

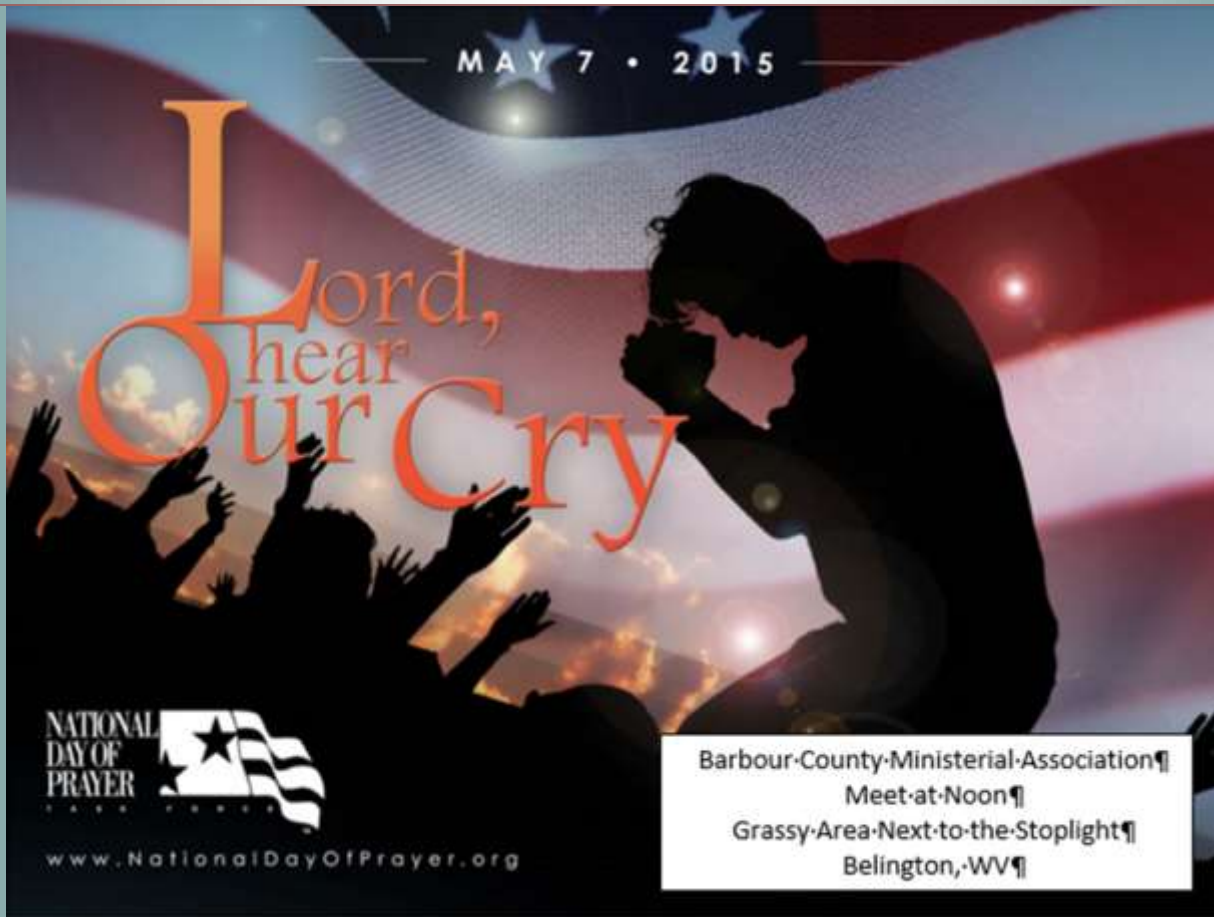


The Baptist Bridge

May 2015

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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A Word from the Pastor

The 64th annual National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2015, will have profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne.

Our theme for 2015 is Lord, Hear Our Cry, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men. To further highlight our theme, we've chosen I Kings 8:28 as our Scripture for this year: "Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day."

For the May 7th observances, Dr. Jack Graham, the 2015 Honorary Chairman, wrote a special prayer to be simultaneously read throughout the nation at noon (EDT). This recitation will create a huge wave of prayer, flowing from one coast to the other, illustrating the unity of God's people and acknowledging His dominion over the circumstances facing us. Millions of people will gather to pray at thousands of events facilitated by our volunteer coordinators and people just like you! We hope you'll join with our staff again as we seek to bring more communities than ever before together in prayer.

At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a personal priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to incorporate prayer in their lives. The Lord has graciously anointed our efforts, empowering them to touch and change many hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing His hand move across our land in exciting ways each May in response to our petitions!

Here is a copy of Dr. Jack Graham's Prayer:

"Heavenly Father,

We come to You in the Name that is above every name—Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our hearts cry out to You.

Knowing that You are a prayer-answering, faithful God—the One we trust in times like these—we ask that You renew our spirits, revive our churches, and heal our land.

We repent of our sins and ask for Your grace and power to save us. Hear our cry, oh God, and pour out Your Spirit upon us that we may walk in obedience to Your Word.

We are desperate for Your tender mercies. We are broken and humbled before You.

Forgive us, and in the power of Your great love, lift us up to live in Your righteousness.

We pray for our beloved nation. May we repent and return to You and be a light to the nations. And we pray for our leaders and ask that You give them wisdom and faith to follow You.

Preserve and protect us, for You are our refuge and only hope.

Deliver us from all fears except to fear You, and may we courageously stand in the Truth that sets us free.

We pray with expectant faith and grateful hearts.

In Jesus' name, our Savior.

Amen."

- 2015 National Prayer by Dr. Jack Graham

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We invite one and all to join us in the National Day of Prayer next Thursday, May 7th, 2015 in Belington, WV at the grassy area next to the stop light. The service starts at Noon. We want all of Barbour County to come and stand with us as we lift our voices to the God of all Nations!

Beginning with the American Legion Post 96 bringing in the colors to singing hymns and praying for all concerns, this service will be one not to miss. Rev. Jim Tallman will bring a short message and Pastors from the Barbour County Ministerial Association will be the prayer leaders.

Congratulations Graduates!



Philip Barbour High School
Faith Cline

Alderson Broaddus University
SarahEllen Dillon (December)
Ashley Mace
Drew Noffsinger
Madison Riffle
Jaclyn Smith
Jennifer Weyandt
Jennifer Wheeler

Florida State University
Tim Wright- PHD in Psychology

*Happy
Birthday!*

5- Kelly Bracey	16- Jennifer Wheeler	25- Jud Bracey
5- Anne Jones	20- Caton Hill Jr.	26- Wesley Gray
8- Vangie Shaffer	22- Pat Cain	26- Hayden Cottrill
9- Andrew Sweet	24- Elizabeth Wentz	28-Olin Campbell
13- Grant Dadisman	24- Malachi McCullough	31- Jane Digman



AB University, President Creehan,
 Faculty, staff, and students
 Barbour County Homless
 Stephanie Bassel
 Lee & Sue Beuckman
 Connie & Gary Booth
 Jean Bowles
 Chris Broadwater
 Debbie Buntrock
 Celebrate Recovery
 Church van
 Code Blue
 Ruby Cozad
 Fred Daugherty
 Aaron Dunlap
 Shaquille Evans
 Rusty Freeman
 Crystal Gray's sise
 Ruben Habus
 Anthony Hinkle
 Virginia Hinkle
 Andrew Kerr
 George Kratsas
 Local ministries
 Detra McVey
 Men's Step Studies
 Rev. Ken Miller
 Myers missionary family in Mexico
 Michael Perry
 Michael Perry's uncle Kirby
 Michelle Phenix
 City of Philippi leadership
 Daniel Prussa
 John & Susan Quick
 Madison Riffle's parents
 Elody Shrader
 George Sommer
 Student teachers
 Roger Taylor
 Jim Wilkie
 Women's Step Studies
 PBC 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,



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



The Fergusons
 Rebekah Hicks
 Michele Moore's sister-in-law
 Greg Mouser
 5 new licensed ministers at PBC
 Amber Riffle
 Ashley Riffle
 Margaret Salimi



8-Austin & Germaine Whitman

9-George & Kathy Kratsas

11- John & Rebekah Hicks

27- Jon & Koreen Villers

27- Eddy & Sara Poling



West Virginian Through and Through

Lauren Brandon was born and raised in Romney and, after graduating from high school, came to Alderson Broaddus as a member of the musical group, The West Virginians. She graduated with a degree in Music Education and went to Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, for her master's degree in conducting. After teaching in a middle school in Danville, Illinois, she enrolled in the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and, while returning to AB to teach, earned a doctorate in conducting. Before coming back to AB, however, she taught at Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota.

Now in her eighth year at AB, Lauren is the Chair of the School of Music and conducts the Concert Choir and the Chapel Choir and the West Virginians. She also teaches conducting and music history.

The mother of five-year-old Nina, who spends her weekdays with Sarah Cobb in day care, Lauren notes that the two of them share the work—and fun--of a vegetable garden outside their Philippi apartment. They also enjoy going to Sunset Beach, North Carolina, where Lauren's family now lives.

"I attended Philippi Baptist Church while I was a student," Lauren recalls, "and we started back before Nina was born. We wanted her to grow up, as I did, in a church family. This church was a natural for us—familiar and comfortable." She continues. "I fill in for Jud Bracey when he needs me with the chancel choir, and I've been on the Board of Worship, and I'm on the Pastoral Relations Committee. I've also become very active in Celebrate Recovery." She laughs. "I joined that group when it began, and I sing with the Praise Team as an act of worship, a way of getting closer to God. I needed something that would provide spiritual healing, and before I knew it, I had become one of the leaders of CR. It has been an incredible gift."

As for her vision for Philippi Baptist Church, Lauren says, "I would like to see us even more active in meeting the needs of the community, and I'd like to see all of us becoming even more open to diversity, reaching out to others, openly sharing our trials and our triumphs. I believe God wants us to love others, to serve others, and this church, through Celebrate Recovery and its other programs, is surely trying to do that." Obviously, Lauren Brandon is setting a good example for the rest of the congregation.

Weekly Events

Sundays	Men's Step Studies	7:30am
	Sunday School	9:15am
	AM Worship	10:30am
	Parable Bible Study	6:00pm
	Celebrate Recovery Praise Team Practice	6:30pm
Mondays	Celebrate Recovery	6:30pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house)	12:45pm
	Baptist Campus Ministry	8:38pm
Wednesdays	Women's Step Studies	5:30pm
	Midweek Service	6pm
	Chancel Choir Practice	7:15pm
Fridays	Code Blue (ages 13-17)	6pm-9pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for May

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Nursery	Wanda & Jim Steele	Janet Baughman	Zvezdana Vlastic	Cheryl Wolfe & Bobby Villers	
Wee Church	Rebekah Hicks & Chandler Poling	Hayden & Heather Cottrill	Koreen Villers & Sam Ferguson	Wes & Crystal Gray	
Junior Church	Kelly Bracey & Gage Poling	Sara & Eddy Poling	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	Angel McCullough & Thomas Villers	

COME SEE WHAT ABW HAS TO OFFER

American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet at 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 5th.

Women's Banquet

\$5 Jody Sperry & Barbara Springer are taking reservations

Our emphasis is on Code Blue

Bible Book of the Month - Malachi

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



Anyone who is considering volunteering with children/youth will need to have a background check completed. We can always use the help, so if you are interested please contact the church office to get the process started.

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 1st– Saturday, May 2nd– Men’s Work Weekend at Camp Cowen
Saturday, May 2nd– 7:30am– Men’s Prayer Breakfast
8am-2pm– City Wide Yard Sale/ CR Fundraiser
Sunday, May 3rd– 10:30am– Communion & Deacon relief Offering
3:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Rehearsal
4:30pm– Diaconate Meeting
5:00pm– Board of Mission s& Outreach Meeting
6:00pm– Union Association Cluster Service at Flemington Baptist
Tuesday, May 5th– 6:00pm– American Baptist Women’s Banquet
Thursday, May 7th– 5:00pm– Volunteering at Heart & Hand Food Pantry
7:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 10th– Mother’s Day
11:45am– Board of Christian Education Meeting
3:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm– Board of Trustees Meeting
7:30pm– Church Council Meeting
Thursday, May 14th– 7:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 15th– Saturday, May 16th– Youth Work Party at Camp Cowen
Sunday, May 17th– 3:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Rehearsal
4:00pm– Pastor Jon Leads Chapel Service at Mansfield Place
Monday, May 18th– Wednesday, May 20th– Minister’s Council Spring Retreat at Camp Cowen
Thursday, May 21st– 7:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 22nd & Saturday May 23rd– Church Reserved– Wedding
Sunday, May 24th– 10:30am– Memorial Day Service
3:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 28th– 7:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 29th– 8:00am- Blue & Gray Kids Day
Saturday, May 30th– 10am-12pm– Celebrate Recovery Service and Leadership meeting
2:00pm– Blue & Gray Choir Performance

*Save
the
Date!*

Vacation Bible School
July 25th



**Men’s Prayer
Breakfast**
Sat., May 2nd @
7:30am
At the Medallion



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Suggested Heart & Hand donation for
March:

Side items & Jiffy Mix

Heart & Hand Christmas box donation
suggestions:

Soap, deodorant & shampoo

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