



Heavenly Whispers

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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.

Prayer on the Hill - 6/1/2024



Pastor Don blows the shofar horn calling the people to prayer on Saturday evening June 1. What a blessed time of prayer, testimonies, and fellowship was enjoyed by all with

God clearly leading the proceedings. There were about 26 believers who



assembled to worship God through song and to pray for our church, our community, our nation, and our fellow brothers and sisters. Psalms 128:1 "Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him."

Praise Be To God!!

1 Timothy 2:1 (NIV) I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen My how time flies, it seems I was just writing for last quarters newsletter yesterday and here it is again! Psalm 90:12 says, " So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. I know sometimes we forget that our days are numbered, that this time on earth is short compared to eternity. That we need to make every day count for the Kingdom of our Lord. As I watch this wonderful congregation worship together, love each other and work for the glory of God I see a glimpse of this scripture! The joy of watching all of us serve our Lord together is a wonder to behold!! This church called "New Beginnings" has certainly been a new beginning for me and my family. We are seeing an example of how we truly should be living as believers. We are seeing an example of the church that Christ is coming back for!! Do we have more to do?? Is there more spiritual growth that needs to happen?? Does the love of Jesus still need to be perfected in each of us? YES!! BUT WE ARE LEARNING TO NUMBER OUR DAYS AND MAKE THEM COUNT!! My prayer is that we keep this truth always in the front of our minds and that our Lord will give us more and more wisdom to know how to serve Him better, to know how to tell others about His amazing grace and to love one another!! May we never take our eyes off of our risen Lord and may our ears be opened to hear His voice and may all who are a part of "New Beginnings" follow Him the rest of their days!
Blessings, Pastor Karen

Emergency & Safety Response Team by Jerry Fogle: Following three medical incidents in the first half of 2024, the ESRT reviewed the Incident Reports and decided on actions to improve response to emergency situations. The common thread to the three incidents was the refusal of the victims to seek medical attention. It was also realized that we did not have adequate "sugar containing" items when someone was low on blood sugar. The ESRT took the following actions:

- A "Refusal of Medical Services" form was developed and made available to the team;
- Various candy bars and other "sweets" were placed in the first aid box in the foyer at SDA church; and,
- Team agreement to call 911 when anyone falls, regardless of the victim's refusal to want EMS services.

The "Refusal of Medical Services" form is also stored in the first aid box in the foyer and a few copies are in the red notebook in the rear pew beside the sound booth at SDA. The ESRT will continue to monitor emergency situations and make improvements when necessary.

Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe: The worship team continues to refine and alter the order of service to best worship our God. The team is working on the Fall Faith Festival scheduled for October 12 at The Burkittsville Ruritan Club facility from 12:00 to 4:00pm. All teams of NBCBC will be involved in this outreach activity in order to make it a successful event. Mark your calendars to assist and attend!!

Financial Management Team by Tammy Fisher: We are trending well with the budget and will be working on the 2025 budget soon. , The Finance Team will need the Teams budget requests for 2025. We will be meeting on July 23rd to review and start planning next years budget.

Joshua 24:24 (NIV) And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him."

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

Board of Trustees, by Eddie Moser: Coordination with SDA contact continues to go very well concerning use of the facility and maintenance and service issues encountered. We are so blessed to have such a great group of brothers and sisters in Christ to rent from and to have such a nice facility in which to worship. We continue reviewing all prospective properties identified to us by our realtor but nothing has surfaced yet that meets our needs and price point. Keep praying that God will provide the right place at the right time.

Leadership Team report by Jerry Fogle, team chair: In 2023, a sub-team appointed by the Leadership Team began updating and making needed changes to the "Constitution, Bylaws and Plan of Organization" and "Position Descriptions for Congregational Called and Elected Lay Ministry Positions" documents, both last updated in 2023 and 2022 respectively. That team presented proposed, updated documents to the Leadership Team in the fall of 2023. The Leadership Team reviewed the proposed changes, made additional proposed changes and returned the documents to the original team for review and finalization in April 2024.

The documents sub-team met several times, will meet in mid-July and will review the final proposed changes. They expect to present the documents to the Leadership Team in their August meeting. The Leadership Team will review, edit if needed and approve the proposed changes, likely in August or September. All of the documents will be published for review by the congregation and will be presented for approval at the November Congregational Business Meeting.

All of the proposed changes are needed to make our guiding documents reflect the current operations and direction of New Beginnings. Many people have put a lot of hard work and time into this effort and they have our respect and appreciation.

Gifts and Discernment by Darlene Moser: With some shifting in positions and personnel, the Gifts & Discernment team is once again back in action. One of those personnel changes was Virginia Lewis stepping down from the team due to personal reasons. We wish her well and pray she will return to service soon. We are prayerfully asking God to reveal through His Holy Spirit those folks to fill the vacant lay leader positions within the church. OR if you feel Him nudging you to get more involved in the work of the church, please contact me to explore what God is leading you to do. Remember, God will equip you if you answer His call. (Heb 13:21)

Communications by Eddie Moser: The Communications Team needs your assistance in keeping up with you...if you change your contact information please let us know so we can keep you informed of church activities and events. Don't forget, the church website found at www.nb-cbc.org, is being maintained on a weekly basis and the calendar is a good source of upcoming events and activities. Thanks in advance for helping us stay in touch with you and keeping you current on church activities



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Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Remember the Date

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar

6/30/2024

Standing Meetings

Financial Management Team Meeting	1 st Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Tammy Fisher, 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
Team Chairs & LT Meeting	TBD	11:30	Quarterly	Jerry Fogle, LT 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
Men's Bible Study	Eddie Moser's	Tuesdays	6 - 7:30 pm	Eddie Moser ON-HOLD
Young Adult Bible Study	SDA	Alt Thursdays	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Kenton, Joseph & Ingrid
Come Alive Prayer	SDA	Friday	12:30 - 1:30	Darlene & Pastor Karen

2024 Events Schedule

Tools of the Trade	1/13 thru 2/3 Saturdays	10—1:00 pm	Myersville Firehall
Communion (4 times per year)	1/21/2024	10:50	During service
Communion (4 times per year)	3/3/2024	10:50	During service
Communion (4 times per year)	7/7/2024	10:50	During service
Communion (4 times per year)	TBD	10:50	During service
Evening of Remembrance & Healing	2/25/2024	6:00	SDA Church
Maundy Thursday/Love Feast	3/28/2024	6:00	SDA Church
Easter Sunday	3/31/2024	9:30	SDA Church
Congregational Business Mtg	5/5/2024	11:15	Church Business
New Members Sunday	7/7/2024	10:15	During service
CBC Conference & Worship Meeting	7/18—7/20/2024	Chiques	Church, Manheim, PA
Baptism Service & Picnic	8/3/2024	4:00	Doub's Meadow Park
Congregational Business Mtg (Tentative)	11/3/2024	11:15	Church Business
Church Christmas Dinner	TBD	TBD	TBD

Bold Denotes Completed

Denotes Standing Meetings

Activity missed for cause

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

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Fellowship Team: I would like to thank the Fellowship Team and all who helped with the meal celebrating our Good News Club children and their families on April the 21st.. The Fellowship Hall was full to overflowing and we had six families come and join us in worship and the meal after. The food was delicious and plentiful, the fellowship was warm and inviting and I believe it brought glory to our Lord! I know it was a lot of planning and hard work put into every detail and as I look back on that day it will always be one of my fondest memories!! Again, I am so very grateful to the Fellowship team, the Good News Club team and all who helped serve, cleanup and welcome our Good News families!! What a blessing!! It is an honor to serve the Lord with you all!
Blessings, Pastor Karen

Hospitality Team by Kathy Fisher: We continue to hand out "Welcome Packets" to our visitors, with hopes they come back to worship with us again. On Mother's Day and Father's Day, we acknowledge both by giving out mementos. Cards are sent out to those who have been out sick, new members and those who haven't attended for a period of time. Thank you team for your faithfulness in these tasks.

"Since I Have A Bible....." by Ed Moser In the '60s Peter, Paul & Mary sang a song titled "If I Had A Hammer". Part of the lyrics were: "If I had a hammer; I'd hammer in the morning; I'd hammer in the evening; All over this land. I'd hammer out danger; I'd hammer out a warning; I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land." May I propose that "Since I Have A Bible" I will read it in the morning, I read it in the evening all over this land. It warns of danger and warnings as well as admonishing us to love our brothers and sisters all over this land. God's word is very specific in telling us that we must read His word daily so that we may gain knowledge, wisdom, peace, help, hope and instructions for our daily lives as evidenced below:
[John 1:1](#) ESV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
[Romans 15:4](#) ESV For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
[2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) ESV All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
If you haven't already established a personal devotional time daily, I strongly encourage you to do so. Make it the FIRST priority of every day if at all possible you will be amazed at how that alone time with God first thing each day will set the tone for the rest of the day. Just as God advises concerning our tithes and offerings in Malachi 3: 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." God's promises are true and your life will be so much richer as a result of putting Him first in your life whether it be in your devotion time or with your time, talent and tithe. I dare you to test Him with your time for daily devotions. In keeping with the words of the song referenced above, reading, meditating on, and referring to our bible should be our first resource in our time of need whether it be in the evening, mid-day or early morning. We must be prepared to shout His word from our mouths and proclaim His glory any time day or night.
"Since I have A Bible....."



Have we set aside a time each day to commune with our Heavenly Father?? Have we prioritized our time so that each morning the first thing we do is read His Word and "Pray Up" the day before us?? If Not, Why Not??? The Challenge: put God First each day and see what He does with you and your time.

Romans 10:11 (NIV) As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

Children's Church & Vacation Bible School by Wendy Drum Our children have been active and learning text truths from the Spring and Summer "Explore the Bible" curriculum. These truths help our children remember the power of God and how he helps us each and every day. "Jesus is our great High Priest - He paid for our sin, once and for all.", "We can live by faith.", "God is always in control" and more. The text truth is relevant to the scripture lesson for the week from both the Old and New Testament including John, Acts, Hebrews, Job, Joshua, and Judges. They traveled through Paul's journeys including his ship wreck, Joshua leading the Israelites into the Promise Land, Job's faith being tested, with teaching us that tough times can help us learn how to trust God. More adventures to come including the life of Samson. All are welcome to join our journey.

In addition to our Sunday School class, New Beginnings offered its first Vacation Bible School at Doub's Park in Myersville. The theme for our three day VBS was "God's Creation". The children participated in prayer, scripture reading, singing, crafts, fishing, games and more. Do you know what day the Sun, the Moon and the Stars were created? Do you know the day the Birds and the Fish were created? Twenty four children participated with hands on activities to embrace the wonders of God's Creation in six days and the importance of day seven, rest and worship. Special music included Fred Neal playing the harmonica and singing and dancing to 'God's Creation', 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands', and 'This Little Light of Mine'. One of the highlights was a visit from Tim Leber and his "Christ Cream" truck covering the children in prayer and treating them with ice cream. On day six, God created the animals. And the lamb appeared. The children were eagerly lined up to pet chickens and lambs. The Holy Spirit was surely present and shining bright. In this short time together, by any measure, we believe the Lord was pleased as friendships were made and five of his children accepted Him as their Savior. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

All children are welcome to join Sunday mornings during worship for more adventures through the Bible. At any time during the service the nursery to the rear of the sanctuary is available as needed for quiet space. It is equipped with a pew, a rocking chair, a window and a speaker so the message can be both seen and heard. During a designated time in the worship service, children are dismissed from the sanctuary with a teacher(s) and invited to attend downstairs in the Sunday School room. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and friends in playing a critical role in your children's Christian education. Thank you for all your continued support and prayers for both the children and teachers of this ministry. Blessings to all. If you have questions or would like to help, please reach out to Wendy Drum at 240-409-8635 or Donna Myers at 301-331-5187.

Thank you for all you do.
Blessings,
Wendy



1st Ever New Beginnings Vacation Bible School

6/19 thru 21/2024



The Beginning - Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.



Singing
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VBS....
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VBS picture collage.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) by Pastor Karen; It all began for New Beginnings with a faithful group of women who felt the call to tell young girls and their moms about Jesus Christ!! So, after much planning we decided to meet once a month and our first meeting was May the 9th at the Myersville Firehall where we began with a Tea Party!! We had a great turn out and we were so encouraged! Our second meeting was a "Garden Night" which was also well attended!! Our next meeting is July 11th at Doubs Park for a "Picnic in the Park." We are so excited to see who will come and learn about Jesus!! We are still looking for volunteers to help with the planning and the meetings! It has been a wonderful experience and we all have been blessed in watching the excitement of these girls and their moms! We want to thank everyone for their prayers and their donations to this call from our Lord. He certainly has made a way!! We are learning when the Lord calls us to something He has already opened the doors for us to walk through!! All we have to do is keep walking!! Blessings, the GEMS Team



Psalms
34:11 (NIV)

Come,
my children,
listen to me;
I will teach
you
the fear
of the Lord .



GEMS (Cont'd)



June 16 Father's Day: The men lead worship and the closing worship song after Pastor Bill Caputo's message!!

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