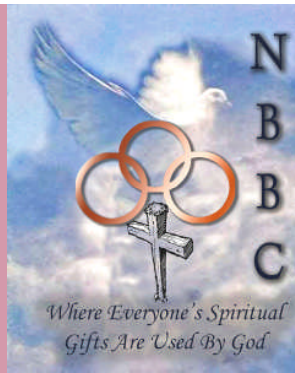


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The Breaking Point

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Special points of interest:

- Have you reached your breaking point?
- Scriptures: Exodus 12:29-31, Psalm 34:18-19, Jonah (1-3), Romans 10:9-10
- Life is a maze of choices

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Breaking Point

How many times have you tried to do things your way only to have them not turn out as you had hoped or planned? We are all guilty of moving in directions that we think are best without first consulting God to see what his will is for us. Sometimes in our doings, we wind up in situations that we haven't a clue as to how to recover. We get frustrated, anxious, sad, and mad our emotions run the gamut. It is only when we come to our senses and place our cares upon God that we find relief. Some of us come to our senses very quickly while others continue in drudgery until they finally reach a "breaking point". The bible tells us about Pharaoh, the king of Egypt who because his heart had been hardened would not let the children of Israel go. The Lord cursed Egypt with many plagues until finally he reached his "breaking point". *And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. (Exodus 12:29-31)*

The children of Israel after receiving their freedom wandered in the wilderness for forty years until they reached their "breaking point" and finally relied totally on God. Do you find it strange that although we see the miracles of God everyday that we can still doubt? You may say "I have not seen a miracle" but the fact that you awoke this morning is a miracle in and of itself. The very fact that our bodies function the way they do is a miracle from up above. When you reach your "breaking point", God is there to put you back together and restore you to wholeness.

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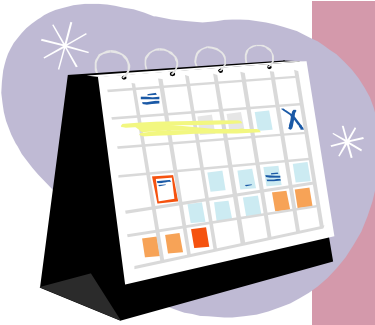


Food for Thought

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. (Psalm 34:18-19)



What's Happening at New Beginnings



Calendar of Events

May 2, 9, 23, 30 Bible Study 7:00pm

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tutorial GED Lab from 2:00pm-5:00pm (see community outreach)

May 12 Community Outreach at WalMart in Henderson 10:00am-2:00pm

May 13 Mother's Day Program 11:00am

May 16 Youth Bible Tournament 7:00pm

May 20 Family and Friends Day

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"

Pastor's Heart

God has called us to serve him and to obey his word have we responded with a "yes or __"? I think I would rather not say the other choice if you know what I mean. I would like to share a story about a man that initially responded with the other choice.

Jonah was a minor prophet that God called upon to deliver a message. Jonah was told to go to the city of Nineveh to let them know that their wickedness had come before the Lord and at this point, he was tired. Jonah did not care much for those people and was not concerned about their fate, so he decided to go a different direction. He fled to Joppa looking to go to Tarshish. He paid his fare to get on the ship and got comfortable thinking he was getting away from God (Jonah Ch 1-3). Those of you that know the story are laughing right now because you know that Jonah is about to be rudely awakened.

A storm arose and the ship was in danger and the crew were in a great panic but Jonah was below deck asleep. The captain went to him, woke him up, and said you had better start praying to your God so that we do not perish. The crewmembers knew that someone on board had brought evil upon them so they cast lots and it fell upon Jonah. What was he suppose to say? We know when we have caused a big mess. He asked them to throw him overboard in order for the trouble to stop. They tried hard to bring the ship in to dry land so they would not have to throw him overboard but there was no way around it. Fortunately, God had already prepared a big fish to swallow Jonah up so that he would not drown. God still protected him even after he had disobeyed. Jonah was about to reach his breaking point inside of the big fish.

God sometimes has to help us be what he wants us to be. During this time, he is molding us and making us into better Christians. He does not forget about us, just hold on a little while longer. At this point Jonah began to pray to God in the belly of the fish. His prayer was heard from the "belly of hell" as he called it. What do we call our situations or does it really matter as long as God hears us when we cry out to him whether loud or silent. When we are serious about our prayers to him, this is the breaking point. We are right where we need to be at that time, now God can direct and lead us. Like Jonah we feel lonely, left out abused, and in distress. Jonah was all alone dirty nasty wet and in darkness, after being there and praying for three days God released him. He began his journey to do what God asked him to do in the first place. The city was three days away but Jonah made it in one, that is not funny, stop laughing! When you have been locked up like Jonah, it does not take much to get you moving. Be obedient; do not let God have to break you down to this point!

Pastor Curtis Durham

Prayer Closet

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)

Thank you God for your word that changes the inside of us as born again Believers. This is the breaking point in our lives to help us to continue to live for eternity we thank you for your abounding grace. Amen
First Lady Regina Durham



Inspiration

Breaking Point

Life is full of pitfalls, ups, and downs. The manner in which you deal with them is your choice. You can make a choice in life to go down the right road or take a longer detoured route. Life is a maze of these choices. The result of your choices will be either good or bad. The breaking point occurs when life hands you the consequences of your choices. The key to making it pass the breaking point is trusting in Jesus Christ. A foundation in Jesus Christ will always help you make it through and beyond the breaking point. Always remember that when it feels that the tension on your mind, body and soul reaches a point of no return, your foundation is built on that one solid foundation that will sustain you through anything. It will most of all help you to get back up and *try* all over again.

Andrea Linthicum

*Jesus is
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tion"*

Community Outreach

Wednesday nights at 7:00pm NBBC invites the community to share the word and supper.

NBBC member Tammy Durham provides GED tutorials every Wednesday from 2:00pm - 5:00pm at NBBC. You may contact her at (903)526-0910 for more information.



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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)

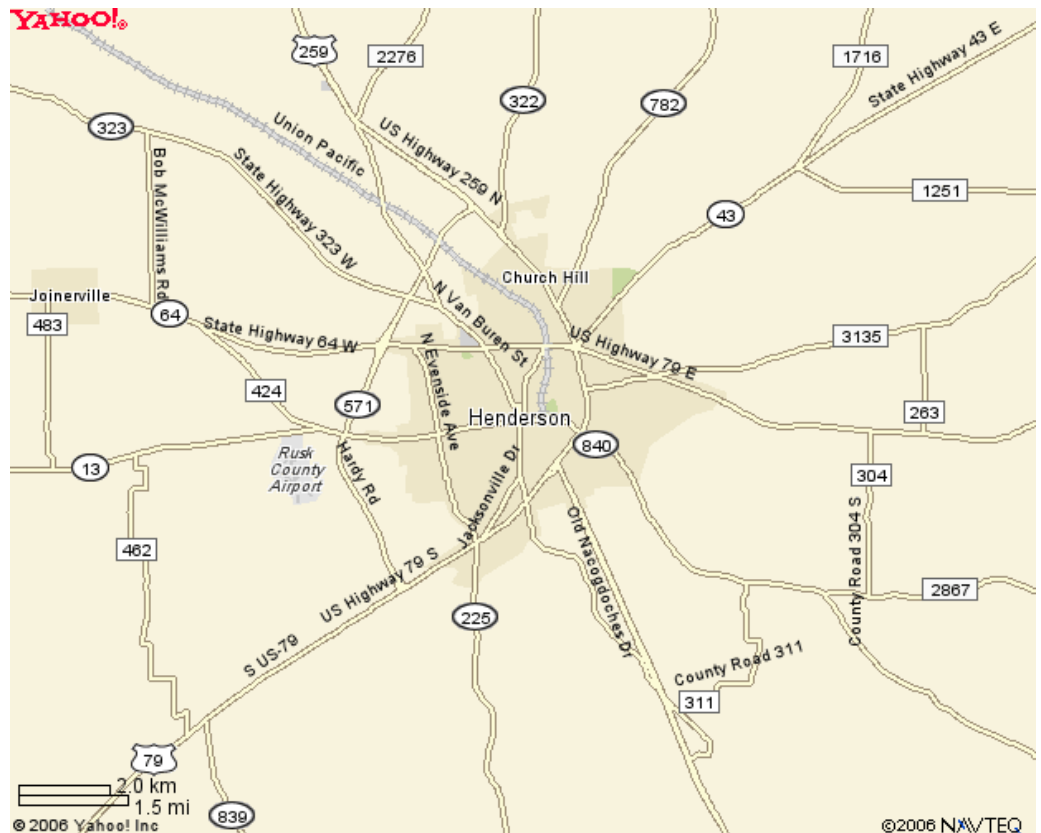
Worship Services

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 7:00pm

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 at (903)752-3573 or (903)657-7470

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Editor

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)