

60th Anniversary

Sunday, November 20, 2016


10:00am

(NO 8:30 a.m. service & NO Sunday School)

- **Rev. Phil Meekins**, pastor of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, will be preaching.
- **Fellowship Meal to Follow** (meal will be provided)

- As part of the special events leading up to the celebration, **Rev. Dan Sheffield**, Susquehanna Baptist Association Director of Missions, will be preaching on Sunday, **September 18**, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- **Rev. Elwood Ulmer**, our former pastor (1973-1980), will be preaching on Sunday, **October 16**, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



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GREETINGS in Christian LOVE!


RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday
8:30a **WORSHIP**
9:20a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)
9:30a  **Bible Study/Sunday School**
10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**
6p Youth Ministry Mtgs. (starts Sept. 4)

Monday
5:30p  Praise & Worship Team Practice

Tuesday
11a Worship Cmte Mtg. (4th Tues)

Wednesday
6:30-7:30p Kids' Klub—grades 2-6 (starts Sept. 14)
6:30-8p  **Prayer/Bible Stdy**
BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday
10a Choir Practice (starts Sept. 22)
11a Ladies' Prayer Time (10am until Sept. 15 & 11am starting Sept. 22)



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
8/28/16 (35 wks): **\$3,656.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,603.**

Budget Status: **\$1,860.**

PARKING LOT FUND
received to date: **\$3,326.**
We have 3 revised parking lot
fund goals: **\$20,000** (Praise
the Lord); **\$30,000** (Glory
to God); **\$40,000**
(Hallelujah!).

Average morning worship
attendance 6/26/16 —
8/28/16: **87.**

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Missions Offering & Week of Prayer

September 11-18, 2016

State Goal: **\$150,000**

OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$800

"All these with one accord were devoting themselves
to prayer . . ." Acts 1:14ESV

What is the Maryland/Delaware State Missions Offering?

- The annual state missions offering of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware sustains ministries not funded through the Cooperative Program.
- A way for you and our church to participate in the Great Commission strategy specifically for this Mid-Atlantic region
- A way to start more churches and reach more people for Christ
- A way to change lives and to develop tomorrow's leaders.

How is the offering used to reach Maryland/Delaware?

100% for Missions & Evangelism Ministries/Strategies (Campus Ministry, Camp Evangelism, Disaster Relief, and Church-Planting)



Boy Scout Joshua Dietrick and his crew build a 9 Square-in- the-Air game. See "Summer Snapshots" (pg. 3/upper right corner for a group photo). Dr. Hokuf's article (next page) has more details.

Let's meet @ the park for a PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11 starting @ 4pm at the North East Town Park (Crouch Pavilion).

Please bring plenty of food and drinks to share. The church will supply paper products, utensils, and ice. (Rain date: Sun., Sept. 18)



Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's hard for me to believe summer is over and the children are back to school, but it is and they are.

Sunday, August 28th, was promotion day for our Sunday School. It's exciting for the children to move up to the next class, even if it's a little scary for some. We also recognized our teaching staff and prayed for them. They are the backbone of our Christian education programs whether on Sunday morning, Sunday night or throughout the week.

The youth group, which includes middle and high schoolers, kicks off the new school year with an all-night lock-in here at the church on

Labor Day week-end. The kids have been after me to do this activity for quite a while. We plan to keep them busy from 6 p.m.



Sunday to 7:30 a.m. Monday. Pray for us (me, especially). Wendy and Peggy Clough have agreed to work with me again this year. They do the best snacks and the youth don't mind telling them.

We have a new outdoor game now under lights on part of the basketball court. It's call 9 Square-in-the-Air. We've been playing it at the Skycroft Baptist Retreat Center for several years.

Now thanks to Joshua Dietrick and his Boy Scout Troop, we have one of our own. Joshua is working on becoming an Eagle Scout and this was his Eagle Scout project. He had to raise the funds for all of the materials and line up the volunteers to build it. They picked the hottest weekend in years to do it, but they started early and worked late until it was done. Thanks so much to the leaders, parents, and young men of The Troop. We are going to publicly recognize Joshua in our Sunday morning worship service soon. By the way, I challenged the Boy Scouts to play our youth in a little game of 9 Square-in-the-Air.

I should also give you all some updates on various things going on in our church since I last wrote you. **First**, our Vacation Bible School

went smoothly. At least I thought it went smoothly—thanks to our co-directors Jess Wagner and Sandy Jackson. We had an average of 63 (children and adults) and over 40 teachers and helpers! The Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center also held their own VBS with 30 children and 7 teachers and helpers!

Second, our youth camp at Skycroft was really great. We took 10 youth and 3 adults. What a challenging week, spiritually and physically. One young man sprained his ankle, but Wendy and Peggy got him to the emergency room and praise the Lord no broken bones. There were about 50 youth who prayed to receive Christ as their Savior; that was the most spiritually moving service I've been to in a long time. I am so glad we're able to include our youth in these sorts of experiences. Thanks

9 Square-in-the-Air game goal:

Stay in the game as long as possible, rotating to the middle square (the king's square). Simply hit the ball out of your square into any other square to stay in the game. If the ball falls into your square or you hit the ball out of the entire game structure, then you are out and you move to the end of the line. Everyone behind you advances one square forward. The person in the king's square serves the ball to begin play again.



birthdays

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| 1 | Maria Cantler
Jacque Everidge
Andrea Walton |
| 2 | Eunice Veasey |
| 3 | Grace Cann
Alivia Nickle |
| 5 | Thomas Shores, Sr. |
| 6 | George Deaver, II
Nancy Hudler
Vincent Marvel |
| 7 | Alice (Burns) Marvel
Christine Zeman |
| 8 | Danny Culver |
| 9 | Vickie Lawrence
Esther Porch
Joe Simpkins |
| 10 | Karen Harclerode
Ruby Perry |
| 14 | Charles Harrington |
| 15 | Theresa "Terri" Keyes
Rose Marie Porch,
John Richardson |
| 16 | Sarah Murray
Christopher "C.J." Johnson
Aremu |
| 17 | Charles Hodanics |
| 18 | Robert Brown
Abigail Mears |
| 20 | Kevin Barker |
| 21 | Heather (Jones) Hunter
Eliana Moyer |
| 23 | Duane Combs |
| 25 | Heather Lotman |
| 26 | Chrissie (Hall) Hilaman |
| 27 | Wendy Bibey |
| 28 | Andrew Gibson |
| 29 | Kyleigh Lotman |
| 30 | Seth Hammond
Daniel Lundberg
William Robertson, Jr. |

anniversaries

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| 3 | Ray & Brenda Sommers |
| 8 | Sonny & Sara Hayes |
| 12 | Mark & Michele Beck |
| 19 | Charles & Camille
Hodanics |
| 24 | Thomas & Brenda Beman |

Start packing!

In only 11 weeks we'll be dedicating our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on Sunday, November 13. Most of you are pros at getting the shoeboxes filled so go for it.



Nancy Hudler will be our coordinator again this year. Our church will also serve as a relay center November 13—21.



THUMBS UP! For Seniors on the Go!

Seasoned Citizens @ Sandy Cove Adventure



Wed Oct 12
9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or so

>> Tickets are \$20
>> Sign up and turn in your money by Sun., Oct. 2.
>> Flyers with details are available @ the church.



KAT, The Church Mouse author revealed

A few years ago we had a column penned by KAT, The Church Mouse. KAT had an unique way of knowing about little things that normally would go unnoticed. KAT would tell the tale. As many of you probably suspected, KAT was really Kathy Gray.



Welcome! Melinda Schaub

One of the last things I'd like to do as your ministry assistant is to encourage all of you to welcome Melinda Schaub with "open arms". I'm sure she'll bring her own special touch to the church ministry and rightly so. Words like, "That's not the way Kathy Gray did it" should never be uttered, I pray. Remember the proverbial saying, "There is more than one way to skin a cat." (What a horrible thought; but, you get the point.) Please make all your comments positive and well meaning.

Melinda will be on board by the end of September. Yes, she has a lot to learn. Give her time to grow and excel in God's work. I'm sure she'll be up to the task. Pray for her as you have prayed for me. Being a ministry assistant is a very unique position. I think only other ministry assistants know what it's really like.

Remember that she will not be walking in the ministry assistant's shoes alone. God will be right by her side. When you praise her you praise God. Honor HIM and hearten* HIS servant.

Kathy Gray,
Retiring Ministry Assistant

*HEARTEN: a verb—to give courage or confidence to; cheer.



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made it financially and physically possible.

Third, Kathy Gray is extending her career with us, a couple extra months. Melinda Schaub, our new ministry assistant, will begin September 26. Kathy will work with her for 2 weeks and then she will be able to retire. We plan to recognize her on October 9th at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. A fellowship supper in her honor will be after the service.

Fourth, the 60th Anniversary Committee is planning a host of activities leading up to the anniversary itself on November 20th.

Each week for the next 3 months we hope to have testimonies and some speakers/preachers to share from their own personal experiences. Moses charged Israel to tell their children what the Lord

had done for them. He said, “In the future when your son asks you . . . Tell him . . . ” (Deuteronomy 6:20a). “Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way . . .” (Deuteronomy 8:2). It is imperative that we remind this new generation of believers how the Lord has led our body of believers along and blessed us ’til this day. Everyone needs to experience God’s blessing for themselves, but it is so good to hear how others have been blessed, too.

In addition, one of the things we would like to do is to expand and repave our parking lots. It's a big undertaking to be sure (over 53,000 square feet), but we believe we can do it with all of you helping out and working together. We have met with a

paving contractor and representatives from the local hot mix plant and we believe we can do what is required for \$40,000. In addition to repaving the existing parking area we plan to add an extra 54 feet of asphalt across the width of the rear parking lot. This is to facilitate more access for our senior citizens to our handicap entrance. If you would like to contribute we have a special account set up just for this 60th anniversary project. We hope and pray that we may be able to do this very necessary project this fall. We will proceed as God provides.

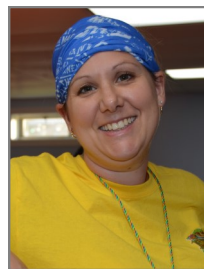
Your brother in God's service,

Pastor Steve

Pastor Stephen D. Hokuf



Summer snapshots



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<div>September</div>		<div>1</div> <div>10a Ladies' Prayer (weekly)</div>	<div>2</div>
<div>4</div> <div>9:20a Breakfast</div> <div>  </div> <div>6p YOUTH LOCK-IN (Kick-off of weekly mtgs)</div>	<div>5</div> <div>7:30a YOUTH LOCK-IN CONCLUDES</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10:30 SBA Ministers'/ Wives' Fellowship, Calvary Missionary Baptist, R.S.</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>10a Ladies' Prayer (weekly)</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>
<div>11</div> <div>  </div> <div>4p-dusk CHURCH PICNIC, N E Town Park (Crouch Pavilion)</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>3p 60th Anniversary CMTE Mtg</div> <div>6:30-7:30p KIDS' KLUB (weekly)</div>	<div>15</div> <div>10a Ladies' Prayer (weekly)</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>
<div>Week of Prayer (11-18) for Maryland/Delaware Missions/Our Goal: \$800</div>						
<div>18</div> <div>  </div> <div>8:30 & 10:30a Rev. Dan SHEFFIELD, SBA Director of Missions will be preaching</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>2p Finance CMTE Mtg—2017 Budget Planning</div>	<div>22</div> <div>10a Choir Practice (weekly)</div> <div>11a Ladies' Prayer (weekly)</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>
<div>25</div> <div>6p Worship Service</div> <div>Deacons' Mtg (after 6p worship service)</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>OCTOBER 1</div>
<div> <div>OCTOBER 2</div> <div>1-3p Cecil County Pregnancy CTR BANQUET (\$), Rising Sun Fire Hall—Contact Dan MOHLER for tickets.</div> </div>				<div>Regular events/services are on page 6</div>		
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