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A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - February 2018

That Great Cloud of Witness

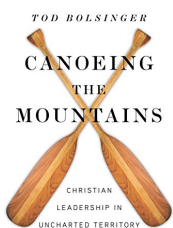
A person recently requested that I occasionally use my monthly article as an opportunity to share with people some of the books that I am currently reading. I thought it was a great idea, and thus for the month of February I would like to share with you four books that I have either just finished or I am currently reading.



The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness:

The Path To True Christian Joy by Timothy Keller (48 pages, \$4.99 paperback, \$1.99 on Kindle). This is a wonderful little book that deals with some of the deep core issues that plague our egos – primarily that we

think too much about ourselves. The book focuses on what Paul says to the people of Corinth about himself in 1 Corinthians 3:21-4:7. The Corinthian church was filled with division as seen in their various forms of pride and boasting. Paul describes himself as no longer caring about what others think of him, or even what he thinks of himself, but rather has confidence in what the Lord has done for him. It is an amazing short book of freedom that I highly recommend to everyone to read.



Canoeing the Mountains: Christian leadership in Uncharted Territory

by Tod Bolsinger (257 pages, \$12.53 paperback, \$8.67 on Kindle).

Canoeing the Mountains is a book that was recommended to me by Pastor Robin. Currently Pastor

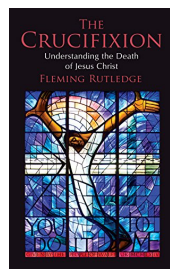
Robin, Pastor Lee and I are reading this book and discussing it as we meet together. The premises of the book is that we (the church) are entering into a time of uncharted territory. Our culture is changing, society's values have shifted, and the view of truth has become more subjective. We, the church, are now trying to figure out how do we shape community and do ministry in the context of our changed society. Tod Bolsinger uses the lessons of the famed Lewis and Clark expedition to the

Pacific Ocean as examples of leadership when dealing with uncharted territory. The book is filled with great insights that I feel is relevant to every Christian seeking to understand how to live and do ministry where God has placed him or her.



As Kingfishers Catch Fire: A Conversation on the Ways of God Formed by the Words of God by Eugene Peterson (402 Pages, \$16.32 Hardcover, \$12.99 Kindle). Eugene Peterson is a poet for the soul. In this book of various teachings or sermons

through the years, he shows how the power of God's word shapes the inner life of the Christian. What is unique and beautiful about Peterson though is that he is not teaching or explaining how this happens, but leads you to experience it. This book is not meant to be a fast read, nor is it a book that is going to teach you something new, but rather it is a book that helps you hear God's voice through His word and in so doing be changed. I recommend this book as something you take a year to read through, giving time for your soul to digest the beauty of God's word which Peterson draws out.



The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ

by Fleming Rutledge (696 pages, \$21.69 paperback, \$20.61 Kindle).

This is an amazing academic book the focuses upon the death of Jesus. Rutledge has explored the nature of sin, the shame of the cross, the various crucifixion

motifs of the Old Testament, and how Christ wrought for us salvation. Again, this is a very well written academic book through which I have been richly blessed and deeply moved. If you have ever wondered about the mystery of Christ's work upon the cross for you and me, then I recommend this book.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Trent



- 1 - Eli Eagan
Duane Eastman
Debbie Harman
Warren Napier
- 2 - Chris Chaney
Curt Mann
Terry Smith
- 4 - Tyler Hampton
Ripley Haney
- 5 - Gary Norris
Amy Smith
- 7 - Alissa Stricker
- 8 - Jeremiah Cruz
- Tammy Hager
- 9 - Carrie Brown
- 10 - Suzanne Campbell
Rosemary Watts
- 11 - Leigh Frye
- 13 - Mary MacClellan
- 14 - Betty Jo Patton
Marion Sansom
- 15 - Regan Alford
- 16 - Charles Bonecutter
C.R. Brown
- 18 - Gavin Blake
Darrell Walden
Josiah Wise
- 19 - Charlene Kendall
- 20 - Sharon Blankenship
Dave Gatrell
Joshua Sierson
- 21 - Roger Barcus
Ted McComas
- 22 - Jim Benson
Brittany Kendrick
Myra Lydick
Paula Omer
- 23 - Karen Dailey
Caleb Wise
- 25 - Dolores Adkins
Lisa Caviani
- 26 - Madden Casto
Jim Daniels
Susan Skaggs
- 27 - Jean Spurlock
- 28 - Janice Mann
Betsy Wilson



Anniversaries

Mark & Jo Ellen Willett	2/1
Ron & Lisa Caviani	2/6
Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock	2/6
Ronnie & Lanna Waugh	2/10 (50 th)
Bret & Pam Woodall	2/14
Fred & Linda Cummings	2/16
Travis & Roberta Noble	2/16
Justin & Bethany Cox	2/19
John & Pat Baisden	2/22



Five Bykota Class members have outstanding attendance records: **Vivian Atkinson** over 8 years of perfect attendance. **Barbara Lynn Spurlock** and **Lois Merritt** over 2 years. **Patty Green** over a year. **Peggy Saunders** (alas) became very sick on what would have been her 52nd Sunday. The class saluted her when she returned the next Sunday.

The Chicago youth minister who co-created the Awana program and served the organization for over 70 years died January 5 at age 99. **“Mr. Awana” Arthur Rorheim** reshaped evangelical church life in America by introducing more rigorous and Scripture-centered kids ministry and popularizing church programming on weeknights.

As Awana’s cofounder, longtime executive director, and president emeritus, he saw the organization grow from a weekly club at his church on Chicago’s North Side to 47,000 churches from 100 denominations—gathering more than 3.7 million participants a week.

“I’ve never found the word ‘retirement’ in the Bible,” Rorheim would say, and he continued to advise the organization and visit its Streamwood, Illinois, headquarters well into his final years.

Melanie Hall has been elected a new member of the Board of Directors of the Huntington Federal Savings Bank. She is the president and CEO for Hospice of Huntington, Inc.



Join with us in reading through the Bible each year. Spend time daily with God. Learn to listen for that still, small voice. Get to know the one who loves you more than you will ever know.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David (Katelyn) Hannan, who were married Saturday, January 27, 2018 at New Baptist. Wishing you much happiness.

Family Life Moment from Pastor Lee Boso

This month I have been teaching through 1 Thessalonians at youth and the dedication of Paul, Timothy, and Silvanus for the Gospel is such an inspiration and challenge to me. In the face of danger and conflict, the value of what they had received from the Gospel had changed them and compelled them to share that great gift with others. I love verse 8 of chapter 2 when they say “we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.” Wow! What a great perspective. I feel like many times we hear about sharing the gospel, or sharing our faith. But sharing our selves or lives as another translation puts it, is something else altogether. There is a connection that happens as you share your life with people. This calls for you to be both vulnerable, but also provides opportunity to receive others with great friendship.

As I've thought about how I share my life with people, this happens over dinner, during drives to meetings and events, hanging out at sports events, going for runs, and hanging out at the park watching our kids. I think it is in these activities that we develop affection, allowing people to become dear to us, and experience the joy of friendship. The good news of Jesus rescuing us from our sins, and giving us an abundant life that starts now is the joy we have in relationship with God. This was meant to be shared. This gospel, good news, is not just something we should learn, rehearse, and repeat, but it is something that we can share through sharing our very lives with others.

The West Virginia Baptist Convention is partnering with an organization called worklife to provide resources and encouragement to live out our faith daily. Their encouragement comes in email and texts that you can subscribe to at www.wvbc.org and click on SwitchTOOL Emails or WVBC Disciple Texts to get weekly reminders not to switch off your faith on Monday, but to live an integrated life, spilling over with the gospel as we share this good news, not only with our words, but also with our lives, seven days a week. I'd love to hear from you - stop me at church, send me an email or facebook message and let me know how God is present in your daily life at church, home, school, or work! Thank you for the privilege of not only sharing the Gospel with my words, but also by allowing us to share our lives together as we journey together.

Lee

We love you so much that we share with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.
1 Thessalonians 2:8

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.)

Karen Pruitt Adams
 Cheryl Adkins
 Coralie Adkins
 Susan Arthur
 Patricia Blankenship
 Philip Scott Burt
 Jim & Dorothy Castleberry
 Mary Clifton
 Jack Cook
 Brittany Crockett
 Lisa Daniels
 Marion Davis
 Rose Davis
 Sally Davis
 Bob & Sally Flanders
 Phyllis Gould
 Patty Green
 Doug Hager
 Doris Halcombe
 John Hall

Minnie Harris
 Bill Herrold
 Scott Jackson
 Allison Sheils Kays
 Virginia Lawrence
 Betty Maynor
 Joe Midkiff
 Linda Miller
 Johnna Parker
 Barbara Pauley
 Jack Rickman
 Dale Riley
 Charlie Shorey
 Major & Lynnette Simms
 Jim Spurlock
 Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock
 David Stevenson
 Judy Swann
 Sandy Taylor
 Earl & Teresa Trawick



Pat Vickers
 Sharon Wimmer

Deepest Sympathy:
 The Family of Darrell Spurlock

The Family of John Meadows

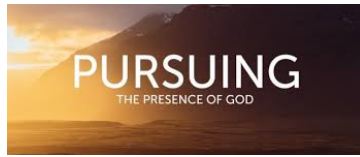


Thursday, February 1, 6:30pm
 at the home of
 Art Lydick
 112 North Blvd. West
 Huntington
 304-522-3225



Wednesday,
 February 21, 2018

From Pastor Robin



February is the “LOVE” month, at least in our American culture. We buy cards and flowers to give to our sweethearts. Children give cards to their school classes and maybe even a Sunday School teacher. We try our best to, in some way, declare and show our love. Nothing wrong with any of that and I hope that love is on display year round.

As I thought about that I wondered just what it would do if we applied the same concerted effort in our relationship with the Lord. I found myself reflecting on a couple of quotes from Dallas Willard’s book, *Hearing God*. These quotes challenge both my personal life and my ministry. Let me share them with you:

1. *“Our contentment lies not in his presents but in the presence of the One whose presents they are.”*
2. *“Thomas a` Kempis speaks for all ages when he represents Jesus as saying to him, “A wise lover regards not so much the gift of him who loves, as the love of him who gives. He esteems affection rather than valuables, and sets all gifts below the Beloved. A noble-minded lover rests not in the gift, but in me above every gift.”*

As I reflected on these statements I began to ask what it is that motivates me to follow Jesus? Do I follow him because of what I get (presents) or am I drawn to His presence? Do I love the gifts more than the gift giver?

Why do you follow Jesus? Are you more focused on the gifts (presents) or His Presence. Are you drawn to the gifts rather than the gift giver? Those are sobering questions. As we work to grow in our walk with the Lord let us begin in this month of love to focus on God’s Presence with us and on Him as the gift giver rather than on the gifts he gives us.

I hope you are memorizing monthly memory verse with us. For January it was Mark 1:15, *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel”*

Robin

CHOIR NOTES



If you are interested in participating in our Easter Cantata “Love Took His Breath Away” on **March 25** we are interested in YOU! There is still time to join us for rehearsals but the number of times to practice will be short because Easter is early. Please join us in the choir room Sunday evenings at 4:45pm for the month of February. There are section practice trax as well as complete listening CDs available to use at home. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior as we proclaim His praises through song.

 **Just a Reminder**

For those who use our children’s services

Please, if your child has been ill, do not bring them to kidZcity. This helps keep everyone well and allows time for your child to heal.

If you have a question about when it’s best to return to kidZcity, check with your pediatrician or you can call me to check on our policy.

Please refrain from allowing your child to visit kidZcity if they have been diagnosed with flu, diarrhea, viruses, bacterial infections or had a temperature in the last 48 hours prior to our service times.

Debbie Harman

Celebrating Our
10
YEAR Anniversary

*Happy Anniversary
New Baptist Church!!*

Feb. 1, 2008 – Feb. 1, 2018

To God be the Glory!!

Judy’s Shawls will not meet in February. Make plans to attend our next meeting on March 5, 6:30pm.

New Baptist Church in Mission February 2018



Thank You!!!

We have received a thank you card and newsletter from the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington** thanking us for our continued support of their ministry. Here is an excerpt: "It has been a busy and exciting year. We have been blessed with a new van for the Henrietta Payne Unit as well as a new mural and paint on the playground so it will be cooler for our members to use during the summer. The Guyandotte unit has been blessed with equipment donations as well as a recent visit from the "Helpington" group that greatly improved the appearance of the grounds as well as the building.

As we count our many blessings this Christmas at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington, we realize how much depends on the generosity of our donors and volunteers in order to offer the events and activities that so benefit our members. We would not be able to provide any of these without financial support from generous donors like you. Thank you for all you do for our members."

We have also received a letter from **Pastor Darnis and Sherlie**. "What a joy for us to send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. After more than two years of ministry in Fort-Liberte, as the Senior Pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church, we can say to God be the glory for what He has done for us through you. It has been a wonderful year and we have accomplished so much on behalf of the people of Fort-Liberte and the well being of the community.

Being a full time minister in Haiti requires financial support, but the churches are not fully capable of doing it. This is why my wife and I would like to take this time of the year to thank friends like you who have made our ministry possible in a poor place like Fort-Liberte, Haiti. With God's help and you by our side, we are looking forward to another successful year to come.

May your caring thought and sincere willingness to come to our help bring to your hearts and lives the amount of joy and peace and happiness that you need to experience a MERRY CHRISTMAS 2017 and a very BLESSED NEW YEAR 2018. We are wishing you every good thing that Christmas and the New Year can bring with them."

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar now!

Sunday February 11: will be our next mission luncheon sponsored by the Haiti mission team. The menu is Virgil Kelly's famous baked spaghetti. **YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!** All donations go toward the upcoming Haiti mission trip in March.

Wednesday February 28: will be our next Wednesday Mission Evening. We are trying something new this year. Instead of a mission service at 6:30 we will be serving dinner at the City Mission. We are hoping to not only learn about mission organizations in our community this year but actually serve them as well. We are looking for as many as are available to help with this new project. Our goal is to serve dinner at the City Mission the last Wednesday of every other month (even numbered months). Four people are required to serve the food onto plates. If we have more help we can actually serve the residents their meal instead of a buffet line. This will allow us to interact with members of our community on a more personal level. This is an awesome way to show God's love through a smile, conversation, and service. Please make this a priority. We want to be a church that gives not only money but of time too. Our prayer is we can make a deeper connection with a solid ministry that services so many in our community. Keep watching your bulletin and facebook for more details.



Service Updates:

Food Pantry: 2017 was a very big year for the Food Pantry. This is by far the largest ministry we support/run from our church. Our total numbers for 2017 include: 2,962 families (comprised of 2,016 children, 3,765 adults, 1165 seniors) totaling 6,946 people. 544 hygiene kits were given away as well. 50 backpacks were distributed to Highlawn Elementary each week school was in session. To put this in perspective, in 2016 we served 1,963 families totaling 4,636 people. This is almost 50% more families served in 2017. As you can tell our volunteers have huge servant hearts. If you are able to volunteer on Tuesdays the Food Pantry would love to have you! Please see Joyce Mannon for more details.

Missions Continued:

Service Opportunities:

Hygiene Kits for Haiti: Our Haiti team is collecting items for hygiene kits. They will distribute this on their upcoming trip in March. The goal has been set at 500 kits. Each kit will include a Ziploc bag (qt size), toothbrush, toothpaste and washcloth. If you are able to donate any of those items please drop them off at the mission board in the back of the sanctuary. You are also able to donate money by writing a check with Haiti hygiene kit on the memo line. Every little bit helps make a big difference to the Haitians our team will encounter.

Baptist Campus Ministries: Rob Ely, the director of BCM at Marshall University has voiced a need for mentors for college students. BCM averages 200 students each Wednesday night and many in small groups, iTeams, throughout the week that are yearning to grow deeper in their faith. Many have requested to have a mentor. Simply put a mentor is someone to share life with them, encourage them in his/her walk with the Lord, and challenge them to continue to grow in his/her faith. You do not have to be a Biblical scholar or have a seminary degree to invest in a young person's life. If you would be interested in mentoring a college student wanting to grow in their faith, please see Bethany Cox for more details.



Giving Opportunities:

The mission board is always collecting several items that most of us don't even notice or throw away. However, these items make a big difference to several other ministries and organizations. All of these can be dropped off at the mission display board in the back of the sanctuary.

Ronald McDonald House: We are always collecting pop tabs to be given to the RMH. This helps them cover some of their monthly expenses. These do not only come from pop cans but can also be found on soup cans, pet food cans, etc.

Local Schools: We are always collecting box tops found on cereals, frozen vegetables, macaroni and cheese boxes for our local schools.



New Baptist Prays for the Nations:

Nation of the Month: Myanmar (Burma)

Websites with information about Myanmar:
 Operation World prayer profile: <http://www.operationworld.org/myan>
 Prayer Cast Video: [http://www.prayercast.com/myanmar-\(burma\).html](http://www.prayercast.com/myanmar-(burma).html)
 Joshua Project Unreached People Groups: <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/BM>



If you have a country that is near and dear to your heart that you would like for us to pray for, or you would like to volunteer to lead the prayer one month please see Abigail Harman.

Missionary Updates:

Reed Family in Bolivia: The Reeds have had quite the year! JD has been named as a Regional Missionary for Theological Education and an administrator for the Masters of Theological Studies Latino/a Ministries Program for Palmer Seminary of Eastern University. He is also a professor and administrative coordinator in the program as well. JD is also currently half-way through his D. Min. studies. Rhonda is almost finished with her Masters in Global Public Health Nursing. Grace has finished her first semester at Marshall University, Abie is a junior this year and Nathan is in 6th grade. Abie and Nathan both played volleyball this past fall and Abie is starting basketball. In addition to all of that they moved to a new home just down the road from their first home. Continue to be in prayer for the Reeds as they continue doing God's work in Bolivia.



Missions Continued:


Katelyn McGuffin: Katelyn was able to start her new year at the Vision Conference. This is a conference for international students seeking Christianity or are new believers wanting to know more. It consisted of over 1,000 international students from campuses all over the US. Every speaker, emcee, or band member was international as well. Katelyn was able to take a student from Marshall with her due to the support from our church. Please ask Katelyn for more details as she would love to tell you all about this experience that she states was “an incredible preview of Heaven, and I can’t wait to take more students next year!”

Please be in prayer for Katelyn and David as they will be newlyweds by the time you are reading this newsletter. Such an exciting time in life with many challenges.



You can donate food items any time to the food pantry by placing nonperishable items at the mission display at the back of the sanctuary. Financial donations make it possible for us to purchase food items at a tremendous discount and keep the shelves restocked. Thank you for helping us help others. **Food need for February: Oats/hot cereal.**

Ladie's Bible Studies


 FEBRUARY is such a beautiful month (and not just because my name is on the birthday list this month!) As a middle school teacher, it was a time to cover Black History (that's when I always did my unit based on the movie "Amazing Grace"!) and a time to give Valentine treats--all the while wishing for a "Snow Day" here and there!

As the Women's Leader here at New Baptist Church, it's a time to make sure our Winter Bible study sessions are up and running! Five classes began on January 31--and it's not too late to get involved in one of them, if you haven't already!

Wednesday mornings we offer **Priscilla Shirer's "Discerning the Voice of God"** and **Kelly Minter's "Ruth"** - these begin at 9:30am. **"Discerning the Voice of God"** is also in session on **Wednesday evenings** at 6:30pm, along with **Kelly Minter's "All Things New"** and **"The Daniel Prayer"** by **Anne Graham Lotz**.

Be assured that getting into God's Word more intensely by making Bible study a priority will make your February fabulous (and your March marvelous)!

NOTES:

- * "Snow day" policy for winter classes:
If Cabell County schools are closed, morning Bible studies are cancelled. Evening classes are based on NBC's decision to cancel services.
-  **All EVENING Bible study classes will NOT meet on February 14, so we can attend Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary with the rest of our NBC family!**

Trustee Tidbit



As our New Baptist Church Family grows, it is very possible at some point we will have a visitor/member who has a service animal. As much as we all like to make over animals, we need to remember that the service animals are

“on the job” and should be left alone. The following question and answer was copied from the web site www.anythingpawsable.com:

What should I do when I see a Service Dog? What is proper Service Dog etiquette?

Smile and be polite to the Service Dog's handler, but most of all:

- **Do not pet the Service Dog**
- **Do not distract the Service Dog in any way**
- **Please ignore the Service Dog entirely. You're not being rude if you don't acknowledge the Service Dog's presence.**

Service Dog etiquette says when Service Dog has a vest on or is in public with its disabled handler (or trainer), it is working, even if it appears as though it is not. Distracting a Service Dog by making noises, offering food, water, toys or petting may be dangerous to the dog's disabled handler, especially if the dog is a medical alert dog or brace/mobility support dog. Many handlers have “invisible disabilities,” such as diabetes, hearing loss or other symptoms not readily apparent, and if a Service Dog is paying attention to someone who's distracting her, she's not doing her job for her handler.

If you would like to pet the Service Dog, ALWAYS ask the handler first, but don't be offended if they refuse. Some disabled Service Dog handlers don't like to chat about their Service Dogs. Most like to go about their day, just like you! Also, never ask personal questions about the handler's disability or intrude on their privacy. Keep these simple Service Dog etiquette tips in mind, and you'll have a far smoother experience when you see a Service Dog in public.



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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
4:55 Choir Practice
6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

9:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
6:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study
Children's Choir
Youth Pods

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SENIOR HIGH CONVENTION

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Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Hurricane WV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3, NIV

Speaker: Chris Campbell

Band: Render the Hearts