



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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I will let you experience the eight passages of scripture that are now placed at the entrances of Barbour County along with the last scripture placed at the geographic center of our county. Pastors Howard and Bernetia Swick from Haven of Hope Worship Center, invited the churches in Barbour to join them in making a stand against the epidemic of drug abuse occurring inside the borders of our county. Last week a few of us from Philippi Baptist joined

their midweek prayer meeting and prayed over the rocks that are now positioned with the following scripture references, one on each rock.

They wanted to place a visual reminder at all seven entrances into our county along with one at the geographic center of Barbour. They prepared considerable sized rocks with bold white letters with the following scripture references. These passages remind us of God's promises and commands to His people. May we use them today as a reminder of our mission and purpose as we reside in this amazing county of Barbour in the heart of our beloved West Virginia.

Join us as we pray for God's deliverance during this war on drug abuse and addiction. We pray for the individuals and families that are being affected by this plague. We pray for the officers of our towns and county and state that are on the frontlines protecting and serving in this war against drug abuse. We pray for our churches to come together in one accord and seek God's direction of walking alongside those caught in the throws of addiction to a place of recovery. We pray for ministries like Celebrate Recovery Barbour County who welcomes all who struggle with Hurts, Habits and Hangups to find healing that comes from our one and only true Higher Power, Jesus Christ.

Joshua 1:3-9

3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.
4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joel 2:25

25 I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent among you.

Isaiah 54:17

17 no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed,
and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment.

This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord
and their vindication from me, declares the Lord."

James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

2 Chronicles 7:14

14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Jeremiah 29:7

7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Ephesians 6:12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Mark 16:15

15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Weirton Christian Center

Serving God and Community Since 1917

3012 Elm Street, Weirton, WV
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A Safe Place for Hundreds of Kids and Their Families

Weirton Christian Center is the only American Baptist National Ministries site in West Virginia. It began in 1909 when a local woman started a Sunday School under a tree near the then-new Weirton Steel Company building. That class soon became the First Baptist Church of Weirton, with outreach especially toward immigrants who were being hired to work in the steel plant. Classes were started in citizenship and the English language, and job training and immunizations were offered.

In 1917 the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society sent a missionary, Mrs. Olive Lord, to help meet community needs. She is credited with founding the Christian Center in three houses donated by the steel company. Over the years, many civic organizations have used the expanded and centralized facilities, and kindergartens were established to meet that need until that program was added to the public school system in the 1970s. The Center then shifted its focus to preschool children

For many years the Weirton Christian Center has been a mission of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, and it is one of the Neighborhood Action projects of the National Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA.

In addition to the preschool program, the Center now offers Afterschool activities for children from kindergarten through high school. In this safe environment, the youngsters are offered homework help, tutoring, and meals, plus lessons in art, music, crafts, dance, and sports. Volunteers also educate the students in health, nutrition, fitness, drug abuse, violence prevention, and values development. God's Time is held once a week with each age group. Local churches provide all kinds of support including volunteer instruction, meal preparation, mentoring, and financial assistance. Help also comes from local agencies such as the public libraries and the Weirton Police.

A campaign is presently underway called "Build-a-Building" to develop funding to purchase a building formerly used for the Boys and Girls Club.



There will be no Men's Prayer Breakfast in August. We invite all the men and boys in the Church to join us in September. Our topics cover a wide variety.



The American Baptist Women's Ministries voted on June 7 to sponsor a diaper shower for the Kenny and Patti Phillips family. Please bring packages of diapers to the church any time in June or July. Any size will do because unopened packages can be traded at the store for whatever other sizes are needed. The diapers can be left in the chapel room at the church. Bless you--and bless the Phillips family.

God grant me the
Serenity
to accept the things I
cannot change...
Courage to
change the things I can
and Wisdom to
know the difference...



Suggested Heart & Hand donation for July & August
Canned or Powdered milk, Peanut Butter, and Canned meat



**Book of the Month:
Deuteronomy**



AB University, Faculty, staff, and students
 Barbour County Homeless
 Rev. herb Bledsoe family
 Celebrate Recovery
 Code Blue
 Irene Conrad
 Ruby Cozad
 Judi Funk
 Ryan Johnson
 Lenore Klaus
 Bailey Larrison
 Local ministries
 Pearl Marks
 Bill Morlan
 Charlee Tomas's Dad
 Jim Warfuel
 Liam Varughese
 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.



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

*Happy
 Birthday!*

- 4- Debbie Mulneix
- 4- Michele Moore
- 8- Jennifer Kines
- 9- Filip Vlasic
- 11- James Steele
- 12-Caitlin Davis
- 12- Carol Yount
- 14-John Cain
- 14- April Gochenour
- 17- Shirley Jacobs
- 19- Clarence Wright
- 21- Judy Marsh
- 22- Dawn Scheick
- 22- Germaine Whitman
- 22-Katie Meader
- 24- Dean Mulneix
- 25- David Daugherty
- 30- Stephanie Hinkle
- 31- Rowan Cottrill



Junior II Camp
 Michele Moore
 Kathy Prussa
 Koreen Villers
 World Mission Conference

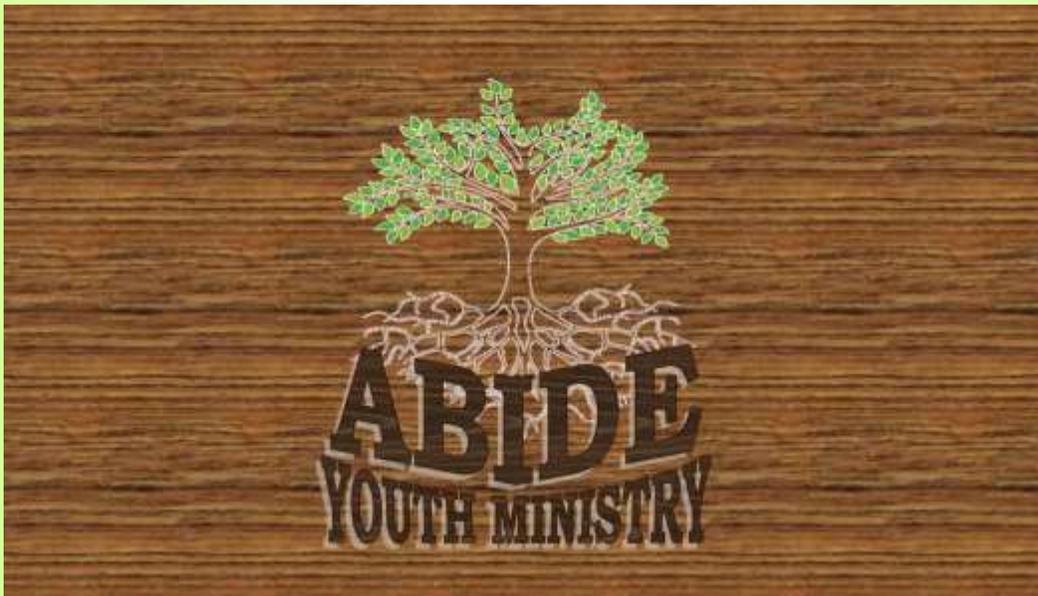


Pray for protection for military personnel and
 their families throughout the world and those
 serving our country:

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



- 5- Jeff & Christie Allen
- 9-Derek & Chelsea (Long) McDowell
- 7- Chuck & Dawn Scheick
- 11- Gerald Fogg & Beth Longo
- 15- Hayden & Heather Cottrill



In August, students can look forward to a night at the Barbour County Fair on the 3rd, a Fall Kick-Off for Abide on the 13th, and the resuming of weekly Abide meetings! Abide meets on Saturdays at 6pm, and is open to students in 6th-12th grades. If you have any questions about the upcoming events, or how you might be able to help out, feel free to contact Madison Riffle at [304-365-4773](tel:304-365-4773) or rifflemh@ab.edu!



The church is in need of some cleaning supplies. For this month we need:

- Murphy's Oil Soap
- Yellow rubber gloves (size large)
- Paper towels for the downstairs women's restroom dispenser

We have raised \$16,200 of our \$26,000 goal for the new church van.



Yesterday, after our "Good Morning Song" at Nursery School, we sang "Jesus in the Morning, Jesus in the Noon-time, Jesus When the Sun Goes Down." For the second verse, I had the children say "Love Him," and for the third verse, I had them say "Thank Him." After we were done singing, I went around the circle and asked each child to name one thing they were thankful for that Jesus had given them. One said "toys," one said "video games", one said "grandma,



mom and daddy and everyone in my family that takes care of me," and one said, "our city!" The last one convicted me and blessed me at the same time! I tend to see all of the things that are wrong with our "sad little town" and not be thankful for all of the things that are right with it! Anyway, it takes a four year old sometimes to show us God's blessings!

~Sarah Cobb

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship	9:15am 10:30am
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	6pm
Saturdays	Abide Youth Ministry	6pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for August

	August 7th	August 14th	August 21st	August 28th
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

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 29th– Monday, August 1st– Family Camp at camp Cowen
 Saturday, August 6th– Celebrate Recovery Fundraiser
 Sunday, August 7th– 11:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief Offering
 6:00pm– Diaconate meeting
 7:30pm– Board of Missions & Outreach meeting
 Thursday, August 11th– 6:30pm– Board of Worship meeting
 Saturday, August 13th– 6pm– Youth Abide Kickoff
 Sunday, August 14th– 4:30pm– Board of Christian Education meeting
 5:00pm– Board of Trustees meeting
 7:30pm– Church Council meeting
 Monday, August 15th– First Day of School for Barbour County
 Thursday, August 18th– Battler Fair at AB
 Saturday, August 20th– CR Leadership meeting

Just a quick reminder!

We are asking all able-bodied members to please park behind the courthouse or in the city lot. We have many handi-capped member who need the closer metered spaces. Thank



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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

