

COOPERATION

This is the last article on the topic of vision and this month I will focus on the idea of cooperation. Cooperation is a word Southern Baptists love to use because it is what brings us together, cooperation for the sake of Christ. We as churches cooperate together to do what we could not do alone. The primary way Southern Baptists cooperate with one another is through the Cooperative Program, which is basically the general fund for the Southern Baptist missions and ministries. Each church determines what it wishes to send and the money is pooled together to support both international and national ministries. What I hope to see in the coming years at WBC is that we bring this idea of cooperation to the local level; not in terms of money pooled, but by people coming together to do together what we cannot do alone. Now, by cooperation I mean working together through outreach events, having joint services such as Good Friday, and sharing resources to advance the gospel message here in the Central Susquehanna Valley.

The idea of cooperation will help us as a local body of Christ to focus on kingdom-building rather than building our own kingdom. Cooperation reminds us that Christ has other sheep and those sheep are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Through cooperation we will shine bright the light of Christ and accomplish more together than we could have on our own. It will require us to have a healthy balance of meeting the needs of our own people and developing the skills of our own people to serve. It is a matter of inward and outward focus. We need both in the body of Christ, but far too often the outward focus gets second place or is lost all together. By having a focus on cooperation, I hope we will begin to find a healthy balance.

—Pastor Corey



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 - <u>William & Ashley</u>
<u>Oyster</u>
Brian J Murtha | 5 - <u>Marc & Nina Weir</u>
6 - Eric Baker
7 - Shari Weston | 13 - <u>Walter & Darlene</u>
<u>Schaffer</u>
Jim Diehl | 25 - <u>Rich & Marilyn Rhoades</u>
Bill Stoltzfus
Martha Stroup |
| 2 - <u>Mary Adams</u>
Sue Hoops
Morris Oberlin | 8 - <u>Bob & Sylvia Phillips</u>
Ron Giuntini | 16 - <u>Megan Moyer</u>
Caroline Straub | 26 - <u>Tammy Cleveland</u>
Levi Gelnett
Anna Kunkle |
| 3 - <u>Art & Martha Reitz</u>
70 Years!!!
Audrey Bingaman
Deborah Carson
Jayar Rhoades
Nancy Risser | 9 - <u>Richard & Jamie Rogers</u>
<u>Steve & Kay Porschet</u>
Paul Heintzelman
Elizabeth Rohland
Daryl Stoltzfus | 17 - <u>Rich & Elaine O'Neill</u>
18 - <u>Brenda Eberhart</u>
19 - <u>David & Margaret Ames</u>
Katie Faust
Sydney Mohr
Vivian Okkerse | 27 - <u>Ray Rohland</u>
28 - <u>Deb Gamble</u>
30 - <u>Gary & Susan Ames</u>
Bryce Reigle
Mikaela Zimmerman |
| 4 - <u>Chris & Heidi Bingaman</u>
<u>Neil & Rita Hess</u>
Larue Fritz
Amanda Porter
Dottie Reichley | 11 - <u>Doug & Beth Baker</u>
<u>Ken & Linda Ferry</u>
Leah Bingaman
Tina Kifer
Nancy Worth | 20 - <u>Lonnie Gelnett</u>
21 - <u>Terry & Michele</u>
<u>Wallace</u>
22 - <u>Amelia Gelnett</u>
Nancy Steckel | 31 - <u>Harvey Follmer III</u> |
| | 12 - <u>Rozella Follmer</u>
Stella Fritz | 24 - <u>Tom & Martha Ross</u> | |