

BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - July 2018

The Covenant

Summer is the season for weddings. Already this summer I have had the honor of performing the wedding for Shane and Meredith Hufford, and for Jacob (my son) and Hannah (my new daughter!) Eastman. Currently I have another four weddings being planned.

Weddings are magical. There is a deep mystery that takes place at a wedding. Before the wedding day, there are two people living separate lives and part of different families, but after the wedding there is a new family crafted; now traveling together in a new direction as a single couple. The wedding is an ancient event where two lives are joined together in a covenantal relationship. Not a contract, but a covenant. A contract simply details the obligations that each party must fulfill. A covenant though is different; a covenant is how two lives are joined together. I like using the image of two pieces of metal being welded together to understand what a covenant does. When metal is welded, a torch is used (or a welding rod) that produces extreme heat which fuses the two pieces of metal into one piece. The two literally become one. A covenant is exactly that – the relational welding of two lives. contract on the other hand is like using duct tape to hold two pieces of metal together. Duct tape is a wonderful thing and has many very useful purposes, but it lacks the power to actually make the two one. Duct tape simple holds the two pieces of metal in proximity, but it never forges anything new. Unfortunately, I know of some duct tape marriages. Marriages where the husband and wife live in proximity to each other, but are still very separate, never forged into something new. When the heat comes in form of the "worse, sickness, and poorer" the duct tape burns up and the metal separates, instead of holding and forging something new. The new thing that is forged through the covenant of marriage is a powerful relationship that reveals

God to this world and is used by God to work His purposes in the lives of both husband and wife. The marriage lived in covenant is also used by God to raise up new generations in the ways of the Lord.

I share all of this because Scripture tells us that the marriage covenant is an image of what it means to be a Christian (Ephesians 5). I believe that the wedding ceremony, and the faithfully lived marriage that follows it, is probably the closest image that we have to understand what it means to be saved. Salvation is not a religion full of its rules and codes, but rather salvation is a covenantal relationship with God, forged by the cross of Jesus Our Lord has provided a way into a covenantal relationship with Him made possible by His great love and the mystery of the cross. Like marriage, living in a covenantal relationship with Jesus glorifies God because it reveals His power in our weakness and His love in His forgiveness. In the covenant, He pours out His Holy Spirit upon us to transform our lives and in the Spirit He works through us in this world. It is by the New Covenant of the cross that our lives are forged into a relationship with God by which we know Him and enjoy Him.

These are the purposes of the covenant of God made possible through the incarnation, death and resurrection of the Son, Jesus Christ.

This is the covenant that Jesus invites you into, made possible through His incarnation, death and resurrection. It is a covenant that is kept by His great unfailing love and faithfulness that extends even beyond the grave. A covenant that is open to you through faith.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Trent Eastman

Young Christian Leaders – New Baptist Church 2018 July Speaking Schedule



Phil Simpson – July 1 2019 – Southern Baptist Theological Seminary



Joshua Eastman – July 8 2017-2018 – India 2019 Princeton University



Ben McCloy – July 22 Eastern University, Palmer Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity (Missionary to Japan)



Drew Osenbach – July 25



Marshall University



- 02 Bob & Betty Blankenship
- 03 Roger & Lynn Barcus
- 06 Allen & Becky Davis
- 10 Jason & Carey Roland (20th)
- 12 Warren & Jane Napier Grover & Sheri Tadlock
- 15 Duane & Megan Taylor
- 16 Reid & Leigh Frye
- 16 Tom & Gloria Pauley
- 18 Alan & Emma Mannon
- 18 Ray & Debbie Spencer
- 21 Karl & Lana Egnatoff
- 22 Brian & Amy Kelly Jeff & Toni Madden
- 26 Virgil & Gail Kelly
- 29 Alan & Barbara Meek
- 30 Dick & Pat Meredith Darrell & Sherry Walden



Welcome to new members who have joined our fellowship the first half of 2018.

Hazel Kirschenmann, Craig & Susan Black, Drew Osenbach, Aiden Blake, Ethan Kelly, Parker Campbell, Haley Boyce, Delores Mount, Linda Keller, Michael & Patsy Stephenson, Jimi Lawson



Sunday, **July 22**, for August issue of *Bridges*



- 1 Natalie Riley
- 2 Shirley Funderburk
- 3 Susan BlackBrad Smith
- 4 Fred Cummings John Northeimer
- 5 John Baisden Shawn Carrico Madison Sierson
- 6 Hannah M. Blake Cheryl Cook Trudy Elam
- 9 Stephen Blake Carl Pemberton, Sr.
- 10 Phoebe Molyneux
- 11 Jim McSweeney Pat Meredith
- 12 Kayleigh Lewis Lynnette Simms Debbie Spencer
- 13 Zach Booth Linda Bowen Doris Halcombe Marvin Moore
- 14 Rachel Jefferson
- 15 Mike Via
- 16 Vivian Atkinson
- 17 Robin Crouch Glenna Hendrick
- 18 Abram Smith
- 19 Dorothy Castleberry Kim Cook
- 20 Barbara Jarvis
- 22 Landon Blake
 - Christie Jones
- 23 Dan Jordan 24 – Phil Holmes
- 25 Barbara Meek
 - Paula Paden
 - Maggie Westfall
- 27 Jack Cook Case Mann
- 28 Jim Blake
- 29 Jacob Campbell
 - Michael Stephenson
- 30 Jo Ann Cook David Dunn

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If your special date has been left off, please check with the church office to make sure we have your information on record.



Thank You:

Thank you for your continued generosity for Pastor Dasnis. Our last pot luck mission luncheon collected \$614 in donations!!! Thank you for continuing to support his ministry in Haiti. Your support helps to allow Pastor Dasnis to be in full-time ministry.

Mission Reports:

Motorcycle Rodeo: We were able to host the second motorcycle rodeo to support Lily's place. This event is sponsored by the Blue Knights and Upon Wings of Eagles Ministry. NBC provided many volunteers the day of the event and many donations of food, water, pop, Gatorade, etc. Thanks for all your help. There were 38 participants this year and the event collected just over \$2500 to donate to Lily's Place. A special thank you to Kevin and Susan Skaggs for heading up this big event.

Baby Bottles: In May the church collected money for a New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center. We are awaiting a total amount donated but thank you for your involvement. Our spare change can make a huge difference in the lives of these families. A New Beginning was the ministry focus for our Wednesday mission service in May. We were able to learn about the many ways they are helping young mommas and daddies in our community. If you are looking for a place to volunteer this is a great place to start. They are always looking for volunteers or donations of baby items.

Food Pantry: Our food pantry continues to serve a great need in our community. In May they were able to serve 215 families (158 children, 256 adults, 72 seniors, 486 people), 55 hygiene kits, 150 backpacks and 41 homeless. If you are able to volunteer for any amount of time on Tuesdays, the food pantry ministry would love to have you join them. See Joyce Mannon for more details.

Missionary Updates:

Katelyn Hannan: Katelyn has decided to become part-time staff with Cru in the fall. She will continue to work with the Bridges program at Marshall University to reach the international students for Christ. She is currently raising support for her ministry. If you are interested in supporting her, she can gladly give you more info.

Drew Osenbach: Drew is currently helping lead a summer mission trip of Cru students in Lebanon. He will continue as staff at Marshall University in the fall. Join us on July 25 to hear from Drew.

Reed Family: The Reeds hosted our NBC youth mission group, June 16-23. They had several busy days of work. While reading on their blog I loved one part that Adria Fox shared.

"Church began with songs of praise, and although they were in Spanish, we thoroughly enjoyed listening and attempting to sing along. Witnessing the different ways in which people worship makes you realize the immensity of our God once again, and it doesn't matter how He is worshipped, for the same God receives all of the praise."

You can check out their blogs on www.newbaptistyouth.blogspot.com Join us on July 11 to hear a report from the team.

Japan Team: Abigail Harman and Ben McCloy from NBC are currently serving in Japan. They have had opportunities to be conversation partners with students at a local school. They also invited the students to a party over the weekend where they enjoyed getting to know these students better. Their weekend also included a homestay experience with a Japanese family. If you would like to follow their blogs go to http://lovefromjapan2018.blogspot.com/

Prayer for the Nations:

We will be praying for the nation of **Kenya** during the month of July.

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Missions, continued

Websites with more information regarding Kenya:

http://operationworld.org/country/keny/owtext.html

http://prayercast.com/kenya.html

https://joshuaproject.net/countries/KE

If you have a country you would like for us to pray for please contact Abigail Harman.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday June 27: Our monthly mission service will be led by Dr Solomon Rongpi from the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India.

Sunday July 8: will be our next Mission Luncheon for Pastor Dasnis. A TACO BAR is on the menu!

Wednesday July 11: join us to hear report from our Bolivia Youth Mission Team.

Wednesday July 25: Drew Osenbach will be leading the evening service.

Missions this Summer:

Many of our NBC members are off to great places serving the Lord this summer. This is something we as a church need to celebrate! It is exciting to know our church emphasizes missions to all ages. This summer alone we have many trips/ministry opportunities our young people are engaging in:

Bolivia: our youth team was able to spend a week with the Reed family serving the Lord.

Japan: Abigail Harman and Ben McCloy were able to serve with ABC International Missionaries in Japan

Haiti: Larry Harman and Virgil Kelly served with another group traveling to Ft. Liberte' Gatlinburg, TN: Laurel Campbell is serving with Cru this summer in Gatlinburg

Lebanon: Drew Osenbach is helping lead a group of Cru students for a 6 week period this summer

Baltimore, MD: Sarah Smith and Elizabeth Kelly will be spending a week serving children in Baltimore

Africa: Shane and Meredith (Lydick) Hufford will be spending 3 weeks in Kenya after they get married.

Cowen: we have many members who serve at the WV Baptist Camp at Cowen through both counseling and directing camps.



Patriotic Trivia

As we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the Pledge of Allegiance and the hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.

The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was used as a national song before "The Star-Spangled Banner" was named America's national anthem in 1931.

Welcome Center Schedule for the month of July

1st - Carey Roland

8th - Linda Hovey

15th - Becky Huff

22nd - Renee Kessinger 29th - Joyce Mannon





July Games

Tuesday, 7/3 Valley
Monday, 7/9 Antioch
Tuesday, 7/17 Pea Ridge
Monday, 7/23 Lewis Memorial
Monday, 7/30 Beulah Ann

Games are played at the ball field at Camp Ona.



Women's Ministry article:

As we wrap up another year of women's Bible studies, my prayer is that each of you who participated has grown in ways you never even imagined! Oh, what God can do with a surrendered heart!

I am so grateful, as I know you are, for each facilitator who faithfully gave of her time and efforts to prepare and insure that your time with each other was helpful and rewarding. We truly need each other as we work together to mature and build His kingdom.

Look for information in the August newsletter about our annual Ladies' Night Out (scheduled for Thursday, September 13). Until then, enjoy your summer and remain in His Word always!

For good, Dolores Adkins Women's Ministry



Judy's Shawls <u>will NOT meet</u> in July or August. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 10, 2018.



Larry and Mary Baker were pictured in the Herald-Dispatch recently at Cherry Point Marine Air Station Base in Havelock NC. Their grandson, Chase, was promoted to Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Several other family members were in the

picture.

When **Patty Green** was honored by the City of Huntington as an outstanding citizen for the Arts, she was allowed to put an ad in the Herald-Dispatch for whatever organization she wished. She chose the Boys & Girls Club. That ad appeared recently in the newspaper.

Jay (Jeremy) Baisden, son of John and Pat Baisden, was quoted in the Sunday, June 17, Herald Dispatch article, *United Way Fundraiser Reaching New Heights*. Jay participated in the event of rappelling down the side of the WV Building and raising money for United Way. Jay explained why he wanted to do this event: "My girls have benefited from the Imagination Library that United Way helped fund, so this is a way to give back to United Way a little bit." He also added that he had a fear of heights but wanted to set an example for his girls by showing them he could conquer his fears.





New Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall

(Men – you are invited too - so come along and join in the fun.)

Guyandotte Association Day Camp

Camp Ona July 9-13, 2018 1st – 5th grade

Cost \$20

Registration forms available at the Welcome Center.

Also looking for high school youth to help out with day camp. Applications are also available at Welcome Center for helpers.



Jacob and Hannah (Hall) Eastman – June 8, 2018 Shane and Meredith (Lydick) Hufford – June 23, 2018

Family Life Thoughts from Pastor Lee



Flying over the snowcapped peaks of the Andes Mountains on our way home earlier this week, I began to think about how I could describe this trip. I love planning trips where people, especially teenagers, can experience different cultures, try new foods, meet new

people, and see God in new, bigger ways. We went to Cochabamba, Bolivia with the mission to help build a church. As we come home, we realize our participation in building the Church, with a BIG "C". We did not possess special skills or knowledge that Bolivia was lacking. Instead, we had the opportunity to partner with brothers and sisters in Christ to build a church that would host worship services, support their ministry to 200+ children from the community each week, and serve as an outpost for the Gospel in their community.

Throughout the week we had the opportunity to work very hard. We were making mortar, carrying, preparing, and laying bricks, and developing relationships with workers, church members, the engineer and architect, missionaries, and children. The beauty of all that was built came together in our final night at the House of Hope when we shared a few hours talking, eating, and singing together. I could not help but be amazed at how great our God is as we sang in English, Spanish, and Portuguese the same song, of the same God, who loves us and calls us to the same faith and action. As we prepared to leave, Israel, the engineer, encouraged us by giving us a small replica brick like the ones we had laid. He said individually they can't do much, but together they are strong and immovable, especially when they are laid on a firm foundation of Christ. What a great reminder that we are part of the body of Christ, not just New Baptist Church, but the Church worldwide, working to make God known and to encourage the body of Christ.

We had an opportunity of carrying the love of Jesus with us to Bolivia and in the process we saw that God is active and working in His Church around the world, growing His people, and sending them out with the Gospel into all the world. What a great partnership we have formed and what incredible encouragement each team member feels being part of this experience. We are so grateful for the Reeds and the ministry they do in Bolivia and the House of Hope for the love and hospitality they showed us as a team and their community of Cochabamba. Thank you to all who supported us through financial giving and prayer, you were active in this partnership as senders. And a special thanks to the team who was willing to go and their families who were willing to support them by allowing them the opportunity. To God be the glory great things He has done and we have no less expectations that He will continue to do great things both here and worldwide!





(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: Coralie Adkins, Susan Arthur, Janet Bricker, Philip Scott Burt, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Mary Clifton, Kenny Coates, Jack Cook, Brittany Crockett, Lisa Daniels, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Doug Doss, Tracy Foster, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, John Hall, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, John and Linda Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Debbie Justice, Allison Sheils Kays, Virginia Lawr ence, Betty Maynor, Richard Meade, Joe Midkiff, Linda Miller, Warren Napier, Marlin Oldaker, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Connie Richards, Jack Rickman, Charlie Shorey, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bonnie & Keith Simpkins, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jim Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Don Walker, Emma Wagner, Mark Wells, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer

(Pray also for our church, our community, unsaved loved ones, our military personnel, our government leaders, our country)



Senior Adult Fellowship

July 19, 2018 Meeting

Larry Shannon Gospel Music



Catering by - The Scrumptious Company

Menu: Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, Cucumber and Onion, Turkey and Cheddar Sandwich, Hot Ham and Cheese, Minestrone Soup, Dessert

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

Program: Our program will be presented by Larry Shannon who will play the electronic keyboard and sing Gospel Songs. Larry is the brother of Gloria Holmes who is a member of New Baptist Church. He was born and raised in Kenova, WV. While growing up he attended Oakland Avenue Baptist Church in Catlettsburg, KY. and as a teenager served as the church organist. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 12 and for 50 years has been involved in the music ministry of several churches in the area, mostly serving as Ministry of Music. Larry is married and has a daughter and son and has also been blessed with 7 grandchildren. He retired from Ashland Oil, Inc. in 2007 after 37 of service. He is currently a member of Oakland Avenue Baptist Church and provides special music for Church services and civic organizations throughout the area. On October 15, 2014 while playing and singing for a special service at New Life Fellowship Church in Russell, KY, he experienced a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and was declared clinically dead for 25 minutes. However, Larry had not completed God's plan for his life and God put life back in his body so he could complete His plan. Larry will discuss his SCA experience and share his testimony about God's plan for his life. This will be a very interesting and entertaining program and I am sure you will not want to miss it. So come on out and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you and enjoy the great food, fun, fellowship and wonderful program. Looking forward to seeing you there. You will be glad you came and so will we.

- Roy Maynor



There is a great deal of discussion happening today about immigration and illegal immigration. Let me use the idea of immigration as a springboard to a different thought. "Evangelistic Theology for a Pluralistic Age," was a class taught by Dr. J.I. Packer. It dealt with a need to develop a theology, built on the authority of scripture, that speaks clearly to our modern culture. It was a wonderful class and caused me to examine my own theology in light of how the current generation views the world. In thinking about that, I ran across two articles that complement each other and speak to our opportunity to do ministry in the culture in which we live.

Len Sweet is a pastor and commentator on the church and modern cultural trends. He says that if you are older than 49 you are an immigrant in the current culture. As I reflected on that I thought about immigrants. They come from the "old" country with "old" customs and thoughts. They have a work ethic and job skills vastly different from their children. It is true, I am an immigrant in the current American culture.

It was then that I read the following piece. You may have received it by email, it is though worth thinking about.

Don't you wish you could go back to the time when.....

Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo."

Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "do over!"

"Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest.

Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly."

Catching fireflies happily occupied an entire evening.

It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.

Being old, referred to anyone over 20.

The net on a tennis court was the perfect height to play volleyball & rules didn't matter.

The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties.

It was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb.

It was unbelievable that dodgeball wasn't an Olympic event.

Having a weapon in school, meant being caught with a slingshot.

Nobody was prettier than Mom.

Dad was the strongest man alive.

Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better.

It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park.

Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.

Abilities were discovered because of a "double-dog-dare."

Saturday morning cartoons weren't 30-minute ads for action figures.

No shopping trip was complete, unless a new toy was brought home.

"Oly-oly-oxen-free" made perfect sense.

Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles.

The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team.

War was a card game.

Water balloons were the ultimate weapon.

Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle.

Taking drugs meant orange-flavored chewable Flintstone vitamins.

Ice cream was considered a basic food group.

Older siblings were the worst tormentors, but also the fiercest protectors.

Feeling like an immigrant, me, too. It just shows how important it is for us to move forward with the gospel because it does speak to this culture. We may need to do things differently but our theology will remain rooted in Christ and the Bible. When you talk with people about the Lord and our church remember you may be an immigrant speaking a language they do not understand. We must therefore learn their language and translate the gospel into terms this generation understands. Just some thoughts for you to chew on as we seek to do ministry together. I look forward to seeing you in church each week this summer.



Museum of the Bible Trip

It is not too late to sign up for the trip to The Museum of the Bible on July 20-21, 2018. The last day to register and payment is due on Sunday, July 8. For more information, please contact Pastor Robin or the Church Office.

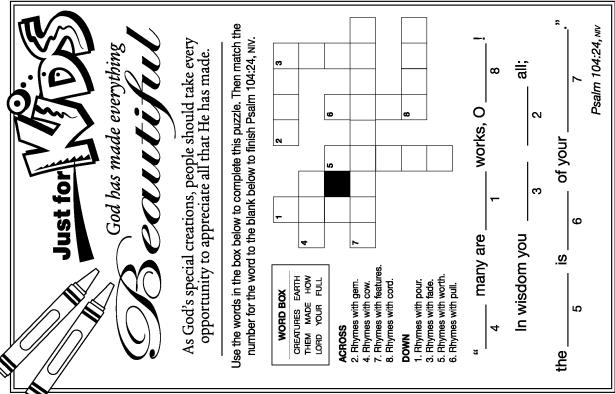


SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 9, 2018 will be the Celebration Day for New Baptist's Tenth Anniversary. Make your plans now to join us on that day.

Mission is EVERYWHERE!

The word "mission" often implies traveling to another country to teach and work. The work done in foreign missions is important, of course, but we can't all make the trip. What we can do, however, is be faithful servants where we live. Mission is about putting the face and name of Jesus in front of those who don't know him. We can do that in many ways — any place and any day.



Answers: "How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Psalm 104:24, NIV

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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship Kid's Church/Nursery 5:30 Choir Practice

6:00 Youth

6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible

Study

Children's Programming

Youth Pods

Family Supper Nights in July Sunday, July 15 6pm Sunday, July 29 6pm



NEW BAPTIST CHURCH 610 28TH STREET HUNTINGTON WV 25702

Guyandotte Baptist Assoc.

July 9 – July 13

9:30am - 2:30pm

Day Camp

For children who have completed 1st – 5th Grades

Cost: \$20

A week focused on God's Son, Jesus.

Songs, crafts, games and Bible stories. Lunch & snacks will be provided.