

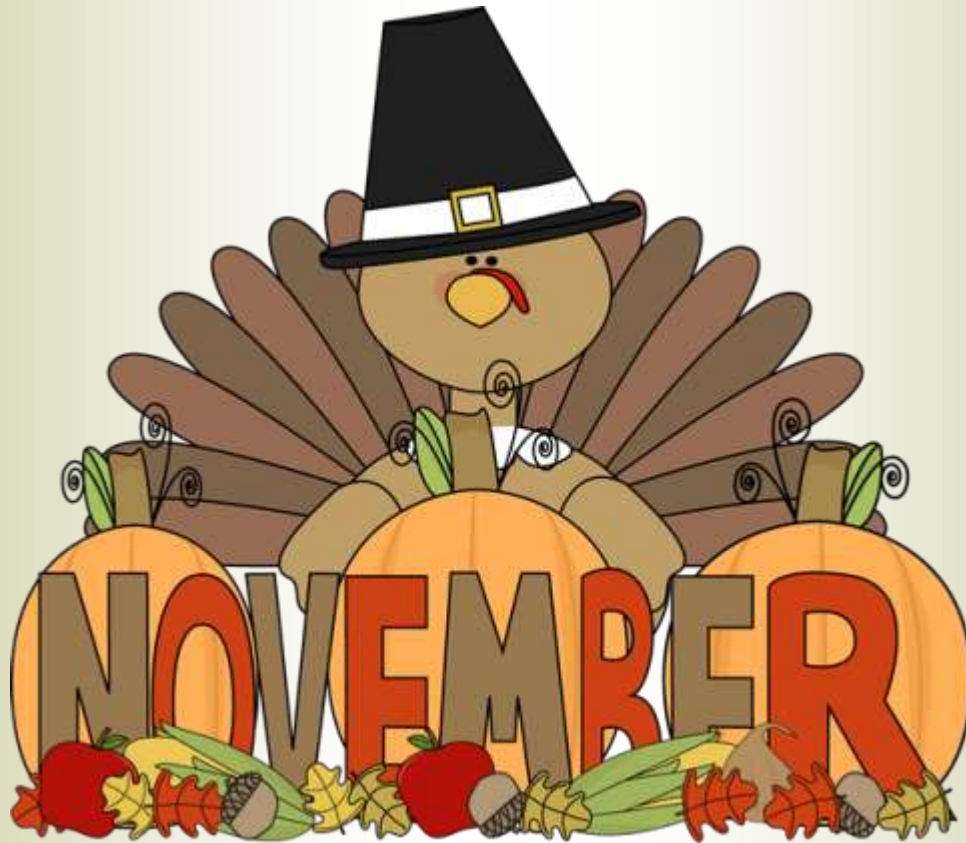


The Baptist Bridge

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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Hannah Dixon—Assistant Praise Team

Michele Moore, Church Pianist
Lucretia Moyer, Secretary

Marj Campbell, Organist
Zvezdana Vlastic, Custodian



I wanted to introduce you to an amazing family who is on mission for the Lord! I would like for PBC to prayerfully consider how we can partner with them as they go forward for Christ! Shalom – Pastor Jon Denise Osejo and the Rev. Juan Aragón of Ravenswood, West

Virginia, have been endorsed to serve as American Baptist International Ministries (IM) missionaries in Chiapas, Mexico. They will work with the Council of Rural Indigenous Evangelicals of Mexico (Consejo Indígena Campesino Evangélico de México, CICEM), an IM partner in Mexico, to empower leaders in their communities.



Denise and Juan Aragón with their children, Juancito, age 5, and Hefziba "Ziba," age 2

Through this new role, Denise and Juan will continue a ministry that they have already begun. In his current position as Hispanic Ministries Strategist for the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC), Juan has worked extensively within the Mexican-American community, and this vocation has engendered a personal mission for both him and Denise.

Juan explains: “For the last eight years, my wife and I have been ministering to Hispanic immigrants in West Virginia. Most of them are from the southern Mexican states of Oaxaca and Chiapas. We’ve listened to their stories of faith, hope and courage. But we have also learned about the struggles and challenges they face in their villages and communities. Through them we have learned to love the people of Mexico.”

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Denise, who will be serving mainly in women's ministries, has for a long time felt called to serve among women who live in male-dominated social contexts. "My sisters need to be empowered to believe they deserve more in life than just working in the kitchen or suffering silently from domestic violence," she writes. "They need to realize how important they are to God and to the ministry of the church."

Juan's work will focus on leadership development in churches. He will seek to strengthen the witness of local churches by offering theological education, coaching and discipling to new and current leaders. Juan sees this role as one of coming alongside men and women as they advance their ministries, accompanying them as a mentor while they continue to do the good work that God has already begun in them.

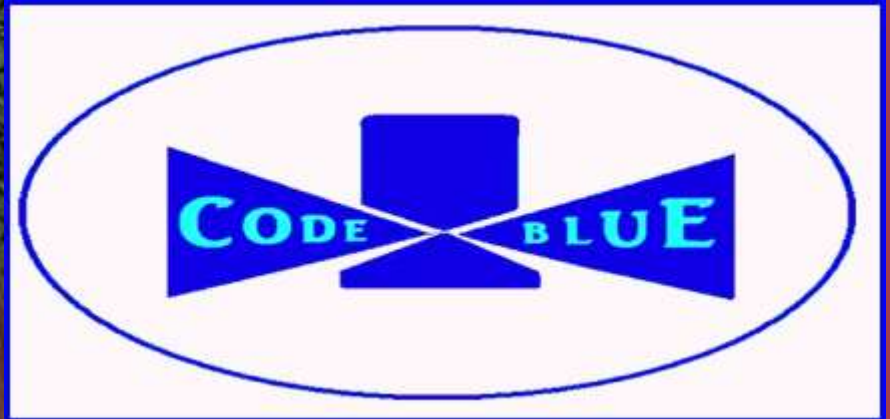
After walking with the Aragóns through an extensive discernment process, IM believes that "God has called and equipped Juan and Denise in order to minister in Southern Mexico among the indigenous groups often neglected and forgotten by its society," says IM Area Director Adalia Gutiérrez Lee, who will be overseeing and providing support for their ministry. "Denise and Juan go with our prayers and support to learn, to share and to experience, together with our Mexican brothers and sisters, the goodness and grace of our always loving Savior, Jesus Christ."

The WVBC supports the Aragóns in their new ministry together. "We rejoice in this endorsement," writes Dr. David Carrico, executive minister of the WVBC. "The Aragóns have been a blessing to our region, and now they can be a larger blessing to world mission."

Originally from Los Angeles and Nicaragua, respectively, Denise and Juan both began their collegiate educations at Ave Maria College of the Americas in Nicaragua, where Juan earned a Bachelor of Philosophy in Computer Information Systems and Denise earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Juan went on to receive a Master of Divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary. Once they have raised the funds to get their ministry off the ground, Denise and Juan will move to Chiapas, Mexico, with their two young children—Juancito, age 5, and Hefziba "Ziba," age 2



Would like to purchase some of the flowers that are in the front of the sanctuary every week? New sign-up sheets are in the narhex. Just sign up for the week you would like the flowers and what you would like in the bulletin. The cost is \$9. The money can be put in the offering plate, just mark it as such. We just ask that you return the vase to the church or to Petal Patch Florist. More than one person can sign up for the same week. We will just order an extra set that week.



Code Blue? What's That?

If you want to know anything about Code Blue, ask Madison Riffle. She's the president of the Board of Directors, and she's also the director of the program. But those are only two of her roles. She is also the Youth Minister and a licensee and a choir member at Philippi Baptist Church. And she is on the staff at Alderson Broaddus University. And she is a prospective student at Palmer Seminary. Not very busy!

"Code Blue," she tells us over lunch at Subway, "was started in 2010 by the Barbour County Ministerial Association as a non-profit youth-centered program here in Barbour County. It began meeting in the tiny building next to the Family Resource Center and then, because of a grant from the Department of Justice, we moved into the old G.C. Murphy building. That was a great location and drew as many as sixty teenagers for the Friday night activities. However," she continues, "the city owned the building and notified us that they needed it for another business. We were given less than a month to vacate the premises."

She smiles. "We were without a meeting place for several months, but recently the American Legion offered to rent their building, so that's where we are now, paying \$300 a month. It's good space, and we're grateful. We'll be having an Open House on November 18 and look forward to bringing the youth back into action there. There were as many as twenty AB students with us as volunteers, and we're hoping to renew that relationship, too."

"We've been very fortunate in getting help from World Vision, who were supportive from the very beginning, and there are several churches that contribute on a monthly basis. Also, we run a concession stand at the Barbour County Fair, and that brings in several thousand dollars." She stops to greet a friend who is passing by, then says, "Pastor Jon has been with us all along, serving most of the time as treasurer. Ever since the federal grant ran out, we've been able to be more openly Christian, even though many of the kids are either unchurched or anti-church. It's a blessing to watch them grow as they're challenged with religious values." She pauses, then adds, "Let me share our mission statement." She quotes it. "Our mission is to create a safe, entertaining environment where youth can be accepted in positive social relationships that build character for the well-being of the youth and the community."

Blessings on Code Blue and on all of its supporters!



AB University, Faculty, staff, and students
 Pasto Alphonso
 Barbour County Homeless
 Phil Bowers and other local officials
 Celebrate Recovery
 The Cobbs
 Code Blue
 Jack Dunlap
 Faith Grimitt
 Charles Hinkle
 Bill & Shirley Jacobs
 Len Johnson
 Sherry Jones
 Bailey Larrison
 Local ministries
 Adrienne Marsh family
 Rev. Jack Menear
 Bill Morlan
 Phillips family
 Araella Renee
 Doug Richter
 Steve Richter Jr.
 Jean Roy
 Margaret Salimi
 Janet Stephens's grandson
 Janet Stephen's daughter, Lynn
 Jim Warfuel
 Burton Wilfong
 PBC Abide 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.
 Amber Underwood
 Major Kris Wood



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



Justin Curtis
 Bill Jacobs
 Judy Landers
 Natalie Rylynn McDowell
 Patty Phillips



3- Dorothy Hayhurst
 7- Bob Boyer
 11- Samuel Ferguson
 11-Andrew Funk
 11- Jack Funk
 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
 29- Morgan Franke

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship Abide Youth Ministry	9:15am 10:30am 6pm
Mondays	Celebrate Recovery Praise Team Practice Celebrate Recovery	4:45pm 6:30pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house)	12:45pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service Chancel Choir Practice	6pm 7:15pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for November

	November 6th	November 13th	November 20th	November 27th
Nursery	Wanda Steele & Emily Meader	Rebekah Hicks & Margaret Salimi	Zvezdana Vlastic & Bonnie Daugherty	Cheryl Wolfe & Hannah Dixon
Children's Church	Kelly Bracey & Jennifer Weyandt	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Sarah, Pete & Sam Ferguson	Crystal & Wes Gray

American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet at 9:00AM on Tuesday, November 1st

Arise Shine
~Koreen Villers
Hostess- Barbara Smith

Bible Book of the Month - I, II, III John

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

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on November 5th at 7:30 AM at the Medallion. All Men and Boys are invited to come for some good fellowship, food and to talk about almost anything. Come and get to know someone you've seen, but never had a chance to talk to.



There will be a Pastoral Relations Committee meeting on November 13th immediately following the worship

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 1st– 9:00AM– American Baptist Women’s Ministry meeting
 Wednesday, November 2nd– 10AM– Church Reserved
 Saturday, November 5th– 7:30AM– Men’s Prayer Breakfast
 Sunday, November 6th– 10:30AM– Communion & Deacon Relief Offering
 6:00PM– Union Association Cluster service at Mount Vernon Baptist
 6:00PM– Diaconate meeting
 Sunday, November 13th– 12:00PM– Pastoral Relations Committee meeting
 4:30PM– Board of Christian Education meeting
 5:00PM– Board of Trustees meeting
 5:30PM– Board of Missions and Outreach meeting
 6:00PM– Board of Worship meeting
 7:30PM– Church Council meeting
 Monday, November 14th– 11:30AM– WVBC Pastor’s Gathering
 Saturday, November 19th– 11:00AM– CR Leadership training
 Thursday, November 24th– Thanksgiving– *Church Office closed*
 ???PM– Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Crim Memorial
 Sunday, November 27th– First Sunday of Advent



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

The Board of Christian Education will have a Children and Youth Christmas program on December 11th at 6:00 pm in the evening. There will be one rehearsal for the program on the morning of December 10th, with pizza to follow. We would love to have as many of our youth and children involved in the program as possible. Please let Kelly Bracey know if your child/youth will be participating in the program by November 13th, so she can plan the program accordingly.



PBC has begun a trial of an online church directory. Each user can edit an update their own information. Members of the congregation whose email address we have should have received an invitation email to view the directory. If you have not, you may contact the church office for your user name and password. The directory can be accessed via the button at the bottom of the church website homepage. www.pbcwv.net



We have a new van! We purchased a white 2014 For Econoline van for \$18,911 and the trade-in of our old van! A big “Thank You” to all those who contributed



The Board of Mission and Outreach is challenging the church to collect 200 cake mixes and 200 containers of icing for Heart & Hand Christmas baskets. Heart & Hand’s goal is to make 200 baskets. We need to collect them by December 1st.





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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

