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New Basel Newsletter

August 2021

When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. – Joshua 4:6b-7a

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is nearly over. School will resume soon, the oppressive heat will eventually give way to crisp Autumn mornings and dew laden grass, and seemingly limitless hues of reds and golds will cover the landscape.

But it has been a difficult year, as was the one before it. What's more, people in general seem to think that things will get worse before they get better. A recent poll of 'likely voters' showed that only 37% think the country is headed in the right direction! Politics, the economy, and the lingering struggle with COVID-19 seem to weigh heavily on our collective minds.

The verses above remind me of the importance of remembering the many blessings that God pours out on us each and every day. It seems to me that, as humans, it is our nature to overlook or forget the things that God does for us, both the common everyday blessings, and the momentous life changing blessings that occur less frequently. It also seems that our human nature is to focus on negative things instead of positive things. We sometimes take for granted the presence of God in our lives. The danger here is that we can grow so accustomed to the blessings of God that we can't see God's presence in times of despair, or that we train ourselves to see only hardships and ignore how God is active in our lives and world.

It is important to remember God's goodness, and we have to be intentional about doing it!

Take a moment to read Joshua 4:1-7. This passage takes place as the Israelites cross the river Jordan and enter the Promised Land, and they are told to build a memorial as they do.

Building memorials is an important thing in our spiritual lives as well, not only because it reminds us of the things the Lord has done for us, but it also teaches our children and those around us of God's providence. *We need to find ways to remind ourselves of God's involvement in our lives, whether that be in sharing our stories with family and friends, or writing them down in a journal, or building an actual physical monument.*

By placing things in our lives that remind us of the ways we are blessed, something amazing happens. We teach ourselves. We teach our children and friends. We teach our co-workers. We encourage other Christians. And we strengthen our ability to endure difficult seasons like the one we're currently experiencing.

Don't overlook what God has done and is doing. Train yourself to look for His blessings. Talk about them and figure out a way to remember them in the years to come. And teach your kids to do the same. They're going to need encouragement too!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council
Monday July 12, 2021

Called to order at 7:05 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.

Minutes:

Pam O’Neal made motion to approve the minutes. Gary Foltz seconded the motion.

Communications:

Bread for the World asking for donations

MAF asking for donations

St Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Village Manor Newsletter.

Reports:

Committee Reports:

Financial Secretary and Treasurer:

Pam O’Neal gave the Financial Secretary’s report for June.

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer’s report for June.

Pastor’s Reports:

See attached report from Pastor Jamie*

Elders:

Pam O’Neal reported that 42 people took communion on Sunday July 4th.

Deacons:

None

Trustee:

Carpet in the church hallway still has a bubble in it. Kenny is checking with Janet who contacted Sabrina.

Old Business:

Date for Harvest Home - October 24th date is set; plans will follow in the next few months. Pastor Jamie has booked a guest speaker for Harvest Home.

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

Video System- nothing in the near future. Goals for the next few years

Plumbing issues have been fixed.

Electrical in Parsonage needing a new outlet in the basement

Propane contract Francis Anderson contacted K & R (Ryan Riffel). He will get us a contract and what we used in 2020/2021. Francis reported that contracting is cheaper at this time rather than summer fill.

New Business:

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

Reminder for Pastor's vacation for the 2021 year - July 19th thru August 1st (July 25th and August 1st pulpit supply will be needed.) December 26th thru January 1st. (Pulpit supply needed for December 26th)

Crock-Pot meals for the Freezer- Pastor Jamie and Angela at previous churches have had a day where the women get together and make meals for the freezer. Pastor Jamie and Angela would like to try this at New Basel Church and will have a sign-up sheet for Saturday August 14th. Pastor Jamie and Angela will get the supplies needed. You can sign up for the # of meals you would like and pay a fee for those meals. Pastor Jamie said you can have several meals and just a few hours of work with the ladies of the church.

A Certificate of Transfer for Robert and Emily Haynes was received. Council voted to accept their membership

Upcoming Events:

Church Fellowship will follow after every service

Echo Articles due July 22nd

August 1st Communion

August 9th Council meeting @ 7p.m.

No Other Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Nicole Shrack, Secretary

**Pastor's Report*

New Basel Church, Abilene KS

Pastor's Report to Church Council – Pastor Jamie Bonnema

7/12/21

Work Summary for 6/14/21 – 7/11/21

Worship – Preached and/or led Sunday worship 4 times

Administration Meetings – 1 Church Council

Pastoral Care – 5 Home Visits (H&J Haney, M Kaufman, A&J Murphy, C Schrader, D&L Snitker),
3 Hospital Visits (Don Reiff, Sandy Reiff), 1 Pastoral Visit (Jim Rowan and Theresa Brown), 1 Nursing
Home Visit (Velma Becker, Elaine Bethe, Eunice Pryor), 3 Phone Visits (Naoma Foltz, Don Reiff,
Sandy Reiff)

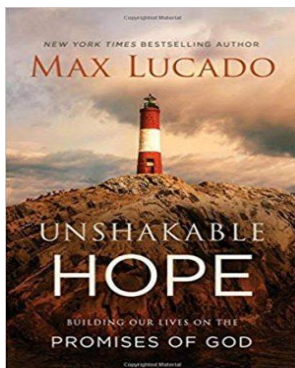
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Non-New Basel Church Activity – NACCC Leadership Meeting, NACCC Annual Meeting (2 Zoom meetings)

New Business:

Vacation

Crock Pot Meals



The adult Sunday School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30. They will be discussing the book “Unshakable Hope” by Max Lucado beginning August 8th. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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

Sandy Reiff family
Don Reiff
Kelly Schrader
Tammy Anderson
Judy Lauer

AUGUST INFORMATION



1 st Maxine Kauffman	22 nd Mark Robson
2 nd Joleen Beemer	23 rd Judy Barten
4 th Harold Provance	Darren Haney
5 th Troy Palenske	24 th Laurel Kline
7 th Elaine Bethe	26 th Pam O'Neal
Kaynan Anderson	28 th Kieryan Anderson
8 th Stephanie Gfeller	29 th Harlow Haney
10 th Stetson Shrack	Janet Edwards
12 th Eric Kamm	31 st Haley Reiff
13 th Peggy Meuli	
17 th Patti Anderes	
19 th Don Reiff	

Anniversaries

4 th Don & Sandy Reiff
9 th Gregg & Joleen Beemer

Mowing Schedule

July 26th - August 8th

Chris Bethe

August 9th - 22nd

Beemers

August 23rd - September 5th

Cromwells

September 6th - 19th

Murphys

September 20th - October 3rd

Smileys

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and services to New Basel's ministry.
***"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; They have the heart."* Elizabeth Andrew**

Greeters, Acolytes, Usher and Fellowship for August

	Greeters:	Acolytes:	Fellowship Coffee:
1 st	Gordon & Sara Hunnicutt	Wyatt Hunnicutt	Gregg & Joleen Beemer
8 th	Dwight & Marion Kamm	Savanah Smiley	Kauffman Family
15 th	Adam & Alyssa Gantenbein	Larissa Cromwell	Robby & Emily Haynes
22 nd	Greg & Jolene Beemer	Landon Barten	Marilyn Coleman
29 th	Greg & Kari Beetch	Bo Rothchild	Nicole Shrack
August Usher: Gregg Beemer			

Thank you to Lonnie Schrader for being the July Usher



There will be a celebration for Maxine Kauffman's 90th birthday on Sunday August 8, 2021. All are invited to stay or join after worship for birthday cake and punch.