



# The Baptist Bridge

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By the grace of God, the Philippi Baptist Church shall **Embrace, Model, and Share** the love of God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

As we live out this Easter greeting with our very lives, I wanted you to hear a word from the General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. The BWA is a fellowship of 223 conventions and unions in 120 countries comprising 42 million members in 177,000 churches. They are in existence for the purpose of: 1) Promoting worship, fellowship and unity, 2) Nurturing the passion for mission and evangelism, 3) Responding to human need through relief and sustainable community development, 4) Defending human rights and justice, and 5) Promoting relevant theological reflection. It is great to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. May God's peace sustain you through this Easter season and beyond.

Shalom, Pastor Jon

Thanks be to God!

In the land of the living, the night of encircling gloom comes; it comes to everyone. No depth of commitment, no height of obedience can prevent the onset of that night in human experience.

And when that night comes, feeling afraid, we may draw near places of despair. This happens when we allow ourselves to dwell only in that moment, to live as captives of that moment, and we fail to scale the horizons of the dark to see the promise of the emerging dawn of God's deliverance.

Thick darkness can never remove the gracious hand of God. It may threaten to hide that hand, to remove it entirely from sight; but it can never obliterate it. And even while we dwell in the realm of darkness, the promise of God's liberating light can fill our hearts with the nearness of the day of victory.

Let us be careful to appreciate that the Cross of Jesus is not merely a sign of pain and suffering occasioned by sin because in it is the guarantee of victory. Because Jesus is lifted up, he draws all humankind to himself. In the arc of history, the Cross does not exist apart from the resurrection. Joy is possible in the midst of pain because Jesus is our joy. The sadness of Good Friday can subsist only where the joy of Easter is forgotten.

Soon, Easter morning comes. Full-orbed light displaces the darkness of Good Friday. What was only partly visible in the dark night of pain and disappointment now glows at the dawn of renewal. Hope springs anew; courage rises from bowels of fear for Jesus is risen! The solemn purposes of God come into fuller view. "Death is crushed to death" in order that we might enjoy the risen life of the Son of God!

This Easter day, Christians are not deceived by the darkness that threatens to trap us in a web of negativity and hopelessness. We see the power of evil even where people desperately search for signs of the victory of the good and the right. Swarming doubt and unbelief are taking hold of the human heart, filling us with a sense of the futility of life. Yet, while darkness hovers, we are not overwhelmed because, by the grace of God, we are able to escape the crippling numbness despairing times produce.

On Easter day, we affirm that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. Thanks be to God!

Neville Callam  
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A thief breaks into a house and makes his way to the front room. Seeing a nice stereo television there, he decides to help himself when suddenly from behind him, he hears a voice saying "I can see you and so can Jesus." He spins around but there's no-one there. Puzzled, he decides to grab the TV and get out of the house. Suddenly, he hears the voice again. "I can see you and so can Jesus". The thief knows he can't be imagining this now, so he races across the room and turns on the light. There is still no-one there, but then he notices a cage in the corner with a sheet over it. He tip-toes across the room and carefully lifts the sheet, to find a parrot.



The thief says, "Well, well! So that was you speaking, was it?"

"Yes it was." replies the parrot.

"What's your name?" asks the thief.

Replies the parrot, "My name is Zechariah."

"That's a silly name for a parrot!" says the thief.

The parrot replies, "Not as silly as Jesus is for a Rottweiler!"



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 6th @ 7:30am  
At the Medallion



We have reserved 3 blocks of tickets for the showing of a faith based movie coming to Elkins Cinema 8.

"Home Run"

April 19th at 9:20pm \$7

April 20th at 3:45pm \$5

April 21st at 3:45pm \$5

[Www.homerunthemovie.com](http://www.homerunthemovie.com)



A-B College, President Creehan faculty, staff and students

- Saeed Abedini
- Lee Beuckman
- Holly Camacho
- Audrey Cross
- Bill Dumire
- Becky and Mike Elmore
- Delores "Sissy" Epperly
- Melissa Franke's Aunt Gail
- Rita Franke
- Jane Gibbons
- Joe & Beverly Gouer
- Dr. Terry Jones
- Christina Maddy
- Amanda Means
- Donna Moore
- Greg Mouser
- Brenda Price's family
- Butch Price
- Steve Richter
- Dorine Righman
- Julanne Roy
- Margaret Salimi
- Mary Selvaggi
- Kaley Sinsel
- Donna Thorne
- Gavin Tucker
- Jimmy Waugaman
- Roger Wright



- Otilia Franke (Mansfield Place)
- Blair & Pearl Marks,
- Dr. Shearer,
- Mary Tamulitis
- Vangie Shaffer: (Mansfield Place)
- Germaine & Austin
- Whitman,

Unspoken requests for family members, unsaved people, community concerns, job and home loss, financial difficulties.

Also, in need of prayer: Our nation, state, and country leaders and officials. Please pray for victims of crime, war and violence throughout our country.



Pray for protection for military personnel and their families throughout the world and those serving our country:

- Tim Jenkins,
- Chris Mossburg,
- Major Kris Wood
- Captain Aaron Cross
- Corporal Charles Jackson James (injured)

## Praises

- Noah Hinkle
- Loving families
- Providential care
- Barbour County All Sports
- Code Blue Volunteers



- 2- Christian Stull
- 2- Jody Sperry
- 2- Allison Villers
- 4- Brenda Price
- 13- George Sommer
- 24- Lisa Rosier
- 24- Mike Wells
- 27- George Davis
- 28- Darlene Waddell



- 10- Glenn & Jan Sweet
- 16- Ken & Darlene Waddell
- 17- Randy & Michelle Moore
- 20- William & Shirley Jacobs
- 25- Jim & Wanda Steele



“Philippi Baptist Church—Can I Help?”

The voice you hear when you dial 457-3206 is very likely to be that of Lucretia Moyer, secretary of the church since last fall. With good reason, she describes herself as a good organizer, and she has proved to be a steady, reliable worker.

Lucretia was born in Kingwood but grew up in Tunnelton and attended elementary and middle school there. She graduated from Preston County High School and married her high school sweetheart, Jeff Moyer. Their son, Ian was born in 2001. They lived in Parkersburg for nine years, with their daughter Kaleigh born there in 2004. Their move to Philippi occurred when Jeff was offered a job in the Information Technology Center at Alderson-Broadus College. He graduated from the International Academy of Design & Technology in Fairmont, she from Ohio Valley University.

Raised in the Nazarene church in Kingwood, Lucretia and her family now attend the Philippi church of the same denomination. She teaches a children’s Bible class there and is preparing the youngsters for the 2013 World Bible Quiz—an event held by the Nazarenes every four years. Focus this year is on the book of Acts, and Lucretia admits much confusion over Paul’s journeys, particularly the wheres and whens.

Lucretia has a brother still living in Tunnelton, working as a pipe fitter. Her father is with the post office in Morgantown. Her mother, for many years on the staff of Community Action, spends much of her time now taking care of family members. Lucretia describes her as service-oriented, “a caring, giving person.”

In terms of personal interests, Lucretia spends time working on genealogy and has traced one branch of her Chambers family back to the Pilgrims and the 18<sup>th</sup> century. She enjoys reading, particularly historic fiction and Sherlock Holmes. She also sews many of her own clothes and is particularly adept at period costuming.

Having run into no serious problems with the tasks or the people of her current assignment at Philippi Baptist Church, Lucretia says that she likes her job. “It’s a good fit,” she reports. We’re glad she feels that way, for she is a welcome addition to our ministry staff.

# Weekly Events

|            |  |                      |
|------------|--|----------------------|
| Sundays    | Sunday School<br>AM Worship<br>Sunday Nite Lite (6th- 12th grades)             | 9:15<br>10:30<br>6pm |
| Tuesdays   | Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house)<br>Baptist Campus Ministires (@ AB) | 1pm<br>8:38pm        |
| Wednesdays | Midweek Service<br>Choir practice  | 6pm<br>7pm- 8:20pm   |
| Thursdays  | Chapel Service (@ Wilcox Chapel) while<br>classes are in session               | 11pm                 |
| Fridays    | Code Blue (ages 13-17)   | 6pm-9pm              |

## Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for February

|                      | April 7                         | April 14                         | April 21                        | April 28                            |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Nursery</b>       | Wanda Steele<br>James Steele    | Christie Allen<br>Need Volunteer | Rebekah Hicks<br>Need Volunteer | Cheryl Wolfe<br>Allison Villers     |
| <b>Wee Church</b>    | Cheryl and<br>Abby Blankenship  | Koreen Villers<br>Bobby Villers  | Tom Dadisman<br>Pete Ferguson   | Heather Cottrill<br>Hayden Cottrill |
| <b>Junior Church</b> | Sarah Ferguson<br>Pete Ferguson | Kelly Bracey<br>Lindsay Bracey   | Chuck Ervin<br>Carol Ervin      | Sara Poling<br>Eddy Poling          |

## COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

**Who: Women of the Church**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**When: Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7pm**

**Program: In the Potter's Hands presented by Martha Rose Roy**

**Bible Book of the Month - Jeremiah**



**We will be collecting Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education throughout the year.**



**American Baptist Women's Ministries** identified domestic abuse as a concern. Therefore, our ABW is seeking to assist the shelters with some needs and personal essentials. For placement in the orange box, the following are needed: soap (bars and shower gel), shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brushes, towels and washcloths

# ABWM

Union Association Spring Rally  
April 23, 2012  
9am-12pm  
First Baptist Church of Grafton

# Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6th– 7:30am– Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, April 7th– 10:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief Fund

3:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir practice

6:00pm– Board of Deacons meeting

7:00pm– Board of Worship meeting

Monday, April 8th– 6:30-8:30pm– Heart & Hand Volunteer Night

Sunday, April 14th– 11:45am– Pastoral Relations Committee meeting

3:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir practice

4:30pm– Board of Christian Education meeting

6:00pm– Board of Trustees meeting

7:30pm Church Council meeting

Saturday, April 20th– Nursery Cleaning Day

Sunday, April 21st– 3:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir practice

6:00pm– Board of Missions & Outreach meeting

7:30pm– Quarterly Business meeting

Saturday, April 23rd– 9:00am– 12:00pm– American Baptist Women Spring Rally @ First Baptist Church of Grafton

Saturday, April 27th– Couple’s Date Night

Sunday, April 28th– 11:45am– Fellowship luncheon



The spring 2013 Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 27, 2013. Participants must be at least 12 years of age to participate. Any youth who are less than 18 years old, must be accompanied by an adult during the cleanup effort. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM and will plan to be finished by about 10:30 AM. Remember to wear leather shoes or boots, long pants and long sleeved shirts, and hats, jackets and sun glasses as appropriate, depending on the weather. Gloves and orange vests will be provided. Anyone who has not participated in the past, please report to the church at 8:30 AM to view the mandatory safety video. Everyone participating will receive a free gift. Any questions, contact Craig Cobb at 304-457-3467. May the Good Lord bless all who help to keep His world clean!

Nursery Cleaning Day: Looking for volunteers to come and help clean the toys in the Children's Department and Nursery on Saturday, April 20. Please bring you servant heart and desire to prepare a safe and clean environment for our children.



Couples Date Night will be on Saturday, April 27. Babysitting will be provided. Please call Koreen by Sunday, April 21 if you would like to attend, so we can make reservations.





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YOU'RE INVITED!

Spring Changeover will take place at the Heart & Hand Thrift Store on Monday, April 8, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and YOU ARE INVITED to be there! Come and go as you need to, but do come to help and to enjoy the time with H&H volunteers and staff. This will be a FEEL-GOOD experience!

There is a blue tote in the narthex for **donations** for **Code Blue**.

Some of these needs are: traditional popcorn, oil, cans of cola (any brand), chips, cookies, fruit snacks, any type of snack food, paper plates, napkins, tableware, trash bags (all sizes), hot chocolate and lunch/pop corn bags.

