



Heavenly Whispers

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Special Interest:

- * Pastor Karen ordained as Covenant Brethren Church pastor.
- * New Beginnings joins Covenant Brethren Church Congregation
- * NBCBC Constitution approved
- * Church Growth—New Members joined NBCBC 5/2 and 5/9/2021

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New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church (NBCBC)

Where everyone is welcome and Jesus is Lord!!

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church by Eddie Moser

January 30, 2021 a leadership team from Covenant Brethren Church (CBC) visited New Beginnings Church to ordain Pastor Karen Grossnickle as a recognized pastor of the Covenant Brethren Church congregation. Brother Larry Dentler expressed how pleased the leadership of CBC were to accept Pastor Karen as a sister in the fellowship. Brother Grover Duhling and brother Dentler prayed a prayer of blessing over Pastor Karen and New Beginnings Church.

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church comes of age!!! By Eddie Moser

On January 30, 2021 Brother Larry Dentler, from the Covenant Brethren Church home office, visited New Beginnings Church specifically to charter the church as an official congregation of the Covenant Brethren Church Congregation. Brother Grover Duhling also attended and spoke about the autonomy that NBCBC has now as a recognized congregation of CBC. New Beginnings was welcomed into the fold of CBC and a prayer of blessing was offered after the presentation of the Church Charter to Kevin Fisher, the Leadership Team Chair.



Psalms 27:14 Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart: wait, I say, wait on the Lord! KJV

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God’s Church at Work: 9 New Members Joined NBCBC May 2 and Mother’s Day by Eddie Moser

Nine (9) new members joined the fellowship so Pastor Karen received a double blessing for Mother’s Day. The members all took the pledge to be active in fellowship and co-laboring with the existing members doing His Work. A prayer of praise for the new members was administered and each new member received a welcoming hand shake from the Leadership Team chair, Kevin Fisher and the church secretary and Deacon Cathy Hessong and a brotherly hug from Pastor Karen. Praise the Lord for His harvest.

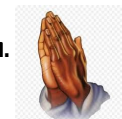
Mother’s Honored on Mother’s Day at NBCBC May 9, 2021 by Eddie Moser

Mother’s Day this year in the life of NBCBC was a day of celebrating all the mothers present. The worship leader had all mothers stand and be honored with a well deserved round of applause. He further stated “men, without these ladies we wouldn’t be here”. Each mother in attendance received an attractive monogrammed tote bag. All were accepted graciously.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR MOTHERS!!



Pastor’s Monday morning prayers are very worthy of your time to read and pray them with her. Thank You Pastor Karen.



Karen’s Korner, by Pastor Karen

Hello and welcome to Karen’s Korner. First, I would like to thank Eddie Moser for putting this wonderful Newsletter together. As I sat and pondered how far we have come as a church, I am reminded of our Lord’s Faithfulness to us. He has been with us every step of the way and He has also provided a Way for us! What an amazing God we serve! My prayer for NBCBC is for us to remain faithful to our God and continue to listen to His voice as we continue on this exciting journey. He has set before us life and death, may we choose LIFE! May our hearts be full of thankfulness as we remember our Lord today and all that He has done for us!
Blessings,
Pastor Karen

Isaih 40:31 for those who hope (wait) in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. κϒ

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.

The Saints at Work:

Worship Team: by Eddie Moser

The worship team has been faithful in leading the congregation in praising and worshiping God. In addition, they have brought in some very good special music and singers to help enhance the worship experience at NBCBC.

Witness and Outreach Team, Ronda Whitmore-contributor

In March of this year the Lord started to stir a few ladies' hearts on the issue of Abortion. Out of this stirring, the Witness and Outreach Team acted on a Choose Life Outreach. The team toured the Care-Net Pregnancy Center in Frederick. After the tour a team member asked how could we help. The Witness and Outreach Team responded to the requests with first taking the \$400.00 donation from the NBCBC and purchasing 6 tubes of Desitin, 1592 Diapers, and 2400 Baby Wipes. The next Outreach ran through April and it was called Bottle for Change. And through this NBCBC collected \$1,181.59. Amazing!! Currently we are collecting signatures to ask our Local, State, and Federal Government to work to end Abortion. Thanks for Supporting this ministry with your prayers and financial support. There will be more things to come in the months ahead. May we see His will done and His Kingdom come.

Financial Management Team (FMT), Tammy Fisher-Chair

The Financial Management Team (FMT) is made up of Tammy Fisher, Chair, Ruthie White, Treasurer, Wayne Grossnickle, and Wayne and Kathy Fisher. This team worked tirelessly on the 2021 budget and I'm pleased that year to date we have come in so close to our actual budgeted numbers. We did have a few overruns on things that we did not anticipate, but overall, we are under budget. Through May 31, our offering is slightly over the budgeted amount by approximately \$1500. Thank you to our giving congregation! Our expenses at almost halfway through the year are running at 41% of our total annual budget; so, we are slightly under budget to date. Good news all around! The FMT will begin the 2022 budgeting process in August. I will be reaching out to the Lay Leaders for their budget requests in early August. If you have any financial related questions or if you would like to see the financial reports at any time, please feel free to reach out to any of the FMT members.

Hospitality Team, Kathy Fisher-Chair: Our team has been very active since meeting at the Amvets. We give out welcome packets to visitors, have a phone ministry to those in need, have a greeter/greeters each Sunday to welcome everyone, acknowledge Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day. To date since September 2020, we have given out over 45 welcome packets to visitors. Many have returned to worship with us on Sunday. NBCBC is growing and we are so grateful. Praise the Lord. Invite your family and friends to join us. We are still in need of greeters on Sunday mornings before worship. If interested, please see Sally Routzahn. We welcome any member who would like to join our team.

Gifts & Discernment Team: by Darlene Moser & Virginia Lewis

Virginia Lewis and Darlene Moser have been called to this team. This church body is just running over with gifts of the Spirit. This team will be praying for the Father's discernment so that when there is a church ministry that needs to be filled, it won't be filled with just a warm body, but with the one that has been gifted and already prepared by the Spirit to step into that position. This team and pastor have formulated a valuable but simple evaluation to help each member to ascertain their gifts for the good of the Kingdom. More to come on this soon.

Information & Technology: by Chris Myers

The team has purchased new sound equipment, microphones, to include a lapel microphone for pastor, and video equipment to help with taping weekly messages, and cabling needed to make it work. This will improve the quality of sermon recordings to include sound improvements. Additionally, it will help the worship team to not have to lug everything for Sunday setup.

Christian Education Team: by Eddie Moser

Wendy Drum has been teaching the little ones of the church and is doing a magnificent job. We have several others who have volunteered to assist her with this very important ministry. - At right Sunday School class setup and ready for the children.

Matt 19:14 Jesus said:

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Memorial Day Service:

Those who paid the ultimate price were honored on May 30. Prayers were lifted for those who suffered losses.

In addition, all veterans were honored for their service to our Great Country!

God Bless the
USA

Formation of the Leadership Team by Eddie Moser

Historically, New Beginnings Church was begun and guided by a Core Group of believers who stepped out in faith to begin a new church congregation, initially as a member of the Church of the Brethren. As time passed, it became very clear that this new body desired to not become a congregation of CoB but would rather join a new Congregation of the Brethren faith known as Covenant Brethren Church, whose primary doctrine is preaching, teaching, living by the WHOLE WORD OF GOD. About this time, God impressed upon Pastor Karen late one night that it was time to disband the Core Group in favor of a Leadership Team and Financial Management Team to assist with the organization of the church. God also led Pastor Karen to seek some outside assistance in the form of Eddie Moser, whose position at the Frederick Church of the Brethren was ending. Eddie eventually accepted the call to assist NBC and Pastor in organizing the church through proper documentation, legal filings, and organization of the respective teams. The Leadership Team (LT) came into existence through Godly callings by pastor and the team hit the road running. From a church issue that required some attention to reviewing policies and procedures, helping to formalize church Business Meetings, to assisting pastor as needed, this team has been indoctrinated by fire. The biggest result of the creation of this team is to take some workload and responsibilities off of pastor Karen so she can fulfill her calling to PREACH THE WORD. Hallelujah, God is good all the time and He has certainly formed the great teams of NBCBC for His glory.

Constitution Approval by Eddie Moser

A Congregational Business Meeting was held May 2, 2021 with the focus to answer questions pertaining to the Constitution and Plan of Organization document and then vote for approval. There were 29 members of NBCBC present to vote and the document was unanimously approved. In addition, a modification had to be made to the Mission and Vision Statement and that too was unanimously approved. Since new team members were added to the Worship & Outreach Team, a vote was held and all four received unanimous affirmation. Pastor Linda Lambert moderated this meeting and she expressed what a momentous day it was in the life of New Beginnings. She commended the church leadership for accomplishing quite a lot in a very short time

Board of Trustees by Eddie Moser

As advised by Covenant Brethren Church leadership, NBCBC decided to call a group of trustees in advance of finding and buying a church home. Those who have accepted this "for life" responsibility are Eddie Moser (chair), Ronald White, and Fred Neel. These individuals have accepted the responsibility of holding and conveying property in accordance with the decisions of the Leadership Team and congregation, taking care of, protecting, and maintaining any church property acquired, assuring adequate insurance on all church property, making recommendations for changes and improvements to church property, and providing custodial care of the building(s) and grounds. As indicated by their duties, these individuals must adhere to the Mission and Vision statement of NBCBC, be trustworthy, be willing to serve the church and God's work, live a committed life for God, possess good business sense, and be sound of mind. Praise God for these individual's commitment to NBCBC and to God and His work. Your prayers are coveted by this group.

Evangelist Pastor Marie Brown visited NBCBC on May 23 and spoke on "What is Your Inheritance and Are You Stepping Into It?" Scripture ref: Psalms 2:8, "Ask of me and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession". Key points: Stand up and step into serving Jesus. Participate in Christ's inheritance -Claim it. We have a job to do and must do it. What is Jesus's inheritance?? People. We are instructed to tell about Jesus to others. How? By being filled with the Spirit, which enables us (Acts 1:1-9) and bringing the salvation message to others. Dress accordingly....be prepared. This is in ref to Ephesians 6:14 - 18 , putting on the whole armor of God. With God's great power, anything is possible. What a powerful message and word of encouragement to the young church and it's members. Praise be to God. By Eddie Moser

Leadership Team Report by Kevin Fisher, Chair

The Leadership Team (LT) is working hard. As New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church (NBCBC) has been growing, we are consistently looking at what is our next step. Where do we go from here to create God's vision and word? The Pastor and LT wanted to be fully transparent with the congregation on the business going on even when Sunday sermon is over. The idea of the newsletter is to keep NBCBC congregation up to date on the continuous efforts each of the teams, outreach ministries, deacons, and pastor are working on. Especially, since congregation meetings only happen twice a year. We would like to thank Ed Moser for putting the first edition together for NBCBC. We hope you find this newsletter helpful and we look forward to hearing each of your thoughts.

As we have been growing with members, we have looked at several properties. Unfortunately, none of the properties would meet our current needs or the ones needed going forward as we grow. We have obtained some goals when looking for properties in the future to help us narrow down what fits NBCBC needs.

The Constitution was approved, but there are many more administrative projects needed to address to keep us running smoothly. Currently, Kenton is looking into what the cost, and needs are to create the NBCBC website. This would be used to tell others who we are as being part of the Covenant Brethren Church denomination. We will be able to post about special events, outreach ministries, contact information, etc.

NBCBC already posts the sermons each week on YouTube. However, as disciples of God, we are trying to reach as many Christian believers and any lost souls that are eager to learn about and dedicate themselves to God as possible. If you have Facebook or email, share the sermons each week with your friends and family. We would love for each of them to become part of our NBCBC family. These videos are a great way to share God's message with ones that are not able to attend Church due to illness, or uncontrollable circumstances. We are looking into ways for anyone that views the sermons to be able to provide donations to NBCBC through electronic means, such as PayPal or other church donating programs.

We approved and ordered the Music and Worship equipment. The equipment is coming in and Wayne Grossnickle will be building a cabinet to house the equipment onsite at the Amvets. The new equipment will be providing some more functions, such as a lapel microphone for Pastor Karen, a camera for filming the Church service, and to be able to use for outside functions as well. Even though, Charlie and Evelyn have been fabulous to assist us with their personal equipment, with the new equipment being housed onsite, it will alleviate Charlie and Evelyn carrying their equipment each week. Charlie and Evelyn -Thanks so much for all you have done and are doing to provide a great Music and Worship program each week!

LT has found that our current logo is copyrighted. So, we had put some feelers out to some of our local artist. We have received some designs and hope to share them with the Church soon.

As Chair of the Leadership Team, I am grateful to be able to work with such dedicated individuals. Thanks to Chris, Kenton, Linda, and Ronda for what you do! However, as a NBCBC member, let us know how you think we are doing. As all in NBCBC works to create God's Church and spread his word, please Feel free to share your ideas with any of the LT.

Thanks for each of your trust and love for the LT members to help take NBCBC to the next step in God's vision. God Bless and I will see you on Sunday!

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar

6/10/2021

Event	Date/Day Time	Frequency	Event Organizer
Financial Management Team Meeting	1 st Tuesday 6:30 pm	Each Month	Tammy Fisher, FMT Chair
Leadership Team Meeting	2 nd Monday 6:30 pm	Each Month	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair
Deason's Meeting	2 nd Friday 6:30 pm	Each Month	Pastor and Deacons
Congregational Business Meeting	2/14/2021, Comp	Twice Annually	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair
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“ “ “	11/2021 TBD		
Board of Trustees Meeting	1st Sunday	Quarterly	Eddie
Ladies' Bible Study	Wednesday 9:00 am	4 times per Month	Cathy Hessong, NBC Secretary
Men's Bible Study	TBD		TBD
Love Feast	TBD	Annual	Deacon Chair
NBC Congregational Picnic	June 20	Annual	Fellowship Chair
Baptism	July	As Reqd	Deacons, Pastor
Communion	Mar, June, Sept, Dec	Once per Qtr	Deacons, Pastor
Pastor Vacation	8/16 – 8/23/2021	Annual	Pastor

Classes	Location	Date/Day Time	Subject	Event Organizer
New Members Class	AMVETS	TBD	Church Hisorty	Pastor Karen and//or Eddie
Deacon's Training T	TBD	As Needed	Training	Pastor Karen
The Full Armor of God	AMVETS	Fall	Eph 6	Pastor Karen

Bold denotes completed items.

New Minsisty: Books and Videos Table

NBCBC now has a number of Christian books and videos in a library managed by Darlene and Virginia that can be signed out for your reading/viewing pleasure. There is no predetermined length of sign out and return on most items. There will be a small box of books and gifts available for you to take for a nominal donation to NBCBC...benefit Building Fund. A container will be available for your donation(s) on the Sundays that the Building Fund envelopes are available.



Darlene Moser & Virginia Lewis tending the book & video table!!

MATTHEW 3:16
 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.



We are on: Facebook, Youtube, email; look for us as New Beginnings Church

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Proverbs 4:23

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church Leadership Organization 2021

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** Approval Required

Congregational Forum Officers

Moderator – Linda Lambert

Alt Moderator – Kevin Fisher

Church Secretary – Cathy Hessong

Treasurer – Ruthie White

Financial Secretary - TBD

Leadership Team

Kevin Fisher – Chair

Kenton Grossnickle

Linda Grossnickle-Ifert

Chris Myers

Ronda Whitmore

Christian Education Team

Donna Myers – Chair

Wendy Drum – Teacher

Kathy Fisher – Helper

Hazel Grossnickle – Teacher

Terry Robinson – Helper

Witness & Outreach Team

Ann Marie Edelen – Chair

Wayne Fisher

Patsy McGaha

Ronda Whitmore

Fellowship Team

Worship Team

Charlie Summers – Chair

Evelyn Summers – Co-Chair

Hospitality Team

Kathy Fisher—Chair

Gifts & Discernment

Darlene Moser-Volunteer **

Virginia Lewis- Volunteer **

Annual Conference Delegates (2)

Pastor Karen Grossnickle

Wayne Grossnickle

Advisor

Ed Moser

Deacon Ministry

Kathy Fisher

Wayne Fisher

Cathy Hesson

Financial Management Team

Tammy Fisher – Chair

Kathy Fisher

Wayne Fisher

Wayne Grossnickle

Ruthie White – Treasurer

Information Technology (IT) Team

Chris Myers

Communications

Cathy Hessong – Director

Ushers

Ron White – Chair

Wayne Grossnickle

Garry Grossnickle

Judy Neal

Board of Trustees

Ed Moser - Chair

Ron White

Fred Neel

We are in need of filling some of our Lay Ministry Teams positions. If you have a calling or desire to help with the Fellowship Team, Christian Education Team, Information Technology Team, or feel God calling you to become a Deacon, please contact Pastor Karen. OR, if you have not felt the call to any of these positions yet, please seek God's guidance through prayer - NBCBC needs you!!! It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service. Ephesians 4: 11-12 NIV

Pastor Karen's Wednesday thoughts May 12, 2021

Acts 9:36 Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which translated means Dorcus. She was full of good works and acts of charity.

Have you ever known someone who could light up a room just by their presence?? Have you ever known anyone who gives and gives and then gives more?? Have you ever known anyone who, no matter what you came to them with, there was never any harsh or unkind words, just truth spoken in great love??

Tabitha (Dorcus) was such a person. She was known for her kindness and acts of charity. People loved her because she loved them and would help them anyway that she could.

I met a family a few weeks ago whose father had just passed away. As I offered my sympathy and love to them I listened as they spoke about their father to me. These children not only loved their father, they adored him! In a world where there is so much family strife and separation, what was this mans secret?? This man was one of the most giving and selfless people that I have ever heard about. It made me feel like I had missed something by not knowing him. As I thought about this family and their words I realized this man had laid down his life for the sake of others. His humility and love for his family caused them to love him with a love that very few have known.

I have a friend that is full of grace and mercy. She lives for Jesus and she is not afraid to tell others about His amazing love. She is also not afraid to show others His love through her. She told me sometime ago as we were saying good bye, " Karen, leave a mark!" This has changed my life! I have wondered often when I preach, teach or have conversations with people if there has been something in all of that that will change their lives?? I wonder when the Lord calls me home will what I leave behind be something that is eternal? Will people remember me for my kind words and deeds? Will they remember me for the truth that I hope I have spoken in love? Will they remember me as selfless or selfish?? Have I left a mark? Have I left a mark for the glory of God and my brother's and sister's good?? Will there be those in heaven because of the image of Jesus that I carried?? Will the world be a better place because I had lived in it??

What about you?? What kind of mark are you making?? What kind of mark will you be leaving behind??

In Acts, Tabitha had left her mark; she had caused such a stir in her death that Peter was called to the scene and raised her from the dead!!!

Now, I want you to think about Your Lord!! Your King!! Your Messiah!! He was called the Son of Man and the Son of God!! What kind of a mark did He make?? Jesus changed the world and if we carry His image so can we!! He has loved us with a love that is beyond anything we can think or imagine!! He humbled Himself to die on a cross so that we may live eternally for and with Him!! If we are the image bearers of Christ, then we have our work cut out for us!! We need to decide what kind of mark we are going to leave!!

Sometimes we forget what we are here for! Sometimes we forget it is not about us! Sometimes we forget who we represent!! Sometimes we get so bogged down with "ME, MYSELF AND I" we are not concerned about leaving a mark, making a difference or changing lives for Christ!!

Dear believers!! If you are followers of the most high God and you are not making a difference in His kingdom, if lives are not changed, if you would rather not be bothered then I would question if you are truly a follower of our Lord! May today be the day that we lay down our own lives for the sake of others, to help those in need, to pray with those who are hurting and hopeless and need a Savior. May today be the day we start leaving a mark wherever we go!! So that when we go on to our eternal home our lives will still be an example of our Father and we will be remembered as a true servant of God, one who loved others as Christ loved us!!

Remember!! **"LEAVE A MARK!"**

Blessings, Pastor Karen

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