



I have a love-hate relationship with water. JD and I just returned from spending a couple of weeks at the beach. I look forward to this all year long! There is something soothing about the sound of the waves, the heat of the sun and the beauty of the water lapping against the sand. It rejuvenates me.

On the flip side, I am not a strong swimmer. I have never been able to put my face into water without holding my nose, no matter how many times someone demonstrates or explains it to me! I'm not fearful in a pool (mainly because God gave me a body that easily floats), but any body of water with unknowns—creatures, currents, tides—and I freak out a little. To keep this at bay, I depend on preservers. When at the lake with friends? I wear a life jacket. When at the beach beyond my knees? I hold on to my husband (who I swear is part fish!). Even on a boat I'm a tad uneasy. JD went through a boat phase with a friend. This boat was smaller than a pontoon and, as we soon discovered, not the most reliable of motors. Do you know what happens when your motor dies and you're out on the river? You drift. If you're lucky, you have a working anchor. If you find yourself without an anchor, you may have to rely on oars. Have you ever rowed? I mean, yeah, a rowing machine in a gym, but a boat? It's not easy. West Virginia has an entire tourism industry based on boats and people using oars over the rushing rapids of white water—with enormous boulders looming up like giants ready to take you out! It is only the skill of the guide that keeps you safe. Now, my cousin in Arizona posted a video of a float—a group of people tied together on innertubes that just drift down a lazy river. There are no real obstacles, just a fun time in the sun and water. This is MUCH more my style.

Our lives are like these different types of water. Sometimes our life is as soothing and reliable as the tides at the shore. But even there, a riptide can occur that could catch you off guard. You could be out fishing on the river and your motor dies, without an anchor. Sometimes you may be sitting on your porch enjoying a summer shower when a wall of water appears and takes everything you have. In reality, we've seen that there can be true loss. Spiritually, we've been given an anchor that will steady us. In Hebrews 6:19 we are assured that "*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...*" Jesus is this anchor. He is a powerful and reliable force that can withstand life's challenges and gives us access to God's presence. He is our solid rock. The thing is though, we have to be anchored to Him. If we are content to drift along in our innertube, or life jacket we are not guaranteed safety. God did not create us to drift. We have to actively work to build our lives on the solid rock. As the song says "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand...". In Matthew 7: 24-27 Jesus teaches that the wise man who hears His words *and does them* is like unto the man who builds upon the rock. On the other hand, if you're sitting in church every Sunday hearing the words of God but not acting on them, then you are like the foolish man who builds upon the sand. Both men face the storms of life, the one who is obedient and actively strives toward Jesus can withstand. His act of obedience builds the strong foundation. Drifting along the path of "I'm thinking about it" or, "maybe next time" or, "I'm just not ready, or good enough yet" leaves you without the stability needed to survive. Check your anchor—are you anchored to the Solid Rock? As the choir sings "On the sea of life I sail, through the storms and through the gales for I'm anchored to the rock, the rock of ages...and my anchor is secure and my vessel will endure for I'm anchored to the Solid Rock". Are you drifting along without thought or direction? Reach out to Jesus and anchor to Him today. 2 Corinthians 6:2 for God says "*At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you. I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, NOW is the day of salvation.*"



West Liberty
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Sunday Services 8:00 & 10:45
Sunday School 9:30
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00
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Answers

1. To his Uncle Laban
2. John the Baptist
3. Babylon
4. Mount Ararat
5. Three
6. David



4th Ashley Eby
8th Tristen Hays
10th Bev Chambers
17th Zachary Newman
18th Sam Lantz
22nd Allison Fink
23rd Brittney Sobota
24th Betty & Earl Nicodemus
26th Liz Hunt



**Happy
BIRTHDAY
america**

Have you noticed this QR code? Our church now has a working webpage! On it you can access the Church Calendar for upcoming activities, an archive of sermons, monthly newsletters and general information about our Vision and Core Values. Thanks to our Tech Team you can also find us on YouTube in addition to Facebook. Check us out!

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Over the past couple of years there has been a focus on, not only informing the congregation about opportunities to serve, but also teaching the biblical standard for service and using your spiritual gifts. Committees have been discussing ways to mentor others into these positions—helping those interested to first dip their toe in without the fear of being thrown in the deep end without a life preserver. On the 27th, the congregation will meet to choose the nominating committee for the Ballot openings in September. We want to take this time to encourage every single person who attends, to pray about the role God has prepared for you. Once you feel you have a direction, please step forward and let us know and we will gladly point you to the person best able to give you guidance in those first steps! The names and numbers of Elders, as well as the Preacher and Secretary are included in this newsletter—or you can catch us before or after the service. We are here for YOU!

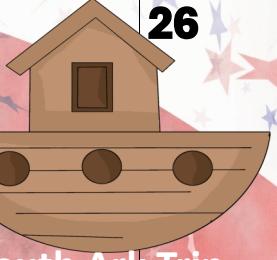


Alaire Ernest	Charlotte Bonar/Family	Pam Shaffer
Albert Bond	Chip Bond	Pam Shram
Abbey Whaley	Dave & Martie Keller	Penny Morris
Angel Dailer	Flood Victims/Families	Richard Hall
Angie Sayre	Freddie Elswick	Roma Dailey
Ark Trip	Grace Maxwell	Ryan & Andrea
Aubrey M.	Harold Hunt	Sharon Wilson
Audrey	Heather & Phil Reutchie	Stephanie
Bailey & Anna Stewart	Jerri R.	Tim Heildabrant
Barb F.	Jim & Sara Jane	Tina Huff
Bea Armentrout	Jimmy R.	Triadelphia VFD
Beth Fink	Kelly Williams	Travelers
Bonnie Bonar	Kim McConnaghy	Unsaved
Brannon Leonard	Marsha	Unspoken
Bus Driver Volunteers	Melissa Carnahan	US: Country & Gov't
C.C. Roxby	Michael Danaher	WLCC Leadership
	Molly Betts	Zak & Allyson Ritchie



1. To Whom did Jacob go when he had to flee from home?
2. Who preached in the wilderness of Judea?
3. What nation took Judah into captivity?
4. On what mountain did Noah and his family leave the ark after the flood?
5. How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him?
6. Which Old Testament man pretended to be insane to escape death?

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00	2 Bible Study 7:00	3	4	5
6 Building & Grounds 12:30	7 Evangelism 6:00 @ Lantz Home	8	9 Bible Study 7:00	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Bible Study 7:00	17	18	19  Cleaning Day 9:00
20 Elders 12:30 Petersen 3:00 Membership 6:00	21	22	23 Bible Study 7:00	24	25  Youth Ark Trip	26
27 Joint Service 10:00 Cong. Mtg.—Nom. Comm. Picnic Lunch	28	29	30 Bible Study 7:00	31		