

Hello Church Family,

On July 16th, we had a wonderful visit from Dr. David Bowser, our District Superintendent. In his message to us, he spoke about how easy it is for us, as humans, to forget that the God who has called us has been faithful and will be faithful!

After all of the miracles God did for the Israelites in the desert, they continued to doubt him, until the next miracle came. In the “in-between” places the Israelites found themselves, between the times of God’s miraculous provision for them, they forgot God’s faithfulness. They forgot the parting of the Red Sea, the provision of water in abundance from a rock, and the manna from Heaven to feed them.

We can also forget the provision of God, especially in “in-between” times. We forget the provisions of God in the past and the promise of God’s provision in the future. God is faithful to us. This is true in our individual lives, as well as in our shared life as New Beginning Nazarene Church. Let’s not forget the goodness of God.

After the service, Dr. Bowser had a meeting with the congregation to explain the process our Nazarene District (the Mid-Atlantic District) uses to call a new pastor to a church. The outline of that process is linked [here](#).

He then offered an anonymous survey for us to complete that will be collected on July 30th. The survey can be completed by any members, congregants, and friends of NBNC and put in a sealed envelope. All responses will be taken to the District Office by Dr. Norman Huffman, our Assistant District Superintendent and District Secretary, where District staff will open the surveys and capture what everyone has shared into a presentation that can be presented to the board and the congregation, all while keeping every response confidential. If you haven’t filled out a survey yet, more copies will be available Sunday morning, July 30th.

The next meeting for the congregation with Dr. Bowser will be on September 17th. The Board will meet twice before then with Dr. Bowser to work on these items.

Coming in the next few weeks on Sunday mornings, we have Dr. Huffman with us again on July 30th and then we'll get to hear from our own staff in August.

In this in-between time, let's remember God's faithfulness to NBNC as we pray for the future. Let's pray boldly, confident that God is still working. Let's ask him to prepare our hearts. Let's ask him to prepare the way for a new pastor. Let's ask him to grow our church in ways that use us in our community and use us to be a blessing to each other and those around us.

Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

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