



The Baptist Bridge

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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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So what possesses a person to hop on a bus in Parkersburg WV at 10pm on a Wednesday night and arrive outside of Kansas City some 15 hours later? I was letting the wind of God's Spirit to blow where it wished!

I had the privilege of attending an American Baptist Biennial Gathering in Overland Park/Kansas City, Kansas, from June 21-23, 2013. The event featured dynamic speakers, powerful worship, and a new Mission Summit Conversations component, during which attendees engaged in dialogue about mission challenges faced by churches across the denomination. The Overland Park Convention Center in southeast Kansas played host to 2,500 Christians from around the globe.

Reflecting on Mission Summit 2013, Ruth Clark, president of American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), said "When God's people come together to worship and pray, God meets us in ways we cannot foresee. We thank God for all who came with open hearts and open minds, willing to share about the ways their churches are ministering while learning about effective ministries from others. We pray that what has occurred here will be the inspiration for multiplied ministries that will build the Kingdom of God and bring blessing to those who need to know God's love as each of us become the hands and feet of Christ wherever we are."

"We have come to expect wonderful and inspiring services of worship but we were exceptionally blessed this weekend," said Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, general secretary of ABCUSA. "Michelle Alexander opened our sessions with a challenge to us on Friday night to embrace a new issue, the mass incarceration of minorities and the poor, and the resulting creation of a new caste system in our society."

"Saturday evening was rich as we celebrated the stirring history of the Judsons' mission to Burma," Medley said. "The several mass choirs from Burma thrilled us and we were encouraged by General Secretary Yam Kho Pau from Burma and the strength of the Baptist Churches in Burma. We were also inspired by a powerful message from Baptist World Alliance President Rev. Dr. John Upton."

We then ended on Sunday with a message from Rev. Matthew Sturtevant, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lawrence, Kansas, and with Mark Hayes choral piece, "To Love our God," It was awesome.

The main passage of scripture that was used as our theme for this historical event was John 3:8 - "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

I was inspired and challenged to be a part of the Spirit's movement in my neighborhood and across the world.

A key component to Mission Summit 2013: An American Baptist Biennial Gathering was the Mission Summit Conversations. American Baptists attending Mission Summit met in small groups during three separate sessions, focusing on self-selected topics in order to share learnings, surface insights, and suggest experiments related to those topics.

I would encourage you to see the results of the table discussions by going to missionconversations.com

Click on the link to take you to the list of topics and the summaries of the three sessions for each topic is found by clicking on the 'more info' link located near the right edge of each topic section.

Shalom,
Pastor Jon



There is a recommendation from the Worship Board that we allow our worship services to not be stifled or bound by a printed agenda in the bulletin. The detailed order of service will be greatly reduced and opportunity for notes on the sermon will be provided. This will be a summer trial for July. All input is encouraged to be forwarded to the worship board in writing.



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

- Bryson Akingbemi
- Vernon Barley
- Lee Beuckman
- Rev. Paul Byrd
- Holly Camacho
- Camp Cowen staff
- Audrey Cross
- Clinton Dean
- Todd Dumire
- Melissa Franke's Aunt Gail
- Rita Franke
- Joe & Beverly Gouer
- Vivian Hathaway
- Christina Maddy
- Amanda Means
- Donna Moore
- Debbie Mulneix
- Frankie Poling
- Butch Price
- Steve Richter
- Dorine Righman
- Mary Selvaggi
- Kaley Sinsel
- Jim Stright
- Rusty Thompson
- Gavin Tucker

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.



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



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

- Tim Jenkins,
- Chris Mossburg,
- Major Kris Wood
- Captain Aaron Cross
- Corporal Charles Jackson James (injured)

Praises

- Margaret Salimi
- Germaine Whitman
- Christina Wood



- 2- Bobby Villers
- 2- Thomas Villers
- 6- Pastor Don Walls
- 9- Carol Ervin
- 16- Bruce Blankenship
- 20- Randy Moore
- 22- Richard Hepler
- 29- Taylor Smith
- 30- Erin Davis
- 31- Caleb Villers



- 3- George & Marija Sommers
- 11- Gary & Brenda Price
- 16- Jud & Kelly Bracey
- 29- Pete & Sarah Ferguson
- 30- Bruce & Cheryl Blankenship



Starting with BCM—

Ashley Willingham reports that until she began attending the BCM meetings and came for worship services at PBC, she had never been a church-goer. As a result of her experiences with those two groups of Christians, however, she was baptized by Pastor Jon Villers and his assistant, Caleb Villers, at Myrtle Beach two years ago and became a member of the congregation.

Originally from Williamsport, Maryland, Ashley has two brothers and a sister. She will be a senior at Alderson-Broadus this fall, majoring in Elementary and Special Education. “I’ve thought about other vocations,” she says, “but I kept coming back to education, and now I can’t wait to get into teaching.” As to where that will be, she is not sure. Her fiancé is from Ventura, California. He came to play baseball and coach softball with J.D. Long, majoring in Athletic Training. “It’s not likely we’ll go back out west,” Ashley says. “The cost of living is very high, and job opportunities are not as good as in Maryland.”

Pretty, dark-haired Ashley says that she’s something of an athlete herself. She likes to play basketball and do anything outdoors. Not surprisingly, she is a Baltimore Orioles fan.

Mike Torries, whom Ashley plans to marry in September 2014, is living in Williamsport this summer, working for UPS, while Ashley stays in Philippi and works in the Maintenance Department at A-B. “Mainly,” she reports, I’ve been painting rooms.”

Asked why she chose A-B as her college, she says, “It’s a small school, and I didn’t know anyone, which was fine with me. There was no one checking on me, but in an emergency, I could still get home quickly. It’s been a great experience, and I really like the church, especially when college students take part in the services, like singing. And I enjoy the skits, and I especially appreciate the diversity of the membership. I’m not sure what a church is supposed to be, but I feel welcome and supported here. I’m young in the faith and still learning, and I’m just amazed by how much the children of the congregation know and how strong their faith is.”

Ashley Willingham has been attending the Wednesday night Bible Study sessions and shows good evidence of strong faith of her own.

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)	1pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service Choir practice	6pm 7pm– 8:20pm
Fridays	Code Blue (ages 13-17)	6pm-9pm

Children’s Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for July

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Nursery	Wanda Steele James Steele	Christie Allen Need Volunteer	Rebekah Hicks Need Volunteer	Cheryl Wolfe Allison Villers
Wee Church	Rebekah Hicks	Koreen Villers Thomas Villers	Cheryl Blankenship Abby Blankenship	Heather Cottrill Hayden Cottrill
Junior Church	Sarah Ferguson Pete Ferguson	Kelly Bracey Lindsay Bracey	Pete Ferguson Sarah Ferguson	Sara Poling Eddy Poling



Saturday, July 20th

9:30 a.m. — Registration will start
 10:00 a.m.— Classes begin
 11:30 a.m. — Lunch
 2:30 p.m. — Singing program for parents and family to attend.
 3:00 p.m. — Ice cream in fellowship hall

Classes will be open for children ages 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, and Middle School....

Any adult that would like to participate that day is welcome to call Cheryl Wolfe at [304-457-2910](tel:304-457-2910). We welcome all helpers....and we will find a job for you.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 30th—Saturday, July 6th— Mid-High Camp At Camp Cowen
Monday, July 1st— 6:30pm— Heart & Hand Volunteer Night
Saturday, July 6th— Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Medallion
Sunday, July 7th— 10:30am— Communion & Deacon Relief Fund
6:00pm— Board of Deacons meeting
Sunday, July 14th— 4:30pm— Board of Christian Education meeting
6:00pm— Board of trustees meeting
7:30pm— Church Council meeting
Saturday, July 20th— TBA— Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 20th— Saturday, July 27th— Junior II Camp at Camp Cowen
Sunday, July 21st— 4:00pm— Chaplain Service at Mansfield Place
6:00pm— Board of Missions & Outreach meeting
6:00pm— Board of Worship meeting
Sunday July 28th— Saturday, August 3rd— Family Camp at Camp Cowen



Mid-High Camp-Grades 9th-11th
June 30-July 6
Senior Day-2013 High School Grads
July 13
Sr. High Camp-10th-H.S. Grads
July 14-20
Junior II Camp-Grades 5th-6th
July 21-27

Older Midler-Grades 3rd-4th
August 3-6
Family Camp-All ages
July 28-August 3
Camp Global-All ages
August 31-September 1
ABMen's Camp Men & Boys
August 9-11



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, July 6th @ 7:30am
At the Medallion



Dear PBC,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, support & Well Wishes over the years. You have been a great support system & I will always have great memories as I move on the next chapter in my life.

~Morgan Franke

“Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. However, it was not declared a legal holiday until 1941.”



“The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it.

The names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were withheld from the public for more than six months to protect the signers. If independence had not been achieved, the treasonable act of the signers would have, by law, resulted in their deaths.

Thomas McKean was the last to sign in January, 1777.”



“Uncle Sam was first popularized during the War of 1812, when the term appeared on supply containers. Believe it or not, the U. S. Congress didn't adopt him as a national symbol until 1961.

The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson was a meat packer who provided meat to the US Army. The meat shipments were stamped with the initials, U.S. Someone joked that the initials stood for “Uncle Sam”. This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States government.”



“June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress, looking to promote national pride and unity, adopted the national flag. ‘Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.’”

The National Flag was given the name “Old Glory” on August 10, 1831.

- See more at: <http://www.holidaymetro.com/independence-day-facts/#sthash.JLGAuyC8.dpuf>



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Union Association Cluster Services

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
July		No meeting	
August 4th	7:00pm	Belington Baptist Church	Herb Bledsoe
September 8th	7:00pm	First Baptist Church of Grafton	Orville Wright
October 6th	7:00pm	Webster Baptist Church	Bruce Hoffman
November 3rd	6:00pm	Middleville Baptist Church	Paul Boyles
December 1st	6:00pm	Philippi Baptist Church	Jon Villers



--Heart & Hand Thrift Store--
VOLUNTEER NIGHT--
Monday, July 1st
-6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
COME JOIN THE FUN!