



# BRIDGES

*A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - January 2022*

## Living by Faith

*"By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this, he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith (Hebrews 11:7)."*

What a remarkable verse. Note the two things Noah did by faith. First, Noah built a giant boat for a flood that the world had never seen before because of God's warning. He did something not because he understood but because he obeyed. I am sure he (and his family) was delighted that he built the ark when the rains came. Second, Noah condemned the world, which is a way of saying, Noah chose to live according to God's way over and above the world's way. Because of living according to God's way, he "became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."

We, like Moses, are called to live by faith. Most people do not live by faith, though. Instead, they live by what "feels right," or according to how they are pressured by the world or because of certain traditions. Living by faith means trusting the Lord and living according to His Word, even, like Moses, when one does not understand. The New Testament is full of commands that are often hard to understand and do not match the way the world tells us to live. Commands like "Love your enemies," "Forgive the people who hurt you," and "Give thanks in all circumstances." These are not easy commands! In fact, some of the commands in the Bible seem difficult, unreasonable, unrealistic, unachievable, or even impossible. But when God says things like, "You should save sex for marriage," He is not being mean. He says it because he knows best and knows what will make you happy more than you do.

Every time God tells you to do something, it is a test of your faith. The question is, "do you trust God, or do you trust your gut? Do you trust the Word, or do you trust the world?"

These are good questions to ask as we start a new year. How will you answer

them? Will you trust God, or will you do what you think is right, regardless of God's direction? Will you trust the Word of God, or will you trust what the world says you should do? As a child, my parents told me to do things that I often did not want to, like clean my room. Sometimes I would ask in defiance, "why? It is my room (technically not true since it was their house. This logic escaped me at the time). The response I would receive to the question "why" was often, "Because I said so!" After many years of hindsight, I can say they

were both right and wise to tell me to clean my room. God is like this. Throughout all of life, God says, "I want you to do this," and our human reaction often is, "why? That does not make sense." God will say, "Because I said so." It is a test. Faith is believing when you don't see it, AND it is obeying when you don't understand it. If you do not learn to obey, you'll miss so many blessings in the life that God has in store for you. But if you learn to do what God tells you to do without question, even when it seems absurd and the exact opposite of your natural tendency, then you're going to grow in faith, and you're going to get blessed. Let's make responding in faith our focus for this New Year!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Trent



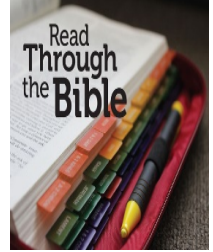


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Sandy White
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Allen Davis
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- 22 - Elizabeth Kelly
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- 27 - Evan Arkell  
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Courtney Powers  
Susan Stephens  
Jessica Willis
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Sunday, January 23, 2022

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.



Perhaps one of your resolutions for 2022 is to spend more time in the Word of God. If so, you will be happy to know that we will be resuming ladies small group Bible studies soon! "Gideon" by Priscilla Shirer and "God of Creation" by Jen Wilkin will be offered again. Both morning and evening groups will be meeting to share insights and fellowship. The starting dates and details are not finalized, but look for updates on the New Baptist Facebook page and through announcements at church.

And as you begin this new year, remember that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."--Romans 6:23b

*For Good,  
Dolores Adkins*



**Sheri Tadlock's** Honor Choir from Wayne County Elementary School was chosen to sing with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra's "Home for the Holidays" performance at the Huntington City Auditorium, December 20. Sheri's choirs perform beautifully and have even sung in Washington D. C.

**Dr. Sherri Smith**, daughter of Bob and (deceased) Pat Smith, is retiring as assistant to the provost at Marshall University January 3, 2022.

A big safety award was presented to J. H. Fletcher Co. in early December at White Sulphur Springs. Among those accepting the award was retired vice president of risk management, **DAVID COOPER**. Even retired, his work is still appreciated.

Marshall University's Research Corporation recently announced the winners of the Summer 2022 John Marshall Scholars Award program for faculty. Among the winners was **Dr. Laura McCunn**, College of Science--Reactions of Chemicals Formed during PVC Pyrolysis.

Huntington High School student **Gracie Morgan** was pictured in the Herald-Dispatch as she organized and packed food bags for families at the Cabell County Board of Education Central office for distribution on Tuesday, December 28. Several employees and students packed approximately 500 bags of food.



- John & Lisa Ghiz Jan. 4
- Dick & Annie Stewart Jan. 6
- Bob & Brenda Carman Jan. 13
- Trevor & Caitlin Wilson Jan. 18
- E. A. & Sandra Dowling Jan. 23 (50<sup>th</sup>)
- Nathan & Brooke Welch Jan. 23 (1<sup>st</sup>)
- David & Katelyn Hannan Jan. 27



**Into the NEW**

By Robin Rowe Creasy



There is an imaginary line we step over at midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. That line feels like an abrupt ending that opens a door to the unknown. Some of us hope for something better in that unknown and some of us fear what the next year will bring. Perhaps we feel both?

There have been many times in each of our lives when an end to something, either good or bad, left us standing before the unknown and wondering just how it could all work out. Can you think of some examples of those times in your own life?

I awoke this morning thinking of the Magi and trying to put myself in their shoes. Perhaps we have all felt that restless stirring in our hearts that made us realize we were being called to something... or to someone. Perhaps we have all lived in those moments when we couldn't rest until that change was made.

Imagine the relief and peace the Magi felt when they finally made the decision to say yes to God's call. Could they have possibly known the importance of their willingness and how that decision to be obedient would change them and others throughout the course of history?

Think about the difficulties of their travels. Did they awake every morning with confidence that they were on the exact path or were they like most of us who question constantly along the way? And finally, when they arrived at their destination and they saw the Child, did they fully understand the power and importance of that moment and how it would affect the lives of people forever?

As we, individually and collectively, stand in the early days of the unknown called 2022, my prayer for all of us is:

- May we step out boldly into the unknown and make the necessary changes to be obedient to God. (***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."* Proverbs 3:5-6**)
- May we realize that each of our callings have eternal implications. Our obedience changes lives and those lives will continue to change other lives throughout history. Your calling, in whatever you do, is life changing! (***"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."* John 15:16**)
- May we open our hearts and minds so that even in the small ordinary moments we feel God working in and through us, using us to weave those moments of our lives into a life with eternal significance. (***"as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."* 2 Corinthians 4:18**)
- May we, even in the hardest moments of this new year, realize that we matter to God, and He is with us in all things. His plan is always good! (***"The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."* Psalm 145:9**)



To welcome in 2022 Judy's Shawls will meet on Monday, January 10 at 4:00. It's been 2 years since we have gotten together so this will be an organizational and information meeting. Anyone who knits or crochets or who wants to learn how is welcome to come. For more information, contact Becky Huff at 304-634-1448.



**Are you new to New Baptist?**

**Have you been here a while (even a long time) and want to put names with faces of your fellow worshippers?**

We encourage you to use our online church photo directory (**Instant Church Directory**). You do not have to be a member of the church **BUT** you do need to have your information in the directory in order to be able to access it on your mobile phone or computer.

Once you download the app and create your secure password, your directory will be ready to use.

One of the great features of instant church directory is the availability for families to submit changes to their information or to even change out their family picture.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.

**Eyes to See And Ears to Hear**

Often in the scriptures we see the phrases, “eyes to see” and “ears to hear.” These most often are speaking to spiritual understanding of things. Having our spiritual eyes and ears opened to see and hear what the Lord is showing and saying to us is a wonderful way to live. This awakening in our spirits lifts us to new heights in our walk and relationship with the Lord.

Let me illustrate with a more temporal experience. I have worn hearing aids for over 15 years. I knew I was having difficulty, but it became acutely clear when I could not hear the whisper of a lady who was dying of cancer. I immediately scheduled a test and then ordered my first hearing aids. I was amazed at what I had been missing and had accepted as normal. For the first time in years, I heard birds chirping and leaves rustling. I was overcome with a sense of awe and thankfulness. Now jump forward to 2018. I was having trouble reading signs and things at night. While driving I would see the “halos” from lights. Many of you have had the same experience. I had a cataract on my left eye and one just developing on my right eye. The left eye cataract was removed in 2018 and again I was amazed at the clarity it brought to my vision. Again, my response was one of awe and thanksgiving. In a real sense I was given new eyes and ears with which to experience life and God’s wonderful creation.

I share that to encourage you to join us in reading through the Bible in 2022. For some of you it will be for the first time and for others it will be again. Regardless, as you begin to read God’s word ask the Lord to open your spiritual eyes and ears to see and hear what He has for you. You might just hear and see things you have missed because your eyes were dimmed, and your ears muffled. How exciting would it be to see and hear the birds of God’s Word chirping anew.

If you need a reading plan, we have one available at the church. The “YouVersion” Bible app has many reading plans that will take you through the Bible in a year. Find a plan that is comfortable to you and get started.

If you completed reading the Bible through in 2021, whether you took more than one year or not, please let the church office know. We want to celebrate this with you.

BTW, I ask for your prayers. I am scheduled to have the right cataract surgery on January 19, 2022.

My prayer is that we all have “eyes to see” and ears to hear” what God has for us in 2022.

**Biblical resolutions** (from The NewsletterNewsletter)

- Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
- Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)
- Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
- Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
- Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
- Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

**Looking for things to do:**

- Want to help with plarn mats? contact Sandy Pemberton at 304-654-7254
- Crocheting/knitting shawls, scarves, hats, etc. - contact Becky Huff at 304-634-1448
- See anything around church that needs repaired, painted etc. and want to help – contact John Baisden at 304-972-9050
- Want to help in food pantry? Contact Joyce Mannon 740-547-4241
- Reaching out to others – feel free to call or send notes of encouragement

**Fresh Start** (from The NewsletterNewsletter)

Here’s a mixture of fun and serious thoughts about the fresh start we receive with each new year of life in Christ:

- “The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle.” —Author Unknown
- “Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings.” —C.D. Jackson
- “God gives us dreams a size too big so that we can grow into them.” —Author Unknown
- “Life is full of obstacle illusions.” —Grant Frazier
- “Four steps to achievement: Plan purposefully. Prepare prayerfully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently.” —William Arthur Ward
- “Nothing is impossible with God.” —Luke 1:37, NIV

**Building good spiritual habits in 2022**

Happy New Year!! As you read this you are probably cleaning up the remnants of Christmas decorations and boxes from your house and possibly contemplating what 2022 holds for you and your family. Through Advent, we posted daily verses and discussion questions and published these on cards. Maybe you will put the deck away to pull out and use again next year, but my question is what have you learned or experienced that you can use going forward? Hopefully the simple exercise of reading a couple verses and asking a few questions has been fun or rich for your family. Maybe you found that making time to be together and being in God’s Word brought new life or new questions into your family conversations.

We believe that God’s Word is important and central to the life of the Church and the individuals and families who make up the body of Christ. Over the past many years we have encouraged habits of reading through the Bible in a year and memorizing a larger passage of scripture, we encourage you to continue in those or try again if you struggled. But this year, I’d like to encourage you to think about another habit: **discussing scripture as a family or group.**

A great tool to use if you don’t know where to start is the YouVersion Bible app. Every day they post a verse of the day, a devotion and short teaching as well as a prayer. They usually provide a reflection question, but I’d encourage you at least to read that verse together as a family, discuss the reflection question and then allow someone to ask a random question that may or may not have anything to do with the verse. Two additional questions you can use are “what do you see in this verse?” and “what questions do you have after reading this?”

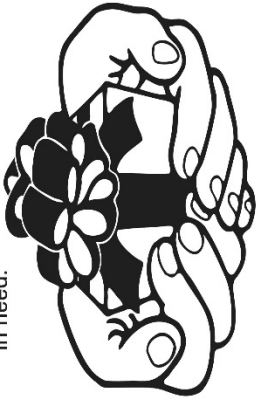
This is a starting point, you don’t have to have all the answers, and actually your questions may show your kids that scripture still challenges you and that they are allowed to ask questions and then seek answers to them. I hope that your family grows to love God’s Word and time together discussing it in this new year!

Praying for you!  
Pastor Lee<><

Youth and Awana start back up on Wednesday, January 5 at 6pm. See you then.

*Golden*  
GIVING

Live out Jesus’ golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



**What you need:**

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

**What you do:**

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.



Although we have not had to shovel snow yet this winter be glad you didn’t live in what’s now Keogh, Montana, in January 1887. Two years before that area became a U.S. state, personnel at an army fort saw a Frisbee-sized flake falling from the winter sky. Scientists say the flake, estimated at 15 inches wide, likely was the result of numerous smaller flakes merging before landing on the ground. That massive dose of winter still holds the title of largest snowflake, according to Guinness World Records.

**December letter from Pastor Dasni**

Living and doing ministry in a poor country like Haiti is not easy at all. This is why, my family and I are sending you this letter to express this gratefulness to you, as friends and supporters. This year was very difficult for all of us because of this Covid pandemic. We really appreciate the sacrifice you have made to support our ministry, even in a hard time like this one. Because of your support, I am able to stay as a fulltime minister for the people of Fort-Liberte, Haiti.

This is what the author says in Psalms 41:1-2 "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies."

May God continue to bless and protect you and your family. May the Lord continue to use you in this mighty way for His glory and for our blessings. In this Holy Season, we want to take this time to wish you a Merry Christmas 2021 and a Happy New Year 2022.

Sincerely yours,  
Dasnis, Sherlie and Jamie Pierre



Thank you to all the dedicated Food Pantry volunteers – you work hard each week to make sure those in need get food. The light of Christ shines through you.

**Mission Board newsletter** (from Bethany Cox, Board Chair)

**Undies and Sock Drive:** Harmony House was collecting undies and socks for their clients in November. The mission board purchased and donated multiple packages of socks and underwear. A simple way to help meet the basic needs of those in our community.

**Fall Bazaar:** November 20 we hosted a Fall Bazaar. Multiple vendors were present, Cabell Midlands Collegium Choir performed, meals were available and many Christmas presents were purchased. Money earned from this event goes toward our American Baptist Women’s Ministry. Thanks to **LaAnna Blake** for organizing this event.

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** **Art and Myra Lydick** hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner and faith story event for international students from Marshall University. There were 13 students in attendance from Egypt, Pakistan, Thailand, Venezuela, Indonesia, Mexico, Japan, and India. **David Canterbury**, with Bridges at MU, gave a personal testimony, which was followed by table discussions with students sharing what they were thankful for. **Pastor Trent** gave a beautiful devotion from the book of Psalms. Please pray for these students that they will encounter God and draw closer to him.

**Cookie Sale:** Sunday, December 12, we sold chocolate chip cookies with donations going to Pastor Dasnis. We sold 864 cookies and made just about \$1200. As always thanks for being generous.

**Budget:** our budget will look much the same for next year. We are increasing the Gideon’s by \$400 to total \$500.

Andrew Peterson’s production of *Behold the Lamb of God* is set for next December. We are setting a line item for \$3100 for that.

**2021 Spenddown**

1. Refugee Family - \$2,000
2. Adopt-a-student through MTS in Latino/a Ministries through Palmer Theological Seminary with the Reeds - \$2,400
3. Tri-State Bible College - \$500
4. Weirton Christian Center - \$500
5. Retired Minister and Missionaries - \$1,000
6. Huntington City Mission - \$1,000
7. A New Beginning - \$550
8. Boys and Girls Club of Huntington - \$550

Any excess will go to the refugee family.

**2021 Christmas Food Box Giveaway**

The NBC Food Pantry was happy to join with the Stella Fuller Foundation and provide Christmas Food Boxes for approximately 120 families in need.





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, Bill Bartram, Jim & Jenny Benson, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Kyle Cook, Keith Creasy, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Pam Fannin, Tracy Foster, Christina Franzen, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Virginia Lawrence, Joseph Leggott, Roy Maynor, Mary McClure, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Charlie Morris, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Vicki Rickard, Carol Richardson, Walter & Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Richard Weston, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark & Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer; the family of Bob Flanders (Christie Eastman's father)

Additional Prayer Items:

- our pastors
our community
our military personnel
our country
all affected by covid
unsaved loved ones
our government leaders
those trying to flee Afghanistan
the people of Haiti



Notes from the Choir Director, Karen Dailey

As with the beginning of each new year, reflections of the past year come to mind. And from that, it is with the upmost gratitude that the choir and I must offer thank you to all that make our worship in music and sound possible each week!

- To the Praise Band, your willingness to play and sing each week in leading us in worship is heart-warming and a ministry that pleases our Lord. You are always ready to assist our choir and we are blessed because of it!
To the sound team: without you we could not lift our voices and the musical instruments would not be heard. Though it is often a thankless job, we recognize your contributions each week are very much needed and greatly appreciated!
To the multi-media / visual team: the work and creativity you put in to make the announcements, words of the songs, and the presentations so meaningful are enjoyed by all. What a gift you are to our church!
To the online-streaming team: Though relatively new position in our church it is a much-needed service you provide! Being able to think on your feet, watch all cameras while making choices quickly to provide the at-home audience a pleasing representation of our in-person worship services is a talent that is so valued!
To those that provide special music, accompaniments, and preludes: What can be said but WOW! How special it is to enjoy each week such talented people that are willing to share their gifts to the Lord and our church!

As a choir director, who has not had opportunity to direct a choir much during our COVID-19 pandemic, I cannot express what all you mean to me and to our church! I know that all our prayers are that we can get back to our normal weekly choir rehearsals and songs each week during the morning services. But in the meantime, THANK YOU to all that love God and are willing to use your talents to praise HIM!

It is such a joy to begin a new year, with a fresh start to enjoy God's riches blessings and serve alongside you all! If YOU have a talent that should be shared, whether as part of our choir or another part of our music ministry, my prayer is that God will place it on your heart to share your talent and let me know.

To God be the GLORY!





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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 Awana  
Youth  
6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible  
Study

### NBC Food Pantry

Hours

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm

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## A New Year Resolution for Every Year..

### Colossians 3 (ESV) *Put On the New Self!*

These excerpts from Colossians 3 make a great 'scriptural' New Year Resolution

**2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ... **5** Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:... **12** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ... **17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ...**18** Wives, submit to your husbands, ... **19** Husbands, love your wives, ... **20** Children, obey your parents... **21** Fathers, do not provoke your children, ... **23** ... work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,**24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.