



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - July 2022

Hearing Christ Work

Have you ever had to wait in a hospital while a loved one undergoes surgery? As a pastor, I often spend time with families anxiously waiting for news that the surgery has gone well and that their loved one will be okay. Those hours of waiting are very difficult, and I wish there were some way that a family could know how things are going. From the start of the surgery to its end, no news exits the operating room. If the doctor is kind, once the surgery is over, he will leave the operating room and find the family in the waiting area to share with them how the surgery went. This experience of anxiously waiting for news of a successful surgery is a good illustration of what it must have been like to wait for the High Priest as he entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement for the nation.

In the book of Leviticus, there was only one day of the year when the High Priest would come before the most Holy God and make atonement for the sins of the nation through the sacrifice of animals. The people would wait outside anxiously awaiting his return. Not only did they fear for the High Priest's life, but they looked forward to the completion of the atonement. An excellent example of this waiting can be seen in Luke 1:21, where the people begin to worry about Zechariah taking too much time in the temple to burn incense. Just like we today would like to know how the surgeon is getting along with the operation, so did the people of the day wish to know if the High Priest was okay and fulfilling his role. To this end, they tied bells on the bottom of his robe; this way, as the High Priest moved in the Holy of Holies before the Lord, they could hear the sound of bells ring (Exodus 28:34). Thus, one can argue that by the sound of the bells, those who could not see the High Priest knew that the High Priest was fulfilling his role of interceding

for the nation. I find this small detail about the bells on the High Priest's robe a wonderful way to know that Christ is at work today.

The book of Hebrews describes Jesus as the Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14). The author of Hebrews then goes on to show how Jesus is superior to the High Priest of the Old Covenant and how the tabernacle, sacrifices, and the High Priest are all prophetic pictures of Jesus. This means that the High Priest's clothing description, as given in Exodus 28, all point to Jesus, even the bells on the edges of the robe. This Bible truth is of great encouragement to me.

We are told in scripture that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, **"who indeed IS interceding for us (Romans 8:34)."** Jesus, right now, is at work on our behalf. Jesus, right now, is our advocate in heaven.

Jesus, right now, is bringing our prayers before the Father. Jesus, right now, is our mediator. Just like those that waited for the High Priest outside the temple, we too cannot see our Great High Priest with our eyes, but we can hear the sound of him moving. The ringing of Christ at work can be heard through the God-ordained means of reading scripture, the word proclaimed, and praises sung. Hearing these "bells ring" gives us a sense of God at work, but there are also other bells that we can listen to, which provide evidence of Jesus at work. These other bells include the testimony of people about how God has changed their life or answered their prayers. Amen, I hear Jesus at work! Listen for Him at work around you as you wait for the Lord!

(1 Peter 1:8) "Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,"

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent Eastman

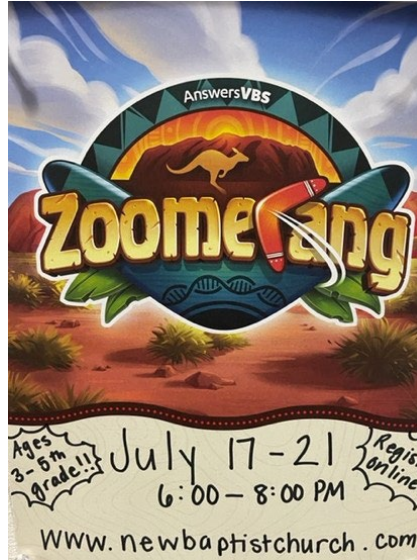


Judy's Shawls

Sometimes God uses you when you least expect it. While doing chemo the other day at St Mary's I was crocheting (what else would I do while sitting there?). The lady next to me started talking. During the conversation she said she would really like to have a chemo hat. We talked for a while and I told her I would get/make her one. A couple of days go by and I get a message from a member of our group stating "I have some hats for you." ❤️ I will deliver those this week. After talking with the staff at St. Mary's, I discovered they have a need for hats and especially blankets. Anyone wanting to crochet or knit a hat (adult size) feel free to use the pattern of your choice or contact me and I will give you a pattern or two. Be sure to use soft washable yarn. If you have time to make a blanket - quilted, crocheted or knitted please contact me for size. etc. Finished hats/blankets can be left at the welcome center and I will deliver them.

My contact info is - rebekahuff@hotmail.com or 304-634-1448.

Becky Huff



Make plans now to attend Vacation Bible School.

Registration can be done on line or you can contact

Katelyn Mann 304-638-7279

Lacie Casto 304-552-6676 or

Betsy Brown 740-709-1340

for more info.

Hope to see you there!!



- 1 – Lisa Preston
Natalie Riley
- 2 – Lena Powers
- 3 – Susan Black
Brad Smith
- 4 – Charlotte Boyce
Fred Cummings
Larry Hufford
- 5 – John Baisden
Madison Sierson
- 6 – Hannah M. Blake
Cheryl Cook
Trudy Elam
- 10 - Phoebe Molyneux
- 11 – Quinn Hazelett
Jim McSweeney
Pat Meredith
- 12 – Kayleigh Lewis
Lynnette Simms
Debbie Spencer
- 13 – Zach Booth
Linda Bowen
Doris Halcombe
Margaret McCunn
Marvin Moore
- 14 – Rachel Cooper
- 15 – Sandy James
Mike Via
- 16 – Vivian Atkinson
Kara Dutton
Megan Hazelett
- 17 – Robin Crouch
Glenna Hendrick
- 18 - Abram Smith
- 19 – Kim Cook
- 20 – David Hannan
Barbara Jarvis
- 23 – Dan Jordan
Mike Kelly
- 24 – Betsy Brown
Phil Holmes
- 25 – Barbara Meek
Paula Paden
Maggie Westfall
- 27 – Case Mann
- 28 – Jim Blake
R. L. Ely
- 29 – Carlie Arkell
Jacob Campbell
Michael Stephenson
- 30 – Jo Ann Cook
David Dunn
- 31 – Rob Ely



- 02 *Bob & Betty Blankenship (30th)*
Tom & Catherine Rushton
- 03 *Roger & Lynn Barcus*
- 06 *Allen & Becky Davis*
- 09 *R. L. & Joni Ely*
- 10 *Jason & Carey Roland*
- 12 *Grover & Sheri Tadlock*
- 14 *Todd & Cynthia Taylor*
- 16 *Reid & Leigh Frye*
Tom & Gloria Pauley
- 17 *Randy & Amy Hogsett*
- 18 *Alan & Emma Mannon*
Ray & Debbie Spencer (35th)
- 21 *Karl & Lana Egnatoff*
- 22 *Brian & Amy Kelly*
- 22 *Jeff & Toni Madden*
- 26 *Virgil & Gail Kelly*
- 29 *Alan & Barbara Meek (50th)*
- 30 *Darrell & Sherry Walden*



Camp Global is the annual family missions camp designed to inform, inspire, and equip individuals and churches to better engage with what God is doing in His redemption of the nations.

God is opening numerous doors, both locally and around the world, for those currently unreached with the gospel to hear and receive the good news of Jesus.

The purpose of this year's camp is to:

- Inform you of opportunities and resources
- Inspire you to engage communities both locally and globally
- Equip you with the tools to make disciples of all nations

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Summer is here with its long days and warm nights. July is such an exciting month with its fireworks, cookouts, and family time. Here's hoping you get to enjoy some vacation fun during this beautiful season of the year. But don't forget to find ways to serve, too. During our off-season for Bible studies, there are many ways to give of your time, talents, and finances through VBS, food pantry, Sunday School, music ministry, and others. As our verse for the year says, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," so we need to share HIM in as many ways as we can!




BIBLE study is in the planning stage for the fall. Morning classes will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays; evening classes on Wednesdays (with other evenings a possibility). Morning groups will use a similar format, but options are being explored for evening, due to the limited amount of time we have during AWANA. We will plan for more interaction and discussion time without using videos on Wednesdays. Possible formats are book studies, sections of Scripture studies, Biblical topic studies, and studies relevant to our place in today's world. We would like to keep daily homework at a minimum to reach more of the very busy women of our church. YOU and your input and ideas are very important! Look for announcements of an open meeting for all who are interested in contributing to building a better model for evening Bible studies for ALL of us!



LNO (Ladies' Night Out) is scheduled for **September 8**, so go ahead and mark your calendars! This is always an amazing night of food, fellowship, and faith. Our theme last year was "Forgiven and Free" and our speaker was **Jessica Kern Huff** (who has since then given birth to a new son!) --and it was such a special night. This year we will work hard to make it just a relevant and inspiring. Details will be given through this newsletter, on the NBC Facebook page, and by church announcements as we get closer to the date!

For Good...

Dolores Adkins




Looking to invest in the spiritual lives of your family? Then you are encouraged to attend the **FAMILY CAMP** at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen. The dates are **Friday evening, July 22 through Monday noon July 25, 2022.**

Ages 10-Adult: \$115	Maximum \$360 for family.
Ages 6-9: \$75	
Ages 3-5: \$45	
Under 2 years: Free	

Directors: Justin and Bethany Cox

**Guyandotte Baptist Association
Day Camp
Camp Ona
July 11-15, 2022
1st – 5th grade
Cost \$20
Registration forms available at the
Welcome Center.**



Attorney **Brandon Morgan** was pictured in the June 3 edition of the Herald-Dispatch during the preliminary hearing of a murder case.

Ripley Haney, Caroline Kinder, Brooke Powers, and Elizabeth Kelly were all named to the Dean's List of Marshall University for the spring semester.



Sunday, **July 24**, for August issue of *Bridges*

"Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it."
—Corrie ten Boom



Update from Pastor Robin

My life since April 26 has been a play on words. I am learning to be a patient and to demonstrate patience. It has now been nearly two months of limited to no mobility and it may be another six weeks of physical therapy and recovery. I want to thank my church family and friends for the love and care they have shown me during this time.

Let me share some lessons learned during this time:

1. If you cannot control a situation you have to work at not allowing it to affect your spirit. It was Viktor Frankl, an Austrian philosopher and Holocaust survivor, who said, *“Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.”*
I choose my attitude each and every moment and I choose to trust the Lord even though I might not understand the why or wherefore of this injury. It is my desire to demonstrate how trusting the Lord make a difference in difficult situations.
2. Visits from church family and friends lift your spirits more than people know. Those small acts of kindness make otherwise dreary days bright.
3. Injuries never come at convenient times. I was not able to travel to Louisiana for Grayce’s graduation. Thankfully my sister and her husband came and stayed with me so Becky could go. Becky and I were not able to go with the girls and their families to Disney World. Disappointed but thankful for cell phones and pictures and FaceTime that allowed us to experience some of the magic with them.
4. The meals that people brought were good but the fellowship as we shared the meal together was even better.
5. The prayers of your church family do make a difference. I have sensed the strength and encouragement that they have brought to my spirit.
6. The toughest part for me is knowing that Becky is also somewhat confined with me. I have said she is getting the “for worse” and I am getting the “for better” part of the “for better or for worse” part of our wedding vows.
7. The joy of fellowship and worship together is magnified when you can finally get back to church.

Thanks again to all you that have reached out and touched my life. I am better for it. Looking forward to being with you in worship again soon.



A Pew Research Center survey reported that 90% of active US churchgoers stated that their churches had closed their doors in favor of broadcasting services online. While New Baptist didn’t close our doors, we did comply with COVID-19 social distancing protocols. One of several changes we made was to collect offerings at the door - discontinuing the long standing practice of Ushers passing collection plates during the service.

However, another important function provided by Ushers (a.k.a. Doorkeepers) has almost disappeared. The typical duties can include greeting people as they arrive, assisting those who need help entering or exiting their vehicle, handing out bulletins, answering questions, providing directions to Sunday School classes, helping to finding seats in the sanctuary, and parking assistance for large attendance events.

What we need initially is to recruit members who are willing to effectively lead, organize, and schedule Ushers for Sunday Morning (Sunday School and Worship) and other special events (e.g. convention meetings, concerts).

If you are interested in helping with this need, please contact **Phil Holmes** at **304-638-8451** or philipholmes@yahoo.com)



Music Notes from Choir Director, Karen Dailey

The choir will be singing “Prayer for America” on the 3rd of July. Please watch for the announcements on the screens and for emails about rehearsals in July. The summer brings a time of rest from the normal routine of life and therefore our people are scattered and have commitments with family and friends. We will take a short break and be ready to come back full force in the fall. During this break, plans are being made for the songs we will be working on when we come back and for Christmas. Yes, that’s right, I am working on Christmas in July!

Have you ever been interested in the stories behind the great hymns? They are fascinating! The hymns are rich in history and grounded in biblical truths, and it is no wonder many have been around for hundreds of years. One such story began during The Great Awakening of the 1700s. This revival spread across many parts of the world and William Williams was converted during one of the evangelistic services. He was the son of a wealthy farmer and had graduated from the university as a physician, intending to become a medical doctor. After his conversion, he changed his profession to become a physician of souls and became an itinerant minister. He lived as a pilgrim, pressing through storm of winter, the rains of springtime and the heat of summer. He was both beaten by mobs and cheered by crowds once preaching to an assembly of around 80,000. In his journal he always gave God the praise for strength to carry on. Throughout his travels he became noted and remembered for his hymns. He was called the “Sweet Singer of Wales” and in all, he composed over 800 hymns. Perhaps his best-known hymn is “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” It has been said, this hymn brought comfort to President James Garfield as he was dying of an assassin’s bullet. The hymn was sung at the funeral of Princess Diana. It has stood the test of time and was Williams’ autobiographical prayer with many Old Testament allusions. One might think because some of the words of the lyrics are not used today, the hymn is not relevant. Read these words and contemplate their true meaning and tell me if you can’t see how they could also be the prayer of every Christian, no matter the year.



*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this this barren land.
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand.
 Bread of Heaven, bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 Open now thou, crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
 Strong Deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou my strength and shield; be Thou my strength and shield.
 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
 Death of death and Hell’s destruction land me safe on Canaan’s side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.
 Musing on my habitation, musing on my Heavenly home.
 Fills my soul with holy longings: Come my Jesus, quickly come.
 Vanity is all I see, vanity is all I see; Lord, I long to be with Thee; Lord, I long to be with Thee.*

Paraphrased from Then Sings My Soul, 150 of the World’s Greatest Hymn Stories by Robert J Morgan

Join us for the July Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

July 13, 2022 Noon

Program: Patrick Henry & Thomas Jefferson

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



- Menu:**
 Pulled Pork
 Honey Apple Chicken
 Cole Slaw
 Corn
 Cherry Pie
 German Chocolate Cake
 Strawberry Fluff

Please **sign up by Wednesday, July 6**, so we can have a count for the caterer.

Signup sheets are in older adult Sunday School Classes and at the Welcome Center.

From Our Family Life Pastor

Camps, Mission Trips, VBS....and this is just July! Summer is a fantastic time where our rhythms and routines change up a bit and it seems like in these moments God breaks through the noise of our lives and we are able to hear Him speak. Your family may be doing swim lesson, sports practice, picnics, vacations, and other summer fun, but God is no less present in these moments than at other times. I love how our summer routine provides different opportunities for our family to dream and talk together. I have written many times about providing rhythms and reminders that serve as conversation starters for our kids to ask about our faith, but God is working in our kids and we have the opportunity to help them explore God working in their lives. We have provided a conversation sheet on our parent Facebook page that give some conversation starters that you can use as prompts to unpack camp, a mission trip, or other activities your kids may participate in. This doesn't all happen on the ride home or over one meal, but allow them to share over the weeks and months after these events and pray for them as they respond to God's voice!

Recently in my Bible reading I've been reminded that words like "hear", "believe", and even "joy" carry not just something to know, but a response, an action. Hear and obey, believe and follow, trust God and have joy! When you ask questions, ask about songs, verses, or points in talks that stood out to them. Ask about what they feel they should do. Ask what ideas or beliefs or friends or habits they feel they should change as a result of what they've heard. Don't come up with a plan for them, but ask them if they have one or if they'd like help making a plan to respond to God. These are just a few of the ways you can be present for your kids journey with God!

Know that I'm praying for you and rooting for you in this! I'd love to hear your needs and pray for you or your successes and challenges and walk with your family on this journey!

- Remember that **VBS is July 17-21** - bring your neighbors and friends, and we are excited to offer a coffee and Bible discussion option upstairs in the youth room each night for parents
- **Move up Sunday is August 14**. This is when kids will move to the class or group that represents their grade for the 22/23 school year. We will have an event that afternoon at the church with fun, games, and resources for the new year. Make plans to join us!

Pastor Lee Boso



Our final count on our New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center baby bottle drive - \$2,131.75!!! Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

A small team from the Friends of Ft Liberte' board recently returned from visiting Haiti. It was so wonderful to be back on the ground and personally check on Pastor Dasnis and the ministry. All is well and the children are doing well. They are planning to return this fall.

We will be **collecting school supplies** again this year to distribute directly to Huntington High School, Huntington East Middle School and Highlawn Elementary School. This has allowed the schools to distribute the supplies as needs arise. Below are the **items we are collecting starting July 17-Aug 7**. If you are not able to shop or would just like to donate money you can designate it as school supplies and turn into the church office.

- Notebooks 1 Subject (college ruled and wide ruled)
- Filler Paper (college ruled and wide ruled)
- Folders
- Note Cards
- Pencils
- Pens (red, blue and black)
- Markers 8-10 count (Crayola)
- Colored Pencils - 12 count (Crayola)
- Crayons 24 count (Crayola)



- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters
- Erasers (big pink)
- Pencil tops erasers
- Composition Notebooks
- Scissors
- Pencil Boxes or Pouches
- Backpacks (all ages)



Looking ahead we are planning to do a **Fall Festival** this year!!! Our plan is to host the Fall Festival on **October 22**. More details will be available soon, but as of now our plan is to provide the Bible stories and a bagged lunch. Please mark your calendars now for that day and keep an eye out for more details to come.



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, Lynn Barcus, Bill Bartram, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Robert Bonecutter, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Kyle Cook, Virginia Cortese, Pastor Robin Crouch, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Pam Fannin, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Virgil Kelly, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Joseph Leggott, Bob Mannon, Roy Maynor, Nancy McSweeney, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Valerie Moore, Sandy Pemberton, Charlie Morris, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bob & Jo Anna Smith, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Sherry Walden, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Lork Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Richard Weston, Mary Lee Wilkes, Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

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| our pastors | unsaved loved ones |
| our community | our government leaders |
| our military personnel | those trying to flee Afghanistan |
| our country | the people of Haiti |
| Ukraine and its people | |

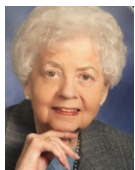
Deaths in Church Family



Mark Willett, 67, of Proctorville OH, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2022. Mark was retired from Special Metals after 40 years of service and was a member of Steelworkers Union Local 40. He was a charter member of New Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Stu and Maxine Willett. Survivors include his wife, Jo Ellen; two daughters, Angie Blake and Corie (Brian) Harris; four grandchildren – Emily Brumfield, Hannah J. Blake, Landon Blake and Eli Willett; a brother, Marvin (Gwile) and a host of other family and friends.



Linda Miller, 80, of Chesapeake OH, passed away on Friday, June 3, 2022. Linda was a retired sales clerk from Sears. She was a member of New Baptist Church. Linda is survived by her husband, J.D. Miller, two daughters, Tina (Jay) Williams, Kirsten (Keith) O’Brien; a son, James (Crystal) Miller; one sister; two brothers; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Virginia Lawrence, 95, of Ashland, KY, formerly of Huntington, WV, passed away on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Virginia was a member of New Baptist and was a retired teacher’s aide with the Cabell County Board of Education. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Lawrence, Jr; three brothers and three sisters. Survivors include a brother F.S. (Kathy) Canterbury; a daughter, Rebecca (Ron) Curry, with whom she lived; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

New Members for the first half of 2022

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| Annie Stewart | Drew Taylor | Penelope Stephens |
| Dick Stewart | Cynthia Taylor | Kenidy Jeffrey |
| R.L.Ely | Todd Taylor | Owen Dierdorff |
| Joni Ely | Madden Casto | Reese Hufford |
| Rob Ely | Sadie Brown | Addison Marcum |
| Beth Ely | Tucker Brown | Annie Day |
| Braelyn Fannin | John Stephens | Evan Day |
| Kellie Cyrus | Ashley Stephens | Joe Dierdorff |
| Mike Cyrus | Nora Stephens | Amy Hogsett |
| | | Randy Hogsett |





Will meet on
Thursday, July 7 at
5:30pm on the
WildSide (Fellowship
Hall)



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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
610 28TH STREET
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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

6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Youth
Children's Programming

NBC Food Pantry Hours

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm
(additional hours 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays – 5pm-7pm)



for July 2022

More info on these events inside of newsletter.

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Cost - \$20

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July 13 Noon
New Baptist
Cost - \$10 (Suggested donation)

Vacation Bible School

July 17-21 6pm-8pm
New Baptist

Family Camp

July 22-25
Camp Cowen
Fun for the WHOLE family!

Camp Global (for all ages)

July 29-31
Camp Cowen
Cost - \$100