

New Beginnings

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- * Praise the Lord, He is our Lord and Savior!

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Heavenly Whispers

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.

On January 22 the Deacon Team Members of NBC were consecrated, to include four new deacons who have accepted this special call upon their lives. Pastor Karen lead the service of consecration with the congregation prayerfully supporting the team. "In the same way, *deacons* are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain."(1 Timothy 3:8)



He paid the price on the cross for our sins!



Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (NIV)

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Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen

Over these last few months I watched this body of believers grow in ways that have totally amazed me. We were faced with the possibility of purchasing our own church building, it seemed as though things were moving along and it looked like the Lord was opening the doors rapidly. And then slam went the door! We had been praying as a church body for the Lord to open the door or shut the door and to leave no doubt if we were to go or to stay. As we have seen Him move in the past we had the privilege of seeing Him move again on our behalf. How He must love this little group of followers. He has guarded and protected us over and over again. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope!! Our Lord has plans for us!! He tells us that when we call upon Him and come and pray to Him that he will hear us! That when we seek Him we will find Him, when we seek Him with our whole heart!! As long as we continue to walk in His ways He will be with us...we never want to go ahead of Him or lag behind. We must keep in step with Him and trust Him to show us what doors are open. How wonderful and amazing it is to serve a God that cares so deeply for His people. How blessed I and my family are to walk this journey with all of you. Let us keep our eyes on our risen Lord and know that where there is unity in the Holy Spirit there is great power and anointing. I am looking forward to what doors our Lord will open in these coming months as we wait upon Him. And while we are waiting we will serve him, we will honor Him and we will love Him. To him be the glory and honor and praise!! Amen!

Clarifying Another Misunderstanding about Women in the Covenant Brethren Church

Sometimes you do it right the first time around, and sometimes you have to go back and add to, take away, or change something you started with. In this case, we missed including something that is very important to a proper understanding of where the Covenant Brethren Church stands on the role of women in the denomination. In the last article, we mentioned that there is nothing in denominational polity or policy that prevents women from serving in leadership. We went on to mention specific women who are currently serving as leaders in the denomination. What we failed to mention is that there are several women currently serving as pastors within the CBC. At the writing of this article there are ten ladies, either ordained or licensed, filling a pastoral role. That makes up about 10% of all licensed or ordained ministers within the CBC. The picture shown here was taken at Karen Grossnickle's ordination service which was performed by Larry Dentler on January 8, 2021. It needs to be understood, local churches have autonomy in this matter. CBC does not determine local church polity or policy apart from compliance to our statement of faith. On a national level, women are welcome to serve in leadership as the opportunity presents itself.We understand this is a major question being asked by churches which are seeking entrance into the CBC family and that there has been some misinformation on this matter. We offer these facts for several reasons. We want to clarify the polity and policy of the CBC. We desire to put to rest the concerns of congregations which have received misinformation. And we hope to encourage future participation in nominations and appointments that will impact the leadership of the Covenant Brethren Church. CBC Publications Committee – Craig Howard, Chair



Brother Larry Dentler & Pastor Karen



THE SAINTS AT WORK

Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe: Bernie and the new Worship Team have been working well together to organize and improve the worship experience for all. If you have suggestions for special music, would like to sing a special or know anyone who plays an instrument who would like to join the praise team, let Bernie know. In addition, any suggestions to improve the bulletin format and content are welcome.

Witness and Outreach Team, by Anne Marie Edelen: Hi, your Out Reach team just completed it's annual Baby Bottle drive for Care Net. We will be giving the amount collected to our congregation for forwarding to Care Net as soon as it is available to us.

On April 23rd we will be having another Family Fun Night which we will be having at the Shafer Memorial Park in Boonsboro. We are very excited about the event, which will benefit Care Net. It was an exciting and fun night last year and we anticipate it will be again.







Hospitality Team, Kathy Fisher-Chair: Since January our team has given out several Welcome Packets to our visitors, sent out cards to members/attendees and displayed a beautiful alter each Sunday.

A daily devotion booklet was given out to each family telling the story leading up to Easter. In remembrance of Palm Sunday, we will give out a small cross made from a dried palm leaf to each person.

We want to thank our weekly greeters. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Sally Routzahn.

Gifts & Discernment Team: by Darlene Moser - Virginia & Darlene hadn't had a real assignment since they were asked to take this position. Then it happened - they were asked to pray about the appointment of a new team to go over the original Church Constitution and bring it up to date and possibly make some changes. Alright, we were ready to seek God for those special people, but sure were "shaking in our boots" so to speak to know that the way was clear to hear from the Holy Spirit. As we set the date to share with each other our findings we decided to not just come together for a meeting, but meet together in joy and fellowship as Sisters in the Lord love to do. So we met at the Cracker Barrel for food, fun, and fellowship, and a church business meeting. It was precious and the spiritual icing on the cake was when we shared the names we felt that the Lord had given us it was all but unanimous and so exciting to see and be a part of what God had done. Remember "we are just vessels" - you don't have to shake in your boots - just show up in obedience and let God do His thing. He is so faithful and does not mind at all if you have fun doing it with your Christian Brothers and Sisters. It was awesome. You will hear the results soon.

Information & Technology by Eddie Moser: The team continues to learn and improve the sound equipment setup and use. Last week we implemented use of the 100' cable connection in order to move the controls to the back of the service to reduce disruption. There are still a few items needed to assure great quality of filming of the services and these will be addressed in the near term. Help with the camera operation has been sought and will make the recording effort much easier. This help is greatly appreciated.

Christian Education Team: by Wendy Drum -The children's ministry welcomes children of all ages. Current Studies from the Beginners Bible curriculum include the life and lessons of Jesus. We include prayer, games, and crafts. The remaining Lenten season will focus on reverence, the love feast and communion. To offer a nursery in addition to Sunday School we request you prayerfully consider volunteering to be an Assistant. If you are willing and able to join an excited team to nurture and teach our children on their faith journey, please contact Wendy or Gloria.

Love Feast & Foot Washing 4/10/2022: by Eddie Moser - Such a humbling yet powerful practice which is biblically sound, as indicated by the verses of scripture below from John 13. Since Jesus humbled himself to show the absolute love He had for His chosen 12, yes even Judas the betrayer, how much more should we participate in this activity to show our love for our brothers and sisters. If you have never participated in this practice, I strongly encourage you to join in and feel the power of Jesus' love and the feeling of knowing that you are emulating a practice that Jesus himself created. *Praise be to God!!*

John 13:12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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Monday Prayer - By Pastor Karen (3/14/2022):

Dear Lord, as we look forward to Spring and the new life it brings, let us remember what new Life You gave to us. By sacrificing Your Son Jesus on the cross for the redemption of our sins we have the promise of life anew and eternity with You. As we think on this great truth, may it become more and more real to us. And as we mature and grow into kingdom knowledge may we be able to tell others of Your sacrifice and love for us. Thank You Lord for giving us such a gift, a gift that will change the course of our lives. May we choose life New life this day and in the days ahead. In Jesus Powerful Name, Amen !!





Board of Trustees, Eddie Moser—Chair: The Boonsboro property offer has been withdrawn due to property title issues that can't be resolved by the seller. We continue to look at other properties as they become available, to include a nice church facility on Ft Ritchie at Cascade Maryland and a property on route 40 near Harmony. In each case, there were some valid reasons to not pursue further. We will continue to search with God's help and He will provide the right property at the right time.

Communications Director, Cathy Hessong:

Do You Know Jesus?? By Eddie Moser: If asked about Jesus or you sense someone needs to be saved during a conversation, do you know how to lead them to salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ? This is a question that may make some uncomfortable or unsure of themselves but it is a situation we, as Christians, need to know how to respond toespecially since this very subject is New Beginnings Mission Statement...Matthew 28:19 - 20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We think it is so difficult or uncomfortable to address this life changing event but it really isn't. Sometimes we think we need to know a whole lot of scripture or be able to quote certain verses....but we don't. Yes, it helps to know The Word and it definitely helps to know the Author of The Word but the key thing to know is: The Sinner's Prayer or something close to it. Example: "Heavenly Father, I realize I am a sinner and have broken Your Laws. I understand that my sin has separated me from You. I am sorry and I ask You to forgive me. I accept the fact that Your Son Jesus Christ died for me, was resurrected, and is alive today and hears my prayers. I now open my heart's door and invite Jesus in to become my Lord and my Savior. I give Him control and ask that He would rule and reign in my heart so that His perfect will would be accomplished in my life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. This prayer of admitting our sins can begin by a simple question: "would you like me to lead you to the saving grace of Christ Jesus by praying the sinner's prayer with you?" We learned how to do this in the Evangelism class that Pastor Karen just finished teaching. What a blessing and relief to learn that leading someone to Christ is just this easy. Thank you Pastor Karen.

Psalms 55:6 (NLT) Oh, that I had wings like a *dove*; then I would fly away and *rest*!



John 1:32 (NLT) Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a *dove* from heaven and resting upon him".

Josua 24:15

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

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Leadership Team—Kevin Fisher, Chair: Brothers and Sisters of New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church (NBCBC), Spring is here! So now is the time to plant our seeds to grow God's Garden. Let's take this time to invite family, friends, strangers, or whomever is wanting to hear God's word. As disciples, let everyone you know be informed about our Church and welcome them each Sunday.

As I come to Church to hear the word of God, I see the blessings of each of my Church family. Each of you are working so hard to be God's warriors and build this Church. I find each of your strengths, passion, and dedication to be so inspiring. God has brought each of us together to build this Church. He has even taught us that a building does not make a Church, but the disciples inside it does. However, please let our Trustees know of any opportunities that are available to buy a church. Remember, there are no bad suggestions.

As we continue through 2022, I look forward to the opportunities and blessings that God presents us and sharing every moment with our Church family. Thank each of you for your help and support to make NBCBC the vessel to learn God's word and put into motion to do God's will. Please continue to promote NBCBC by Facebook, word of mouth, a friend, a family member, or a stranger that needs God's word. If you have ideas or suggestions to help NBCBC, please feel free to talk to any of our LT Representatives:

Kenton Grossnickle
Linda Grossnickle-Ifert
Chris Myers
Ronda Whitmore
Kevin Fisher
Or email at syate@hotmail.com
God Bless

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

The trustees and Leadership Team continue to be actively looking for property, a facility or whatever God has in store for NBCBC as a permanent home. We encourage all members and attendees to be on the lookout as well.

"We the people...." not the church building are the church.



Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint." (KJV)

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar 3/25/2022					
Financial Management Team Meeting	1st Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Tammy Fisher, FMT Chair	
Deacon's Meeting	2nd Tuesday	2:30 pm	Each Month	Pastor and Deacons	
Leadership Team Meeting	2nd Monday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair	
Christian Education Meeting	3rd Monday	-	Each Month	Pastor Karen & Team Chair	
Ladie's Luncheon	4th Friday	11:30	Each Month	Pastor Karen	
Team Chairs & LT Meeting	4/3	11:30	Quarterly	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair	
Trustee Meeting	4/3	11:15	Quarterly	Eddie Moser, Chair	
" "	7/3 Sunday	11:15	Quarterly	Eddie Moser, Chair	
u u	10/2 Sunday	11:15	Quarterly	Eddie Moser, Chair	
Congregational Business Meeting	3/6/2022	11:15		Moderator, Kevin Fisher-LT Chair	
u u u	11/20/2022	11:15	Twice Annually	Moderator, Kevin Fisher, LT Chair	
Ladies' Bible Study	Wednesday	9:00 am	4 times per Mo	Cathy Hessong, NBC Secretary	
Men's Bible Study	Saturday	9:00 am	Each Week	Eddie Moser	
Love Feast	4/10	11:30am	Twice Annually	Deacon Chair, Pastor	
Easter Sunrise Service	4/17	8:30 am	Annual	Pastor Karen	
Love Feast	10/1	TBD	Twice Annually	Deacon Chair, Pastor	
Baptism/Congregational picnic	8/6	4:00 pm	As Required	Pastor Karen, Deacons	
Communion	Feb, July		Once per Qtr	Deacons, Pastor	
Communion	Sept 19, Dec		Once per Qtr	Deacons, Pastor	
Game Night @ Boonsboro Park	4/23	2-7:00pm	Annual	Witness & Outreach	
Newsletter Publication	3/31, 6/30, 9/30,	12/31	Quarterly	Eddie & Lay Leadership	
Easter Sunrise Service	4/17	8:30 am	Annual	Pastor Karen (Dale Haines Hill)	
CBC Conference Registration Begins	4/18		Annual	Pastor Karen	
CBC Conference	7/1 & 7/2		Annual	CBC Leadership	
Pastor Vacation	8/15 – 8/22		Annual	Pastor Karen and Family	
Classes Location	Date/Day	Time		Event Organizer	

Denotes Completed

Denotes Standing Meetings

The Saturday morning Men's Bible study just completed a study about Men of Honor where we learned how to identify the sin in our lives, how to extricate that sin, what to fill that empty space in our lives with, and the value of having an accountability partner during this process. Our next study beginning 3/26/2022 is titled "Character" and delves into what makes up a person's character. Character is what motivates us to respond in the way that we do when confronted with the realities of life that require us to make choices or decisions. This promises to be an interesting study and addresses the character traits of discipline, humility, courage and honesty. All men are welcome to attend.

Meeting time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am at Eddie Moser's house, 20410 Gap Court, Rohrersville, Md 21779 HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



We are on: Facebook, Youtube, & email: look for us as New Beginnings Church Our website: www.nb-cbc.org Financial Management Team, Tammy Fisher—Chair: Tammy reviewed the 2021 Year to Date report with the congregation at the Congregational Business Meeting held March 6. Finance had not handed this out since 2021 had ended and she wanted everyone to see how we ended up in the year. The budgeted offerings were \$91,544.96 and we came in at \$90,466.69, we were very close to hitting the budget. Then Tammy said on the Service Contracts we are showing that we are over budget on the insurance, she had previously explained that we had changed insurance companies. We had a partial payment to State Farm and a partial payment to CM Select. It looked like we were over budget, but this year we will be right on track. We ran over on the audit because it wasn't budgeted for 2021 but is on the 2022 budget. We went over \$1700.00 on the IT items, we just did not realize what we would need throughout the year. This year we have \$605.00 budgeted to finish up with whatever else we need. We had an over budget on Charitable Contributions because of money that was deposited from the Family Fun Night for Care-Net because we had to record the check that was written out. It appears to be over budget but it is not, the money came into our account and went right back out to Care-Net. Last year we did not spend anything for Adult Ministry, so they have taken that out of the 2022 budget. We went over on the rent due to the rent rate increase, and we have accounted for the increase on the 2022 budget. Overall we ended the 2021 budget \$2300.00 under budget. Tammy gave credit for a really great job to everyone who had worked on the budget. Tammy said that since we are so early into the year of 2022 there was no need to go over the report yet; she will go over it possibly in June when she will do the reports again and go over them with the congregation to see where we are. She would like to get the FMT started on the 2023 budget late July, or early August, and they will reach out to all the Chairs to see what they are looking for in 2023. Tammy asked if there were any questions about the budget and there were none.



A Smile of Pure Pleasure & A Stare of Wonder -

New Beginnings Church Family Celebrated the Youngest and Oldest members Sunday 3/20/2022 with a light luncheon after church service. Interestingly, these two, Delilah Drum (youngest) and Alfred Freyz (oldest) celebrated their birthdays within days of each other with little Delilah being 1 year old and Alfred celebrating his 90th birthday. Thanks to the Fellowship Team for providing a tasty light lunch on short notice. The church family enjoyed a meal together, enjoyed some special birthday deserts and had an enjoyable time fellowshipping. Well wishes were extended to both celebrants by all. Praise God for our church family.

2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV) And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

1 Peter 2:17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the **family of** believers, fear **God**, honor the emperor. (NIV)

Congregational Officers and Lay Leaders

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Moderator - Linda Lambert

Alt Moderator – Kevin Fisher (1/2021)

Church Secretary - Cathy Hessong

Treasurer - Ruthie White

Financial Secretary - TBD

<u>Leadership Team (5,2,2)</u>

Kevin Fisher – Chair (1/2021)

Kenton Grossnickle (1/2021)

Linda Grossnickle-Ifert (1/2021)

Chris Myers (2021)

Ronda Whitmore (1/2021)

Christian Education Team (5,2,2)

Donna Myers - Chair (1/2021)

Wendy Drum – Teacher (1/2021)

Hazel Grossnickle – Teacher (1/2021)

Kathy Fisher – Helper (1/2021)

Terry Robinson – Helper (1/2021)

Witness & Outreach Team (5,2,2)

Ann Marie Edelen – Chair (5/2021)

Wayne Fisher (1/2021)

Kenton Grossnickle (11/2021)

Patsy McGaha (11/2021)

Fred Neel (11/2021)

Diana Neel (11/2021)

Terri Kline (11/2021)

Peggy Sanders (11/2021)

Joseph Sanders (11/2021)

Stacey Shafer (11/2021)

Ronda Whitmore (1/2021)

Fellowship Team (3,2,2)

Judy Abel – Chair *(11/2021)*

Anne Marie Edelen (11/2021)

Garry Grossnickle (11/2021)

Patsy Mcgaha (11/2021)

David Ross (11/2021)

Ruthie White (11/2021)

Worship Team (3,2,2)

Charlie Summers – Chair (1/2021)

Evelyn Summers – Co-Chair (1/2021)

Carissa Adams (11/2021)

Eddie Moser (11/2021)

Fred Neel (11/2021)

Hospitality Team (3,2,2)

Kathy Fisher – Chair (1/2021)

Doug Miller (11/2021)

Sally Routzahn (11/2021)

Stacey Shafer (11/2021)

Annual Conference Delegates (2)

Pastor Karen Grossnickle

Wayne Grossnickle

Deacon Ministry (5,3,0)

Kathy Fisher (1/2021)

Wayne Fisher (1/2021)

Gloria Green (11/2021)

Cathy Hessong (1/2021)

Virginia Lewis (11/2021)

Joseph Sanders (11/2021)

Jeanne Wolf (11/2021)

Financial Management Team (5,2,2)

Tammy Fisher – Chair (1/2021)

Kathy Fisher (1/2021)

Wayne Fisher (1/2021)

Wayne Grossnickle (1/2021)

Ruthie White - Treasurer (1/2021)

Gifts & Discernment Team (5,2,2)

Virginia Lewis (11/2021)

Darlene Moser (11/2021)

<u>Information Technology (IT) Team (3,2,2)</u>

Chris Myers (1/2021)

Communications (3,2,2)

Cathy Hessong – Director (1/2021)

Joyce Guyton (11/2021)

Ushers (4,2,2)

Ron White - Chair (1/2021)

Garry Grossnickle (1/2021)

Wayne Grossnickle (1/2021)

Judy Abel (1/2021)

Board of Trustees (3, Lifetime)

Ed Moser – Chair (5/2021)

Fred Neel (5/2021)

Ron White (5/2021)

Legend:

Red lettering signifies Non-member

Blue lettering signifies Congregational Approval Required

Term Explanations:

5,2,2

Where 5= number of members on the team

Where 2 = number of years of term

Where 2 = number of consecutive terms allowed for service

Dates Explanation:

Beginning of 1st term

Pastor Karen's Wednesday thoughts 3/16/22

Psalm 46:10 " Be still and know that I Am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth."



Sitting in the woods with my grandsons yesterday it was so peaceful and quiet, as the boys threw sticks in the firepit and dug holes in the dirt looking for millipedes. We listened for the different kinds of birds in the woods, the squirrels chattering and the rustling of last year's leaves on the ground. I felt a stillness in my soul I had not felt for a while, a peace that passed all of my understanding and I realized that in times like these the Lord is powerfully present in my life. I sometimes forget He is always with me. I sometimes forget that He loves me with an amazing love. I sometimes forget that He calls me by name. When we belong to Jesus,

He reminds us that we are His and He is ours. That when we give our lives to Him, nothing can separate us from Him. Not the stresses and chaos of this world, not a bad report from the doctor, not the loss of a loved one, not the disappointments in life, no test, no trial, no.... nothing can separate us from His love and care. As I watched with sheer joy and amazement at my grandsons play, I realized that is how my Lord looks at me, that He watches with sheer joy and amazement at what He has created.

I would say to all of you today, BE STILL AND KNOW THAT HE IS GOD!! Do not fret, do not be anxious, do not worry for our Lord's Name will be exalted among the nations and in all the earth! No matter what it looks like in the world, HE IS STILL KING! HE IS STILL LORD! AND HIS NAME IS ABOVE ALL NAMES!

May we praise His holy and mighty name in the week ahead, may we give Him the honor He so richly deserves and give Him glory knowing in the stillness HE IS GOD!

Blessings, Pastor Karen

• <u>Psalms 115:15 (NIV)</u>

May you be *blessed by* the *Lord*, the *Maker* of heaven and earth.