



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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Why I Give Online to Philippi Baptist Church

It has been my privilege to be your pastor since February 16, 2010 here at Philippi Baptist! Koreen and I made a commitment since we arrived to be financially contributing members. We give at least 10% of our pre-tax income to PBC, and we wanted to share some of the reasons why.

First, we give because God commands us to give. In the Old Testament, God commanded his people to tithe, and obedience wasn't an option. In the New Testament, Jesus talks a lot about giving and money. Paul writes about money. He tells Christians this: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Every month, we automatically give to our church because that honors God. We want to honor God, even when it's difficult, even when things are tight. There have been times that we've gone without something, but we never cancel the contribution to the church. We'll rob the mortgage company before we rob God.

Secondly, we believe in the mission of this church. We're proud to be a part of a church that cares about reaching people far from God. We're proud to be a part of a place where the mission is to reach people for Christ and help them follow one day at a time. Every time we hear a story about a family put back together or a teenager who decides to follow Christ or a man who finally gets back in church, we know that our contributions played a small part in that. People's lives are being changed and this church is a part of that. Jesus said that our treasure would follow our heart, so because our heart is with this church, we want to financially support it.

Thirdly, we want to be an example to our children. We're so tired of hearing people complain about the younger generation...they are just following our example! We don't want selfish children, caring only about their iPods, clothes, cars, and friends. We want my kids to care about other people. That's not gonna happen by accident... We have to be intentional about modeling that. We cannot tell them to care about others and then spend 100% of my paycheck on our own needs and wants. Parents, we've got to be responsible for teaching our kids to be generous, and we can't do that if we are not generous ourselves.

We do all of this online. We set up a profile on our website and chose to make my monthly contribution automatic. It's convenient, and it keeps me from forgetting to do what's really important to me.

We want to encourage you to automate the important by setting up your online giving profile today. You can register through our website by clicking on the "Give Online" button at the bottom of our homepage or directly access the link at www.tinyurl.com/pbcwvgive

Shalom,

Pastor Jon & Koreen



AB University, President Creehan,
 Faculty, staff, and students
 Barbour County Homeless
 Stephanie Bassel
 Lee & Sue Beuckman
 Connie & Gary Booth
 Jean Bowles
 Debbie Buntrock
 Camp Cowen
 Celebrate Recovery
 Savannah Champ
 Church van
 Jerry Cline
 Code Blue
 Ruby Cozad
 Sharon Cross
 Fred Daugherty
 Shaquille Evans
 Kailyn Graves
 Crystal Gray
 Ruben Habus
 Betty Hoffman
 Andrew Kerr
 George Kratsas
 Samantha Loudin family
 Local ministries
 David Lucy
 Detra McVey
 Men's Step Studies
 Rev. Ken Miller
 Mark Morgan
 Myers missionary family in Mexico
 Nepal
 Michael Perry's uncle Kirby
 Michelle Phenix
 Daniel Prussa
 JoHanna Rostini
 Dr. Shearer
 Elody Shrader
 Jacob Steele
 Liam Varghese
 Kevin Warren (Martie Gribble) Family
 Jennifer Wheeler & Cody Ratliff
 Women's Step Studies
 PBC Youth

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:

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



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



Camp Cowen Work Weekend
 Heather Cottrill
 Noah Gerhart
 Stephanie Hinkle
 Kratsas granddaughter
 Margaret Salimi
 Van Fund
 Jennifer Wheeler



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

Pictured below are seven of the nine hearty souls who helped with Philippi Baptist's Adopt-A-Highway spring cleanup on Saturday morning, April 25, 2015. Left to right are Greg Mouser, Jeff Allen, Scott Springer, Jason Meader, Gerald Fogg, Wesley Gray and Clarence Wright. Not shown are Barbara Smith, who started early and finished early, and Craig Cobb who took the photo. Together we collected 31 bags of trash and debris from our assigned, 2.2 mile section of Rt. 119, between the Covered Bridge and the Rt. 57 intersection.



Happy Birthday!

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| 2- Blair Marks | 16- Wanda Steele | 27- Maci Oiler |
| 3- Jennifer Weyandt | 21- Scott Springer | 28- Marilyn Runion |
| 10- Judi Funk | 21- Robert Ball | 28- Barbara Springer |
| 10- Jeff Allen | 22- Graham Klaus | 28- Dan Unger |
| 16- Elaine Abrams | 26- Gary Price | 30- Chuck Scheick |
| | 26- Joann Marsh | |



Hiker Wanted!

“I spend every minute I can hiking and backpacking,” Bill Klaus says, “but I’m having trouble finding people—or a person—to go with me.” Bill laughs. “If you know of anyone who enjoys the outdoors, the woods—like at Otter Creek Wilderness Area—as much as I do, just let me know.”

That kind of activity is not part of Bill’s background, for he grew up and went to school in a suburb of Cleveland. He graduated from Charles Brush High School in Lindhurst, an institution named after the inventor of sodium arc lamps. Bill smiles again. “Our logo, of course, was a lightning bolt. I wasn’t particularly interested in sports or music. My focus was on vocational electronics. But I was a Boy Scout—an Eagle Scout—and I was active in the Lindhurst Baptist Church.”

He goes on to explain that the American Baptist connection was what led him to Alderson –Broaddus College, graduating with a major in Liberal Arts. “I liked the college, and I loved West Virginia—so different from the city streets in Ohio.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree, Bill worked in the Admissions office at AB, then went to John Carroll University for graduate work in the Humanities. Then on to WVU, where he is now a candidate for a doctoral degree in history. And in the meantime he came back to Alderson-Broaddus to teach—seven years as an adjunct professor, and eight as full-time.

Bill Klaus has one son, Graham, who will turn eleven years old within the month. They are both avid readers, and they enjoy playing board and computer games.

Bill describes his two mission trips to Nicaragua as life-changing. Along with a group from the college, he helped with construction and learned of the critical needs of the Nicaraguan people.

As for his membership at Philippi Baptist Church, Bill says, “It’s a good place to be, especially if you’re going through rough times. It’s a strong and supportive community, and I feel not only welcome but needed. Some of the older members of the church have served and are still serving as excellent role models both for me and for Graham. I’m really thankful for this church.”

And the church is thankful for Bill and Graham.

Weekly Events

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| Sundays | Men's Step Studies Sunday School AM Worship Parable Bible Study | 7:30am 9:15am 10:30am 6:00pm |
| Mondays | Celebrate Recovery Praise Team Practice Celebrate Recovery | 4:45pm 6:30pm |
| Tuesdays | Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house) | 12:45pm |
| Wednesdays | Women's Step Studies Midweek Service Chancel Choir Practice | 5:30pm 6pm 7:15pm |
| Fridays | Code Blue (ages 13-17) | 6pm-9pm |

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for June

| | June 7 | June 14 | June 21 | June 28 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Nursery | Wanda & Jim Steele | Janet Baughman | Zvezdana Vlasic | Cheryl Wolfe & Bobby Villers |
| Wee Church | Rebekah Hicks & Chandler Poling | Hayden & Heather Cottrill | Koreen Villers & Sam Ferguson | Wes & Crystal Gray |
| Junior Church | Kelly Bracey & Gage Poling | Sara & Eddy Poling | Pete & Sarah Ferguson | |

COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet at 9:30am on Tuesday, June 2nd.

Election of Officers

Bible Book of the Month - Genesis

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



Mr. and Mrs. Caton Hill are celebrating their 55th anniversary on June 10th. They were wed in Morgantown WV!

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES



Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sat., June 6th @
7:30am
At the Medallion



A few years ago, a couple decided that they needed to do a better job of saving money for retirement. So they made the decision to save a little bit more each and every month. They were excited, passionate and even determined to do better. But you know what? A funny thing happened. They got to the end of the month, and somehow, they were out of money. Crazy how that works. Even though they wanted to save – even though they were *determined* to save – it just didn't happen.

So they decided to make it automatic. At the first of the month, right after they get paid, they set up an automatic payment from their checking account to their savings account. The deposit went in regardless of whatever else was happening. Saving was important to them so they decided to make it automatic. Along the way, another funny thing happened. They managed to still break even at the beginning of the month.

I think this is Biblical because the Bible talks a lot about something called “first fruits.” If something is important, we should do it first. For us savings needed to be important, so we needed to do it first and we needed to make it automatic, removing feelings from the process.

Here at Philippi Baptist Church, we're so grateful for the generosity of so many people who financially support the mission and vision of the church. This idea of making the important automatic applies to giving as well. I want to be generous as well as be wise, so in addition to saving automatically, I also give automatically. Every time I get paid, I automatically give a percentage to this church. It's automatic.

As we get ready to head into the summer months, I want to talk about how you can automate the important as well. We've set up our website in such a way that you can create a profile and set up regular, recurring contributions. Online giving is safe, secure and 100% free to you. It's a great way to be intentional about honoring God and being generous. Many of you give when we pass the offering plates and that's great – you can keep doing that. But I want to challenge you to automate it because it's important.

So here's the deal. I would encourage you to call or email the church office and simply say, “I am interested in automating my giving.” – You don't need to say amounts or anything like that – We'll send you the link or mail you an application out immediately. We'll include all the information and the instructions and you can set it all up from your computer or you can fill out the application and return it to the church office.

I want you to consider this step. If it's important, then consider making it automatic. We're so grateful for your generosity.

Sincerely – Clarence Wright – PBC Online Giving Administrator

Electronic Giving

Open your heart without opening your checkbook

Electronic Giving is the term used to describe automatic methods for making contributions on a regular basis without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. Although *Direct Debit Giving* is the original and most popular form of electronic giving, the term is now widely used to describe *Credit & Debit Card Giving* as well. The following discussion pertains *only* to Direct Debit Giving.

Frequently Asked Questions About Direct Debit Giving

Q. What are the major advantages of electronic giving by direct debit?

A. Direct debit is all about convenience for you and consistency for the church. Electronic giving eliminates frequent check writing and helps members stay on track with pledges even when they are unable to attend services. The church in turn benefits from much-needed donation consistency and a reduction in the volume of check and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed in the church office.

Q. How does Direct Debit Giving work?

A. Contributions are transferred automatically from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Q. How are my automatic contributions deducted and transferred?

A. First, you sign and return an authorization form to the church indicating the amount you wish to contribute on a regular basis. Contributions are then transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network—the same network already used by families to make mortgage and utility payments or to receive payroll earnings and Social Security income. Direct debit goes by other names including Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), automatic payment, or simply, ACH.

Q. When will my contribution be debited from my account?

A. A debit to your account will occur each month on the day of the month you designate, or each quarter on the first day of the quarter.

Q. How will I keep track of contributions in my check register?

A. Since your contribution is made at a preestablished time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions will appear on your bank statement.

Q. What can I use to prove I made a contribution?

A. Your bank statement will show an itemized list of electronic transactions that can be used as proof of your contributions.

Q. Is giving by direct debit risky?

A. It is certainly less risky than writing checks or carrying cash to church. To process electronic donations, the church uses E-zekiel Giving—an established and highly-regarded company that moves funds directly from church members to the church on the same day without any delay. E-zekiel Giving processes contributions for more than 10,000 churches and non-profit organizations.

Q. How much does direct debit giving cost?

A. It costs you nothing and it costs the church very little. It is the lowest cost method of transferring funds.

Q. What if I try electronic giving by direct debit and don't like it?

A. You can cancel your authorization at any time by notifying the church.

Q. How can I sign up for electronic giving by direct debit?

A. Complete, sign and return an authorization form to the church office. You may also give online by going to our website (pbcwv.net) and clicking on the "Give Online" at the bottom of our homepage.

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 5th– Saturday June 6th– American Baptist Women's Retreat at Parchment Valley

Sunday, June 7th, 10:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief Offering

4:30pm– Diaconate meeting

6:00pm– Union Association Cluster Service at Belington Baptist Church

Wednesday, June 10th– Friday, June 12th– Older Midler Camp at Camp Cowen

Friday, June 12th– Sunday, June 14th– Younger Midler Camp at Camp Cowen

Sunday, June 14th– Saturday, June 20th– Junior I Camp at Camp Cowen

Sunday, June 14th– 11:45am– Board of Christian Education meeting

5:00pm– Board of trustees meeting

7:30pm– Church Council meeting

Thursday, June 18th– Saturday, June 20th– WVBC Worship & Music Conference at Parchment Valley

Thursday, June 18th– 7:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir rehearsal

Saturday, June 20th– Mace/Rinehart Wedding

Sunday, June 21st– Saturday, June 27th– Junior High I Camp at Camp Cowen

Sunday June 21st– 6:00pm– Board of Missions & Outreach meeting

Friday, June 26th– Sunday, June 28th– Mission Summit in Overland Park, Kansas

Sunday, June 28th– Friday, July 3rd– Brother's Keeper at Parchment Valley

Junior II Camp at Camp Cowen



Heart & Hand Christmas box donation
suggestions:

toothbrushes & toothpaste



Suggested Heart & Hand donation for June:

mac & cheese, pasta & sauce, egg noodles

Save
the
Date!

Vacation Bible School
July 25th



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Celebrate Recovery

Barbour County

A Christ-Centered Recovery Program

MONDAY NIGHTS
6:30-8:30PM

The Landing (6th– 12th grade)
Celebration Place (K-5th grade)
Nursery Provided

Philippi Baptist Church

