



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - December 2022

What is a Name?

What are your names? Have you ever thought about the number of names that you have? Thinking about this question, I thought about all the various ways people are identified. Here is the list I came up with:

- *Proper Name* (First, Middle, and Last Names).
- *Nickname* (Name given based upon some event or character trait).
- *Social Security Number* (The name the government gives to people).
- *Jersey Number* (the name that a sports team gives a person)
- *Professional Title* (the name a profession gives to a person like a teacher, doctor, pastor, and so on).
- *Relationships* (the name given to people by family. Names like husband, father, dad, grandpa, and so on).
- *Social Media Usernames* (names a person gives him or herself as an identity on the internet).
- *Email Address* (The name a person gives him or herself as an email address).
- *Labels* (Names given to a person, good or bad, based upon behavior or perception).
- *Locations* (People are named based on where they live, such as an American, a West Virginian, and so on).

What other names would you add? Looking at the above list, I calculated that I have at least ten names. You can call me *“Trenton David Eastman Trent 9870 Pastor-Teacher Doctor Dad Husband teastman of Huntington WV.”*

This Advent Season, we are focusing on the Names of Jesus. Like us, He too, has many names. And like us, some of His names are proper, some are personal, some are titles He earned, and some describe His character and attributes. In the first two chapters of Matthew alone, we see Jesus named *“Jesus, Christ, Son of David, Immanuel, Ruler, Shepherd, Son of*

God, and Nazarene.” Reading on through the New Testament we also discover that Jesus is given such names as *“Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lamb of God, The Way, Savior, Messiah, Great High Priest, and Teacher.”* I love the names that Jesus is given in Revelation 19. There we read that at the end of the age,

as Christ comes riding on the white horse, He is called *“Faithful and True (11) and “The Word of God (13).”* And even though *“on his robe and on his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords” (16),* there is nevertheless a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself (12). These names of Jesus tell us who He is, where He has come from, what He has done, what He shall do, and the type of Savior He is.



“I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me (Isaiah 49:15a–16b).”

He is the Savior that gives us a new name, as told in Revelation 2:17! This new name will be greater, higher, and truer than all our other names. It will be a personal name that defines our true identity, relationship, location, and even our unique qualities, all found in Christ. A name so true, intimate, and personal that it is written on the very hand of God! ***“I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me (Isaiah 49:15b–16a).”*** God sees you. He knows you. He knows who you are and who you are meant to be — and that will be the basis for your new name that only He and you will know.

During this Advent Season, I pray that you will find yourself held in the hand of God, who intimately knows your name.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent Eastman

December Birthdays


- 1 - Maura Campbell
- 2 - Bob Adams
Eleanore Beckett
- 3 - Reid Frye
Silas Jordan
Katelyn Mann
Trena Wise
- 5 - Alex Emerson
- 6 - Christie Jeffrey
- 7 - Dee Mount
Tressa Pennington
- 8 - Ethan Dierdorff
Alan Mannon
Sam McClure
- 10 - Charlene Dover
Minnie Harris
- 13 - Roy Ellis
David McMellon
- 14 - Major Simms
- 15 - Annie Stewart
Cyndi Taylor
- 16 - Ryan McGuffin
Chris Townson
- 17 - Tim Haney
Toni Madden
David Watkins
- 19 - Mason Elam
Marshall Summers
- 20 - Art McCallister
- 22 - Evan Day
Joni Ely
- 23 - Roy Maynor
Jenna Traube
- 24 - Brenda Carman
- 25 - Rebecca Hampton
Katelyn Hannan
- 27 - Jeannie Harlow
Barbara Pauley
- 30 - Kevin Blake
Michelle Morgan
- 31 - Mark Kessinger





Happy Anniversary

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| Jeremiah & Carla Cruz | Dec. 1 |
| Norm & Fern Allred | Dec. 6 |
| Kyle & Jo Ann Cook | Dec. 7 (65 th) |
| Jack & Glenna Hendrick | Dec. 19 |
| Joe & Toni Collins | Dec. 19 |
| Audy & Laura Perry | Dec. 19 (30 th) |
| Bob & JoAnna Smith | Dec. 19 (5 th) |
| Jim & Jenny Benson | Dec. 21 (60 th) |
| Robert & Paula Paden | Dec. 26 |
| Mark & Kathleen Napier | Dec. 29 |
| Jim & Nancy McSweeney | Dec. 30 (55 th) |
| Josiah & Ashley Wise | Dec. 30 |



 "And the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us..." is truly the greatest gift of all! May your Christmas reflect how the WORD dwells in you as you spend time in His Word!

 Bible studies conclude for the fall this month, and we look forward to our winter sessions beginning in late January. Watch this newsletter and listen for announcements. Thank you to all who participated, and a huge word of appreciation to each leader and helper. As always, if you have ideas or suggestions for future studies, please share them with any of our Bible study leaders!

 Remember to be "Strong and Courageous" in this busy season, "for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"...even that last minute trip to the mall! Christmas blessings to all!

For Good,
Dolores Adkins



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Deadline for information for the January 2023 issue of *Bridges* is **Wednesday, Dec. 21.**



Operation Christmas Child: We recently ended our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection. We collected 108 boxes this year. Although it is not as many as last year it still means that 108 children will receive a Christmas present this year and receive the good news of the gospel. Please be in prayer for the children receiving these gifts.

From Pastor Robin



What are your favorite Christmas memories? I remember getting my first full sized bike and my dog on the same Christmas when I was eight years old. I remember getting an early Christmas present in 1980 when Sarah was born on December 11. My favorite memory though still goes back to the Christmas Eves at my grandparents. My dad and his brothers and their families would all gather for our family Christmas. My grandmother would fix a great meal and we would eat. Then before we opened any presents we would all gather around as my grandfather would read the Christmas story from Luke chapter two. The tradition was set and for the Crouches Christmas was centered in Christ. I am so thankful for the example of faith set by my grandparents, parents and extended family. On Christmas Day we would go to Mamaw Robinson's (my mom's mother) for a similar celebration. Both my mom's and dad's parents made sure we knew that Christ was the reason and center of Christmas.

When Grandparents died we began to gather at my parents' house. It became a smaller gathering with my sister's family and some cousins and friends. Although not as large as years past the focus remains on Christ and the celebration is still sweet. But as children have grown and moved it becomes harder and harder to get everyone together.

Christmas Eve will again be here with our church family as we celebrate together. It is a service I look forward to each year. Then on Christmas we will worship together. Then Becky and I are off to be Grandparents as we celebrate with all our grandchildren and their parents. It just doesn't get any better than that for us. We now have the opportunity and obligation to build the traditions for our grandchildren so that they will always remember that Christmas is about Jesus.



As you celebrate the birth of the Savior this year, what traditions will you build with your family? Let's all make a concerted effort to focus our celebrations on Christ. It will make an impact on your family for years to come.

Merry Christmas,

Music Notes from Choir Director, Karen Dailey



It gives me great pleasure to announce December 18th as the date of our multigenerational Christmas program called "Emmanuel, The Light of the World". It is our desire to share with the church the hope and joy we can find in Christ every day because of his birth. Once again it has been a true team effort to put this program together. Many have given hours upon hours in rehearsal and preparation for this gift we bring to the church. We will be joined by the Awana Children's Choir, the Praise Team Band, and members of the church for special songs in addition to the choir. You will hear incredible accompaniment from three amazingly talented keyboardists, the members of the praise band, as well as a clarinetist and a flautist. The sound and audio media team are always on top of everything, and we could not possibly do this without their help and support. We owe them many thanks and much gratitude for all the efforts they go through for each service and especially the extra time they put in during our preparation for these special programs. It is such a blessing to be a part of New Baptist Church. Our prayer is that God will be glorified in all that we say in our narration, sing in all the verses, and play on all the instruments during this program and that you, as a church body, will be uplifted and reminded of Christ's presence in our daily lives. This is the reason we sing: Emmanuel is with us!





The Food Pantry is collecting items that can be used during the Christmas Box giveaway as “extras.”

- Gloves
- Toboggans
- Gently used toys
- Gently used stuffed animals

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Please wait until after we have the Christmas Bazaar on December 3 to bring in any of these items.

Christmas Food Boxes

The Stella Fuller Foundation and New Baptist Church Food Pantry have partnered again this year to help provide Christmas food boxes to those in need. Our goal is to pack approximately 150 boxes which will be given to families that are identified and referred through Information and Referral. Boxes will be packed on Sunday, Dec. 18 and distributed on Monday, December 19.



We all know everyone's refrigerator does not look the same. With this in mind our food pantry continues to put together 100 food backpacks for students in need at Highlawn Elementary.

These suggested items are great for food backpacks -

- cans of chicken noodle soup with the pull-ring ravioli or spaghetti-os with the pull rings
- macaroni and cheese cups or bowls
- breakfast bars, granola bars, pop-tarts
- Nabs or crackers
- gummi snacks
- individual pudding cups, fruit cups, applesauce cups
- individual bags of chips, pretzels, cheese-its, Ritz bitz

Items need to be able to be opened by a child and cooked using a microwave and not a stove.

Reverse Advent Calendar – what a wonderful tradition to do with your family. The idea is simple and lets your family reflect on giving instead of receiving. Pick out a sturdy basket, box or bag and fill it with food donations for your local food pantry – **one item for every day in December**. At the end of December (or before) our food pantry would be very happy to take in the donated food items.

You can include some of the most requested food donations such as:

- Canned vegetables
- Applesauce – jars, pouches or individual cups
- Canned fruit
- Instant potatoes
- Canned soup
- Spaghetti sauce and pasta
- Pancake mix
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef stew, etc)
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Macaroni & cheese
- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Biscuit or baking mixes, particularly those that require only water
- Boxed meals that require only water



A big THANK YOU to the members of Highlawn Presbyterian Church. Their members shared in a Thanks Giving Service where they brought fresh fruit & vegetables to place on the altar. After the service they brought those food items to New Baptist Church Food Pantry. These items were given out to clients on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Tuesday, November 22, the **Advanced Cosmetology Class from Collins Career Technical Center** visited the food pantry at New Baptist and provided free haircuts and nail polishing for food pantry clients and volunteers. The response was great. Here are a few of our own volunteers getting nice haircuts. The class will return on Tuesday, December 13, to give free haircuts and and nail polishing for Christmas.



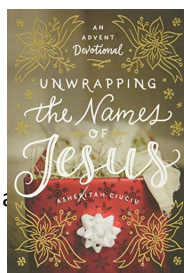
West Virginia Electric Supply Company recently did a food drive in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. The Huntington division called and asked if they could donate food collected to our food pantry. We were more than happy to accept. They collected over 300 items of food plus a donation of frozen pork brought directly to the food pantry. Thank you to West Virginia Electric Supply and all those who donated food so we can in turn pass it on to others.



Vulnerable love

God throws open the door of this world — and enters as a baby. As the most vulnerable imaginable. Because he wants unimaginable intimacy with you. What religion ever had a god that wanted such intimacy with us that he came with such vulnerability to us? What God ever came so tender we could touch him? So fragile that we could break him? So vulnerable that his bare, beating heart could be hurt? Only the One who loves you to death.

—Ann Voskamp, *The Greatest Gift*



It is the most wonderful time of the year!!! Advent is here! Over the next month there will be lots to do to prepare for Christmas, and if you're a parent, in the midst of the hustle and bustle trying to keep everyone holly and jolly. In the midst of preparing for meals and programs and gifts and parties, what are you doing to prepare your heart for the coming of the Messiah?

This year our pastors will be teaching through Matthew and looking at the names of Jesus. To go with the Sunday services, we encourage you to get a copy of "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus" by Asheritah Ciuciu. There is also a children's story book that goes along with it. In addition to devotions you can do alone or as a family, there are weekly prayers and activities. During this season there is so much fun to be had, but take time as a family to prepare for Jesus, to look forward not only to the baby in the manger but to the returning Messiah who is coming back to rescue us and bring peace to this world. Share your thoughts, encouragement, and experiences, even photos, on our New Baptist Parents Facebook page so we can celebrate together!

On December 21, in place of AWANA, Youth, and Bible Study, there will be an intergenerational Christmas themed night in the Wildside at 6:30. It'll be a wonderful night of fellowship across all generations, we hope you will plan to join us!

I'm praying for you and your family during this holiday season. I'm praying that you experience joy, hope, love, and peace this season!

Pastor Lee Boso

AWANA News! AND WE NEED YOU!!

The year is coming to a close and we are 9 weeks into the 2022-2023 for AWANA. Clubbers are working hard and loving the LORD, putting into action the teachings and lessons from AWANA and those of Sunday School and Children's Church.

Can you be a listener?! We need listeners for our Kindergarten and 1st grade class and for the T&T group. We are a church blessed with so much talent and warm hearts that we need your **presence** on Wednesday evenings. Can you help? There are lots of ways for you to help:

- be a listener to your child or grandchild while you are at HOME together. Shout out to Art and Myra Lydick ♥, Brittany Brownfield ♥
- be a listener on Sunday mornings after service or before service if Wednesday is not possible for you
- be a listener with FaceTime, your clubber would love to be the teacher and show you how
- is there another way that you can think of so that every child will have a dedicated listener? I know you can help ♥

The calendar for November and December is as follows:

November 30--Awards for AWANA

December 7, 14--AWANA meets

December 21, 28--No AWANA; special programming 12/21

January 4--AWANA resumes



I wanna, wanna, wanna put God first!



Children's Church for November and December

We are starting the Advent Season. Children's Church will be using the tenants of Advent also and looking ahead for Children's Church –

November 27--start of Advent

December 4--Communion with families for children Kindergarten through 5th grade in the Sanctuary with families. Nursery and Toddler Town open for newborn to pre-K. We are flexible and your child can be with an adult in back, just let me know how to help.

December 11--regular programming with Children on WildSide

December 18--those children interested in singing are joining the adult music that morning for a song with Mrs. Kim and Mr. John

December 21-- Intergenerational Christmas Fun at 6:30pm on the WildSide

December 24 at 6:30 pm; Evening Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. NO Nursery or Toddler care available, families are together.

December 25 NO SS, NO NURSERY OR TODDLER care available, families are together.

WEAR YOUR Jammies and bring your favorite gift to show Pastor Trent--he loves all the toys and Mrs. Christie only gets him 1, he likes to see what's new!

We're looking for the Star...see you soon!



For His Glory,
Debbie Harman
Children's Director



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, Norm Allred, Carol Arkell, Lynn Barcus, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Robert Bonecutter, Debbie Brown (friend of Annie Stewart), Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Parker Campbell, Ron Caviani, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Jonah Cruz, Rose Davis, Pam Fannin, 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, Margaret McLaughlin, Nancy McSweeney, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Nancy Messinger (sister of David McMellon), Marvin & Valerie Moore, Spencer Moore, Charlie Morris, Mandy Saunders Null, Paula Omer, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Audy Perry, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bob & Jo Anna Smith, Bill Snoddy, Ray Spencer, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond Spurlock, David Stevenson, Dick & Annie Stewart, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Sherry Walden, Don & Ellen Walker, Baby Piper Watkins, Dave Watkins, Faith Watkins, Lori Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, 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 devastated by hurricanes & flooding |
| our country | |



Melanie Perry Hall, president and CEO of Hospice of Huntington, was pictured in a recent Herald-Dispatch news article as she

opened the newest Tri-State Hospice House serving residents in Lawrence, Gallia, and Meigs counties in South Point, Ohio. Hospice of Huntington has over 100 employees providing hospice and home palliative care services. They had been serving clients in the Ohio counties but the opening of this office will be able to serve them more efficiently.

Clean Out Campaign

The Trustees are on a "clean out the junk and fill a dumpster" campaign. The plan is to collect outdated materials, broken furniture, and anything in the church that is no longer in use and collect it on the back wall near the nursery. When we get enough to fill a dumpster we will order one and get rid of the trash. We need the whole church family to participate and make this a successful campaign. Our goal is to make this happen very soon.

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The Arcadian Wild,
Jess Ray, Andy Gullahorn,
and Jill Phillips

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DECEMBER 16 | 7:00PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

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Box Office Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Mon. through Fri. from 12pm to 4PM - 304-696-6656

IJM KYSER



December Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

December 14, 2022 Noon

“Breakfast with Santa”

We will have a special picture booth where you can get a picture with Santa.

Program - Collegium from Cabell Midland High School

This will be a great time of fellowship and fun as we celebrate the birth of the Savior together.

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

Please sign up by Wednesday, December 7.

REFIT® with Steph & Carla

Find us on Facebook for current class information and updates!

Who? All the girls...all ages, sizes and shapes!

What? We believe fitness isn't just for the fit...it's for the willing. Come dance with us!

Where? New Baptist Church 610 28th Street Huntington

Enter the building on the field side, left of the building near the rear. There will be a sign on the door.

When? Thursdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm

What to wear? Whatever is comfortable to workout in for you and some tennis shoes.

*Bring a bottle of water so you can take a break when you need one.

We will dance for 50 minutes then have a short devotion and out the door by 6:30pm!

Questions? Just ask!!

We can't wait to see you!

Carla Booth - 304.617.7289

Stephanie Spencer - 304.544.1467

Come and work out with us in December. Get fit while listening to Christmas tunes.



“Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.”
—Neal A. Maxwell



This is a nativity put on by Word of Light Community Church in Culloden. We have seen this nativity for several years and I can say the church members do an excellent job. It is only for one weekend so if you can make it, I think you will definitely enjoy it.
Dec. 2 & 3, 6pm-8:30pm
Valley Park, Hurricane

Christmas crackups

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?

Cookie sheets.

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

"Freeze a jolly good fellow!"

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?

Ornamints.

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?

Santa walking backward.

Why did Rudolph get a bad report card?

Because he went down in history.

What is an elf's favorite kind of music?

Wrap music!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing. It was on the house!

What kind of photos do Santa's helpers take?

Elfies.

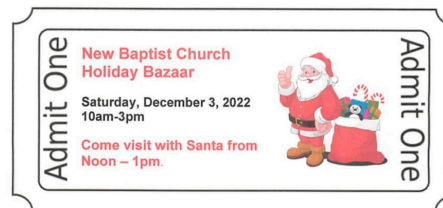
New Baptist Church



Saturday, Dec. 3

10am – 3 pm

Please join us for our Annual Church Bazaar at New Baptist Church. A great selection of local artisans on hand for some wonderful Christmas presents for your loved ones....or yourself!



Bring your little ones to see Santa starting at noon! We are planning to have youth on hand to help them do some "secret shopping"! As well as some crafts they can do while YOU shop!!



From the staff at New Baptist Church

*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
As we celebrate this season, let us remember the most precious gift we can receive
is the wondrous gift of salvation.*



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Christmas Season 2022 at New Baptist Church

Service Hours:

Sunday

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

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

Wednesday

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

NBC Food Pantry Hours
Tuesdays 10am – 2pm

Sunday, December 18
11am

Christmas Cantata
"Emmanuel, The Light of the World"

Wednesday,
December 21
6:30pm

Christmas Family Service

(no child care provided)



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

6:00pm



Merry
Christmas

No Sunday School,
Nursery or
Toddler Care

Join us at **11am**
for a Christmas
Day Family
Worship Service!