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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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 www.tinyurl.com/pbcwvgive

From The Pastors Desk



Hello PBC Family!

Jesus revealed in us by Anne Graham Lotz

I want to thank Ms. Lotz for providing us a wonderful reminder of our role to play in God's Kingdom.

Those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. — 1 Peter 4:19

If our kids always behave
and our boss is always pleased
and our home is always orderly
and our bodies always feel good
and we are patient and kind
and thoughtful
and happy
and loving,
others shrug because they're capable of being that way too.

On the other hand,
if we have a splitting headache,
the kids are screaming,
the phone is ringing,
the supper is burning,
yet we are still patient, kind, thoughtful, happy, and loving, the world sits up and takes notice.
The world knows that kind of behavior is not natural. It's supernatural. And others see Jesus revealed in us.

~ Just Give Me Jesus

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You Can Know God

You will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. — Deuteronomy 4:29 NKJV

If Adam knew God as a beloved Father,
if Eve knew Him as the original Homemaker,
if Noah knew Him as the Refuge from the storm,
if Abraham knew Him as a Friend,
if Moses knew Him as the Redeemer,
if Rahab knew Him as the gracious Savior,
if David knew Him as his Shepherd,
if Elijah knew Him as the Almighty,
if Daniel knew Him as the Lion Tamer,
if Mary Magdalene knew Him as the Bondage Breaker, if Martha knew Him as the Promise Keeper,
if Lazarus knew Him as the Resurrection and the Life, if Bartimaeus knew Him as the Light of the World,
if John knew Him as the glorious King upon the throne,
surely you and I can know Him too!

~ *Just Give Me Jesus*

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The Sufficiency of God's Power

To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,... be glory. — Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

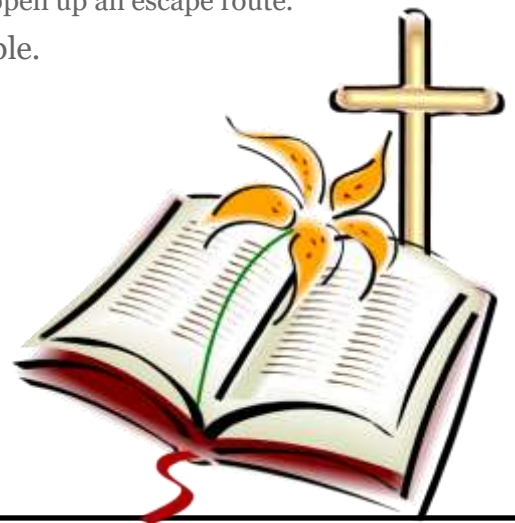
If you are questioning the sufficiency of God's power to resolve your problems and pressures, your suffering and stress, your crisis and change, His answer is the same. The infinite power of the living *Logos of God is adequate for any need you or I will ever have.*

We may intellectually grasp the truth that God's power is adequate, but we can never know that by experience if we stay in our comfort zone. If all you ever attempt is what you know you can do yourself, if all your needs seem to be met through someone or something other than God, if you never have any difficulties that are greater than you can bear — how will you know the awesome greatness and personal availability of His infinite power?

It's when the Red Sea is before you, the mountains are on one side of you, the desert is on the other side, and you feel the Egyptian army closing in from behind that you experience His power to open up an escape route. He has power to do the supernatural, the unthinkable, the impossible.

~ *Just Give Me Jesus* ~

Excerpted from *The Joy of My Heart* by Anne Graham Lotz



Prayer Requests

**AB University, President Barry,
faculty, staff, and students.**

Chris Armentrout

Braeden Dawn Scheick's Son

The Youth of Barbour County

**Philippi's mayor, Phil Bowers,
and other local officials.**

Celebrate Recovery Barbour County

Linda Corum

Mike Green

Pat Johnson

**Leadership in our national
and state government positions.**

Local Ministries

Leandra Morlan

Michele Moore

Parents of Michele Moore

Marja Sommer

Roxanne Tacey

Kameron Price White

**Please Remember
Our Shut Ins.**

Blair Marks (VA Nursing Home),

Germaine Whitman (Texas)

Martha Rose Roy (Michigan)

Margaret Salimi (Charleston WV)

Elsie Frye



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

Brian Lundell (in Germany)

Amber Underwood

Clark Wells (in Japan)

Tyler Curtis (in Hawaii)

**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

Weekly Events



Mondays starting at 6:30pm.

Come join us as we celebrate recover over our Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups!



Tuesdays at 1pm.

Let us learn the scriptures together in the women's bible study at Sarah Cobb's house. For more info call (304) 457-3206



Wednesdays at 6pm.

All are welcome to come and study the scriptures with us in the library at church.



Wednesdays at 7:15pm

Love to Sing? Come and help us celebrate Christ through song with Choir Director Jud Bracey. **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



May 2020

5- Kelly Bracey

13- Grant Dadisman

26- Wesley Gray

31- Jacob Scheick

8- Vangie Shaffer

24- Malachi McCullough

28- Olin Campbell

9- Andrew Sweet

25- Jud Bracey

31- Jane Digman

May	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Nursery Birth to 4 years	Sarah, Pete & Sam Ferguson	Rebekah Hicks & Leah Mitchell	Zvezdana Vlastic & Bonnie Daughtery	Cheryl Wolfe & Anita Wells
Children's Church 5 years to 4th grade	Jennifer Curkendall & Caroline McCumbers	Kelly Bracey & Robert Villers	Koreen Villers & Debbie Mulneix	Crystal, Wes & Jacob Gray



MISSION STORIES

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

More than We can Imagine: Providing Sufficient Medicine in Rural Nicaragua

The sociopolitical crisis that began in April 2018 has left the poorest people in Nicaragua facing even greater obstacles. Accessing health care has become more difficult, food prices have increased, and hundreds of thousands of people have lost their jobs. The national budget for the health system has been significantly reduced, making it harder and harder for families to afford or find medicines and supplies.



Health Promoter, Agustin Maluenos, providing health care services to the community of El Cedro, Nicaragua.

This is the reality for Maria*, who lives in the rural community of El Cedro, Nicaragua. Last year, Maria's two-year-old son had been sick with diarrhea for three days when she noticed he was bleeding. She knew he needed help, and fast.

She and her son would have had to spend a week's wages to ride a horse, walk, and take a bus, just to see a

doctor. But One Great Hour of Sharing funds made a difference for moms like Maria - more than you can imagine.

An emergency grant from One Great Hour of Sharing was provided to American Baptist International Ministries' partner, AMOS Health & Hope (AMOS). AMOS is the medical ministry of American Baptist missionaries, Drs. Laura and David Parajon. The grant helped stock El Cedro's community clinic with essential medications and supplies, and continue to train its health promoter, Agustín Malueños, to treat diseases, prevent illnesses, and promote good health.

"I examined María's son. AMOS provides me with training and manuals that include proper medication dosages according to age and weight. Thanks to the medicines in our clinic, I was able to treat the child. Maria was so relieved. Three days later, I followed up to confirm he was recovering well. Without your support, kids in our communities would die from preventable and treatable diseases," says Agustín.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are ensuring that 11,460 people in 22 remote areas like El Cedro have access to essential medications and health care in their own communities. Thank you for saving lives! Your support makes a difference - more than you can imagine.



One Great Hour
O F S H A R I N G

May 2020

All meetings and activities at PBC and affiliated with it have either been cancelled or will be taking place via digital format. Please feel free to visit: Philippi Baptist Church Online Fellowship and see the links below for weekly meetings/activities:

Sunday Morning Celebration Live:

<https://ministrelife.zoom.us/join/8542967780>

Sunday Morning Celebration:

<https://tinyurl.com/pbcSundaycelebration>

Barbour County Youth Initiative:

<https://tinyurl.com/bcyionline>

PBC Midweek Service:

<https://tinyurl.com/pbcmidweek>

PBC Kids Club:

<https://tinyurl.com/pbcKidsclub>

AB Baptist Campus Ministries:

<https://tinyurl.com/bcmonline>

The Board of Christian Education is offering up to \$1,000 in scholarship to ABU students.

ABU Scholarship Criteria:

*GPA: 3.0

*ACT score: 20 and up

*Attend PBC regularly

*Letter of intent/request must be submitted

Ten service hours to the church or church affiliate must be completed per semester.

\$1,000.00 will be awarded each year. This amount will be divided by the number of students that apply.

Dates to apply: Now through June 30, 2020



Pastor Pick Up Service

Amid the chaos that we find ourselves caught up in, due to the Covid-19 virus, Pastor Jon has been led to start a new form of ministry and outreach with us. "Pastor Pick Up Service" will be happening every Monday! This is a service where Pastor Jon goes out and completes any of the following:

Picks up food donations for Heart and Hand and delivers them

Picks up donations for the church

Brightens your day with encouraging words (in the form of a letter left on your door)

Stops by to wave hello (from an acceptable social distance)

and more!

Feel free to message or call Pastor Jon at 304-531-2918 if you would like to take part in the "Pastor Pick Up Service" on Mondays!

**Philippi
Proud City
Honored Heritage**



THANK YOU



March 23, 2020

Philippi Baptist Church

This note is for the ladies of the Church that took time and care to prepare a meal for the family of Bob Byrne.

Thank you very much for your willing spirit. And on such short notice, too. We all appreciated your good cooking and a place to unwind after all the funeral responsibilities.

Thank you and many blessings.



*Bob Wilkins
Chaplain, Philippi
Fire Dept.*



Hey folks,

Just a note to say thanks for the Easter Lily that was dropped off to our house the other day! Happy Easter! We'll be watching the virtual service tomorrow morning.

Stay safe, stay well, God Bless,

Craig & Sarah



Each morning when I walk into the living room the first thing I recognize is the awesome smell of the lilies you delivered for Easter. You definitely made our Easter bright!
We love our church family so much.

Becky & Charlie
Starr



"THERE IS ETERNAL INFLUENCE AND POWER IN MOTHERHOOD."

-JULIE B. BECK



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