



# 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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Hello Orange Column Readers!

We are doubly blessed this week! We have an amazing writer as our guest columnist and she is highlighting another place of Divine purpose here in Barbour County. Thank you Barbara Smith for writing these words and thank you Janet Stephens for allowing God to use you in Kingdom Work here.

“Angel Band Farm - It took five years to restore, renew, and open Angel Band Farm as a bed and breakfast of the first order. To get there, the visitor travels north eight miles from Philippi or eighteen miles south from Grafton on Route 119 and turns east to the tiny, colorful town of Arden. Following the hilly, twisting, narrow road for four miles, the visitor turns right just before crossing the blue bridge. Beyond half a dozen well kept houses, almost at the end of the road, is Angel Band Farm, its main building glistening white, its gleaming brown roof and wide porch providing symbols of warmth and hospitality.

The town of Arden offers little in the form of sophisticated entertainment, but it is a historic treasure. The bridge, for instance, was built in 1908, boats having been the only means of crossing the river before that. Still a popular place for picnicking and swimming, the town has always been framed by two conspicuous rock formations called “Hell’s Gate” and “Devil’s Den.”

Although the source of the name of the town is not known for certain, at least one record suggests that it originated with an early English visitor in 1775. The first permanent settler of the community was George Duckworth, who bought 130 acres of forest land owned by Israel Hoffman. By 1919 the town boasted seven mines within two miles of the post office, which was established in 1884 but burned in 1918. After the fire mail was routed through the home of the Galls, who had owned the original post office building.

There were also during the boom years seven stores, a movie theater, a saloon, a church, and at least one physician. There were also a cobbler’s shop, a blacksmith shop, a barber shop, a grist mill, and a restaurant. Coal was carried in buckets on a cable stretched across the river from the mines to the tipple. Situated on the banks of the Tygart River, Arden also lay along the Grafton and Greenbrier (later B&O) railroad tracks and had its own depot. Several passenger trains ran daily between Grafton and Elkins and points beyond.

Angel Band Farm existed through all of this. The house was built by the Gall family, who owned this property and the general store as well as the post office. The farm, some 130 acres, was purchased in 1919 by Wesley and Alice Weaver. In 1932 they deeded the property, including its granary and chicken house and hog pen and barn, to their son, Bernard, and his wife, Edna. Bernard and Edna worked the farm, by then reduced to some 22 acres, until Bernard died in 1977, when their son, Steve, took over. He built a house for himself where the hog pen used to be--across the lawn from the “big house,” where Edna continued to live until she died in 2001 at the age of 99.

Steve Weaver, who has made his living as a flight instructor, a dealer in small aircraft, and a stunt pilot, soon gave his home to his daughter Shaun, and he gave the farmhouse to his other daughter, Stephanie, the great-granddaughters of Wesley and Alice Weaver. The family decided to restore the historic farmhouse as a bed-and-breakfast, so for five years they worked, renovating the “beautiful bones” of the building and adding modern features such as ceiling fans, a modern kitchen, and plenty of hot water. They named their new endeavor “Angel Band Farm” in memory of Edna Stemple Weaver, whose favorite gospel song was “Angel Band.” “We think,” Steve says, “that God has graced this family and will grace you and your time here. This is a place to connect back to yourself and God’s creation and to spend time with the people you love.”

Decorated with artifacts and antique art work, the bed and breakfast opened in 2009 and can accommodate 10 guests, with a set of bunk beds built especially for young visitors. The large bedrooms have been beautified by Janet Stephens, the host, who has made magnificent quilts to cover all of the beds. These four rooms are accompanied by two full bathrooms, one on the main floor and one on the second, the latter boasting a huge clawfoot tub.

Guests are likely to spend most of their time outdoors, swimming, rafting, kayaking, and fishing on the river or hiking or biking along nearby trails, or just sitting on the porch watching nature go by. There are also available in the house, however, books and movies—and those lovely bedrooms--and the fully equipped modern kitchen, which is open for residents’ use.



A Word  
from  
the  
Pastor

HOvernight guests are treated in the morning to bedside coffee and then to a gourmet breakfast including such delicacies as “Apple Nut Stuffed French Toast” or “Chef’s Rise and Shine Breakfast Souffle” or “Poached Eggs with Asparagus and Parmesan Cheese.” These and other such elegant offerings are accompanied by muffins or quick bread and seasonal fruits and juices.

One recent visitor commented, “Recently, we traveled to Philippi for a wedding. We quickly became the envy of all of the out-of-town guests as we shared stories of our stay at Angel Band while they were cooped up in...hotel rooms many miles away....After breakfast...we slipped into our bathing suits, grabbed our dog and walked across the road to the river. We swam, floated, sunbathed, and relaxed the day away. When we came back to the house there were towels on the front porch waiting for us—there was even a towel for our dog.”

Yes, “well-behaved” pets are welcome at Angel Band, as are children. The facilities are open from May 1 to November 1 every year. Full information can be secured by calling 304-457-4523 or 860-567-1200 or by checking the website: [www.angelbandfarm.com](http://www.angelbandfarm.com).”

# Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 3rd– 10:30AM– Communion & Deacon Relief Offering  
4:30PM– Diaconate meeting

Monday, September 4th– Labor Day– Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 9th– 9:30AM– American Baptist Women’s Ministry meeting

Saturday, September 9th– 7:30AM– Men’s Prayer Breakfast at the Medallion

6:30PM– Celebration of Life service for Rev. John and Pat Cain

Sunday, September 10th– 11:45AM– Annual Church Picnic

1:30PM– Church Council meeting

4:00PM– Pastoral Relations Committee meeting

6:00PM– Board of Trustees meeting

Saturday, September 16th– 9:00PM– Celebrate Recovery training

Sunday, September 17th– 11:15AM– Quarterly Business meeting

4:30PM– Board of Missions & Outreach meeting

Sunday, September 24th– 3:00PM– Union Association Annual meeting at Simpson Creek Baptist

4:30PM– Board of worship meeting

Saturday, September 30th– 8:30AM– Adopt-a-Highway



Philippi Baptist Church is looking to fill their youth leader position. Applicants must submit a resume and cover letter explaining why they are interested to Philippi Baptist Church 69 Church Street, Philippi, WV 26416 or by email at [office.pbcwv.net](mailto:office.pbcwv.net). Application must be received by September 10<sup>th</sup>.



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Cindy Strakal

Jim Warfuel

Christina Wentz

Austin & Germain Whitman

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 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

Debbie Mulneix consultant for International Ministries



Remember Our Shut-Ins

Blair Marks (VA Nursing Home),  
Vangie Shaffer (Mansfield Place),  
Germaine & Austin Whitman



**Praises**

Brad Allen

Roy Durr

Kathleen McQuade

Adalynn Clair Perrine

Ronny Stewart



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



The Board of Worship would like to thank Hannah Dixon for serving as the interim praise team leader and would like to welcome her as our newly appointed praise team leader.

# Weekly Events

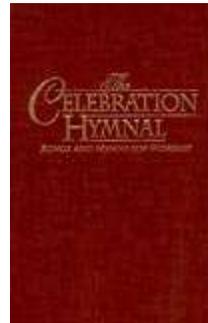
Sundays	Sunday School AM Worship	9:15am 10:30am
Mondays	Celebrate Recovery Praise Team Practice Celebrate Recovery	4:45pm 6:30pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study (@ Sarah Cobb's house)	12:45pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Service/ Abide Youth Ministry Chancel Choir	6pm 7:15pm

## Children's Volunteer Watch and Teach Calendar for September

	September 3rd	September 10th	September 17th	September 24th
<b>Nursery</b>	Wanda & Jim Steele	Rebekah Hicks & Margaret Salimi	Zvezdana Vlastic & Bonnie Daugherty	Cheryl Wolfe & Hannah Dixon
<b>Children's Church</b>	Kelly Bracey & Jennifer Weyandt	Koreen & Thomas Villers	Sarah, Pete & Sam Ferguson	Crystal & Wes Gray

The Board of Worship is doing a collection for the purchase of Celebration Hymnals They are \$10 each and they are recommending that we start with the purchase of 100. Each Sunday please notice the water jug for donations.

If anyone would like to donate a Celebration Hymnal in Honor of someone living or in Memory of someone passed, please put a note with your \$10 donation. If you have donated \$10 or more and you wish to note someone, please put a note in your offering. A note will be made in the Hymnal "In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_" Or "In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_".



*Happy Birthday!*

- 6- JD Long
- 7- Hannah Dixon
- 13- Mary Lantz
- 15- Emily Meader
- 18- Kenny Phillips
- 19- Charlie Davis
- 21- Hayley Dadisman
- 22- Marj Campbell
- 22- Michael Perry
- 26- John Hicks
- 26- Zvezdana Vlastic
- 27- Mary Boyer
- 27- Kathy Kratsas
- 29- Sarah Cobb
- 30- Elsie Frye
- 30- Nancy Stull

Men's Prayer  
Breakfast on Sept.  
9 at 7:30AM at the  
Medallion



James and Sara Cain, the son and daughter-in-law of the recently deceased Rev. John and Patricia Cain would like to cordially invite everyone to a covered dish celebration of their lives. The celebration of their lives will be held in the Fellowship hall of the Philippi Baptist Church on Saturday September 9 2017 at 7:00pm. Please contact Sara Cain at 304-457-4442 with any questions concerning the service.



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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**

