



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.

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To Everyone at Philippi Baptist Church:

In a few weeks, our church will be participating in a 40 Days of Community Campaign, which will run for seven weekends beginning October 13th and ending November 24th. This spiritual growth Campaign is designed to answer life's most important question: "What on earth am I here for?" The events of the Campaign will give us opportunities to commit to habits of spiritual growth, memorize scripture, participate in a small group fellowship, serve in a ministry in our church, share our faith, and look at how God's purposes relate to our church and local community. We are excited as we envision our entire congregation living in alignment with God's purposes for their lives, and the impact this could have on our church and our community!

We are calling all members and attenders to be a part of the Campaign. 40 Days of Community involves the following:

- creating a prayer strategy for the Campaign
- connecting seven weekend services during the Campaign
- weekly Bible studies that focus on the themes of the Campaign

major events that take place during the Campaign:

1. **KICK-OFF:** The Campaign will kick-off on October 12th with a Kick-Off video hosted by Pastor Rick Warren, editor of *Better Together: What on Earth Are We Here For?*, the book that forms the basis for the Campaign. The book is divided into 40 daily readings for the Campaign, and will be distributed to everyone in our church. During this inspirational time, Rick Warren will share his life message and set the stage for the Campaign events to come.
2. **JOIN A GROUP:** At the beginning of the Campaign there will be an opportunity to join small groups which will be studying the *Better Together* curriculum. This interactive study allows for a deeper understanding of God's purposes and allows us to build friendships with others in our church and community.
3. **MINISTRY/MISSIONS FAIR:** This event is designed to give people an opportunity to get involved in a church ministry or outreach by showcasing all our ministries, outreaches and missions, and welcoming new volunteers to serve .
4. **CELEBRATION SUNDAY:** The Campaign culminates with a church-wide party where we will rejoice in together in all God has done in our midst during the Campaign.

Our most immediate need is securing host families to house our small groups and get leaders to facilitate each group! Please contact the church office at 304-456-3206 if you would like to volunteer. Then the second biggest need is to find the small group that you will be participating in and inviting your neighbors to join!

We encourage you to join with us now to pray for this Campaign. The potential impact this could have on our lives will be increased if the soil of our hearts is prepared through prayer. We are excited to embark on this spiritual journey together this Fall, and we appreciate your prayers for for our church leaders, and for the impact of the Campaign in the lives of our people and the effectiveness of our church. So begin now to pray and prepare your own heart for the life-changing adventure of the *40 Days of Community*.

Shalom,

Pastor Jon Villers



FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

I hear the word “campaign” and think fundraising. Will I be asked to contribute extra money to a cause?

The *40 Days of Community Campaign* is a spiritual growth campaign which is designed to focus us aligning ourselves with God’s purposes. We will not be asking for extra donations for the Campaign.

What about Non-Christians?

The content of the *40 Days of Community* study is oriented to believers. This is studies that helps bond Christians with one another in community and then reach out together to the community around them. If you have unchurched people who want to join your group, that’s great! You will want to adjust some of the discussion questions to accommodate the unchurched perspective, which we will help you do as we go through the campaign. Another great way to include your unchurched neighbors is to invite them to join with your group when you do your mission project. They will enjoy doing something meaningful for the community , and you will have a great opportunity to draw them into your fellowship and demonstrate love in action.



October 5th will be Heart & Hand’s Change Over Day. They need volunteers to help exchange the



October 13th is “Undie Sunday.” Please bring a package or two of new underwear with you to church. They will be donated to Heart & Hand.



School Supplies:

ABW invites you to help teachers and students by giving items to be used in the classroom.

Needed are pencils (#2), erasers, notebook paper, glue sticks, blunt-nosed scissors, crayons (24- count boxes), boxes of facial tissues, rulers, etc. Place items in the box labeled for school supplies.



AB University, President Creehan faculty, staff and students
Argyle, friend of Margaret Salimi

- Bryson Akingbemi
- Josiah Baits
- Sylvia Berry
- Lee Beuckman
- Joe Crull
- Clinton Dean
- Ruth Dugan
- Melissa Franke's Aunt Gail
- Rita Franke
- Joe & Beverly Gouer
- Vivian Hathaway
- Stephanie Hinkle
- Sue Ketchum & family
- Dick McDonald
- Charles McQuade
- Christina Maddy
- Wilma Marsh
- Lucinda Martin family
- Amanda Means
- Marissa Miller family
- Donna Moore
- Debbie Mulneix
- Duane Poling
- Frankie Poling
- Butch Price
- Jonathan Radcliff
- Jeanie Reynolds family
- Gregory Riley
- Margaret Salimi
- Mary Selvaggi
- Kaley Sinsel
- Taylor Smith
- Gavin Tucker
- Pat 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.



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



- 14- Bob Byrne
- 17- Pete Ferguson
- 18 Austin Whitman
- 19- Christie Allen
- 20- Stephen Lewis
- 22- Joan Hill
- 27- Jon Villers
- 28- Jim Kines



9- Danny & Melissa Franke



- Nourhaan Alidinar
- Dennis Bolyard
- SarahEllen Dillon
- Marilyn Hillyad
- Helen Mellguist
- Margaret Salimi
- Dillon Starky
- Jim Stright
- Arman Torres



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

- Captain Aaron Cross
- Tim Jenkins,
- Brian Lundell
- Chris Mossburg,
- Corporal Anthony Perry, Jr.
- Corporal Anthony Perry, Sr.
- Major Kris Wood

Weirton Christian Center

Serving God and Community Since 1917

3012 Elm Street, Weirton, WV
304-748-2353



For the Spring Banquet of 2013- “It’s a Beach Party”, beach towels, flip-flops, sun screen, travel soap holders, and other items for campers filled a large table. In the winter months of 2012, sleeping bags were purchased. A few years earlier, Jodi Sperry, Barbara Springer, and driver Jane Digman, delivered several twin size quilts. Through the years, Martha Rose Roy has collected commemorative state quarters. These and other items were all destined for the Weirton Christian Center (WCC) and the children it serves in the city of Weirton.

Going back a bit more into the history of WCC, the then Elizabeth Smith served a summer youth internship there. And, although they met at Baptist Camp in Cowen, her future husband, Richard Withers, had also completed a youth internship at the Center. Mrs. Elizabeth Withers continues to support the Center through the ABW.

These and other projects and activities involving the Weirton Christian Center reflect the commitment made in 1917 when the Women’s American Baptist Home Mission Society sent Mrs. Olive Lord to serve as a missionary working with a Baptist group in Weirton. This Baptist group which is reported to have begun as a Sunday school class under an apple tree focused originally on the needs of immigrant workers in the steel mills and of their families. Mrs. Lord, the missionary from 1917-18, is recognized as the founder of the Weirton Christian Center.

Recognizing the desperate needs of their workers being addressed by the Baptist group, the Weirton Steel Mill donated 3 houses to provide space for activities. These activities were focused on teaching language, citizenship classes and meeting basic needs as well as working with the local health department to assure immunization. These locations provided room for meetings for senior citizens and other groups and served as “*the Community Center*”

Throughout the years the connection with American Baptists continued. The Christian Center is a recognized mission project of the West Virginia Baptist Convention (American Baptist Churches, USA). “The center is one of the Neighborhood Action Program projects sponsored by the Board of National Ministries of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. Funding for the Center comes through the West Virginia Baptist Convention and National Ministries with considerable support of the Weirton United Way as well as individuals both local and national.” (Weirton Christian Center website)

As the work continued, children of varying ages became the focus of the programs. There was a swimming pool available in the early years. High school boys had a basketball league. After school programs offered dance lessons (the photos show tap dancing), dramas and plays, Bible studies, and other activities. Throughout the years, the Christian Center has remained flexible as differing needs were and are recognized. In the 1950s, the Center established outposts primarily for kindergarten in various locations in the city. In the 1970s when public school included kindergarten, the Center converted to a program for preschoolers.

During the same decade in 1979, due to declining environment the Center relocated from Avenue D to the present site on Elm Street, again in a community of great need. It is on the edge of an older residential neighborhood while bordering an industrial area. The preschool program continues with only a one time fee of \$25 for each student. This is thanks to the generous support of donors. The Center offers a safe haven After school program for kindergarten through high school aged children. Nutritional snacks, tutoring, homework help, and other opportunities are available in this program as well as fun activities. Weekly Bible study is held for each age group, and Christian values are emphasized throughout.

Recognizing nutritional challenges of those served, the Center added programs on healthy nutrition, such My Healthy Food Pyramid. One day a week with the help of local churches, a dinner is served to the children.

Journey Project is a recent addition with the goal of developing life skills. The Center shares “Life is a Journey in every way. All of us need direction for wisdom and understanding in many areas of that Journey, especially children. Providing guidance empowers people to independent purposeful lives.” (WCC website) The project works to prepare the participants for life responsibilities and challenges through information life skills instruction, learning opportunities and training for children, teens and young adults as well as parents .

One of the very fun things is the summer camping program in which opportunities for attending a summer camp are provided. The Center is busy washing bed linens, towels, blankets and/or sleeping bags between the various camps. The Center recognized the donations of the Women’s ministries for keeping up the stock of hygiene kits, towels, washcloth, beach towels, flashlights, sunscreen, flip flips, and other needs for campers. This is identified as a life changing experience.

The Center shared news of the lost in March 2013 of a special friend, Betty Killian who served as the Executive Director for 48 years. After years of living in the little house on the grounds of the Center, she moved to a

October 27th- The youth will be taking a van to Chestnut Ridge Church in Morgantown for an all-music worship service.



Adopt-A-Highway report: Just a note to say thanks to the following hearty souls who came out to help with the Adopt-A-Highway effort on Saturday morning, Sept. 28, 2013: Barbara Smith, Clarence Wright, Dianna Wright, Scott Springer, Pastor Jon and Craig Cobb. Together we cleaned up 11 bags of garbage and trash, and

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship PBC Mosaic	9:15am 10:30am 5:30pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house) BCM at Wilcox Chapel	1pm 8:38pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service Chancel Choir	6pm 7:15pm
Fridays	Code Blue (ages 13-17)	6pm-9pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for August

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Nursery	Wanda & Jim Steele	Christie Allen	Rebekah Hicks & Elizabeth Withers	Cheryl Wolfe & Allison Villers
Wee Church	Abby & Cheryl Blankenship	Rebekah Hicks & Ashley Willingham	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Hayden & Heather Cottrill
Junior Church	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	Kelly & Lindsay Bracey	Sara & Eddy Poling	Pete & Sarah Ferguson



- What:** October meeting of Philippi's American Baptist Women (ABW)
When: 9:30 AM, October 1, 2013
Why: To finish the quilts for babies or young children by sewing in heavy thread and tying knots. These quilts are made by Jody Sperry for Heart and Hand Ministries.
Who: All women of the church are invited to attend and participate.



Dear Philippi Baptist,

The Blue and Gray Reunion Committee would like to thank you for the use of your church during the Blue and Gray Reunion this year. Not only did you generosity facilitate activities for Kid's Day, but particularly helpful to us was the use of the church for all activities of the Blue and Gray Choir, including many rehearsals and, of course, the Choir's concert during the Reunion. We look forward to working with you for future reunions.

Most Sincerely,
Blue and Gray reunion Committee

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, October 1st– Retired Ministers & Mates luncheon at Parchment Valley
- 9:30am– American Baptist Women’s meeting
- Saturday, October 5th– Fellowship Ministries Spiritual Growth Retreat at Parchment Valley
- 7:30am Men’s prayer breakfast at the Medallion
- 9:00am– Heart & Hand Change over day
- 6:00pm– PBC Family Game Night
- Sunday, October 6th– 10:30am– Communion & Deacon Relief Fund
- 6:00pm– Board of Deacons meeting
- 7:00pm Union Association Cluster Service at Webster Baptist Church
- Friday, October 11th—Sunday, October 13th– American Baptist Women’s Retreat
- Sunday, October 13th - 11:45am– Board of Worship meeting
- 4:30pm– Board of Christian Education meeting
- 7:30pm– Church Council meeting
- Thursday, October 17th– Friday, October 18th– West Virginia Baptist Convention annual meeting
- Sunday, October 20th– 4:00pm– Mansfield Place Chapel service
- 6:00pm– Board of Missions & Outreach meeting
- Sunday, October 27th– 11:45am– Fellowship Luncheon
- Music Worship service at Chestnut Ridge Church



Our Church has a new Facebook page,
“PBC Mosaic.”

www.fb.com/pbcmosaic

PBC Mosaic might be different than what you expect. Church shouldn't be intimidating. God can speak for himself through our life and the values we live in should not leave the teachings of the Word of God and Jesus is the Word. We speak of salvation, Ours and Others. We speak of Values and Character. We Speak the Truth of the Bible.

A typical Sunday meeting will generally include four main things: Worship with the Sunday Night Church Community, interactive group game, a thirty minute message , and an altar call. The altar call is a chance for some people to accept Jesus as their Savior for the first time and for others an opportunity to make a recommitment.



PBC Church Game Night is Saturday, October 5 from 6-8pm . Please bring your favorite game, snack to share, and 2 liter of beverage. Everyone come join us and bring a friend for a time of fun and fellowship.

Senior High Convention

November 22-24, 2013

Simpson Creek Baptist Church

231 West Philadelphia Ave., Bridgeport, WV 26330

Speaker:

To be announced

COST: \$30.00...(including adults)
if postmarked by November 15th.

\$35 if AFTER Nov. 15th or at the door.

(Money must accompany registration in
order to get the early bird price.)

Housing Deadline: Nov. 15th

*All housing requests must be postmarked by
November 15th,*

*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.*

Band: Abandon



*An electric pulse you can't escape. That sparkling
description of the omnipresent God jumps out from the
lyrics of "Providence," one of six energy-gushing songs
off the self titled debut disc by new San Antonio rock
act, Abandon. The poetic phrase could also describe the
band's sound, a steady rush of uncommon creativity
that has both modern flash and worshipful depth.*

*"It's all about the atmosphere of God, the electricity of
His presence," says Josh. "I must decrease; He must
increase. Healing happens when you're in the
atmosphere of God."*

*"We're excited to talk with people about faith and relate
to them on a musical level," Josh concludes. "We love
to see people changed, to bring peace and hope. At the
end of the show, if people have more hope, we've done
our job."*

Directions to Simpson Creek Baptist Church

From Charleston Direction:

Take I-79 North, Take Exit 119, Turn right at ramp stop light, Proceed through next 2 stop lights,
Turn left at stop light onto Virginia Ave, Turn right at stop onto Philadelphia Ave, Church is on right.

From Fairmont Direction:

Take I-79 South, Take Exit 119, Turn left at ramp stop light, Proceed through next 3 stop lights
Turn left at stop light onto Virginia Ave, Turn right at stop onto Philadelphia Ave, Church is on right.

*SENIOR HIGH CONVENTION is a three day event designed to equip, challenge and encourage the Christian
Walk of Senior High students in grades 9-12. This event takes place in one of our local churches. The members
of that church and surrounding WVBC churches provide housing for the youth.*



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Union Association Cluster Services

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
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



Men's Prayer Breakfast

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