



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - August 2022

It is Time to Go Back to School

August is the month that people return to school. For some (mostly parents), this is a joyous occasion. For others (mostly students and teachers), it is the end of summer's freedom. I am grateful that we have public education, affordable colleges, and trade schools for those who want to gain further knowledge and skills after high school. Learning is good. And this is not just me saying it; the Bible tells us as well. Proverbs 23:23 reads, "Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding." This instruction is given to us again in Proverbs 18:15, "An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Learning is good because it leads to knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

Unfortunately, many people cease to learn once formal education has ended. This ceasing to learn is one of the problems that the writer of Hebrews addresses in his letter to the church. He says to them in Hebrews 5:11-12, "About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God." **Not only has this church stopped learning, but it has also begun to forget.**

This forgetting reminds me of the parable that Jesus tells in Matthew 25 about the master giving talents to his servants before going on a journey. A talent was a unit of measure that equaled about 100 pounds. Thus, if the talents given to the servants were in gold, one talent would be equivalent to 2

million dollars today. The parable, as told by Jesus, has one servant receiving five talents (10 million dollars), another two talents (4 million dollars), and the last servant receiving one talent (2 million dollars). The two servants that received the greater amounts doubled the value of what they were given, but the one that received only the one talent did nothing with it, choosing instead to bury it in the ground. When the master returned, he took the unfaithful servant's talent away and gave it to the one who now had ten; saying, "For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away (Matthew 25:29)." We usually interpret the talents in this parable to be TALENTS; various gifts and skills the Lord has given us. But based upon Hebrews 5, as quoted above, I would like you to think

of these talents given by the Master as the knowledge of God. The knowledge of God is the real treasure, as we are told in places like Proverbs 8:10-11, Psalm 73:25, or Psalms 119:72, which reads, "The law of your mouth (your Word) is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces." **What are you doing with the knowledge of God that He has given to you? Are you growing it, or are you forgetting?**

The last instructions that the apostle Peter wrote were for Christians (us) to never stop learning. He says this in the last verse of 2 Peter, which reads, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18)." His words remind us that we are never to stop learning. Thus, as our children return to school this month, renew your passion for growing in the knowledge of our Lord.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent Eastman





VBS 2022 was a week of awesome fun. The 70 kids that attended had a busy week of singing, dancing, learning, and laughter. The theme was "Zoomerang: returning to the value of life," with the theme verse of Psalm 139:14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Volunteers provided Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and games. The kids also raised over \$1,200 for the church food pantry. Thank you to the VBS leaders, Katelyn Mann, Lacie Casto, Betsy Brown and Carmen Boso and thank you to every volunteer who helped with VBS. We can't have a VBS without you. Looking forward to next year!



A friendly competition of girls against boys resulted in a big benefit for the NBC Food Pantry. The food pantry volunteers want to give a big THANK YOU to the kids for helping raise so much money to donate to the food pantry.

Over \$1200 was collected – this consisted of 5700+ pennies, 1900+ nickels, 2700+ dimes and 2000+ quarters. The VBS kids always look forward to this competition – it's fun for them but becomes a blessing for so many others.



Save the Date
October 8, 2022
Apple Butter Weekend
 On the Booth Farm
 3083 Malcolm Road
 Barboursville WV 25504

AUGUST
 Anniversaries

- 03 *Bob & Karen Adams*
- Lee & Jennifer Adams*
- Scott & Michele Blake*
- 04 *Jay & Liz Sisson (10th)*
- 05 *Greg & Robin Creasy*
- Richard & Katrina Eskins*
- 06 *Rob & Beth Ely*
- 07 *Brandon & Michelle Morgan*
- 08 *Dave & Jenna Traube*
- 09 *Tony & Megan Hazelett*
- 10 *Mark & Carla Booth*
- Pete & Anita Jones*
- Jim & Ann Spurlock*
- 11 *Emmitt & Dolores Adkins*
- Art & Suzanne McCallister*
- 12 *Jay & Rebecca Powers*
- 17 *Evan & Annie Day*
- 18 *Glen & Karen Dailey*
- 19 *Rodney & Paula Adkins*
- 22 *Larry & Mary Baker*
- 24 *Jim & Lisa Blake*
- 25 *Terry & Amy Smith*

AUGUST
 Birthdays

- 1 Carol Jones
- Marie Nelson
- Carl Pemberton
- 2 Olivia Frye
- Jake Sharp
- 4 Anthony Harper
- Brandon Morgan
- Drake Watkins
- 5 Emmitt Adkins
- 6 J.R. Carman
- Kellie Cyrus
- Jared May
- 7 Amy Kelly
- Laura Perry
- Alison Townson
- 8 Kristi Haney
- Brian Kelly
- Luke Sierson
- 9 Pam Fannin
- 10 Becky Huff
- Don Pennington
- 11 Lisa Riley
- 12 Rodney Adkins
- Lindsey Manchester
- Judy Swann
- April Walker
- 13 Erick Willis
- 17 Sandra Dowling
- 18 Pat Baisden
- Karl Egnatoff
- Ryleigh Pennington
- 19 Bobby Mannon
- 20 Becky Arkell
- Byron Davis
- Owen Dierdorff
- Peggy Saunders
- Thomas Theo Walker
- 21 Jerry Briggs
- Tony Hazelett
- 22 Donna Lipscomb
- 23 Jessica Chaney
- Tracy Foster
- 24 Tyler Marcum
- Lyle Sloane
- 25 Myrna Eastman
- Gloria Pauley
- Matthew Walker
- 26 Ashley Sharp
- 27 Dean Caldwell
- Beth May
- 28 Bill Lapole
- 29 Renee Kessinger
- 30 Henriella Perry
- Jo Ellen Willett
- 31 Fern Allred
- Michele Blake
- Chad Booth
- Nina Boso
- Wylie Jeffrey, Jr.
- Darlene Kendrick

From the desk of Pastor Lee...



In just a few short weeks, school bells will begin to ring again. You may be starting school shopping and winding down your vacation plans and gearing up for sports seasons. This is an exciting transition time! As parents, this is a great time to be having lots of extra conversations with your kids about the upcoming school year and what they have learned in the past. I'm reminded of the Israelites in the first chapter of Deuteronomy. They have been rescued from slavery and received the law, but God tells them, you've stayed here long enough, it's time to get moving toward the place I've prepared for you. (Lee's Paraphrase of 1:6-8) I feel somewhat like that in the summer; it's fun for a season, but we can't stay on vacation or at camp or on trips forever; it's time to move into a different season that God has prepared for us. Deuteronomy goes on to remind them of the law and God's faithfulness along the journey and encourage them to seek God first as they enter the promised land.

At this point of the year, it is great to begin reminding our kids of God's faithfulness in past years, reminding them of God's law, but also the way we as a family expect it to be lived out. We can ask about worries and anxieties for the upcoming year and begin making strategies of how we can address them and start laying them at the feet of Jesus in prayer now! Our kids are the best missionaries their friends can meet. Partner with your kids to pray, practice, and plan for opportunities to share their faith or simply to respond with confidence when their faith or morals are challenged.

This year we are excited to partner with families for a **Back to School Kickoff** event on **Sunday August 14**. We will have **fun** and **food** for all ages of the family and are planning to have **breakout sessions** with insight and encouragement for each school stage. That morning will also be the **move-up day** for students to begin attending the class or group represented by their grade in the fall of 2022. Youth and kids' ministry will continue on Wednesday evenings in August and then **AWANA** will kick off in September. We are so excited about what God is going to do this school year! I'm rooting for you and praying for you as you have these conversations and prepare for a new year!

Lee <><

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
BRIDGE KIDS *Upcoming*
EVENTS

August 2022

Sundays

Sunday School – 10:00am

Children's Church – 11:00am

Move Up Sunday/Promotion to next Grade – August 14

Family Back to School Bash
August 14 - Time: TBA

Wednesdays – 6:30 to 7:30pm

"How to be a Superhero for God"

September 2022

Sundays

Sunday School – 10:00am

Children's Church – 11:00am

Wednesdays – 6:00 to 7:30pm (starting Sept. 14)

Starts Wednesday evenings –
September 14

Nursery (newborn to 2 years old) available Sundays & Wednesdays

Newsletter Deadline for September Bridges – Sunday, August 21.

A recent article in the Herald-Dispatch featured **Rebekah Perry Franks** calling her "Appalachia's Mother Figure" for her work at Heritage Farm. Rebekah, daughter of **Audy and Laura Perry** and granddaughter of **Henriella Perry** and the late **Mike Perry**, is director of wildlife education and assistant manager of the Farm. Rebekah earned her bachelor's degree in zoo and conservation science from Otterbein University hoping to start a local rehabilitation for Appalachian animals-something she had not seen in the Tri-State-and with the help of her husband Bradley, her dream came to fruition in 2020!

Trena Wise was one of the teachers at Cabell Midland whose students exceeded the Advanced Placement pass rate or the AP Global pass rate. She teaches AP Calculus.

Brian Casto was in the news AGAIN! West Virginia's Teacher of the Year will be throwing out the first pitch at the Cincinnati Reds baseball game on July 28th. The Milton Middle School teacher chose his buddy, Milton Middle's principal and our Worship Leader, **Curt Mann**, as his catcher.





We will be collecting school supplies again this year to distribute among Highlawn Elementary, Huntington East Middle and Huntington High School. Our goal is to collect 200 of each item. We will be collecting now through Sunday, August 7. You may drop supplies off at the mission display board at the back of the sanctuary.


Supplies needed:

- Backpacks (all ages)**
- Notebooks: 1 subject (college ruled and wide ruled)**
- Filler Paper: (college ruled and wide ruled)**
- Folders**
- Note Cards**
- Pencils**
- Pens: Red, Blue, and Black**
- Markers 8-10 count (Crayola)**
- Colored Pencils - 12 count (Crayola)**
- Crayons 24 count (Crayola)**
- Glue Sticks**
- Highlighters**
- Erasers: Pencil tops and Big Pink Ones**
- Composition Notebooks**
- Scissors**
- Pencil Boxes or Pouches**



 **"FORGIVEN AND FREE"** has been the theme of our year and we have claimed the promise of Romans 6:23b..."the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." It is truly a blessing from Him that because of this great gift, we have His forgiveness. We have been freed from sin and can now claim His promise of eternal life. And now, it's time to move into a new year with a new theme...

 **LADIES' NIGHT OUT, 2022** will be held on **September 8**, with the theme of **"Strong and Courageous."** Our very own **Carmen Boso** will be our speaker, as we enjoy an evening of beautiful fellowship together. Table hostesses are being contacted and tickets will be available soon. Please go ahead and mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on being together with other women of our church that night. More specific details will be announced as we get closer to September 8.

 **FALL BIBLE STUDY** will begin later in September. Several ladies have met to discuss ways to involve more women in these studies. We want to be proactive by recruiting new faces to join us this fall! Each of us can tell others what Bible study groups have meant to us! Bible study is such an important part of Christian growth, and small groups are so conducive to that growth. We want to continue focusing on God's Word, but also be open to various ways to actually DO Bible study. Hopefully, we can reach out to more women than ever. Please call or text me at 304.521.5129 if you have ideas for this fall. And look for more announcements as our Bible study leaders carefully choose the studies they will be presenting.

For Good... Dolores Adkins

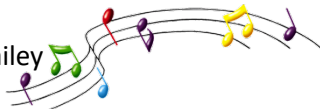


How to be holy

"If you think you can walk in holiness without keeping up perpetual fellowship with Christ, you have made a great mistake. If you would be holy, you must live close to Jesus."

—C.H. Spurgeon

Notes From Choir Director, Karen Dailey



The choir will be singing August 7th for Communion Sunday. After that we will be getting started back with choir rehearsals every week on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm starting August 24th. This is the PERFECT time for you to be praying about joining the choir. We are a family that worships together, prays together, laughs and yes, we sing together!

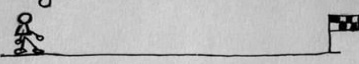
If you feel led to sing in our choir, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the other choir members. We would love to have a conversation with you about joining us.

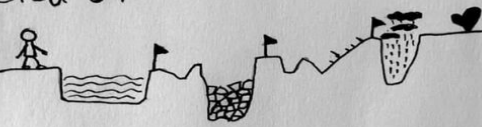


Have you ever heard of composer Ralph Carmichael? He is known as “The Father of Contemporary Christian Music”. He was born the son of a preacher and thought that would also be his life’s work, but God had other ways in mind for him to spread the Gospel. At 17 he enrolled in Southern California Bible College to study for the ministry. While there he was instrumental in starting a men’s quartet as well as ensembles and mixed groups that blended jazz and classical music techniques with gospel songs and hymns. This exploration of blending styles began a new era of Christian music. His bands were often unwelcomed at many churches, and he wasn’t allowed to store his baritone saxophone on the school campus because of its associations with big band music. One pastor even stopped his band mid-song because the music sounded too “worldly.” And yet Carmichael pressed on and performed at a men’s fellowship which resulted in being asked to audition for television. That TV program drew so much positive response from Christians that the station asked for more shows. He went on to score a film for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. His talent for composing and playing continued to be recognized by many in both secular entertainment as well as with Christian artists. He started a recording studio in order to widen the audience for the music of the “Jesus People.” His autobiography is entitled “*He’s Everything to Me*”, because he wanted the title to reflect his testimony. Because of Ralph Carmichael’s contributions to Christian music, we have such songs as *Reach Out to Jesus* and *The Savior is Waiting*. He was asked to write a hymn to be used at evangelistic services. Revelation 3:20 begins “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock...” He took that verse and composed these words:



*The Savior is waiting to enter your heart; Why don't you let Him come in?
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart; What is your answer to Him?
If you'll take one step toward the Savior, you'll find His arms open wide.
Receive Him and all of your darkness will end, within your heart He'll abide.
Time after time He has waited before, and now He is waiting again
To see if you're willing to open the door; oh, how He wants to come in.*

My Plan : 

God's Plan : 

Sometimes God doesn't do things the way we think he should. But God has a perfect plan for your life.
Trust God! ~Amen~

We are Family 

2022 SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

May the Lord make your love an increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12

"UNGLUED" BIBLE SESSION
MEDITATION/PRAYER ROOM
SPEAKER: AMY BUSH
CHRISTIAN COMEDIANS
PAINT AND PRAISE SESSION WITH MONA GOODALL (\$10 DONATION)

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2022
PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER
EARLY REGISTRATION: FRIDAY, 7:00-9:00 PM
REGISTRATION: SATURDAY, 8:30 AM

Last month I shared some lessons I have learned from my recent knee injury and confinement at home. Let me share some additional things I have learned since my recent knee surgery.

1. Being basically immobile for 87 days so far is for the birds, but not for Robins.
2. Physical Therapy both feels good and hurts so bad.
3. It feels good to walk even in a leg brace and with a foot that feels like it is asleep.
4. Great medical care is priceless and worth every cent.
5. Having a wife that loves and cares for you is not to be taken for granted

On a more serious note:

1. There are no routine surgeries or recoveries.
2. The prayers of family and friends are felt and effective.
3. Recovery takes longer than I want.
4. The love and support of my church family is almost overwhelming.
5. If I have sometimes made you think your surgery and recovery was less serious or difficult than it was in reality? I apologize.

I want to thank you for your love and support. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. I also want to thank you for allowing me the time it takes to recover fully. This church family has always demonstrated great care and love for the staff and their families.

You may not know but you are an example for other congregations. Not every church staff receives the kind of care you give to our staff. Your example will show other congregations how they can and should care for their pastors and staff.

Thanks again for loving and caring for me. I look forward to making a difference in this community with you for Jesus.

Back to school

Early one morning, a mother woke her son, who whined about having to go to school.

“Give me two reasons why you don’t want to go,” she said.

“Well,” he complained, “the kids don’t like me, and neither do the teachers!”

“Nonsense,” she said. “Come get ready.”

“Give me two reasons why I should go,” the son protested.

“Well, for one, you’re 52,” she said. “For another, you’re the principal!”



Awana starts back
Wednesday, Sept. 14

Fall Festival
Saturday, October 22

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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, Lynn Barcus, Bill Bartram, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Robert Bonecutter, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Parker Campbell, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle Cook, Virginia Cortese, Pastor Robin Crouch, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Pam Fannin, Jeff Fetty, Tracy & Teresa Foster, 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, Nancy McSweeney, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Valerie Moore, Sandy Pemberton, Charlie Morris, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Carol 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 & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Dick & Annie Stewart, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Sherry Walden, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Faith Watkins, Lori Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Richard Weston, Mary Lee Wilkes, 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 |
| Ukraine and its people | |

Nuptial LOLs



When Outreach magazine asked pastors for their most embarrassing mistakes during wedding ceremonies, the responses took the cake. Hundreds of clergy 'fessed up about dropping rings, using the wrong names and even driving to the wrong venue. Have a laugh at these "I do" don'ts!

- I asked the groom if he promised to leave his wife and cleave to all others. Before I could correct it, he said, "I do."
- Due to a bulletin typo, the Bible reading from 1 John was listed as John 4:16-19. In those verses, Jesus tells the woman at the well, "...for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband."
- I accidentally read, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and money and be united to his wife."
- While praying, I meant to say, "Lord, please bless this marriage." The word *message* started to come out instead, and I tried to stop it. Unfortunately, the result was "Lord, please bless this mess."
- I asked the groom, "Do you take this wedded woman to be your wife?"

Join us for the August Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon



August 10, 2022 Noon

Program: Patrick Henry & Thomas Jefferson

Suggested donation of \$10 to cover cost of meal.



Please **sign up by Wednesday, August 3**. Signup sheets are in older adult Sunday School Classes and at the Welcome Center.



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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

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

NBC Food Pantry Hours

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

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BACK
— to —
SCHOOL KICKOFF

Food & Fun

Sunday
August 14, 2022

New Baptist Church

(for more info check the
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page)



Breakout Sessions