



Heavenly Whispers

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**We serve a good, good
God!**

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Praise The Lord!

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church (NBCBC)

Where everyone is welcome and Jesus is Lord!!

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church Mission & Vision Statement: (Matthew 28:19) Making, growing, equipping and sending disciples of Jesus Christ to proclaim the kingdom of God.



New Beginnings Baptism 8/9/2025 in Doub's Meadow creek where sixteen believers professed their faith and were baptized by Pastor Karen.

Baptism stands as a visible sign of an invisible reality—repentance, cleansing, identification with Christ's death and resurrection, public confession, and entrance into the covenant community. Its scriptural foundation is clear, its practice consistent across the early church and through the centuries, and its testimony resonates with believers of all backgrounds.

The emphasis of baptism is not on the ceremony alone but on the life-change it symbolizes. In the Christian faith, baptism's richness flows from its alignment with foundational truths: that Jesus died and rose again, that repentance brings cleansing, and that genuine faith is lived out in obedience. As [1 John 5:11](#) succinctly declares, "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." Baptism, in every era, illustrates that reality for each new follower who steps forward to be immersed, sprinkled, or poured upon in recognition that everything changes with Christ.

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen Dear church, Fall is upon us and things are beginning to change...the days are shorter, the bug sounds are different, the air is cooler, and the leaves are beginning to turn beautiful colors! How amazing is this creation our Lord has made!! In these last three months many changes have happened in our church family. There are those who have surgeries, there are those who have gone to be with the Lord, there are those who have experienced sadness, anxiousness, fear, and hopelessness but through it all I have seen the Hand of our Mighty God upon us. I have seen where the joy of the Lord has been our strength, where we have cried out to God and he has heard us!! He has met our every need, He has gone before us, and He is our rear guard! What a mighty God we serve!! I believe in these next three months we are going to see our Lord move in ways for "New Beginnings" so that there will be no one that can deny it was our Lord!! The vision of our church will start to become clearer as we continue to reach out with ministries from Samaritans Purse to the Good News Club to the Daughters of the King, to our new young Men's Bible study!! How blessed we are to have so many who are prompted by the Holy Spirit to not just sit on the pew every Sunday but who take their faith seriously and get up and do something!! We are so blessed with the leadership in our church who have a love for the church and its people!! My family and I are blessed to be a part of such a loving and giving church family...and we do consider you family and may our love for each other continue to grow in the grace and the mercy of Jesus the Christ...OUR RISEN LORD!! May our Lord bless and keep you all!

Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe & Eddie Moser: The music highlight for the Summer was at the Baptism and Picnic where Bernie, Carissa, Fred and Larry Joe provided music. The Fall Faith Festival was cancelled due to issues with a suitable venue and more importantly the schedule of activities for October. The plan is to regroup and spend more time planning next year's event and hopefully be able to hold it in a location with more exposure and foot traffic.

Daughters of the King by Ann Marie New Beginnings is very excited to announce that our Mother Daughter Ministry is going in another direction. We will now be called Daughters of The King. Our mission is the same as our Mission Statement of Matthew 28: 20. Pastor Karen , Julia Greenfield, Patsy McGaha and myself have had the privilege of getting to know Mothers and Daughters and being part of bringing God's Word and the truth of the Gospel to them. Please join us in praying for our new Ministry.

Fellowship Team by Judy Abel: The team provided pastor Karen's family with food after the funeral of her husband Wayne Grossnickle's father Maynard . Also, we provided fried chicken, hotdogs and drinks ,and our church members brought delicious side dishes for our Baptism and picnic at Doub's Park in August.

Financial Management Team by Kevin Delauter The Finance team has been working on gathering information for the 2026 budget. We appreciate everyone's input and efforts in getting the information to us. Thanks to Ruthie for putting it all together for us to present to the Leadership team. The 2026 budget will be presented at the congregational business meeting in November.

Isaiah 65:23 They will not **labor in vain**, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

Leadership Team report by Jerry Fogle, team chair: In July, the Leadership Team (LT) discussed sabbatical leave with Pastor Karen. She indicated that she would not take a sabbatical in 2026, but wanted to take weekdays off for required, personal advancement, including classes and writing. The LT approved this request.

Pastor Karen has opted to enroll in Medicare, and a supplemental insurance, for her healthcare. The LT will act on supporting the supplemental insurance when the costs are available from Pastor Karen.

Use of the additional storage space granted by the Seventh Day Church (SDA) was being studied by the LT.

In August, the LT finalized the delegates and attendees for the November Blue Ridge district meeting in Staunton, VA. Eddie Moser and Pastor Karen will serve as delegates and Terri Kline and Ronda Whitmore will attend.

The LT finalized proposed changes to the Constitution/Bylaws and Position Description documents that would eliminate term limits for most NBCBC elected positions. The documents have been relined and will be made available to the congregation by mid-October for review. The LT will request congregational approval of the proposed changes to the documents at the November 2025 Congregational Business meeting.

The LT studied the use of shelf units to store items in the SDA storage space in the basement. Six shelf units would cost \$400 - \$500. Trustees have volunteered to make wooden shelf units on wheels and will advise the LT of price in order to fund the project.

The LT met with the Financial Management team (FMT) on August 28th to discuss increases in the 2026 proposed budget. The LT agreed to \$700 funding for two delegates to the CBC annual meeting in 2026 to include registration, hotel and purchased gas. It was also decided that snow removal would be taken out of the proposed budget. Options were considered regarding a 40% rent increase proposed by SDA for 2026. The LT decided to ask SDA for a reduction in the increase, review other rental options, make a final decision and report to the FMT by September 15th.

In September, the LT was told by the Trustees that SDA had agreed to reduce the proposed rent from 40% to a 20% rent increase and offered that rate for two years. The LT will propose that the congregation accept those terms and support the increases through regular giving to the general budget.

Pastor Karen reported that two conferences will be held in October and that plans for both are coming along. Pastor Karen also reported that the Outreach and Worship teams have decided to move the Fall Faith Festival to the spring. The additional time will be used for site selection and event planning. The date for the Spring Faith Festival will be announced later. .

Communications by Cathy Hessong: The Communications and Advertising Team have been busy keeping YouTube, Facebook, and the church Website up to date with all the current sermons, Pastor Karen's Monday prayers, Pastor Karen's Wednesday Thoughts, and all upcoming events. If your team has an event coming up, please reach out to Cathy Hessong to advertise your event. Also, if you are not receiving our weekly emails with Pastor Karen's Monday Prayer, Wednesday Thoughts, The Sermon, Prayer Concerns, Reminders, and any cancellations, please sign up by giving your email address to Cathy Hessong.

Board of Trustees by Eddie Moser: We continue to review all property listings provided by our realtor but haven't found anything suitable yet. We did formulate the Lease Agreement with SDA and have it in the hands of their leadership for approval. We have negotiated a 2yr lease term this time at their suggestion. As always, if anyone sees a property for sale that is anywhere close to what we are looking for, please advise one of the trustees, Fred Neel, Ron White or myself.

Psalm 86:11 Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Remember the Date

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar

10/3/2025

Standing Meetings

Financial Management Team Meeting	1 st Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	FMT Chair
Deacon's Meeting	TBD	6:00 pm	Each Month	Pastor and Deacons
Leadership Team Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Jerry Fogle LT Chair
Christian Education Meeting	3 rd Monday		Each Month	Pastor Karen & Team Chair
Worship Team Meeting	Thursdays	12:30	Twice Monthly	Bernie Trego

Classes	Location	Date/Day	Time	Event Organizer
Ladies' Bible Study	Lutheran Church	Wednesdays	9 - 10:30 am	Cathy Hessong
Young Adult Bible Study	SDA	Alt Thursdays	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Kenton, Joseph & Ingrid
Come Alive Prayer	SDA	Friday	9—10 am	Pastor Karen

2025 Events Schedule

Communion (4 times per year)	1/19/2025	10:50	During service	Deacon's and Pastor
Communion (4 times per year)	3/2/2025	10:50	During service	Deacon's and Pastor
Communion (4 times per year)	7/6/2025	10:50	During service	Deacon's and Pastor
Communion (4 times per year)	10/5/2025	11:45	During service	Deacon's and Pastor
Maundy Thursday/Love Feast	4/17/2025	6:00	SDA Church	Deacons & Pastor
Easter Sunday	4/20/2025	9:30	SDA Church	Pastor Karen
Congregational Business Mtg	5/4/2025	11:15	Church Business	LT & Moderator
New Members Sunday	7/6/2025	10:15	During service	Pastor Karen
GEMS Picnic	7/10/2025	6:00pm	Doub's Meadow Pk	Pastor Karen & Julie
CBC Conference & Worship Meeting	7/17—7/19/2025		North Carolina	CBC Executive Bd
Baptism Service & Picnic	8/2/2025	4:00	Doub's Meadow Pk	Pastor Karen
Congregational Business Mtg	11/2/2025	11:15	Church Business	LT & Moderator
Church Christmas Dinner	12/6/2025	1-3pm	Western Sizzlin'	Fellowship Team

Bold Denotes Completed

Denotes Standing Meetings

Activity missed for cause

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV) For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.

**We are on: Facebook, YouTube, & email: look for us as New Beginnings Church
Our website: www.nb-cbc.org**

The Favor of God (Posted on April 25, 2024 by Mark Cole) Reposted by Eddie Moser:

7 Keys to Walking In God's Favor

Discovering favor with God is a journey marked by faith, grace, and transformation. If you're seeking to deepen your relationship with God and experience His favor in your life, here are seven principles rooted in God's Word.

1. Embrace Jesus as Savior: The first step in finding favor with God is to embrace Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Recognize Him as the Son of God who came to earth, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for your sins, and rose again from the dead. Through faith in Jesus, you receive forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God, paving the way for a restored relationship with Him.

John 14:6 (NIV) – *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

Acts 4:12 (NIV) – *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

2. Surrender to God's Will: Surrendering to God's will is essential for experiencing His favor. Follow Jesus' example in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He prayed, *"Not My will, but Yours be done."* Submit your plans, desires, and ambitions to God, trusting His sovereignty and wisdom. As you align your life with God's purposes, you'll discover His favor leading you along the path He has set out for you.

Matthew 26:39 (NIV) – *"Going a little farther, He fell with his face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.'"*

Romans 12:2 (NIV) – *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Mark 12:30 (NIV) *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."*

3. Walk in Obedience: Obedience to God's commands is a hallmark of discipleship. Jesus said, *"If you love Me, keep my commands."* Follow His teachings with a sincere heart, striving to live a life that honors God in all you do. Seek to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. As you walk in obedience, you'll experience the blessings and favor of God overflowing in your life.

John 14:15 (NIV) – *"If you love Me, keep my commands."*

1 John 2:3-4 (NIV) – *"We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands. Whoever says, 'I know Him,' but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person."*

4. Cling to God's Word: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Dive deep into the Scriptures, studying and meditating on God's truth revealed through Jesus Christ. Let His words dwell richly in your heart, guiding your thoughts, words, and actions. As you immerse yourself in the Word, you'll gain wisdom, strength, and discernment to navigate life's challenges and experience God's favor.

Psalms 119:105 (NIV) – *"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) – *"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."*

5. Cultivate a Spirit of Worship: Worship is the natural response of a grateful heart to the goodness and majesty of God. Lift up your praises to God, acknowledging His greatness, faithfulness, and love. Worship Him in spirit and in truth, offering your whole self as a living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God. As you cultivate a spirit of worship, you'll draw near to God's presence and encounter His favor in profound ways.

John 4:23-24 (NIV) – *"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."*

Psalms 100:2-4 (NIV) – *"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name."*

6. Serve Others in Love: Jesus taught that whoever wants to be great must become a servant of all. Follow His example of humility and servanthood, seeking opportunities to serve others in love. Whether through acts of kindness, compassion, or generosity, let your life reflect the selfless love of Christ. As you serve others with a Christ-like attitude, you'll find favor with God and fulfill His purpose for your life.

Mark 10:45 (NIV) – *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."*

Galatians 5:13 (NIV) – *"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."*

7. Persist in Prayer: Prayer is the lifeline of the believer, connecting us to the heart of God. Follow Jesus' example of fervent and persistent prayer, seeking God's will and provision in all things. Pour out your heart to God with faith and expectancy, knowing that He hears your prayers and delights in answering according to His perfect plan. As you persist in prayer, as you 'Pray and Obey', you'll experience the favor of God manifesting in miraculous ways.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) – *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV) – *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*

Finding favor with God is a journey of faith, obedience, and intimacy. By embracing Jesus as Savior, surrendering to God's will, walking in obedience, finding life through His Word, cultivating a spirit of worship, serving others in love, and persisting in prayer, you'll discover the abundant blessings and favor that flow from a life surrendered to God. May these seven spiritual principles guide you deeper into the heart of God and the fullness of His favor in your life.



Some of the 16 who were baptized on August 9, 2025 and also some pictures of the feast of food provided for the partaking and celebration picnic afterwards. This baptism was attended by more than any other in the past due to the number of participants. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all and the fellowship was so sweet and uplifting!
YEAH GOD!!!!





Kevin Delauter praising God just before delivery of his 1st sermon 9/14/2025 titled "Thoughts and Prayers".

Outreach Team by Terri Kline: Our team provides all occasion greeting cards each week for the convenience of our congregation. We take care of the postage and make sure the cards are distributed and/or mailed accordingly. We collect donations on an ongoing basis for Care Net of Frederick, i.e., baby wash/shampoo/lotion; baby clothes sizes 18 months to 5T; diapers and wipes. We are participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Campaign. With the help of our congregation's monetary donations, we will be able to fill and ship 20 shoe boxes for this great cause. We're getting a group together to volunteer at Samaritan's Purse Processing Center in Baltimore, MD to help fill shoe boxes. Our team is planning to provide a Thanksgiving Day meal, as well as Christmas gifts for a family and/or families in need of assistance.



Children's Church by Amanda Farmer: Our Christian Education team has been busy this quarter hosting Vacation Bible School in July which was a great success and finishing out our Summer curriculum at the end of September. We are ready to jump into Fall with our new curriculum from Lifeway for our younger students focusing on God's plan for creation and His constant protection of His people all throughout the Bible. For our older students we are starting a new curriculum suited for small groups from Not Consumed Ministries on navigating friendships at pivotal ages. We are so grateful for the core group that has hung in there from the beginning and especially looking forward to the new faces that are joining us to help with the children's ministry in the coming months! 3 John 1:4 encourages us moving forward saying; "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." What a joy and privilege it is to watch our children grow, the future is BRIGHT!

Good News Club by Pastor Karen: Summer has flown by and we are getting ready to begin, of which I believe to be our fourth year spreading God's word through Good News Club! We are still at Middletown Primary School, and our team is very excited about our new season with the children! We will have some children returning from last year and some new children that have never experienced a club like this before!! Please be in prayer for us as we have this amazing opportunity to go right into the school system! Pray that we have the chance to minister to all we meet!! Pray that the light shines so brightly through us that it will draw others to Jesus!! We thank all of you for supporting us with your generous donations and your prayers!! As Pastor, I am thankful for this amazing team that is so committed to teaching the children about Jesus!! To God Be All the Glory!!



Updated:
9/5/2025

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church Historical Timeline

<u>Event ↓</u>	<u>Date ↓</u>	<u>Headcount</u>
Split From Harmony	10/27/2019	12
Formed Church	10/27/2019	12
Met At Thurmont CoB	~=7/2/2019	25
Met on Dale's Hill	6/5/2020	40
Met at Amvets	9/1/2020	41
Decided to Join CBC	11/20/2020	41
Incorporated as CBC	1/21/2021	41
Became a CBC Congregation	1/21/2021	41
Pastor Ordained and CBC Accepted	1/21/2021	41
NBCBC Constitution Approved	5/2/2021	41
1 New Member Joined NBCBC	5/2/2021	42
8 New Members Joined NBCBC	5/9/2021	50
2 Members Withdrew from NBCBC	8/1/2021	48
1 Member Lost	10/10/2021	47
1 New Member Joined NBCBC	10/17/2021	48
5 New Members Joined NBCBC	5/29/2022	53
2 New Members Joined NBCBC	12/10/2022	55
Began Worshipping at SDA	6/18/2023	55
2 Members Withdrew from NBCBC	12/31/2023	53
3 New Members Joined NBCBC	12/31/2023	56
3 New Members Joined NBCBC	7/7/2024	59
1 Member Lost	9/4/2024	58
5 New Members Joined NBCBC	7/6/2025	63

Acts 14:23 Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each **church** and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

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