



# 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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New Beginnings Church held it's second baptism service in a creek in Doub's Park, Myersville, where 7 gave their life to Jesus. Here Riley Fisher is preparing to be water baptized by Pastor Karen Grossnickle. The angels were singing in heaven while these proceedings were being performed. Hallelujah!!



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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** As I sit and ponder how fast time is going by, I think about what the Lord is going to do with New Beginnings. As I look back to my years growing up in the church, I realized that there were very few people that I knew that were completely sold out to Christ. I also realized how the Lord had placed those that were sold out to be my teachers. They taught me about the Holy Spirit and the power of Him! I learned that Jesus is real and we can call on His name at any moment in any day. I learned that we must repent of our sins and turn if we want to become a new creation in Christ and that there was no compromise in this area. My prayer is that there will be no compromise for New Beginnings. That we will not revert back to the old ways, to the ways of the old man. We are a new creation, all of us! My prayer is that we will NEVER become church as usual!! That we will always be seeking the Lord in every area of the church!! From Outreach to Christian Education to Finances! Every team, every leader, every person, every decision we make will be as unto the Lord!! If not, my concern is that we will become the stale and stagnant church that so many others have fallen prey to. I don't want the traditions of men or the plans of men to nullify the WORD OF GOD! We must do everything as we would do it unto the Lord! EVERYTHING!! We must guard the treasure that has been given us...this New Beginning and not fall into the trap of a dull lifeless church!! My prayer is for all of us to catch the Fire of the Holy Spirit and be awakened to what truly, genuinely living for Christ is like!! I am blessed to be a part of a body of Christ that loves the Lord, let us move forward together, not allowing anything to steal from us what God has given us! A NEW BEGINNING!

In Christ's service to you,  
Pastor Karen

**Sunday 9/11** Children seated to join the worship phase of our church experience. Pastor Karen brought the little people's chairs in to be used for worship time by the children. The kids were so cooperative and seemed to enjoy this new arrangement. It was so cute, Leroy repeated everything Fred as Worship Leader said and Riley stayed during church too and sang the words to every praise song. Hallelujah, our kids are learning about church discipline and Jesus in church and during Sunday School class.



**Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)**

**Start *children* off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.**



Children are the delight of their parents!!!!

## LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

**Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe:** The sound equipment has been updated and it makes it much easier to provide all the equipment needed for worship .... Monitor, piano, extra singing microphones. The setup and teardown team has been doing a fantastic job and caught on really rapidly. The special music participants have really been a great addition ... Carissa, Joni, Fred, Tanya and Nancy. The worship leaders have matured and are doing well. The music ministry is open to new instrumentalists and we welcome you.

**Witness and Outreach Team, by Anne Marie Edelen :** Your Witness & Outreach team had a Pizza Fundraiser which yielded \$600 to present to Lisa Minnick, who lost her husband in a senseless and tragic shooting in Smithsburg. Patsy McGaha went above and beyond to make this fundraiser a success. On September 06th team hosted a movie night at the AMVETS, where we viewed War Room. Julia Greenfield provided beverages and snacks. Fred Neal led us in prayer, Joseph and Kenton set up and ran the projector that Larry Joe lent us for the evening. It was an Amazing Evening of Fellowship and shared values for New Beginnings. We had donations of \$194 which will go into our funds to help families during the holidays.

A Special Thank You to Ed Moser who worked to ensure that the night would be one to remember, always giving credit To Our Lord.

**Hospitality Team, Kathy Fisher-Chair:** Nothing extraordinary to report at this time. Thanks to all who have signed up to be greeters and have followed through on that commitment. Remember, this is a very important function of NBCBC as you greeters are the first ambassadors for the church that visitors meet.

**Information & Technology by Chris Myers:** First, I want extend my gratitude to all those that have helped with the Sunday morning audio set-up and break down of the system. With all these weeks of practice, I would like to say we have it down to a routine, but that would not exactly be true. In the past months we have been experimenting with various setups to optimize our equipment to little avail. Why? Well, it would seem we have already out grown our mixer (button box in the back of the room). So, we came to the conclusion we needed a larger mixer with a greater range of capabilities and we found one. But, now we did not have enough money to purchase it. So, we did what any faithful unassuming man (woman) of God would do...Pray. Well, needless to say we now have a new improved mixer (that is, new improved button box in the back of the room) and of course a new learning experience. But let us take note, our Lord laid this need upon one individual within our midst and "voila". Make no mistake, we serve a marvelous God and what a blessing it is to be used by God to meet a need. Thank you and Blessings to His people.

**Gifts & Discernment Team by Virginia Lewis:** We hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather! I certainly am! Darlene and I are still looking for a few good people to step up and share their gifts with our church teams. There may soon be openings to fill and we would like to fill these with just the right members. We will soon be passing out notecards that you may use to convey your wishes to us about serving. We will be announcing in the next newsletter our most recent placements. Please know that Darlene and I pray diligently about these matters and believe the Lord directs us to do his will.

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

**Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF):** New Beginnings is about to enter into a new adventure! We have decided to join with Child Evangelism Fellowship. CEF is an organization that takes the gospel of Jesus Christ into the local schools by training church groups and supplying them with materials and knowledge for this undertaking. We will meet on Mondays, 3:30 to 5:00 at the Middletown Primary School. We begin on October 17th, We are excited about the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with these dear children. Please pray and seek discernment if you are feeling the call to be a part of this amazing opening into the schools. And please be in prayer for those of us who are going into the unknown, carrying Jesus to those who possibly have never heard His name. Pray that we are a blessing to all we come in contact with and for protection from the enemy. This is very serious business because we know that Satan is out to destroy our children, so we need your prayers! We also will be needing donations of snacks each week or monetary donations to buy them. If you sense God is calling you to help in this way, please let me know!! Remember that we are all in the army of Christ, He calls us to be in one accord using our gifts for the advancement of His kingdom on earth! **Blessings, Pastor Karen**

**“Decisions, How Do We Make Them?” by Eddie Moser**

One way is carnally .... using our thinking and deduction process to come to a decision about something. This is what Moses did when TOLD by God he would be sent to free the Israelites from slavery. He told God that he was slow of speech (Ex 4:10). But God reminded Moses who provided speech, He Himself, and that he would go with him and help him speak (Ex 4:11 – 12). When that didn't work Moses asked God to send someone else. (Ex 4:13). Moses really didn't want to do what God was instructing him to do ..... sound familiar?? God became angry with Moses (Ex 4:14) and told him he would send Aaron to speak for him. Ultimately, Moses got the message and complied with God's instructions and went to Egypt and we know how that turned out. This is a good reminder that when we are asked to do something for the Lord that we don't want to do or feel we are not qualified to do, we need to go to God in prayer and ask his direction about the matter .... a better way to make decisions. And when he speaks thru his Holy Spirit, we need to listen to God's still small voice telling us what His will is. We need to put our faith into action and believe that God will qualify us and be with us as we do His will. So often we miss a blessing for ourselves and for others by not having faith that God is with us and helping us do the task at hand. We display disobedience and unbelief in God by not seeking Him in our decision-making process. We really need to get into the habit, when confronted with something we don't want to do or think we can't do, to go to God in prayer and ask what He wants us to do. This will result in a much more positive experience for us and God will be pleased with us. Being obedient overcomes our self-pride and builds our confidence and faith in ourselves and God. Remember how God defines Faith in Hebrews 11:1 ... *“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see”*. We can't see faith, but we do see the results of being faithful. So, let's seek God's direction and instruction when faced with a decision and be a mighty force for His kingdom just like Moses ended up being.

**Leadership Team and Financial Management Team—by Kevin Fisher & Tammy Fisher,**

**Chairs:** The joint teams have been working on and wrestling with the budget for 2023 since August and will have a budget ready for review by the congregation two (2) weeks before the Fall Congregational Business Meeting 11/20/2022.

**Board of Trustees, Eddie Moser—Chair:** The Trustees continue researching any listings that Huey Brown or our congregation 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,



**Christian Education Team: by Wendy Drum:** Starting in the beginning, Genesis excites the children as we journey from Creation to Joseph saves his family. Lessons show God helps us obey. God keeps his promises. And he wants us to help others. Continuing our journey we move into Exodus with a few sites along the way including a Baby in a basket, the burning bush, and the Ten Commandments. Come along, children of all ages are invited to join a fun-filled 60-minute peek of the world through the Word. We pray, we listen, and learn of God's love. Thank you to all our teachers and assistants for raising our children to know the Lord, our Saviour. 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					9/29/2022
Financial Management Team Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <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	
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	Each Week	Cathy Hessong, NBC Secretary	
Men’s’ Bible Study	Tuesdays	6:00 pm	Each Week	Eddie Moser	
Love Feast	4/10	11:15 am	Twice Annually	Deacon Chair, Pastor	
Love Feast	11/13	11:15 am	Twice Annually	Deacon Chair, Pastor	
Communion	<b>Feb, July</b>		Once per Qtr	Deacons, Pastor	
Communion	Oct 2, Dec		Once per Qtr	Deacons, Pastor	
Newsletter Publication	<b>6/30, 9/30, 12/31</b>		Quarterly	Eddie & Lay Leadership	
Child Evangelism Fellowship	10/17(start)	3:30-5:00pm	Mondays	Pastor Karen and team	

Classes	Location	Date/Day	Time	Event Organizer
Deep Calls Unto Deep	Myersville VFD	Thursday	6:00pm	Pastor Karen

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

The Tuesday evening Men’s Bible study is studying “David, Man After God’s Own Heart”. We are learning how David sinned often, even though he was chosen by God to become King, how he strayed from God but had enough God in him to come back, repent, ask for forgiveness and be forgiven. Even though he had been forgiven he found out he still had to pay the penalty. For the *wages of sin* is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23). We have 3 weeks left in this study and then we begin a study of Solomon’s life. All men are welcome.

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

**Leviticus 23:3 (NIV)** “There are six days when you may work, but the *seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a sabbath to the Lord.*

**From the mouths of children:** Sunday 9/18/2022 during church service Pastor Karen asked Riley to take notes on her sermon and provided the notebook and pencils to do so. Below is what Riley noted from that sermon. I think every adult in the church would agree this young lady did a marvelous job of paying attention, taking notes of what she heard and putting it on-to paper. Well done Riley!!!

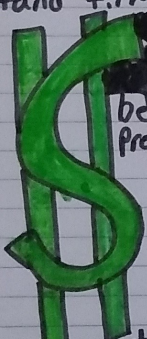

I further believe that each of us adults could take some notes from Riley in how to get the most out of a sermon.

**Matthew 19:14 (NIV)** Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Feed on my flesh and drink my blood for eternal life! Jesus is lord!


Luke 14: 25-33      Counting the cost!  
 John 6:      Pray!  
 Everything has a cost  
 Who are you serving?

Matt 10:37      Put the Lord first  
 stand firm      ~~Jesus~~ first  
 What does god want?  
 What does god feel?  
 What does god think?  
 be prepared

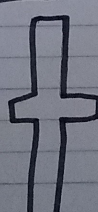
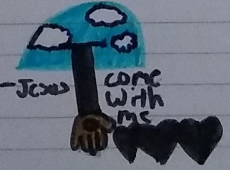
The old man has to go and the new man has to come to come Build us up again

you will <sup>train</sup> to run Change! and <sup>complete</sup> complete



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Humble themselves before the lord!

**Congregational Officers & Lay Leaders****Moderator** – Linda Lambert**Alt Moderator** – Kevin Fisher (1/2021)**Church Secretary** – Cathy Hessong**Treasurer** – Ruthie White**Financial Secretary** - TBD**Leadership Team** (5,3,2)

Kevin Fisher – Chair (1/2021)

Kenton Grossnickle (1/2021)

Linda Grossnickle-Ifert (1/2021)

Chris Myers (1/2021)

Ronda Whitmore (1/2021)

**Christian Education Team** (5,3,2)

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** (5,3,2)

Ann Marie Edelen – Chair (5/2021)

Wayne Fisher (1/2021)

Kenton Grossnickle (1/2022)

Patsy McGaha (1/2022)

Fred Neel (1/2022)

Diana Neel (1/2022)

Terri Kline (1/2022)

Peggy Sanders (1/2022)

Joseph Sanders (1/2022)

Stacey Shafer (1/2022)

Ronda Whitmore (1/2021)

**Fellowship Team** (3, 3,2)

Judy Abel – Chair (1/2022)

Anne Marie Edelen (1/2022)

Garry Grossnickle (1/2022)

Patsy McGaha (1/2022)

David Ross (1/2022)

Ruthie White (1/2022)

**Worship Team** (3, 3,2)

Bernie Tregoe (1/2022)

Carissa Adams (1/2022)

Eddie Moser (1/2022)

Fred Neel (1/2022)

**Setup Team**

Chris Myers

Eddie Moser

Andy Drum

Dale Drum

Kenton Grossnickle

Fred Neel

Joseph Sanders

**Hospitality Team** (3,3,2)

Kathy Fisher – Chair (1/2021)

Doug Miller (1/2022)

Sally Routzahn (1/2022)

Stacey Shafer (1/2022)

**Annual Conference Delegates (2)**

Pastor Karen Grossnickle

Kevin Fisher

**Deacon Ministry** (5,3,0)

Kathy Fisher (1/2021)

Wayne Fisher (1/2021)

Gloria Green (1/2022)

Cathy Hessong (1/2021)

Virginia Lewis (1/2022)

Joseph Sanders (1/2022)

Jeanne Wolf (1/2022)

**Financial Management Team** (5,3,2)

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** (5,3,2)

Virginia Lewis (1/2022)

Darlene Moser (1/2022)

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

Chris Myers (1/2021)

**Communications** (3,3,2)

Cathy Hessong – Director (1/2021)

Joyce Guyton (1/2022)

**Ushers** (4,3,2)

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)

**Emergency and Safety Response Team**

Jerry Fogle (advisor)

Trustee Team

**Legend:****Red** lettering signifies Non-member**Blue** lettering signifies Congregational Approval Required**Term Explanations:**

5,3,2

Where 5= number of members on the team

Where 3 = number of years of term

Where 2 = number of consecutive terms allowed for service

**Dates Explanation:**Beginning of 1<sup>st</sup> term



## NBCBC 1ST MOVIE NIGHT—9/6/2022



A great time was had by all while watching **“The War Room”** at our first church movie night while enjoying snacks donated by sister Julia. Thanks Julia, they were great.  
 A second movie night is planned for 10/11/2022 @ 7:00 @ Amvets—the movie to be shown is **“Unplanned”**. Free admission and bring your FRANS - Friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors.