



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - January 2023

The Habits of Perseverance

One of the interesting things that sit in my office is a vintage Russian Kirov Marine Chronometer. I purchased it years ago at an antique store in Dhaka, Bangladesh. One of the industries of Dhaka is scrapping old ships. Thus, when a vessel is to be scrapped, it is brought to the banks of the Buriganga River, and everything in it is removed and, if possible, sold. This is how I came to own a Russian Marine Clock that had once belonged to a Russian naval warship. I purchased the clock because my imagination was grabbed by the necessity, ritual, and tradition surrounding marine clocks (Chronometer – the counting of time). Before computers, satellites, and GPS systems, a clock was necessary to determine the ship's location on the seas. With the use of a sextant, the sun's elevation would be measured (or some other star) and recorded with the exact time given by the marine clock. Based on the set time, an accurate longitude could be given. So important were the marine chronometers that ritual was created to wind the clock. At a specific moment on each day, the entire ship's crew would be called to order, and the captain, with his first mate, would parade to the clock and wind it. This ritual was vital because it ensured the clock would not stop ticking, for if it stopped, then the time it told would no longer be accurate, and if it were no longer accurate, the ship would become lost.

I think the importance of the marine clocks and the ritual ships used to keep them running gives us a spiritual lesson. The spiritual lesson is that of perseverance. A good definition of perseverance is the old watch slogan, "it takes a licking and keeps on ticking." Throughout the New Testament, there are multiple calls to persevere coupled with warnings for those who do not. In the book of Revelation, Jesus tells the churches that those who persevere (conquer)

will not be hurt by death, will be given a new name, will be given authority, and will sit with him upon His throne. Paul writes Timothy the importance of holding faith and a good conscience (persevere), and those who do not shipwreck their faith (1 Timothy 1:19). Or in the book of Hebrews 2:1, which reads, "Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it." Just as it is natural for a wind-up clock to wind down and stop, so too is it natural to drift away.



A quote from D.A. Carson says it well, "People do not drift toward Holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated."

How do we stop the drift, the wind-down of our souls? Hebrews 2:1 tells us, "Pay close attention to what we have heard (the Bible)." This means, for me, observing a clock-winding ritual like those carried out on ships. For the movement of my soul to tick well, I find that the habit of reading scripture is necessary, the practice of prayer is crucial, and the enjoyment of God through worship is fundamental. These are the practices required to keep me ticking despite any hardship or suffering in this life. I believe the same is true for you. Perseverance requires habits that feed the soul. As you begin this new year, recognize God's call on your life and so create the habits of perseverance.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent



- 1 - Justin Cox
Nina Rakes
- 3 - Shane Lloyd
- 5 - Kathleen Napier
Larry Sumpter
- 6 - Carol Richardson
- 7 - Lori Watkins
- 9 - Audy Perry
- 10 - Caren Blake
Marie Ellis
Christa Terry
- 12 - Zachary Noble
Barbara Lynn Spurlock
Brooklyn Webb
- 13 - Noah Lambert
Addison Marcum
Sandy White
- 14 - Mary Baker
- 16 - Betty Stombeck
- 17 - Aiden Blake
Allen Davis
- 18 - Emily Morgan
Todd Taylor
- 19 - Jean Maynard
- 22 - Elizabeth Kelly
- 23 - David Kendrick
- 24 - Carolyn Powers
Molly Simpson
- 26 - Harper Haney
- 27 - Evan Arkell
Lisa Ghiz
Courtney Powers
Jessica Willis
- 28 - Brooke Welch
- 29 - Amira Hufford
Debbie Justice
- 30 - David Stevenson
- 31 - Mason Estep
Stephen Roy
Patsy Stephenson



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| 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 |
| Nathan & Brooke Welch | Jan. 23 |
| David & Katelyn Hannan | Jan. 27 |



❄️ January, 2023 is here, so why not put time in the Word at the top of your list of resolutions? Commit to daily, consistent time for the Lord to speak to you through His Word. Read, reflect, and then give Him time to make His Word come alive in your life!

📖 Ladies' Bible study groups are taking a little break, but will pick up again near the end of January (or early February). Look for announcements at church services and on the New Baptist Facebook page.

✝️ No matter what this winter season brings, we have the Word of God to carry us through. So... "Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."--Joshua 1:9

*For Good,
Dolores Adkins*



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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.

New Year Thoughts

*Let's make one resolution this year: to anchor ourselves to God's grace.
– Chuck Swindoll*

New Year's Day is a good time to fix one's eyes on the only One who knows what the year is to hold. – Elisabeth Elliot



Wow! What an incredible Christmas season we've had! I think it's just been in the past couple years that I learned that the 12 days of Christmas actually happen after December 25 in some areas. Extended Christmas!!!! Sure, it may delay taking down all those decorations, but I wonder, what is so special about the Christmas season? For one, I think there is a great deal of planning and intentionality placed on creating special moments. Whether it's the preparation for programs, planning for meals deliberating on wish-lists, and shopping for gifts, some people spend months thinking about the Christmas season. We want to make each moment "special"!

I want to encourage you, as I'm considering, what are the moments this year that I can be intentional about? What are the special days or moments where God shows up and I want to be aware and prepared to recognize it? I know there are surprises, but throughout the year we have rhythms that can open us up to God's breaking in in similar ways to Christmas.

I think keeping God's Word central to our daily practice helps us to hear His voice in the ordinariness of days. But I also think seasons like lent, and for school age families recognizing transitions as opportunities to look for and listen to God. Seek God in prayer, take a minute to pause and listen, and celebrate God's presence! What seasons can we prepare for with more intentionality this year to receive Jesus, maybe not as just a baby, but as our Lord, leading us daily?

Praying for you and if you would like to talk or explore ideas for this, feel free to reach out! Happy New Year and praying that God blesses you and your family in 2023!

In Christ,
Pastor Lee<><



Coming up:

- Winter Jam January 22, youth are going, but anyone can get tickets at the door!
- Senior High Convention- February 24-26, South Parkersburg

New Responsibilities

We as a church made some big changes in our weekly schedule coming out of the Covid-19 mandates and shutdowns. With the elimination of our Sunday evening services, the need for me to teach was greatly reduced. During and since the pandemic we as a church have continued to grow. One area that we saw as a growing need was in the coordination of our care for our church family.

The main focus of my ministry will now be the coordination of our Pastoral Care ministries for the church family. Our concern was that some people were "falling through the cracks" and we wanted to address that. I will need the help of Sunday School Classes and other groups to send me information for those that are sick, hospitalized, having surgery, mourning the death of a loved one, chronically ill, shut-in or other like situations. Also remember celebrations like a birth or marriage. Please send that information to me either by email (rlcrouch1948@gmail.com) or text or call (517-231-6376) or you can give the information to Pat in the church office, and she will pass it on to me. Please remember that **the Bible does not allow the staff to be clairvoyant** (☺), so we need to depend on your help.

You can also use the prayer cards in the lobby or the connect card on the church website to send information to us.

I will continue doing the things I have been doing but will focus on Pastoral Care.

I look forward to a great year as together we care for each other.

Pastor Robin Crouch



Wednesday, Jan. 25 for the February newsletter.





Notes From Choir Director, Karen Dailey

At the beginning of each new year, do you like to reflect on the past year and set new resolutions? The song "Search Me, O God" comes to my mind. It is a hymn that has been sung as an invitational at the end of many Christian services and it is rooted in scripture. It was published in 1936 and was composed by Dr. J. Edwin Orr and has stood the test of time. Dr. Orr was a well-known authority on the history of revival. Having written many books on the subject, he was asked to be guest lecturer at seminaries and universities. It was during a great revival convention in New Zealand that he heard a beautiful tune from their culture. This tune touched him. And after having witnessed the wonderful attitude of expectancy amongst the people of New Zealand attending the revival meetings; of the many students coming to Christ and having their faith renewed he set the words of Psalm 139:23-24 to the tune. He strongly believed that for revival to take place, it had to begin in individuals. This is the point of the song and I believe a perfect song to reflect on as we begin the new year.

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin; Fulfill Thy Word, and make me pure within. Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame; Grant my desire to magnify thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine; Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine. Take all my will, my passion, self and pride; I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee; Send a revival, start the work in me. Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need; For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

It cannot go without being said how thankful I am for the response from the congregation of New Baptist for our December Christmas Program. It was such an honor to stand before such talented and dedicated people and to sing praises to our Lord! We prayed that our congregation would be blessed, and our Lord would be glorified!

It is also with the upmost gratitude that the choir and I must offer a thank you to all that make our worship in music, media and sound possible each week! The Praise Band's willingness to play, sing and lead us in worship is a wonderful ministry that pleases our Lord. They are always ready to assist our choir and we are grateful! We are a blessed church because of their ministry!

Without the sound team our efforts to sing and the musical instruments accompanying us could not be heard! Though it is often a thankless job, we recognize your contributions each week and know they are very much needed! We greatly appreciate all your efforts!

The work of the multi-media / visual team is also such a blessing to our church! The creativity you put in to make the announcements, words of the songs, and the presentations is not only meaningful but inspiring. What a gift you are to our church! We thank you for your dedication.

The online-streaming team's efforts in providing New Baptist an online presence is helping spread the gospel beyond the walls of our building and into the world that needs to hear! Your ability 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! Thank you!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to those that provide special music, accompaniments, and preludes. How special it is to enjoy such talented people that are willing to share their gifts to the Lord and our church each week! 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!



Youth and Awana start back up on Wednesday, January 4 at 6pm. See you then.

Mission Board newsletter (from Bethany Cox, Board Chair)

Haiti update: Great news! There is a group (not from our church) headed to Ft Liberte after Christmas. The roads are back open and not current unrest. If everything goes smoothly that will look great for our church taking a group in the spring.

Marshall Football Team: We were able to serve lunch again to the Marshall football players wanting to be involved in the Bible study that followed. We served soup, salad, bread sticks and dessert. We fed 20 players. Praise the Lord 20 players are hearing about the Lord.

International Student Thanksgiving Dinner: Myra Lydick hosted her annual Thanksgiving dinner for international students from Marshall University. Food was provided by Myra and other New Baptist members. 11 international students were present. They not only learned about our thanksgiving traditions but also about the Gospel which we should all be thankful for. Thank you Lydick family for your heart to reach international students.

Operation Christmas Child: We collected 108 shoeboxes this year. Thanks to those of you who shopped or donated money. You are making a difference. Because of you all 108 children around the world will hear the Good News of the Gospel and have a chance to grow further with discipleship opportunities.

Becky Crouch was able to go to Charlotte, NC to one of the processing centers to help pack all the boxes before they ship out. It is a well-oiled machine according to her. They set up stations of 8-10 people. A couple people open boxes and take out the money, then the next person inspects the boxes for appropriate gifts, the next person then tapes it all back up and makes sure it is properly label, then it gets scanned and repacked into a larger box. She signed up for 6-hour work times. She would love to see us take a group from here in the future to help.

Holiday Bazaar: Our ABW group hosted the annual holiday bazaar at the beginning of December. It was very well attended. Around 20 vendors were present. The Cabell Midland Collegium Choir sang, Santa was present for pictures, crafts for kids and lunch was available. All the money made from lunch and the vendor fees goes toward our ABW missions' projects.

Food Pantry: On Sunday, the 18th, a great group of volunteers got together to fill 150 Christmas boxes with grocery items. These boxes were given out on Monday, the 19th. This was a joint venture once again with a grant from Stella Fuller.

Fall Festival: We had a wonderful day at Fall Festival in Oct. The weather was gorgeous, and we were able to welcome 200 people from our community and church family. They were able to hear 13 stories from creation through the promise of eternity in heaven. At the end of the stories guests received candy and a bagged lunch. Please continue to pray that seeds that were planted will be watered.

We had leftover candy that we have been able to distribute to multiple other ministries in our area. We gave 80 goodie bags to the residents of the Veterans Home in Barboursville, 20 goodie bags to the residents at Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, the residents of Wyngate Senior Living Center, BCM and Fellowship Baptist for their festival this coming weekend. Thanks as always for being generous in your time, money and service.

We also had more hotdogs than we're needed. Therefore, we were able to sell hotdog lunches the next morning raising \$370 to go towards the One Great Hour of Sharing hurricane relief.

Proposed 2023 Budget: With the increase of \$5,500 and the line item of Behold the Lamb of \$3,100 we increased our budget by \$8,600. Here is the breakdown.

1. Increase giving to Bridges International by \$2,400 (for a total of \$3,00/year)
2. Add missionary, Sarah McCloy, through International Ministries to Japan for a total of \$3,000
3. Increase giving to the Gideons by \$500 (for a total of \$1,000/year)
4. Add Pastor Dasnis at \$1,700/year. We will continue our lunches/cookie sales but most likely quarterly instead of monthly to make up for the rest of the giving we typically give to him.
5. Cabell County School Pantries at \$1,000/year. It has been brought to our attention that schools are in need of items such as underwear, socks, etc.- things they cannot purchase with Title 1 money. This line item would allow us to meet those needs when the need arises.

An Extra Mission Project - Cookies & Gospel Tracts: In December a group of volunteers made cookies to send to the inmates at the St. Mary's Correctional Center in St. Mary's WV. This was a project that we participated in along with 26th St. Baptist and Pea Ridge Baptist. Cookies were packed in quart bags (8 to a bag) and a gospel tract was added to the bag. The cookies were picked up and delivered to the correctional center by their chaplain, Timothy Meadows.

December letter from Pastor Dasni

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year has been very challenging for all of us in this world. For some of you it was COVID, and for us it was political instability which caused more hunger and poverty.

In the spirit of Christmas and the new year, we would like to take the time to say thank you to the Almighty God for safety and protection. On our side, we would like to say thank you to you for your love and support. Because of your kindness, we were able to do several food distributions, and we continue to do more food distributions. We want you to know that we are very grateful for your way of reaching out to us in our deepest needs. We hope that Our God will continue to bless you and your family in your commitment to your partnership to both the Friends of Fort Liberte and the Jerusalem Baptist Church.

On behalf of my family, my church, and the entire community, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas 2022 and Happy New Year 2023! Sincerely yours,
Pastor Dasnis and Mrs. Sherlie

2022 Christmas Food Box Giveaway

The NBC Food Pantry was happy to join with the Stella Fuller Foundation and provide Christmas Food Boxes for approximately 150 families in need.



Thanks to all those who made cookies to send to the St. Mary's Correctional Center for Christmas and thanks to the wonderful crew who helped pack them on Sunday, Dec. 18.



Check FB page to see when classes will resume in the New Year.



with **Steph & Carla**

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All ages - sizes - shapes*

Thursdays

5:30pm to 6:30pm

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

QUESTIONS?
Carla Booth 304.617.7289
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Another year for God

Another year is dawning; dear Father, let it be, in working or in waiting, another year with thee....

Another year of progress, another year of praise, another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love; another year of training for holier work above.

Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be, on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal



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, Baby Piper Clark, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Jonah Cruz, Rose Davis, Pam Fannin, Kenneth Fetty, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Karen Gillispie, 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, Jim & Nancy McSweeney, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Nancy Messinger (sister of David McMellon), Marvin & Valerie Moore, Spencer Moore, Charlie Morris, Tom Nash, 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, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Faith Watkins, Lori Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

- our pastors
- our community
- our military personnel
- unsaved loved ones
- our government leaders
- our country

Death in the Church Family:



Pattie Baxter, 84, of Huntington, WV, passed away December 16, 2022. She was born February 19, 1938 in Huntington, WV, a daughter of the late Stanley and Maxine Daniels. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, one sister, one son and a grandson. She is survived by two brothers, one son, three daughters, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pattie was not a member of New Baptist but attended Sunday School (Berean Class) and worship services faithfully for many years with her dear friend, Mary Scott, until Mary's health issues kept them from attending.

Welcome New Babies!!

Born Oct. 30, 2022

Piper Blayke Clark

Parents: Blake Clark & Faith Watkins



Born Dec. 4, 2022

Max Traube

Parents: Dave & Jenna Traube



Born Dec. 17, 2022

Daenerys Harper

Parents: Anthony & Madison Harper



West Virginia Baptist Convention
Annual Training Event

Saturday, February 4, 2023
Parchment Valley Conference Center

REGISTRATION FORM		WORKSHOP LIST	
Name: _____		Select one morning and afternoon workshop:	
Address: _____		Morning Workshops (10:15 AM)	
City/State/Zip: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term Mission Trip Leader Training (Part 1) <input type="checkbox"/> The 21st Century Christian <input type="checkbox"/> Preventing Church Hurt <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with Addiction: Uprooting Anger <input type="checkbox"/> Archiving: Preserving the Past <input type="checkbox"/> Church Clerks <input type="checkbox"/> Church Trustees <input type="checkbox"/> How to Be Successful with After School Programs	
Email Address: _____		Afternoon Workshops (1:00 PM)	
Church: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term Mission Trip Leader Training (Part 2) <input type="checkbox"/> The Hope of the Rural Church <input type="checkbox"/> Healing and Helping <input type="checkbox"/> Church Security <input type="checkbox"/> Church Treasurers and Financial Secretaries <input type="checkbox"/> Descendants <input type="checkbox"/> Walk With Me: The Journey of Walking with Others	
<small>*Note: Students in the General Studies program of the Baby Wood School of Christian Studies are eligible to receive course credit for participating in two workshops of their choice.</small>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Request BWSCS Course Credit			
REGISTRATION FEE:			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Annual Training Event Fee <input type="checkbox"/> \$27 Additional Fee for Baby Wood School of Christian Studies (BWSCS) <input type="checkbox"/> \$37 Additional Fee for BWSCS Couple			
LUNCH OPTION (SELECT ONE):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Boxed Lunch - Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Boxed Lunch - Ham			
EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS FRIDAY, JANUARY 27			
<small>Registrations received after January 27 will not include lunch. Make checks payable and mail to: West Virginia Baptist Convention P.O. Box 1019 Parkersburg, WV, 26102</small>			
Or register online at: www.wvbc.org		SCHEDULE	
		9:00 AM Registration—Hill Hall 9:30 AM Worship—Hill Hall 10:15 AM Morning Workshops Noon Lunch 1:00 PM Afternoon Workshops 2:30 PM Dismissal	



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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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SENIOR HIGH CONVENTION



Hebrews 10:23-25

February 24-26, 2023

South Parkersburg Baptist Church

Grades 9-12

Speaker: Chris Campbell

Worship: Marshall BCM Band