



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.



NBCBC on the move—By Eddie Moser
Pastor Karen preaching on “Joy” and seeing beyond our circumstances, especially when things are difficult,. This message was so appropriate for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. We met at the Keystone Country Kitchen in Waynesboro, Pa on December 12 and enjoyed a fine buffet meal in honor of Evelyn and Charlie Summers as they are retiring from service as NBCBC Worship leaders. We wish them well in their retirement or next endeavor God calls them into.

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Charlie and Evelyn Summers retiring—By Eddie Moser
A luncheon was enjoyed at Keystone Country Kitchen fine buffet restaurant to honor Evelyn and Charlie as they prepare to retire from NBCBC as Worship leaders at the end of this year. They were honored with some special gifts, fellowship, and fun as they voiced their goodbyes and love for the congregation. They will be sorely missed by NBCBC.

“Rejoice in the Lord always;



John 8:7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

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Karen’s Korner, by Pastor Karen

As I think about what I want to say to all of you who have encouraged, supported and worked so hard to help this church become a thriving body of Christ, my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude for all of you. When New Beginnings began I don't think any of us realized what an adventure this was going to be. I also don't think we realized how faithful our God was going to be to us. He has provided everything we have needed and more, He has been making and molding us into the church that He is returning for!! He has been with us through the tests and the trials and He has given us such joy and peace through them all. I am excited about what He has in store for us in the New Year that will soon begin. Yes, there will be changes and yes we will have to adapt again, but if we all keep our eyes on Jesus He will show us the way. My heart is warmed by the presence of each one of you in my life and in the lives of my family. You have all been an inspiration to me and for that I will be forever grateful. What a privilege, what a blessing for me to be on this journey together with you all. From our home to yours, Merry Christmas and may the Lord's Blessing Be Upon Each and Every One of You!

Pastor Karen

Monday Prayers

—Sets the tone for the day/week and gets my mind on Jesus and how he walks thru life with me!!
Hallelujah!!
Thank You Jesus!!

My Church, Your Church, Whose Church?

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now, I have been thinking about the Church and our language in church of today. When we make reference to the church, and of quite often, we begin to sound very possessive. There is nothing casual reference about the church when we describe it as “our church”. However, the human mind is such that if we repeat the enough we actually begin to believe that it really is our church

because we were baptized into it, or because it is the place where we were dedicated or ordained or married, or because it is simply the body of believers with whom we personally identify as we follow Christ together. Now when we make reference to my church, we begin to believe that I, or we, own the church. The result is I want you, the outsider, to know how long my family has been a part of this community of faith and how long we have been worshiping, working, and spending our money to keep this place going.

The Scripture contains some interesting descriptions of the relationship of Jesus to the Church. Here is what Jesus says about the Church. “...I will build my Church...” He is definitely not speaking about property because the early church had no property. Meditate on the following verses found in Matthew 16: 13-18 and pay careful attention to the last sentence.

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man Is?’ They answered, ‘Some say you are John the Baptizer, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah [the Christ], the Son of the living God!’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! No human revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven revealed it to you. You are Peter, and I can guarantee that on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of hell will not overpower it.’”

Think on verse eighteen. “I will build my church...” That is Jesus speaking, and He knows exactly what He is talking about. Jesus gave His life for the Church’s redemption. Be encouraged whenever you are inclined to use my church or our church to recall that it is Jesus Christ who said that the Church is His and that He was and is the only one who gave His life for the redemption of us all. The Church in any season of the year belongs to the Christ alone. Stafford Fred-erick – CBC Executive Board member

THE SAINTS AT WORK

Worship Team by Eddie Moser A warm welcome to Bernie Trego as she moves into the role of Worship Leader due to Charlie and Evelyn retiring. Our God continues to provide for NBCBC as well as a well deserved respite for Charlie & Evelyn. The team will be introducing some service changes in January with the hopes of enhancing our worship experience. What an awesome God we serve!!

Witness and Outreach Team, by Anne Marie Edelen : The Out Reach team ran a diaper and baby wipe drive starting November 7th until the 21st of November. Care Net was in need of sizes 4,5, and 6. With the love and caring of New Beginnings Church family, we were able to deliver a total of 3 cases of each size and a very generous supply of baby wipes. Pastor Karen, Rhonda, Patsy and I delivered them on November 22nd. The staff at Care Net were overwhelmed by how generous our church is. We are humbled and excited to see where 2022 leads our team. There is a need in our community and we are looking for areas where we may be able to help. We have AN AMAZING GOD and we believe He is opening doors for our team. We are very pleased that New Beginnings has a heart for the incredible.

Hospitality Team, Kathy Fisher-Chair: We recognized our Veterans on Sunday, November 13 with special songs and gave each Veteran a flag. Thanks were extended to all who have or are serving in the military.

Gifts & Discernment Team: by Darlene Moser Virginia Lewis and Darlene Moser were just approved at the November 21 Business Meeting, for the Gifts and Discernment Team, so that means that so far they have not had the opportunity to get real involved. They did offer a very helpful individual spiritual evaluation test several months ago to the congregation, but only 4 people stepped up to fill it out. The information that they got back was fun, and so very interesting. It is not only helpful for the church body to have this information on record, but so helpful to the Pastor and this team, when there is a ministry job that needs to be filled. Even more importantly it is so valuable for each person, so that they are not asked to do a job for which they are not gifted, so that they end up being in an uncomfortable fit. We prayerfully request that more of our people, come see Virginia or Darlene to get your copy of this evaluation. You may be surprised at the outcome, and be overcome to find out what your actual gifts are that The Creator instilled in you to be of the most value to His Kingdom, and to your New Beginnings Church!

Information & Technology: We have purchased a feed-back monitor and have a cable assembly on-order that will allow moving the sound board and connections to the back of the church for ease of adjustment and minimal interruptions to the service. The setup and tear down team continue to learn the easiest and quickest process to accomplish these tasks.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Christian Education Team: by Wendy Drum The first of the year kicks off an exciting nine weeks of learning more about Jesus. We will focus on the New Testament Books of the Bible, writing in Greek, Beatitudes and more. During this time, prior to Lent, the children will have the opportunity to become familiar with the categories of New Testament books, bible verses, crafts, fun activity and learning to put God first. Children of all ages are welcome.



Acts 17:24 (NLT) "He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since **he is Lord** of heaven and earth, He doesn't live in man made temples....."

Monday Prayer - By Pastor Karen Dear Lord, In this fast paced life we live in today, help us to slow down and look at the miracles happening all around us. If we look for the negative, we surely can find it. If we look for Your mighty hand in all things we can find that too. Teach us how to keep our eyes on Your miraculous work in this world of chaos and unrest. Let us show the world through Christ in us how to live!! Let us give thanks in all the circumstances we find ourselves in, believing that You will make a way through it all. You, Oh Lord, have not changed, scripture tells us that You are the same yesterday, today and forever!! We believe Lord!! Help our unbelief!! Let us find our rest and our peace in You and You alone....and may others see You in us. Thank You Lord for making us in Your image, help us to carry Your image well... In Jesus Holy and Mighty Name, Amen

Never stop praying!!
1 Thes 5: 17 NIV



Board of Trustees, Eddie Moser—Chair: The board of trustees were tasked with meeting with the leadership of the Burkittsville Ruritan to ascertain the possibility of moving the church venue to their facility. A report of the results of that meeting Nov 30 were provided to the Leadership team for discussion and a decision going forward. Those items currently owned by NBCBC are: Chairs, iPad, NBC sign, Apple TV connectivity device, Miscellaneous items; and the IT/Sound equipment and cart. Cost of total property held: \$6,840.34(Nov 2021)

Communications Director, Cathy Hessong: Check out our new Website found at <https://www.Nb-cbc.org>

Hungering for More of Christ? Read on....By Eddie Moser: What would Jesus Do???

How many times have we said this in any given situation! But, in reality, we need to really ponder and meditate upon what would Jesus do when faced with an issue, concern, illness, or life changing circumstance. Do we readily go to Him at the first sign of trouble or concern? Or do we say to ourselves “God is too busy for this little problem” and try to handle it ourselves? If this is our reaction, are we really sold out to Jesus? I think not!! God tells us in His word in Luke 11:10 “For everyone who **asks** receives; the one who **seeks** finds; **and** to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Does this sound like God is too busy for us?? I think not. We are instructed in God’s Word to pray without ceasing and to lift our hearts in prayer to the One who is able to answer our prayers (Ref: 1 Thessalonians 1:2). Even Jesus went off by himself to pray to His Father in heaven as read in Luke 6:12 “One of those days **Jesus** went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night **praying** to God.” So, the lesson we learn here is to take all our troubles, concerns, worries, issues to God in prayer and pray without doubting so that our prayers may be answered according to His will and purpose. **What would Jesus do....go to the Father and talk about it; Seek His direction.** Remember: as Pastor Karen taught us the other week, there is JOY on the other side of any and all situations we deal with. Praise God!!!!

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”.

Romans 15:8 (NLT)

Remember that *Christ* came as a *servant* to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors.

Leadership Team Report by Kevin Fisher, Chair Brothers and Sisters of New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church (NBCBC), as we end this calendar year, I would like to reflect on the many tasks and opportunities your Leadership Team has put into place and is still working on.

NBCBC has updated the Facebook page, has a website now (www.NB-CBC.org), updated the music equipment to the point the congregation can hear, a video camera to video the sermons, etc. We will be coordinating a committee to create a NBCBC logo, looking at our options and opportunities for a venue/facility/building to keep NBCBC going each week. We had our first Congregational Business Meeting with this LT. NBCBC came in under budget this past year, and we have approved the budget for 2022.

The last two years have been challenging for everyone, but God keeps showing NBCBC his blessings and presenting opportunities to continue His work. Even though we were blessed to have Charlie and Evelyn as Music and Worship Leader for as long as we did, God brought Bernie Trego to NBCBC to continue the Music and Worship, along with the Music and Worship Team. NBCBC has created more teams to help guide us in the right direction such as Christian Education, Communications, Deacon Ministry, Fellowship, Gifts & Discernment, Hospitality, and Witness & Outreach. As we are coming into a new year, we are looking at more baptisms, a revival, a building fundraiser, Bible Studies, etc.

This past year has shown me that we have a Church of Christians dedicated to do God's work. The NBCBC congregation is strong and growing. I have witnessed the congregation willing to do whatever and be wherever it takes to hear the message and serve our Lord. Each week, Pastor Karen preaches the word of God, and keeps all of us learning and moving in God's direction and will.

As we move into 2022, I look forward to the opportunities and blessings that God presents us and sharing every moment with our Church family. I 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

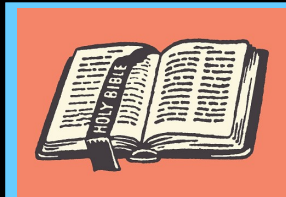
God Bless,

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.

The Church is NOT the building, it is the living Stones....the people!!



New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar						12/14/2021
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		
Deacon’s Meeting	2 nd Friday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Pastor and Deacons		
Congregational Business Meeting	2/14/2021 Comp		Twice Annually	Moderator, Kevin Fisher, LT Chair		
“ “ “	5/2/2021 Comp			Moderator, Kevin Fisher, LT Chair		
“ “ “	11/21/2021 Comp		Annually	Moderator, Kevin Fisher, LT Chair		
“ “ “	1/9/2022	11:15 am	Out of cycle	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair		
Board of Trustees Meeting	8/15,		Quarterly	Eddie Moser, Chair		
“ “ “	10/31/2021		“	Eddie Moser, Chair		
“ “ “	1/2/2022		“	Eddie Moser, Chair		
“ “ “	3/6/2022		“	Eddie Moser, Chair		
Ladies’ Bible Study	Wednesday	9:00 am	4 times per Month	Cathy Hessong, NBC Secretary		
Men’s Bible Study	1/8/2022	8:00 am	Weekly	Eddie Moser		
Love Feast	TBD		Annual	Deacon Chair		
NBC Congregational Picnic	June 20		Annual	Fellowship Chair		
Baptism	July 24		As Req’d	Deacons, Pastor		
Baptism	TBD		As Req’d	Deacons, Pastor		
Communion	Mar, June,		Once per Qtr	Deacons, Pastor		
	Sept 19					
	Nov 21					
Game Night	9/25/2021		4-7:00 pm	Witness & Outreach		
Pastor Vacation	8/16 – 8/23/2021		Annual	Pastor		
Classes	Location	Date/Day	Time	Subject	Event Organizer	



Men’s Bible Study

When: January 8, 2021
Time: 8:00 am for 1-1.5 hours each session
Number of sessions: 4-5 as God leads
Place: Eddie Moser’s house,
 20410 Gap Court, Rohrsersville, Maryland 21779

Study Title: “Men of Honor”.

Do you know what a Man of Honor is?
 Are you brave and willing to change your life for the better??
 Do you have what it takes to become a Man of Honor??
 Are you willing to take a risk in life for a better life??
 Do you want to be a God Fearing man of authority??

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions or you are interested in learning more about Being a “Man of Honor”, you need to attend this study.

Books and Videos Table

Updates: By Darlene Moser—Due to storage issues at AMVETS and lack of use of the book table, this ministry is available only by contacting Darlene or Virginia. If there is something you wish to borrow or obtain, they will be happy to oblige you.



We are on: Facebook, Youtube, & email: look for us as New Beginnings Church
Our website: www.nb-cbc.org

1 Corinthians 1: 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all **knowledge...**

Financial Management Team—By Tammy Fisher, Chair

Below is a quick breakdown of the finances through **December 15, 2021**. There will be a few more expenses and reimbursements this year, but overall, we are very close to our budget for the year. Most of our expenses came in under budget. Information Technology was over budget because there were several pieces of equipment needed that were not anticipated. While the Charitable Contributions line item looks to be over budget by \$942.48, that is a bit deceiving. The \$942.48 were funds collected for Care Net Pregnancy Center and deposited into our account. The check was then written for the exact amount to Care Net and per accounting regulations, had to be captured in the appropriate “bucket.” This was not an expense over budget; it was an even deposit and expense. Rent expense is over budget due to the increase in our weekly rent beginning in September. This has been adjusted in the 2022 budget.

Offerings were budgeted for 2021 at \$91,544.96. As of 12/15/21, the offering balance is \$86,287.69. With a few Sunday’s remaining in the year, we do anticipate the \$5,200 difference will be much less. Thank you to our generous and giving congregation!

The Building Fund received several large, anonymous, donations this year. The current balance in the Building Fund is \$61,039.

Overall, our budgeted expenses for the year are \$79,254 and as of 12/15/21, our actual expenses are \$73,194.08; \$6,059.92 under budget. As mentioned above, there are a few more expenses and reimbursements this year, but we are anticipating that we will remain significantly under budget for the year.

I would personally like to thank Ruthie, Wayne G, Wayne F and Kathy F for all their hard work and dedication to this team over the past year!

Budget Category	2021 Budget	2021 Actuals thru Dec. 15, 2021	Over (Under) Budget
Pastor payroll & reimbursements	\$51,073	\$47,228	(\$3,845)
Non-Pastoral Staff	\$5,400	\$5,400	0
Service Contracts	\$1,931	\$2,140	\$209
Office and Custodial	\$1,800	\$1,360.60	(\$439.40)
Christian Education	\$1,000	\$723.47	(\$276.53)
Outreach Team	\$600	\$509.68	(\$90.32)
Fellowship Team	\$2,000	\$748.30	(\$1,251.70)
Worship and Music	\$2,150	\$1,782.79	(\$367.21)
Deacon Ministry	\$3,800	\$2,000	(\$1,800)
Information Technology	\$4,450	\$5,490.06	\$1,040.06
Hospitality	\$1,000	\$907.54	(\$92.46)
Charitable Contributions	\$1,500	\$2,442.48	942.48
Adult Ministry	\$1,050	\$0	0
Rent	\$1,500	\$2,450	\$950

Luke 16:10 (NLT) If you are *faithful* in little things, you will be *faithful* in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.



12/19/2021—Carissa Adams and her little elf blessed the congregation with a beautiful rendition of Mark Lowrey’s “Mary Did You Know?”



Future NBCBC Leadership Team



The future leadership of New Beginnings Church.

Pastor Karen's Wednesday thoughts

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Hmmm, take some time and think on this. Where is your treasure?? Or better yet, what is it that is your treasure??

In the day and age we live in money seems to be the object on many peoples minds. It dictates what we can and cannot do, how we treat others and how we live.

Does the church look any different than the world?? What has become our treasure?? Where have we allowed our hearts to go?

Where is our treasure in the church today?? I believe the biggest question of all is where is our heart? Scripture says that our heart will be where our treasure is. That is why it is so important to ask the Lord to create in us a clean heart, renew in us a right spirit. (Psalm 51:10) We have to be so careful what we call our treasure, it will affect every part of our lives, our church and our nation. As a believer in Jesus Christ our treasure should be Him and Him alone. Our hearts should belong to Him!

Our daily lives reflect our heart. In everything we do our hearts reflect the treasure that is in it. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus encounters a man who asked Him what good thing he must do to have eternal life. Jesus told him the only way to have eternal life was to obey the law's commands. The man in return asked " which ones?" Jesus answered that you must not murder, you must not commit adultery, you must not steal or lie, you must respect your father and mother and love your neighbor as yourself! The young man said " I have obeyed all these commands, what else do I need to do?" Jesus said, " If you want to be perfect, then go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, then you will have riches in heaven!! Then come and follow me!!" When the man heard this he turned away, for he was very rich.

How sad to think what this rich man missed out on! How sad to think there was only one thing that could keep him out of heaven and he could not give it up!! How about us? What is the one thing that we cannot give up for Jesus?? The one thing that gives us more security than He does?? The one thing that gives us more pleasure than He does?? The one thing that distracts us from following our Lord? There are many things we battle with, where is your battle??

My dear ones, take a good hard look in the mirror and look deep into your heart and ask the Lord to reveal to you what your treasure truly is. Let Him reveal to you where your heart is! We may not like what we see, but if we have the courage and the " want to change" attitude we can lay down what has been holding us back and distracting us from following Jesus with our whole heart!

I don't know about you, but I don't want to miss out on what Jesus has for me!! I want to walk with a pure heart knowing that my treasure is HIM!! Following Jesus should be the most exciting thing we can do with our lives!! Keep your heart pure!! Realize the priceless treasure we have in our amazing Savior Jesus Christ!!

One more thing before I close, in Exodus 19:5 scripture tells us that the Lord called His people a peculiar treasure as long as they obeyed His voice and kept His covenant. Isn't it interesting that our Lord treasures us also!! He loves us with an extraordinary love!! We are His beloved!! We are the sons and daughters of the most high!! We are His peculiar treasure!!! What a wonderful thing to be loved by the Creator of the Universe, the Lord God Almighty Himself!!

Guard your hearts!!

Blessings, Pastor Karen