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New Basel Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ever notice how time seems to behave differently, depending on what's going on around you? Time is such a funny thing. Sometimes an hour or a day can seem so short. Hence, the saying "Time flies when you're having fun!" Sometimes, however, the minutes and hours can drag on forever. Waiting for a phone call or a repairman can make a clock seem to stand still (feel free to keep your long-winded-preacher jokes to yourself here ☺). Time, it seems to us, behaves differently.

Regardless of our impressions of how time passes, there are some general rules that apply. For us, time flows in one direction: from the past to the present, and on toward the future. Time does not flow backward, from the future or present to the past. This is how we understand the laws of cause and effect that we encounter every day; the present time is affected by things that happened in the past, and things that happen in the present may affect the future, but not the past. This is what humans are used to, but this is *not* what happens when we are talking about the church and the reign of God. Allow me to explain.

You see, God is not bound by time like we are. Indeed, God created time, so how would he? In his book, *Evangelism After Christendom*, Bryan Stone talks about salvation and the church's role in it. "The salvation offered by the church to the world is not something it first receives and then offers to others. It is received only and insofar as it is offered to others." What this means is that a future cause, specifically the church's future salvation, has a present effect, which is the church offering salvation to others. Technically, it is offering something it has not yet received or experienced! Other examples are easy to

conjure. Every week, most Christians pray The Lord's Prayer. Depending on what church you go to, you ask the Lord to forgive your trespasses/debts/sins, but then follow it up with some variation of *as we forgive others*. This means that we receive forgiveness from God only and insofar as we forgive others. Another present effect that depends on a future event! Furthermore, as Rev. Billy Graham notes, "Our faith becomes stronger as we express it; a growing faith is a sharing faith." Certainly, Christians are called to share their faith with others, and as they do so, they receive even more faith! Normal time does not permit someone to share something and end up with more, but such is the nature of the reign of God. Time appears to run backwards. And you thought time behaved differently when it only travelled in one direction!

The implications of this for Christians today are many. Perhaps the greatest, though, is that we don't need to worry so much about not having everything perfect before we enter into His service. I think that when it comes to talking to our friends about Jesus, or leading a Sunday School class, or whatever, many people don't because they are too intimidated. People think they don't know the Bible well enough, or think they don't have enough faith, or look at their own life and the mess they're in, and think they need to get all their ducks in a row before committing. God's Kingdom doesn't work like that. It is in the sharing our faith, our knowledge, and God, that we gain faith, knowledge, and God!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council
Monday July 11, 2022

Called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

Present:

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

Deacons: Holly Bethe, Francis Anderson, Mitch Cromwell

Trustees: Austin Murphy

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion.

Pam O’Neal made a motion to approve June minutes. Mitch Cromwell seconded the motion.

Communications:

Edward Jones postcard to contact them for an appointment.

Thank you from Pam and Greg Becker.

Reports:

Memorial Committee

None

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:

Work Summary for 6/6/22- 7/3/22

Worship- Preached and/or led Sunday worship 4 times

Administration Meetings- 1 Church Council, 1 VBS Planning

Pastoral Care- 5 Home Visit, 3 Hospital Visits

Other- 2 Dinners with the Bonnemas, 1 CrossTalk Video conference

Vacation Days

Professional Development Days

This Month:0

This Month:

YTD: 3

YTD: 10

Milage: 60 miles

Elders:

Pam O’Neal reported 29 took communion on July 3rd.

Deacons:

None

Trustee:

2 estimates for the south AC unit in the church. It went out and will need to be replaced.

Old Business:

Church Brunch July 31st starting at 9:30a.m. Church service will begin at 10:30a.m.

Harvest Home will be October 2nd. It will be followed by a potluck lunch (bring your favorite dish to share).

Carlton Presbyterian Church Closing- we have a card for all members to sign for their last service. We will also gift them fresh flowers for their last service. Their last service will be July 31st.

Sound System- still discussion on what system we are needing.

Mike Meuli brought tin for the chicken shed. Still need to find someone to roof the chicken shed.

New Business:

M/S/C to pay bills that were presented.

Confirmation - Will we have a class for the 2023 year?

Propane contract - we do not have a contract at this time.

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting

Upcoming Events:

July 17th and 24th Church Improvement Offering

July 22nd Echo Articles Due

July 31st Summer Church Event (Brunch)

July 31st Carlton Presbyterian Church closing

August 3rd-8th CKFF

August 8th Council Meeting 7pm

No Other Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 7:59p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Nicole Shrack, Secretary



Elaine Bethe
Naoma Foltz
Harold Provance
Dwight Meuli
Cecil Schrader
Judy Lauer

Kelly Schrader
Tammy Anderson
Rodney Anderson
Peggy Meuli
Ed & Jan McAdams daughter, Tresa

AUGUST INFORMATION



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| 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 |
| Diane Loftness | 26 th Pam O'Neal |
| Deborah Lathan | 28 th Kieryan Anderson |
| 7 th Elaine Bethe | 29 th Harlow Haney |
| Kaynan Anderson | Janet Edwards |
| 8 th Stephanie Gfeller | 31 st Haley Reiff |
| 10 th Stetson Shrack | |
| 12 th Eric Kamm | |
| 13 th Peggy Meuli | |
| 17 th Patti Anderes | |

Anniversaries

9th Gregg & Joleen Beemer

Upcoming September Birthdays

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| 1 st Holly Bethe | 8 th Jim Stalder |
| 2 nd Suzanne Smith | 9 th Dwight Kamm |



Congratulations to Drew and Lindsay
Snitker on the birth of their
daughter Arlee Belle, born July
11th, 8.8 pounds 20-1/2 inches long.

Greeters, Acolytes and Usher for August

Greeters:

Acolytes:

7 th	Gary & Deb Foltz	
14 th	Adam & Alyssa Gantenbein	Larissa Cromwell
21 st	Austin & Jessica Murphy	Blake Murphy
28 th	Greg & Kari Beetch	Bo Rothchild

August Usher: Gregg Beemer

Thank you to Randy Barten for being the July Usher



Thank you to everyone that donated their time, labor, and funds to install air conditioning in the Parish Hall. Thank you to Ron and Wyatt Pryor for donating their labor to install the electrical service, the Trustees for overseeing the project, and everyone who gave donations, making the air conditioning installation possible. New Basel is fortunate to have people that generously donate towards the church's upkeep and maintenance. **THANK YOU!**