



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - April 2022

Remember

Have you ever noticed the timing of God's instructions to remember His acts of grace and salvation? In the Old Testament, before God rescues the people out of bondage and slavery, He gives them instructions to remember His saving acts. In Exodus 12:1-28, God instructs the people of Israel to observe the 14th day of the first month to be a memorial day of the day the Lord saved them (Passover). And it is after these instructions are given, the people are saved by God (Exodus 12:29-42).

The same thing happens in the New Testament. Before Jesus is arrested, handed over, judged, condemned, beaten, crucified, buried, and risen from the grave, Jesus tells His disciples to REMEMBER. Luke 22:19 reads, "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Jesus instructs His disciples to remember something that has yet to happen.

We have the benefit of standing on this side of the cross; thus, we know that Jesus is talking about how He will suffer death upon the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. And, because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we observe communion each month to "remember" the forgiveness of sins we have in Christ and the New Covenant we have entered by His blood shed for us. The Lord's Table is the most

important way that we, through remembering, experience the cross of Christ. We remember because we stand on this side of the cross. Yet, like the exodus from Egypt, the instructions to remember came before the actual event itself.

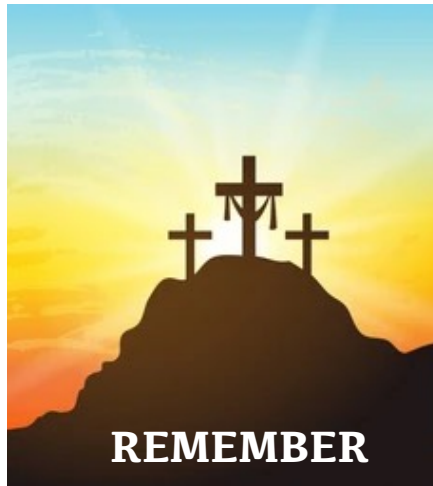
This small detail of God's timing fills me with much encouragement. God's act of salvation through Christ was horrific. And those who loved

Jesus ran away, betrayed Him, went into hiding, and even denied Him. It must have felt like falling off a cliff at night. Fortunately, before Jesus was handed over to be judged and killed, He gave them a lifeline, a glimmer of future hope. He told them to remember. I am sure that one of the reasons Jesus told them to "remember" the cross before the cross took place was that they could have hope in the face of His death. That Jesus' words at

that last meal anchored them in a time of great need.

The same is for you and me. The instruction for us to remember is not only to recall how we are saved through the cross of Christ but also to remember God's faithfulness and love for us in the present when we stumble and fall over our cliffs at night. We celebrate Resurrection Sunday (Easter) this month (April). It is a good month to remember. A month to remember what the Lord has done for you, remember His faithfulness in the moment, and remember that He is coming again.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent



April Birthdays

- 4 – Donna Norris
- 9 – Joe Anderson
Linda Cummings
- 11 – Lisa Balke
Rhett Casto
Bradley Chenault
- 12 – Sharon Blume
Cooper Manchester
- 13 – Gracie Morgan
- 16 – Drew Taylor
- 17 – Pete Jones
Judy Lantz
- 18 – Haley Boyce
Jonah Egan
Betty Owens
- 20 – Brenda Bates
Mitchell Hall
Bret Woodall
- 23 – Norm Allred
Toni Gygi
Bessie Vanover
- 24 – Bob Smith
- 25 – Melanie Mullins
- 26 – Theresa Dillon
Paula Cook
Jenneth Lemley
- 27 – Michael Campbell
Emmett Ely
- 28 – Kyle Cook
Gloria Holmes
- 29 – Becky Davis
Taylor Hazelett
Earl Trawick
Waylon Vanover
- 30 – Katrina Eskins
Sharon Snoddy



† Romans 6:23, our theme verse for the year says, "...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Think about these words and what they mean during the days leading up to Easter. This gift of eternal life for us cost our Lord Jesus HIS life...through suffering so great, we can't even comprehend it. And His resurrection as Savior gives all of humanity that gift of eternal life...we only have to accept it and believe the truth of the way of salvation. It is God's greatest gift for us! Find a special way to give thanks for this gift of eternal life during this most holy time of the year.

📖 "God of Creation" Bible studies will be wrapping up during April. Much appreciation goes to those who led these times of study and fellowship, and to those who faithfully attended. We will be taking a break from small groups until fall, and doing some rethinking and planning for when we return. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please contact me at 304.521.5129. I will be meeting with our current leaders and any other interested ladies as we look at new ways to do Bible study and fellowship. We especially want to meet the needs of our younger ladies with a more relaxed approach to small groups.

🦋 Forgiven and Free, may each lady of New Baptist Church be blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, leading and guiding each life. There will be no newsletter articles for the next couple of months, but look forward to updates later in the summer. Plans will be in the works for our annual Ladies' Night Out again this September!

**For Good...
Dolores Adkins**



- 2 – Dan & Laura Jordan
- 2 – Don & Ellen Walker (50th)
- 3 – Bill & Debbie Lapole (40th)
- 5 – Josh & Rachel Sierson
- 8 – Robin & Becky Crouch
- 9 – Dean & Cookie Caldwell
- 14 – David & Donna Dunn
- 14 – Sandy White & Don Williams
- 16 – Jeff & Ileene Fetty
- 20 – Eddie & Karen Gillispie
- 22 – Jonathan Duncan & Mary MacClellan
- 25 – Andy & Kim Finley
- 27 – Gary & Donna Norris
- 29 – Matthew & April Walker

ReFit



Join us on **Thursdays,**
5:30pm – 6:30pm
New Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

(enter by fellowship hall
door on east side of the
building)

Newsletter
DEADLINE

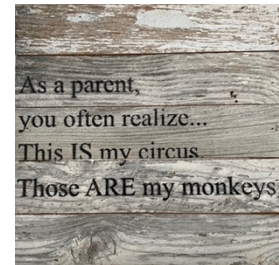
Sunday, April 24
for **May** issue of
Bridges



I have been thinking a lot about prayer recently. It's been something I've been learning and working on for years, but with every transition or shift in life stage, there are new challenges. Our family has recently seen the shifting from a series of extra-curriculars to a new set and with every shift, every new season, there's a new learning curve. I find myself sometimes frustrated, longing for a routine, whether it is old or new. But in these seasons, I find prayer particularly difficult because of all the mental gymnastics of trying to sort it all out. Do you ever feel that way?

I recently read a quote by Henri Nouwen: "The trouble is, as soon as you sit and become quiet, you think, Oh, I forgot this. I should call my friend. Later on I'm going to see him. Your inner life is like a banana tree filled with monkeys jumping up and down." In *What if Jesus was Serious... about Prayer?* Skye Jethani asks "What are we to do with our inner monkeys when we are trying to pray? A sure mistake is pretending the monkeys are not there. It only makes them jump and scream more."

This thought reminded me of a sign we have in our living room that says "As a parent you often realize... This IS my circus. These ARE my monkeys."



So what do we do? Jethani suggests that we welcome the monkeys into your prayers. Offer to God all of the distracting thoughts, ideas, interruptions, tasks, and images that flood your mind. If we wait for all of the distractions to go away and our thoughts to be calm, we would never pray. Jesus intentionally went away to pray. We as parents don't always get that luxury, however, we have the invitation from God to cast all of our burdens on Him. To pray without ceasing. To offer to God everything, even the not so glorious things to Him to transform them into His glorious purposes.

No matter what season of life you and your family are in, come to God. Bring all your monkeys to Him and rejoice that God is present in all your life! Your prayer life may change depending on the season, but God is unchanging. Embrace even the chaotic moments and teach your kids to pray, in any moment, even with laughter at the moment, offer it to God!

I'm praying for you! We are just weeks away from Easter and there are opportunities to worship God and celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection as a family. I always enjoy our sunrise service at the church, but for those who aren't able to make that happen, we have a sunrise service at home document on our Family Life page at www.newbaptistchurch.com. Use this with your family or invite some neighbors to join you as you celebrate our risen Savior this Easter!

Pastor Lee

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon



After a nearly two-year absence the Sr. Adult Luncheons will begin again on **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**, at noon. These have been and will continue to be wonderful times of conversation and fellowship.

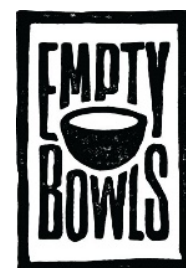
Please note that we are meeting on WEDNESDAY and not on Thursday like past years.

The meal is being catered by **Honeybaked Ham**. This will be an individual boxed lunch. Please choose from Ham, Turkey or Chicken Salad for the sandwich in your boxed lunch. Salad will also be available. You can make your reservation for the luncheon on the sign-up sheets in your Sunday School Class, at the Welcome Center in the church lobby or by calling the church office (304.523.3355, ext. 2).

With the increase in food prices and to be fair with those providing our lunches the suggested donation is now \$10.00.

I look forward to the fellowship and joy of being together again at the Sr. Adult Luncheons.

Pastor Robin



**Empty Bowls
2022**
in Pullman Plaza
Friday, April 22nd
10AM-4PM



News!

Awana will be wrapping up **May 11th!** *Countdown: 6-5-4-3-2-1* 🎉

Be sure and invite your families to celebrate your accomplishments and awards that evening. We will start at 6:00pm with Puggles and Cubbies being joined by their parents up front in their usual seating area.

If you want to finish your book and need a plan to get that done, please ask me or Mrs. Sheri and we can help you with a plan.

Let us hide the Word in our hearts and build His Kingdom!

In His Service,
Debbie Harman



We are growing Church! Our enrollment (before Covid) is up about 40%.

Nursery is bursting at the rockers!

Toddlers are brimming and our 1st through 5th Grade is near capacity!

WHAT A BLESSING ♥

Can you be a helper?

This is what we need NOW:

1. someone to help with bulletin boards
2. 1-2 people to help in Sunday School Nursery
3. 1-2 adults to help during church service in Toddler area
4. Substitutes for any time and any room



Eventually we are looking at:

5. 1-2 adults to start a new classroom age group and divide the Toddler group. This would be for children that are 4-5 years old that are Pre-K
6. 1-2 adults to possibly divide the large group of 1st -5th grade.

Our Children's Church uses a variety of curriculum for Sunday School and Children's Church. This curriculum is digital and handheld with manipulatives already available. Prep work for your class time is minimal. Curriculum is inclusive AND our children across all ages are doing similar lesson themes and bringing home handouts so discussion at home is possible with your family at the supper table!

If the LORD is calling you to help in some way with this age group, let me know! I can promise you a blessing and refreshment for your hearts that will have you hoping it is your month to teach in Sunday School or Children's Church. I would love to talk to you about starting in this area of ministry!

In His Service,
Debbie Harman





Notes from Choir Director, Karen Dailey

The choir has started rehearsals again in preparation for Communion Sunday on April 3rd as well as the story of Easter told in song and narration on Palm Sunday, April 10th. Many from the church will once again be taking part in this celebration of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. This presentation is made all the better because of the work of our audio, visual, streaming team, the accompanists, and praise band. All the voices are lifted in song, but it is much more enjoyable experience with ALL the pieces of the performance working together. It truly is a team effort and one that is worth the sacrifice and practice. We only want to give honor and praises to The Living King and we invite you to sing along with us as we worship Him in song. If you have an interest in singing, please speak to me or any of the choir members. We would love to have you as a part of our choir family.

When we sing as a congregation, we should be in an attitude of worship. Are you like me, at times, finding your mind unable to focus on the words of the song? Does it seem like you are present in body but absent in spirit? It helps, to remember that God is never absent, and He is available to help us focus on the words we are singing and the images they are painting. When we sing as a choir, individual or as a congregation we are a part of something greater than ourselves individually. We are using our voices, no matter how weak or strong, in praises to the one who designed us to sing. God gave Moses a song to give to the Israelites as his last message to them before he died. God's messages to the Hebrews as they were wandering the wilderness waiting to enter the promised land were always about their history; the promises He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the goodness of God and His deliverance of them from Egypt, but this last time Moses was to remind them of these things, God told him to write down the message as a song and to teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it. (Deuteronomy 31:19, 31:30 – 32:43) The same message as before but in a song reminding them of their history, their mistakes, warning them to avoid repeating the mistakes and offering the hope that comes only in trusting God. We learn from this that often, reciting something in the format of a song, it is easier to remember. In April, as we sing of Christ's life, death and resurrection may we focus on what He has done for us so that we, too, may have the hope that only comes in fully relying on Him. May we always lift our voices in praise!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

Cowen is ready to start taking our kiddos for an awesome summer! This is available for students entering 2nd grade - graduated high school! And Family Camp!

Links to the registration and health forms can be found in the New Baptist Church Community on FB. You can print them off and bring them the church with your payment and the church will handle mailing in the registrations and the \$25 registration fee! (Paper and check registrations are cheaper both for you and the camp!) The church office also has registration forms and health forms already printed so that gives you another option.

Please make checks payable to WV Baptist Camp! (Also, a normal question is about our association: we're in the Guyandotte association)

There is a box in the welcome center for you to put your forms and checks in!

A love-filled victory (from TheNewsletterNewsletter)

It's tough to read about Jesus' agony on the cross, where he felt "forsaken" by God (see Matthew 27:46). But as Philip Yancey explains in *Where Is God When It Hurts?* the Father didn't desert Jesus — and doesn't desert us:

"God was not 'up there' watching the tragic events conspire 'down here.' God was *in Christ*, reconciling the world to himself," he writes. "If Jesus was a mere man, his death would prove God's cruelty; the fact that he was God's Son proves instead that God fully identifies with suffering humanity. On the cross, God himself absorbed the awful pain of this world.

"To some, the image of a pale body glimmering on a dark night whispers of defeat," Yancey continues. "But another sound can be heard: the shout of a God crying out to human beings, 'I LOVE YOU.' Love was compressed for all history in that lonely figure on the cross, who said that he could call down angels at any moment on a rescue mission, but chose not to — because of us."

He concludes: "Any discussion of how pain and suffering fit into God's scheme ultimately leads back to the cross."



Thanks for your continued generosity. Our cookie sale in March was another successful event for Pastor Dasnis. We appreciate you giving donations each month.

In March we highlighted **Bridges International**, ministry at Marshall University introducing the gospel to international students. Each Thursday evening, we have been providing dinner for 15ish international students for their Food and Faith nights. If you would like to help with this ministry or find other ways to be involved, please see **Sarah Smith**.

In April we will be highlighting **Cru** (formerly Campus Crusade). **Drew Osenbach** is on staff at Marshall University. New Baptist has supported him for several years. Stay tuned on ways to be in prayer for Cru or be involved.

On April 3rd we will be selling chocolate covered peanut butter eggs after the morning service. You do not need to place an order. They will be on a first come first serve basis. So plan on being at church on Sunday April 3.

The mission board will be providing Easter baskets for the veterans residing at the Veterans Home in Barboursville. We still can only drop off the baskets, but hopefully next year we will be able to meet with the residents again.

Food Pantry Items Needed:

- Peanut Butter**
- Jelly**
- Canned Meat**
- Mac & Cheese**

Pray for us this month (April) as we begin our evening pickup time for the Food Pantry. We will be open the second and fourth Tuesdays from 5pm-7pm to allow those who have called ahead and reserved a box to come by and pick it up during these special evening hours. We hope to be able to increase the numbers of people we are able to serve and be a blessing to struggling families in our community.



Rebekah Perry Franks, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Hope for Appalachian Wildlife, was pictured on the front page of the Sunday, March 20, edition of The Herald-Dispatch. The non-profit organization is dedicated to the prosperity and well-being of wildlife native to West Virginia. People are encouraged to contact the organization if they come across orphaned, injured or sick wildlife in the state. Rebekah is the daughter of Audy and Laura Perry and the granddaughter of Henriella Perry and Mike (now deceased).



Our Music Director, **Curt Mann**, has another job; he is the principal of Milton Middle School where the students celebrated PI Day (March 14) by throwing a whipped cream pie in his face. Fortunately, he took it all in stride (since it was a planned event) and no students were in trouble! The incident was pictured on the front page of The Herald Dispatch next day.

Trustee Tidbits

Well it is starting out to be a busy year for the Trustees with new lights in the lobby and a new fire suppression system in the kitchen. Soon it will be time to start mowing the big field beside of the church.

We do what we can to be good stewards of our Lord's house by keeping costs as low as possible and keeping it clean. A few simple things that everyone can do to assist us with that stewardship is:

- Turn off the lights and close the door if you are the last one to leave a room.
- Make sure the water has stopped running before you leave the restroom/kitchen.
- Put items you are using back where they belong when you are done and clean up after yourself.
- Don't leave your trash in the sanctuary for others to clean up – there are trash containers by the doors as you exit – please use them.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these simple tasks!

The Trustees

Prayer Concerns

(Please let the church office know if there are any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer concern list.)



Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Chelcie & Coralie Adkins, Nancy Adkins, Mickey Bane, Nancy Bane, Bill Bartram, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Robert Bonecutter, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Kyle Cook, Virginia Cortese, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Jeff Day, Pam Fannin, Tracy Foster, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joshua Hendricks, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Michael Kendall, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Virginia Lawrence, Joseph Leggott, Myra Lydick, Bob Mannon, Roy Maynor, Mary McClure, Nancy McSweeney, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Valerie Moore, Jo Anna Smith, Charlie Morris, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Carol Richardson, Walter & Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Richard Weston, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark & Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

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| our pastors | unsaved loved ones |
| our community | our government leaders |
| our military personnel | those trying to flee Afghanistan |
| our country | the people of Haiti |
| all affected by covid | Ukraine and its people |

Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE
 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

“As a H S V K S V I W looks after his
 H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P when S V is
 D R G S them, so will I O L L P after my H S V V K .
 I will I V H X F V them and K Z H G F I V them.
 I will H V Z I X S for the O L H G and bring back
 the H G I Z B H . I will Y R M W up the R M Q F I V W
 and H G I V M T G S V M the D V Z P . You are my
 H S V V K ... and I am your T L W .”



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God



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Service Hours:

Sunday

- 9:30 Radio Bible Class
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- *11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery

*Service is also live streamed on
Facebook
([@NewBaptistChurchWV](https://www.facebook.com/NewBaptistChurchWV))

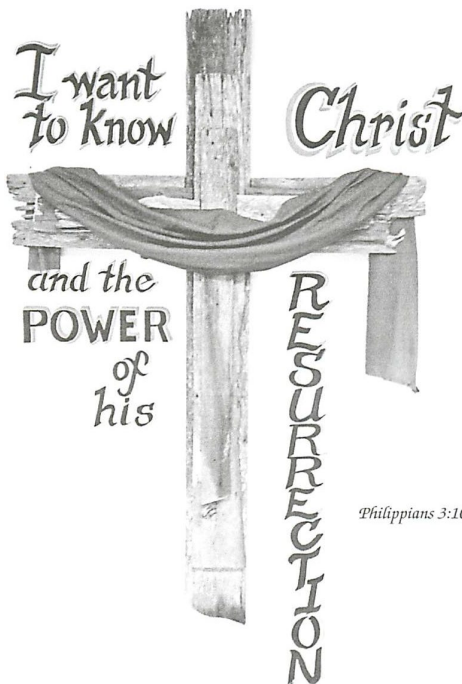
Wednesday

- 6:00 Awana Youth
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

NBC Food Pantry Hours

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm
(additional hours 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays – 5pm-7pm)

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Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday – 11am Service

Choir Cantata

Friday, April 15

6:30pm

Good Friday Communion Service

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:00am

Sunrise Service

11:00am

**Praise & Worship Celebrating
our Risen Savior**