



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - August 2023

Called to Encourage

People often wonder, “What does God want me to do?” Well, one of the greatest needs and opportunities we have as followers of Jesus is to be people who encourage others. In these challenging times, our world can often feel heavy and burdened.

The power of encouragement is transformative, lifting spirits and strengthening hearts. We are commanded to be encouragers! 1 Thessalonians 5:11 reads, “Encourage one another and build each other up.” As members of God's family, we are called to be a community of support, where each person plays a vital role in uplifting others. Our words and actions carry weight, and through them, we have the power to impact lives positively. Here are a few ways that you can be an encouragement to others.

- **The Power of the Words We Speak to Each Other.** Proverbs 16:24 reminds us, “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” Our words have the potential to bring healing and life to those around us. Let us strive to be intentional with our speech, using our words to inspire, affirm, and speak life into the hearts of others. A simple compliment, an acknowledgment of someone's efforts, or a word of appreciation can make a profound difference in someone's day.

- **Acts of Kindness.** Encouragement is not limited to spoken words; it also extends to our actions. Acts of kindness have a lasting impact, showing God's love in tangible ways. A small act of service, a thoughtful

note, or a prayer offered on behalf of someone can bring comfort and reassurance during difficult times. Let us be attentive to the needs of those around us, offering our time and resources to bless others in practical ways.

- **Listening with Compassion.** Sometimes, the most significant form of encouragement is being a listening ear. James 1:19 urges us to be “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.” In a world filled with noise, taking the time to genuinely listen to someone's struggles, fears, or joys can provide immense comfort. In these moments, we can offer empathy and support, reminding others they are not alone in their journey.



- **Point to Jesus.** Ultimately, our encouragement should point others to Christ—the source of true hope and strength. As we offer encouragement, let us share our hope in Jesus, who brings peace that surpasses understanding. Through our actions and words, we can show others the transforming power of a relationship with Him.

May we be intentional in our interactions, choosing to use our words wisely and offering acts of kindness with a heart of compassion. Let us be sensitive to the needs of others and willing to extend a listening ear. Above all, may our encouragement always point back to Christ, the ultimate source of hope and inspiration.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Trent Eastman



Our VBS for 2023 was a great week for volunteers and kids. The Theme was "Shine Jesus' Light" from the program "Stellar." We had about 76 kids attend. They were challenged to bring an offering for Operation Christmas Child, and they met this challenge with a total of over \$1200. Every evening there were smiles, laughs, and conversations that filled the church. Bible stories and Scripture were used to teach how to shine Jesus' light in different situations in our life. When times are happy or sad; shine Jesus' light. 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.

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
- 9 Heather Dover
Pam Fannin
- 10 Becky Huff
Don Pennington
- 11 Lisa Riley
- 12 Rodney Adkins
Lindsey Manchester
Judy Swann
April Walker
- 13 Erick Willis
- 18 Pat Baisden
Karl Egnatoff
Ryleigh Pennington
- 19 Bobby Mannon
- 20 Becky Arkell
Owen Dierdorff
Peggy Saunders
Thomas Walker
- 21 Jerry Briggs
Tony Hazelett
- 22 Donna Lipscomb
- 23 Jessica Chaney
Tracy Foster
- 24 Tyler Marcum
Peter Starnes
- 25 Myrna Eastman
Gloria Pauley
Matthew Walker
- 26 Ashley Sharp
- 27 Dean Caldwell
Beth May
Emma Wagner
- 28 Bill Lapole
- 29 Renee Kessinger
- 30 Darlene Humphreys
Henriella Perry
Jo Ellen Willett
- 31 Fern Allred
Michele Blake
Chad Booth
Nina Boso
Wylie Jeffrey, Jr.
Darlene Kendrick

Newsletter Deadline for September Bridges – Wednesday, August 23.



It's almost Apple Butter Time!!



Save the Date

**October 13 & 14, 2023
Apple Butter Weekend**

**On the Booth Farm
3083 Malcolm Road
Barboursville WV 25504**

AUGUST Anniversaries

- 03 Bob & Karen Adams
Lee & Jennifer Adams (15th)
Scott & Michele Blake
- 04 Jay & Liz Sisson
- 05 Greg & Robin Creasy
Richard & Katrina Eskins
- 06 Rob & Beth Ely (35th)
- 07 Brandon & Michelle Morgan
- 08 Dave & Jenna Traube
- 09 Tony & Megan Hazelett (20th)
- 10 Mark & Carla Booth
Pete & Anita Jones (60th)
Jim & Ann Spurlock
- 11 Emmitt & Dolores Adkins (45th)
Art & Suzanne McCallister (5th)
- 12 Jay & Rebecca Powers
- 16 Dustin & Heather Dover
- 17 Evan & Annie Day
- 18 Glen & Karen Dailey
- 19 Rodney & Paula Adkins (45th)
- 22 Larry & Mary Baker
- 24 Jim & Lisa Blake
- 25 Terry & Amy Smith

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If so, contact the church office (304.523.3355 ext 2) to make sure we have your information on file.

From the desk of Pastor Lee...



This summer has been fantastic! The youth have served in Philly, many students have attended Camp Cowen, and Vacation Bible School was out of this world! As we look ahead to the upcoming weeks, practices will begin, and before we know it, the familiar sound of school bells will be ringing again. With a new school year comes fresh routines and exciting opportunities.

On **August 13**, we will have a **Back-to-School celebration** for families of school aged kids to celebrate and kick off the year together. This will be on Sunday afternoon on the Wild Side! If you have friends, family, or neighbors looking for a church to connect with, this would be a great event to invite them to.

That Sunday also marks **“Move-Up Sunday”**, where students will transition to the Sunday School classes and groups that correspond to their grade in the 2023-24 school year. It's a significant milestone for our young ones, and we are thrilled to see them take this step in their spiritual journey.

For new 6th graders, we have **something special planned on Wednesday, August 16**. It will be the **first night of youth activities**, and we can't wait to welcome them into the youth group. The youth room, located up the stairs at the back of the sanctuary, will be their home every Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Parents, if you'd like to stay in the loop and receive updates about youth activities, reach out to Pastor Lee for more information.

Parents and grandparents, we have valuable resources and tools for you to support your children and grandchildren throughout the school year. You can find them at www.newbaptistchurch.com/family-life. Remember, we are praying for you as you embark on this new chapter, and we eagerly look forward to walking this journey with you!


Let's embrace the new beginnings and exciting opportunities that the upcoming school year brings! I can't wait to see what God is going to do in our church and families!

Lee <><



If you want to raise money for a project, a friendly competition of girls against boys is the way to go. During VBS the kids definitely got into the spirit of giving. Every evening they brought in their coins and by the end of the week they had raised over **\$1200.00**. This is enough to purchase over **160 soccer balls and pumps** to put in OCC boxes. Great job kids!!






Good News! Great Joy!
Pack a box. Impact a life.

Many of you are catching the vision of the impact shoeboxes can have. Every Sunday and Wednesday I empty the bin where you have placed items. And our children at Bible School gave enough pennies and quarters to purchase 160 soccer balls and pumps. Praise God!

Why are we collecting items now? We can pack more boxes if we look for sale items now rather than purchasing everything in November. Each box represents another child who will hear the gospel. The more boxes we pack; the more children will hear of Jesus' love.



These children in Madagascar only have 4 more lessons before they complete *The Greatest Journey*. The 12- week discipleship program is offered to all children who receive a shoebox gift. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is truly a gospel opportunity!

Do you have extra fabric or extra pillowcases at your house? You are invited to make dresses for little girls. It takes less than a yard of fabric or a pillowcase. If you have those items and would like to donate them for others to sew, we will accept them also. See Jean Spurlock or Becky Crouch to receive instruction/patterns.

Tax free weekend in WV is August 4-7. What a great opportunity to purchase school supplies and clothing. While there may be some exclusions, it may be a way to save on your shoebox items. Since it is near the end of the summer season, watch for t-shirts and shorts on clearance for little boys.

Ephesians 3:20 says, *“God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, and above all, you could ever ask, imagine, or think, according to His power at work in you. To Him be the glory.”* What an encouraging promise. God is able to do way more than you and I could ever even imagine! This is going to be exciting!

Becky Crouch



from Bethany Cox, Chair

Food Pantry: In the month of June the Food Pantry served 392 families, 957 individuals and gave out 128 hygiene kits.

Haiti: Gail is planning to lead a small medical team back to Haiti in September. The plan is to go back with a larger group in the Spring over Marshall's Spring Break. So stay tuned for more info.

School Supplies: We are currently collecting school supplies to distribute directly to Highlawn Elementary, Huntington East Middle School and Huntington High School. This will allow the school to distribute to students in need throughout the school year. You may drop off any supplies in the back of the sanctuary or you may donate money and we will shop for you. The first weekend in August is TAX FREE shipping so take advantage of that sale. **Please bring supplies by Aug 6.** Here is what we are collecting:

- 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)**

Our goal is 200 of each!!!

- Glue Sticks**
- Highlighters**
- Erasers (big pink)**
- Pencil tops erasers**
- Composition Notebooks**
- Scissors**
- Pencil Boxes or Pouches**



VBS Offering: During Vacation Bible School our kiddos collected an offering to purchase soccer balls and pumps for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Over 4 days these students brought in enough money to purchase 160 soccer balls AND pumps!!! Praise the Lord for the generosity of our youngest. Because of their giving 160 children around the world will be able to hear the Gospel!!!

Missionary Updates: **Star and David Canterbury (Bridges International at Marshall University)** led a team of 30 students from around the country on a summer mission to Daytona Beach. This was a full circle moment for David who went on his very first summer mission in Daytona in 2010. Evangelism is one of the main focuses of summer mission with Cru. Between the staff and students 440 conversations were initiated. 282 of those transitioned into spiritual conversations. 121 times the gospel was shared and 5 people decided to follow Jesus!!!

JD and Rhonda Reed (Bolivia)

- House of Hope was able to host their first mission team in 3 years!!! With help from a local team they were able to build an extension on a growing church including bathrooms. The extension allowed the church to double their capacity.
- Mobile Medical and Dental Clinics have been very busy so far this year. They have been able to provide 2 dental and 1 medical clinic each month in various cities. At each clinic local doctors and dentists typically treat 40-50 patients. That time is followed by a late lunch and fellowship with the local pastor and church leaders.
- The Palmer Seminary Masters of Theological Studies in Latino/a Ministries (MTS LMIN) has a graduation to remember. Usually the MTS LMIN program held its own local graduation in the countries of the students that had graduated. This Spring they had 13 students from Latin America make the trip to the US to join the larger graduation. That day students from the US, El Salvador and Brazil joined together to celebrate. For the current students it has been a busy first half of the year. The MTS LMIN program has hosted 3 weeks of residency in St. David's, PA, Mexico City, Mexico and Campinas, Brazil.
- Another Graduation. The Reed's son, Nathan, graduated from high school. He will be attending WVU in the Fall to study social work.
- Family News - due to health issues JD and Rhonda will be moving back to WV. They will be continuing to work with International Ministries remotely. Rhonda's ongoing health issues (uncertainty with all of the traveling JD does for the MTS LMIN program) and JD is in need of a new cochlear implant make this decision a necessary one. Please pray for them as they transition. But know they are not leaving their ministry; it will just look different.





AUGUST is here, which means it's time to enjoy the final days of summer! Why not take the time to count your blessings as you look at the wonders of the world around you? God certainly made a beautiful world for us to enjoy--in every season!



LADIES' NIGHT OUT is right around the corner, and all the preparations are in the works to make it an evening like no other! We are moving this event up one week, so please mark the date of **September 7** on your calendar! The theme for the evening is "**Strength and Dignity**" from Proverbs 31:25 which says: "She is clothed with strength and dignity (or 'honor'), and she laughs without fear of the future." Our speaker is none other than our beloved **Henriella Perry**, who will be sharing from her heart with us. Food for the evening will be by the wonderful **Rebel Barn** caterers, and the cost is \$15. Tickets will be available from several table hostesses and you can contact me at 304.521.5129 for information. We are looking forward to an amazing evening and a great turnout for this annual event!



BIBLE STUDY small groups will be beginning around the middle of September. Once again, we will offer classes on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and on Wednesday evenings, along with a possible online/book study. Courses by Jen Wilkin and in the book of Galatians will be offered, and more details will be given in the September newsletter and at Ladies' Night Out.



JOSHUA 1:9 has been our theme verse (and is a great transition to our new theme verse!), so may you continue to be blessed by these words: "Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." **Be strong and courageous!**

*For Good...
Dolores Adkins*



Our **tentative start date** is **September 13th at 6:00-7:30pm**. We are continuing Awana on Wednesday evenings AND YOU can help!

If you would like to be a **director, room helper, games leader, or listener** we have lots of mentoring opportunities. Materials are available to use and your time and heart are all I need to place you in a rich, Kingdom-building, heart blessing role.

I would love to hear from you—what you want to do, what your schedule allows you to do, because I have a possibility for you! These are important roles to fill in the lives of our children.

Please, tell me you can be a part of AWANA 2023-2024!

Debbie Harman,
AwAnA Commander
304-544-3913

(As the global leader in child and youth discipleship, Awana gives children the opportunity to know, love and serve Jesus, no matter their background.)



Opportunities are available for Children's Ministry. Let's talk — you let me know you want to help and we start there...

- Nursery helpers—holding babies, changing diapers, reading books, playing
- Toddler helpers—loving, interacting, sometimes redirecting ☺, while teaching the Love of Jesus.
- Pre-K and kindergarten— loving, interacting, and teaching who our Lord and Savior is and has done for us
- Grades 1-5—loving, interacting and teaching the next generation of disciples to love the Lord and build the Kingdom.

YOU will be blessed with a full heart and lots of stories to cherish ❤️

Come work with us!

In His Service,
Debbie Harman, Children's Ministry Director
304-544-3913

From Pastor Robin Crouch

In 2022 I set a personal goal of learning to do something creative with my hands. I had made my living with my mind and my mouth as I studied and preached. I asked the Lord to help me find something creative I could do with my hands. Some years ago, a church member in Charlotte, MI, gave me an olivewood pen he turned on a lathe. That sparked something in me and I began to watch videos and talk with wood turners. With encouragement from Becky, I purchased a lathe and started. I soon found out that it was harder than I thought but I was getting better. I started meeting with Ervin Jones, the wood turner at Heritage Farm, and he has been a great resource, teacher and friend on this journey. Once I started, I was hooked and began to think of people for whom I might make and gift a pen. I ended up turning and giving away over 100 pens.

Earlier this year Fred Friar, the broom maker at Heritage Farm, retired. I was asked if I would like to learn to make brooms. I smiled at myself and asked the Lord if this was another way I was to learn to use my hands. I watched some videos and met with Fred for a number of lessons and now I am making brooms at the farm. It has been an enjoyable learning experience filled with mistakes and do-overs. Fred has been a valuable resource.

I have also recently replaced the carburetor on my weed eater. It was not difficult but for one who had never done something like that it was daunting. I watched a number of videos and got it done and it runs again.

I share these stories to say that in all three I learned from videos what to do and had no real interaction with another person. I learned but something was lacking. There is no substitute for the wisdom, friendship and knowledge you can gain from personal contact and instruction. To have Ervin and Fred as skilled resources gives me confidence to try new things because they can help if I get stuck.

My concern is that it is so easy to isolate ourselves from community and interaction with others. We are made to be in community with each other and not just through a device on a screen. We miss so much when we are not with each other. Let me say that I love face timing with my granddaughters in Louisiana but that pales in comparison to being with them.

It is important for us to be together in worship and ministry. I appreciate the technology that allows us to live stream our services but there is no substitute for being physically present.

I have rambled on and on here but there is a point. Many of you know that I love the internet and it is filled with knowledge but I cannot let it become a substitute for personal relationships. It simply fails in comparison.

I look forward to seeing and talking with you as we worship, minister and play together making a difference for Jesus.



Pastor Robin

Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: **August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day**; **August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day**; **August 3, National Watermelon Day**; **August 10, National S'mores Day** (have a bonfire!); and **August 24 is National Peach Day**.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — **National Water Balloon Day, August 6!** Head out for a final **(National) Beach Day on August 30**. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on **National Trail Mix Day, August 31**.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — **National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August**; creation — **Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8** (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — **National Tell a Joke Day is August 16**; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on **August 22, National Be an Angel Day**, or **August 28, National Thoughtful Day**, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.





AB Men and Boys Camp


2023

AUGUST 4-6 2023 | **CAMP COWEN**

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Featured Speakers

KEVIN SIONS
Northern Director
Baptist Compass Ministry



DR. ERIC CHICO
Medical Doctor
and Apologist



Join us for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, worship, archery classes and a youth track will also be available.

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS
Bryan Sweeney, Almost Heaven Archers
Rick Gutierrez, International Ministries

SCHEDULE
Camp begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes with lunch on Sunday.

COST
Adult - Full Weekend: \$80
Adult - One Night: \$60

Youth (18 and Younger) - Full Weekend: \$60
Youth (18 and Younger) - One Night: \$40
*Additional \$5 fee for walk-in registration

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Frank Miller at miller@wvbc.org



Camp Global

at Camp Cowen

AUGUST 11-12

Camp Global is our family missions camp at Camp Cowen that is designed to inform, inspire and equip you with ways to better make disciples of all nations.

This year's theme is: **How to Better Care for Our Missionaries**

Featured Missionaries:



David and Joyce Reed
David and Joyce serve as Global Coordinators for Spiritual Care. In that role, they serve their missionary colleagues by offering spiritual guidance and support, walking with them through times of transition and mentoring them during their first years on the field.



Rick and Anita Gutierrez
Rick and Anita serve as missionaries in South Africa, equipping "health builders" with the skills and resources to combat lifestyle-related diseases and to lead Bible studies in their communities. Recently, they have also served as consultants for the medical relief efforts in Ukraine.



Reid Trulson
Reid is the retired Executive Director for International Ministries. He previously served as an IM missionary to Europe in Austria and the Czech Republic and later as an Area Director for Europe and the Middle East. He has also recently published a book, which he will be sharing with us at Camp Global.

\$70 for adults
\$40 for youth

Register now at: camp-global.eventbrite.com



Notes from Choir Director, Karen Dailey

The summer months are a time of listening to lots of Christmas music... don't you start preparing for the Christmas season in the summer? No?? Well, for me it is such a blessing to prepare what we will present to the congregation in December. Nothing puts me in a Christmas mood like hearing all the wonderful hymns and praise songs telling of Christ's birth. Countless songs have been composed to honor the name of Jesus and his birth, celebrating His love, grace, and sacrifice. His name has brought comfort and strength in times of hardship and adversity. It is such a beautiful season, and we will begin working on these songs in the coming weeks as we rehearse each Wednesday night at 7:30 after Bible Study.

Have you ever thought about joining the choir? Our NBC Choir seeks to be a vital role in enhancing the worship experience. As the choir director, I believe that the collective voices, both young and old, bring a rich depth to the music ministry in our church. We strive to bring more complex harmonies in a diverse repertoire of hymns and praise songs. Additionally, an adult choir embodies the lifelong commitment to faith and service, as we try to set an inspiring example for younger members of our church. Lastly, we are a supportive family, strengthening bonds among the participants and providing a platform for spiritual expression and personal growth. Through dedication and unity, our church choir becomes an instrument of praise, enriching the worship of our Lord and Savior while we sing together in faith and harmony.

Not only am I searching for new choir members but also people to play prelude. What a blessing it has been to hear Reese Hufford play a duet with her grandmother, Myra Lydick, during prelude. If you know of someone that would be willing to play an instrument during our prelude time, or to sing a special song during Radio Bible Class or worship service, please contact Karen Dailey to discuss it.



Join us for the August Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

August 10, 2023 Noon

Program: Simon Kenton

Menu: Lasagna, Chicken Fettucine, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Garden Salad, Caesar Salad

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

Please sign up by Thursday, August 3.

Signup sheets are in older adult Sunday School Classes and at the Welcome Center.



Mental Health FIRST AID
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE
Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

Join the more than 2.6 MILLION First Aiders who have chosen to be the difference in their community.

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a young person with help.
- Better understand trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

REGISTER TODAY!

Delivery Format: Sponsored by the West Virginia Baptist Convention, this training will have a self-paced Online prep work along with 6.5 hours on In-Person course.

Date and Time: August 26th, 2023. Starting at 9AM

Location: Emmanuel Baptist Church: 1710 23rd St, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Where to Register: Contact Nzeette@westbrookhealth.com or villers@wvbc.org

Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (ALGEE):

- A**ssess for risk of suicide or harm.
- L**isten nonjudgmentally.
- G**ive reassurance and information.
- E**ncourage appropriate professional help.
- E**ncourage self-help and other support strategies.

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HELP SEW LIFE-CHANGING DOME COVERS!



On Sunday, August 6 at 3:00pm, New Baptist Church will be hosting a "BYOSM*" (* Bring Your Own Sewing Machine!) fellowship!! We will be sewing covers for geodesic domes for the ministry of "Health Builders." Family doctors Anita and Rick Gutierrez head this mission to Africa, and the domes are used to provide meeting spaces, green areas, and shade, along with other life-changing ministries. Please bring your sewing machine and be ready to give two to three hours of your Sunday afternoon to help in this fantastic opportunity! **And don't forget your sewing machine!!**

Save-worthy (from Church ArtPro)

I was teaching a junior high Sunday school class about salvation and that age-old question, "Are you saved?" Before diving in, I asked the students what they collect and why. Answers included sports cards, coins, stamps and rocks — items you may have saved as a child too. We save because items seem special or interesting to us. Collecting implies worth and a desire to keep something safe.

In our class, that led to discussion about what it feels like to be saved by or for Jesus ... to be the "savee" instead of the "saver." How amazing that God deems us special, interesting and worthy of safekeeping. We are God's precious, well-loved "collection," and he's reserving space and preparing a place for each one of us.

—Julie Lee



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, Marsha Ater, Lynn Barcus, Eleanore Beckett, Jim & Jenny Benson, Donna Best, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Ron Caviani, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Sandy Crutchfield, Randall Davidson, Rose Davis, Oleta Dolen, Joe & Pam Fannin, Sally Flanders, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Beverly Gartin, Kathy Gillette, Karen Gillispie, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Darlene Humphreys, Sandy James, Brenda Jameson, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Virgil Kelly, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Joseph Leggott, Roy Maynor, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Marvin & Valerie Moore, Spencer Moore, Charlie Morris, Gary Norris, Bob & Paula Paden, Sandy Pemberton, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Nina Rakes, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bob & Jo Anna Smith, 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



Garee Ransbottom, whom we last heard from when his and **Mary's** basement flooded after a huge rain, was pictured in a 4-picture-feature in the July 6 edition of the Herald-Dispatch, standing in their front yard on Enslow Blvd. where he had placed 50 American flags in honor of U.S. service members. Both of his brothers served in the Army, his younger brother having died in Vietnam. Each flag stands for one of the 50 states in the Union.

Lois Merritt's granddaughter, Courtenay Jones, was one of two Huntington High teachers who participated in a Shepherd University summer workshop and was awarded a \$1000 professional development stipend to use toward classroom materials and resources. The 300 participants will take part in a competition in April 2024 to present what they have done to transform their civic classrooms. The winner will receive a \$5,000 prize; two runners-up will win \$2,500 each.

After serving as principal at Milton Middle for five years, **Curt Mann** has accepted a new position at the Cabell County School Board Office - executive director of middle schools. He will now be working with Cabell County's four middle schools plus Crossroads Academy and the virtual school. Curt's desire is to do his best to work with each school to ensure that the students in Cabell County are able to be successful no matter which school they attend.



Blood Pressure Clinic

Beginning **Sunday, August 27**, we will be offering free blood pressure screenings on the **fourth Sunday of each month.**

before church (10:30-10:45) at the tables on the WildSide
after church til 12:15 in the Berean Classroom

*If you are medically trained and would like to help in the screenings, please contact **Melanie Hall** (304.360.7517).



Food Pantry Need

Washcloths – used in hygiene kits given out monthly

New Baptist Church Cookbooks

\$20

To purchase – contact the church office at 304-523-3355, ext. 2



Starts back in August.
Mondays, 5:30pm
For more info, check with Stephanie Spencer
304.544.1467



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Rev. Lee Boso
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Rev. Robin Crouch
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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 Youth
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Children's Programming

NBC Food Pantry Hours

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
610 28TH STREET
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Thursday, September 7

Guest Speaker: Henriella Perry

Cost: \$15