



The Baptist Bridge

April 2014

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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Lent is an enlightening time in the church calendar every year. The Orthodox Church calls it, “The Bright Sadness.” It is a time for God’s Word to light up the dark places of our lives and to focus on turning to God. Growing up in three rural Baptist congregations as a preacher’s kid did not give me much background on this time of the year. It was as a youth pastor at Baptist Temple in Charleston that I was challenged to look at this season of introspection. The Lenten season has had some role in Christian life since before the 2nd Century AD when Irenaus of Lyons wrote of it. It has evolved considerably since then, but the idea remains the same - it is a time of “self-examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in preparation for Easter.” Lent is a season of examining who you are and who God is and embracing the roles.

One of the places God chose to shine light on in my life while at Baptist Temple came through a time of fasting. I was challenging our youth group to think of areas in their life they would give up something they like to do or participate in during these 40 days. The point was to recognize how much Jesus gave up for us as we give up something on a temporary basis through Lent. As the youth were discussing the possibilities, they challenged me to give up something that has become a part of who I am – THE COLOR ORANGE! Since I was six years old, I have “collected” the color orange. My grandmother let me wallpaper a bedroom in her house and we transformed it into an orange and yellow psychedelic masterpiece! I was raised in the Orange and Black Country of the Wirt County Tigers and when I took my orange collection off to Alderson-Broadus University in the late 1980’s it became a signature color. So when I was challenged to give up orange, it took at least fifteen boxes to remove all of the color out of my office and a significant wardrobe change throughout the season!

I look back on that time and am appreciative of the challenge put before me. It helped clarify that I am more than just what I show on the outside. God’s light has come to illuminate and reflect through my life to a dark and lonely world. The Psalmist reminds me of the importance of God’s light as well. “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.”(Psalm 119:109, 150 NRSV)

May God continue to illuminate in our lives as we continue on this journey to the cross and beyond.

Questions for reflection and an item for your todo list:

What areas of you life can God use to illuminate His love as a reflection in yours to others?

What areas of your life are you willing to give up in recognition of what Jesus gave up for us?

Think of one way you can reflect God's Light today.



Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 5th @ 7:30am
At the Medallion



Middleville Baptist Church *presents*

Last Supper Play on April 13th, 2014
6:00pm at MBC

***Light Refreshments to follow immediately after play in
the Middleville Community Building**



AB University, President Creehan faculty, staff and students

- Lee Beuckman
- Denny Blackburn
- Dennis Bolyard
- Jean Bowles
- Niki Price Channels
- Code Blue
- Bill & Julia Corder
- Wayne Drain
- Oetta England
- Virginia Hinkle
- Tom Johns
- Levi Lindemuth
- Christina Maddy
- Ruth Mahaffey
- Sam Maverick
- Helen Mazzei
- Skylar Moats
- Donna Moore
- Leslie Moutz
- Bill Mozley family
- Madison Riffle
- Gregory Riley
- Jean Roy
- Margaret Salimi
- Artie Shaw
- Dr. Shearer
- Sonya Stahl
- Everett Sperry
- Gary Tetreault
- Edwina Thomas
- Jack Wilson family
- Patty Wright family



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



- 2- Christian Stull
- 2- Jody Sperry
- 2- Allison Villers
- 4- Brenda Price
- 13- George Sommer
- 24- Lisa Rosier
- 24- Mike Wells
- 27- George Davis
- 28- Darlene Waddell



- 10- Glenn & Jan Sweet
- 16- Ken & Darlene Waddell
- 17- Randy & Michele Moore
- 20- William & Shirley Jacobs
- 25- Jim & Wanda Steele

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.



Another Candidate for Baptism—Hayley Dadisman

“I wasn’t a regular churchgoer,” Hayley Dadisman says. “I just went occasionally with my grandmother. Then I met Tom, and since then church has become an important part of my life.” She smiles. “I feel as if being baptized and becoming a member of Philippi Baptist Church was a goal I didn’t know I had.” She has been attending the adult class on Sunday evenings and will be baptized, along with a number of others, on Easter Sunday.

Born in Clarksburg but a native of Philippi, she attended Volga-Century Elementary School, Philippi Middle School, and Philip Barbour High School. Then she attended Alderson Broaddus, intending to become a pharmacist, but her interest shifted to technology, so she is now studying medical coding and billing and expects to receive an Associate degree through Ultimate Medical Academy. “I’ll be qualified,” Hayley reports, to work in a clinic or a hospital or any other health care agency or in a doctor’s or dentist’s office. If I want to, I’ll even be able to work by computer from home. Medical billing is a very flexible field, a great combination of medicine and technology, my two major career interests.” She and Tom met while they were both working at Mace’s Pharmacy, she as a clerk, he as a pharmacist.

Personal interests include home decorating and cooking. “I especially like pasta and other Italian dishes. Tom and Grant are my guinea pigs.” She reports that for physical exercise, she has recently resumed an earlier favorite sport—running. “Back in high school I was also in the marching band, playing mellophone.”

As for her association with Philippi Baptist Church, she says, “I really like the variety of approaches to worship, something fresh almost every Sunday and every Sunday evening. And I like the sermon notes in the bulletin. Filling in the spaces in the outline helps me to really hear and understand the points that are being made.”

Anyone meeting Hayley will be attracted by her bright smile and her warm personality. She has become a welcome addition—and a blessing—to the congregation.

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) BCM at Wilcox Chapel	1pm 8:38pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service Chancel Choir	6pm 7:15pm
Fridays	Code Blue (ages 13-17)	6pm-9pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for April

	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Nursery	Christie Allen	Cheryl Wolfe & Allison Villers	Rebekah Hicks	Wanda & Jim Steele
Wee Church	Hayden & Heather Cottrill	Rebekah Hicks & Ashley Willingham	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Hayden & Heather Cottrill
Junior Church	Sara & Eddy Poling	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	Kelly Bracey	Sara & Eddy Poling

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for May

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Nursery	Christie Allen	Rebekah Hicks	Cheryl Wolfe & Allison Villers	Wanda & Jim Steele
Wee Church	Rebekah Hicks & Ashley Willingham	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Hayden & Heather Cottrill	Rebekah Hicks & Ashley Willingham
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What: April meeting of Philippi's American Baptist Women (ABW)
When: 9:30 AM, April 1, 2014
Who: All women of the church are invited to attend and participate.
Program: Loved By God, Empowered With Dignity & Worth-
 Carolyn Davis
Hostess: Joann Marsh
Bible Book of the Month: Micah

Upcoming Events

Board of Missions & Outreach meeting– TBA
Saturday, April 5th– 7:30am– Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, April 6th– 10:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief offering
3:00pm– Blue & Grey Choir rehearsal
7:00pm– Diaconate meeting
Saturday, April 12th– 12pm–4pm- Church reserved
Sunday, April 13th– 3:00pm– Blue & Grey Choir rehearsal
5:00pm– Board of Trustees meeting
7:30pm– Church Council meeting
Friday, April 18th– Good Friday
Saturday, April 19th– 2:00pm– Family Easter event
Sunday, April 20th– Happy Easter!
- 7:00am- Sunrise service at Burbick Hall
- 8:00am- Easter Breakfast
Friday, April 25th– Newsletter Deadline
Saturday, April 26th– Church reserved
Sunday, April 27th– 11:45am– Quarterly business meeting
3:00pm– Blue & Grey Choir rehearsal
4:30pm– Board of Christian Education meeting
Tuesday, April 29th– 5:00pm– Main Street Art Stroll



Barbour County Ministerial Association Lenten Service **Schedule**

April 2 – Pastor Oz Gray – Corley Charge
April 9 – Pastor Rick Williams – New Covenant Church
April 18 – Pastor Bryan Headley – Silent Grove

Union Association Lenten Services

March 30 7:00 p.m. Belington Baptist Church, Pastor Herb Bledsoe
April 6 7:00 p.m. Hepzibah Baptist Church, Pastor Alan Rosenburger
April 13 6:00 p.m. Middleville Baptist Church, Pastor Paul Boyles
“Last Supper”



An Easter Event for Families - Walk with Jesus

Walk with Jesus is a family event, designed to give church families and guests an amazing experience. Walk the path that Jesus walked during Holy Week. Experience a multi-sensory, engaging experience that allows families to travel through together.

Saturday, April 5 from 2-4pm.

After we Walk with Jesus we will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Adopt-A-Highway cleanup schedule: Our next Adopt-A-Highway cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 26, 2014. We will meet in the church basement at 9 AM, and should be finished by about 10:30 AM. We will be participating in the AAH Statewide Cleanup, and volunteers will receive a free gift. Those participating for the first time, please report at 8:30 AM to view the mandatory safety video. Youth, 12 years of age and older can participate. All youth, 18 years old or younger will be partnered with an adult. Please wear leather shoes or boots and long pants, and jackets and hats according to weather conditions. Blaze orange safety vests and garbage bags, and work gloves will be provided. Our assigned highway is 2.2 miles of Rt. 119, between the Covered Bridge and the Rt. 57 intersection. Please contact Craig Cobb at 304-457-3467 if you have any questions, or email him at crc1950@frontier.com. May the good Lord bless those who help to keep His world clean.



--Heart & Hand Thrift Store--
Spring Change over-
VOLUNTEER NIGHT--
Saturday, April
12th--6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
COME JOIN THE FUN!



May's newsletter deadline
is April 25th



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Notice

Due to the new 911 address system the church mailing address has changed. The new address is
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If your address has also changed, please call or email the church office with your new address.

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