



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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Greetings from the One who is the great weaver of life.

I am always amazed at how God chooses to make connections as we go forward in ministry together.

One of our missionaries from Tijuana Mexico was able to spend a couple of days with us here in Philippi! Rev. Ray Schellinger along with his wife Adalia, work with the women of the "Dios Con Nosotros" Baptist Convention of Northern Baja California, Mexico. Together with the women of Tijuana, they have begun Deborah's House, a ministry to victims of domestic violence. Deborah's House brings together a diverse mix of services, including crisis intervention, healthcare, shelter for victims, counseling and education for both victims and abusers in these situations. Ray and Adalia also offer workshops to all churches in the region on alternatives to violence, self-esteem, relationship skills, and communication.

We were able to take Ray along with a church van full of our youth to see a faith based movie we helped bring to Elkins! The movie is called HomeRun and it highlights the need for all of us to recognize the hurts, habits and hangups that weigh us down in life. A Christ centered 12 step program called Celebrate Recovery was featured as a means for hope and healing to occur.

A school of missions was held at our church on Sunday night and we hosted twenty-five of the most incredible young adults from A-B College at our house Monday night to hear Ray share the mission of Deborah's House. Many of the students said they would love to go on a mission trip in the near future! We then finished the day by experiencing the event in Burbick Hall called Party in the Dark

"Party in the Dark grew out of an idea. Earth Hour happens every year where they just ask people to simply shut off their lights for an hour as an act of conservation. We've tried to redeem that hour to say 'well why not do something positive as well?'" said Ruston Seaman of New Vision Renewable Energy.

New Vision worked with college students from at least five different campuses to put together 100 solar powered LED lights at a party Monday. Those lights will be sent across the Atlantic Ocean to a village outside Nairobi, Kenya, where families will be able to finally enjoy cheap and CLEAN light.

Our church helped sponsor one of those lights to return with Ray to Tijuana! Deborah's house already uses some renewable energy for their power sources and would love to train the residents in their facility to manufacture their own solar powered resources.

We thank God for bringing the world to our doorstep! May we be in support of where God is working in the world and joining Him in that work!

Shalom,

Pastor Jon



Save the date!
July 20th



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

- Saeed Abedini
- Brandi Akingbemi
- Elizabeth Beardsley's friend Debbie
- Richard Beardsley
- Lee Beuckman
- Guy Bostonia
- Holly Camacho
- Family of Matt Corder
- Audrey Cross
- Ciera Dalton
- Felicia Davis
- Patrick Dolan
- Bill Dumire
- Todd Dumire
- Becky and Mike Elmore
- Melissa Franke's Aunt Gail
- Rita Franke
- Jane Gibbons
- Joe & Beverly Gouer
- Family of Dr. Terry Jones
- Family of Matt Lake
- Bob Linger
- Christina Maddy
- Amanda Means
- Donna Moore
- Greg Mouser
- Brenda Price's family
- Butch Price
- Steve Richter
- Dorine Righman
- Julanne Roy
- Mary Selvaggi
- Patty Short
- Kaley Sinsel
- Brayden Smith
- Donna Thorne
- Gavin Tucker
- Jovan Vlastic
- Ken Wadeell
- Jimmy Waugaman
- Christina Wentz
- 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

SarahEllen Dillon, Justin Richards, Jenna Riffle– employment
 Daniel Brown, Billie Moore, Margaret Salimi– health
 Elizabeth Beardsley, Christina Wentz, Zvesdana Vlastic– family
 A-B College becoming A B University
 PBHS Band



- 5– Kelly Bracey
- 5– Anne Jones
- 8– Vangie Shaffer
- 9– Andrew Sweet
- 13– Grant Dadisman
- 16– Jennifer Wheeler
- 20– Caton Hill Jr.
- 22– Pat Cain
- 24– Elizabeth Wentz
- 25– Jud Bracey
- 26– Everett Sperry
- 28–Olin Campbell
- 31– Jane Digman
- 31– Jacob Scheick



8–Austin & Germaine Whitman
 9–George & Kathy Kratsas
 11– John & Rebekah Hicks
 27– Jon & Koreen Villers



One Devoted Lady!

Cheryl Wolfe lives in the big white house on the corner of Maple Avenue and First Street. You can't miss the big 201 numbers and the huge blue star that mark her residence. The porch and front door are clean, welcoming—just waiting for her next visitor.

But Cheryl isn't at home much. She works long hours at MountainHeart Community Services as a TRAILS E.C. Specialist, covering seven counties and delivering resources for child care centers and providers. Every evening she spends an hour with the neighbor across the street, Audra Murphy, who lives alone and is like a grandmother to Cheryl. As she visits, Cheryl makes sure Audra has food and medications and some company. Another member of Philippi Baptist Church, Brenda Price, shares this responsibility during the weekdays and fills in when Cheryl is gone on week ends.

A native Barbour Countian, Cheryl has two sisters in Philippi and a brother, sister, and half-sister living in Virginia. Cheryl also lost one sister in a car accident in 1979.

Cheryl enjoys scrapbooking and being outdoors, walking or doing yard work. She attended public schools in Philippi. After graduation from high school, she was employed by Myers Clinic as a Doctor Aide for Dr. Ernest Guy. She also worked in Dr. Millard Minor's dental office for a short time.

Cheryl married and had two sons, Eric and Adam. While being a stay-at-home mom, she provided childcare for McCall and Bradley Allen, and, during summers, for Gavin Fogg. She entered Fairmont State College in 2000, the same year that Adam started at Concord College. She graduated with two Associate degrees, one in American Sign Language and one in Child Care, also earning a Bachelor's degree in Family Consumer Science. As for her sons, Adam is graduating this spring from Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia. He will be studying for the bar exam while living with his brother in Huntington. Eric is an Information Technologist Senior Linux Administrator at Marshall University, where he is completing his master's degree. Adam hopes to locate in Bluefield eventually, where his two children, Joshua (5) and Amelia (6) live with their mother.

As for her membership in Philippi Baptist Church, Cheryl reports that her family joined the church after the 1985 flood, promising themselves—and God—that they would never miss church again if their house was spared. She and her family had been attending the Point Pleasant Baptist Church, but there were few children there, so Philippi Baptist Church with its active youth programs attracted them. Since then, Cheryl has served as a teacher in the Sunday School and in Vacation Bible School. The annual children's Christmas program has also benefited from her involvement and leadership. She has been on either the Board of Christian Education or the Diaconate almost continually since becoming a member of the congregation. Although she sees her sons and grandchildren frequently, she reports that "The church is my bigger family. It's very important to me." She pauses. "You know, you have to be through a few tough experiences to learn to lean on God. That's what I do now—every day."

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 February

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Nursery	Wanda Steele James Steele	Christie Allen Need Volunteer	Rebekah Hicks Need Volunteer	Cheryl Wolfe Allison Villers
Wee Church	Cheryl and Abby Blankenship	Koreen Villers Thomas Villers	Tom Dadisman Pete Ferguson	Heather Cottrill Hayden Cottrill
Junior Church	Sarah Ferguson Pete Ferguson	Kelly Bracey Lindsay Bracey	Need Volunteers	Sara Poling Eddy Poling

COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

Who: Women of the Church

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6pm

Program: Beach Party Women's Banquet

Bible Book of the Month - Lamentations



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



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 4th @ 7:30am
At the Medallion

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



Men’s Work Weekend

May 3-4

Youth Work Party

May 17-18

Minister’s Spring Retreat

May 6-8

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

Raleigh,Rockcastle,Greenbrier Assn.

July 7-12

Hopewell Assn.

July 12-14



Scott Freed– Philip Barbour High School– High School Diploma

Evalene Bartram– Alderson Broaddus College– Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Trisha Denniston- University of Findlay, in Findlay, Ohio—B.S. in Human Resource Management & Business Management

Morgan Franke– Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, VA– B. S. in Biology with a minor in Environmental Science

Eddy Poling– Alderson Broaddus College– Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, Pre-kindergarten– Adult

David Cobb– West Virginia University- Doctorate of Pharmacy

Adam Wolfe– Appalachia School of Law in Grundy, VA– Juris Doctorate



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Spring Changeover will take place at the Heart & Hand Thrift Store on Monday, May 6th, 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.

