



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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The Joy of Generosity

Scripture Reading

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:6-8

A Reflection

“God loves a cheerful giver!” In 2 Corinthians, Paul is working to support the “ministry to the saints” and helping churches share their abundance generously. Paul is concerned about both our attitude toward giving and the effect of giving.

Think for a moment of the most generous person you know. What qualities come to mind? Open. Warm. Helpful. Honest. Full of life. Passionate. Thankful. Compassionate. Joy-filled. These might be just a few. And we might all give thanks to God for the generous people who bless our lives!

Generous people have a certain *attitude* toward giving. They give without complaint; they give to more than one cause or ministry; they understand their generosity to be as much **for their own need as for another’s; they believe generosity is more than money**—generosity encompasses the whole of life, including time, talent, treasure, and temperament.

Generous people are also concerned about the *effect* of giving. They want to be a part of something significant, something that will have a beneficial effect on the world. With Paul, **they perceive God’s abundance and know that God hopes for that abundance to be shared** even as the world feels like a place of scarcity. The mission and ministry of the Church is **about being stewards of God’s great generosity, God’s abundance, and sharing in ways that bring God’s blessing and grace to every corner of the earth.**

Stewardship, then, is about cultivating generosity in ways that foster these qualities in us **as followers of Christ and in our congregations as we serve others in Christ’s name.** Our stewardship efforts, campaigns, and ministries should nurture joy and share the good news of all that we are called to do in Christ’s name.

This November as many of us gather our commitments in pledging and even as we gather around a table of Thanksgiving, may we nurture a joyful generosity and consider the many ways our giving has a beneficial effect on our lives and the lives of others.





Dear Members and Friends of the Philippi Baptist Church,

The theme this year for the Every Member Canvass is "In God's economy, we all have enough." Pastor Jon has suggested that we take our guidance from 2 Corinthians, Chapters 8 and 9 in which Paul is asking the Corinthian Church to fulfill their promise of financial help. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 states, "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

May we too hear these words of admonition in our journey of faith and purpose and contemplate these words and the example as we prayerfully consider our tithes and service commitments to the Lord for 2016. The church's boards and committees are currently working on our budget for 2016 and the Nominating Committee is also looking to fill vacancies on our boards and committees. Your help is needed so that the church can continue our many various ministries

Financial commitment cards are available at the church for those who wish to pledge their tithe. Please complete the financial commitment card and cut the card in half. Keep one side for your records, and place the other side in the offering plate on or before November 8th. Another option this year is to make your pledge online. This can be completed at <http://www.tinyurl/pscwvgive>. This link is also available on the bottom of our web page at <http://www.pbcwv.net/>. Of course completion of the card or online commitment is completely voluntary, and financial pledges and financial giving are strictly confidential.

This year we are sending the initial contact for the Every Member Canvass by email. This helps us save printing and postage expenses. Please reply to this appeal to let Lucretia know you have received the email. Letters will then be mailed to those we are unable to reach by email. May God bless the gifts and the givers in 2016.

Yours in Christ - Clarence Wright, Chairman, Every Member Canvass

Weekly-Percentage-Giving-Guide						
Weekly-Giving-if-Percentage-Is:						
Weekly-Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$100	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
150	3.00	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	22.50
200	4.00	8.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	30.00
250	5.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	37.50
300	6.00	12.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	45.00
350	7.00	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	52.50
400	8.00	16.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	60.00
500	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	75.00
600	12.00	24.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	90.00
700	14.00	28.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	105.00
800	16.00	32.00	48.00	64.00	80.00	120.00
900	18.00	36.00	54.00	72.00	90.00	135.00
1000	20.00	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	150.00
1200	24.00	48.00	72.00	96.00	120.00	180.00
1400	28.00	56.00	84.00	112.00	140.00	210.00
1600	32.00	64.00	96.00	128.00	160.00	240.00
1800	36.00	72.00	108.00	144.00	180.00	270.00
2000	40.00	80.00	120.00	160.00	200.00	300.00



AB University, Faculty, staff, and students
Jeff Allen

Barbour County Homeless
Celebrate Recovery
Savannah Champ
Code Blue
Ruby Cozad
Kim Geyes
Hinkle Family
Martin Hoover
Eric Howershelt

Jonathan Jones's brother's mother-in-law

Ginny & David Linger
Local ministries
Men's Step Studies
Brittany Morris
Rich Noble
Michelle Phenix
Philip Barbour High School
Lavaugn Queen
JoHanna Rostoni
Dr. Shearer family
Theresa Shepherd
Elody Shrader
Josh Smiley
Phyllis Straughman
Liam Varghese
Greg Westfall
Arthur Wiseman
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.



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



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



Sherry Jones
Mitilda Leyton Markham
Michael Perry's father
Sofia Grace Peterson
Kenny & Patty Phillips
WVBC Annual Convention
Bruce Weyandt
Burton Wilfong

Happy Birthday!

- 3- Dorothy Hayhurst
- 7- Bob Boyer
- 11- Samuel Ferguson
- 11- Andrew Funk
- 11- Jack Funk (twin)
- 12- Phyllis Martin
- 17- Kendra Waddell Unger
- 18- David Runion
- 19- Rebekah Hicks
- 19- Stephen Redd
- 19- Don Smith
- 20- Ross Campbell
- 20- Jon Wright
- 21- Kathy Lind
- 21- Donovan Price
- 21- Priscilla Wonkka
- 22- Kathy McBee
- 23- Linda Howell
- 25- Sarah Ayers
- 26- Steve Markwood
- 26- Michael Wolfe
- 29- Gerald Fogg



New Members—A Sister Act

It's Monday evening, and upstairs in the sanctuary, the leaders of Celebrate Recovery are in action: singing, playing their instruments, welcoming participants to the worship and testimony service. Down here in the kitchen, however, the "chief cooks and bottle-washers" are busy preparing the dinner to be served later. Tonight it will consist of a chicken casserole, rice, mixed vegetables, and cookies. The chefs are familiar faces at Philippi Baptist Church—JoAnn and Judy Marsh, who recently responded to the altar call to become full members of the congregation.

JoAnn and Judy were born and raised in Nestorville. They attended public school in Kasson but moved to Philippi some thirty years ago, and they have lived on North Walnut Street for the last ten years. "It's a good location for us," JoAnn says. "We can walk to church, and Judy walks to work. I work at home." They describe themselves as caregivers, Judy working at Baughman Towers five days a week, JoAnn taking care of the two children of her son, who lives in Elkins. Willow is three years old, Jonas seventeen months.

The two women enjoy cooking and frequently serving as hostesses for the American Baptist Women's Ministries meetings. The decorations and refreshments on such occasions are always noteworthy, seasonal and related to appropriate holidays. "I'm already working on next May's banquet," JoAnn reports. In addition to their culinary interests, however, Judy and JoAnn like to travel. Over the past several years they have visited New York City, Myrtle Beach, Nashville and Gatlinburg (Tennessee), Lcanaster and Amish country (Pennsylvania), and Mexico.

When asked about their long association with PBC, they mention liking the people and enjoying the church activities, but then JoAnn adds, "We help wherever we can," and that typifies the Marsh sisters—they are helpers. **THEY HELP.**

Weekly Events

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

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for November

	November 1st	November 8th	November 15th	November 22nd	November 29th
Nursery	Wanda & Jim Steele	Rebekah Hicks	Zvezdana Vlasic	Cheryl Wolfe	
Children's Church	Kelly Bracey	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Sarah, Pete & Sam Ferguson	Crystal & Wes Gray	

American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES



Suggested Heart & Hand donation for November:
Side dish items, Jiffy Mix



Heart & Hand Christmas box donation suggestions:
Canned Cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes

American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet at 9:00AM on Tuesday, November 2nd

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Hostess Barbara Smith

Bible Book of the Month - Leviticus

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



1- David & Roconda Daugherty
21- Chris & Jean Irvine
22- Tom & Hayley Dadisman

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 1st– 10:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief Offering
5:30pm– Diaconate meeting
6:00pm– Church Consultant Charles Drake of Days of Nehemiah Ministries
6:00pm– Union Association Cluster Service at Union Baptist Church

Tuesday, November 3rd– 9:00am– American Baptist Women’s Ministry Meeting

Saturday, November 7th– Fall Children’s Rally in Parchment Valley
7:30am– Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Medallion

Sunday, November 8th– 4:30pm– Board of Christian Education meeting
5:00pm– Board of Trustees meeting
7:30pm– Church Council meeting

Friday, November 13th– Sunday, November 15th– Minister’s Spouse’s Retreat at Parchment Valley

Sunday, November 15th– 7:00pm– Board of Missions & Outreach meeting

Friday, November 20th– Sunday, November 22nd– Junior High Convention at Clarksburg Baptist

Thursday, November 26th– Thanksgiving Day– CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 29th– Decorate the church for Christmas



Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Sat., October 3rd @
7:30am
At the Medallion



Heart and Hand is in immediate need of diapers (sizes 3-6). Baby wipes, varieties of formula, canned milk, canned meat and packages of side dishes. These items can be placed in the playpen in the library.

We are fortunate to have Pastor Charles Drake, founder of Days of Nehemiah Ministry, available to come and speak to our deacon board and church council. Any interested member of PBC is welcome to attend an informational meeting this evening at 6pm.
<http://donehemiahmin.com/>



We have raised \$9,542 of our \$26,000 goal for the new church van.



Alderson Broaddus Baptist Campus Ministry’s Jesus Week will be November 2nd-5th. They will meet nightly at 8:38 in Burbick lobby. There will special music by Anthony Mossburg and the guest speaker will be Bobby Benavides.



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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

