



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.



[More pics on pages 8 & 9]

VBS by Wendy Drum - The second annual NBCBC Vacation Bible School was held June 23-25 at the church. We "Magnified" God's glory through prayer, skits, song, scripture readings, lessons, scavenger hunt, crafts and fun together. God delivered as always and we were blessed to have 27 children in attendance. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. Psalm 34:3 was highlighted throughout the three days. Thank you to the generosity and support of so many for making the VBS a reality. Thank you to the Frederick South End Baptist Church for their generous donation of materials to heighten the senses. Raising awareness of God's magnificent pallet and architecture in creation with colorful displays adorned the walls. The divine structure of a honeycomb and the hive were beautiful displays of the sweetness of life with thanks to Donna Myers for sharing her talents and Fred Neal for hanging real hives. As the children learned how God sees them, loves them, forgives them and keeps His promises, we pray each child walked away with a special nugget, a bit of wisdom or curiosity to explore the goodness of God and magnify his name! We look forward to our third VBS next year, and possibly extending it to four days. "Jesus said, Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen Imagine in heaven one day some person walks up to you and says "I am here because you weren't ashamed and told me about Jesus, Thank you!"

As we grow in Christ, my prayer is that all who come to New Beginnings become bold and courageous in telling others about Jesus!! Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile!"

As we work on our spiritual growth...let us keep our eyes on Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith!! My prayer is that we continue to know more about who Jesus is and that what He did for us on the cross becomes real to us. And in that realization, we become sold out to the gospel, we become prayer warriors for Christ, we become unashamed and ready to tell others about His perfect love and His saving grace!

The question we must ask ourselves is "Do we really believe?" Once that question is answered that is when we either lay down our lives and follow Jesus or we turn and go the other way...we choose life or death!!

New Beginnings is our name, but it is so much more...it means a new beginning every time we open our eyes in the morning...it's a new beginning in Jesus every day...it's a new beginning in the way we live! And for all those we meet we can tell them about the new beginning in Christ!! We can share the gospel of Christ and of life!!

So, my charge to New Beginnings today is to be strong and courageous, to be bold and unashamed to tell others about your risen Lord!! Their lives may depend on what you say!! And one day when we get to heaven someone may walk up to us and say "Thank you for telling me about Jesus! You are the reason I am here!"

Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe & Eddie Moser: The worship and setup teams have been performing their duties flawlessly and it is such a blessing to have the great flow of worship as a result. On June 22nd the congregation received a special treat by Jessica Routzahn with her angelic voice and words of testimony. The songs she sang were so full of meaning and so expertly sung that it made the chills flow. The team is actively planning our 3rd annual Fall Faith Festival to take place at Burkittsville Ruritan grounds on October 4 from 12:00 noon until 3 pm. We invite all to help with the advertising of this event by spreading the word to all your friends, acquaintances, neighbors and family.

GEMS by Pastor Karen: Our GEMS club is up and running and flourishing. We are very unique in our meetings as we have the moms staying for an individual bible study as well. We average at least 12 per meeting and we sense the Holy Spirit in the lives of all those who attend. Patsy and Ann Marie bring a lite supper for all which is greatly appreciated because most of our families do not take time to eat dinner, they also help with the crafts. Julia is always so willing to help where she can, and she is so appreciated. Julie leads the meeting with games, crafts and a lesson for the girls. Pastor Karen leads the moms in a short bible study. We have been so blessed to be able to do our Lord's work in this way. Thank you to New Beginnings for their support in prayer and monetarily as we are about our Fathers business!! Blessings Pastor Karen and the GEMS Team! **Picnic Thursday @ 6:00pm @ Doub's Meadow Park, Myersville**

Hospitality Team by Kathy Fisher: Our Hospitality Team involves what our team is called, showing hospitality to our church family and to those who attend. Greeters for each Sunday – Greets those who are attending church and hands out our bulletin and other information as needed. If you feel lead to be a greeter, please see Sally Routzahn. We celebrated: Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June. Thank you to Stacey Shafer for selecting and putting these gifts together.

Fellowship Team by Judy Abel: Garry and Judy made 24 quarts of vegetable soup for the shut-ins and those going through difficult times.

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

Leadership Team report by Jerry Fogle, team chair: In April, we approved the disaster relief trip proposed by Kenton Grossnickle, Wayne Grossnickle and Wayne Fisher. The LT approved reimbursing that team for any gas and meals requested by the team. The LT continued to wrestle with the task of replacing team members whose terms will be expiring in 2027 (16) and the following year (24). Alternative proposals are being considered.

In May, the LT decided to switch to a lesser expensive plan on the NBCBC website. They also decided to eliminate PayPal as the entity for collecting donations online. PayPal has made corporate decisions and have policies that are not biblically based or in line with NBCBC stated policy. Alternatives for donations will be considered.

The LT began looking at alternatives to replacing team positions of dozens of elected team members over the next couple of years. Changes to the constitution and position description documents will be considered.

In June, the LT approved the concept of removing term limits for team positions, and making changes in some teams and their responsibilities. This process is now under review and final decisions will be made at the July LT meeting, and possibly beyond.

The LT approved the concept of hiring a paid child care person for our worship services and possibly for Sunday school. Pastor Karen knows of some potential interested persons and a final decision will be made later.

The LT began discussions on the 2026 budget and approved a \$500 donation to the Blue Ridge district. They also began discussions with Pastor Karen regarding sabbatical possibilities in 2026 and beyond.

Financial Management Team/Treasurer by Kevin Delauter: The giving for 2025 as of 5/31/2025 is \$150 under the budgeted amount for the year. The FMT has renewed CD's and opened additional CD's for the church general and building funds. The current CD's are as follows:

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|-------------|----------|---------------|
| 25 month CD | \$32,000 | General Fund |
| 11 month CD | \$10,000 | General Fund |
| 25 month CD | \$80,000 | Building Fund |
| 25 month CD | \$78,000 | Building Fund |

The FMT appreciates the generous giving by our congregation to serve the needs of God's church.

Communications by Cathy Hessong: Nothing new to report but we would ask all to pass by word of mouth the date of our Fall Faith Festival 4 October 2025.

Board of Trustees by Eddie Moser: We haven't seen anything new or that would fit our church needs come on the market, though we continue to review listings as they are made available. We continue to monitor, inspect and assure that things that need repairs at the church facility are relayed to the elders to address.

Titus 1:7 (NIV) Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.

Remember the Date

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar

4/5/2025

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 & Inggrid |
| Come Alive Prayer | SDA | Friday | 9—10 am | Darlene & 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) | 10/19/2025 | 10:45 | 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 Park | 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 Park | Pastor Karen |
| Fall Faith Festival | 10/11/2025 | 12 —4 | Ruritan Facility | Worship Team |
| Congregational Business Mtg | 11/2/2025 | 11:15 | Church Business | LT & Moderator |
| Church Christmas Dinner | 12/6/2025 | 3—5pm | 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**

Children's Church by Wendy Drum: God is good and continues to bless us with children eager to learn about who He is, his Son the Savior and the Holy Spirit. The children are currently learning about "The Wordless Book". A simple five page wordless book with Gold, Dark, Red, Clean, and Green pages. The children learn how to share the good news of God's promise. Attendance is open to all children between the age of 3-12. We offer two age groups for deeper conversations for the children over the age of 7. The nursery is available from 10:20 - 11:30 a.m. during the worship service. We are in need of volunteers for the nursery. Please contact Pastor Karen or Wendy Drum if you are interested in helping. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, and friends, for bringing your children to learn and share our Joy for the Lord.

"Will You Be Left Behind" by Eddie Moser:

A serious question to be considered very honestly by all who walk this earth. And particularly those who profess to be Christians. What do I mean "left behind?" Well, Matthew 24: 30-31 explains it better than I can:

"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."

Very plainly, if we haven't given our lives to Christ, professed Him as our Lord and Savior and repented from our sins we will be left behind when He returns to earth for this great home coming mentioned above. I believe the mourning referred to in the scriptures above will be coming from those who will be left behind because they haven't believed in Jesus and the gospel of God the Father. It is a sobering thought to think that many of our friends may not be gathered into Heaven with us and Jesus. It is a frightening thought to consider what it might be like on earth with no Jesus and no Christian friends around you. Many may be playing the odds that it isn't going to happen yet, let me live, drink, be merry and enjoy myself a little while longer; many may not even care or have even thought about life after death. We all need to consider this passage very carefully: Matthew 24:35 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Are you ready? If not, I'd suggest you better get ready because Jesus could return at any time. If you haven't professed Jesus to be your Lord and Savior do it now before it's too late.

Many are the afflictions of the
righteous: but the LORD
delivers him out of them all.
Psalms 34:19



God Is Good All The Time.

Romans 10:9 (NIV) If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

NBCBC - One Small Church with a big heart and lots of activities in service to our God and His Kingdom by Eddie Moser I wonder if anyone has taken the time to jot down all the ministries our church of a mere four (4) years is involved in? Here goes my stab:

- Worship Service and Sunday School every Sunday
- GEMS - Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior
- CEF/Good News Club (in elementary school no less)
- Ladies Bible Study weekly
- Young Adult Bible Study by-monthly
- Come Alive Prayer Ministry weekly
- Women's Retreats (twice this year)
- Annual Baptism Service with a Fellowship Picnic
- Annual New Members Sunday
- Fall Faith Festival community outreach
- Support to Care Net of Frederick, Samaritan's Purse, Blue Ridge Regional Office, CBC Home Office and maybe others I've missed.
- Annual Congregational Christmas Party

Do you think we are making an impact for Jesus?? I pray so. Do you think we are fulfilling our mission statement - Matthew 28:19 Making, growing, equipping and sending disciples of Jesus Christ to proclaim the kingdom of God. Praise God for all the energized and born again saints of NBCBC carrying out these ministries for Jesus.

The VBS attendees and dedicated teachers and staff of
NBCBC VBS 2nd Annual Edition.



Do you see the love for Jesus on these beautiful faces??!!



Upper Left - Fred portraying Jesus.
Upper Right - Group teaching by Wendy.
Middle Right - Project of making a bee, one of God's many creations.
Lower Left - Sanctuary decorations.

There were class sessions, crafts, scavenger hunts, activities, and of course snacks.



Updated:
12/23/2024

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 |

Acts 2:42 (NIV) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Outreach Team by Terri Kline: We continue to provide all occasion greeting cards each week for the convenience of our congregation. We take care of the postage and making sure the cards are distributed and/or mailed accordingly.

We participated in Care Net of Frederick's "Change For Life" Baby Bottle Campaign that ran from Mother's Day to Father's Day. We turned in 25 bottles, and Care Net is currently going through the tallying process. We will share the total amount donated by NBCBC as soon as it is received.

We are currently collecting donations for Care Net of Frederick, i.e., baby wash/shampoo/lotion; baby clothes sizes 18 months to 5T; diapers and wipes.

We just began our Christmas in July campaign for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. With the help of our congregation's monetary donations, we will be able to fill and ship 20 shoe boxes for this great cause