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 New Basel Newsletter

MAY 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Spring begins to erupt all around us, we are reminded of the beauty of new beginnings, the splendor of new life, and the precious presence of God’s hand in nature. I am also reminded of the importance of slowing down to take stock of the many blessings that God pours out on us each and every day. Sometimes it seems like we are too busy to notice the presence of God in our lives and in the world. It is important, however, that we do so, both for our own spiritual welfare and for the example we set for our friends and family. Taking stock of God’s blessings really happens in two parts.

I was reminded of one of the really terrific hymns this week – *Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings, see what God has done.* It seems to me that as humans, our nature is to overlook or forget the things that God does for us, both the common everyday blessings and the momentous, life changing blessings that occur more infrequently. We sometimes take for granted the presence of God in our lives. The danger here is that we can grow so accustomed, so used to the blessings of God that we can’t see God’s presence in times of despair.



I also think it is important to intentionally remember. In Joshua 3, we read about how the nation of Isreal crossed the river Jordan when the Lord stopped the waters. But then in the opening verses of chapter 4, the Lord tells Joshua to make a pile of rocks as a memorial. The Lord said to Joshua that

it was *“to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD.*



When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” Josh 4:6-7

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 or friends or writing them down in a journal, or building monuments. By placing things in our lives that remind us of the ways we are blessed, we teach ourselves and those around us.

Being aware of God’s presence, in our lives and in the world around us, is not something that happens by accident. We need to take time to intentionally notice God’s blessings and, as the song says, count up as many as you can think of. But we also need to intentionally remember and tell others too. It’s good for us, and it’s good for them!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council

Monday April 4, 2022

Called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

Present:

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

Deacons: Holly Bethe, Francis Anderson

Trustees: Drew Snitker, Gary Foltz, Austin Murphy

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion and prayer

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

Communications:

Salina Rescue Mission asking for Donations

Village Manor Monthly Newsletter

Abilene Food Pantry thank you for monetary donation from New Basel Church

MAF asking for Donations

New Basel Church received our Second Letter from Robert Lee Briggs who is in the Sedgwick Adult Detention Center. When he wrote the church in January we voted not to respond. In his letter he is seeking romantic companionship. Council still agreed not to respond to him.

Letter from Bill and Linda (Sybert) VerBrugge and monetary donations for memorials and ECHO

Reports:

Financial Secretary and Treasurer:

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

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer's report for March.

Pastor's Report:

Work Summary for 3/7/22- 4/3/22

Worship- Preached and/or led Sunday worship 4 times, 1 Funeral

Administration Meetings- 1 Church Council, 1 Curriculum Planning

Pastoral Care- 5 Hospital visits, 2 Phone visits, 2 Wakes

Other- 3 Dinners with the Bonnemas, 1 Cross Talk Zoom Meeting, 3 Financial Peace University Classes

Incoming Calls- Pastor Richardson, Ebenezer Church, RE JC Pregnancy Center

Vacation Days

This Month: 2

YTD: 3

Old Business:

Church Logo for the Church to use on letter head

Cross Talk Seminar May 9-13 (will be attending class 8-5 all week and no time to prepare for Sunday service)

May 5th Sunday new discussion of previously printed minutes where it stated Brunch starting at 9:30

Sanctuary Sound System

New Business:

Parish Hall availability 6/5/22

Milage= 219

Elders-

Pam O'Neal reported 50 took communion on April 3, 2022.

Deacons:

None

Trustee:

Electrical work for the Parish Hall on Saturday April 9th.

April 19th Church work night at 5pm. Food will be provided

Mowing sign-up is posted in the Church. Please sign up for a 2 week slot.

Old Business:

Ceiling repair is on hold, ran into some issues

Alarm system - Brad Homman will be out Saturday April 9th to explain how the alarm works in the church.

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated on May 1st. Cake reception will follow service.

Pastor Parish Committee - Bob O'Neal volunteered for the position

New Business:

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

Bible School starts Tuesday May 31st thru June 4th.

Women's Fellowship met for their second meeting in March. They set up responsibilities for their committees. Council President, Kenny Chamberlin, will discuss with Women's Fellowship president that there are a few changes we would like to make. Council would like to supply the Parish Hall kitchen and have Women's Fellowship supply the kitchenette.

Lawn Mowing- pre sign up before it will be hung up.

5th Sunday Brunch: Holly Bethe made motion that we move the church service to 10:30 instead of 10am as previously published in March Church Council minutes. Pam O'Neal seconded the motion. It was approved with a verbal vote.

Bob O'Neal volunteered to serve on the Enterprise Estates Board

Pam O'Neal moved we adjourn. Gary Foltz seconded.

Upcoming Events:

April 14th Maundy Thursday Service Mt. Pleasant church 7pm?

April 17th Easter Sunday/ Communion

April 19th Spring Work Night 5pm

May 2nd Church Council 7pm

May 25th Echo Articles due

No Other Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison

Nicole Shrack, Secretary

Thank You.

The Women's Fellowship would like to thank the women of the church who helped with our spring church cleaning and to the men who helped clean the light fixtures and some of the windows. We also want to thank Merry Maids of Abilene for cleaning the church sanctuary and to Rhonda Pritchard who cleans our church every week.

Co-chairpersons
Jane Haney & Carolyn Beetch

A sincere "thank you" to my church family who helped make my 90th birthday celebration a very happy one.

With love,
Clarine Robson



Elaine Bethe
Naoma Foltz
Harold Provance
Dwight Meuli
Cecil Schrader

Kelly Schrader
Tammy Anderson
Rodney Anderson
Judy Lauer

Women's Fellowship

New Basel Women's Fellowship met in the church lounge on April 20th, 2022 at 2:00 PM with Peggy Meuli as hostess. There were seven ladies present.

Janis Haugh called the meeting to order.

Ila Beemer gave her devotions on Solomon and how empty his life was and compared it to an empty Easter egg. Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes. Later he gave his life to Jesus and his life was filled.

The March 16th minutes were read and approved.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report. Clarine moved and Jan seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

For old business:

Janis announced there would be no Women's Fellowship program book this year. Janis asked Jan McAdams to serve as vice president since we overlooked that position last month.

For new business:

Janis announced there would be no meeting in June, July or August. Our Women's Fellowship calendar year will coincide with the church's calendar year, January 1st-December 31st. Janis announced that the Women's Fellowship is in charge of the reception on May 1st.

Ila's lesson was on Solomon, the son of David and Bathsheba. King David anointed Solomon as king. We learned more about Solomon than we usually hear. Ila closed her interesting lesson with prayer.

Jan volunteered to be in charge of the lesson for next month and Carolyn volunteered to be hostess. The next meeting will be May 18th in the church lounge. Janis closed the meeting with benediction.

Peggy served refreshments.

Carolyn Beetch, Secretary



- Duncan Reiff – son of Tim & Jen, is graduating from Middle School and attending Hope High School
- Travis Beetch – son of Greg & Kari, is graduating from Cloud County Community College with an Associates Degree and will be continuing academic degrees.
- Sydney Taylor – daughter of Pam & Bob O'Neal, graduated from Manhattan Area Technical College with a nursing degree and is now at Via Christi St. Francis of Wichita as a RN in the cardiothoracic ICU.
- Parker O'Neil – son of Bob & Pam O'Neal, graduated from Kansas State University, Manhattan with a bachelor's degree in Milling Science and now employed in KCMO General Mills

MAY INFORMATION

Happy Birthday!

1 st Austin Murphy	26 th Eric Barten
4 th Dwight Meuli	27 th Morgan Palenske
7 th Clema Anderson	28 th William Graves
8 th Andrew Gantenbein	DaLean Barten
8 th Lyle Miller	Jamie Snitker
13 th Stacy Smiley	Gordon Hunnicutt
14 th Jason Curtis	29 th Maria Tischhauser
18 th Seth Lauer	
Kyle Chamberlin	

ANNIVERSARIES

5 th Steve & Laura Cox	17 th Harlow & Jane Haney
Tim & Jen Reiff	26 th Dwight & Marion Kamm
15 th Mark & Holly Bethel	31 st Dwight & Marvel Meuli



May 31st – June 4th

Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers for May

Greeters

Acolytes

1 st	Mitch & Kara Cromwell	Owen Cromwell
8 th	Brett & Andrea Koster	Bo Rothchild
15 th	Larry & Janis Haugh	Sterling Bonnema
22 nd	Duane & Ila Beemer	Devin Kamm
29 th	Ron & Margaret Shouse	Savannah Smiley

May Usher: Drew Snitker

Thank you to Austin Murphy for being the April Usher



Happy Mothers Day

*She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and laughs at the days to come.*

*She opens her mouth in wisdom;
kindly instruction is on her tongue.*

Proverbs 31:25-26