



# 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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### Pastor Karen Anointing the Deacons for Service

The ministry of the deacons is a vital part of church ministry and particularly as it pertains to ministering to the body of Christ. As they perform their duties of service to the living stones of New Beginnings Church they need to be covered by prayer by the believers and anointed by God and the Holy Spirit to successfully and tirelessly carry out their duties. Praise God that He has given this instruction to the church through His word:



1 Timothy 3:8  
(NIV): In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain.

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## LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

**Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen** Romans 11:33-36 says, Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable are His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever, Amen. As I thought upon this scripture, I realized how wonderful and how perfect our God is. There are many times when I want to tell God what I want. There are many times I want to show God how to do things. How ridiculous!! This kind of thinking only brings discouragement, we are wanting God to do something that usually is our will, not His. Dear church, let us trust our Lord to lead, guide and direct our paths. Our Lord has riches and wisdom that we cannot even fathom! For we do not lead Him or counsel Him. **WE FOLLOW HIM!!** When we feel discouraged or hopeless, think about who you are following, yourself and your wishes or our great and mighty Lord!! For from Him are all things, through Him are all things and to Him are all things!! Remember who we follow church!! Our Lord is our abiding light and presence, and He is moving on our behalf because we are His people, and we are His church. If we stay committed to His Word and His Way, we will see the glory of our Lord in our lives. For He is faithful and true to those who love Him, to those who follow Him in obedience. Call on the Name of the Lord and He will answer!! So let us call on Him today and in the days ahead so that we may walk in His wisdom and knowledge!! Blessings to you dear New Beginnings Church and may the Holy Spirit rest upon you all in the days ahead. To our Lord be the glory forever! Amen!!

**Gifts & Discernment Team by Darlene Moser:** Not a lot has been happening with the Gifts & Discernment Team lately. We do rejoice in watching our new worship leaders, Terri Kline and Joseph Sanders, growing and maturing in the Lord as they minister from the pulpit. What a joy to see what God can do when we are willing to serve Him. PTL!!

**Financial Management Team, Pastors Perspective:** I had the chance to sit in on the Finance Team meeting, led by Tammy Fisher held on February 15, 2023. I was very impressed with the way they conducted their meeting and how they very carefully talked about all aspects of the financial end of things for New Beginnings Church. Glenn Routzahn is the newest member of this team and he seemed to get right in on the flow of things. I am thankful that we have such conscientious men and women on this team that care so much for our church. We had several special offerings given in this last quarter which have helped tremendously. I was amazed how this church gives of their time, talents and money. We trust that our Lord will continue to bless us financially and spiritually in the coming months. Thank you Finance Team for all your diligence and hard work in keeping our books balanced and our church running. I pray for showers of blessings upon our finances and upon our beloved church.

**Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe:** Pastor Karen, the Deacons and the Worship Team will be leading a Maundy Thursday service April 6 at Burkittsville Ruritan facility at 6:30. We will observe Foot Washing and The Lord's Supper and fellowship during this service. All are encouraged to attend this very meaningful service.

**1 Cor 15: 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

## LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS(Cont'd)

**Communications Team by Cathy Hessong:** The website, though still up, if you have noticed, is not up to date with the sermons and other weekly publications. That is because our previous website provider has merged with another company. This has just recently come up and it is taking us longer than expected to figure out how to edit the site. We hope to have things back up to date by the end of April, if not sooner, so stay posted. Just a reminder that we have online giving options available. If anyone has any pictures of the church congregation at church services or other events, please reach out to Kenton Grossnickle or Terri Kline. We would like to add them to our website. On our website home page at the bottom, if you've ever noticed, there is a place for testimonials of why New Beginnings Church is such a great place. We would like to get some other testimonials to put in, if anyone is interested in sharing theirs. Also, please like and share our Facebook page and Pastor Karen's sermons. It helps get the word out so others know about our church. And don't forget to check your email for up to date information and location of services.



**Children's Church by Donna Myers:** Our lesson was called A Fisherman's Net, Matthew 13:47-49 where Jesus told the story of fishermen that took their boat out into the sea and threw their nets out. They caught all kinds of fish. When they reached the shore they kept all the good fish and tossed all the bad fish! This is what we did, we used our fishing rods and a net to catch our fish and then we took turns sorting the fish! Good ones had a happy face and letter G on them, and Bad ones had a B and an angry face on them. Our lesson was to show that God wants everyone to be apart of His kingdom, but He will also sort out the godly( people who love God and follow his ways ) from the ungodly (people who don't want to do what is right and don't love God. The children all had a good time and afterwards we had goldfish for snack!!



**Isaiah 54:13** All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.

## LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS(Cont'd)

**Information Technology by Chris Myers** Here we are passing through the first three months of yet another year. The only difference is that it is the year 2023. Now, in the I.T. area of New Beginnings there was a need for a more suitable "Lapel Mic" for Pastor Karen. Here again, God put upon the heart of one of His servants to donate this microphone to the church since it was not in this years budget. I am sure you have noticed us trying to adjust and balance this device with our sound system in the past weeks. Which brings me to this; I just want to thank everybody for your patience with us from Sunday to Sunday. The audio set-up / take-down team is constantly working through many variables each week. We have a very good system now, but by simply adding microphones and instruments this can change the system's resonance. These variables change considerably from one location to another. Sometimes unwanted changes happen just by the handling of equipment from one week to the next. So, again we appreciate your bearing with us. You can be assured we are doing our best to balance this system so as to allow you to come into the presence of our Lord, through your worship, and using the tools of the day to enrich this time in fellowship together as we again worship our risen Lord. Thank you and many blessings.

**Witness and Outreach Community Businesses Extension of Christ's Love—** An announcement of our church service times and location attached to a paper bag of goodies that was delivered to every business in Middletown Community. Being the hands and feet of Jesus in the community as advised in 1 Timothy 1:12 (NIV) I thank Christ *Jesus our Lord*, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.



**Blessing of the Outreach Team** as well as the bag of Goodwill before distribution.

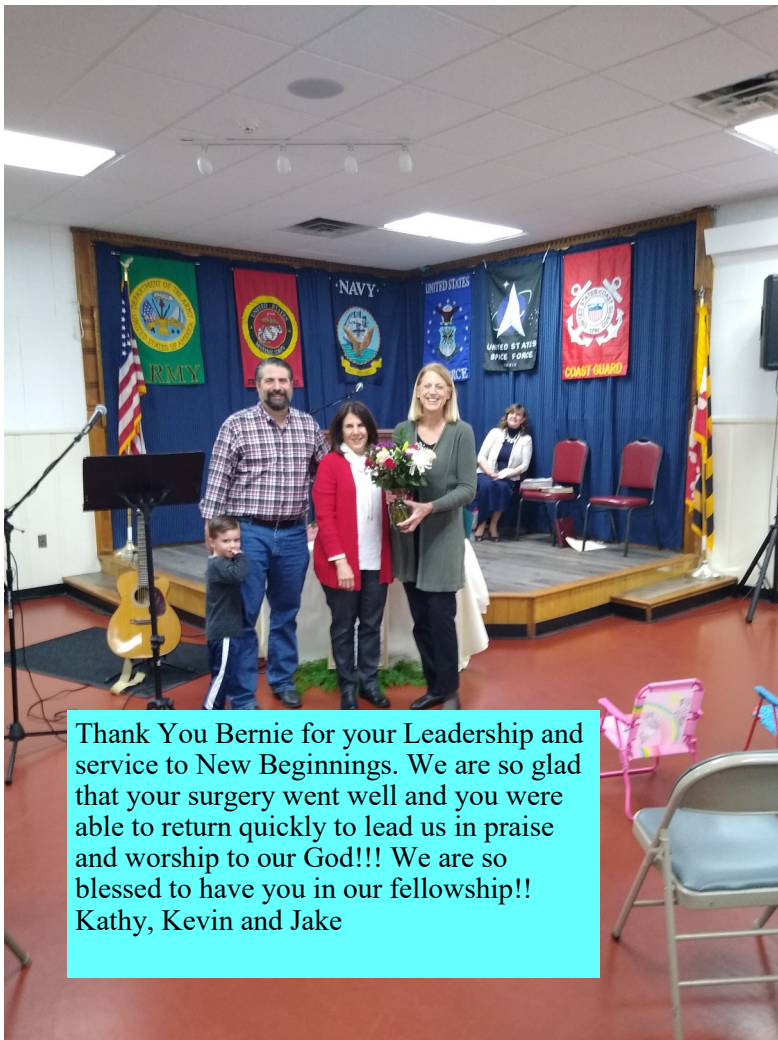


**1 Peter 4:11 (NLT) Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.**

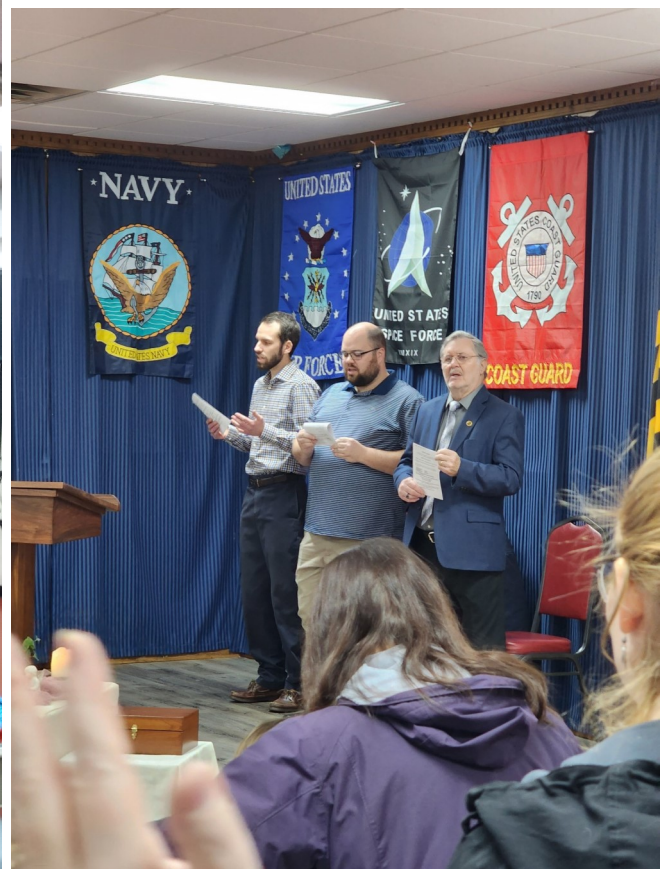
## LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS(Cont'd)

**Leadership Team report from the Pastor's perspective:** The leadership team, led by Kevin Fisher is so faithful at meeting every month trying to keep up with all that goes on in this busy congregation! They scheduled an Emergency Action Plan meeting for the safety of our congregation on Sunday mornings that was held on February 21st and led by Jerry Fogle and Eddie Moser. They discussed Easter and the services coming up for this special time. They approved a recognition service for Bernie Trego, our faithful Worship leader. They received updates on the Outreach team "Boots on the Ground" ministry that they are working on. They received an update on the Music and Worship teams new adventure the Fall Faith festival that they have scheduled for October 7th, 2023. They discussed the IT program and what is needed for that team at this time. Delegates were nominated for Annual Conference in July which will be approved and prayed for by the congregation in the coming weeks. From my point of view this team is always willing to step up and work out anything that comes their way. We are blessed at New Beginnings to have them and I am very grateful for all of them that give of their time in this way. Thank you for using the gifts the Lord has given you to help grow and nurture our church.

**Board of Trustees, Eddie Moser—Chair:** The Trustees have discussed and reviewed several commercial property listings lately but none have fit our criteria of location and price. We will not give up for we know God Leads and Provides for New Beginnings Church. Praise the Lord!!



Thank You Bernie for your Leadership and service to New Beginnings. We are so glad that your surgery went well and you were able to return quickly to lead us in praise and worship to our God!!! We are so blessed to have you in our fellowship!!  
Kathy, Kevin and Jake



**2/26/2023 Lay Leader Sunday - Service led by and messages provided by three Lay Leaders; Joseph, Kenton & Eddie**

### Remember the Date

**New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar**

3/28/2023

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

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date/Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event Organizer</b>
Ladies’ Bible Study	Lutheran Church	Wednesday	9 - 10:30 am	Cathy Hessong
Deep Calls Unto Deep	Myersville VFD	Thursday	6 - 7:30 pm	Pastor Karen (Ends 3/23)
Mens’ Bible Study	Eddie Moser’s	Saturday	9 - 10:30 am	Eddie Moser

### 2023 Events Schedule

Child Evangelism Fellowship	Jan thru June	Mondays	3:30—5:00	CEF team
Newsletter Publications	3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31			
CBC Annual Conference	7/20—7/22	Various		Fairmont State University
Congregational Business Meeting	5/7/2023 (Est)	11:15	Twice Annually	Moderator, Kevin Fisher, LT Chair
Congregational Business Meeting	11/19/2023 (Est)	11:15	Twice Annually	Moderator, Kevin Fisher, LT Chair
Maundy Thursday Service	4/6/2023	6:30 pm		Burkittsville Ruritan Pastor Karen
Easter Worship Service	4/9/2023	9:30 am		Amvets Event Room Pastor Karen
Love Feast	TBD		Twice Annually	Pastor Karen & Deacons
Communion	TBD	4X/Year	Times Annually	Pastor Karen & Deacons

**Bold Denotes Completed**  
**Denotes Standing Meetings**  
**Activity missed for cause**

**The Saturday Morning Men’s Bible** led by Eddie Moser is continuing the study of The Rise and Fall of Solomon meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday mornings at Eddie’s house, 20410 Gap Ct. Rohrsersville, MD 21779

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

**Psalms 135:1 (NLT) Praise the Lord ! Praise the name of the Lord ! Praise him, you who serve the Lord !**

**Meals for the Shut-ins** by Eddie Moser: What a wonderful ministry carried on by the Fellowship Team. When one is sick, recovering from surgery, or just not up to preparing a meal for themselves it is so nice to know that our church family is well taken care of by this team. **Matthew 25:35 (NIV)** For I was *hungry* and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Praise God for these faithful servants!!



### **Standing Firm in the Face of Iniquity by Eddie Moser**

**Ephesians 6:14 (NIV)** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

This verse describes some of the armor we must wear daily so we can ward off the evil actions of Satan. The first, the belt of truth, relates to God's Holy word which we must have down deep in our spirits and active in our lives on a daily basis. Any battle that we find ourselves in we can depend on God's word to defend us, provide the answers and be our help in being successful. Couple God's word with living a righteous and holy life for Him and we have a winning combination. Nothing the devil throws at us can penetrate our armor and do us harm. Hallelujah, praise God!! Now, more than ever before in this great country of ours, we Christians need to band together in prayer and fasting and plead with God to have mercy on our nation. There are lots of evil forces present in our government and around the world who are being driven by Satan and his imps and they are driving our life of freedom into the ground. One such instance of this is our government is on the brink of pushing to have WHO (World Health Organization) be given our sovereignty and we therefore will have no recourse in our lives...we would be forced to obey whatever some evil world leader of the United Nations edicts. And oh by the way, the WHO is driven by China and Bill Gates, two of the many evil forces of our present corrupt world. Our freedom as we know it would be gone. We must fast and pray fervently from now thru the last week of May to seek God's intervention in this disastrous decision. Rise up Christians and be heard. The fight is upon us and we must prevail through prayer or be buried along with our freedoms.

- **Mark 16:15 (NIV)** He said to them, "Go into all *the* world and preach *the* gospel to all creation.

**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 (1/2021)

Peggy Sanders (1/2023)

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** (11,3,2)

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)

**Child Evangelism Fellowship**

Wendy Drum

Karen Grossnickle

Cathy Hessong

Joseph &amp; Peggy Sanders

Ronda Whitmore

**Fellowship Team** (6, 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)

**Music & Worship Team** (4, 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

Kevin Fisher

**Hospitality Team** (4,3,2)

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** (7,3,0)

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)

Glenn Routzahn (1/2023)

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 Team** (5,3,2)

Cathy Hessong – Director (1/2021)

Joyce Guyton (1/2022)

Terri Kline (1/2023)

Kenton Grossnickle (1/2023)

Joseph Sanders (1/2023)

**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** (4,3,2)**Jerry Fogle** (advisor) (1/2023)

Trustee Team (1/2023)

**Legend:****Red** lettering signifies Changes since approval**Blue** lettering signifies Congregational Approval Required**Bold Black** signifies non-member**Term Explanations:**

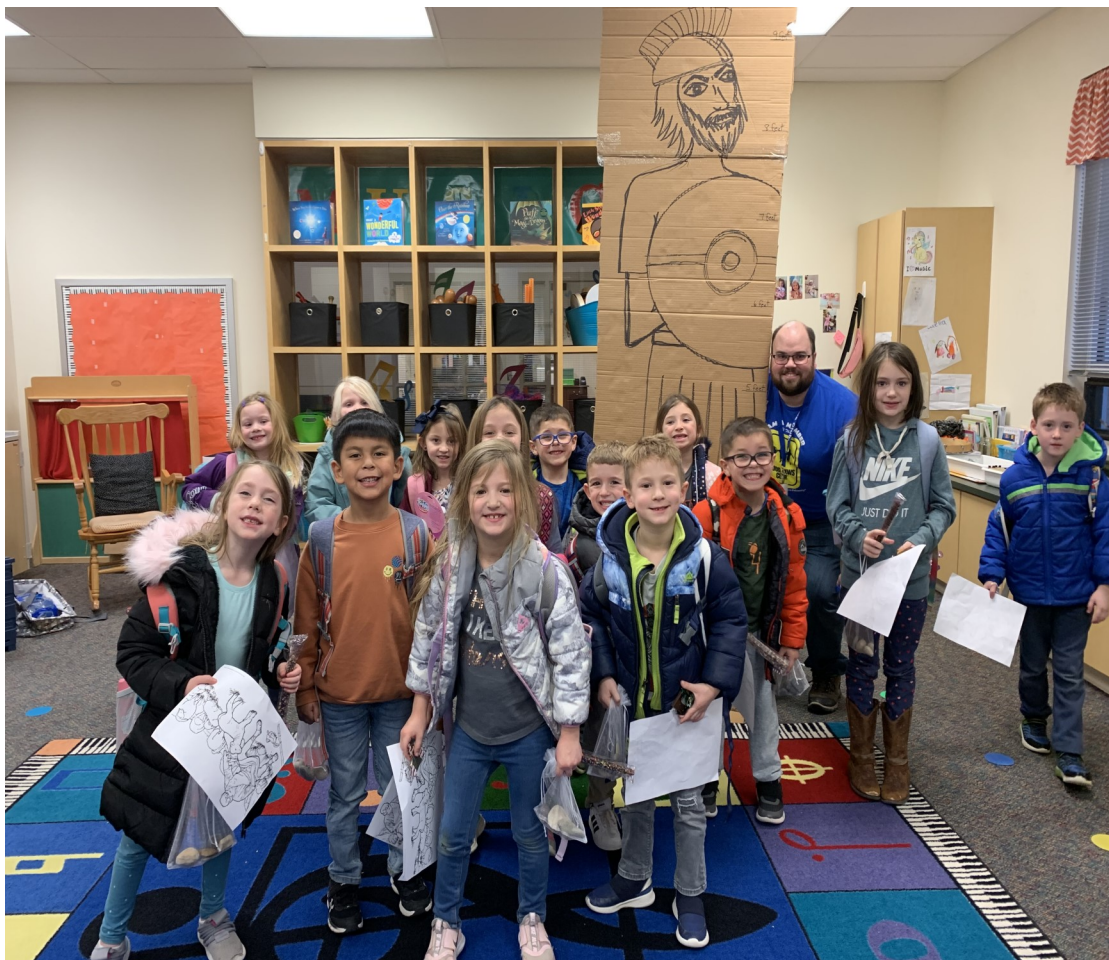
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Where 5= number of members, 3=term, and 2= # of terms



## NBCBC Child Evangelism Fellowship Team

Pastor Karen, Wendy Drum, Cathy Hessong, Ronda Whitmore and Peggy and Joseph Sanders



Little warriors for God!!!

Thanks to a great team, our Good News Club has been a huge success! Since October, this team of faithful warriors for Christ have braved the rain, the wind and the cold to drag everything into the school but the kitchen sink to teach these dear little ones about Jesus!! What an adventure!! Our last Monday night with our kids is April 3rd. We will end with a teaching about the resurrection of Christ! How appropriate!! We want to thank everyone for their generous monetary gifts that allowed us to do more than we thought we could!! We also want to thank everyone for their continued support and prayers!! As of right now I think we all will be back at it again this Fall and hopefully we can get another team together to start a club in another school. The Good News is needed so desperately in our schools!! Each week my heart was so touched by the ones that had said yes to this task, they were so faithful and so ready to share about their Lord!! Thank you Joseph, Cathy, Peggy Wendy and Ronda!! Couldn't have done it without you all!! May our Lord bless you for your obedience and commitment to His call! **Blessings, Pastor Karen**

**Matthew 6:24 (NIV)** "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and *money*."



New Beginnings Altar for church service 3/19/2023—by Stacey Shafer, Job well done Stacey as always. God has gifted you in this service to His Kingdom.



**New NBCBC printer:** In an effort to try to be good stewards of God's gifts of tithes and offerings, the Financial Management Team assessed the printing costs for the church business. The study determined that it would be more cost effective if a printer was purchased for church use. Tammy Fisher, chair of the FMT, purchased the pictured printer and it has been installed at Eddie's house currently for use for any and all church copying/printing/scanning that may be needed. As a result of this initiative, we now print our own bulletins saving approximately \$24.00 per week. If anyone has a need for something to be printed or copied, just provide it to Eddie via hardcopy or an email copy and it will be provided as soon as possible. The only supplies we will have to provide for now from time to time is paper and Eddie watches and gets that on sale to further help with cost savings. I would call this being trustworthy of the gifts with which God has blessed us. **PRAISE BE TO GOD!!**



**Care Net Gala Attendees:**  
 Gloria Green, Julia Greenfield, Terri Kline and Ronda Whitmore attended the fund raising gala sponsored by Care Net on Saturday evening 3/25/2023 held at the Clarion Inn, Frederick. A good time was enjoyed by all, especially the worship and guest speaker.



**Care Net Gala Guest Speaker:** Roland Warren  
**Subject:** How the fathers are involved in and affected when making the decision to abort or not to abort. This is a side of abortion that many never take into consideration.



*Congratulations  
 Sally  
 And  
 Glenn  
 50th Anniversary  
 March 31, 2023*

**Matthew  
19:6  
(NIV)**

So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

AMEN!!





