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Browntown Calendar

June 14th Monday - BCCA Public Meeting 7:30
June 15th Tuesday - SWVFD meeting 7:30
June 18th Friday Festival setup 12:00 noon
June 19th Saturday Browntown Summer Days 10-3
June 20th Sunday BCCA Grounds clean up 1:00
June 20th Fathers Day and Summer Solstice
June 23rd – June 25th Wed. – Fri. Baptist Church
Vaction Bible School 6:00 – 8:00
Dinner for kids.
June 25th Friday Pot Luck Dinner for Parents
June 28th Monday - Deadline for July newsletter
June 29th Tues, Deadline for July Newsletter
July 13th Tues. Baptist Church Community
Luncheon 12:00 noon.

Browntown Baptist Church

browntownbaptistva@gmail.com

Pastor: Sherman Kaipha Brown

Worship Service @ 11 a.m. Fellowship @ 12 p.m.

Cool Spring Church of God

Pastor: Jeff Fletcher

Sunday school @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service @ 11a.m.

Limeton United Methodist Church

Pastor: Sherry Waddell

10 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Sunday Worship

Rev Sherry Waddell

SherryWaddell@vaumc.org

BROWNTOWN WEB PAGE:

www.browntowncommunity.com

Check out our new Web page:

Along the Gooney Newsletter (current 3 months)

BCCA Events

History of Browntown

Photo Galleries

Advertising, Sponsors & other info.

Webmaster: George Hodgkiss

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Any information for the newsletter, please send to

Jackie: 1015jkh@centurylink.net or

Tom: tomlacombe@comcast.net

BROWNTOWN ROAD LITTER PICKUP

The Warren County Izaak Walton League is conducting a litter pickup on Browntown Road, June 13, at 1:00pm. We meet in the parking lot of the Church of Latter Day Saints, at the Highway 340 end of the road. I have orange bags, reflective vests and pickup tools. We put out two VDOT "Litter Pickup Crew Working" signs to alert drivers to our presence. Children are welcome if accompanied by a parent. You do not need to be a member of the IWL to participate.

Dennis Mosher, IWL Anti-litter Coordinator
(540) 635-3559 iwl.antilitter@gmail.com

Browntown Baptist Church

Vaction Bible School

June 23rd – June 25th Wed. – Fri.

6:00 – 8:00 Dinner for kids.

**June 25th Friday Pot Luck Dinner
for Parents**

Obituary

Orville Jackson Henry, 88, of Bentonville, passed on May 15, at Winchester. Med. Ctr. Orville was born June 21, 1932, in Bentonville, son of the late Roy and Elva Henry. Orville operated the pool room on Main Street in Front Royal and retired from Schewel's Furniture after many years of dedicated work. Surviving are his sons Ronnie Henry of Front Royal, Leon Jenkins of Browntown, and Garry Henry of Front Royal; daughter Connie Compton of Front Royal; seven grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren. Orville is preceded in death by his companion of 46 years Helen Mae Cave Henry; brother Leon Henry; two sisters Phyllis Getts; and Karen Jenkins.

Browntown History: Cool Spring Church of God

Jackie Beall lent me a booklet published on the 76th Anniversary of this wonderful church. I hope you enjoy.

76TH ANNIVERSARY

Cool Spring Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;" 1 Peter 2:9.

The following was copied from an old church record-no date on record.

"The church, now known as the Cool Spring Church of God, near Browntown, Virginia, was organized by Elder N. J. Morgan and wife, Sarah F. Morgan in the year 1856. Meetings were originally held in the grove and in school houses as well as in the homes of the brethren.

Brothers B. J. Boyer and John Boyer did ministerial work for a number of years here.

In 1899, the brethren joined in labor and expense and built a meeting house. It was completed that same year, and dedicated by Bro. Samuel Wilson, of New York, in the month of August."

From the erection of the church, Brothers B. J. and J. D. Boyer, held services occasionally. Bro. C. C. Wells, from Pittsburgh, conducted a series of meetings in about 1880. In November of 1900, Bro. J. F. Wagoner, Rochester, Ind., conducted meetings. Bro. W. H. Wilson, of Chicago, Ill., came in April, 1903 and held services for a time. In 1907 Bro. George Neill, of South Bend, Ind., held meetings. May, 1909 Bro. S. J. Lindsay, from Oregon, Ill., conducted a meeting. The next meeting was held in 1914, in the fall, by Bro. C. C. Maple of North Ridgeville, Ohio. About July of 1915, Bro. J. B. Craton held services for a time. From the fall of 1916 until 1922 Bro. J. H. Anderson pastored the church and also conducted meetings in July of 1924. During May, 1925 Bro. F. E. Siple of Oregon, Ill. held meetings. During the summer of 1925, Bro. Harry A. Sheets, acted as pastor until about 1933.

The record stops here and is not resumed until 1951.

Our first full time pastor was C. F. Pryor from Hendersonville, N. C. He served from September 1951 until June 1955.

Stanley Lawrence July 1955 to November 1957

Richard S. Dick July 1958 to September 1960

B. E. Holt February 1961 to June 1963

Cecil Smead November 1963 to November 1971

Our current minister is James D. Ritch from Lenoir, N. C., pastoring since November 1971.

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**Thanks again,
Tom**

Deadline for July News, June 29th

Make A Note: Patsy Pennington is the person to contact if you want to rent/use the Center.

Patsy's number is 635-5568

Beautiful Browntown Roads

Remember the Speed limit in Browntown is 25 mph. Hay season is almost here, so watch for slow moving farm equipment.



C. F. Pryor



Interior of Cool Spring Church of God in 1952

The original building, constructed in 1899 was 30 feet wide by 20 feet long. In 1952 the building was enlarged to 30 feet wide by 40 feet long. Four Sunday School rooms were added in 1954. Second addition to Sunday School rooms was 1975.

The first wedding to be solemnized in Cool Spring Church of God was held December 16, 1951, when Betty Lou Grove became the bride of Ronald I. Rudacille. Pastor Alva G. Huffer, officiated.

The first recorded baptisms were in 1877. Elizabeth A. Updike, Eveline Updike and Eleanor Updike. Ruth Updike Blankenship was baptized in 1914. Her baptism is the oldest of a living member.

Ada Florence Updike born February 10, 1895, is our oldest active member. She was baptized in April 1922 and has been active in church work since that time. She has regularly attended services at Cool Spring Church of God as long as regular services have been held. In July 1974, three of her great grandchildren were baptized by Bro. James D. Ritch-Victor (Skip) Vermillion, Bambi Cooper and P. G. Coverstone.

A favorite scripture of hers is:
"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.



Mrs. Ada Updike

In June 1970, we purchased an acre and one half with six room dwelling. This parsonage was improved in May 1973 by adding two large rooms and aluminum siding.

James D. Ritch, Pastor
Cool Spring Church of God1975
Interior of Cool Spring Church of God

Many years have past since the dedication of this sanctuary. His love and truth still shine through the lives of those who have opened these doors, thereby, opening their hearts to the Lord.

"Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine." Psalm 33:18-19

Our prayer is that God's spirit will thrive in the hearts of His children until Christ returns.

James D. Ritch, pastor

The following have been added to the church membership since 1877:

1877 Elizabeth A. Updike, Eveline Updike, Eleanor Updike.
1878 Mary E. Updike
1884 Mary F. Cook, Ann M. Swartz, Ann Funk, Sallie Cooper, Eveline Allen, John Allen, Susan Cooper, Elie Cooper.
1897 Laura E. Spade, Amanda Good, John Good, George Updike, Alice Updike.
1899 Julia A. Updike, C. V. Dunlap, Carry Updike
1900 Ashby Updike, J. J. Updike, Bertie Mooman
1909 Flossie Updike, J. E. Cook
1910 George T. Updike, Randolph Updike
1914 Ruth Updike
1915 Mellie Anderson Rogers
1917 Ella Johnson, Bulah E. Swartz, Grace Grover
1918 Harry Groves, Elisha Swartz
1920 J. D. Updike
1922 Ada Updike, Julian Rogers
1925 Marie Updike Cooper, Pauline Grove Rudacille, Charles M. Updike
1926 Nina Grove Hicks
1927 Charlotte Rudacille, Augusta Rudacille Marlowe
1935 Edith Rudacille Tharpe, Myrtle Rudacille Smedley, Edward Rudacille, Vandelia Updike, Donald Thompson, Violet Updike Mary Updike Hall, Eldridge Cooper
1939 Margaret Updike
1940 Aubrey C. Thompson, Dennis C. Thompson, Charles C. Updike, Cordelia Thompson Manuel
1941 Helen Baker, William G. Hicks
1943 Betty Thompson, Betty Lou Grove Rudacille
1944 Walter Good

1945 Stephen Simms
1948 A. B. Grove, Marjorie Cooper Smith
1949 Donna Hicks Marshall
1950 Hilda Partlow, Hollis Partlow, William M. Cooper, Mozelle Baker, Clarence W. Baker, Jr., Ott Baker, Orivel Baker, Robert Jenkins
1951 Juanita Thompson, Mable Grove, Carrie Henry, Richard Henry
1952 Esther Andrews, Francis Andrews, Maude Grove
1954 Mildred Matthews, H. Braden Manuel
1955 H. Robert Grove, Beatrice Frame
1956 Shadah E. Carper, Hilda J. Lawrence
1957 Florence R. Cooper Coverstone
1958 Patricia Ann Manuel Shotwell, Richard S. Dick
1959 Ronald I. Rudacille

1960 Marie M. Updike
1963 Annie Manuel, Geneva Smedley Vickers
1964 Cecil Smead
1965 Alma Updike
1966 Robert Coverstone, Audrey Jett, John Smead, Petsy Holt Rudacille
1966 Wilford Frame, Nancy Smith Gowens
1967 Robin Cary
1968 Gary Jackson Cooper, Margarite Payne
1972 Maralyne Kidwell, Michael Grove, Ronnie Frame, Vernon Tharpe
1973 Harry Robert Grove, Jr., Nancy Galloway, William Gowens
1974 John Henry Smedley, Doris Dodson Smedley, Victor Vermillion, Valerie Granett, Bambi Cooper, P. G. Coverstone, James Galloway, Howard Robinson.

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Browntown Summer Days Festival Saturday June 19th 10:00 to 3:00

Come enjoy the day at our 1st Annual Browntown Summer Days Festival in scenic downtown Browntown. This annual event benefits the Browntown Community Center, (Old Browntown Schoolhouse). A great time for all.

Highlights

- Redbud Seedling Sale
- Silent Auction—ends at 2:30 pm
- Craft Sales
- **two locations!** *Browntown Community Center and Browntown Baptist Church Fellowship Hall*
- Gooney Creek Duck Race 1:00 – 1:45
- Full Kitchen Menu! Take Out
- Famous Browntown Bake Table
- Browntown hats, shirts, new mugs, Glenn Manor Farm Cookbooks
- Browntown 2022 Calendar Photo Contest
- Browntown's Dr. Updike Museum
- Historic District Committee will be offering free tours of the 1882 Browntown Primitive Baptist Church and that Mary Cook will be helping children make crafts at the Primitive Baptist Church
- Live Outdoor music starts at 10:00 am

Gooney Creek Duck Race 1:00 Race Time!
\$5 per ticket

Available at: O. J. Rudacille General Store in Browntown or any officers or trustees.

Browntown 2022 Calendar Photo Contest

Vote for your favorite "Browntown Views" photo. Winner receives \$100 and the cover of the Browntown Calendar. The top 12 after that will be featured pictures in the months of the calendar. Entry deadline June 14th For information and entry form contact: Marianne Thomas 703-802-5874 or Dale Thompson 540-636-1334

Browntown Crafters and Vendors: Applications available on our Web page

**There will be great live music,
Wayne Deavers
Archie Bailey
Howard Johnson
Passage Creek**

Directions: From Front Royal take Rt. 340 South 1/2 mile and turn left onto Browntown Road.

Go 8 miles to the Village of Browntown.
96 Browntown Rd, Browntown, VA

Free Admission and Free Parking!
Find us at our Web Page:

www.browntowncommunity.com

and on Facebook at Browntown Community Center Association, Inc

**To Volunteer, or for
more Information call:**

**Jackie Hodgkiss 636-3588 or
Patsy Pennington 635-5568**

2022 BCCA Calendar Photo Contest Entry Form

Wanted! Browntown Wild Life, Animals and Pets Taken here in the beautiful Browntown area!

Please number each of your photos on the back and include your name on each one. Please bring this form with your photos (**hard copies and electronic copies**), and your entry fee (\$10 per photo entry or \$25 for 3) to Tom's General Store by June 14th 2021 or bring your entries to the BCCA meeting Monday June 14th at 7:30. or drop off at Marianne's home. Please call to verify she is home first.. Photographs must comply with the guidelines provided in the BCCA newsletter or they will not be eligible for printing.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Photo #	Month Taken	Browntown Location

I hereby give my consent for my photograph(s) (if selected) to be printed in the BCCA 2022 calendar and possibly a set of note cards and/or pocket calendars. The profit from the sale of these items will be deposited into the BCCA account to help defray the cost of maintaining the community center and of hosting various community events.

Name (Print)

Date _____

Signature

Marianne Thomas will be in charge of the Photo applications and Contest this year. She can be reached at (home) 703-802-5874, (cell) 571-228-1620 or (email) tspmdt@yahoo.com.



Browntown Summer Days

June 19th 10:00 to 3:00

Crafts, Antiques and Vendor Application (Crafters 6 Foot table inside or 10'X10' space outside \$20.)

Please call to confirm availability of space(s) before submitting this application:

The Browntown Summer Days has replaced our Redbud Festival and will be held Saturday, June 19th on the grounds of the Browntown Community Center and The Browntown Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. We are seeking Quality Arts, Crafts, Antiques and Collectibles or other Vendors to participate in the festival. If you are interested, please complete this application and mail it, with the appropriate fee* to:

Browntown Community Center

c/o Jackie Hodgkiss
96 Browntown Road
Browntown, VA 22610

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

BCCA _____ # Space Inside

BCCA _____ # Spaces Outside

BCCA _____ Commercial Booth Space \$50

(Make checks payable to BCCA for space at the Community Center or
Browntown Baptist Church for space at the fellowship hall.)

- or -

Browntown Baptist Church

c/o Jayne Guilford
12 Browntown Road
Browntown, VA 22610

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Baptist Fellowship Hall _____ # Spaces Inside

***Payment is due by June 12th (No shows or cancellations will forfeit their application fees)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Craft/Vendor description _____

Jayne Guilford (for Church fellowship hall) **540-636-4231**

_____ Date _____

Signature

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Jackie Hodgkiss 636-3588

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2022 Browntown Calendars

The theme for the 2022 Browntown Calendar will be Browntown pets, wild life and animals. Get your cameras ready for that perfect photo shot!

Please send in those photos for the calendar contest..if we don't get enough pictures, this may be our last year.

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Stanley Lawrence	1955-57
Richard Dick	1958-60
B.E. Holt	1961-63
Cecil Smead	1963-71
James Ritch	1971-76
Stephen Bolhous	1976-84
Dale Swartz	1984-88
Gary Smith	1988-95
Dale Ramsey	1997-2011
Jeff Fletcher	2011-----

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