

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

This Newsletter is being mailed this week primarily to encourage attendance at V.B.S. This is also the time to sign up your children and grandchildren to spend a week at Seneca Hills. Also this month we celebrate Fathers Day. Because of all these facts I decided to share with you an article on parenting. It is written by John Trent PhD. It is Entitled Developing Faith in your Children. It is an introduction to a series of articles and can be found on the "Focus on the Family" website.

Depending on which study you want to quote, anywhere from 50 to 70 percent of children from evangelical Christian families won't embrace the faith as their own when they leave for college. That's tragic. When it comes to faith transference, we're losing the next generation.

Let me shoot straight: It's not the churches' fault. I think the level of ministry excellence in churches today—for the two hours or so that a family is in the building — has never been higher! The music and PowerPoint presentations and kids' and youth programs are light years ahead of where they've been in the past. Yet more and more young people are never getting off the launch pad when it comes to personally accepting Christ and growing in their faith.

Here's one reason why.

Recently I asked several hundred parents of younger children at a large church three questions.

1. "Do you think it's important to pass down your faith to your children?" As you might expect, more than 90 percent said, "Yes! It's very important!"

2. "Do you think your child will have a strong faith when he or she gets out of college?" Again, 90 percent of those responding said, "You bet!"

3. "Outside of going to church, what are you doing intentionally to introduce and build a growing faith in your child?" Fewer than 30 percent were doing anything purposefully to meet that goal during the 166 hours a week their children were at home.

Think about that. These wonderful, godly, well-intentioned parents strongly believed they should be involved in their children's faith development. They also were highly confident that their children would embrace the faith by the time they were on their own. But when it came to actually preparing their kids, they were just dressing them up and dropping them off at church — and setting themselves up for a failure to launch.

But that doesn't have to be true in your home.

Now is the time for you to realize the incredible impact you can have on your child, helping him or her come to Christ and grow in that relationship. You can do it!

Focus on the Family also has a practical guide for Faith Development in families written by John Trent.

V.B.S. is a wonderful ministry of our church. The staff loves the Lord and loves the kids. Invite your children and the children of your friends and neighbors to join us the week of the 14th.

I also believe Seneca Hill Bible Camp will make a profound impact on your kids life. I believe both my children will point to family, Seneca Hills and church as the key faith development sources in their life... probably in that order. Seneca Hills is dedicated to loving children and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with children and young adults. There are camps for kids from age 5 (with parents) to age 18 (without parents). For more information pick up a brochure on the table in our entranceway or go to the Seneca Hills website. The church gives scholarships to every child who attends camp. Call the church for more information. Have a wonderful summer and thank the men in our life on this Fathers Day.

In Christ,
Doug

SESSION NEWS

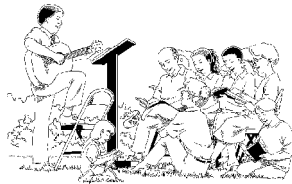
On Sunday, May 23, twelve new members were received into membership of the New Bedford Presbyterian Church.

- Ray Wojtowicz
- Evan and Marcie Lambert
- Bob and Crystal Houk
- Philip, Linda and Scott Brubaker
- Jacob Smith
- Collin Duffy
- Alissa Boyer
- Ashley Houk

There was a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Collin Duffy also received the Sacrament of Baptism

There will be a Youth Worship Service on Saturday, June 26th at 7:00P.M. The Youth Praise Team will sing and we will also have a bonfire and refreshments. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs and most of all don't forget to bring your friends,.



NEWS FROM AUTUMN

Many of you know that as a church and also from the Women's Retreat that we have raised money to support a specific Tent City in PAP. (Port au Prince). Recently I talked to Jodi and she told me what a blessing our church has been. There have only been two churches who



News from Autumn

have partnered in on this project. The other churches met more specific needs like tents that fit the size of each family, stoves, etc. Our church is the only church who has provided food and money to buy food. So since the earthquake it is because of all of you that these 250 people have been fed. I am excited that at the end of my trip probably around June 11th I will be flying to PAP and helping deliver food to this tent city.

Some other exciting news is that the boat with all the peanut butter and other supplies you all collected and donated for disaster relief will get here next week and so we will be able to make care packages to hand out at the tent city as well. I want to thank everyone who donated supplies and money. Please pray that things will run smoothly—that the plan they have set up for handing out the supplies will work and that all will see Christ and know that what we are blessing them with is a blessing from God.

Autumn Marshall

Matt, Stacey and Lily Ayars will be joining us for a worship service on July 11th. They will be telling of their work at Emmaus Bible College and conditions and work after the earthquake.

They will speak at the morning worship service at 10:30 A.M. and a luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall. Make every effort to be here to meet and greet



the Ayars.

Birthdays for June

Helen Groce-----02
 Carl Black-----04
 Pearl Reed-----06
 Mary Minich-----06
 Dennis Jones-----07
 Autumn Marshall-----07
 Lisa Craig-----07
 Dan Welker-----09
 Marissa Carr-----1-----12
 Ray Janoski-----12
 June Smith-----12
 Marie Holtzman-----17
 Sam Varano-----18
 Christian Fulkman-----19
 Carrie Bretz-----22
 Geniene Jones-----22
 Margie Matthews-----24
 Jennifer Saulpaugh-----24
 Shirley Sikora-----25
 Tim Smith-----27
 Ashlynn McAllen-----28
 Adam Anderson-----28
 Dot Rishell-----29
 John Anderson-----29
 Harry Ripley-----30



Congratulations to Matt Miller who finished his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He is now attending Tech School also in Texas.



The following students are graduating from High School this year.

*Kelly Fox-----Mohawk
 Amanda Quinn-----Wilmington
 Ashley Shaffer-----Wilmington
 Rachael Shugars-----Wilmington
 Jacob Smith-----Wilmington*

Also Emily Bretz has graduated cum laude from Robert Morris University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Accounting. These young people will be honored at the Worship Service on Sunday, June 6th ... Light refreshments will follow the service.

Congratulations to Lt. Andrew Dill who graduated from West Point Military Academy on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

Andrew is the son of Jim and Ginny (Stoughton) Dill and the grandson of Bob and Mary Stoughton.

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to an Open House honoring Jake Smith on his graduation from Wilmington High School on Saturday, June 12th from 1:00 - 4:00P.M. here at the church.



Members and friends of the congregation are invited to an Open House honoring Kelly Fox on Saturday, June 12 from 4:00P.M. -



7:00P.M. at Pine Hills Pavilion. Kelly will be graduating from Mohawk High School on June 11th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who made the effort to attend the National Day of Prayer at Pulaski Methodist Church on Thursday evening, May 6th. 50 - 60 people attended. It was a joyful time of communities getting together in prayer and fellowship.. Thanks to Pastor Doug, and to Andy Wade (Patty Mentzer Wade's husband) who stepped up to fill in with a talk and prayer for education. Thanks to the wonderful program put together by Pastor Rob and thanks to the Women's Society of the United Methodist Church for all the homemade baked goods they provided. Thanks to Patty, Toni and Jane for the time and effort that went into this special service. There are extra programs available from the service on the table in the vestibule



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Only God knows how deeply I appreciate my church family.
Thank you for the various ways you showed concern and prayed for me these past few weeks.
May god bless you abundantly as you have been a blessing to me.*

Sharon Book

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Thank You to Ed Rudzik, Ted Hilliard and Pastor Doug for resetting the bricks around the monument at the front of the church.*

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Thank You to Nancy and Carrie Bretz,*

Geniene Jones and Toni Reynolds for cleaning the closet at the front of the fellowship hall.

WOMEN'S NOTES



Deborah Circle will meet on June 8th at 9:00A.M.

Rebekah Circle will meet on Monday, June 21st at.

Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, June 21st at 7:30P.M.

We will be starting a Bible Study--- Beth Moore's **Beloved Disciple**. Books are \$14.95. Please sign up after church. We will begin Monday, June 28th at 6:30P.M.

SYMPATHY

As brothers and sisters in Christ we extend our prayerful support and sympathy to Larry and Janet Twigg and family at the death of her mother, Mrs. Ruby Bish last week.



With Deepest Sympathy

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house are

many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

Outdoor

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On Sunday, June 27th there will be a Car show and Music in the park. This event will take place at the Community Park (the old Lion’s Park). The Car Show begins at 2:00P.M. and the Music in the Park begins at 4:00P.M. There will be a band there at 4:00P.M.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth would like to thank all of you who supported our “brunch” luncheon. \$269.00 was raised to support our youth who are going to “A Closer Walk” in Wildwood, N.J. this summer.

We would also like to thank all of those who purchased pies. These monies go directly into the youth account for all youth activities, in particular, Niagara and Seneca Hills.

Jacob Smith, Kelly Fox, and Rachael Shugars. We pray that you will turn to Christ for all your decision making and questions. May He bless you as you enter into college or into a job this fall.

Attention all Youth!!!! Please consider going away to a summer camp this year. It may be the best thing you do all year! If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Doug or myself.



Congratulations to our seniors who are graduating this year -

It's time for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "In God We Trust". I'm so excited for what God has in store. We will travel back in time and



Psalm 33:12

see how our country was formed, with Christ as the center. Please join us June 14th-18th. There's a flier in the redeeming times that you may use to register. If you have any questions, please call Geniene Jones at 724-964-8833.

In God We Trust
Vacation Bible School
New Bedford Presbyterian Church

When: June 14-18

Ages: 4 years old to 6th grade

**Where: New Bedford Presbyterian
151 Woodland**

Registration Form

Fill out this form and return it before June 14 and get a special prize!

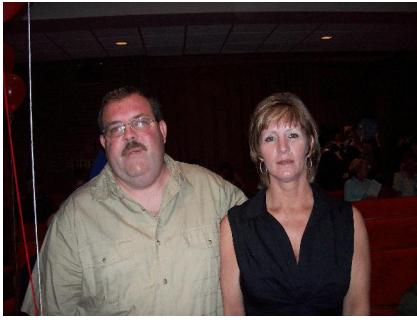
List all the children in your household that will be attending:

Name (s)	Age (s)	Grade (s)
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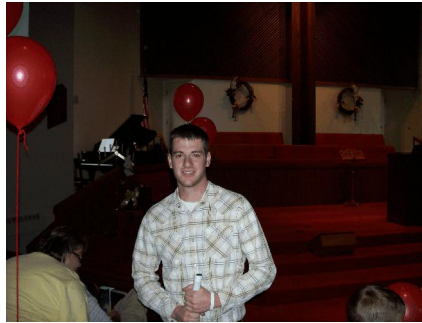
Please return this form to:

**Geniene Jones
151 Woodland Drive
P.O. Box 225
New Bedford, PA 16140
For questions please call: 724-964-8055**

NEW MEMBERS OF NEW BEDFORD CHURCH



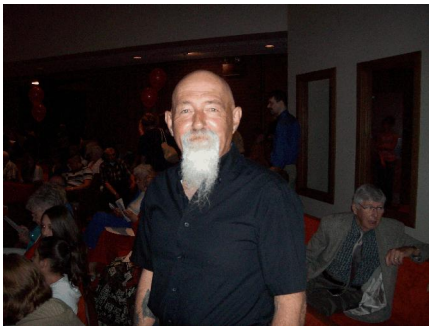
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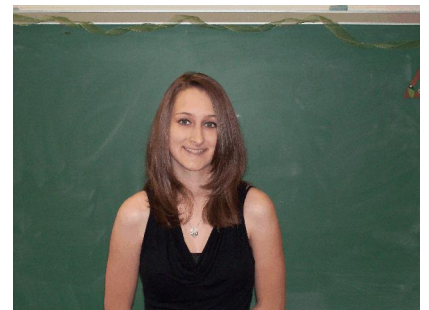
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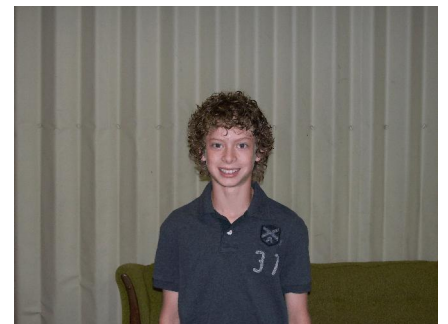
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