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*The item for the
Bland Ministry
Center for
October is
Green Beans*

*Hoppers at FBC
October 3rd
7:00pm*

*Trunk or Treat
October 31st
5:30-8:00pm*



The Voice

October 2025

**"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."
John 14:27**

Pastor Craig's Conversations

October is here!!! And just think, in 86 days we will be celebrating Christmas!!! There are Christmas decorations in some stores already. That's just crazy. There is candy and turkey to eat first!!! Isn't there a rule that says things must be done in order?

"Order" seems to be the word that is lost today, however. Civil discourse doesn't happen. Mass shootings seem to be occurring every day. People say things on social media they would never say face to face to someone. People just seem to be angrier.

Sunday September 28th, we talked about bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth. I asked the question, "who's responsibility is that?" Whose responsibility is it to bring an example of what it will be like in heaven to earth? Is it God's job to just "make it happen" or is it ours because we are God's hands and feet?

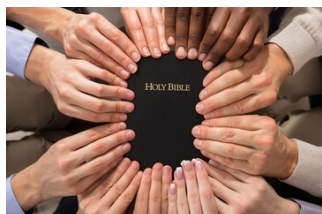
Each believer is God's temple. The Holy Spirit lives in the saved person. Therefore, I believe, each of us should be a micro example of what heaven should be like. The gifts of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control should be seen in us as we live our daily lives. We should be different.

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Mission and Ministry Opportunities

The Betsy West Circle

**Meeting on the 2nd
Thursday
at 10:30 am**



Ruby J. Louthan Circle Meeting

**3rd Tuesday
at
6:00 pm**



**October 25th
Saturday, 4:00pm**

**"Missions of the
World"**

Fellowship Hall

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dinner 5:45 pm Prayer Mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:20pm	2	3	4
5 Women's Bible Study 4pm TeamKID 5pm Handbells 6pm	6	7	8 Dinner 5:45pm Prayer Mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:20pm	9 Betsy West Circle 10:30am	10	11
12 Women's Bible Study 4pm TeamKID 5pm Handbells 6pm	13 Craft Morning 10am CLC Meeting 6:30pm	14 Ruby Jane Louthan Meeting 6pm	15 Dinner 5:45pm Prayer Mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:20pm	16	17 Church Wide Work Day 9am-12pm	18
19 Women's Bible Study 4pm TeamKID 5pm Handbells 6pm	20 Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm	21	22 Dinner 5:45pm Business Mtg. 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:20pm	23	24	25 OASIS 4:00pm
26 Women's Bible Study 4pm TeamKID 5pm Handbells 6pm	27 Craft Morning 10am	28	29 Dinner 5:45pm Prayer Mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:20pm	30	31 TRUCK or TREAT 5:30-8:00pm	

Pastor Craig's conversations cont.

People should point to us and say, "that is something I want." And then we should be able to point people to Jesus

And if we can open our hearts to God's Spirit living through us, people would see that there is a better way to exist on this earth. People would see that there is Savior who loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. People would see that loving and caring for one another is much better than yelling at, taking advantage of, and being angry at one another.

There is hope in a seemingly hopeless world. The hope is found in Jesus.

As we look back at our Sunday messages, we talked about how a garden can give us great laws on how to live – the law of sowing and reaping, the law of effort, and the law of multitude. Basically, you get what you give. And it takes effort to raise a garden – growing our spiritual lives takes hard, consistent (but fruitful) work. And whatever you harvest is usually more than one of the item that you planted! A garden provides a bountiful harvest.... But make sure you are planting things of the Lord!!

Another thing we talked about was the fact that words and how you say them, matter. A third topic challenged us to examine our lives to see if we are living a life that exemplifies Christ. And the 4th topic was bringing the kingdom of heaven to earth.

I hope you will come expectantly to worship this October. I don't want to give away any topics, but I promise you that Christmas messages will NOT come before Thanksgiving ones, that just would not be "Christian" would it!!!! Blessings!!

Craig

The Hoppers

First Baptist Church
Bluefield, West Virginia
presents The Hoppers in concert
Friday, October 3 7PM;
doors open at 6PM.

For sixty-eight years, The Hoppers have shared the gospel through music and now a new generation continues the tradition established in 1957 by Claude Hopper and his brothers. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.





We started doing Trunk or Treat in 2008. It was felt by Ed and some other church members that we had a great area to set up Trunk or Treat. The emphasis has always been to be a light for our community in a time of darkness. Our first year was awesome with so many volunteers giving out candy, making and giving out hotdogs, other members walking around and talking

to people who brought their kids through our parking lot. I have detailed how we were set up outside or had to move inside in 2012 due to Hurricane Sandy that dropped over 12 inches of snow in our area and Halloween was moved from October 31 to November 1! There were 2 years we didn't do Trunk or Treat, but instead did a Fall Festival (2015 and 2016). We started back up in 2017. Things were back on track until Covid brought a screeching halt to our lives. In 2021, we were able to do Trunk or Treat for the first time since Covid. It was so awesome to see so many kids and families out and having a good time! The last few years we have had 500 children come through!

We will be doing Trunk or Treat this year on Friday, October 31, from 5:30 pm to 8pm. A box will be placed outside the church office for candy donations, and if you would like to make a monetary donation, you can write a check to FBC just write "Trunk or Treat" on the memo line of you check.

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas: make and help give out hotdogs, trunks to give out candy, people to help with traffic (We always seem to have people trying to get onto the church parking lot even though we block it off!)

In addition to volunteers, candy, monetary donations, we always ask for prayers that we can all be a light to someone who comes through that night. If someone has a need, feels lost or scared about what is happening in our world today, they can reach out to us...First Baptist Church of Bluefield. If you can volunteer this year, please let me know,

Karen Stanley.





OASIS Schedule

October 25, Saturday, at 4pm

“Missions of the World

First Baptist Church

November 15, Saturday, at 12pm

“A Thankful Heart”

Lunch at Bluefield University

December 12, Friday, at 11am

“Let’s Celebrate Jesus’ Birthday”

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"The Sun himself is weak when he first rises, and gathers strength and courage as the day gets on." —
Charles Dickens



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