

August

2026

COMMUNITY-CHURCHES

God Is Our Refuge

There are seasons when life seems calm and predictable. We go about our daily routines, make our plans, and assume tomorrow will look much like today. Then, sometimes without warning, everything changes. Heavy rains fall. Waters rise. Homes, roads, and communities are affected. Families suddenly face losses and decisions they never expected to make.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Valley Chapel Preaching Service 10:00 am.	3	4	5 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	6	7 Street Church 370 Broad Street 8:00 pm	8
9 Waldeck Preaching Service 10:00 am.	10	11	12 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	13	14 Street Church 370 Broad Street 8:00 pm	15
16 Valley Chapel Preaching Service 10:00 am.	17 V3C – Brunch <<<< 16 th All is Welcome	18	19 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	20 Serenity Care Service 6:00 pm	21 Street Church 370 Broad Street 8:00 pm	22
23 Waldeck Preaching Service 10:00 am.	24	25	26 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	27	28 Street Church 370 Broad Street 8:00 pm	29
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"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." — Galatians 5:1

"Pastoral Perspectives"

Heavy rains fall. Waters rise. Homes, roads, and communities are affected. Families suddenly face losses they never expected. In moments like these, the words of Psalm 46 become more than a familiar verse:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

The psalm does not promise that God's people will never experience hardship. It speaks of the earth being moved, mountains shaking, and waters roaring. Yet in the middle of uncertainty, the psalmist declares that God is present.

God is near to those who have lost belongings, those facing repairs, and those who feel frightened or overwhelmed. He is not distant from our suffering. He is our **"very present help."**

Our hearts remain with the local families affected by recent flooding. We are thankful for the National Guard, emergency personnel, churches, neighbors, and volunteers who have stepped forward to help. Every meal prepared, box carried, road cleared, and prayer offered reminds us that we were never meant to face hardship alone.

Sometimes God calms the storm. At other times, He sends someone to stand beside us in it.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to help carry the burdens of others. Scripture says, **"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ"** (Galatians 6:2). We may not be able to repair every home or replace everything lost, but we can pray, give, volunteer, encourage, and remind people they have not been forgotten.

Trouble reveals how fragile earthly security can be, but it also reminds us of the unchanging strength of God. Homes may be damaged, roads may wash away, and plans may change, but the Lord remains faithful.

God says in Psalm 46:

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Being still does not mean doing nothing. It means quieting our fearful hearts long enough to remember that God is still sovereign, compassionate, and present.

As we move through August, let us continue praying for those rebuilding, for the National Guard, first responders, volunteers, and all who are serving. Let us also ask God to show us how we can be His hands and feet in our community.

Whatever storms may come, we do not face them alone.

God is our refuge.- God is our strength.

God is present with us!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Johnny R. Davis

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well". - Psalm 139:13-14 (KJV)

Bruce Morrison	8/1
Tina Stalnaker	8/3
Taylor Coplin	8/4
Melvin Skinner	8/5
Joyce Marple	8/9
Amy Carpenter	8/21
Amanda Heater	8/21
Whitney Carpenter	8/26
Beverly Elliot	8/28



The Word of GOD.

"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

Nahum 1:7 (KJV)



July 2026 Baptisms at "Camp Baptism"
Middle Fork River.
2179 Burnt Bridge Rd. Buckhannon, WV