



The Baptist Bridge

January 2013

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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God made all the colors of the rainbow, I can't deny.
But orange has always been the apple of my eye.

I would much rather talk about the bright colors of the rainbow. That is where I live, literally. I do understand that all shades of color are in fact needed. The dark and grey shades of life can be a challenge to say the least. Not only do we grieve for the losses in Newtown, CT. We also have heavy hearts for the families walking through times of illness with loved ones. It is in the midst of those anxious times when God's presence seems to show up in the most unusual ways.

I have witnessed this first hand this past month throughout the halls of several hospitals in our area. Even when the outcomes looked the bleakest, there always seemed to be an experience of being able to help someone else in the midst of their dark time or words and prayers of encouragement would come from the most unlikely places just as it was needed the most.

My mom has a life verse. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 ESV) She has shared it many times with folks who are walking through difficult situations in their lives. As a pastor's wife for 50 years, she has been there in times of great celebration and in times of great sorrow.

My mom and dad both live out this verse by first loving God with all that they have. At 82 years old, you found my dad this past Monday out delivering hot meals to the "old" people in the Handley, WV community. Also my mom helps with the children's programs at their church and is a grandmother to dozens of kids in that small community. Everyday they live out their love for God by being in and participating in the lives of those in the communities they serve. It is out of their love for God that they know He works all things together for good. The scripture does not say all things are good. This is clearly seen around us everyday. All things are not good. God works in the midst of all things to bring about good.

One small example of that was lived out when a family found their Disney trip to Florida changed because of a critical health issue. They could not cancel the housing arrangements so they offered it to another family who had just recently lost a child to cancer. It will now be a time for that mom and dad with their remaining children to start the healing process after such a difficult ordeal.

I have also seen this first hand in the last week. I got a 'gift' during the night after opening the rest of my presents on Christmas Day - Flu-like symptoms! I had a cough that would not quit, aching muscles, low grade temperature, sore throat, etc! Myers Clinic took care of me in swift fashion the next morning and said I had a couple days for Tamiflu to work its magic and stay at home. We also got a call that Tommy Roy had been placed back in the hospital with congestive heart failure and was struggling for every breath. I felt so helpless and called on the deacons of our church to respond. We had two deacons mobilized and checked on Jean within the hour and other deacons said they would check on them later on. The Roy's son could not make it in till the following day, so our deacons also provided transportation for Jean and Martha Rose for the next couple of days while the road conditions remained unpredictable. I praise the Lord for such a caring community he has placed us in here at Philippi Baptist!

A blessed New Year to you all, even through all the colors of the rainbow.

Shalom,

Pastor Jon



A-B College, President
Creehan faculty, staff and
students

Joyce Bard & family
Denny Poling-Bowers
Lee Beuckman

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

Tim Jenkins,
Chris Mossburg,
Major Kris Wood and
Captain Aaron Cross

Abby Blankenship
Eleanor Ruth Burton
Holly Camacho
Audrey Cross
Sharon Cross
Becky and Mike Elmore
Melissa Franke's Aunt Gail
Jonie Friend & family
Jane Gibbons
Joe & Beverly Gouer
Stephanie Hinkle
Corporal Charles Jackson James
George Kratsas
Christina Maddy
Donal Matthews
Angel McCullough
Amanda Means
Amanda Mayle
Donna Moore
Dr. Jennifer Parks
Penny & Euida from Baughman Towers
Brenda & Gary Price
Dorine Righman
Robinson Run Mine catastrophe
Julanne Roy
Margaret Salimi
Sandy Hook Elementary & Newown, CT
Mary Selvaggi
Tommy Singley family
Kaley Sinsel
Don Smith
Swick family
Donna Thorne



- 4- Elizabeth Withers
- 6- Clyde Sphon
- 7- Ben Mattsinger
- 9- Robert Digman
- 9- Sue LoBello
- 10- Jeff Allen
- 10- Petar Vlastic
- 17- Marija Sommer
- 20- Linda Long
- 23- Dennis Stull



Thanks to your generous support we were able
to exceed our goal for Retired Ministers &
Missionaries Offering (RMMO)!



Otilia Franke (Mansfield Place)
Blair & Pearl Marks,
Dr. Shearer,
Mary Tamulitis
Vangie Shaffer: (Mansfield Place)
Germaine & Austin
Whitman,




Unspoken requests for family members, unsaved people,
community concerns, job and home loss, financial difficul-
ties.

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.


We have received several wonderful Christmas Cards at Philippi Baptist this year. One card came in that had a beautiful picture of the nativity scene on the front and the card was of the same picturesque quality. Inside, along with a wonderful contribution to the church, was also a folded obituary clipping from the Jerusalem Gazette.

Jerusalem **OBITUARIES** 33 AD



Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

For God so loved the world
That he gave his one & only son
That whoever believes in him shall not perish,
But have eternal life.

John 3:16

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship Sunday Nite Lite (6th- 12th grades)	9:15 10:30 6pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house) Baptist Campus Ministires (@ AB)	1pm 8:38pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service Choir practice	6pm 7pm- 8:20pm
Thursdays	Chapel Service (@ Wilcox Chapel) while classes are in session	11pm
Fridays	Code Blue (ages 13-17)	6pm-9pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for December

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Nursery	Wanda Steele James Steele	Christie Allen Need Volunteer	Rebekah Hicks Need Volunteer	Cheryl Wolfe Allison Villers
Wee Church	Cheryl and Abby Blankenship	Koreen Villers Bobby Villers	Tom Dadisman Pete Ferguson	Heather Cottrill Hayden Cottrill
Junior Church	Sarah Ferguson Pete Ferguson	Kelly Bracey Lindsay Bracey	Chuck Ervin Carol Ervin	Sara Poling Eddy Poling

COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

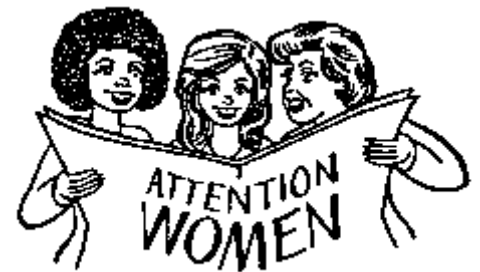
Who: Women of the Church

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 9:30am

Program: Recovery

Bible Book of the Month - Proverbs



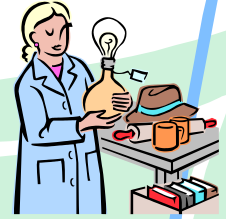
We will be collecting Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education throughout the year.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

Upcoming Events



Hey, all you eager volunteer!

Save Monday, January 7th
For volunteer night at the Heart & Hand
Thrift Store
6:30pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 5th– 7:30am– Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, January 6th– 10:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief Fund
Monday, January 7th– 6:30pm– Heart & Hand Volunteer Night
7:00pm– Code Blue Youth Alliance Board of Directors meeting
Sunday, January 13th– 11:45am– Board of Christian Education meeting
6:00pm– All Boards & Committees meeting
7:30pm– Church Council meeting
Saturday, January 19th– 5pm– U-Link Youth Lock-in at AB Coliseum (Battlers vs. Bluefield)
Saturday, January 26th– 6pm– Family Game Night
Sunday, January 27th– 11:45am– Fellowship meal

Philippi Baptist Church Officers, Boards, Committees 2013

Moderator– George Davis
Vice Moderator– Charles Scheick
Financial Secretary– Clarence Wright
Assistant Financial Secretary– Scott Springer
Treasurer– Craig Cobb
Assistant Treasurer– Jeff Allen
Clerk– Carolyn Davis

Diaconate– (expiring 2013) Kelly Bracey, Glenn Sweet, JD Long, (expiring 2014) Chuck Scheick, Carolyn Davis, Petar Vlasic, (expiring 2015) Ken Waddell, Cheryl Wolfe, Gary Price

Board of Trustees- (expiring 2013) Skip Ervin, Mary Boyer, (expiring 2014) Hayden Cottrill, Randy Moore, (expiring 2015) Greg Mouser, Marj Campbell

Board of Christian Education- (expiring 2013) Sara Poling, Sarah Ferguson, (expiring 2014) Crystal Gray, Koreen Villers, (expiring 2015) Rebekah Hicks, Judi Funk (Superintendent)

Board of Outreach & Missions- (expiring 2013) Margaret Salimi, Linda Howell, (expiring 2014) Martha Rose Roy, Zvesdana Vlasic, (expiring 2015) Dawn Scheick, Dianna Wright

Board of Worship- (expiring 2013) Eddy Poling, Carol Ervin, (expiring 2014) Jovan Vlasic, Lauren Lindsey, (expiring 2015) Heather Cottrill, Cheryl Blankenship

Pastorial Relations Committee– (expiring 2013) Gerald Fogg (unexpired term), (expiring 2014) Linda Long, (expiring 2015) Jane Sweet, Pastorial Appointments: Darlene Waddell , Michele Moore

Finance Committee– (expiring 2013) Clarence Wright (Financial Secretary), Craig Cobb (Treasurer), Bob Digman, Gary Price, Bruce Blankenship, Scott Springer (Assistant Financial Secretary), Jeff Allen (Assistant Treasurer)

Nominating Committee– Chuck Scheick, Rebekah Hicks, Barbara Smith, Christie Allen, Bob Boyer



January 19-20, 2013

5:30 p.m. Saturday to Noon Sunday

@ AB College &

AM WORSHIP @ PHILIPPI BAPTIST

All-in-1 Event Includes:

Watching 2 Basketball Games and
Participating in Food, Fun,
Service, and Worship!

Featuring:

Battlers Basketball!

Bring a Friend!

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The West Virginia Baptist Convention staff has planned the Annual Church **Officers' Training** Event for Saturday, **February 9, 2013** at Parchment Valley Conference Center. The cost is \$15 per person for the day, including lunch. Registration begins at 9am.



We are asking all boards & Committees to meet at **6pm on January 13th**. We are asking each board & committee to select chairpersons and secretaries. Each board is asked to submit a calendar of events for 2013 at the Church Council meeting. The chairperson or one member of each board is then asked to stay for the Church Council meeting starting at 7:30pm. Our main agenda will be to compile a 2013 Church Calendar for the year.