than Pastor Nate.

Update on the Uganda Chicken Project

by Mike Hoffman, Children's World Impact

Progress has been made in Uganda, a partnership between the SDB Missionary Society and Children's World Impact.

The chicken farm will allow a number of locals and widows

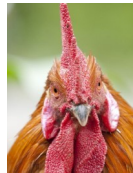
to be self-supporting.

Construction of the chicken houses should be completed around the end of April. A well also needs to be dug.

Training to operate the farm

will be provided and of course the purchase of chickens will be forthcoming!

Praise Jesus for his good work and prayers for God's beautiful work to continue.



A Beautiful Prayer for Moms This Mother's Day

By Aaron D'Anthony Brown, Christianity.com

Mother's Day is the perfect occasion to honor and love mothers for all that they do every day.

Mothers are pillars of the family structure. We often seek them for empathy and a listening ear in times of trouble. No matter who we grow up to be, or how far away we roam, sometimes we just need the affirmation of a mom's gentle hug. Mother's Day offers the perfect opportunity to bless your mom and pray for her!

God has given us mothers to carry us, raise us, teach us, and mold us into godly people. Of course no mother is perfect, and not everyone grew up with a loving mother. But every mother out there — from the one who feels she was born to be a mom to the one who struggles with the title — deserves honor and praise for the role God has given them. A role that reflects God in a deeply profound way.

Mother's Day is the perfect occasion to offer this honor and love in word and deed, to show the extent to which we're grateful for all they do, every day.

Here is a beautiful prayer to honor and bless moms this Mother's Day.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, I speak this prayer to you now in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers. My mother, those of my friends, relatives, those I'll never know, all mothers.

Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, their wisdom, their patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts they possess.

I pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing upon their children.

Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, I pray that you help every word and action to be done in love. And I pray that children throughout the

world would take time to honor their mothers, that you would show them how to uniquely do so.

I pray that these mothers also act as a blessing beyond their households, reaching into their extended families, communities, churches, schools. I pray that the impact of motherhood is revered throughout society and that these women are acknowledged for their everyday impact on the world. May you guide each of them into fulfilling their purpose here on Earth. Amen.



Milton Community Days Friday, May 10th from 5-8 p.m.

Parkview and College St.

Our church will have a booth to promote and fundraise for Camp Wakonda. Would you like to help out? Contact Brittany Kersten

May Bulletin Board



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Tim & Elizabeth Lawton
- 2 Luke & Claudia Lee
- 6 Annmarie Bennett
- 7 Josh Harris
- 13 Dale Green
- 15 Angie Mullen
- 20 Rinald & Teresa Kersten
- 20 Tom & Tara Rotzoll
- 22 Genna Mullen
- 22 Phil Watson
- 25 Eric Camenga
- 26 Robin Bliese
- 26 Ernie & Connie Fisher
- 28 Matt Uglum
- 29 Jill Groelle
- 29 Deb Perrino
- 29 Shanny Ayers
- 29 Becky Snyder



Call the church office to get on the list of graduates to be recognized in church in June.

Ladies Sit 'n Sip

Tuesday, May 14,
9:00 a.m. at Sharla's

Men's Chorus

will rehearse at 8:00
a.m. on Sabbath,
May 18th and sing
during worship that
day at 10:30 a.m.



Guest Speakers at Worship

- May 4 – Pastor Carl Greene
- May 11 – Pastor John Pethtel
- May 18 – Guest Rocky Rocholl
- May 25 – Pastor Nick Kersten

May Children's Church

May 4

Unit 21: Session 2

People Were Amazed by
Jesus
(Luke 4)

May 18

Unit 21: Session 3

Peter Worshiped Jesus
(Luke 5)

May – Awana

May	Year End Awards and
1	Recognition Night

May – Collision

1	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda
6	Roller Skating with Koinonia Youth Ministries
8	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda
15	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda – Pizza Night
22	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda
29	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda

Save these dates!






- Koinonia Singers Worship – June 22
- Mid-Year Meeting – June 23
- Worship@Wakonda – June 29

Focus on Funds

as of March 31, 2024

General Fund Balance	\$20,966.05
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$26,920.18
March Undesignated Inc.	\$24,167.44
March Total Income	\$28,997.89
March Expenses	\$19,188.04
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 555.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 6,024.38

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat										
																
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Online Worship

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel. Go to <http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline> for the link. We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.