



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - June 2019

The Giftedness of Singleness

Weddings are wonderful, even magical events. Magical in the sense that we get to see a radical change of status and identity. The service begins with two people being a bride and a groom and it ends with them being husband and wife bound till death separates. Surrounding them is a host of friends dressed in their finest and holding flowers. The preacher gets up and talks about the mystery of marriage, and how marriage is an image of Christ and the church, and all the benefits of marriage. Weddings are beautiful and are indeed worthy of great celebration.

Yet, in the back of my mind, as a couple promises a lifetime of love to each other, I think about all of the single people present. Young people who are longing for a spouse to love them, older people who have buried a spouse and may be grieving, and those who never married who wonder if they are somehow second-class Christians. In celebrating marriage, do we (or me the preacher) present marriage as the pinnacle of life's fulfillment, purpose and calling? To be clear, marriage is of God, and it is God who brings people together. And since it is of God, marriage carries in it an image of God. This is why marriage is sacred and worth fighting for. But what does this say to those who are not now or never have been married? What does the Bible say about being single?

First, and I believe most importantly, a person's fulfillment, purpose and calling is found in Christ alone. Trying to establish our identity or purpose in marriage is simply another example of something good being turned into an idol. The view that sees a person only complete in marriage has turned marriage into an idol. We (you and I) are complete in Jesus Christ. He is the one

who saves us and gives to us a new name. Not only does He save us, He brings us into an eternal relationship with Himself, a relationship that does not end in death.

Second, being single actually represents a greater giftedness than being married. Paul says very clearly in 1 Corinthians 7:7-8 that his being single is a gift from God that he wishes for others. He says *"I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. To the unmarried and the widows, I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am."* Being single is a unique gift and calling. If you are single, see it as a gift from God revealing the fullness of His grace.



Third, Jesus Himself was single. I am sure that Jesus had various aunts and uncles who tried to set Him up in a wedding match. I am sure that He was told that He could not be a rabbi unless He was married; that no one would respect Him if He was single. Blah, blah, blah. Jesus was single. He was single because He chose to be single. He chose to live a life of single-minded devotion to the will of the Father. Anyone who says that a person is not complete unless married, or that in order to better serve the Lord one must be married, is speaking against the Lord Himself.

If you are single, rejoice that the Lord has gifted you and called you while trusting Him for the future. He alone makes you whole; He alone calls; He alone completes you and He alone sends you out in strength for His purposes.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Trent Eastman



- 1 Travis Noble
- 2 Olivia Emerson
- 3 Nancy Bane
Grover Tadlock
- 4 John Ghiz
- 5 Ronica Hensley
Becky Morris
- 8 Easton Combs
- 9 Rose Davis
Celi Stuart
- 10 Lucas Cox
Isabelle Jones
Melissa Marcum
Tracie Ross
- 12 Casey Adkins
Brooke Powers
- 15 Isabelle Bonecutter
- 16 George Ellis
- 17 Tucker Brown
Sadie Brown
- 19 Oleta Dolen
- 20 Stan Meadows
Kristen Schaffer
Kara Smith
Josh Vanover
- 23 Andy Finley
Katie Ghiz
Jeff Madden
Mark Willett
- 24 Abigail Lewis
- 25 Lacie Casto
Grace Ghiz
- 26 Hannah Jane Blake
- 27 Bill Dolen
Bob Paden.
- 28 Susan Pratt
- 29 Drew Osenbach
- 30 Grace Vanover

Ryan McGuffin placed 3rd in the Maier English Awards sponsored by Marshall University.



Asa Carlton "Corky" Eddy, 95, of North Carolina, passed away April 16. A member of the well-known Eddy family who were stalwarts of the former 20th Street Baptist Church. Corky was a Sunday School teacher in the Junior High Department for years. His mother and father were Pearl and Ross Eddy, whose firm handshake could take down the hardest of us. He was preceded in death by his

wife Helen, his brothers Jack and Jimmy, sisters Ruth Jean and Helen. Larry, his youngest brother, survives. Corky visited his sister, Ruth Jean, here at New Baptist until her death and also his cousin, Phyllis Gould.

Major Simms was pictured in the Herald-Dispatch's feature article entitled "Spring on the Farm," as Heritage Farm Museum and Village hosted its annual Spring Fest. Described as "one of the farm's ace employees and guides," Major is using the newly-developed Heritage Farm App to uncover the farm's many stories in a fun way.



- 3 – Tyler & Rebecca Hampton
- 5 – Marvin & Valerie Moore
- 8 – Jacob & Hannah Eastman (1st)
- 10 - Phil & Gloria Holmes
- 11 – Clyde & Dee Mount
- 11 - Jeff & Lisa Riley
- 11 - Roger & Tracy Waugh (20th)
- 12 – Rick & Trudy Elam
- 15 – Bobby & Joyce Mannon
- 17 – Kevin & LaAnna Blake
- 17 – Kevin & Susan Skaggs
- 18 – John & Kim Stinespring (20th)
- 20 – Jeff & Trena Wise
- 23 – Shane & Meredith Hufford (1st)
- 23 – Seth & Ashley Summers
- 25 – Earl & Teresa Trawick
- 27 – Curt & Katelyn Mann (10th)


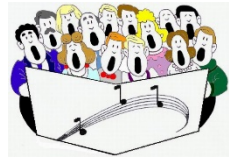


Sunday, June 23
for July issue of Bridges





Judy's Shawls will meet on Monday, June 3, at 6:30pm in the Bykota classroom. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting is welcome to join us.

Invitation to Worship

To say the NBC Sanctuary Choir has been a blessing in my life is a huge understatement! While each members' voice is unique and weak on its own, when blended together, in only a way that God can, we offer up praises in worship to our Father. It is Him that we serve and Him that we adore. It is an honor to stand before this family of believers and choose songs to reflect our love for Him.

Summer is almost here. A time of vacations, porch sitting, firefly catching, corn on the cob and watermelon eating. This summer we will continue to have choir rehearsal at 5:00 singing some old songs and learning a few new ones that I believe will be a joy to sing. Come join us!

Karen Dailey



June 2019

April Food Pantry Report:


- 268 families
- 525 people (111 children, 324 adults, 99 seniors)
- 117 hygiene kits
- 500 backpacks
- 62 Homeless

Upcoming Dates:

- Saturday June 1 is our annual **Motorcycle Rodeo**. This is hosted by the Blue Knights and Upon Wings of Eagles Ministry. This year is going to be even bigger than before. In addition to the motorcycle rodeo, there will be a bicycle rodeo (each participant will receive a helmet) and inflatables. We are hoping this will be a community event this year. It is not too late to sign up to volunteer or donate food items. See Kevin Skaggs for more info or sign up in the church lobby.
- Sunday June 9 is our next **mission luncheon** to sponsor Pastor Dasnis in Haiti. Hotdogs are on the menu. So go ahead and plan to join us for food, fellowship and fun.
- Go ahead and mark your calendar for our **Annual Fall Festival Trunk and Treat** on Saturday October 26.

Service Opportunities:

- **Plain Mats:** Many of you are aware that we crochet mats for the homeless out of plastic grocery bags. We are in need of a few volunteers that could help us crochet these mats. We can teach you how...you just have to be willing to learn. See Sandy Pemberton for more details.
- **Ronald McDonald House:** We are always collecting pop tabs (from soda, soup cans, pet food cans, etc) to give to the RMH. They use these to help pay their utility bills. You can drop your pop tabs off at the mission board in the back of the sanctuary.



J.A.M. is for children ages 4 – 5th Grade. Every Sunday evening this summer from 6:30-7:30, the children will focus on the parables of Jesus with Bible lessons, crafts, games and song. J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) will be led by Becky Crouch and Teresa Foster. Let them know if you would like to help. Bring your children to J.A.M. starting June 2!!



FUN IN THE SUN

Enjoy some summer-themed laughter while you lounge!

Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season): "God doesn't make mistakes."

Person approaching a shoreline: "Is this river any good for fish?"
Response: "It must be. I can't get any of them to leave it."

Q: Why do people go to church in the summer?
A: It's prayer-conditioned!

Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game?
A: All the fans left.

Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree?
A: By its bark.

Q: What do sheep have on sunny days?
A: A baa-baa-cue!

From Pastor Lee Bosso:



Summer is just around the corner, and that means camps, vacations, trips, and a general change in routine. I've been thinking about wisdom recently and think there are some great thoughts from the Bible's wisdom literature that is helpful. I feel like the joy and difficulty of parenting in the midst of these transitional times was made crystal clear yesterday as our family enjoyed some friends' wedding. The kids got to see both sets of grandparents and as a result consume too much sugar, dance with abandon, and play with all kinds of new friends. All of the joy and excitement came crashing in with harsh words, emotional melting, weeping and gnashing of teeth...and that was just me as we tried to settle into bed. But in reality, I think this just illustrates the struggles of parenting as we enjoy special moments that sometimes "backfire" when they don't conclude as planned, or end in melting, or are met with ingratitude and we are tempted to say "see, this is why we can't do special things!"

But thinking of wisdom there are three voices in the Bible. Proverbs gives wise quips where if you are intentional to pursue goodness, good things will result. Ecclesiastes responds to that idea with experience that says, "hold on a second, there are chance times when things don't work out that way." And Job adds his aged wisdom saying, "yes, although you may be intentional to do good, and life deals you a raw deal, God is no less present in the midst of it and loves you as he walks with you through the good and bad."

So what? Well there is a word in Ecclesiastes that is used 38 times called "hevel" which is translated in some English versions as "meaningless," but can also be understood as vapor, elusive, or absurd. I think this is so helpful as we think about the summer, we may be tempted to wish the summer away in anticipation of the routine of the school year. Maybe, we dwell on the fun we had on vacation or that weekend away and lament that we aren't enjoying those better times, and lose the present moments. Finally, we may get frustrated when things don't go as planned, picnics rained out, flat tires, or crowds thwart our expected fun.

In this tension, make good plans, but hold them loosely, enjoy the present moments, and reflect on the fun, but don't become so focused on it that you miss this moment you're in. Finally, take even the unexpected as divine moments to look for and experience God's presence. Thinking back to my childhood, some of the most memorable moments were the unexpected. I remember getting stuck in our camper playing blackjack because it was storming outside, or my dad throwing away his wallet while paying for ice-cream in Washington DC, or riding an adult tricycle around my Great Grandmas retirement village while we were on a Disney World trip. It's amazing how we hang onto the most obscure details, and usually the ones we as parents least expect or least want, but in the midst of every moment, savor your summer, seek God, be intentional to look for His hand in every moment and enjoy the gift of your family at this moment that is fleeting, but oh so sweet! Praying for you and your family this summer!

2019 Camp Schedule

WOMEN'S CAMP	APRIL 5 – 7
MEN'S WORK PARTY	APRIL 26 – 27
YOUTH WORK PARTY	MAY 10 – 11
YOUNGER MIDLER	JUNE 7 – 9
JUNIOR 1	JUNE 9 – 15
JUNIOR HIGH 1	JUNE 16 – 22
JUNIOR 2	JUNE 23 – 29
HIGH SCHOOL 1	JUNE 30 – JULY 6
JUNIOR HIGH 2	JULY 7 – 13
SENIOR DAY	JULY 13
HIGH SCHOOL 2	JULY 14 – 20
FAMILY CAMP	JULY 26 – 29
OLDER MIDLER	JULY 30 – AUGUST 2
AB MEN & BOYS' CAMP	AUGUST 2 – 4
CAMP GLOBAL	AUGUST 9 – 11



All registration forms are available by calling the West Virginia Baptist Convention at 304-422-6449. You may download any of the registration forms online at www.campcowen.org. Don't forget to print off a health form for each individual attending. The camping program is sponsored by the West Virginia Baptist Convention and is conducted at: WV Baptist Camp at Cowen, 276 Baptist Camp Road, Cowen, WV, 26006

June 16, 2019



The righteous man walks in his integrity. His children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7



June, the wedding month, is considered by many as the “month of love”. It is also the month of Father’s Day. As I thought of those two things my thoughts were drawn to a plaque I was given many years ago that says, “The greatest thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.”

Our culture has distorted and misrepresented love as a feeling rather than an action, emotion rather than effort, an experience rather than a commitment. Love certainly is an experience that involves out feelings and emotions but these are a result of a commitment that is evidenced through our actions and efforts between two individuals. Too often people fall into the “I’m just not happy” trap and they want to end a marriage or relationship. Here is how the Bible describes love, it comes from 1 Corinthians 13, and I do not see “happy” in this description at all.

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (TLB)

Let’s love each other as God intended us to love and not settle for only the counterfeit big-time tingles.



If you want to invest in the spiritual lives of your family let me invite

and encourage you to come to FAMILY CAMP at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen. The dates are Friday evening, July 26 through Monday noon July 29. If you can’t miss work on Monday that’s OK come and stay through Sunday, Bethany Cox is the Director and I am the vesper leader. There is programming for every person in your family. It is a weekend you will not regret.

ALERT Senior Adults – Remember to sign up early for the Sr. Adult luncheon on Thursday, June 20 at noon. It is a great time of fun, fellowship and great food. I hope to see you there.

Pasha Rowland



Volunteers needed to help in many areas for this event. For more info, contact **Kevin Skaggs, 304-942-1281**, to see where you can lend a hand.



(Seven graduates were honored at New Baptist on Sunday, May 19.)

High School

Bailey Arkell – Cabell Midland
Faith Watkins – Chesapeake/Collins Career Center

College/University Graduates

Rebekah Perry (Otterbein University)
Magna Cum Laude
BA – Zoo & Conservation Science

Natalie Riley (Marshall University)
Cum Laude
Nursing – RN, BSN

Sarah Smith (Marshall University)
School Counseling (Master's Degree)

Kate Waddell (Marshall University)
Athletic Training (Master's Degree)

Ashley Wise (Craven Community College)
New Bern, NC
Nursing – Associate Degree



Let's go camping!

Join us as we learn about how God has always been with us even in our "wilderness." He is with us in the good times and bad! Children will "hike" with their group leader to different stations and also learn good o' children's church songs.

What: Vacation Bible School at New Baptist Church is a free event. Each night will include a Bible story, craft, game, snack, and campfire songs.

Who: New Baptist VBS is for children entering kindergarten through children who have completed 5th grade

When: July 15-19, 2019, 6:00-8:00 PM

Where: New Baptist Church, 610 28th Street, Huntington, WV. Located behind St. Mary's School of Nursing

Visit us for updates on Facebook at New Baptist Church VBS
Register your child online at: www.vbspro.events/p/newbapt

We can't wait to see you there!



"Do" Diligence

Against the backdrop of people who avoid work, cut corners and do half-hearted jobs, a diligent [person] stands out. Practicing diligence is an excellent way to stand out for Christ at home, in the workplace and even at church. Today, complete each one of your tasks, however big or small, with diligence. —David Jeremiah

Puzzle!

Write the names of the parents of these biblical children.
For help, look up the verses in an NIV Bible.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B
Joseph (Genesis 35:22-24)	C
John the disciple (Matthew 4:21)	D
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	E
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:3, 6)	F
Jezebel (Hosea 1:2-4)	G
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	H
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	I
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	J
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	K
Gershon (Exodus 2:21-22)	L
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	M
Jesse (Matthew 1:5)	N
Gershon (Exodus 2:21-22)	O
Joseph (Genesis 35:23-24)	P
Isaac (Genesis 21:3)	Q
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	R
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	S
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	T
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	U
Isaiah (Isaiah 1:1)	V
	W
	X
	Y
	Z

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Amoz





(Please let the church office know if there are any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer concern list.)

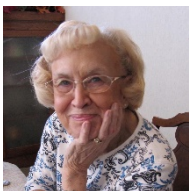
Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Chelcie & Coralie Adkins, Susan Arthur, Jenny Benson, Donna Best, Tom & Laura Blake, Mary Carter, Hannah Caserta, Dorothy Castleberry, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Christie Eastman, Paulette Ellis, Tracy Foster, Dana Godfrey, Sr., Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, David High, Anna Holstein, John Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Peggy Jeffrey, Allison Sheils Kays, Gabriel Kennedy, Virginia Lawrence, Roy Maynor, Linda Miller, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Jane Napier, Marie Nelson, Barbara Pauley, Jack Rickman, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Keith & Bonnie Simpkins, Jim Spurlock, Linda Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Darrell Walden, Dave Watkins, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer, The Family of Kelli Chatterton (daughter of Jim and Nancy McSweeney and sister of Kristi Haney)

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

Deaths in the Church Family:



Jim Castleberry, 87, husband of Dorothy, passed away May 13. Jim was a faithful member of the Bykota Class of the former 20th Street Baptist Church and thus of New Baptist Church for 61 years. He and Dorothy were married 68 years and had four children: Carolyn (married to Mark Turley), Judy (deceased), Lana (married to Karl Egnatoff), and son Keith, all of whom grew up at TSBC, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He retired after 29 years with the Huntington Fire Department and then worked for several years for Sears Small Engine Repair.



Betty Jo Priddy Patton, 92, widow of Lacy Patton, passed away Monday, May 27. A 73-year member of the former 20th St. Baptist Church and of New Baptist, she was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Priddy, also long-time members. She worked in the 20th Street Kindergarten Dept. for many years and was active in the Women's Missionary Society there. At New Baptist she was a member of the Bykota Class. Her children are Paul (married to Gail Stoll) Patton and Jean Ann (married to David Adkins) and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Beard Mortuary, Saturday noon, June 1, with Dr. Steve Tardy, officiating. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

June 20, 2019 Meeting

Program: Carl & Annabel Dayhoff

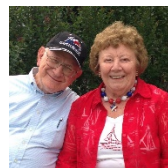
Catered by: The Scrumptious Company

Menu: Garden salad, baked ham and apples, scalloped potatoes, vegetable medley, dessert, rolls and butter

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

(In order to help us let the caterers know how much food to prepare, we ask that you call your reservations in to the church office, 304-523-3355, ext. 4.)

Program:



Carl and Annabel Patrick Dayhoff met at Marshall in 1957 as music students. Carl was born in Huntington, but grew up in St. Mary's, WV. After serving in the US Air Force, he came home and entered Marshall just as Annabel finished HEHS. They were married as

seniors in October 1960. Carl studied cello and prepared to teach strings in the public schools, but there were no positions in Cabell County. They left the state for 39 years, then retired and moved back to Huntington in 2000. Annabel grew up in Highlawn Baptist, but left at age 17 to be the organist at Jefferson Avenue Baptist. Annabel says she remembers Roy Maynor from Highlawn, because he led singing at times. She says she also loves New Baptist Church because she knows many of the people who came from Highlawn and were friends of the Patrick family for years. Annabel is currently the music director at Cross Roads UMC. Carl has directed many choirs through the years and he also taught strings for 25 years in Ft. Myers, FL (where Annabel taught elementary school music). He also pastored a church in Ft. Myers for three years. Locally, they both have been a part of Mission Tri-State since July 2000. This will be a great program of entertaining music from two very talented musicians. Come out and enjoy the entertainment and the fantastic food and fellowship.

****Please remember we need you to make your reservations by June 12.**

Pat Baisden (for Roy Maynor)

"He who has God and everything, has no more than he who has God alone."
-C.S. Lewis



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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
5:00 Choir Practice
6:30 Evening Service
Youth
J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

Wednesday

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

Food Pantry open every Tuesday
10am-4pm

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
610 28TH STREET
HUNTINGTON WV 25702

UPON WINGS OF EAGLES
(motorcycle ministry of New Baptist Church)
Motorcycle Rodeo
In conjunction with the Blue Knights



Saturday, June 1, 2019

Registration begins 10am Events start at 12:00pm

Music Inflatables Food

Location

**New Baptist Church
Parking Lot**

**610 28th Street
Huntington WV 25702**

For more information, contact
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by email t3skaggs@hotmail.com

Events Scheduled:

Single Rider

Slow Race
Barrel Race
Narrow Board
Trash Can Toss

Double Riders

Ball on Cone
Hot Potato
Tire Drag
Water Race

Open Free to All Spectators