



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - April 2023

Stand in Awe

Have you ever been in awe of something? To me, being in awe is when I see or experience something so wonderful that I cannot grasp its beauty or significance with my mind.

During the previous month, I had the opportunity to travel to Israel and Jordan. It was a wonderful trip filled with new learning and insight. At times, I was so overwhelmed by what I saw that my mind struggled to grasp it; I was in awe. The best example of this experience of awe was when we visited Petra, an amazing desert city. Though I had seen pictures of it in the past, to see it in person went beyond all expectations. I kept thinking to myself, “How can I grasp this? How can I understand this?” The structures were so grand, amazing, and beautiful that no picture could fully capture Petra’s majesty, and no words could describe it. I hope you may have an opportunity to see it someday.

Similarly, I am in awe when thinking about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus’ historical death and resurrection are beyond my mind to grasp; thus, all I can do is stand in awe. Do you realize the beauty, significance, and horror of what took place on Calvary? Can you even begin to grasp what Christ accomplished for us? I cannot. It is beyond me. My mind cannot take it in. I am in awe of Him. Through dying, Jesus destroyed death. His Resurrection is the ultimate triumph of God’s love and forgiveness over sin. And because He defeated death, there is nothing in this world or in our lives that has the power to overshadow our hope. Nothing. Try to grasp that with your mind. And because of His great love for us, He has opened a new and living way for us to live

abundant and eternal lives. Do we (do you) actually know what that means? These things are too wonderful for me.



In Psalm 33, the writer feels this same way about the power of God’s Word. He says, “*For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. By the word of the LORD, the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the*

*waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. **Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him** (Psalm 33:4-8)!”*

I believe that the instruction given in Psalm 33 regarding the Word of God (stand in awe of Him) is also an instruction to how we are to respond to what Christ has done for us; “*stand in awe of Him.*”

April is the month that we remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please do not take it for granted. Please do not close your eyes to its beauty (and horror). Do not treat Holy week as just another week and resurrection Sunday as just another Sunday. Take advantage of the wonder of the moment; Stand in awe of Him. Use this season of the resurrection to deepen your faith and grow in your wonder of the Lord.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Trent Eastman

April Birthdays

- 1 – Beverly Gartin
- 4 – Donna Norris
- 9 – Joe Anderson
Linda Cummings
- 11 – Lisa Blake
Rhett Casto
Bradley Chenault
- 12 – Sharon Blume
Cooper Manchester
- 13 – Gracie Morgan
- 15 – Ashley Stephens
- 16 – Drew Taylor
- 17 – Pete Jones
Judy Lantz
- 18 – Haley Boyce
Jonah Egan
Betty Owens
- 19 – Annie Day
- 20 – Brenda Bates
Bret Woodall
- 23 – 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



† His life...His death...His resurrection...HALLELUJAH! We celebrate the salvation that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord! May your Easter be filled with praise for His unspeakable gift of redemption. Reflect on His grace...His mercy...His love!

📖 Ladies' winter/spring Bible studies will be wrapping up soon. Our small groups usually don't meet during the summer months, but if there is enough interest, we can put something on the calendar. Also, if any of you have suggestions for other ladies' activities, please share them with me or any of our small group leaders. And remember to share any ideas for future Bible studies!

☀️ With spring here, your schedules may fill up with activities and places to be. This makes our theme verse even more relevant. "Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Keep these words of the Lord in mind as you face whatever life has in store for you.

For Good...
Dolores Adkins



- 3 – Bill & Debbie Lapole
- 8 – Robin & Becky Crouch
- 9 – Dean & Cookie Caldwell
- 14 – Sandy White & Don Williams
- 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 **Mondays,**
5:30pm – 6:30pm
New Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
(enter by fellowship hall door on east side of the building)



Zach Noble is one of the four-member Cabell Midland JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl

Team headed for Washington DC to participate in the national JLAB competition. Out of 630 competing teams, only 16 teams were invited to the competition in June. Congratulations to Zach and the other team members.



Sunday, April 23
for **May** issue of
Bridges



Preparing for Resurrection Day

Each year on Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, we are encouraged to focus our lives on preparing for the events of Holy Week. This year’s preparation took on a whole new depth as I walked where Jesus walked but also as we visited the sites where so many important events in Scripture happened. We visited Mt. Nebo and Mt. Carmel, the area where John the Baptist ministered and was beheaded. We also went to the site where John baptized Jesus (on the Jordanian side of the Jordan river). A number of our group were baptized at that primitive site. It was quite different than the more commercialized sites in Israel. We spent time around the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, places where Jesus walked and taught his disciples. The climax of the trip was the Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, and the Garden Tomb. There was so much more to be shared.

As I thought about Resurrection Day standing in line at the Garden Tomb to go inside, I wondered to myself, “Why go in? You know He is not there for he has risen just as he said.”

Many friends that have been to the Holy Land come back with this explanation, “When I read the Bible before it was in black and white and now having been there it is reading in technicolor. If you have not visited the Holy Land and have the opportunity, I encourage you to do so.

Easter is Eternal



If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary’s brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth’s Easter morn.

-Donald H. Tippet

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheons 2023

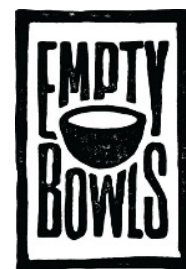
Our **Sr. Adult Luncheons** are moving back to **Thursday** this year. We will meet each month (April-December) at noon on the **SECOND THURSDAY**. Rebel Barn Catering will continue to cater the luncheons and the cost will remain at \$10.00. So **mark your calendars** for these dates:

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| April 13 | September 14 |
| May 11 | October 12 |
| June 8 | November 9 |
| July 13 | December 14 |
| August 10 | |



We look forward to seeing you at these luncheons. Please make your reservation the week before in your Sunday School Classroom or by contacting the Church office.

Pastor Robin



Empty Bowls 2023

in Pullman Plaza
Friday, April 21st
10AM-3PM

All monies raised help benefit the Facing Hunger Foodbank.



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!

Register online at campcowen.org/register or you can pick up forms in the church office.

(Also, a normal question is about our association: we're in the Guyandotte association)

Camp Cowen 2023 Schedule

<u>MARCH 17-18</u> Staff Interviews	<u>JUNE 25- JULY 1</u> Junior 2 (grades 5-6)
<u>APRIL 14-16</u> Women's Camp	<u>JULY 2-8</u> High School 1 (grades 9-12)
<u>APRIL 20-22</u> Musician Summit	<u>JULY 9-15</u> Junior High 2 (grades 7-9)
<u>APRIL 23</u> Cowen Sunday	<u>JULY 15</u> Senior Day (graduated seniors)
<u>APRIL 28-29</u> AB Men's Work Party	<u>JULY 16-22</u> High School 2 (grades 9-12)
<u>MAY 12-13</u> Summer Kick-Off	<u>JULY 23-26</u> Older Midler (grades 3-5)
<u>JUNE 2-4</u> Younger Midler (grades 2-4)	<u>JULY 28-31</u> Family Camp
<u>JUNE 6-9</u> Leaders in Training	<u>JULY 31-AUG. 4</u> Raleigh Rockcastle
<u>JUNE 11-17</u> Junior 1 (grades 5-6)	<u>AUGUST 4-6</u> AB Men & Boys Camp
<u>JUNE 18-24</u> Junior High 1 (grades 7-9)	<u>AUGUST 11-12</u> Camp Global

For more information on camps, events, and registration, visit campcowen.org

JOIN US AT CAMP COWEN FOR

WORSHIP SUMMIT

April 21-22, 2023

\$65 per person until April 7th*

*a \$10 late fee will be charged

Register online at <https://worship-summit-2023.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Contact Eric Seckman at 304-916-0941 or eseckman@spbcwv.org

Gather at camp to...

RENEW | INSPIRE | COLLABORATE

The Worship Summit is designed to minister to those who lead in all aspects of worship. Whether you are a seasoned leader or just beginning to explore your calling, this event is designed for you!

Women's Camp 2023
April 14-16
Camp Cowen

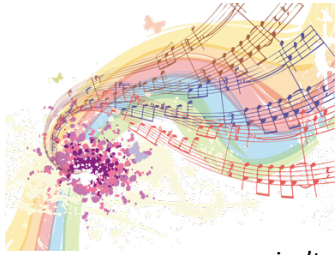
The weekend is focused on uniting generations of women – hearing God's Word together, worshipping together, praying together and sharing each other's burdens.

Speaker - Claire Cottrill
Worship leader – Lydia Nutter

This event is for women who are 18 years or older.

Cost is \$50 (if preregistered before March 24), \$60 at the door.





Music Notes from Choir Director, Karen Dailey

The words flexibility, adaptability and rethink have been words we have used in our choir since Christmas. We have been working diligently on a cantata for the choir to present to the church which is customarily presented on Palm Sunday. The stage remodel is going so well, but some of the equipment we need for the choir to hear isn't ready. We needed additional time to rehearse with the new or newly changed equipment. Consequently, we are now hoping to present our cantata called "Ransomed and Redeemed" the week after Easter. Songs of the love of Jesus and the sacrifice He made for each of us is appropriate anytime. Please continue to pray for the work that is going into the construction of the remodel of the platform as well as the audio and visual updates and changes.

Recently I came across a song written by Samuel Francis in 1875. As a child he made a profession of faith, loved the hymns of faith and writing poetry. As a teenager, however, he began struggling with his faith that lasted until adulthood. One night, as he was crossing a bridge over the Thames River in London, he looked at the dark waters of the river and became so despondent that he was almost tempted to take a jump from the bridge, but instead he cried out for God to have mercy on him. Thankfully, God met him in his darkest hour, and he went on to live out the remainder of his 92 years serving the Lord passionately in the writing of hymns as well as preaching His word. In his profession and travels, Scott Francis had the privilege of crossing the ocean many times and compared the vastness of the ocean with the vastness of God's love. May you be uplifted by the words to "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" whose words are written by him and were set to the music of Thomas Williams.

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Vast unmeasured, boundless, free!
 Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,
 Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love.
 Leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!
 How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
 How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own.
 How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.*

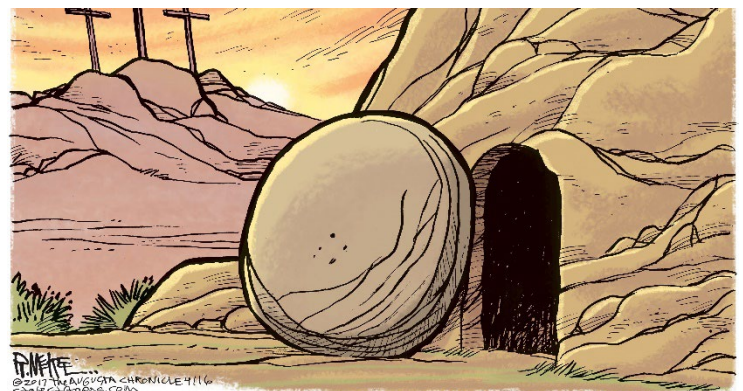
*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best;
 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
 O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
 And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.*





Jackson Sharp
 born
 3/17/23

Proud parents:
Jake & Ashley Sharp



"HE IS NOT HERE, BUT IS RISEN..."



Cru Mission Trip to Costa Rica:

Thirty individuals from Cru at Marshall University spent spring break in Costa Rica providing water filtration systems to communities. We were able to provide a journal to each individual. A member from NBC wrote a prayer for each student in the journal and prayed for that student throughout the week.

Marshall Football Team Bible Study:

On March 22, we were able to provide lunch for the 18 football players who joined in the weekly Bible study. We provided breakfast for lunch. Thanks to everyone who helped. If you would want to help provide food in the future, please contact Bethany Cox or Amy Smith.

Easter Baskets for Veterans:

We will be making Easter baskets for the residents of the Veterans home in Barboursville on Friday, April 7. We would love for everyone to come help assemble the baskets and then stick around to talk with the veterans. They have many stories to share.

New Missionary:

Our newest missionary, **Sarah McCloy**, had her commissioning service on March 5th. She plans to leave for Japan by the end of the month. Be in prayer for her as she begins her new ministry.

Pop Tabs Needed:

We are continuing to collect tabs found on pop cans, soup cans, etc. These are given to the Ronald McDonald House in Huntington. They recycle these and use the money to help cover their utility costs. Collect your tabs in a bag and drop off at the mission board in the back of the sanctuary.

Lily's Place Dinners:

We were able to provide a meal for the families staying at Lily's Place with their child. The week we provided dinner there were 6 people staying. This number changes on a weekly basis. Lily's place is looking to have this be an ongoing ministry. If you would like to help provide a meal occasionally, please contact Bethany Cox.

Operation Christmas Child:

We have been approved to be a local collection center for shoeboxes this November. More details will be coming as we near the time

Place your order today.



Thank you to everyone that submitted recipes for the 2023 New Baptist Church Cookbook. Brooke Welch and Rebecca Hampton are busy getting all the recipes proofed and uploaded. The cookbooks will be a binder-style with tabbed dividers and a clip-in easel. These would make great gifts for friends or family. Orders are being taken for these cookbooks through April and they will arrive before Mother's Day. Cost is \$20. Contact Brooke Welch (304.617.0350) or Rebecca Hampton (304.730.3592) to reserve your copy today.



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 Adkins, Nancy Adkins, Carol Arkell, Lynn Barcus, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Robert Bonecutter, Debbie Brown (friend of Annie Stewart), Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Ron Caviani, Piper Clark, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Jonah Cruz, Rose Davis, Pam Fannin, Sally Flanders, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Karen Gillispie, Linda Gregg, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Virgil Kelly, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Joseph Leggott, Bob Mannon, Roy Maynor, Margaret Mclaughlin, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Nancy Messinger (sister of David McMellon), Marvin & Valerie Moore, Spencer Moore, Charlie Morris, Tom Nash, Bob & Paula Paden, Audy Perry, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Nina Rakes, Carol Richardson, Cheryl Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bob & Jo Anna Smith, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond Spurlock, David Stevenson, Dick & Annie Stewart, Judy Swann, Grover & Sheri Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

- our pastors
- our community
- our military personnel
- unsaved loved ones
- our government leaders
- our country

Death in Church Family:



Patricia (Pat) Sue Runnels Vickers, 82, of Huntington, WV, passed away on January 14, 2023. She was born October 6, 1940, in Huntington, the daughter of the late Roy and Ola Mae Scarberry Runnels. Pat retired as an optician with Pearle Vision. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arvid Vickers, Jr., a son, and two brothers. Survivors include a daughter, Joni Hill, of Huntington; a son, Ronald (Andrea) Vickers of Elkridge, MD and four grandchildren. A memorial service was held for Pat at New Baptist Church on Saturday, March 25.

Spring Golden'eers Conference

May 1 - 3, 2023

Parchment Valley Conference Center

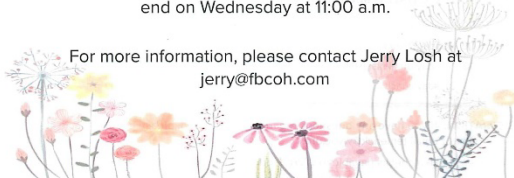
"A conference for adults 55 years of age and older."

love
is in the air

Join us for bible study, evening group activities, music by the Putnam Family, indoor and outdoor games, vespers, book store, puzzles, crafts and much more!

The conference will begin on Monday in the Santrock Building with registration and lunch at 12:00 noon and will end on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, please contact Jerry Losh at jerry@fbcoh.com



SUMMER KICK OFF



Bring your youth group friends and head to Camp Cowen to celebrate the end of the school year as we conclude WVBC Youth's theme for 2022 and 2023, *Community: Faith, Fellowship, & Action*.

Participate in work projects to help prepare camp for this coming summer, play your favorite camp games, and celebrate all the Lord is doing through worship!

MAY 12-13TH

AT CAMP COWEN

REGISTER ONLINE
<https://summer-kick-off-2023.eventbrite.com>

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 12	9:30 Work Crews
7:30 Registration	12:30 Lunch
8:30 Games in the Dining Hall	1:15 Work Crews
9:00 Free Time/Store	3:00 Clean Up & Free Time
9:30 Campfire	4:00 Worship
	5:30 Dinner
SATURDAY, MAY 13TH	6:15 Games
8:30 Breakfast	7:45 Campfire
9:00 Morning Devotion	

COST
\$5 per person, \$35 maximum for groups

T-SHIRTS
Available for purchase at Camp



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Rev. Robin Crouch
(rlcrouch1948@gmail.com)

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 (Sept. – May)
Youth
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study

NBC Food Pantry

Hours
Tuesdays 10am – 2pm

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
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*Join us this Easter season
as we worship our risen
Saviour.*



Sunday, April 2, 11am – *Journey to the Cross*

Friday, April 7, 6pm – *Good Friday Service & Communion*

**Sunday, April 9, 7am – *Easter Sunrise Service*
11am – *Resurrection Sunday Celebration***

**Wednesday, April 12, 11am – *An in-depth look
at the Garden Tomb***

Sunday, April 16, 11am – *Easter Cantata*