

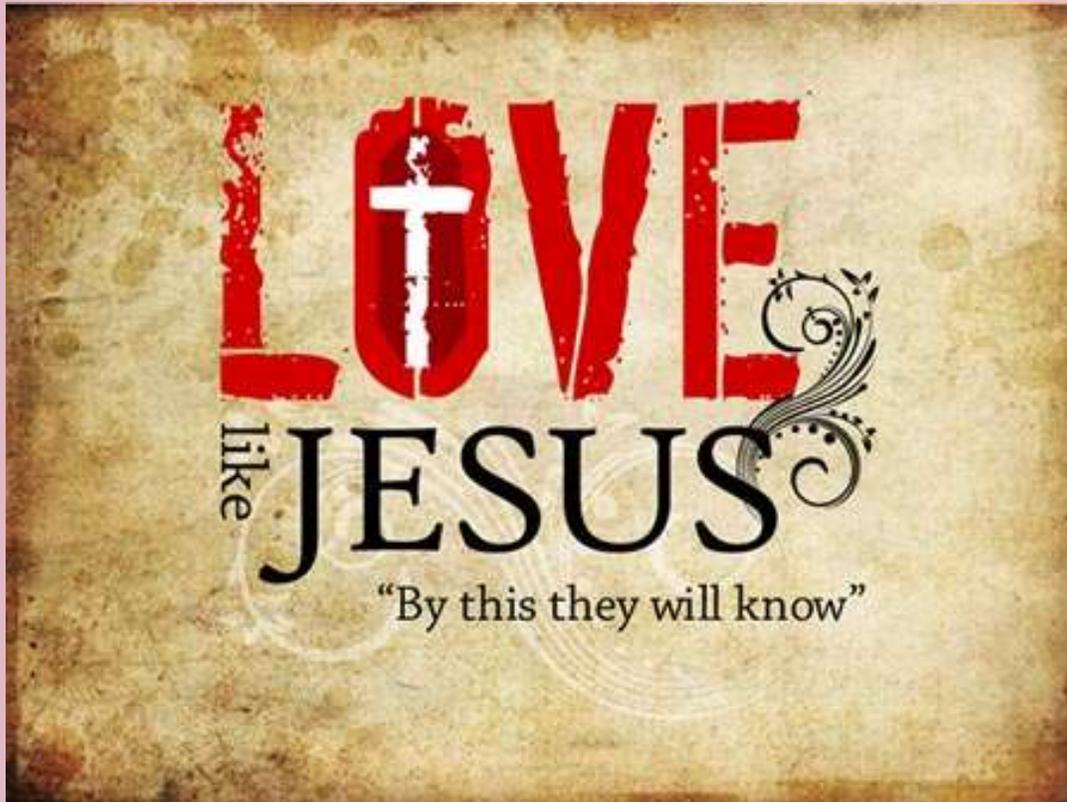


The Baptist Bridge

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.

February 2018

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Special Thanks to Dr. Jeffrey Haggray and Rev. Jerrod Hugenot for their words to us in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Shalom – Pastor Jon

A Dangerous Unselfishness

By Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. ... That's the question before you tonight. Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to my job?" Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to all of the hours that I usually spend in my office every day and every week as a pastor?" The question is not, "If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?" The question is, "If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?" That's the question. ... Well, I don't know what will happen now; we've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life—longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. And so I'm happy tonight; I'm not worried about anything; I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

— The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Annually, we observe the life and legacy of a great American, great Baptist minister and 20th century prophet, born 89 years ago on Jan. 15 in Atlanta: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The poignancy of his prophetic words coupled with the soul-wrenching tenor of his spiritual reflections may cause us to imagine that King was a much older man when he rendered his powerful sermons. King was only 39 years old on the eve of his assassination when he delivered the "Mountaintop" sermon.

In some respects, King eulogized himself in that stirring sermon, wherein he appeared to forecast his own death. He began the sermon by supposing that he was taking a panoramic view of the whole human history up to now, and the Almighty said to me, "Martin Luther King, which age would you like to live in?"

King culminated his ruminations on a series of possibilities for his life by positing himself in the United States of America during the height of the Civil Rights Movement. With all of the glorious options in history that King considered, he might have opted out of his particular socio-political circumstances. Nevertheless, he determined that the ultimate value and meaning of his own life were inseparable from the human and civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

By the time King reached his climactic words above, he had already established rhetorically and biographically that his brief life was dedicated to making dangerous sacrifices for the sake of causes bigger than his own interests. King's admonition—"Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness"—causes shivers up and down the spine of persons of conscience to this day.

Still we find ourselves inhabiting a nation and world in which the denial of human rights, injustice, violence, racial discrimination and a host of other evils that existed in 1968 persists to this day.

Still we find the all-too-human temptation on the part of "good" people to look the other way, not get involved, limit our exposure, mind our own business, or to avoid becoming political or controversial in the face of gross injustices and incivility.

Taking action or speaking up on behalf of others who are suffering indignities, persecution, oppression or any form of human evil is increasingly risky. We can delude ourselves into thinking that if we simply limit our issues, close our eyes, look the other way, focus on self-preservation or "simply pray for all those people suffering" that we have fulfilled our Christian duty. However, the young King set a high bar for all people for generations to come by taking a principled stand for justice on behalf of others, even when doing so increased the risks to his own life. In doing so, said King, he patterned his own life on Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, who risked his life to rescue a complete stranger on the Jericho Road.

As we observe King's legacy during this season of immense social, moral and political unrest in America, the well-being of persons representing a broad spectrum—including immigrants, persons living in poverty, the uninsured, unemployed, homeless, addicted, incarcerated, marginalized, stigmatized, and so on ad infinitum—is threatened daily. The bell of freedom and righteousness continues to summon men and women of conscience and moral concern to sacrifice personal comforts, resources and conventional respectability for the sake of justice, advocacy and protections for all those who are too weak to defend themselves.



What sacrifices are we prepared to make in our time for the sake of others who are defenseless? What might dangerous unselfishness look like for you and me?

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray is executive director and CEO of American Baptist Home Mission Societies and Judson Press.

King's call: accepting the challenge to enter ministry

By the Rev. Jerrod Huguenot

In the summer of 1959, Joan Thatcher, publicity officer for the American Baptist Convention (now known as American Baptist Churches USA) was seeking material for "Life Service Sunday." This initiative was intended to encourage churches to place special Sunday worship emphasis on church vocations. The publicity office sought testimony and insight from notable people who epitomized a life lived in service to Christ and the church.

Thatcher reached out to a minister who, in the late 1950s, was enjoying a rising profile and a good number of American Baptist connections: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She sent a letter to Atlanta, asking King to write about his call to ministry.

As part of her request, Thatcher noted, "Apparently many of our young people still feel that, unless they see a burning bush or a blinding light on the road Damascus, they haven't been called."

King wrote back:

My call to the ministry was neither dramatic nor spectacular. It came neither by some miraculous vision nor by some blinding light experience on the road of life. Moreover, it did not come as a sudden realization. Rather, it was a response to an inner urge that gradually came upon me. This urge expressed itself in a desire to serve God and humanity, and the feeling that my talent and my commitment could best be expressed through the ministry. At first I planned to be a physician; then I turned my attention in the direction of law. But as I passed through the preparation stages of these two professions, I still felt within that undying urge to serve God and humanity through the ministry. During my senior year in college, I finally decided to accept the challenge to enter the ministry. I came to see that God had placed a responsibility upon my shoulders and the more I tried to escape it the more frustrated I would become. A few months after preaching my first sermon I entered theological seminary. This, in brief, is an account of my call and pilgrimage to the ministry.

These words about "call" were shared across the denomination as part of the 1960 Life Service initiative. We read these words today, thanks to the careful archiving of the King Papers, held at Stanford (Calif.) University, and made available online for everyone to access.

We look upon these words from 1960 with the benefit of hindsight, knowing what significance King would take on for the Civil Rights Movement, his greatest public speeches yet to be seared into the minds of generations to come. In this moment of reflection, King recalls a shifting of vocations, uncertain until he was certain about his life's path. It was not in the clarity of a singular moment.

I am reminded of Jürgen Moltmann, who reflected on his life and career as a theologian and observed, "The road emerged only as I walked it."

King came to the realization, yet it was not ultimately a one-time event that overwhelmed. Instead, he found his call to ministry a "response to an inner urge that gradually came upon me." He had to hear it, live with it, perhaps run from it, and then embrace it. And, as any pastor will admit, he had to continue to embrace it through thick and thin.

The Rev. Jerrod Huguenot is associate executive minister of American Baptist Churches of New York State.





Recovery Assistance from the Devastating Earthquakes of April 2015 (9,000 killed and 22, 000 injured) and May 2015 (200 killed and 2,500 injured). Starting over in Manikhel village.

NEPAL BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL'S

Silver Jubilee celebration Trip

APRIL 4-14, 2018

JOIN US IN A FRIENDSHIP TOUR TO KATHMANDU AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

IN 1993, THE NEPAL BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL WAS FORMED. INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES HAS BEEN INVITED BY NBCC TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATION OF THIS MILESTONE EVENT.

THE TRIP WILL INCLUDE VISITING THE VILLAGES OF MILANTAR AND MANIKHEL. THESE AREAS SUSTAINED HEAVY DAMAGE DURING THE 2015 EARTHQUAKES AND OGHS HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THEIR RECOVERY.

OVERNIGHTS WILL BE AT A GUEST HOUSE IN KATHMANDU. DAY TRIPS TO OTHER AREAS ARE PLANNED.

TRIP COST WITHIN NEPAL WILL BE \$660. A NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$200 IS DUE BY FEB. 10, AND THE REMAINDER BY MARCH 1. **AIRFARE IS NOT INCLUDED.** PURCHASE YOUR VISA (\$25 US) ON ARRIVAL. WE FLY TOGETHER FROM WASHINGTON, DC.

PARTIAL ITINERARY
25th ANNIVERSARY
OF BAPTIST
PRESENCE IN NEPAL

VISIT AREAS
HELPED BY OGHS
AFTER THE DEADLY
EARTHQUAKES IN
2015

VISIT WITH OTHER
IM PARTNERS
ABOUT THEIR
WORK

**OPTIONAL BIRD'S
EYE VIEW FLIGHT TO
MT. EVEREST (\$200)**

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Trip cost includes Room,
Board and Travel in Nepal.
Flight costs are not included.

Philippi Baptist Church Youth

Kick-off event for PBCY (Philippi Baptist Church Youth) will be a Souper Bowl Party, Feb 4th 6pm
Admission fee –a non perishable food item to be collected for Heart & Hand food pantry. Special half
time presentation, food, board games, football and fun for all! Anyone under fifth grade needs to be
accompanied by an adult.

Welcome to our new Youth Ministry Interns

Taylor Wagner wagnertm@battlers.ab.edu
& Robert Villers villersra@battlers.ab.edu

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL
PRESENTS
THE ROADSHOW
2018

NO TICKETS REQUIRED
\$10*
AT THE DOOR
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

FOR KING & COUNTRY

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BETHEL MUSIC

ZACH WILLIAMS

SOCIAL CLUB MISFITS

THEROADSHOWTOUR.COM

Feb 11 – PBCY 6-7:30PM we invite all 5-12 grade students
Feb 18 – The Roadshow Tour in Charleston. \$10 admission leave Philippi at 1:30 and back late that night.
Feb 23-25 – Senior High Convention at Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Senior High Convention



Date:

February 23-25, 2018

Location:

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
2150 Mt. Vernon Road,
Hurricane, WV 25526

COST: \$35.00...if postmarked by Monday, February 12th.
\$45 if AFTER Feb. 12th or at the door.
(Money must accompany registration in order to receive early-bird cost. Phone calls will not be accepted as early registration.)

Housing Deadline: Feb. 12th
*All housing requests **must** be postmarked by February 12th, no changes or additions to housing will be accepted after this date...**NO Exceptions!!** Housing should **NOT** be requested by anyone who has made personal arrangements to stay with specific individuals.*

Schedule:

Friday:	
7:00 PM	Registration
8:00 PM	Chris Campbell/Render the Hearts
9:30 PM	Dismiss to Housing
Saturday:	
9:00 AM	Chris Campbell/Render the Hearts
10:30 AM	Interest Groups
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Training Time
2:15 PM	Chris Campbell/Render the Hearts
3:30 PM	Free Time
6:30 PM	Chris Campbell/Render the Hearts
9:30 PM	Dismiss to Housing
Sunday:	
9:00 AM	Chris Campbell/Render the Hearts
10:00 AM	Head Home to Run Your Race

Band: Render the Hearts

The band name comes from Isaiah 6. Verse 10 says to "Render the hearts of this people insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim, otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and return and be healed." The band may be young, but they are making a mark on the Christian music industry. Render the Hearts' driving Pop Rock sound is enhanced by splashes of melodic guitar & keyboard/synth lines, smooth vocal harmonies, and intricate drum rhythms. September 2016 marked the international release of their newest album *Run to Love*. To listen to their music, go to www.renderthehearts.com/music-2/.



Speaker: Chris Campbell

Chris is the president of Resolutions, Inc. and the founder of Generation Freedom U.S.A. As a professional counselor and youth specialist, Chris works on local, state and national platforms to impact teens. He regularly works in some of the most marginalized areas of teen culture; from rural Appalachia, to urban America, to Native American reservations and beyond the borders of the U.S. including refugee communities in Europe and Africa. Chris is involved in the prevention and recovery efforts for human trafficking and works with the WV Attorney General's office in the fight against opiate addiction here in his home state. His dream is to build a network of Christian counseling clinics in strategic locations throughout WV that will specialize in serving teens with the life changing message of freedom in Christ.



Chris lives in north central WV with his wife Cynthia and has two teen daughters. Chris loves to travel, loves to be outdoors and LOVES to cycle.



Rev. Gene Adkins
 AB University, Faculty, staff, and students
 Barbour County Homeless
 Phil Bowers and other officials

Gayle Bruns
 Mike Burr
 Gwen Carpenter
 Celebrate Recovery
 David Cobb
 Code Blue
 Jamie Deem
 Noah Findley
 Carl Gittings
 Charles Hicks
 Gerry Jacobs
 Leadership
 Local ministries
 Judy Mossburg
 Kenny & Patty Phillips
 Alice Richter
 Karen Riffle
 Dawn Scheick
 Stevie Seago
 George Sommer
 Janet Stephens
 Sara Stout
 Cindy Strakal
 Darlene Waddell
 Jim Warfuel
 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 Marks (VA Nursing Home), Vangie Shaffer, Christina Wentz (Mansfield Place), Austin Whitman (Talbot Nursing Home), Germaine Whitman (Texas)



Pray for these missionary families serving around the world:

The Myers in Mexico
 The Aragons in Mexico
 The Smiths in Haiti
 The Vances in Kenya
 The Orners in Madagascar
 The Reeds in Bolivia
 Debbie Mulneix consultant for International Ministries



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



Praises

Robin Henry
 Joyce Isaacs
 Mary Lantz
 Blair Marks

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship PBCY	9:15am 10:30am 6:00pm
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	6pm 7:15pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for February

	February 4th	February 11th	February 18th	February 25th
Nursery	Wanda & Jim Steele	Rebekah Hicks & Margaret Salimi	Zvezdana Vlastic & Bonnie Daugherty	Cheryl Wolfe & Hannah Dixon
Children's Church	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Kelly Bracey & Jennifer Weyandt	Sarah, Pete & Sam Ferguson	Crystal & Wes Gray



Men's Prayer Breakfast
on February 3rd at
7:30AM at the
Medallion

Happy Birthday!

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| 1- Jovan Vlastic | 15- Rosa Lea Kines |
| 2- Tom Dadisman | 17- Janis Sweet |
| 5- Margaret Salimi | 22- Brad Allen |



To my friends at Philippi Baptist Church,

Thank you all ever so much for the generous gift you presented me on Sunday. Working for and worshipping with you is both a great blessing and privilege.

I treasure the friendship you gave to me, and your Christian witness is beyond any calculation in worth.

May God bless all of you, and all those you love.

Most sincerely,
Jud Bracey

Dear friends of Philippi Baptist:

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. I love the continued opportunity to make music with you each week and am grateful for you, my church family.

Love,
Michele

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 3rd– 7:30AM– Men’s Prayer Breakfast at the Medallion
9:00AM– Church Officers’ Training at Parchment Valley

Sunday, February 4th– 10:30AM– Communion/ Deacon Relief Offering
Pack Valentine Boxes
4:30PM– Diaconate Meeting
6:00PM– Souper Bowl Event/ PBCY Kick Off

Saturday, February 10th– 2PM– Church Reserved

Sunday, February 11th– 11:45AM– Board of Christian Education Meeting
11:45AM– Board of Missions & Outreach Meeting
11:45AM– Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00PM– Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
6:00PM– PBCY

Saturday, February 17th– 2PM– Church Reserved

Sunday, February 18th– 11AM– ABU Mission Team Spaghetti Dinner
The Road Show Tour in Charleston

Friday, February 23rd– Sunday, February 25th– Senior High Convention at Mount Vernon Baptist

Saturday, February 24th– 8:00AM– AB Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Middleville Baptist Church
2:00PM– Church Reserved

Sunday, February 25th– 5:00PM– Board of Worship Meeting



The Board of Christian Education is in need of volunteers for Children's Church and Nursery. Please contact Jennifer Weyandt if you can volunteer. If you already volunteer then let Jennifer know which Sunday you prefer.

The Board of Christian Education is asking for donations to fill the Student Valentine boxes. Please drop off any donations of candy, cookies, Little Debbie cakes. etc. by February 4th. You may place them in the Middle School classroom (Jim and Wanda's room).



The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring an event on the 4th of February. It will be a Souper Bowl party! Snacks are provided by the board but all are welcome to bring their favorite snack to watch the game. Kick-off is at 6:30! The youth interns will also be providing activities! Come and bring a friend!

Admission Fee: No-perishable food item for Heart & Hand



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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

