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**echo**  
New Basel Newsletter

**JUNE 2021**

## Today Is My Choice

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming. In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of the solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. For the next twelve hours, I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose:

**I Choose Love**.....No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today, I will love God and what God loves.

**I Choose Joy**.....I will recognize my God as the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical....the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than opportunity to see God.

**I Choose Peace**.....I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

**I Choose Patience**.....I will overlook the inconvenience of the world. Instead of cursing the One who takes my place, I'll invite Him to do so. Rather than complaining that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

**I Choose Kindness**.....I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone; kind to the rich, for they are afraid; and kind to the unkind, for that is how God has treated me.

**I Choose Goodness**.....I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I accuse. I choose goodness!

**I Choose Faithfulness**.....Today, I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

**I Choose Gentleness**.....Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

**I Choose Self-Control**.....I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

Let's work together as partners with Christ and hold firm until the end! The question is not, "**What kind of Christian and church were we yesterday?**" The real question is: "**What kind of Christians and church shall we be today?**"

—taken from *GEWatkins.net* by Lester P. Bagley

## **New Basel Church Council**

Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

### **Present:**

**Elders:** Kenny Chamberlin, Nicole Shrack, Pam O'Neal

**Deacons:** Holly Bethe, Francis Anderson

**Trustees:** Dwight Kamm, Austin Murphy, Gary Foltz

Pastor Jamie opened with prayer.

Pam O'Neal moved we approved the minutes; Dwight Kamm seconded the motion.

### **Communications:**

Enterprise Estates Newsletter and agenda

Steer Talk newsletter

Renew 2021 Strengthen church offering

MAF newsletter

TCT newsletter

Transfer of membership

Shiloh Ranch Thank you and asking for volunteers

Village Manor Newsletter

### **Reports:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee:** 2 applications Sydney Taylor and Parker O'Neal

Pastor Parish will meet in June

#### **Financial Secretary and Treasurer:**

Pam O'Neal gave the Financial Secretary's report for April.

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer's report for April.

#### **Pastor's Reports:**

Pastor Jamie reviewed his short term and long-term goals for New Basel. His first goal is to meet with 80-90% of our church members within the first year. He would like to do a sign-up sheet that will be passed around church. Please sign up. He is very flexible on how you would like this to go. (over a meal, just time together, at your place or somewhere else etc.)

He plans to visit shut-ins immediately and serve them communion if possible after the May 23<sup>rd</sup> service. He has requested that a church member accompany him until they know him. (Francis Anderson mentioned that Clema would be interested in going with Pastor Jamie).

Pastor Jamie would also like to start having coffee after church. He has noticed that a lot of the congregation is gathering in the hall after church and would like to have anyone who can stay feel welcomed in the Parish Hall for coffee and a small snack.

Pastor Jamie has several long-term goals to reach in the future.

## **Elders-**

Pam O'Neal reported that we will have communion on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Communion will be served the same. You will pick up a cup with a wafer when you enter the sanctuary for the communion ceremony.

## **Deacons:**

None

## **Trustee:**

Austin Murphy reported we had a good church work night last week.

## **Old Business:**

VBS- plans are set. Donations are being asked

Date for Church Picnic/Welcome Dinner- will readdress in new business

Date for Harvest Home- October 24<sup>th</sup> date is set plans will follow in the next few months

Graduations Recognition- none for this year

Birthday and Anniversary Updates- a slip will be put in the bulletin to update information for records committee and ECHO

## **New Business:**

M/S/C to pay bills that were presented. Pam O'Neal moved we pay the bills; Gary Foltz seconded the motion.

Church Improvement Fund- June 13 and 20<sup>th</sup>. You can place your check in the back basket please put on the Memo Church improvement fund. M/S/C Holly Bethe moved and Pam O'Neal seconded it.

Church Brunch- June 13<sup>th</sup> Welcome for Pastor Jamie and his family. Brunch will start at 10 am and service will follow after that.

Kevin Smiley transferred his membership to New Basel Church. Francis Anderson made a motion to accept his membership and Austin Murphy seconded the motion.

Coffee after church- council decided to try this again. We will start this Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> after church.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Echo Articles due May 24<sup>rd</sup>

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Communion, Pentecost Sunday

May 31<sup>st</sup>- Memorial Day

June 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>- VBS

June 13<sup>th</sup> Welcome Brunch for Pastor Jamie and Family

June 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> church improvement fund offering

June 14<sup>th</sup>- Council Meeting 7pm

## **No Other Announcements:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Nicole Shrack, Secretary

## New Basel Church awards scholarships to two students:

Scholarships have been awarded by the scholarship committee of New Basel Church for the 2021-2022 school year to Sydney Taylor and Parker O'Neal.

Sydney has been awarded a \$300 scholarship. She is the daughter of Bob and Pam O'Neal. She attends Manhattan Area Technical College working on her Registered Nurse Degree.

Parker has been awarded a \$300 scholarship. He is the son of Bob and Pam O'Neal and a milling science major at Kansas State University.

*The scholarships are made possible by the New Basel Scholarship Endowment Fund.*



The righteous man walks in his integrity;  
His children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7



Eunice Pryor  
Elaine Bethe  
Joe Foltz  
Naoma Foltz  
Harold Provance  
Wanda Murphy  
Dwight Meuli  
Kelly Schrader

Tammy Anderson  
Sandy Reiff  
Don Reiff  
Judy Lauer  
Suzie Barten  
Ruth Phillips  
Jan Burns (Hartman) and family

# JUNE

## BIRTHDAYS

13<sup>th</sup> Allie Gfeller  
14<sup>th</sup> Nathan Kamm  
15<sup>th</sup> Bo Rothchild  
19<sup>th</sup> Tayler O'Neal  
20<sup>th</sup> Doug Pryor  
23<sup>rd</sup> Velma Becker  
29<sup>th</sup> Tony Herman



## ANNIVERSERIES

5<sup>th</sup> Matt & Jen Barten  
7<sup>th</sup> Pastor and Carolyn Graves  
Charlie & Sue Holloway

## Vacation Bible School June 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>



### Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers for June

#### Greeters

#### Acolytes

6 <sup>th</sup>	Kenny & Janet Chamberlin	Molly Hunnicutt
13 <sup>th</sup>	Cecil Schrader & Tony Herman	Austin Smiley
20 <sup>th</sup>	Francis & Clema Anderson	Devin Kamm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Gary & Deb Foltz	Kaylee Schrader

June Usher: Kevin Smiley

Thank you to Harlow Haney for being the May Usher.

# welcome

There will be a Welcome Brunch for Pastor Jamie on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> prior to the morning service starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The morning service will follow.

