



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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Hello to all you article readers out there! Thanks for taking some of your precious time to share through this reading. During our time together this week, I was hoping we could spend some time thinking about... Well that is the million dollar question. What will we talk about this week! Do we focus on the disasters that have devastated so many lives through tornados and other calamities? Do we take some time to remember all those that have served so faithfully in the military to protect our freedom? Do we spend time congratulating all those graduating and preparing for their next chapter of life? Do we spend time thanking God for our families and friends we got to share time with either through birthday celebrations or holiday gatherings? Do we talk about the excitement of the Blue and Gray weekend? Any one of those questions could be used to fill our time together this week. In all the experiences of our lives, may we continue to see God's hand working in the midst. We are entering the next season of the year as summer has officially arrived. There are a few more days of school, but most are already winding done and anticipating the change of pace that will come through the summer months. For many the days will be filled with summer camps, sports leagues, vacation bible schools and summer vacations. I will always cherish the opportunities I had growing up in the summer! I met folks who are life long connections for me as we spent time together. Never underestimate the friendships you can make in a short amount of time. It truly is a small world as we live through our times together.

In a poem by Wendell Berry, he gives us great words of thought on where we need to be investing our time. May it be so with us today: "...So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord . Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Renounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed. Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophesy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion--put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not go cheap for power, please women more than men.

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth? Go with your love to the fields. Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark a false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection. (from Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front.)

Our calling is to go forward in life realizing we each have a significant part to play. Allow God's love to flow through you as you connect with others throughout this next season of life. I'll let Wendell Berry have our last word today as well in a poem he titles: "Hope is one of our duties" "It is not possible to look at the present condition of our land and people and find support for optimism. We must not fool ourselves.

It is altogether conceivable that we may go right along with this business of "business," with our curious religious faith in technological progress, with our glorification of our own greed and violence always rationalized by our indignation at the greed and violence of others, until our land, our world, and ourselves are utterly destroyed. We know from history that massive human failure is possible....

On the other hand, we want to be hopeful, and hope is one of our duties. A part of our obligation to our own being and to our descendants is to study our life and our condition, searching always for the authentic underpinnings of hope. And if we look, these underpinnings can still be found."

May hope be always found this summer and for all the seasons of our life.

Shalom,
Pastor Jon



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

- Saeed Abedini
- Brandi Akingbemi & son Bryson
- Vernon Barley
- Luke Beardsley
- Richard Beardsley
- Lee Beuckman
- Holly Camacho
- Bryan Cantrell
- Barbara Cool
- Audrey Cross
- Felicia Davis family
- Clinton Dean
- Todd Dumire
- Melissa Franke's Aunt Gail
- Rita Franke
- Jane Gibbons
- Joe & Beverly Gouer
- Hinkle family
- Sherry Jones
- Christina Maddy
- Amanda Means
- Moore, Oklahoma
- Donna Moore
- Chris Mulneix
- Frankie Poling
- Butch Price
- Steve Richter
- Dorine Righman
- Jean Roy
- Julanne Roy
- Margaret Salimi
- Mary Selvaggi
- Kaley Sinsel
- Smell & Davis family
- Jim Stright
- Rusty Thompson
- Gavin Tucker
- Germaine Whitman

Ashley Willingham's future father-in-law, Armando



- 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

- Margaret Samili
- PBHS Track Team
- Ken Waddell



- 2- Blair Marks
- 10- Judi Funk
- 16- Wanda Steele
- 21- Scott Springer
- 26- Gary Price
- 26- Joann Marsh
- 28- Marilyn Runion
- 28- Barbara Springer
- 28- Dan Unger
- 30- Chuck Scheick



- 2- Bob & Mary Boyer
- 10- Caton & Joan Hill
- 14- Blair & Pearl Marks
- 15- Dennis & Nancy Stull
- 26- David & Marilyn Runion
- 27- J. D. & Linda Long



Do You Know This Man?

No, he is not your next door neighbor. No, he is not a member of this congregation. No, he does not teach at A-B. And no, he was not the best man at your grandfather's wedding.

He is, though, so famous among American Baptists—and other denominations—that there have been over 500 churches named for him, plus at least two colleges, plus at least one publishing house.

This is Adoniram Judson, the first significant missionary to Burma. (At least two other men preceded him but stayed only a few months.) Here are some facts about Judson.

He was born in Massachusetts in 1788, and he died and was buried in the Bay of Bengal in 1850. He graduated from Brown University when he was 18 and then attended Andover Theological Seminary. He was married three times: Ann Haseltine from 1812 until she died in 1826, Sarah Boardman from 1834 until she died in 1845, and Emily Chubbuck from 1846 until he died in 1850. He had at least a dozen children by his second and third wives. He grew up as a Congregationalist but changed to Baptist because of his belief in baptism by immersion. Because of its promises and its marvelous symbolism, Judson's favorite book of the Bible was Revelation (currently being studied on Wednesday nights at Philippi Baptist Church).

Commissioned as a missionary by the Congregationalists, Judson persuaded Baptists to form a support group, which soon became the American Baptist Mission Society. He and Ann sailed for India in 1812, but they were banned there so went to Burma. Studying twelve hours a day, it took them three years to learn the language well enough to hold public worship services, and there were no converts to Christianity for six years. In 1822 there were just 18 members of the first church in Rangoon. Today Burma has more Baptists than any other country except the United States and India. The Prime Minister, Aung San Suu Kyi, who recently visited the United States, is a Christian, a social activist and reformer, a product of American Baptist missions.

During the Anglo-Burmese war, Judson was imprisoned and tortured for 21 months, with his wife, Ann, exhibiting extreme courage as she fought to have him released, which he finally was.

Adoniram Judson spent 35 years in Burma, returning to the United States only once for a few months. During his ministry, he translated the entire Bible into Burmese, created a Burmese-English dictionary and a Burmese grammar book and at least two hymns. All of these are still in standard use.

Is it any wonder that the choir director at Philippi Baptist Church was named after this hero of the faith?

Weekly Events

| | | |
|------------|--|----------------------|
| Sundays | Sunday School AM Worship Sunday Nite Lite (6th- 12th grades) | 9:15 10:30 6pm |
| Tuesdays | Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house) | 1pm |
| Wednesdays | Midweek Service Choir practice | 6pm 7pm- 8:20pm |
| Fridays | Code Blue (ages 13-17) | 6pm-9pm |

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for June

| | June 2 | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 | June 30 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nursery | Wanda Steele James Steele | Christie Allen Need Volunteer | Rebekah Hicks Need Volunteer | Cheryl Wolfe Allison Villers | Looking for Volunteers |
| Wee Church | Cheryl and Abby Blankenship | Koreen Villers Thomas Villers | Tom Dadisman Pete Ferguson | Heather Cottrill Hayden Cottrill | No Wee Church |
| Junior Church | Sarah Ferguson Pete Ferguson | Kelly Bracey Lindsay Bracey | Need Volunteers | Sara Poling Eddy Poling | No Junior Church |

COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

Who: Women of the Church

Where: Fellowship Hall

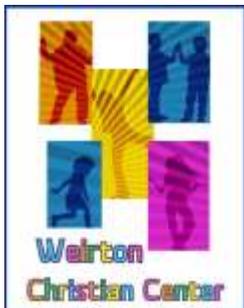
When: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 6pm

Program: Election of Officers

Bible Book of the Month - 1 Kings



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



We have received the camp items and gifts for our children. Thank you for your continued support to our children & to our mission.

God Bless-

Kim

Weirton Christian Center

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 1st—7:30am— Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, June 2nd— 10:30am— Communion & Deacon Relief Fund
6:00pm— Board of Deacons meeting
6:00pm— Board of Christian Education meeting
7:00pm— Union Association Cluster Service at Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Friday—Sunday, June 7th-9th— American Baptist Women’s Conference at Parchment Valley
Sunday-Tuesday, June 9th— 11th— Children’s Drama & Dance Camp at Parchment Valley
Sunday— Saturday, June 9th— 15th— Junior High I Camp at Camp Cowen
Sunday, June 9th— 4:30pm— Board of Christian Education meeting
5:00pm— Board of Worship meeting
6:00pm— Board of trustees meeting
7:30pm— Church Council meeting
Thursday— Friday, June 12th-14th— Children’s Art Camp at Parchment Valley
Friday— Saturday, June 14th-15th— WVBC Worship & Music Conference
Sunday— Saturday, June 16th— 22nd— Junior I Camp at camp Cowen
Sunday, June 16th— 6:00pm— Board of Missions & Outreach meeting
Sunday— Saturday— June 23rd— 29th— Junior High II Camp at Camp Cowen
Sunday— Saturday— June 30th— July 6th— Mid-High Camp at Camp Cowen
Sunday, June 30th— 11:45am— Fellowship Luncheon
6:00pm— “The Prodigal” movie shown in sanctuary



Three stonemasons were building a cathedral when a stranger wandered by. The first stonemason was toting rocks to a pile near a wall. “What are you doing?” asked the stranger. “Can’t you see that I’m carrying rocks?” The stranger asked the second laborer, “What are you doing?” “I’m building a wall,” he replied. A few steps away, the stranger came upon a third mason. “What are you doing?” he asked. The worker smiled. “I’m building a cathedral to the glory of God!”

At times it may seem that our giving and work amount to just “carrying rocks” or just “building a wall” but make no mistake every contribution is important and needful. That is why your gift of \$525 in the first quarter of 2013 is essential to the work of Heart & Hand accomplishes every day. You are a part of our team as we work together to build “a cathedral to the glory of God.”

Thank you on behalf of the families we serve through your generosity. May God richly bless you as you have blessed us.

“Everyone helped his neighbor, and said to his brother, ‘Be of Good Courage!’ So the craftsman encouraged the goldsmith; he who smooths with the hammer inspired him who strikes with the anvil.” Isaiah 41:6-7

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Executive Director
Heart & Hand

March & April of this year marked the 16th Annual Feinstein Challenge event for Heart & Hand. After two months of collecting and counting, we ended up with a total of 2,507 food items and \$12,122.34 donated in response to the challenge. This is a great example of how much can be accomplished when we partner together to fight hunger and meet the needs of families in Barbour County. Your gift of \$1,575 assisted us in reaching our Challenge goals this year. Thank you for helping make this year’s Feinstein Challenge a successful event and for feeding the needy in their hour of distress. May God richly bless you and your family.

“For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.” Psalm 107:9

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Spiritual Health: "MEDS"

M- Missions
E- Evangelism
D- Discipleship
S- Stewardship

A workshop covering the first two of the four WVBC Prescription for Health topics.

Dr. Maxwell Hill & Rev. Frank Miller
Broad Run Baptist Church in Jane Lew, WV
Thursday June 13, 2013 5:30pm- 9:00pm
Registration \$5



Younger Midler-Grades 2nd-4th
June 7-9

Jr. High I Camp-Grades 7th-9th
June 9-15

Junior I Camp-Grades 5th-6th
June 16-22

Jr. High II Camp-Grades 7th-9th
June 23-29

Mid-High Camp-Grades 9th-11th
June 30-July 6

Senior Day-2013 High School Grads
July 13

Sr. High Camp-10th-H.S. Grads
July 14-20

Junior II Camp-Grades 5th-6th
July 21-27

Older Midler-Grades 3rd-4th
August 3-6

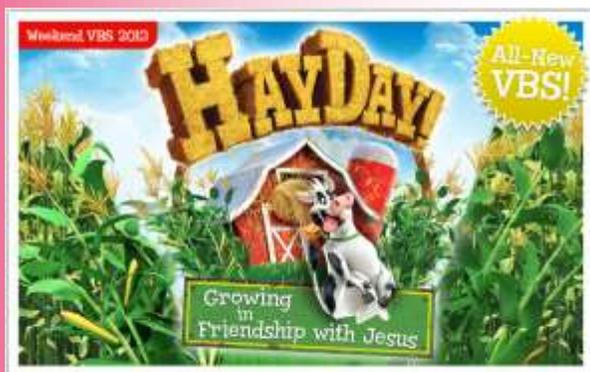
Family Camp-All ages
July 28-August 3

Camp Global-All ages
August 31-September 1

ABMen's Camp Men & Boys
August 9-11

Congratulations to graduate, Brad Allen!

Brad is graduating from the University of Virginia with a Master's degree in architectural History. He plans to take a job in New York City.



Save the date!
July 20th



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Union Association Cluster Services

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Speaker</u> |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| June 2nd | 7:00pm | Mount Vernon Baptist Church | Paul Byrd |
| July | | No meeting | |
| August 4th | 7:00pm | Belington Baptist Church | Herb Bledsoe |
| September 8th | 7:00pm | First Baptist Church of Grafton | Orville Wright |
| October 6th | 7:00pm | Webster Baptist Church | Bruce Hoffman |
| November 3rd | 6:00pm | Middleville Baptist Church | Paul Boyles |
| December 1st | 6:00pm | Philippi Baptist Church | Jon Villers |

Showing June 30th at 6pm

