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New Basel Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2025

Things I am thankful for:

I'm thankful that God has chosen to save me from the consequences of my sin, from Satan, from hell, and from myself. I'm thankful that God sent Jesus to die for my sins, so that I can be forgiven and be reconciled with a holy God.

I'm thankful for my wife, who is a wonderful example of a Christian woman; devoted to Jesus, me, our family, and our ministry.

I'm thankful for the upbringing that my wife and I had, each receiving Christian instruction from a very early age, and for the effect that this Christian instruction has had on our lives independently and together.

I'm thankful that I get to be a dad, and that my family is such a source of joy.

I'm thankful that God has chosen to use me to share his love for people. I'm thankful for the opportunity to sit on the front lines, watching and actively participating in people experiencing God's forgiveness and love for them.

I'm thankful that I get to serve a church like this, in a place like this; a church that knows in its soul that God's ways are better than the ways of the world, and that God's ways are found in the Bible.

I'm thankful that the many mistakes I have made have not destroyed me, but provided a chance to learn and grow. I'm also thankful that I have the chance to help others avoid some of these same mistakes.

I'm thankful for the many times that God has prevented me from making a mistake that would hurt someone else or me.

– I'm thankful for air conditioners.

I'm thankful for the country I live in and its long history of Christian leadership. I'm thankful for the many examples of wise and peaceable Christian character we find in America's past, and for those leaders that continue to point to Jesus as a source of wisdom and exemplary service.

I'm thankful for mountains. And mountain streams.

I'm thankful for love, and for Paul's explanation of what love really looks like when practiced as God intended (1 Cor 13). I'm thankful that God loves me like that, and that God wants me to, indeed make it possible for me to, love others the same way.

I'm thankful for music, and for the way the human brain seems to be hardwired to recognize it, produce it, and remember things through it. I'm thankful for all those Christians gifted in music who have expressed the love of God and Biblical truths through music so that people can remember, even when they remember nothing else.

I'm thankful for prayer; for a God that listens to our wants and expressions of thanks, for a church that believes in the power of prayer, and for the Holy Spirit who prays for us when we don't know how (Rom 8:26-27).

I'm thankful that I'm not God, but that we have a God who is profoundly good and is ultimately in control.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Grace and peace to you through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council

Monday Oct 6th, 2025

Called to order at 7:03 pm by President Pam O'Neal

Present

Elders: Pam O'Neal , Chris Bethe and Jen Reiff

Deacons: Jennifer Latzke and Judy Barten

Trustees: Gary Foltz and Drew Snitker

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the August and September minutes

Communications: None

Reports

Financial Secretary: Jennifer Latzke gave report

Treasurer's Report: Judy Barten gave report

Pastor's Report: Work summary for 9/1/25-10/5/25

Worship- Preached and/or led Sunday Worship 5 times, and at Homestead Memory Care, 1 Funeral

Administration Meetings: 1 Church Council, 3 Funeral Planning

Pastoral Care- 12 Phone Visits, 7 Home Visits, 2 Office Visits, 1 Funeral Visitation

Other- 1 Movie Night, 3 Cross Talk Local meetings, 4 Volunteer Reading at Rural Center (The Foolish Tortoise, Little Blue Truck, Big Chickens Fly the Coop, Too Many Pockets) 2 Workdays, Fall Party

Vacation Days This Month: 0, YTD:10 Professional Development Days: This month 0, YTD:5 Mileage: 118

Elders: Chris Bethe reported 37 took communion 10/6/25

Deacons: No report

Trustees: Drew Snitker reported basement ceiling may be done this week. Also discussed painting downstairs classrooms. Gary Foltz and Janet Chamberlin met with contractor Jeff Mein. Jeff will redo his bid for the parish hall lighting.

Old Business:

Harvest Home will be October 19th. It will be a potluck. The basement ceiling will be paid \$4800 that will come out of the Improvement Fund, which has already been collected. The remaining will come from the endowment fund.

Memorial Committe List of Items

New Business:

It was M/S/C to approve bills

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Memorial Committe's list.

Our congregation collected 354 items for the food bank and collected \$325 in September.

A distribution totaling \$2500 was disbursed from the benevolence fund.

Jennifer Latzke reported that the piano has been causing some trouble. She has been in contact with SM Hanson Music.

The Thanksgiving Service will be at New Basel 11/23. The Hanging of the Greens will be 11/30 along with 5th Sunday Breakfast. The congregation will be asked to bring a dish to share. The Kid's Christmas Program will be on 12/14.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

October 25th- Echo Articles Due

October 12th- Movie Night

November 2nd- Communion

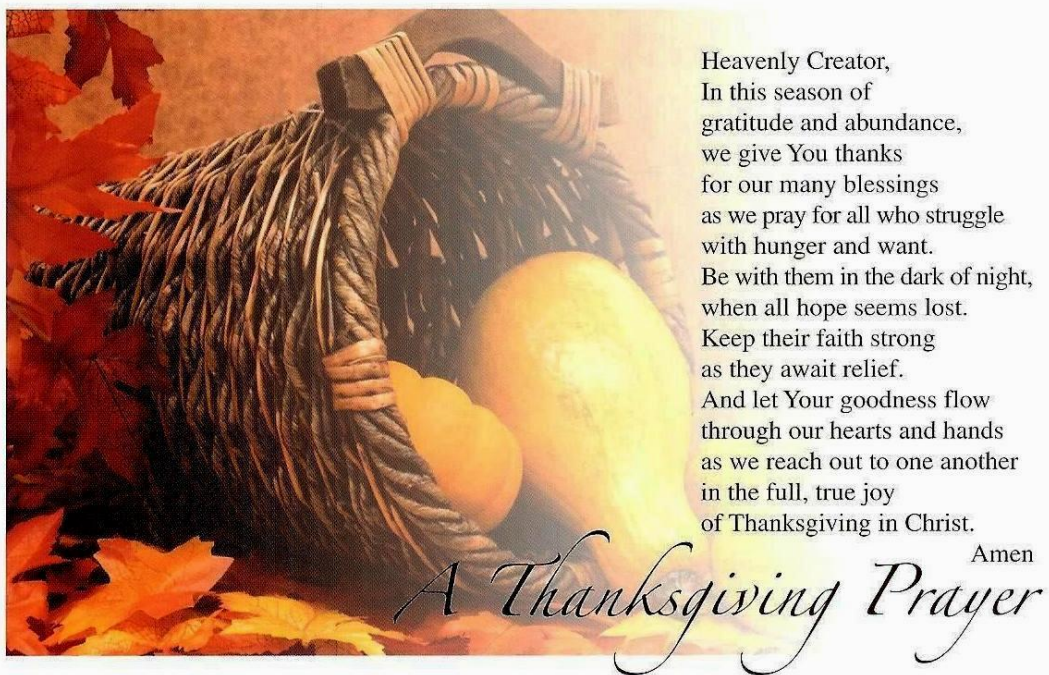
November 3rd, Church Council

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

The Lord's Prayer was said in Unison

Jen Reiff, secretary





Heavenly Creator,
In this season of
gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks
for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.
Keep their faith strong
as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow
through our hearts and hands
as we reach out to one another
in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

A Thanksgiving Prayer

We would like to express our thanks to everyone at New Basel for the love and support shown to our family following the passing of our mother, Jane Haney. Special thanks to Pastor Jamie for the meaningful service and to Peggy for providing the beautiful organ music that Mom would have loved. Thank you to all the wonderful church ladies who provided such a thoughtful meal — from the delicious salads to the care taken in serving and cleanup. Thanks for the kind words and cards as well.

New Basel Church was such an important part of Mom's life. She was a faithful member for over 60 years, and we know she would have been touched by the kindness shown by her church family. It brings us comfort to know she was honored in the place that meant so much to her, surrounded by the community she loved.

Thank you for helping us honor her memory.

With sincere appreciation,

Robin, Darren and families



Prayer Requests

Naoma Foltz
Clema Anderson
Judy Lauer
Kelly Schrader

Tony Herman
Bobby Greenwood &
Judith Stevens

Rachael Pritchard
Daughter of Rhonda (Wilson) Pritchard

NOVEMBER INFORMATION

Birthdays

4th Kenny Chamberlin
 9th Kari Beetch
 10th Greg Beetch
 11th Adam Gantenbein
 Scott Reiff
 13th Larry Haugh
 20th Kara Cromwell
 22nd Riley Hunnicutt
 24th Suzie Barten
 26th Joan Reiff



Anniversary

11th Randy & Judy Barten
 17th James & Jennifer Latzke

MOVIE NIGHT

November 9th

The Pink Panther

with David Niven and Peter Sellers

Operation Christmas Child

Sunday School Youth will be packing Shoeboxes on November 16th during Sunday School.

Greeters, Acolytes, & Usher for November

	<u>Greeters:</u>	<u>Acolytes:</u>
2 nd	Dwight and Nathan Kamm	Devin Kamm
9 th	Sam & Nicole Shrack	Axie and Stetson Shrack
16 th	Duane & Ila Beemer	Savannah Smiley
23 rd	Bob & Pam O'Neal	Jace Latzke
30 th	5th Sunday Brunch/Hanging of the Greens	

November Usher: Gary Foltz

Thank you to Kevin Smiley for being the October Usher!



Thanksgiving Worship Service at
 New Basel on November 23rd at 7pm



November 30th

In response to the government shutdown and temporary discontinuation of SNAP benefits, we will be accepting food donations to help area families affected. All donations will go to either Abilene or Chapman food banks.