



The Baptist Bridge

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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Michele Moore, Pianist

Emily Casto— Assistant Praise Team Leader
Lucretia Moyer, Secretary

Marj Campbell, Organist
Zvezdana Vlastic, Custodian



Greetings PBC Family!

We have the privilege of hearing from this Christ Centered Mission here in our backyard! We'll let Mike Stewart share with you this month!

I Chronicles 1 6:34 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures forever"

We give thanks this day for all that God has provided to Northern Appalachian Teen Challenge this past year. We have been blessed.

We have just come out of our annual Executive Board Meeting with a fervency to move forward with a Crisis/Induction Center here in North Central West Virginia. This will serve as a crisis center but more important a haven of hope for our community, a safe place to start a new life.

I think of a young man who has been desperate for help -with no hope. He has been living in his car for two weeks. This young man is now on his way to our Training Center, but I can't get the thought out of my mind, what if We need a place here in our community so that when he calls, we are ready and he will have immediate access to our facility, or we will be there to pick him up.

We are looking for a facility immediately, one that is just outside the city, possibly a church that is not being used, an office building, a house or even a small farm. This facility would be used as the first step for crisis intervention that we face almost daily.

Would you join us in prayer for this need. You may know of a building or structure that may be available Believe with me that we will find the perfect place "Until Every Hurting Young Person has been Given a Chance"

We are going into our fourth year here in north central West Virginia, we have laid the foundation, developed the groundwork and now it is time to move forward. The past three years we have been waiting on God's direction for a center in our community and now believe He is saying it is time to step out in faith.

Fifteen years ago, I was in a place of total despair. I was so ashamed of the person I had become, addicted, hopeless and scared. I had ruined every relationship in my life and had lost everything and every person in my life that I cared about. I had no idea of how to get free from the life I had created for myself.

But I am here, as Executive Director of Northern Appalachian Teen Challenge, to tell you that I found my HOPE in CHRIST who I met at Teen Challenge, and I have not looked back.

I struggled with being referred to as a drug addict.... Until God showed me I don't live with past regret. I don't live in the past anymore I am a new creation in Christ. This is the hope that no matter how deep a person goes into the pit of sin and addiction that Christ can set them free and this is what Teen Challenge is about.

The desire of my heart is to reach all those who have lost hope, and offer them a second chance.

Thanks for standing with me,

Mike Stewart- Executive Director - <http://wvteenchallenge.com/> -





AB University, President Creehan,
Faculty, staff, and students
Denny Blackburn
Cheryl Blankenship & family
Dennis & Donna Bolyard
Connie & Gary Booth
Jean Bowles
Code Blue
Bill & Julia Corder
Eric Corder
Gerald Cottrill
Camp Cowen
Energy Express
Jessie Feather
Ann Holbert Ford
Joe Hitchman
Donna Moore
Myers missionary family in Mexico
Duane Poling
Eddy Poling
Margaret Salimi
Elody Schrader
Serbia, Bosnia & Croatia flooding
Sonya Stahl



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

Captain Aaron Cross
Tim Jenkins,
Brian Lundell
Corporal Anthony Perry, Sr.
Major Kris Wood



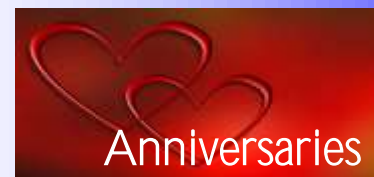
2- Bobby Villers
2- Thomas Villers
6- Pastor Don Walls
9- Carol Ervin
16- Bruce Blankenship
20- Randy Moore
22- Richard Hepler
29- Taylor Smith
30- Erin Davis
31- Caleb Villers

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.



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



3- George & Marija Sommer
11- Gary & Brenda Price
16- Jud & Kelly Bracey
29- Pete & Sarah Ferguson
30- Bruce & Cheryl Blankenship
31- Wesley & Crystal Gray



Meet the New Leader!

“I was raised in the Episcopal church until I was in the 7th grade, and then we switched to the South Parkersburg Baptist Church, and that’s where I’ve been ever since. This church, Philippi Baptist, was a natural for me, though—also American Baptist and a great place to make good use of my abilities in music. I like the fellowship here, and I really appreciate the chancel choir and Dr. Bracey’s work with it.”

Jennifer Wheeler grew up wanting to be an architect. It was her music teacher, Melissa Life, a graduate of Alderson Broaddus, who encouraged her to plan a career in her second major interest—music—and to apply at AB. It was a good suggestion, for Jennifer did well in her auditions and has majored in piano and voice. Now a senior, she has been chosen to serve this church as Praise Team Leader, with Emily Casto as her assistant.

Jennifer was born in Parkersburg but lived some eight years in Delaware before her family moved back to West Virginia. While in college, she has worked as an intern for worship at South Parkersburg Baptist Church. These past two summers have been spent with Energy Express. This year she is serving as community coordinator here in Philippi.

What drew her particularly into church music was a CD which was given to her years ago. “I’m especially interested in contemporary Christian music, but I love the old songs, too, and we’ll be using both types in the Praise Team. One idea I want to incorporate is a “song-of-the-month,” a new piece which we’ll use for four or five Sundays, until the congregation knows it.” Jennifer says that she wants to involve the congregation in meaningful worship experiences, and she welcomes suggestions.

Glancing at the sheet music before her at the piano, she smiles. “Everyone with a heart for worship should feel free to participate in the Praise Team. The person may not be the best drummer in the universe or the most spectacular tenor in the world, but we welcome anyone and everyone to join us.” At least for the next few weeks, the Praise Team will practice at 8:45 on Sunday mornings, and Jennifer will be there to lead the way .

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship PBC Mosaic Small groups	9:15am 10:30am 5:30pm 6:00pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house)	1pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service	6pm
Fridays	Code Blue (ages 13-17)	6pm-9pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for July

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Nursery	Wanda Steele	Christie Allen	Rebekah Hicks	Cheryl Wolfe
Wee Church	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Hayden & Heather Cottrill	Rebekah Hicks
Junior Church	Sara & Eddy Poling	Sara & Eddy Poling	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	Kelly Bracey

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for August

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Nursery	Wanda Steele	Christie Allen	Rebekah Hicks	Cheryl Wolfe	Rebekah Hicks
Wee Church	Hayden & Heather Cottrill	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Hayden & Heather Cottrill	Rebekah Hicks	
Junior Church	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	Sara & Eddy Poling	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	Kelly Bracey	

COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

Who: Women of the Church

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday, August 5, 2013 at 9:30am

Program: Planning Session for 2014-15

Bible Book of the Month - 2 Chronicles



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



June's newsletter deadline is July 25th

VBS
July 12th
9:30- 3:30



Men's Ministry

Special Thanks to Olin Campbell for organizing at least 22 of our men to gather in pairs or the summer in lieu of our monthly prayer breakfast. Please contact Olin if you would like a prayer partner.



Thank you for the gift of the study Bible. I will be taking it to college with me. I appreciate all the support from the church.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Franke

Thanks! Your special kindness was greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.
~Sharon Arnett and Feed My Sheep Christian School

Upcoming Events

Tuesday July 1st– Thursday, July 3rd– Children’s Art Camp at Parchment Valley

Sunday, July 6h– Friday, July 11th– Brother’s Keeper at Parchment Valley

Sunday, July 6th– 10:30AM– Deacon relief Offering

6:00PM– Board of Christian education meeting

7:30PM– Diaconate meeting

Thursday, July 10th– 6:30PM– Christian Men’s group meets at the Market Place

Saturday, July 12th– 9:30AM– Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 12th– Senior Day at Parchment Valley

Sunday July 13th– Saturday, July 19th– Senior High Camp at Camp Cowen

Sunday, July 13th– 5:00PM– Board of Trustees meeting

7:30PM– Church Council meeting

Sunday, July 20th- Saturday, July 26th– Junior II Camp at Camp Cowen

World Mission Conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin

Sunday, July 20th– 4:00PM– Chapel Service at Mansfield Place

6:00PM– Board of Missions and Outreach meeting

Friday, July 25th– Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, July 27th– 11:45AM– Fellowship potluck luncheon

The Board of Trustees is compiling a list of those individuals who would like to be considered as a substitute when the Church Secretary or Custodian is absent. Please contact the Church office if you would like to be considered.



The Board of Trustees is currently planning to replace our aging Church van in 2016. A restricted account has been set-up by the financial secretary to accept donations toward this vital Church activity. We encourage everyone to donate toward this worthy project when possible. Just a few dollars a week will help us achieve our goal.



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Happy Independence Day!