



# Heavenly Whispers

## New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church (NBCBC)

*Where everyone is welcome and Jesus is Lord!!*

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**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.**

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On April 17, Easter Sunday, New Beginnings Church went outside on Dale Haines hillside to worship. It was very cool but with coffee, hot chocolate and pastries to enjoy by the fireside after church service all in attendance had a great worship experience. Praise God for His provision of not only a space to worship but sustenance as well. What a mighty God we serve!!



Easter Sunday service outside on Dale Haines hillside!! Brrrr!! God's frozen chosen!

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• **Mark 16:6 (NIV)** "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for *Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.*"

**Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen** John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world! In these last few months we certainly have seen much tribulation in the world, much testing in the church and trials in our own personal lives. I have watched New Beginnings being molded and made into the image of Christ. I have seen compassion and caring for one another like I have never seen before in any church I have ever attended. There are the physical needs being met, but the greatest joy to me are the spiritual needs being met. That is where I see God's hand moving the strongest. New Beginnings is being called for "such a time as this!" We are just beginning to realize we are God's people and there has always been a plan and purpose for our lives from the time we were formed in our mother's womb. Satan has tried his best to sidetrack us and divide us but through Jesus we have overcome each obstacle! Let us continue to be on our guard for the enemy, let us continue to wear our armor, let us continue to keep our eyes on the light of Christ and stand strong in His Holy word!! What a blessing to follow Jesus with you!! What a privilege to stand with you all in these troubled days we live in!! Jesus tells us to be of good cheer, He has overcome the world!! That is why when we are together I feel a joy I cannot explain, when we are all together in one accord, knowing that Jesus has overcome the world we have peace, we have joy and we have the knowledge that Jesus is with us!! As we move ahead let us be very mindful to love each other, standing in the gap for each other when we are needed. Ready to lift one another out of the pit of despair and darkness into God's marvelous light!! Jesus has overcome the world!! Walk in the peace and the joy of knowing and believing His word is true!! Love and blessings to all of you, Pastor Karen



On Sunday, April 10, worshippers of New Beginnings Church participated in a Love Feast with foot washing ceremony after church service at the Burkittsville Ruritan facility. A wonderful meal of roast beef and bread in beef broth was enjoyed prior to the foot washing part of the service. (John 13: 1-8). All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and savior were welcomed, to include the little children. What a wonderfully reverent and touching service!



NBCBC is all about teaching the children about the bible through example and participation.



• **John 13:10 (NIV)** Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to *wash* their feet; their whole body is *clean*. And you are *clean*, though not every one of you."

## THE SAINTS AT WORK

**Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe:** The worship team meets twice monthly to plan the worship songs and practice for the next Sunday. The team continues to grow together and be led by the spirit in this ministry. The setup team has some new much needed members helping with that task each Sunday...Praise God!!

**Witness and Outreach Team, by Anne Marie Edelen :** New Beginnings Outreach Committee, along with God's grace, is very pleased to report the following since the last issue of Heavenly Whispers:  
The baby bottle collection raised \$1,262.43 for Care Net of Frederick.  
We are pleased to note that this was \$80.84 more than in 2021.  
New Beginnings has an amazing church body and has taken up this very important mission to help support Care Net.  
On April 23, 2022 the Outreach team held a family Fun Event at the Boonsboro City Park.  
Again, New Beginnings Church body stepped up with donating food items, items for the auction, cake walk, animal walk and yard sale along with their time and many hours of loving labor.  
We were able to present a check to Care Net of \$1,670.50. As of this printing we have been Blessed to raise \$2,827.88 in 2022 to help this very necessary and worthwhile organization.

**Hospitality Team, Kathy Fisher-Chair:** The hospitality team thanks Stacey Shaffer for providing a beautiful alter arrangement each week. Our team provided each family at Easter called "Amazing Love, Journeying with Jesus through the Cross to the Resurrection. At Mother's Day the ladies were provided a booklet titled "Blessed Is She Who Has Believed", filled with reflections, prayers and scriptures on God's word and promises for women. For Father's Day all men received a booklet "Be Strong", Reflections, prayers and scriptures on being a man of God. Our theme this year was devotional booklets. We hope everyone enjoyed reading them.

**Information & Technology by Chris Myers:** The team has fully integrated the audio snake cable which allows sound adjustments from the back of the room and thus not interfere with the service proceedings. In addition, a video editing software package has been procured to help with the editing and posting process. The editing process is still being learned and refined as of this writing.

**Gifts & Discernment Team: by Virginia Lewis—**Our church body is still running over with gifts of the spirit! However, finding the right person for the right job is not easy. Filling out and returning the ministry gifts assessment would make our suggestions much easier. Recently, a member returned his assessment and was pleasantly surprised that the results were exactly what he thought they would be. He is more confident than ever that GOD is leading him in the right direction! If you have misplaced your assessment form, please ask us for another. Our church needs everyone to succeed. Please let us know what your gifts are and take your place moving NBCBC forward. I guarantee you will not regret it!

• [Romans 15:17 \(NIV\)](#) Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my *service to God*.

**Monday Prayer - By Pastor Karen:**

March 21 Monday Morning Prayer

Dear Lord, in a world where evil is called good and good is called evil, give us wisdom to know the difference. Help us to see the deceptions of this age! Help our eyes to see clearly the truth which is Your Word and Your Word alone! We ask Lord that You illumine the way for us so that we will not be deceived. Remind us Lord that even though the world is in chaos, You are not. You still reign supreme, You still sit on the throne and Your Word will prevail. May the truth shine forth as the sun rises in the morning, for the light of the sun cannot be denied, just as the light of Your Son Jesus the Christ cannot and will not be denied. For every knee shall bend and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord... yes and amen Lord...let us be ready Lord for You are coming back for Your church someday soon! In Jesus mighty and powerful name, Amen

**Proverbs 15:29**  
**...he hears the prayers of the righteous.**



**Prayer Power—There's simply nothing that can match it!!**

**Board of Trustees, Eddie Moser—Chair:** The Trustees continue researching any listings that Huey Brown finds that may meet our church facility needs. Nothing fitting our requirements has surfaced yet but we are remaining in the belief that God knows what we need and will provide it at just the right time. God's timing is always perfect!! In addition, as requested by the LT chair, we have had a survey available for folks to indicate what proximity to Middletown that would travel to attend church when we get a facility. If you haven't already, please let your opinion be known,

**How is your faith walk?? By Eddie Moser—**As we walk through this life on earth, we face many trials and temptations on a daily basis. As a Christian, how we deal with these issues is of key concern...do we grumble, gripe, get angry and react in a non-Christ-like manner or do we stay true to God's promises in His word!! James 1:20 states that "human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires". On the other hand, James 1:3-4 tells us that "the testing of your *faith produces* perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." So, is it to our benefit to put our faith and trust in God even when the situation is really bad?? Yes! He can and will sustain us and provide the strength to maintain our faith in His plan and purposes. As assured in Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me". God's word is for our good and His glory when we are obedient and rely on Him. Let's be an army of believers with the faith to move any mountain that gets in our way. We are further reminded in James 2:26 that "the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead". So as an army of believers, let's not just have faith, but let's put our faith to work by producing good deeds in whatever God calls us to do. Remember, the world is watching and judging how we as Christians act and react....let's be a good example to them of God's grace, love and faithfulness. Do we have the confidence in God to put ourselves "out there" and be covered by His love and mercy?" Amen.

**John 7:38 (NIV) Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of *living water* will flow from within them."**

**Leadership Team—Eddie Moser for Kevin Fisher, Chair:** The leadership team has been meeting monthly to discuss church business, team activities, etc. The chair is attending the Covenant Brethren Conference Annual Meeting & Worship Conference 7/1 thru 7/2/2022 along with 10 other attendees, including pastor and her husband. We are working on organizing and holding a Revival Meeting in the near future. More to come as we progress with this planning. To date, NBCBC has 53 members, though some aren't inactive at this time, with some other folks still debating on becoming members. We have a baptism scheduled for August 6 for several folks who have decided to give their life to Jesus and be baptized in His name. Let's pray they do decide to join the church fellowship in the near future. The Conference currently, as of June 13, has 71 churches, 115 ministers and 6,164 members. These numbers are double what they were a year ago. Praise the Lord!! And the good news is, there are still more church fellowships that are considering becoming congregations of the Covenant Brethren Conference. Let's hang onto our seats, things are really getting exciting....districts are being formed as I write this. Hallelujah! God is so Good!!

**Christian Education Team: by Wendy Drum—**Over the last three months, the children have been busy learning about Jesus in the New Testament. It was a quarter of celebration with Easter, Pentecost, honoring Mothers and Fathers, 40 days with Jesus, and a net full of fish. From the washing of feet, the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit, and the First Church to a miracle, the lame man walks! We start July learning about a changed man, Paul's journeys, and Jesus' promise, "I am coming back soon." Rev. 22:7 A touch of Greek and Hebrew, the languages of the land, and then a step back to the Beginning. Genesis bound we go. We welcome children of all ages to join a fun-filled 60-minute peek of the world in the Word. Thank you to our teachers, Donna, Gloria, and assistants, for your perseverance, creativity, and love for the children. All necessary to make this possible. Thank you, parents, for your discipline and commitment to developing your children's faith. We are privileged to be part of their walk. If you are interested in learning more about the children's ministry, please contact Wendy Drum or Gloria Green.



**New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar**

6/28/2022

Financial Management Team Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Tammy Fisher, FMT Chair
Deacon’s Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	6:00 pm	Each Month	Pastor and Deacons
Leadership Team Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair
Christian Education Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday		Each Month	Pastor Karen & Team Chair
Ladies’ Luncheon	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	11:30	Each Month	Pastor Karen
Team Chairs & LT Meeting	7/3	11:30	Quarterly	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair
Trustee Meeting	7/3 Sunday	11:15	Quarterly	Eddie Moser, Chair
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Congregational Business Meeting	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
Mens’ Bible Study	Tuesdays	6:00 pm	Each Week	Eddie Moser
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
Newsletter Publication	6/30, 9/30, 12/31		Quarterly	Eddie & Lay Leadership
Child Evangelism Fellowship Mtg	7/12	6:00pm		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
Deep I	Unto Deep Myersville VFD	Thursday	6:00pm	Pastor Karen

**Denotes Completed**  
**Denotes Standing Meetings**

The Saturday morning Men’s Bible study just completed a study about Character: Discipline, Humility, Courage, and Honesty. We are switching to a Tuesday evening study group so we can maybe get more guys to attend the next study: “David, Man After God’s Own Heart”. Come Join us at 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm each Tuesday evening...Looks like it’s going to be a great 11 week study. Won’t you join us men? Meeting at Eddie Moser’s house, 20410 Gap Court, Rohrsersville, Md 21779 HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

**Correction to March 31, 2022 Newsletter: It was the Fourth Edition, not the Third Edition as published. Sorry!!! Eddie**



**We are on: Facebook, Youtube, & email: look for us as New Beginnings Church**  
**Our website: [www.nb-cbc.org](http://www.nb-cbc.org)**

• **Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.**

**Financial Management Team, Tammy Fisher—Chair:**

Finance team mid-year budget update:

The church financials are looking good! Six months into the year and we are right on budget on income and below budget on expenses. We have reached 50% of our offerings budget so far for the year and we have only used 36% of our budgeted expenses! Great job to all of the chairs for saving where they can!

Tammy will be handing out the budget worksheets to the chairs so they can begin working on the 2023 budget. The budget worksheets are due back to finance no later than July 17. The finance team will meet in late July/early August to begin discussing the 2023 budget. We will be presenting the 2023 budget to the Leadership team in September.

We are looking for new team members! If you are interested in serving on the finance team, please let any of the current team members know as soon as possible.

**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.



Kenny Ifert built a beautiful podium and donated it to AMVETS in honor of his brother Gene, who was a veteran.

Pastor Karen just finds out that she has use of a bigger and better podium each Sunday morning. **SURPRISE!!**

**Ain't God Good!!**



• **1 Timothy 4:4 (NIV)** For everything *God created is good*, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

## Congregational Officers and Lay Leaders

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**Moderator** – Linda Lambert

**Alt Moderator** – Kevin Fisher (1/2021)

**Church Secretary** – Cathy Hessong (1/2021)

**Treasurer** – Ruthie White (1/2021)

**Financial Secretary** - TBD

### Leadership Team (5,2,2)

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)

**Bernie Tregoe** (1/2022)

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)

### Information Technology (IT) Team (3,2,2)

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 1<sup>st</sup> term



**Pastor Karen's Wednesday thoughts 4/20/2022** Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I Am with you; do not be dismayed, for I Am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

I am sure all of us have been afraid at one time or another in our lives. In the world we live in there are many things to be afraid of. Every time we get in the car, walk in a restaurant, board a plane, attend a concert we take the chance of something happening to us or those we love. Just turning on the TV can strike us with great fear as we watch gas prices rise, shortages on the grocery store shelves, our children being taught to question even their own identity, abortion clinics thriving, lockdowns in other countries where you hear screaming from high rise complexes of people wanting to get out!!

Fear can grip us and in these last two years it certainly has. Remember the shut down for Covid was only to last two weeks? And two years later we are still dealing with residue of fear. Fear is a powerful tool of satan. He uses it against us time and time again. He uses it to keep us quiet, he uses it to control us, he uses it to divide us and he uses it to cause us to lose our hope and trust in our Lord.

In Isaiah the Lord tells us not to fear, for He is with us!! We are not to be dismayed or hopeless for He is our God!! He will strengthen us and help us!! He will uphold us with His righteous right hand!! We can read this scripture over and over again but until we believe it deep down inside of ourselves it will not make any difference!

King David tells us in Psalm 27 that the Lord is his light and his salvation...is He yours? David asks, "Whom shall I fear?" Who do we fear?? He says, "the Lord is the stronghold of His life"!! Do we believe that our Lord is strong enough to keep us from harm? Do we believe He can carry us through the hard times? David asks, "of whom shall I be afraid"?? What and whom are we afraid of?? He also says "when evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall"! Do we believe that our God is so strong and so powerful that when the enemy attacks with lies, with heartache, with fear, with hopelessness that He can deliver us from the evil one?? That our enemies WILL STUMBLE AND FALL?

There are so many scriptures in God's Word about fear. Three hundred and sixty-five times we are told to "FEAR NOT!" One for each day of the year!! Apparently, our Lord knew we would need to be reminded every day not to fear.

Joshua 1:9. The Lord commanded Joshua, to be strong and courageous. To not be afraid; to not be discouraged, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO!!

This is what I want you to remember!! The Lord is with you!! He will strengthen you!! He will give you courage when you need it!! He will uphold you with His righteous and mighty right hand!!

There is no devil in Hell that can stand against the POWERFUL WORD OF GOD!!

Ephesians 6 tells us to take the sword of the Spirit which is the WORD OF GOD AND STAND FIRM IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THAT WORD!!

REMEMBER OUR GOD REIGNS FOREVER AND EVER!!

No matter what we hear or what we see...HE IS SUPREME!! HE IS KING!! AND HE IS LORD OF ALL!!

He is with us!! Do not fear!!

Blessings, Pastor Karen

