



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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This month's article was written by our Youth Director and the Code Blue Director, Madsion Riffle:

We would like to invite you all to an Open House for the re-opening of Code Blue Youth Alliance! October 7th from 6-9pm in the American legion building on main street in Philippi! We have plenty of parking in the back!!

And special thanks today for an article from Texas State University! It is good to get our youth involved!
Shalom

The Positive Effects of Youth Community Engagement

Researchers have begun to study the interaction between youth engagement and positive development. Youth engagement is defined as "meaningful participation and sustained involvement of a young person in an activity, with a focus outside of him or herself" (Crooks et al., 2009). For the purposes of this article, a community refers to the geographical boundaries established by municipalities (e.g., city or town), a neighborhood, and/or a school environment encompassed within larger geographical boundaries (e.g., a campus or a district).

Students working together

Past research on youth engagement has been grounded in two theories: 1) youth development theory and 2) attachment theory (Brennan, Barnett, and Lesmeister 2007; Brennan, Barnett, and McGrath 2009). First, youth development theory is based on building resilient communities where youth are surrounded by adult support. The idea is that resilient communities will have the capacity to support youth in times of need whereas non-resilient communities may lack such a capacity. In addition, creating communities where youth are encouraged to be engaged allows youth to adapt to and overcome adversities. By developing positive relationships with adults in the community, youth will value the community and the relationships they make. "It is clear from the current political and social landscape that youth today crave recognition as equal contributors in shaping a just society."

- Helgeson & Schneider, 2015

Research on youth engagement has also been based in attachment theory (Brennan, Barnett, and McGrath 2009). Attachment theory attempts to explain the function and need of long-term meaningful relationships. Historically, attachment theory has been used in the field of psychology to explain the relationship needs of an infant and a caregiver (usually the mother). This relationship is important because it ensures the proper social and emotional development of the child (Kaye, Lynne, and Murphy 2011). Youth attachment to the community can be viewed in almost the same light. As youth get older, they will look for other attachments in addition to the relationship developed with their caregiver(s). Youth who have developed meaningful positive relationships with other adults in the community have demonstrated better social and emotional development (Brennan, Barnett, and McGrath 2009). In addition, they also demonstrated increased social participation and community action. Meaningful positive relationships help to transform the community from a shared space to a set of psychological bonds between its members.

Empowering youth and allowing them the opportunity to participate in the community has shown to benefit their development greatly (Brennan and Barnett 2009; Brennan, Barnett, and Baugh 2007; Brennan, Brennan, Barnett, McGrath 2009; Crooks et al., 2009; Ludden 2011; Pearrow 2008; Wilson, Minkler, Dasho, Wallerstein, and Martin 2008). When youth become engaged in community activities they develop the skills needed to be an effective leader. When youth realize they have the power to influence decisions at a community or school level they will rise amongst their peers and begin to show signs of leadership. Youth feel as if they have an obligation and set of skills needed to represent a certain sub-section of the community population (i.e., youth) in the larger community context. Brennan and Barnett (2009) concluded that youth who are engaged in community efforts at a young age show better problem-solving and decision-making skills when compared to those youth who are not engaged. Similarly, Brennan, Barnett, and Lesmeister (2007) reported that youth who have been empowered by the community are likely to be future leaders. The development of such vital skills (e.g. problem solving and decision-making) at a young age will serve the youth well in a variety of life endeavors. Empowering youth and engaging them in community activities allows them to interact with adults and have guidance as they develop the skills needed to make decisions and solve complex issues (Brennan and Barnett 2009).

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In addition to building leadership skills, engaging youth in the community also creates a sense of belonging and purpose for youth (Brennan, Barnett, and McGrath, 2009). When youth realize their voices and opinions are being considered, they will feel that they are a true part of the community. The

community then becomes a place where youth and adults share the common interest of making their shared space a better place. Youth will increasingly become more comfortable with sharing ideas and suggestions because they now see themselves as vital members of the community (Brennan, Barnett, and Lesmeister 2007). Overall, youth internalize the idea that they are making a meaningful contribution to the community and have done so by working productively with other members of the society (Pearrow, 2008).

Finally, empowering youth to be engaged in the community has shown to decrease traditional problem behaviors. Some have hypothesized that problem behaviors actually emerge as a result of youth feeling disengaged, and under-valued in their community (Helgeson & Schneider, 2015). Consistently, research has shown that youth who are engaged in their communities are less likely to use drugs and alcohol, less likely to drop out of high school, and less likely to be involved in criminal behavior. Specifically, Crooks et al. (2010) concluded that youth community engagement is connected to a wide range of positive outcomes such as higher academic performance, lower rates of pregnancy, and lower rates of marijuana use. Some programs have even begun to incorporate youth engagement aspects into intervention/prevention efforts (Altman and Feighery 2004; Wilson et al., 2008). These interventions are based on making youth feel their status and well-being matter to the community. Youth who benefit from these interventions tend to shy away from anti-social activities (e.g., drug use and criminal behavior), and more towards pro-social behaviors because of the relationship that have with the community (Altman and Feighery 2004). Youth internalize responsibility for their actions and will not only be held accountable by their family, but also the community and school as a whole (Ludden, 2011).

“Empowering youth to be engaged in the community has shown to decrease traditional problem behaviors.” Noting the benefits of engaging youth, communities should look for meaningful ways to include youth in programs/activities. Often the engagement of youth in the community can be incorporated in the school environment. Ultimately, the involvement of youth will facilitate stronger communities and future leaders.



October is

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

month

AB Homecoming Service Speaker



Rev. David A. Carpenter

The Rev. David A. Carpenter was born on July 9, 1949 in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1967. Following graduation from high school, he attended West Virginia University at Parkersburg and transferred to Alderson Broaddus University, where he received his B. A. degree, majoring in History, in 1971. David received his Master of Divinity degree in Biblical Studies from Palmer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1974. He was ordained in his home church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Mineral Wells WV on July 21, 1974. Upon graduation from seminary he was called to be the Pastor of the Harrisville Baptist Church in Harrisville, WV, where he served until 1981; Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Glenville WV, 1981-1990. During the time he was in Glenville, he also served a small rural church, the Leading Creek Baptist Church. In August 1990 David became the Director of Church Relations at Alderson-Broaddus College. He then served as Director of World Mission Support of the West Virginia Baptist Convention for two years and Area Minister of the Northwest Region of the West Virginia Baptist Convention for one year. In 1996 he served six months as the Interim Pastor of the Newark Baptist Church in Wirt County WV. In 1997 David was called to be the Associate Pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Parkersburg, WV where he retired in 2011. He became the Pastor of the Salem Baptist Church in Salem WV in November 2012. He also works part-time as an Associate of the Leavitt Funeral Home in Parkersburg WV.

David has been active in denominational work. He served on the General Board of the American Baptist Churches USA from 1978-1984, where he also served on the Board of Educational Ministries and the Reference Committee. He also served on the Executive Board of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, during which time he also served on the Christian Education Commission, serving three years as Chairman, and the Leadership Commission, the Committee on Ministerial Standing and the West Virginia Baptist Education Society. He served for several years as the Secretary-Treasurer of the West Virginia Baptist Ministers Council and served a two-year term as President of the Ministers Council. He is currently the President of the Retired Ministers and Mates of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

Prior to joining the staff at Alderson-Broaddus College, David served on the Ministers Advisory Council and the Alumni Council from 1975-1990. He served as President of the Alumni Council from 1984 to 1986. In 2015 he was asked to become a member of the Alumni Council of Alderson Broaddus University.

He is married to the former Linda Edwards and they are the parents of three adult children, Kathy, Karla, and Kevin. They also have six grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Grand Re-Opening

Friday, Oct. 7th

**Code Blue
Youth Center**

On Friday, October 7th, Code Blue will be re-opening for youth in grades 6-12 at their new location on Main Street next to Perfectly Pampered and the American Legion! We invite students and parents to an OPEN HOUSE to come check out the new space!



Games * Snacks * Fun

DOORS OPEN FROM 6-9PM

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**Alderson
Broaddus
UNIVERSITY**

Homecoming 2016

Sept. 29th- Oct. 2nd



Ready for Either

“Ready for Either”—those are the words chosen in 1814 as the motto for the American Baptist Mission Society. The symbols on the agency’s crest might not be chosen today—a plow and an ox and an altar, but there is no doubt that missionaries still work hard and make limitless sacrifices.

That is a profile of the life facing a licensee of Philippi Baptist Church, Michael Perry, as he heads for Liberia as a short-term missionary under what is now called International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches USA.

This organization, which this congregation supports annually through the World Mission Offering and other special events, has established partnerships in a great number of countries including Liberia. Just this past year newly cooperative work has been established in Zimbabwe, Rwanda and Mexico. Missionaries were recently appointed to serve in Turkey, and others are preparing to serve in Hungary, Ghana, and in new areas of Africa.

The whole picture of ministries being accomplished through International Ministries is much, much larger, however. On the bulletin boards near the outer doors of our church are several pages from the IM annual report. They are worth studying. Did you know, for instance, the four goals of the organization: Inviting People to be Disciples, Proclaiming God’s Reign, Equipping the Body of Christ, and Pursuing Organizational Excellence? Did you know that American Baptists support 110 “global servants” in 30 countries? And did you know that to aid this large staff there are 1,781 volunteers?

Of course you do know that as Michael Perry continues to solicit and gain support to be able to respond to God’s calling, he will join another member of the congregation as an overseas missionary. Debbie Mulneix has been on the staff of International Ministries for many years, primarily in India and more recently in the Philippines. We look forward to her retirement here in Philippi.

Yes, Philippi Baptist Church is into the missionary business in a big way. May it always be so!



AB University, Faculty, staff, and students
 Barbour County Homeless
 Katherine Belcher
 Phil Bowers and other local officials
 Celebrate Recovery
 Cobbs
 Code Blue
 Ruby Cozad
 Sophia Finchenmacher
 Charles Hinkle
 Bill & Shirley Jacobs
 Jova Jakonic
 Bill Klaus
 Judy Landers
 Bailey Larrison
 Local ministries
 Adrienne Marsh
 Bill Morlan
 Phillips family
 Patty Phillips
 Araella Renee
 George Sommer
 Jim Warfuel
 Varughese family
 Victoria Vest
 PBC Abide 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, war and violence throughout our country.



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.
 Amber Underwood
 Major Kris Wood



Blair & Pearl Marks, Vangie Shaffer
 (Mansfield Place), Germaine &
 Austin Whitman



Jeff & Christie Allen
 Margaret Salimi
 Sarah Shirak
 Mrs. Maci James Villers

Happy Birthday!

6- Jason Meader
 14- Bob Byrne
 17- Pete Ferguson
 18- Austin Whitman
 19- Christie Allen
 22- Joan Hill
 25- Heather Cottrill
 27- Jon Villers
 28- Tom Kines
 29- Georgann Davis
 29-Bill Klaus



9- Danny & Melissa Franke

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship Abide Youth Ministry	9:15am 10:30am 6pm
Mondays	Celebrate Recovery Praise Team Practice Celebrate Recovery	4:45pm 6:30pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house)	12:45pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service Chancel Choir Practice	6pm 7:15pm

Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for October

	October 2nd	October 9th	October 16th	October 23rd	October 30th
Nursery	Wanda Steele & Emily Meader	Rebekah Hicks & Margaret Salimi	Zvezdana Vlasic & Bonnie Daugherty	Cheryl Wolfe & Hannah Dixon	Wanda Steele & Crystal Gray
Children's Church	Kelly Bracey & Jennifer Weyandt	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Sarah, Pete & Sam Ferguson	Crystal & Wes Gray	Wanda Steele & Crystal Gray

American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet at 9:00AM on Tuesday, October 4th

Tie Quilting
Hostess— Martha Rose Roy

Bible Book of the Month - Joshua

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

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on October 1st at 7:30 AM at the Medallion. All Men and Boys are invited to come for some good fellowship, food and to talk about almost anything. Come and get to know someone you've seen, but never had a chance to talk to.



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

World Mission Offering — October 2016!
DATE

Celebrate New Life in Christ “on Earth as in Heaven”

(Matthew 6:10, NABRE)

A great and surprising spiritual awakening is happening in Baptist churches in Cuba right now!

Since 1990, the number of churches in Cuba has grown by 450%. The number of baptisms has risen by over 500%. And the number of prayer groups and total church memberships have climbed in equally high numbers.

After decades of harsh restrictions, “the church of God has risen from the ashes,” says a retired Cuban church leader who witnessed the remarkable change firsthand. “In God’s time, the hearts of so many people have been opened up to the goodness of the gospel.”

The good news is that our church’s support of the World Mission Offering (WMO) is helping to fuel the growth of the Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention through financial and global worker support and through International Ministries (IM)-sponsored pastor conferences.

The better news is that there is a lot that we can learn from Cuba’s spiritual revival. For example:

Youth ministry is thriving through camping and sports ministries, concerts and youth rallies in the streets of Cuba’s cities and towns.

Spirit-filled outreach is yielding abundant fruit through evangelistic campaigns, undergirded with fervent prayer and fasting.

Discipleship is spreading through numerous house churches and cell groups of prayer.

A new generation of leaders is growing through faithful teaching at seminaries and lay training centers.

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Responding to God's Call Worldwide

And perhaps the best news of all is that Cuba's spiritual awakening is but one of many thriving ministries run by IM partners and more than 1,800 long- and short-term global workers in more than 70 countries around the world.

IM's vision is "on earth as in heaven," which reminds us of God's invitation to participate in his work in the world.

And that's just what IM is doing—through your support of the WMO—by *praying, equipping, serving, proclaiming, teaching, inviting, healing and encouraging* in the name of Jesus.

Your gifts to the WMO help to raise up, place and send new global servants and volunteers to reach and touch lives for Jesus around the world. They also help to fill gaps for those workers who haven't yet reached their support goals, enabling crucial ministries to continue.

Your gifts help support IM's more than 240 global partners who are actively sharing God's message of hope, love and healing with a lost and hurting world.

Your gifts help recruit and train new global workers, open up new global mission fields, respond to global disasters with relief and development funds through One Great Hour of Sharing and much more.

The 2016 World Mission Offering will be received
during worship on all Sundays in October

DATE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

PLEASE HELP! Baptists in Cuba and the Dominican Republic have requested our help with scholarships and supplies for youth camps and gatherings. With an overall 10% increase in undesignated gifts to the World Mission Offering (WMO), we can respond to that call. Our congregation's 2016 WMO goal is \$ 1,200, which is 0% above our 2015 WMO giving.

Whether God is calling you to GO as a short- or long-term global servant or to GIVE financial support, let us join together to touch as many lives as possible in more than 70 countries around the globe.

Give generously *and expectantly* to the WMO as, together, we help people everywhere **come** to Christ, **grow** in their relationships with God and **change** their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Is God is calling you to learn more about how you or your church can volunteer with Baptist partners in Cuba? Please contact mary.weaver@internationalministries.org for general information or angela.sudermann@internationalministries.org for volunteer information.

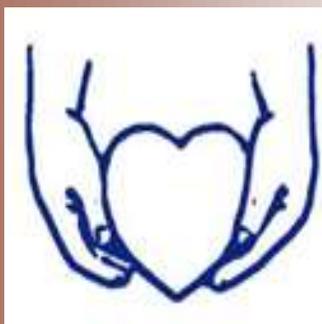
Download this article as an editable Microsoft Word document at www.worldmissionoffering.org. Please use it without restriction in a church newsletter or letter to your congregation.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 1st– 7:30AM– Men’s prayer Breakfast at Medallion
Sunday, October 2nd– 10:30AM– Homecoming service
11:30AM- Communion & Deacon Relief Offering
3:00PM– Union Association Cluster Service at Philippi Baptist
6:00PM– Diaconate meeting
Tuesday, October 4th– 9:00AM– American Baptist Women’s meeting
Sunday, October 9th– 5:00PM– Board of Trustees meeting
6:00PM– Nominating Committee meeting
7:30PM– Church Council
Thursday, October 13th– Board of Worship meeting
Saturday, October 15th– 10:00AM– CR Leadership training
Sunday, October 16th– 5:30PM– Board of Christian Education meeting
5:30PM– Board of Missions & Outreach meeting
Sunday, October 23rd– 11:45AM– Fellowship Luncheon



Pictured above are five of the six hearty souls who helped with Philippi Baptist’s Adopt-A-Highway fall clean-up on Saturday morning, September 24, 2016. Left to right are Megan Ray, Gerald Fogg, Jeff Allen, Wesley Gray and Scott Springer. Not shown is Craig Cobb who took the photo. Together we collected 15 bags of trash and debris from our assigned, 2.2 mile section of Rt. 119, between the Covered Bridge and the Rt. 57 intersection. Thanks everyone, and God Bless!



Suggested Heart & Hand donation for October
**Coffee or tea bags, pasta and sauce,
sweet potatoes and baby wipes**

We have raised
\$17,915 of our
\$26,000 goal for the
new church van.





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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

