



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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I ran across this journal entry I made during the National Gathering of American Baptists held in Pasadena, California in 2009. I thought I would share it with you all as a back drop to the event changing month May 2014 is turning out to be for me and my family!

Consider the Lilies....

I find myself in a conference room that is set aside to have participation through stations of prayer. The first one that caught my eye was a corner table with a vase of exquisite lilies. As God has clothed them in such a magnificent way, it is a reminder to me that in fact He will tend to us with the same abundance of care.

As I looked at those lilies, it helped put in perspective the outcome of all of life's major event changes. God has assured us that Solomon with all of his riches was not arrayed like one of those. We are so blessed to be part of a heritage that still applauds God's ability to use all shapes, colors & sizes for His Kingdom Building.

I have been so encouraged to see the participation in worship by so many young people at this national gathering of Baptists! The youth from Ravenswood First Baptist Church (The church I served before coming to Philippi), R L Ely & Caleb Villers are representing WV in such a glorious way.

I walked into this venue yesterday as over 1,000 folks were standing, singing, praising & dancing (oh, I meant to say moving interpretively) before God. There were hundreds of youth throughout the arena along with all other generations. We were ethnically diverse from all corners of the Globe as well as being from all corners of the USA. We heard powerful testimony of what God was doing in a local church here in California and witnessed a benediction from an urban poet that gave glory to God in such a powerful way that I was overcome with God's presence.

If that wasn't enough, Nick Vujicic, the speaker was placed on a table before us because he had no hands or feet! What he had was an amazing command of God's word & shared his incredible testimony of God's purpose for us all. Over fifty folks came forward as a sign of allowing God to set us free from sin & self. What a glorious service!

I want to rededicate my passion of seeing more come to worship in spirit and in truth.

May we all renew our passion of sharing the whole gospel to the whole world for the whole of God's Kingdom!



One of the reasons this journal entry comes to life for me some five years after the fact is our son, Caleb, graduated from Alderson Broaddus University on May 10, 2014. In fact, he is part of the first class to graduate under the name University instead of College! I'll never forget the joy I saw in his face as he worshipped in that large venue with so many others back in 2009! Caleb graduated with a major in Christian Studies from ABU and will be spending the summer as an administrative intern at The West Virginia Baptist Camp in Cowen, WV. He has been our Praise Team Leader at Philippi Baptist Church these last few years and he led his last service this past Sunday in that capacity.

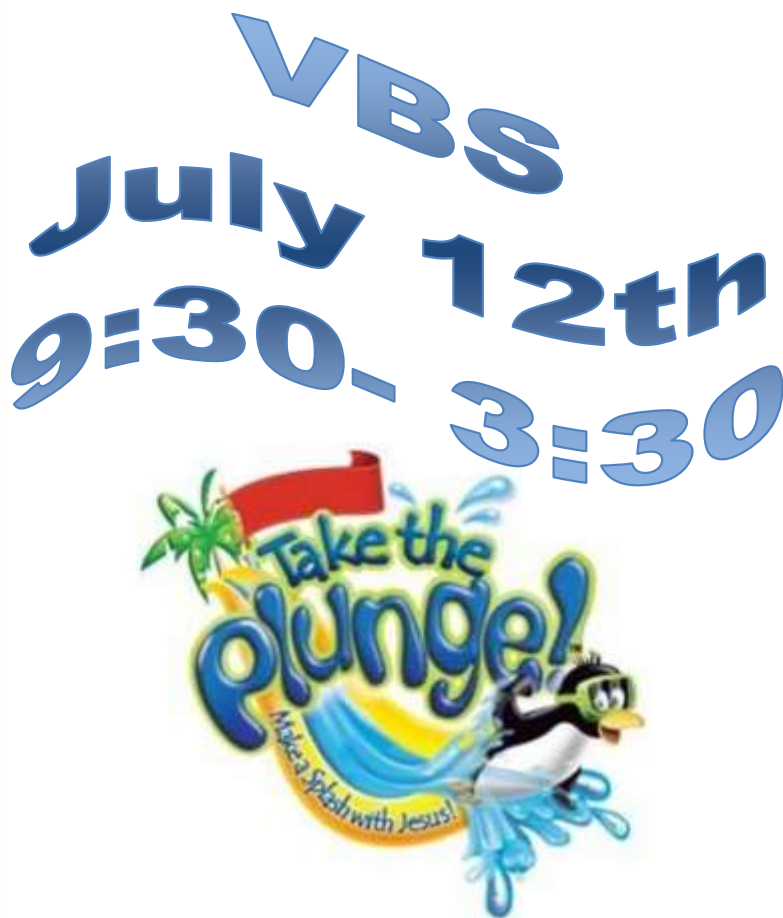
I brought him up at the end of the service to thank him for his service to God's Kingdom and was overcome by emotion yet again as I thought of the positive witness this young man continues to be as a disciple of Christ.

We also have another graduation to attend this weekend as our daughter, Allison, walks across the stage for Philip Barbour High School's Commencement Ceremonies at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. Then of course, we didn't want to be outdone by our children, on May 27th, 2014, Koreen and I celebrated our 25th Anniversary as well!

Not to mention the great opportunity of being with both sets of our families over the Memorial Day Weekend, it has been quite a month for new beginnings and continued histories! It is always a privilege to honor our veterans, of which my dad, Rev. Lewis Villers, is as well. We had a very fitting tribute during the worship service on Sunday and was so glad to see the news coverage of several memorial day services throughout our region for this holiday. PBHS represented us well in Grafton's 147th Memorial Day Parade and we want to thank HM1 Alan Kropf, a veteran of the United States Navy, his wife and their eight children for bringing such a wonderful news story to Philippi with the building of a war memorial in their front yard. Their memorial service on Sunday afternoon even involved a 21 gun salute in honor of those from Mr. Kropf's unit that lost their lives in Afghanistan. Their home is on the corner across from the courthouse near Premier Bank and the Laundromat.

It is a great month to remember and also a great month to prepare for where God's is working next and to join him!

Shalom,
Pastor Jon





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
- Wayne Drane
- Joe Gouer
- Joyce Koepsel & family
- Steve Lantz
- Christina Maddy
- Helen Mazzei
- Lois Miller
- Rev. Jack Minear
- Donna Moore
- Gary Price
- Gregory Riley
- Margaret Salimi
- Elody Schrader
- Sonya Stahl
- Armando Torres



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- 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

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



- 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



She's Done It All—Almost

Have you ever seen a moose born in the wild? Gone fishing at 2:00 a.m. in bright sunlight? Flown faster than the speed of sound? Well, Sharon Freed has!

Born and raised on a farm near the tiny town of Arlington, Iowa, about forty minutes north of Cedar Rapids, Sharon graduated from high school there, worked for a year in a plastics factory which made parts for John Deere tractors, and then, leaving the family farm behind, she joined the Air Force. For the next fifteen years she worked as an aircraft mechanic, then a maintenance instructor, and then a training manager. Stationed first at Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Nevada, one of only two women in her division, she was later transferred to the Eielson base in Fairbanks, Alaska, and it was there that she met her husband, Bob. Because of her job, she traveled to many parts of the world, including Iceland and Germany and much of the United States. For the past two years Sharon has served as Administrative Assistant in the School of Teacher Education at Alderson Broaddus University. Her parents still live in Iowa, as does her brother, who took over the family farm and owns a plumbing business. Sharon also has a sister living in North Carolina and one in Arizona.

It was after Bob, her husband, retired eighteen years ago that they returned to his home state, West Virginia. Their son, Scott, now completing his freshman year as a chemistry major at Alderson Broaddus, was born in Parkersburg, but they moved to Philippi when Scott was three years old. He attended the Feed My Sheep school, and it was there that he became friends with Jonathan Franke. It was through the Frankes and the Blankenships and their mutual involvement with swim teams that the Freeds came to Philippi Baptist Church.

Speaking of the church, Sharon says, “This has been a church home for Scott, ever since he got involved in the youth program. It has been good for me to help occasionally with his class in Sunday School. Also, I really enjoy the music, all of it from the Praise Team to the choir. This church is where I find direction and meaning for my life.”

If you want to know more about the Northern Lights or about flying upside down in a fighter plane or about cross-country skiing in pitch darkness at noon, check with Sharon Freed. She's done it all.

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 Chancel Choir	6pm 7:15pm
Fridays	Code Blue (ages 13-17)	6pm-9pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for June

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Nursery	Wanda Steele	Christie Allen	Rebekah Hicks	Cheryl Wolfe	Christie Allen
Wee Church	Rebekah Hicks	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Hayden & Heather Cottrill	Rebekah Hicks	
Junior Church	Kelly Bracey	Sara & Eddy Poling	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	Kelly Bracey	

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

COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

Who: Women of the Church

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday, June 3, 2013 at 9:30am

Program: Election of Officers
Hostess— Jane Digman

Bible Book of the Month - 1 Chronicles



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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 1st– 10:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief offering
6:00pm– Union Association Cluster Service at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
7:30pm– Diaconate meeting
June 2nd–6th– 1-3:30pm– Church reserved
Monday, June 2nd– 6:00pm– Church reserved
Friday, June 6th– 7pm- Church reserved
June 6th– 8th– Young Midler Camp at Camp Cowen
Saturday, June 7th– 7:30am– Men’s Prayer breakfast
2:00pm– Church reserved
June 8th– 14th– Junior High I Camp at Camp Cowen
Sunday, June 8th– 5:00pm– Board of Trustees meeting
6:00pm– Board of Christian Education meeting
7:30pm– Church Council meeting
Monday, June 9th– 1-3:30pm– Church reserved
Tuesday, June 10th– Church reserved
Thursday, June 6:30pm– Christian Men’s group meeting at the Farmer’s Market
June 15th– 21st– Junior I Camp at Camp Cowen and church reserved
Sunday, June 15th– 6:00pm– Board of Missions and Outreach meeting
June 20th & 21st– WVBC Worship & Mission Conference at Parchment Valley
June 22nd– 28th– Junior High II Camp at Camp Cowen
Sunday, June 22nd– 11:45am– Fellowship Luncheon
Tuesday, June 24th– Newsletter Deadline
June 29th– July 5th– Mid-High Camp at Camp Cowen

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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Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, June 7th @ 7:30am
At the Medallion



June's newsletter deadline
is June 24th



If your address has also changed, please call or email
the church office with your new address.

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