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“What is your favorite animal?” It’s a question that we commonly ask kids, and answers vary from kittens to dogs to horses to who knows what. I’m going to ask a slightly different question; “If you had to choose an animal protector, what would it be?” Many people buy a dog to guard the home and loved ones, but I think that’s only because buying, for example, a Bengal tiger, is illegal. But what if it weren’t? What if you could be protected by any animal you chose? What would it be? I imagine most of us would choose something with claws, a lot of teeth, and a ferocious attitude. But I would be willing to bet that none of you would choose, as their animal protector, a chicken. Chickens are the exact opposite of a fearsome protector. In fact, they make tasty snacks for fearsome protectors. Yet Luke describes God protecting us like a chicken in chapter 13:34:

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Personally, I would not have chosen a chicken. Chickens are smelly and not terribly bright things, and no one is afraid of chickens. Roosters, maybe, but probably not chickens. Yet there is something about the analogy that is compelling: a hen protects her brood of chicks by gathering them together, and if necessary, giving her own life. The gathered chicks survive, and remain safe in the group. It is one of the most continually astounding things about Christianity: that Jesus chose to protect his followers, not from a position of strength and power, but from a position of weakness and vulnerability.

That verse also says that we resist being gathered and protected. How do we resist the pull of God? We resist in our political sphere: our politicians and courts we elect are increasingly hostile to Christian influence of any sort, as well as completely unable to work together for the common good. We resist in our religious sphere: Biblical authority is heeded only as long as it doesn’t clash with our cultural values or scientific knowledge. We resist in our personal lives: we do not allow God to control our speech, our conduct at work, our relations with our families, or the television we watch. And it isn’t just some of us, it’s everyone.

Stop resisting God. Stop fighting, and let God gather you together to experience His warm embrace. Be sensitive to God’s gentle nudges, like the hen, because these are His way of protecting you from harm.

In His love,

Pastor Jamie

**New Basel Church Council
Monday February 7, 2022**

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: Drew Stniker, Gary Foltz

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion and prayer

Pam O’Neal made motion to approve the minutes Gary Foltz second. Minutes were approved

Communications:

Emmanuel Church inviting the men of New Basel to a men’s breakfast Friday and Saturday February 11th and 12th.

Reports:

Financial Secretary and Treasurer:

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

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer’s report for January.

Pastor’s Reports:

See attached Pastor Report

Elders-

Pam O’Neal reported 37 took communion on February 6th.

Deacons:

None

Trustee:

None

Reorganization of Council & Committees:

Officer Elections: Pam O’Neal nominated and cast anonymous ballot; Kenny Chamberlin, Gary Foltz seconded the motion

Vice President: Pam O’Neal nominated Francis Anderson and cast anonymous ballot; Drew Snitker second the motion.

Secretary: Pam O'Neal nominated Nicole Shrack and cast anonymous ballot; Francis Anderson seconded the motion

Financial Secretary: Pam O'Neal nominated by Holly Bethe & anonymous ballot was cast.

Treasurer: Pam O'Neal nominated Holly Bethe. It was moved to cast anonymous ballot.

Head Elder: Pam O'Neal agreed to take the position.

Head Deacon: Holly Bethe agreed to take the position.

Head Trustee: Austin Murphy agreed to take the position.

Old Business:

Kenny Chamberlin met with our Insurance Provider. They updated our insurance policy with updates we have done.

Church Spring Cleaning- wait till Austin Murphy is back to schedule a date

Ceiling Repair- Kenny Chamberlin has talked to a few people and they have said 'no.' Still looking into someone who is willing to scrape and finish the ceilings. Francis Anderson will get ahold of the guy in Navarre and have him start with the 2 bathrooms and replace it with a textured wall.

Pam O'Neal made a motion. Holly Bethe seconded. Motion carried with a vote.

Electricity for Parish Hall AC. Kenny has talked to his brother-in-Law who is licensed, bonded and insured. He will donate his time and the church will pay for the supplies.

New Business:

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

Installation of Trustee for Drew Snitker

New logo for church letter head etc. Pastor Jamie's Mother-in-law owns a print shop and constructed a few logo ideas. Council decided on one but is changing it a bit to better fit areas.

Classes- Pastor Jamie recommended doing a Dave Ramsey class. It is a 9-week course. It does cost \$120 per household. Classes starting on Wednesday March 2nd. Pastor Jamie will continue to do research and scheduling.

Pam made motion that we proceed with the Dave Ramsey Class. Gary Foltz seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Pastor Jamie will be taking vacation leaving Sunday March 13 after service and returning March 15th.

Upcoming Events:

February 21st ECHO Articles Due

March 2nd Ash Wednesday

March 6th Communion

March 7th Council Meeting 7pm

March 13th Daylight savings time

No Other Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison

Nicole Shrack, Secretary

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Pastor's Report to Church Council – Pastor Jamie Bonnema

2/7/22

Work Summary for 1/3/22 – 2/7/22

Worship – Preached and/or led Sunday worship 5 times, 1 Funeral

Administration Meetings – 1 Church Council, 1 Pastor Parish, 1 Christian Ed, 1 Annual Meeting

Pastoral Care – 1 Office Visit (Beemer), 3 Home Visits (Bethe, Reiff) 3 Phone Visits (Foltz, Reiff)

Other – CrossTalk Preaching Class (40 hours, towards Professional Development), 4 Dinner with Bonnemas (Bethe, et.al.), 1 10-33 Meeting (Abilene Police and Dickinson County Sheriff)

Call Taken: 2 (J Nagely – VBS Planning)

Mileage: 45

New Business:

- Church Logo
- Dave Ramsey Class
- Vacation – March 14-16

Mileage = 64

February 16, 2022 Women's Fellowship

New Basel Women's Fellowship met in the church lounge on February 16th, 2022 at 2:00 PM with Clarine Robson as hostess. There were 9 ladies and Pastor Jamie present.

Peggy Meuli opened the meeting with devotions. Jan McAdams presided over the meeting.

The May minutes of 2020 were read and approved.

For communications Clarine read a letter from Felmar, whom we sponsor in the Philippines.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

It was decided that we would contact Kara Cromwell to help us select a book to put in our church library in memory of Sandra Reiff.

The budget for the year was discussed at some length and was decided to think about it until the next meeting.

It was the consensus of the group to have individuals buy their own Easter lily in memory or honor of their loved ones.

Peggy's lesson was postponed until next month. Janis Haugh volunteered to be hostess. The next meeting will be March 16th in the church lounge.

The meeting adjourned and Clarine served refreshments.



New Basel Women's Fellowship
Rada Fundraiser



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Much More

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Please Pray For.....

Eunice Pryor
Elaine Bethe
Naoma Foltz
Harold Provance
Dwight Meuli

Cecil Schrader
Kelly Schrader
Tammy Anderson
Judy Lauer
Tim Johnson's parents

MARCH INFORMATION



- 1st Shaila Miller
- 2nd Cecil Schrader
Carolyn Graves
- 3rd Marvel Meuli
- 5th Clayton Gfeller
- 6th Keenan Reiff
- 7th Pastor Jamie
- 8th Kialyn Anderson
- 10th Laura Cox
- 12th Wyatt Hunnicutt

- 14th Gregg Beemer
- 18th Savannah Smiley
- 24th Kevin Smiley
Duane Beemer
- 26th Kevin Beetch
- 31st Kenneth Gantenbein
Naoma Foltz
Marion Kamm
Clarine Robson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10th John & Peggy Meuli, Jr.
- 14th Adam & Alyssa Gantenbein
- 18th Bob & Patti Anderes
- 20th Mitch & Kara Cromwell

Upcoming April Birthdays

- 1st Jan McAdams
- 3rd Katie Kamm
- 4th Judy Lauer
- 8th Gabe Barten



Greeters, Acolytes and Usher for March

Greeters

Acolytes

6 th	Chris Bethe & Cecil Schrader	Wyatt Hunnicutt
13 th	Bob & Pam O'Neal	Larissa Cromwell
20 th	Randy & Judy Barten	Savannah Smiley
27 th	Drew & Lindsey Snitker	Sterling Bonnema

Usher: Mitch Cromwell

Thank you to Kenny Chamberlin for being the February Usher



The 2022 New Basel scholarship application deadline is May 1st. Students wishing to receive a scholarship should be a graduating senior in high school or enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited institution of post high school level. For a scholarship application, please visit our website www.newbaselchurch.org and click on the News tab.