Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church

I am beginning my 21st year as pastor of New Bedford Church. I want to share my greatest joy and my greatest sadness I experience as pastor. The greatest joy I have is seeing boys and girls, teens, and adults growing in faith. I have the joy of often seeing this at our church. But the opposite is also true.... the greatest sadness I experience is when I see our teens fall away from the church. At our EPC General Assembly this year the theme was "Generation to Generation." One of the main presenters was David Kinnaman. He serves as the president of the Barna Group. The Barna Group conducts surveys and writes articles and books to communicate the moral and religious situation in our nation. He shared this tragic statistic. Around 70% of young people who were active in church as children and teens do not remain active in church during college.... and the vast majority of those young adults do not return to church after college. The days of wandering away from church as a young adult and then returning to church after marriage is gone. These are our own children and grandchildren and church kids.

How do we avoid this? I have no magic wand. For our young adults, the wide path, away from the Lord, is attractive and constantly promoted by peers, T.V., social media, schools, co-workers and many other influences.

I am reminded of this story in Scripture. Joshua was the leader of the nation of Israel as they re-entered the Promised Land. He led the nation for many, many years. The people followed the Lord and lived in the Promised Land. But then, after they had settled in the land, the people became complacent in their faith and in their love for the Lord. Joshua was 110 years old and near death. He called the people together for one last gathering. This is the account of Joshua with the leaders of Israel. (Joshua 24: 14ff)

14 "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve.....
But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."....
21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the Lord." 22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses."

The question is this: How do we prevent so many of our young adults from dropping out of church? Let me say there is no magic wand... but this is what I have observed over the years. Young people remain active in church when they love the Lord. Sounds easy... in reality it is very, very difficult. As children and teens they must not just attend church or Sunday School or Awana or Youth Group. They must not just "believe in Jesus." If this is all it is they will most likely fall away as Young Adults and maybe never return. How do you teach children and youth to love the Lord? Only one way... by example. By the example of parents and grandparents and Sunday School teachers and Youth Group leaders and other adults at church. Parents must pray with their children from birth to the day they leave for college. Kids have to see their parents worship and read scripture and pray. Kids have to see parents and other adults serve the Lord. Children and teens will not remember the Sunday School or Youth Group lessons... they will remember the people. Having people whom they love and respect who walk close to the Lord is the only way they will be able to overcome the pressures and influences of our non-Christian society. It is the only way they will remain active in church as adults.

This is my challenge: Are you helping us pass down our faith to the next generation? Are you serving the Lord? Are you sharing the love of Christ with others. Are you helping parents? This day... will you serve the Lord?

In Christ
Doug

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Received the financial report. We continue to be solidly in the black.**
- **Received an update on the tree removal project. The wood chips have been removed and soon topsoil will be spread and seed will be planted. We have received a gift for the tree replacement. New trees will be planted either this Fall or next Spring. Tree experts are being consulted to determine the kind of trees to plant.**
- **Heard reports on the start up of Sunday School, Awana and MOPS.**
- **Received an update on the Haiti Trip.**
- **Received the resignation of Jessica Halt as Elder, as she is moving to Michigan. Expressed thanks to Jessica.**
- **Discussed the Youth Ministry with Jocilyn.**
- **Received the report on GA.**
- **Elected Gary Greene as Representative at the next Presbytery meeting in September.**
- **Called a Congregation Meeting for August 27th to elect Donna Fox to fill the term of Jessica as Elder.**



To Gary Greene, Dennis Jones, Same Jones and John Book for removing the wood chips from the yard.

To Gary Greene for trimming all of the bushes and trees.

To Nancy Bretz and Cindy Bell for weeding and re-mulching all of the flower gardens.

HAITI MISSION TRIP

The Mission Committee is planning a Mission Trip to Haiti this February. We will depart Friday Feb. 2 and return Feb 11th or 12th (depending on flights out of Miami on the 11th). We will spend Saturday to Wednesday with Autumn Marshall and Wednesday to Sunday with Matt and Stacey Ayars. This will be both an observational trip and a hands on trip. There will be an informational meeting for this trip during the Sunday School hour on September 17th.



Birthdays in September

9/03 – Juanita Cornman
9/03 – Bobby Liddell
9/04 – Autumn & Aaron Ealy
9/07 – Marie Snyder
9/08 – Sandy Ruby
9/10 – Nancy Cummings
9/13 – Rosalie Black
9/13 – Brad Marshall
9/14 – Doug Runyan
9/15 – James Buxton
9/15 – Ted Hilliard
9/16 – Larry Pence
9/17 – Carol Madden
9/18 – Erin Teachy
9/22 – Madison Liddell
9/28 – Lori Jones
9/29 –Wesley Jones
9/29 – Helen Ruby

Birthdays in October

10/01 – Cindy Bell
10/02 – Rachel Garrett (Hostetler)
10/04 – Donald Hartzell
10/05 – Lorna Keller
10/05 – Tom Madden
10/05 – Katie Magee
10/05 – Connie Shick
10/08 – Jean Chrobak
10/08 – Connor O'Brien
10/08 – Marilyn Pelles
10/10 – Amanda Rudzik
10/12 – Sam Jones
10/15 – Jack Keesey
10/16 – Brandy McAllen
10/17 – Ariana Carr
10/18 – Emily Bretz
10/18 – Kristi Jones
10/19 – Brock Janoski
10/21 – Gladys Barnhart
10/21 – Jocilyn Houk
10/22 – Dylan Dieter
10/22 – Elaine Hepler
10/24 – Jeremiah Withers
10/25 – Tyler Craig
10/25 – Kelly Miller (Craig)
10/25 – Wyatt Dean
10/25 – Debbie Pogozelec
10/26 – Beverly Varano
10/30 – Shawn Kendall
10/31 – Bob Exley
10/31 – Marilyn McConahy

Happy Birthday to You!

SEPTEMBER GREETERS & HEAD USHER

Head Usher for September: Bob Bell

GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 3RD

Jocilyn Houk & Youth

SEPTEMBER 10TH

No Greeters – Outdoor Service

SEPTEMBER 17TH

Jim & Terri Emery

SEPTEMBER 24TH

Bob & Joyce Shafer

Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have requested prayer.

Nancy Templeton----------Overlook Medical Clinic
Dot Jones----------Avalon Nursing Home
Marie Snyder----------Home
Gladys Barnhart----------Home
Jo Ruby----------Home
Pearl Reed----------Overlook Nursing Home
Carl Black----------Clen-Moore Place (Greer House)



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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & CHURCH PICNIC



On Sunday, September 10th we will be having our Outdoor Worship Service at 10:40am. This will be the only Worship Service on this date. Following the Outdoor Worship Service will be our Church Picnic. If you are able, please bring a dish to share; Hotdogs, drinks, and corn will be provided.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted no later than 7:00A.M. on Thursday mornings to be printed in that Sundays bulletin.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted no later than the 25TH of every month to be included in the following months newsletter.

****All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to newbedfordchurch@verizon.net or addietwinstrips@gmail.com or left on Addie's desk.**
****The next newsletter to be published will be for October. Due date is September 25TH .**
****If you have any questions or concerns please call the church office. Thank You ☺**

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Choir and Bell Choir will resume practices on Wednesday, September 6th. Choir is at 6:30p.m. and Bell Choir at 7:30p.m.



Women's Association

By Judy Riethmiller

September is upon us and our fall planning is in full swing.

Our next meeting is Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 am. (Please note the change of date from our original schedule.) Come and let your voice be included in the planning efforts for the Women's Association. We would love to see you there and hear your ideas!

Below you will find information for the 'Ladies, Love and Laughter Breakfast' that was postponed from the spring.

The bazaar is November 4. Our bazaar committee is already hard at work. In the months ahead, look for more information regarding the bazaar and how you might be a part of this fundraising effort for the Women's Association and various mission causes.

Soon our nominating committee will be hard at work. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to be part of the leadership team for the Women's Association. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, you don't have to wait to be asked, find Debbie Pogozelec and let her know. I am sure she would be happy to hear from you.

Please continue to pray for the Women's Association as we seek to serve, lead and glorify God.

On Saturday, September 30th, the Women's Association will be hosting a Ladies Breakfast for all Ladies and Girls. The Breakfast will be 9:30A.M. until 11:30A.M. The theme of the morning will be *'Lessons From A Cupcake'*. Please sign-up for the Breakfast in the Narthex, the last day to sign-up will be Sunday, September 24th.



September Circle Meetings

SISTERS IN CHRIST

Deborah ~ Tuesday 9/12 at 9:30AM

Rebecca ~ Saturday 9/16 at 9:00AM at Glenda's house

Ruth ~ Monday 9/18 at 9:30AM

Lydia ~ Tuesday 9/19 at 1:00PM

Elizabeth ~ Thursday 9/21 at 6:30PM

Awana is for kids Age 2 – Grade 6

I Scream...You Scream...We all Scream for...
AWANA & ICE CREAM!!!!!

We are kicking off Awana with a family fun night to register for the coming year. Join us on Wednesday, September 6th 5:30-6:30 to register for Awana, play games with Coach Lee, meet the Awana leaders, and get a treat from the Ice Cream Truck for 50¢.

Regular Club meetings begin on Wednesday, Sept. 13th 5:00-7:00

New Bedford EP Church is excited to announce another year of…..

Regular Club Night begins
Wednesday, September 13th 5:00-7:00

Q: What is Awana? A: Awana is an international, non-denominational ministry to help churches and parents to raise children and youth to know, love, and serve Christ.
Q: Who can come to Awana? Awana is an evening program for **children ages 2 to grade 6.**
Q: When is Awana? A: Awana begins September 13th and continues every Wednesday till March 21st. However, there is no Awana on days the school is not in session.
Q: What do the kids do at Awana? A: The schedule includes *Handbook Time*-this is the time dedicated to Bible verse memorization and application using age-appropriate handbooks. All Bible verses are taken word-for-word from the Bible.
Large Group Time-this is the time of music, prayer and an age-appropriate Bible message is presented. Also, awards will be presented to recognize the Clubbers who complete sections in their handbooks.
Game Time-this is a time for the Clubbers to practice teamwork and good sportsmanship by competing in fun, organized games.
Q: How can I be involved with Awana? A: The ministry of Awana can only exist with the support of the congregation and community. Please be in prayer to discover how God can use you in this children's ministry.

Following is a list and brief description of areas where you could make an eternal difference.

Leader- Leaders will guide their group of Clubbers to the Game Time and Large Group Time. Leaders will build relationships with their Clubbers and encourage their walk with the Lord. Leaders will assist the Clubbers during Handbook Time, helping them to work through their handbook and understand what they are learning.
Listener- Listeners are needed during Handbook Time(6:20-7:00) to listen to a Clubber recite the Bible verses.
Prayer Partner- partner with a Clubber to lift in prayer during the months of Awana.

There is a place for you to be a life changer through Awana.

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

Contact Dawn Harris for more information…..Call/Text 330-881-8110 Email: Dawnhnbpc@aol.com

PROMOTION SUNDAY
Sunday, September 10th

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for Sunday School Promotion.

After Promotion children will go to their Sunday School with the teacher.

There are Sunday School classes for PreSchool to Adult

Adult Sunday Classes may stay in the Fellowship Hall for a social time or return to their classrooms for a lesson

NEEDED: *Children At Worship Leaders*

During the 10:30 Service a time of lesson, crafts, games, and fellowship is offered to children in Grades K-6. This ministry is in need of leaders so the children can have this time to worship and learn about God. Let Dawn know if you have any questions about this ministry.

Children At Worship Schedule:
Sept. 3 - Dawn
10 – Outside service
17 – Erika Taylor
24 -

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Happy fall y'all! afO is starting back up Sunday, September 10th. Because we have an abundance of teens and preteens interested in attending youth group, we are having separate meeting times for both age ranges. Junior High (7th-8th grade) will meet every Sunday from 4-6 pm and Senior High (9th-12th grade) will meet from 7-9 pm. Praise God for compelling these teens to want to be present at youth group! Also, this month is a new event; post game parties! Following every home Wilmington varsity football game I am hosting an after party at the church for 7th-12th graders. The parties will start at 9:30 pm and end at midnight. There will be pizza, ping pong, just dance, karaoke, and a movie showing each week! The dates of each party are 9/9, 9/22, 9/29, and 10/13. I feel it's necessary to offer a Christian alternative to a secular Friday night party. In saying this, I really need adult volunteers to help me chaperone these parties! I have no idea how many teens will show up, but I do know I don't want to be the only adult supervising all of them! Please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested in helping. Stay tuned for October's letter; we'll be starting breakfast club that month as well as a Senior High boy's study on Saturdays!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our young adults are starting the bible study "Relatable" by Louie Giglio on Monday, September 11th at 6 pm. Meet at my house every Monday following the 11th for a time to dive into God's word, fellowship with friends, and enjoy delicious food! Trivia nights are moved to Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm at Stone Church; I am teaching a course at BC3 this semester and my class runs every Wednesday, so we had to switch nights! The 15th is a bonfire at my house at 9 pm. Don't worry about bringing anything, except yourself and a friend! Lastly, September 30th we are going cosmic bowling at 10 Pin Alley. Meet there at 11 pm with $15 to get in (includes shoe rental).

Mothers of Preschoolers
Fall/Winter 2017 Schedule

All Meetings 9:30-11:00 A.M. at the New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church

September 19 **Counter Culture Living**

Consider making small shifts in your life that will give you control over your schedule and your circumstances.

October 10 **Your Family Plan**

Discuss practical ideas that can inspire you to create a unique family culture by making decisions based on the things you value.

October 24 **Family Mission Statement Chalkboard Art**

November 7 **Loving My Actual Christmas**

Consider how embracing the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace will help you remember how the Christmas story.

November 21 **Advent Wreaths and Cookie Exchange**

December 5 **Clutter Free Lives**

Consider why we buy and hold onto things that create chaos in our homes and lives. Discuss practical steps to living with meaning.

December 19 **MOPS Swap Meet**

****Copies of the full 2017-2018 MOPS Schedule can be picked up in the church entry****

HELP NEEDED!

In order to provide this ministry to mothers of preschoolers in our area, we are in need of volunteers to help with childcare during the meetings. A curriculum and activities will be provided for children 2+ while younger children can enjoy free play and a snack in the nursery. You do NOT have to work every meeting, but any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Erika Taylor for more information at 724-674-1840 or emtaylor1978@aol.com.

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Registration Form 2017-2018

Please Print Clearly

Clubber's Name:_____ Birth Date:_____ Grade:_____

Street Address:_____ Shirt Size: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Parent's Name:_____

Parent's Contact Number during Club Time:_____

Email Address:_____

Are you on FaceBook: Yes No Home Church:_____

Please list any and all allergies, medical conditions, and medications being taken that we should be aware of:

_____

Physician:_____ Physician's Phone Number:_____

In the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached in an emergency situation, please contact:

Name:_____ Relationship:_____ Phone_____

Terms and Conditions
Please Initial the space if you accept

____I understand that my child may participate in physical activities such as those held during Game Time. As with any physical activity, there is a risk of injury. I fully accept this risk and hold harmless from any legal liability, New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church and any persons involved in the Awana Club ministry.
_____In the event of an emergency that requires medical treatment for the above named child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me or my emergency contact. However, if I/we cannot be reached, I give my permission to the Awana volunteers to secure the services of a licensed physician to provide the care necessary for my child's well being. I assume all costs connected to treatment of my child.
_____I grant permission for a photo of my child to appear in church powerpoint presentation, bulletin boards, newsletters, and church inserts.
_____I grant permission for a photo of my child to appear on the church website or Facebook as long as there is no identifying information shown.
_____I understand that all Awana Leaders have had a No Record status on the PA Criminal History and Child Abuse Clearance before being permitted to volunteer at Awana.
_____I understand that Awana Club is **NOT** a school sponsored event.
_____All information contained in this form is confidential.

I have read the Terms and Conditions as stated above:

X_____ _____ _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian Print Name of Parent/Guardian Date

Office Use

Club
_____

Book
_____

Uniform
_____

Dues
_____

If you have any questions please contact

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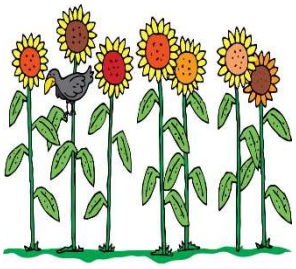
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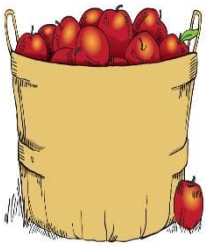


JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!
Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service



****OFFICE HOURS: 9:00AM – 2:00PM****

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY