



# Heavenly Whispers

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**God's work is good work!**

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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.**

**Baptism of New Believers:** Pastor Karen shares the scriptural significance of baptism to Amanda, Ashley and Gracie before their emersion.



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**Romans 6:4 (NIV)** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may

## LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

**Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen** Time is passing quickly, and we have been busy with our Lords work in these last three months! How the Lord is working in our church! It is exciting to see what He is doing in all of our lives! It is a joy to see all of us working together for one goal and that is to lead others to Christ and to make disciples! We have had new memberships, baptisms, a wedding, a new baby and we have walked with two families in our midst at the passing of their loved ones. We will miss our dear Darlah and our dear Ken very much. They were so much a part of us here at New Beginnings. They both brought so much joy to our family. It is a reminder to us all of how short our time here on this earth is. It is a reminder to make every minute count for the Lord and His glory. To leave a mark wherever we go for good and not for evil. As I watch in wonder at the spiritual growth that is happening here...I praise our Mighty God for His goodness; I praise Him even in the storms of life for He is with us! Our Lord never forsakes us, and He will see us through whatever may come. We must stay focused on Him, walking together as one in Him, seeking His face in all we do, then we will see the goodness of God in the land of the living! Yes, church our God will see us through, He will make a way for us!! He has called us for such a time as this! To rescue the innocents, to look for the last the least and the lost, to care for those who need a Savior and to walk with them through their troubles. Our Lord has given us quite a mission and purpose and He will supply all our needs, for he is faithful to His people and we here at New Beginnings are His people!! It is an honor to serve the Risen Lord with you!

Blessings, Pastor Karen

### **Emergency & Safety Response Team by Jerry Fogle:**

Following three medical incidents in the 3/4 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.

Repeat of June message BUT it is important and bear repeating!!

**Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe:** Worship leaders, set up people, musicians to help on Sunday have been scheduled through December. Music is chosen for every Sunday service and I do my best to have a blend (traditional/contemporary) of songs. I send out any music needed to those participating.

Special rehearsals are planned via FaceTime or in person. Everyone involved has been WONDERFUL AND FAITHFUL. If anyone wants to make song suggestions, please let me know.

The latest work is being focused on the Fall Faith Festival. Many musicians have agreed to participate and have been rehearsing.

**Ephesians 4: 11. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

## LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

**Board of Trustees, by Eddie Moser:** Our interfacing with SDA leadership continues in a positive light and they have indicated they are very happy to have us worshipping in their facility. 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....after all, NBCBC is His church!!

**Leadership Team report by Jerry Fogle, team chair:** This has been a busy quarter for the members of the Leadership Team. With the help of a constitution revision team, we have approved the following revised documents for review and approval by the congregation:

Constitution, By-Laws and Plan of Organization

Position Descriptions for Congregational Called and Elected Lay Ministry Positions

Financial Procedures of NBCBC

Leadership Organizational Chart

Many hours of work have gone into making these changes. The revisions will make it easier to fill vacant positions and to operate church teams and functions. The documents will be ready for review by the congregation no later than Sunday, October 20, 2024.

We have filled vacant positions and are looking for a fifth member to serve on the Leadership Team. We will be assisting the Gifts and Discernments Team in recognizing potential, new team members. We will soon be in the process of reviewing the 2025 NBCBC budget and paid-personnel contracts.

**Gifts and Discernment by Darlene Moser:** Something beautiful is taking place in your church, and it has a lot to do with the move of the HOLY SPIRIT! I hear so many new attendees saying things like, "I've never felt so much love in a church body as the day I stepped into the New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church"! Or "boy if you want to hear the true word of God spoke in a sermon filled with love, but challenges - you should visit. " well because of this kind of news being shared - our precious church is growing, which means more people are coming with a hunger for the real truth in this lost and dying world.

If this brings an excitement to your spirit and you want to be a part of fixing the problems in this world please ask Linda Fogle, Nadine Runkles, Darlene Moser, or our dear Pastor Karen what positions may be open that is meant just for you. Do you hear God calling? - - for whomever He calls He equips.

**Communications by Cathy Hessong:** The Communications/Advertising Team has been working on ways to advertise for the Fall Faith Festival by sending a small mass mailing out to some residents in the Burkittsville area, creating signs, and we put a notice in the Middletown Magazine's calendar.

Also, remember to check your email for any church prayer alerts and announcement's. And with winter right around the corner remember to check your email, Facebook, or our website in the event of bad weather for any cancellations. If you are not signed up to receive our church emails please

**Financial Management Team by Ruthie White:** We are still trending well with the budget for this year. The Finance Team has finalized the 2025 budget and Wayne Grossnickle (in my absence) will present the budget to the Leadership Team at the October 8th, 2024, meeting for their approval. Thank you, teams, for submitting your budgets for the next fiscal year.

**1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV) Do everything in love.**



## Remember the Date

### New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar

10/2/2024

#### Standing Meetings

Financial Management Team Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	FMT Chair
Deacon's Meeting	TBD	6:00 pm	Each Month	Pastor and Deacons
Leadership Team Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Jerry Fogle LT Chair
Christian Education Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
Men's Bible Study	Eddie Moser's	Tuesdays	6 - 7:30 pm	Eddie Moser <b>ON-HOLD</b>
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)	10/20/2024	10:45	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	1/18—7/20/2024	Chiques Church, Manheim, PA	CBC Executive Bd
Baptism Service & Picnic	8/3/2024	4:00	Doub's Meadow Park
Fall Faith Festival	10/12/2024	12 —4	Ruritan Facility
Congregational Business Mtg	11/3/2024	11:15	Church Business
Church Christmas Dinner	12/7/2024	1—3:30pm	Western Sizzlin'

**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](http://www.nb-cbc.org)**

**Acts 4:31 (NIV) After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.**

**Fellowship Team:** In July the team assisted Amvets staff with a meal for sister Darla Adam's funeral. Then on August 3<sup>rd</sup> the team provided much of the food for the baptism picnic to include hot dogs, sloppy joes, and fried chicken. The church members provided many delicious desserts and Jim and Judy provided a nice treat of ice cream. A great meal was enjoyed by all in attendance.

**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. Praise God for the visitors we've been having during worship services.

**"I AM" by Ed Moser** As I was sitting in my chair listening to the soft rainfall on the porch roof, watching the leaves fall to the ground reminding me that Fall is on it's way, and observing the squirrels gathering nuts for their winter stash, I became so aware of God and His creation. I asked myself, how can anyone not believe that God exists, that he cares for all the little things of life and that without Him we have nothing? Everywhere we look we see God's provision .... the rain for the trees to flourish, the leaves falling to earth to replenish the nutrients needed for growth and the nuts from the trees for the squirrels to eat. Who is it that takes care of and provides all these details and more? **I AM**, God of the universe. In Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."<sup>[a]</sup> This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" When God gives a name for His people to call Him it conveys His dominion over all things, the source of His power, and His eternal nature: **I AM**. He is the self-sufficient, self-sustaining God who was, who is, and who will ever be. I am so grateful that in His mighty wisdom and mercy He has put many Christian brothers and sisters in my path. Many have been used to help effect changes in me to the point of desiring to be totally surrendered to the **Great I Am**. It is in His fullness that we become full and filled with joy that cannot be found anywhere else. Praise be to His holy name for ever and ever, Amen!!

*Question: have you turned your life completely over to Jesus by asking for forgiveness of your sins and accepted Him as your personal Lord and Savior?? If not, what are you waiting for??*



**Titus 2:11 (NIV) For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.**

**Children's Church & Vacation Bible School by Donna Myers:** Hello from Christian Education – Children's Church.

We have been very busy each Sunday! We are currently studying from the "Explore the Bible" curriculum. We started in September by studying the stories of Jesus from the books of Matthew, Mark and John. We read about how He served people, how He heals, how He forgives, and how He teaches not to be afraid ... He is with us and He loves and cares for all his people.

In October we will continue with the life of Jesus, how He performed miracles, taught His followers, and how Jesus was clearly the Son of God and Son of Man. In November our lessons will be from the books of Exodus, Psalms and Colossians. We will learn about loving God more than anything, how God provided and rescued the Israelites through Moses. We will also learn about the building of the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

We have been learning "The Lord's Prayer" and we love to sing the many songs we are learning too, like "This Little Light of Mine." Every Sunday we have a craft that goes with our lesson and sometimes even a fun game.

These are some of the skills we are trying to develop:

- Knowing there are 2 main parts of the Bible: Old Testament and New Testament

- Naming familiar books of the Bible

- Remember and say simple Bible words, phrases and verses.

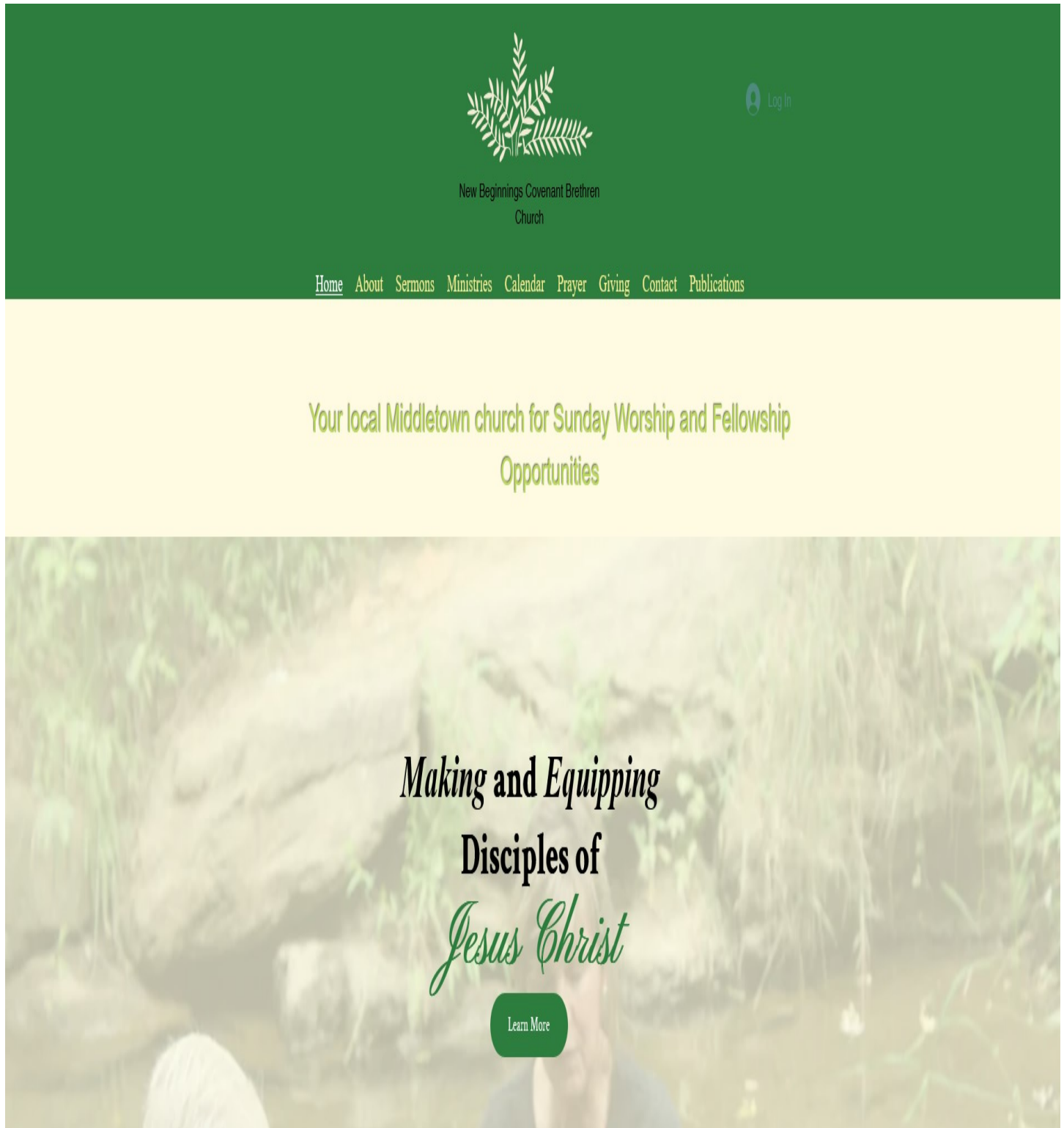
- Remember and retell a Bible story or Bible fact.

Thanks to all our parents for seeing the importance of bringing your children to church. May God Bless your families and keep them healthy and safe.



**Deuteronomy 4:9 (NIV) Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.**

## NBCBC WEBPAGE (FRONT PAGE)



Do you remember to use our webpage for information you may need to keep up with the fast pace of the church?? Url: [www nb-cbc.org](http://www.nb-cbc.org)



**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) by Pastor Karen;** This Fall we officially began our GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Club! We have an amazing team led by Julie Norris. Ann Marie, Patsy, and Julia make up the rest of the team! We are excited and have averaged about 10 moms and daughters over the summer!

Please be in prayer for our team and those who come...our main goal is to introduce Jesus to all who come and disciple them into a deeper relationship with Him. We have been blessed by our church's generous donations and, we are so grateful! Remember we are always looking for those whom God has called into this ministry!! May our Lord be glorified through our efforts!! Blessings Pastor Karen

Some of the Girls having fun at the GEMS picnic in June 2024



GEMS moms and daughters

**CEF (Good News Club) by Pastor Karen:** Our Good News Club will be up and running on October 7th!! There has been much planning and preparation done by a very dedicated team! We will meet every Monday after school 3:30 to 5:00. We are expecting more children this year and we are all looking forward to seeing those we have taught over the past two years and excited to meet the new little ones!! Our prayer is that God will use us in a mighty way to tell these dear ones about Jesus and to help give them a firm foundation of Truth for the rest of their lives!! We ask for prayer for wisdom, strength and much creativity as we minister in the coming year! Thank you New Beginnings for your love, support and prayers!

**Good News Club students and teachers "Playing the Part"** Doesn't it make you want to be a part of this critical ministry and have this fun!??







## New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church Historical Timeline

10/4/2024

<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	11/15/2019	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

**Psalms 127:1 (NIV)** Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

