

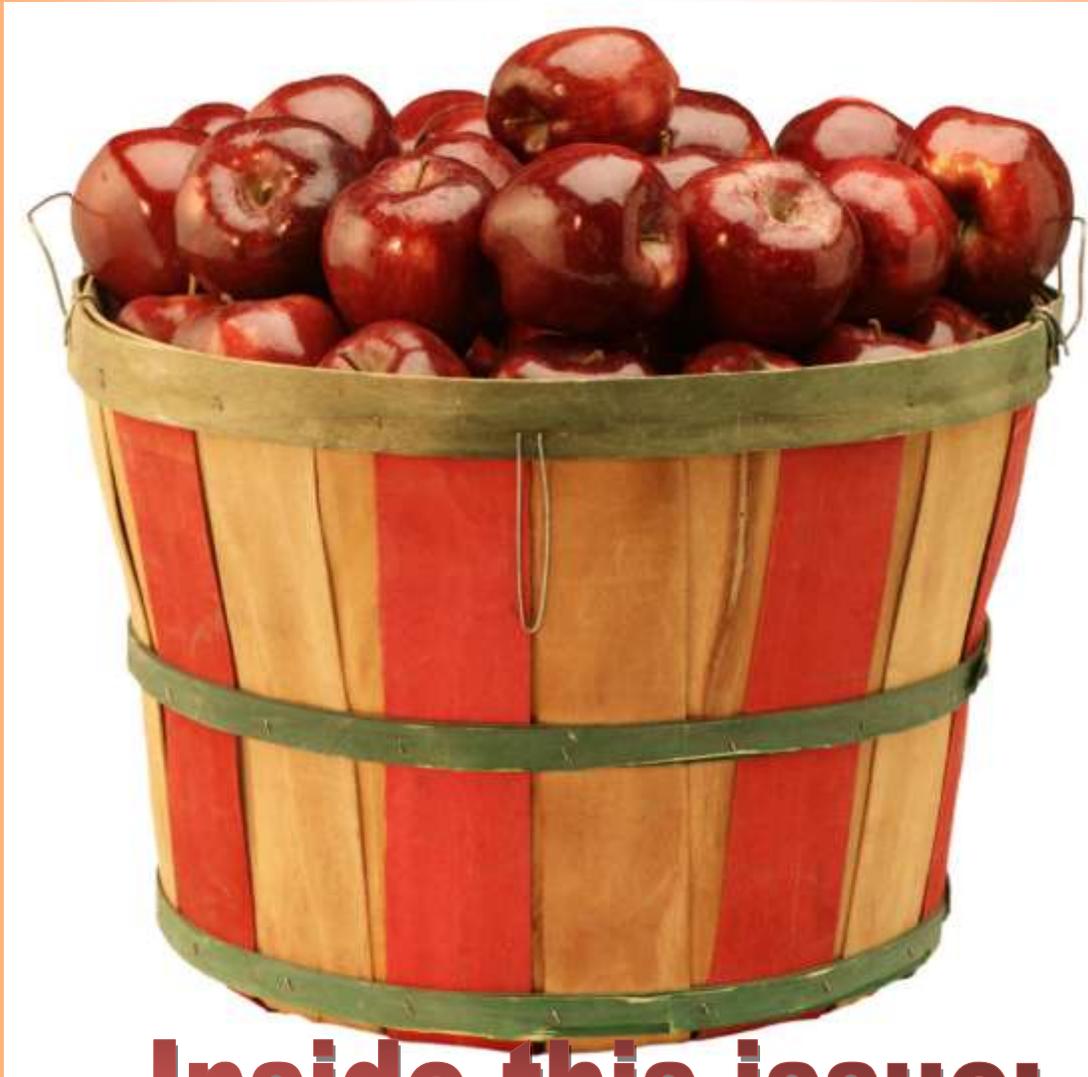


The Baptist Bridge

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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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I got to attend a Celebrate Recovery meeting in Elkins a couple of weeks ago. Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits. It is based on the actual words of Jesus rather than psychological theory. Twenty years ago Saddleback Church in Orange County, California, launched Celebrate Recovery with 43 people. It was designed as a program to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process. Celebrate Recovery is now in over 19,000 churches worldwide.

We are looking at possibly starting a CR group here in Barbour County! We were well received as we attended the meeting held at the Summit Church. I wanted to share with you the second devotional in a series of 30 provided in the Celebrate Recovery Bible. This lesson is on Powerlessness and it happened to be the topic being discussed at the meeting we attended. May these words speak to your heart as well!

The following acrostic demonstrates what happens when we admit we're POWERLESS. We begin to let go of the following "serenity robbers": As I listened to this very insightful presentation, I began thinking of how to turn what robs us into what needs to give us peace – You will see my response to the "robbers" in () after the scripture:

P ride — Proverbs 29:23 (PURPOSE)
O nly ifs — Luke 12:2-3 (OWNING UP)
W orrying — Matthew 6:34 (WORSHIP)
E scape — Ephesians 5:13-14 (EXPOSURE IN GOD'S LIGHT)
R esentment — Ephesians 4:26-27 (RELEASE TO FORGIVE)
L oneliness — Hebrews 13:1-2 (LIVING WITH OTHERS AND GOD)
E mptiness — John 10:10 (ENTERING GOD'S STOREHOUSE)
S elfishness — Luke 17:33 (SELFLESSNESS)
S eparation — Romans 8:38-39 (STICED TOGETHER BY GOD'S LOVE)

"The routine of our daily lives often reminds us of our lack of control. We stand in a slow line at the grocery store waiting for a cashier-in-training. Our car breaks down on the way to work. We wait over a weekend to learn the results of a medical test. Our coworker gets promoted, while we continue to wait for recognition.

In our attempts to deal with our lack of control, we worry about the details in our lives, pretend that it just doesn't matter, or we become angry and resentful. We may isolate ourselves from other people to keep the pain at a distance. Many of us try in one way or another to control our circumstances and the people around us.

Some of us are too proud to admit that certain areas of our lives have become unmanageable. This pride can undermine our faith, cut us off from God and prevent us from recognizing our own powerlessness. In this mode we refuse to allow ourselves to reach out for help. Stories we encounter in the news distress us. We hear about a man who left his three-year-old son in a car when it was 35 degrees outside. The man was visiting a strip club! Outraged, we ask ourselves, "Why doesn't this father get help for his struggle with sexual addiction?" Meanwhile, we're attempting to escape our own pain through the repeated cycle of overeating and dieting. Like the father visiting the strip club, we refuse to admit our own struggle or reach out for help.

By facing our powerlessness and admitting our weaknesses, we invite God to step in to change our lives. After hearing a testimony at a Celebrate Recovery conference, a pastor approached the speakers, saying, "I want to tell you some bad news and some good news. The bad news is that I've been struggling with my pride. Your testimony made it clear to me that I'm a codependent who is powerless over my issues and that I need recovery. The good news is that I'm going back to my church to start a celebrate Recovery program. My prayer is that our church can reach out and help people deal with their hurts, hang-ups and habits."



We need to take four actions in order to complete Principle One:

1. Stop denying the pain. Psalm 6:2-3 describes a time in David's life when he came to the end of his emotional and physical resources: "Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony. My soul is in anguish. How long, O Lord, how long?" When David's pain finally surpassed his fear, he was able to face his denial and feel the reality of his agony. In the same way, if we want to be rid of our pain, we need to face it and work our way through it.
2. Stop playing God. The simple truth is that we're either going to serve God or ourselves. We can't do both. In the words of Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." When our "self" is out of control, all our attempts at control—of ourselves or others—will fail. We need to admit that we're not God and that we're powerless without him. Then, when we've finally emptied ourselves, God will have room to come in and begin his healing work.
3. Start admitting our powerlessness. Our lust for power isn't rooted in our strengths but in our weaknesses. We need to recognize our human limitations and quit trying to resolve the issues by ourselves. We need to admit that we're powerless and be willing to turn over our lives to God. Jesus knew how difficult this would be for us to do. Matthew 19:26 sums up the situation for us, recording Jesus' own words: "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
4. Start admitting that our lives have become unmanageable. With this admission we finally acknowledge that we're out of control and powerless to change on our own. David shared his feelings in Psalm 40:12: "Troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me."

TAKE A LOOK:

1. Of what are you still in denial, or what are you still trying to control in your own power?
2. Are there any other "masters" besides God in your life that you're still trying to serve?
3. What are some of the things you keep doing that you really don't want to do?
4. Can you relate to Psalms 40:12? How?"

Shalom – Pastor Jon



The church office will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.



American Baptist Women (ABW) will have a meeting Tuesday, September 3, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Plans will be made for the coming year's activities, programs, and projects. All input is welcome.



AB University, President Creehan faculty, staff and students

Bryson Akingbemi
Lee Beuckman
Dennis Bolyard
Linda Burton and her mother
Holly Camacho
Audrey Cross
Joe Crull
Bernita Dadisman
Clinton Dean
Melissa Franke's Aunt Gail
Otilia Franke family
Rita Franke
Joe & Beverly Gouer
Vivian Hathaway
Charles Jackson Jones family
Sue Jones
Dick McDonald
Charles McQuade
Christina Maddy
Wilma Marsh
Amanda Means
Donna Moore
Debbie Mulneix
Duane Poling
Frankie Poling
Butch Price
Jonathan Radcliff
Steve Richter
Gregory Riley
Mary Selvaggi
Kaley Sinsel
Taylor Smith
Jim Stright
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.



1- Skip Ervin
6- JD Long
13- Mary Lantz
19- Charlie Davis
22- Marj Campbell
26- John Hicks
26- Zvezdana Vlasic
27- Mary Boyer
27- Kathy Kratsas
29- Sarah Cobb
30- Elsie Fye
30- Nancy Stull

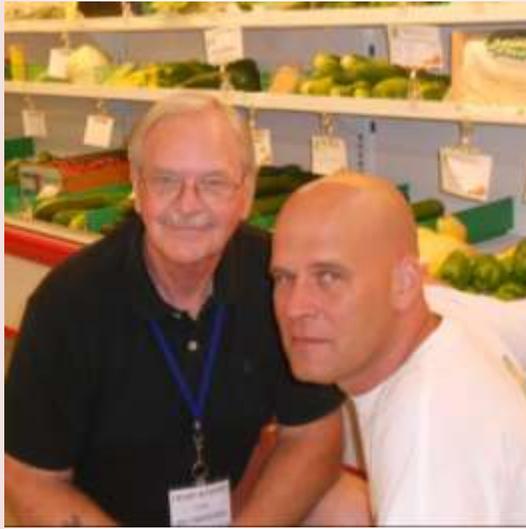


Pray for protection for military personnel and their families throughout the world and those serving our country:

Tim Jenkins,
Chris Mossburg,
Major Kris Wood
Captain Aaron Cross



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



Another Philippi Baptist Church Mission

Two thrift stores, a food pantry, home repair and construction, a layette program, a Backpack program, financial assistance—and now the major expansion of the Barbour County Garden Market. What a ministry we are involved in!

The most recent undertaking was accomplished with the trading of properties (the previous Garden Market for the old IGA store), plus the use of capital improvement funds which had been set aside over the years. Much of the renovation of the new building was accomplished by work groups and other volunteers under the leadership of the Garden Market director, Reg Trefethen, who is pictured above with the other staff member, Mike Wells. Volunteers continue to help with clerking, shelving, pricing, and general customer assistance.

The establishment of a market several years ago was approved by the Board of Directors who had two primary purposes in mind: providing a means of income for local farmers and growers and bakers and providing a source of quality products. In addition to seasonal vegetables, the store offers eggs and meat. Also available are recipes and advice as to how to grow and use local foods. The suppliers receive 80% of the Garden Market income, with Heart & Hand using the other 20% to cover costs of operation. In the very near future, an additional service will be added—a coffee shop which will provide home-baked breakfast items and, eventually, light lunches. The market will operate year-round.

Although Heart & Hand Ministries receives most of its support from the United Methodist conference and churches, donations and volunteers come from many if not most of the churches and many individuals in Barbour County and the surrounding region. Currently, four members of Philippi Baptist Church serve on the Board of Directors: Martha Rose Roy, Barbara Smith, Chuck Scheick, and Danny Franke. Several members of the church are also active volunteers in the thrift stores, on construction projects, and as clerks during the annual Toy Sale. Heart & Hand has been included in the PBC annual budget ever since the inception of the ministry over thirty years ago.

In terms of overall statistics, Heart & Hand responded in 2012 to 1,554 requests for assistance of various kinds, a monetary value equal to \$182,243. The Toy Sale provided Christmas goods for 63 families including 158 children. The value of that service was \$10,779 plus \$610 in give-away items. Also during that season, 135 Head Start children received gift bags valued at \$2,025. Some 1,028 food boxes (40,525 meals) were provided during 2012, and the Backpack Program provided food for 61 students at Junior Elementary School. Repairs and construction were provided for 32 houses, a value of \$359,145 in materials and labor. And speaking of labor, throughout the year, volunteers provided 22,887 hours at an estimated value of \$343,305. In all, for that single year of 2012, the dollar value of Heart & Hand services to Barbour County amounted to \$1,041,413.

Thank God for Heart & Hand!

Weekly Events

Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship Sunday Nite Lite (6th– 12th grades)	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

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Nursery	Rebekah Hick & Elizabeth Withers	Christie Allen	Wanda & Jim Steele	Cheryl Wolfe & Allison Villers	No Nursery
Wee Church	Abby & Cheryl Blankenship	Rebekah Hicks & Ashley Willingham	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Hayden & Heather Cottrill	No Wee Church
Junior Church	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	Kelly & Lindsay Bracey	Sara & Eddy Poling	Pete & Sarah Ferguson	No Junior church

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, August 31- Sunday, September 1st– Camp Global at Camp Cowen
- Sunday, September 1st- 10:30am– Communion and Deacon Relief Fund
 - 6:00pm– Diaconate meeting
 - 7:30pm– Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday, September 8th– 11:45am– Church Picnic
 - 4:30pm– Board of Christian Education
 - 7:00pm– Board of Worship
 - 7:00pm- Union Association Cluster Service at First Baptist Church in Grafton
 - 7:30pm– Church Council meeting
- Monday, September 9th - Wednesday, September 11th– Fall Golden’ers Carnival at Parchment Valley
- Sunday, September 15th– 4:00pm– Chapel Service at Mansfield Place
 - 6:00pm– Board of Missions and Outreach
 - 7:30pm– Business meeting
- Saturday, September 21st– Fall youth Rally at Parchment Valley
- Sunday, September 29th– 2:30pm– Union Association Annual meeting at Beulah Baptist Church

Fall Rally 2013

The Fall Rally is a one-day event designed for outreach and fellowship among the youth in grades 6-12. The day is filled with great fellowship among believers, great entertainment and a challenging message for youth.

September 21, 2013
Emmanuel Baptist Church
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Charleston, WV 25387

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8/24/2013
Calvary Baptist Church
Carlisle Street
Lake City, SC 29560

Show begins at 6:30.
FREE CONCERT

Render the Hearts

The band name comes from Isaiah 6. Verse 10 says to "Render the hearts of this people insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim, otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and return and be healed."

Mission Statement:
Just like God's commission to Isaiah we feel called to show the world God's love! We have a desire to lead people in worship and to Christ through our music. Whether people see us at a concert or at the mall, we want there to be no question about who we are and what we stand for! Our goal is not to become rock stars, but to help make Jesus famous. -RHH



FALL RALLY SCHEDULE

9:30-10:00 Registration
10:00-10:15 Introduce Theme & Welcome
10:15-10:45 Render the Hearts
10:45-11:30 Brian Burgess
11:30-12:30 Lunch
12:30-1:30 Games
1:40-2:00 Render the Hearts
2:00-2:45 Brian Burgess
2:45-3:00 Youth Group Time
3:00-4:30 Activity

Speaker: Brian Burgess

Brian was saved at the age of 14 and surrendered to ministry at 16. Brian travels and speaks to churches, public schools, summer camps and universities all over the United States. Brian has an amazing story of Christ transforming him from a rebellious teenager into a man who is passionate about God.

Brian clearly communicates the timeless principles of God's Word with effective zeal and enthusiasm.



More information will be included with your confirmation or you can check the website:
[www.wvbc.org/Commissions/Discipleship/Discipleship Events/Fall Youth Rally](http://www.wvbc.org/Commissions/Discipleship/Discipleship%20Events/Fall%20Youth%20Rally).



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Union Association Cluster Services

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



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, September 7th @ 7:30am
At the Medallion