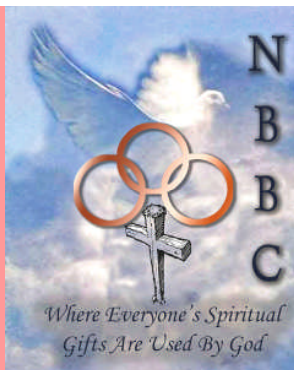


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# WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER?

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### Special points of interest:

- Scriptures: II Sam 24:23-24, James 2:20, Mark 8:34-35, Romans 12:1, Luke 19:20, Matthew 16:18, Philippians 1:6, Psalm 150, Acts 17:28

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## "Prepared to Answer"

*"All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king. But King David said to Araunah, No, but I will buy it of you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God of that which costs me nothing." (II Sam 24:23a-24a-b AMP)*

In the above text David needs something to offer to the Lord for atonement of the sins of Israel. Although, Araunah will provide free of charge the needs of David for an offering, he will not accept it without paying for it. David realizes that a cost is associated with true sacrifice to the Lord. The cost may be time, money, dedication, commitment, fasting, or something else.

When I first started to think about this topic "What do you have to offer?" I thought about the "Little Drummer Boy" remember in the song he says, "I'll play my drums for him." That was what he had to offer and it was what he was best at. The Lord desires the best that you have to offer.

I also thought about the concept of re-gifting, (someone gives you a gift and you give it as a gift to someone else). Re-gifting although, not a bad concept, loses some of the fulfillment of giving and receiving because it did not cost the giver anything financially nor did they spend the time contemplating on the perfect gift to give.

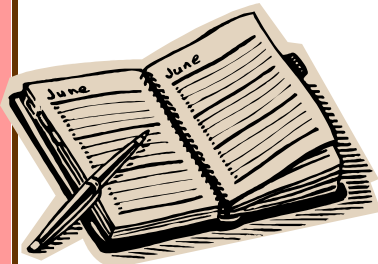
I have been on many job interviews and have been asked the question "If hired what do you have to offer this company?" This is a thought provoking question and one that I will shift to ministry.

Now that you are saved and have been called to ministry what do you have to offer? Just like in a job interview, we need to be prepared with an answer. Do you offer years of life experience that can be applied to help encourage others who are going through situations that you have overcome? Do you have a special gift or anointing on your life that can be used to help the body of Christ? Have you been called to go out into the communities to restore faith to those that have lost their way? Can you provide guidance to the youth? It is our duty to offer something to glorify the Lord. The bible teaches us that faith without works is dead. In other words we do not need to be bench warmers we need to be offering something that will fill the needs in someone else's life.

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### What's Happening at New Beginnings



#### Calendar of Events

June 4, 11, 18, 25 Bible Study 7:30pm

June 8 Youth Sunday

June 15 Father's Day

June 21 Women of Faith and Virtue (WOFAV) Annual Saturday Brunch, tickets \$5, 10:00am-1:00pm, Speaker Violet Pier

June 25-27 at 7:30 pm "Deliverance Revival" Guest Speaker Reverend Johnnie Durham Jr. of Houston

June 29 Women's Day Program 11:00am

July 10-12 "From the Throne" Revival sponsored by WOFAV 6 powerful speakers (to be announced) 7:30pm

July 12 "Meet the Community" 12:00-2:00 hot dogs and sodas 25 cents at the church

July 12 "Hip and Skip" (Professional Trained Educational Devices) puppet show (location to be announced)

NBBC offers a CD Ministry you may select from the following titles with a \$10 donation: "Exploring Your Mission", "The Gift of God", and "The Miracle Worker"

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Tammy Durham provides GED tutorials you may contact her at (903)526-0910 for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*Congratulations to Jeremy Rider graduating from Robert E Lee, NBBC is proud of you!

### Pastor's Heart

"What Do You Have To Offer?"

Hello again everyone!

Just thinking on this topic, I realize that the things that I have to offer are less important than what God has to offer this world. It is through his redemptive power that we have the opportunity to receive eternal life. Now, once we accept his power into our lives we must ask ourselves, who am I? Steward, Shepherd, Teacher, Evangelist, Father, Mother, Friend, Neighbor, Husband, Wife, the list continues. Can you see the big picture in that, we all individually share something that we can offer to this world? While the breath of God is allowing us to breathe, we must take advantage of it. We are to sacrifice to improve our lives and the lives of others. You may have a kind word to offer or just a smile, God has given us all a gift to give, stop being selfish! Share it with all you meet so that God may receive the glory. If you don't have a clue on how to know what your gift of giving is you need only to ask my God and he will direct your path. Remember we all have something to offer.

Peace Out!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## Prayer Closet

Heavenly Father, we come before you giving thanks to You for being the wonderful God, You are. We thank You for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and Your Holy Spirit that keeps us. Lord we thank You for all of the blessings, You have bestowed upon each and every one of us. We thank You, because even though we are not worthy, You still show us Your mercy and Your grace. Lord we recognize You as the One who sits high and looks low, and we come before You as an empty pitcher, knowing You are an overflowing fountain, which can fill us up, till we runneth over. We ask that You continue to bless, guide and lead us in the way that we should go. Dear Lord, for we realize that in Your Word, You said "Whosoever will come after me, let him **deny** himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it" (Mark 8:34-35, KJV). Help us to understand that all that we have is not for us to claim, unless we claim it in Your Holy Name. Lord everything we have we give it back to You. We give You our ministry, our families, our homes, our spouses, our children, our jobs, our vehicles, our money and all other things You have blessed us with, so that we can do with them according to Your will and not our own. Lord we present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service (Romans 12:1, KJV). We give thanks that You have chosen us to be a part of Your Army, and we ask that You will continue to strengthen us in the areas in which we are weak. We just come giving thanks for all that You have done, all that You are doing and for all that is to come. In the Blessed Name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen!

Deacon Prentise Jones

## Food for Thought

*Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel. (Judges 5:3)*

Even when I do not have money and my talents are not good enough, I can offer myself to him. That is the least I can do for God after all that he has done for me.

Submitted by Kesi Percy



## Community

Outreach will be having a "Meet The Community" event on July 12 from 12:00-2:00pm. We will be serving hotdogs and sodas for 25 cents. We invite you to join us.

## "The Next Right Thing"

In a church with so much growth taking place daily the question of what do I have to offer? can be a little bewildering. Many people new to the body of Christ may question as to where they fit in or how they might serve. Sometimes we expect ourselves to serve in the same capacity as others... we might not be able to preach like Paul, or sing like an angel but each of us is able to tell of the love our Saviour has freely given to us. Many times our service in the kingdom just requires that we do "the next right thing." In so doing we make ourselves teachable so God can equip us to serve as he sees fit. Rather than us making our own service plan then asking God to bless it.

It may be interesting to note in Luke 19:20, that King Jesus chose to arrive in Jerusalem for the Passover on a colt. He could have came in a gold covered chariot, or even rode on the well seasoned mother or father of the colt...but he chose the inexperienced baby to work with. Throughout the gospels, there are multitudes of accounts of God using small, seemingly unimportant things to accomplish great works. Need we be reminded of Peter's denial of our Lord? Yet, God used him as the rock to found his church on (Mat 16:18). The potter must always have fresh and pliable clay to work with as he builds his vessel. Even the old pots sometimes must be crushed and ground in order to have the defects removed from them. We all have a history each our own, just as Peter had his failures, just as the clay was mud before it was crafted into a pot. What we have to offer isn't much in the world's eyes but if we will present ourselves to Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to work with us, God will be faithful to finish the work he has started in us (Philippians 1:6) We don't have to look far in today's world to see that today, just as in the bible days, God doesn't call the equipped, rather he equips the called...

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## Worship Services

New Beginnings Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation for you to be a part of our worship services.

Sunday School 10:00am  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm

If you would like to be placed on our mailing or prayer list please write or contact us by phone. If you would like further details or you are interested in tax exempt donations to this ministry please contact Pastor Curtis Durham (903)752-3573 or (903)657-7470

## TV & Radio Schedules

### Henderson Ch 10

Monday 6:00am  
Friday 6:00am  
Saturday 7:00pm  
Sunday 7:00pm

### Tyler Ch 18

Monday 7:00am  
Saturday 9:30pm

1330AM KGLD  
Tuesday 12:15-12:29pm

Violet Pier  
Editor

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (II Corinthians 5:17)**

### “EVERYONE HAS A PRAISE TO OFFER”

(Submitted by Paula Loftin)

Psalm 150

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

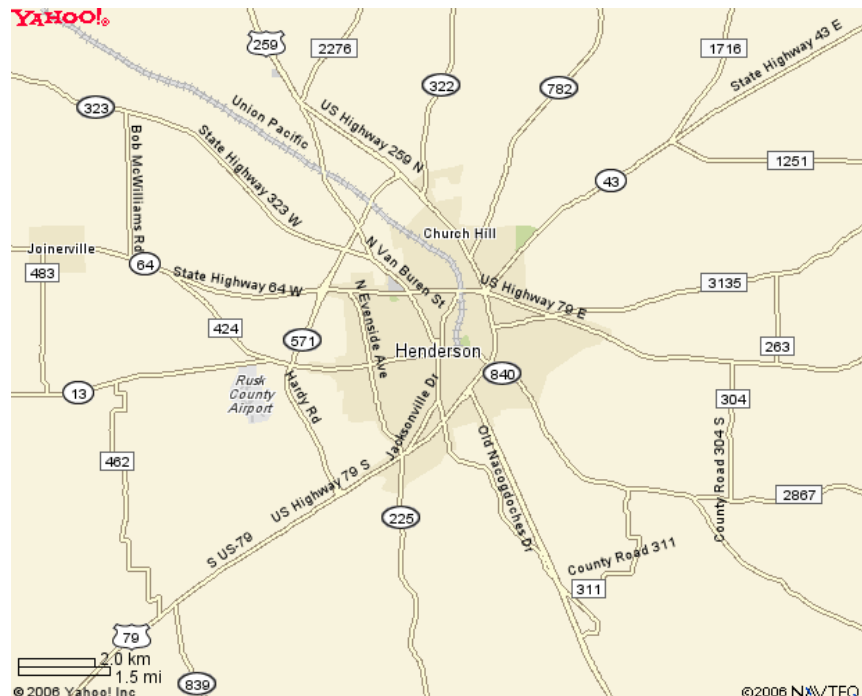
PRAISE THE LORD!

## Inspiration

I can offer God a willing and humble life. After all, it's because of him that I live, move, and have my being (Acts 17:28). I can only offer what he has given me. God has blessed me with many talents and gifts. Just to name a few; I'm gifted to preach, prophesy, encourage both saints and sinners, and carpentry work. What an honor for me to enjoy the same profession as our Savior. Whatever I do it's done as unto the Lord. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1

Minister Shawn Percy

### City of Henderson



The mission of New Beginnings Baptist Church is to impact lives for the cause of Christ, to reach out to all communities and people to share the love of God thus fulfilling the great commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)