



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - August 2019

Speaking to the Heart (Psalm 42&43)

I love the book of Psalms. It is hard to think of a favorite, but a Psalm that often comes to my mind is Psalm 43. The reason it often comes to my mind is that I do exactly what the writer of the Psalm does. Starting at Psalm 42 (I think Psalm 42 and Psalm 43 are meant to go together), the writer talks about how his (or her?) life is not going well. The writer describes missing God, being depressed, remembering better days, being criticized, having to deal with the sins of others, and life challenges in general. On top of all of this, the writer even complains about God not helping or doing His part; *“I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy (Psalm 42:9)?”*

Do you ever do this? Do you ever go through your day focused on all the bad? Feeling let down or hurt over an unfriendly comment or frustrated because someone else’s problem has become yours? Maybe depressed because a friend or family member let you down? And with all of this, God just seems or feels a little bit distant like the Psalmist says in verses 42:2 *“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?”* Like the writer of this Psalm, I find that I hurt when I focus on the hurt.

Yet the Psalmist does not stay in his or her pain. In this place of self-doubt, depression, hurt-feelings, frustration, and even fear he asks himself a question; *“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me (Psalm 42:5, 11, 43:5)?”* To which he answers; *“Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.”*

The Psalm does what I need to do, and what you need to do if you find yourself discouraged. Instead of directing your thoughts and eyes to your hurt and pain, direct them to the Lord and to what He has done in your life. I did this today. Feeling overwhelmed with some of the

hard-things in life, I put a pause on that hurt and asked the Lord to help me see truth, to see His divine presence and action in my life. Within that moment images from my day of the times I met God began to play through my mind. He was there early in the morning when I awoke and hugged my wife good morning. I met Him in His Word just after sunrise at Beach Fork Lake where I read of both His faithfulness and promises from sections of Job and John. I felt Him as I prayed and watched the morning fog lift from the water. I caught a glimpse of Him as I greeted Pastor Lee at play with his joyful 4-year-old son. And then again, His truth spoke to me as I wrestled with the book of Nahum while working towards Sunday. Then, unexpectedly, a knock on the door brought a Honey-Baked-Ham-boxed lunch that Amy Smith had provided for each staff at church and with that gift God ministered to us through Amy. And then again, unexpected and unannounced, through the sounds of laughter and play of the Marshall Medical Students coming from outside, I was once again reminded of God’s faithfulness of using this place to be a place of blessing towards others. It was when I began to reflect on things only hours old that my heart shifted from one of being downcast to one of being thankful and giving praise to the Lord. This is where the writer of the Psalm ends up – at the altar of the Lord giving thanks. *“Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God (Psalm 43:4).”*

Thus if you are hurting, discouraged, or depressed put a pause on that pain and ask the Lord to show you His divine presence and action in your life. And when you see Him, give Him Thanks!

Grace and Peace

Pastor Trent Eastman





There have been so many opportunities for the ladies of New Baptist to give of our time and talents to the ministries of our church this summer. Whether you have served in the Food Pantry, cooked or brought a dessert for a mission dinner, worked in (or donated

supplies for) Vacation Bible School, shopped for backpacks, taught or attended Interest Groups, or served in many other ways...may God truly bless your efforts! His Kingdom is come and His Will is done through YOU!

As August brings us toward the end of summer, we now look to our annual LADIES NIGHT OUT and FALL BIBLE STUDY opportunities. A wonderful evening is in the works for SEPTEMBER 5 with the theme "VICTORY IN JESUS" and the privilege to hear words of encouragement from a woman we all love, MYRNA EASTMAN, as our featured speaker. A delicious meal, special music, ministry choices, and Bible study options will also be part of the evening. Table hostesses will be selling tickets at \$10 each throughout the month (still the best bargain around!).

BIBLE STUDIES for this fall are scheduled to begin on September 18 and 25. With the closing of our local Lifeway store, workbooks will need to be ordered, so we are allowing extra time for that process. Studies offered will be: "JONAH" by Priscilla Shirer, "WHAT IS LOVE" (1, 2, 3 John) by Kelly Minter, and "MISSIONAL MOTHERHOOD" by Gloria Furman. Look for signup sheets, along with more information for Bible studies and for Ladies Night Out in the Sunday bulletins in August and September.

Enjoy your remaining "summertime and the livin' is easy"--not sure that phrase has EVER applied to any woman! Especially those with young children!

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ."
--1 Corinthians 15:57

For Good...
Dolores Adkins, Women's Ministries



- 1 Carol Jones
Marie Nelson
Carl Pemberton
- 2 Olivia Frye
Jake Sharp
- 4 Brandon Morgan
Drake Watkins
- 5 Emmitt Adkins
Brian Brown
- 6 J.R. Carman
Paula Stewart
Seth Summers
- 7 Amy Kelly
Laura Perry
- 8 Kristi Haney
Brian Kelly
Luke Sierson
- 10 Becky Huff
Molly Lydick
Don Pennington
- 11 Lisa Riley
- 12 Rodney Adkins
Lindsey Manchester
Judy Swann
April Walker
- 13 Erick Willis
- 17 Sandra Dowling
Eliza Wilson
- 18 Pat Baisden
Karl Egnatoff
Ryleigh Pennington
- 19 Bobby Mannon
- 20 Becky Arkell
Byron Davis
Tessa Mattson
Jack Rickman
Peggy Saunders
- 21 William Brown
- 22 Donna Lipscomb
- 23 Jessica Chaney
Tracy Foster
- 24 Tiffany Kendrick
Tyler Marcum
- 25 Myrna Eastman
Gloria Pauley
Matthew Walker
- 26 Ashley Sharp
- 27 Beth Perry
Emma Wagner
- 28 Megan Taylor
- 29 Laurel Campbell
Renee Kessinger
- 30 Henriella Perry
Jo Ellen Willett
- 31 Fern Allred
Michele Blake
Chad Booth
Nina Boso
Wylie Jeffrey, Jr.
Darlene Kendrick

A Work in Progress

A Christian is always in the process of becoming, never in the state of having become. The Christian life is not being pious but becoming pious, not being healthy but becoming healthy, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet [what we are to be], but we are becoming it. It is not yet done and has not yet happened. It is, however, going on and coming to be. It is not the end, but it is the way. – Martin Luther



- 03 *Bob & Karen Adams*
Lee & Jennifer Adams
Scott & Michele Blake (35th)
- 05 *Richard & Katrina Eskins*
- 07 *Brandon & Michelle Morgan (15th)*
- 10 *Mark & Carla Booth*
Pete & Anita Jones
Jim & Ann Spurlock
- 11 *Emmitt & Dolores Adkins*
- 12 *Jay & Rebecca Powers*
- 14 *Craig & Susan Black*
- 18 *Glen & Karen Dailey(45th)*
- 19 *Rodney & Paula Adkins*
- 22 *Larry & Mary Baker (55th)*
- 23 *Byron & Marion Davis (60th)*
- 24 *Jim & Lisa Blake*
- 25 *Terry & Amy Smith*



**New Baptist Church in Mission
August 2019**



BACK TO SCHOOL – yes we are already thinking of school.

It is that time of year to start shopping for our backpack giveaway.

We will be collecting school supplies to deliver to 3 of our local schools - Huntington High, Huntington East Middle and Highlawn Elementary.

Each school will make sure the backpacks and supplies get into the hands of students who need them.

Our Goal – 200 backpacks

Donations collected through August 4



Supplies needed:

Backpacks (all ages)

1 subject notebooks (wide and college ruled)

Filler paper (wide and college ruled)

Folders

Index notecards

Pencils

Pencil Bags

Pens (red, blue and black)

8-10 count Markers (crayola)

24 count Crayons (crayola)

12 count Colored pencils (crayola)

Highlighters

Glue sticks

Erasers (big pink ones and pencil toppers)

Composition Notebooks

Scissors



(All donations can be dropped off at the mission display board in the back of the sanctuary. If you are not able to shop you can donate money and Amy Kelly will be your personal shopper.)

Fall Festival: New Baptist Church will be hosting our annual Fall Festival Trunk and Treat on Saturday October 26. Go ahead and mark your calendars so you will be sure to be able to help. We are looking for volunteers to decorate a trunk, be the storyteller for each trunk, bake cakes, help with setup/clean up, registration, games, crafts, inflatable games, prayer booth, greeters and serve food. There is a job for everyone.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: You may think this is early to be mentioning OCC shoeboxes, however, this is the perfect time to start thinking and planning your shoebox. Right now back to school items are significantly cheaper than in November. Go ahead and purchase a box of crayons for \$0.50 instead of \$1.50 later. Find memo pads or colored pencils cheaper now. Stock up on supplies to fill your boxes later.

A BIG Thank You: Thank You to the VBS KIDS!! The Food Pantry at New Baptist thinks you are just GREAT to bring your money to help feed hungry people. What a lot you gave!! About \$800. WOW!! We say a big THANK-YOU to all the boys and girls and the leaders and teachers. We all please Jesus when we help others. – Much love and thanks from the Food Pantry Team



Vacation Bible School 2019 was a blast for children and volunteers. Our theme was camping and learning that God is with us through the good times and bad. His love never leaves us! We had a rotation of classes for children that included bible story, craft, game, and snack. They learned the bible stories of Peter walking on the water, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Esther, Mary and Martha, and Friday the death and resurrection of Jesus. There was an average of 63 children from ages kindergarten to fifth grade. It was our hope and prayer they learned the power and love of God.

The children accomplished memorizing Psalms 16:8 and recited it in front of their family at the closing service. It was a joy to watch. We thank all the volunteers who helped put VBS together. We are looking forward to next year and hope you can help in your own way.



Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

August 15, 2019 Meeting



Gospel Music
Larry Shannon

Menu: Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, Cucumber and Onion, Turkey and Cheddar Sandwich, Hot Ham and Cheese, Minestrone Soup, Dessert

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

Program: Our program will be presented by **Larry Shannon** who will play the electronic keyboard and sing Gospel Songs. Larry is the brother of Gloria Holmes who is a member of New Baptist Church. He was born and raised in Kenova, WV. While growing up he attended Oakland Avenue Baptist Church in Catlettsburg, KY. and as a teenager served as the church organist. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 12 and for 50 years has been involved in the music ministry of several churches in the area, mostly serving as Ministry of Music. Larry is married and has a daughter and son and has also been blessed with 7 grandchildren. He retired from Ashland Oil, Inc. in 2007 after 37 of service. He is currently a member of Oakland Avenue Baptist Church and provides special music for Church services and civic organizations throughout the area. On October 15, 2014 while playing and singing for a special service at New Life Fellowship Church in Russell, KY, he experienced a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and was declared clinically dead for 25 minutes. However, Larry had not completed God's plan for his life and God put life back in his body so he could complete His plan. Larry is happy to share his testimony about God's plan for his life. This will be a very interesting and entertaining program and I am sure you will not want to miss it. So come on out and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you and enjoy the great food, fun, fellowship and wonderful program.

Please let us know if you can attend the luncheon by calling the church office, 304-523-3355, ext. 4. Reservations are needed by Tuesday, August 7.

Hope to see you there!

Pat Baisden (for Roy Maynor)

Scripture Memorization

We invite you to join us in our scripture memorization challenge we are working on for this year. The scripture passage is **Philippians 2:1-18**. We are working on verses each month so that by the end of the year we have memorized the whole section.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 2:1-18 ESV



Judy's Shawls **will NOT meet**

this month. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.



Jake & Natalie Saunders – July 27, 2019

Newsletter Deadline for September Bridges – Sunday, August 25

What an incredible summer we have had at New Baptist Church. We have sought to be a blessing to the community we are physically planted in as the youth did Mission Home in June and then Vacation Bible School in July; we continue to live out the relationship we have with Christ and help all generations grow in His Word as we try to be a blessing where we are placed.

As a new school year approaches, we have launched a new logo we hope to use for our New Baptist Church Family Ministries. Check it out below:



We are using the tag “Connecting People to Jesus, His People and their Purpose” as a take from our church mission statement. As our church sits within sight of the 31st Street Bridge, we are reminded of how we as a church community encounter Christ, grow in His Word, and are a blessing where we are placed. Our children’s, youth, college, and family ministries seek to be that bridge that connects people to Jesus, His People, and their purpose of being a blessing.

We kick off fall programming on August 11 with a back to school kickoff for youth and a school schedule for youth and children on Sunday nights from 6-7:30pm. This is the date when all students will move up into the group and Sunday School classes that is represented by their grade in the 2019/20 school year. Wednesday evenings will offer PODS for 6-12th graders and Kids Ministry from 6:30-7:30pm in addition to adult Bible studies each of these nights from 6:30-7:30.

We are so excited about all of the work that God is doing both in the New Baptist Church community and around us in Huntington and look forward to growing and joining God in His work through this next year!

Check out our Facebook pages and Instagram @newbaptistchurch @newbaptistyouth for continued updates and information as the new year approaches! As always, praying for your family and for God to bless you as you enter a new season!

Lee Boso<><



According to an article in the Herald-Dispatch, **Coach Jack Cook** will be one of the participants in the Pony Express ‘69 Basketball State Champs Reunion to be held at Fat Patty’s in Huntington on August 3. The group will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its 75-57 victory over Oak Hill in the Class AAA title game in 1969.

Bailey Arkell, daughter of our **Area Minister Evan and Becky Arkell**, has won a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Scholarship worth \$75,000 over a four-year period at Marshall University. The scholarship is a new one established by the Maier Foundation which has for many years awarded scholarships in English and Latin. Bailey’s scholarship will include tuition, housing and other costs, a stipend of \$1,500 for a laptop, and funding for a study abroad or student exchange experience.

Grace Kinder, granddaughter of **Joyce Kinder**, has been awarded a \$2000 scholarship from The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, to assist in pursuing her post-secondary education during the 2019-2020 academic year. Grace is the daughter of Ted and Angie Kinder.





GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily - - - - -
- Do this to your shoes - - - - - - -
- This rises in the east - - - - -
- Cold breakfast food - - - - -
- Hot breakfast food - - - - -
- Talk to God - - - - -
- Morning meal - - - - - - -
- Extend your limbs - - - - - - -
- Fruit drink - - - - - - -
- Waffle machine - - - - -
- Eat these scrambled or fried - - - - - - -



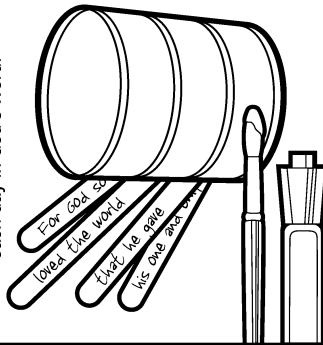
Because of the LORD's great love...
 never fail. They are
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

A Little Chuckle

"God warned a man named Lot to take his wife and flee out of the city," said the Sunday school teacher, "but Lot's wife looked back and was turned to salt."

A curious boy then asked, "What happened to the flea?"

"No life of faith can be lived privately. There must be overflow into the lives of others."

-Eugene Peterson

Thank you to the trustees for the many projects completed around the church during the month of July. The outside of the church building has been power-washed and painted to match; gutter brush installed in gutters; river rock put down in front of building and other miscellaneous jobs. Everything looks great!!



In going through my mother's stuff, I found an old poem (that she had copied) about prayer lists. It spoke to me, so I share it now with you. – Pat Baisden

We Need Your Prayer

Don't take us from your Prayer List!

We need your prayer today –
The devil's power is greatest
When Christians cease to pray.
Prayer brings us needed courage,
And shields us from all wrong;
It builds a hedge around us,
Invisible and strong.

Please keep us on your prayer list
Each time you offer prayer,
Thru it we sense the presence of
Our greatest burden-bearer.
Oh, what a blessed privilege
Each Christian can embrace,
Of prayer for each other till
We see HIM face to face.

-Unknown

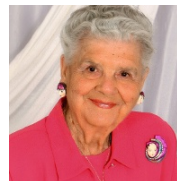


(Please let the church office know if there are any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer concern list.)

Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Chelcie & Coralie Adkins, Susan Arthur, Jenny Benson, Donna Best, Tom & Laura Blake, Hannah Caserta, Dorothy Castleberry, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Christie Eastman, Trudy Elam, Paulette Ellis, Tracy Foster, Dana Godfrey, Sr., Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, David High, Anna Holstein, John Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Derek & Megan Justice, Virginia Lawrence, Roy Maynor, Linda Miller, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Jane Napier, Barbara Pauley, Jerry Powers, Nina Rakes, Jack Rickman, Marion Sansom, Major & Lynnette Simms, Keith & Bonnie Simpkins, Jim Spurlock, Linda Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Dave Watkins, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer, The Family of Mary Carter

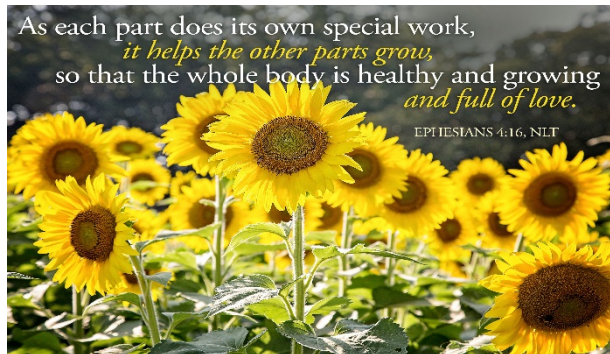
(Pray also for our children and teachers going back to school, our church, our community, unsaved loved ones, our military personnel, our government leaders, our country)

Death in the Church Family



Mary Carter 97, of Huntington, WV, passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, daughter, Pam, four brothers and one sister. Surviving are daughters, Marie and Nancy Carter. Mary loved parties, going to the Y, attending New Baptist Church and

spending many hours making her beautiful jewelry pictures. Donations can be made to Hospice of Huntington in memory of Mary.





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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
6:30 Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study
Children's Programming
Youth Pods

New Baptist Church
Food Pantry
Tuesdays, 10am – 4pm

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
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Ladies' Night Out

Victory in Jesus

An Evening of Worship and Praise
and Preview of the Fall Bible Studies Selections

Guest Speaker: Myrna Eastman

New Baptist Church
610 28th Street

September 5, 2019