



# BRIDGES

*A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - June 2021*

*The book of Proverbs is a book of beauty. When reading this book, I like to ponder on some of its messages. The wisdom of Proverbs is very practical and thought-provoking. Over the next few months, I plan to share some of this book's wisdom with you. Let us enjoy God's Word, for it is sweet!*



## **Proverbs 4:18-19**

*"18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. 19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble."*

It was not so long ago that I drove along I64 early one morning. It was just starting to get light out, and the road was covered in fog. People drove slowly, using the white and yellow lines to guide the way. It was stressful driving, but as the sun rose higher and the fog burned off, I could drive full speed down the roadway because of the excellent visibility. Proverbs 4:18 describes the path of the righteous in much the same way. No person is born righteous; no one is naturally wise. Every person that I know makes mistakes growing up. In the words of President George W. Bush, *"When I was young and foolish, I was young and foolish."*

We all begin this life in a fog, not able to see two feet in front of us. Yet, the Lord has given us a way to see and interpret life. Through His Word and living in a relationship with God through faith, we

begin to learn about ourselves and others. We learn that we do not know everything, that we often get in our own way, that we can do some really awful things, and that we are in need of a savior. Likewise, through His Word, we learn that our Lord is good, full of steadfast love, and faithful to His promises. We learn that we are made by Him for Him. **We learn that life is enjoyed most as we journey in this world with Him.** That is what I think when I read in Proverbs 4:18 *"the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day."* As I journey with the Lord and draw closer to Him, His light shines into every area of my life, often revealing sin that the fog and darkness easily obscured. The path of the righteous is a path of growing wholeness due to the Lord's holiness.

Unfortunately, the way of the wicked does not know the light of God's holiness. They go through life pulled along by the undiscovered brokenness, sins, and hurts of their soul. When they trip and fall, their response is to not seek a revealing of their own heart that leads to healing, but rather to blame others, to be a victim, or give an excuse, and then repeat the same mistake all over again. Like the righteous, the wicked also seek to be happy, to do what is right, and to have personal fulfillment in life. Yet the wicked seek these things away from the giver of these things and thus never finds them. **The great darkness spoken about in Proverbs 4:19 is to pursue the longings of the soul away from the light of God's goodness and holiness.**

How about you? In this journey that we call life, is your day becoming brighter, or is your day trending into dusk? The Lord is good, and His light burns the fog of darkness and sin away from our lives, allowing us to live more alive in this world today. Walk close to Him.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Trent Eastman



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



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- 5 – Marvin & Valerie Moore
- 8 – Jacob & Hannah Eastman
- 8 – Jake & Ashley Sharp
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- 11 – Clyde & Dee Mount
- 11 - Jeff & Lisa Riley
- 11 - Roger & Tracy Waugh
- 12 – Rick & Trudy Elam (50<sup>th</sup>)
- 15 – Bobby & Joyce Mannon
- 17 – Kevin & LaAnna Blake
- 17 – Kevin & Susan Skaggs
- 18 – Jeff & Kim Day
- 18 – John & Kim Stinespring
- 20 – Jeff & Trena Wise
- 23 – Shane & Meredith Hufford
- 23 – Seth & Ashley Summers
- 25 – Earl & Teresa Trawick
- 27 – Curt & Katelyn Mann



Make plans now to attend  
Vacation Bible School  
in July.

Registration forms for children and  
forms for volunteers are available at the  
Welcome Center.



JUNE! It still brings to mind graduates and brides...even though most graduations happen in May, and the most popular months for weddings are now September and October! When June begins, we also know it's time for vacations and fun in the sun! We can relax a little more and enjoy family get-togethers.

At New Baptist, our Ladies' Bible study time has wrapped up, as our time with "The Faithful" concluded. Thank you to all who made the effort to plan, lead, or attend our limited times together throughout this challenging season since last March. Whether online or in person, we have certainly been blessed with time in the Word together!

This is the time of year when we start planning for **Ladies' Night Out** and all of our fall Bible studies. PLEASE feel free to let me or one of your Bible study leaders know if there is a particular study you would like to see offered this fall. And if you have led studies in the past, please know that we are counting on you to be on board again with leading a study! We want to be able to offer morning and evening sessions, with studies for younger and older ladies alike. We need all of you...and all of you can definitely benefit from special time in the Word, as well as time with other Christian women in fellowship! We are praying that the worst of this pandemic is past, and that we can once again get back into swing with these important parts of our lives!

Until fall, "Be strengthened by the GRACE that is in Christ Jesus!" --2 Timothy 2:1

**For Good...**  
**Dolores Adkins**



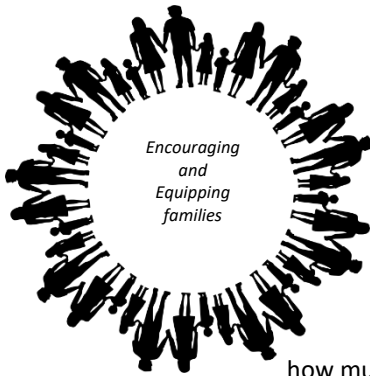
Wednesday, June 23  
for July issue of *Bridges*



Thursdays, 5:30pm



## From Our Family Life Pastor



Here we are just weeks away from the end of the school year, and looking back, I have to admit that I don't think our kids are the only ones who have learned new things this year. Can I dad-brag just for a second? OK...I will anyways. We have a new reader in our house!! Now I have to confess when the 2020/21 school year began, Carmen and I were freaking out with this virtual arrangement, not just for the scheduling and demand on parents, devices and internet bandwidth, but because we had a kindergartener, and although both of us are educated and love to read, neither of us had ever taught someone else to read. We felt vastly unprepared and knew we could not replace the careful skill of those incredible wonderful kindergarten teachers who introduce our kids to the wonders of learning and lay the foundations for reading and math that other teachers would build on for years to come. Quite frankly, I realized how much we were dependent on the experts!

But this week as Brooks was sounding out words and even writing his own stories with spelling help from "Alexa", I realized that the skills and curriculum of the teachers was effective, but it was also dependent on the repetition in the classroom and at home, reading and repeating those little 4 word sentences that accompanied the brightly colored pictures sent home each week. This team approach between teachers and families and students has helped one pupil discover the power of words to gain information and to tell stories.

This year I have learned that the experts are important, for sure. But I've also learned that those teachers offer tools which we as parents can then use to fan the smoldering sparks into flames. The time we spend cuddling on the couch, talking before bed, and throughout our days can be used to practice those skills they are learning. There are many more years of practicing spelling words and remembering grammar rules ahead, but the foundation is laid.

This partnership with parents is not just effective with school, but also with faith. As parents we have many more hours with our kids than they spend at church. We have the opportunity to repeat the stories of God's work over and over in the lives of our family. Just as our kindergartener learned the skills to read at school and practiced at home, so can your family learn to practice their faith in God through reading scripture, prayer, and talking about how God is working in and around them. This is partnership in the community of faith, the church.

In 1 Thessalonians 2, Paul talks about his teaching, but his language is in family terms. He talks about interacting like a father, mother, and child. He says that while he was among the Thessalonians he shared not only the Gospel, but his life as well. How important this sharing of life is in sharing the Gospel with our families. As we begin summer, I'm sure your family is ready for a break from virtual assignments and having to remember to charge iPads or computers each day, but in this transition, what have you learned this year? How have you seen partnerships between home and school or home and church work well or struggle? What are you going to do about it? How can you create opportunities to share life this summer? What experiences might help you talk about the Gospel with your family? How has God rescued, made impossibilities possible, or turned death, suffering, and pain into resurrected life?

Where have you seen God work in and around you? Share these stories, and as a family practice watching for God at work in scripture and in the world around us!

We, as a church, want to continue this partnership, encouraging and equipping you for these times of sharing life and the Gospel with one another! We are looking at adding new opportunities for kids, youth, and adults to know Christ, grow in His Word, and be a blessing this summer. Watch our website and Facebook for updates. We're praying for you!

Pastor Lee <><

Congratulations to Charley Stephens for his new position as pastor of Union Baptist Church in Milton. We will miss Charley and Susan, but wish them the best and pray that God will greatly bless them as they begin serving and ministering there.



Summer is almost here and we wanna know what you wanna do! What about **J.A.M. (Jesus And Me)** this summer? A **Bible reading**

**challenge!** **Water games?** **Lifeboat?** **Trivia night?** We may even have a few games and some special challenges for you and your families. Let us know what you're thinking. I challenge you to make a list of 3 things (more if you want to name them) of things you think would be fun and honor God and our fellowship with one another and would be something you want to do Wednesday evenings. We're listening ☺!

**Our way out** (from The NewsletterNewsletter)

While in London, Timothy Merrill was intrigued that signs with arrows read WAY OUT, rather than EXIT, as they do in America. "Everywhere I went, I saw signs that showed me the WAY OUT," he writes. That made him ponder all the Bible characters who looked for a WAY OUT of predicaments. Moses looked for a WAY OUT of Egypt, Daniel certainly wanted a WAY OUT of the lions' den and countless people thought (and still think) there's no WAY OUT from their sins. "The good news of the Gospel," Merrill writes, "is that Jesus Christ is the WAY OUT! He is

our exit from the messes and disasters we create. He is the exit from sin and unrighteousness. He is the WAY OUT of a life without purpose and the WAY IN to an abundant life. And the symbol of this WAY OUT is not an arrow but a cross. What a blessing to know that Jesus knows — and is — the WAY OUT!"



Wednesday Evening Children's Ministry— Wednesday Evening studies for children are open and we would love to have you join us in walking through the LORD'S Prayer. We are making discoveries about ourselves, our parents, our friends, and people we don't know. We are learning how to use the Bible, how to journal, how to pray, and about letting Jesus be our Friend.

Come and join in! Mrs. Kim and Mr. John have pre-K and Kindergarten. Ms. Debbie has 1st -5th grade. Mr. Michael is enjoying his time in the nursery and toddler room. ☺

Hope to see you there!  
Ms. Debbie

# Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

**CLUES:**  
Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y    D X    Y J Z  
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 V Q K R    F D Y J    O V V  
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 C Q T K    J Z O K Y,    O X R  
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 R Q    X Q Y    K Z V C    Q X  
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 C Q T K    Q F X    D X P D L J Y.  
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Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV

## It's Time for Camp!!



**Camp Cowen** is in full swing with registrations. There will be in-person camping this summer with COVID precautions in effect to limit the impact of COVID-19 on campers, counselors, and staff. We, as a church, want to help send your students to camp and will pay \$25 toward that. We encourage you to pay your deposit online at [www.campcowen.org](http://www.campcowen.org) and then let us know and we will pay \$25 toward your remaining balance. Contact Pastor Lee for more info.





### Notes from NBC Choir Director, Karen Dailey

It has been thrilling to begin rehearsing and offering praises in song with a part of our choir! To God be the glory. We will continue rotating the singers in order to allow everyone that wants to participate an opportunity. OH! How we have missed singing together through this pandemic, but we will do everything we can to remain healthy and safe. Once we are able to return full choir will be a glorious day! What a day that will be! This reminds me of one of my favorite hymns as a youth singing of the hope and comfort we have in looking toward Heaven. In 1955, James Vaughn Hill, composer, was inspired by an orphan girl and a mother-in-law when he wrote the song "What A Day That Will Be." The orphan girl sang at his Baptist church years earlier and ended her song with a testimony of what a day that would be. Later Hill's mother-in-law became paralyzed by a stroke when she was only 50 years old. He couldn't understand why this had happened to such a wonderful woman at such an early age but upon pondering the whys of the will of God, he thought of the hope and comfort of being in Heaven. Having never written a song before, he sat down and wrote these words:

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come,  
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye.  
All is peace forevermore on that happy, golden shore.  
What a day, glorious day that will be!

There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,  
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there.  
And forever I will be with the One who died for me.  
What a day, glorious day that will be!

#### Chorus

*What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,  
And I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace!  
When He takes me by the hand, and leads me through the Promised Land,  
What a day, glorious day that will be!*

He, his wife and sister-in-law sang the song for his paralyzed mother-in-law and as they sang, for the first time in three years, his mother-in-law smiled and showed signs of excitement. He believed this to be a sign that the song was blessed by God, and it has since been sung and recorded by thousands of people. \*



May we all serve Christ and give praises in song until that day.

\*Taken from The Complete Book of Hymns, Inspiring Stories about 600 Hymns and Praise Songs by William J Peterson & Ardythe Petterson, Tyndale House Publisher, Inc. 2006.

### Hanging out with Dad (from The NewsletterNewsletter)

I've always been a "daddy's girl." Growing up, I usually spent Saturdays in the garage with my dad. We'd build something, fix a car part or get into some trouble together.

Though Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father, he certainly served as a father figure for God's Son. Jesus followed in Joseph's footsteps as a carpenter, but we're told little about his childhood. When Joseph advised Jesus to "measure twice and cut once," did Jesus mention he'd get it right on the first measure? How many craftsman tips did Jesus learn from Joseph? And did Joseph learn a few from Jesus? Surely young Jesus looked up to Joseph. What did wonder look like in the eyes of the One who invented wonder?

How am I hanging out with God on a regular basis? Am I continuing to learn his "trade"? Do I intentionally mimic his words, his kindness, his ways of loving others well? Take a minute to ponder that. Imagine yourself out in the garage with God (or in the kitchen with God, or at the computer with God). What task do you imagine doing together? What does God say to you as you look into his eyes?

—Janna Firestone

Adult Sunday School Returns

The Pandemic has affected us in many ways. Some changes have proved to be very good and helpful (the Live Stream of our services) but some have also been very hard on each of us (the limited opportunities of fellowship with our sisters and brothers). One of the most important parts of a healthy church is the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with some sisters and brothers in Christ. These relationships offer encouragement and support as we seek to live lives that are honoring to the Lord. The question for our church, at this time, is how can we help and encourage the building of these relationships?

One place to begin is the return of our Sunday School classes that are each centered in the study of God’s Word. It is in these settings that you can learn and explore and discuss the scriptures without embarrassment or ridicule. The friendships built are also sources of encouragement as you walk with each other desiring to grow and mature as a follower of Jesus.

With the mask mandate lifted for those fully vaccinated and soon to be lifted for all (June 20), I am excited to announce that our Adult Sunday School Classes are beginning again on Sunday Mornings. Some have been meeting on different days during the week already. Some are looking to return soon. Please check with your Sunday School Class to see when it will be starting again. Here is a list of those currently meeting and their times:

- Bereans** Thursday at 11:00am in the Wildside
- BYKOTA** Sunday 10:00am in their classroom
- Young Adult** Sunday 5:00pm in the Wildside
- College Class** Sunday 10:00am in the Wildside

The **Harvesters** (Stan Meadows, teacher) will begin on **June 6 at 10:00am** in their classroom. Other classes have not yet set a beginning date but will be doing so shortly.

We are still offering two morning worship services and we invite to come join us for worship and in smaller groups to study and fellowship around God’s Word.

*Pastor Robin*


Welcome New Baby!!

Born **May 12, 2021**

*Audrey Rose Hampton*

**Parents:** Tyler & Becca Hampton

**Grandparents:** Ray & Debbie Spencer




**Camp Global 2021**  
July 30—August 1  
Camp Cowen  
Register online at [www.wvbc.org](http://www.wvbc.org)

"The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."  
-Revelation 22:2

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Apple Butter Weekend**  
September 24 & 25  
Booth Family Farm  
3083 Malcolm Road  
Barboursville

**Cabell Huntington Health Department**

**FREE Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic**

**Tuesday, June 8**  
**10am-2pm**

**New Baptist Church**

Clinic is open to anyone who wants to be vaccinated.

(Pfizer & Moderna Vaccines)





**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:**

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**Additional Prayer Items:**

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| our pastors            | all affected by the Covid-19 crisis |
| our community          | unsaved loved ones                  |
| our military personnel | our government leaders              |
| our country            |                                     |

**Deaths in Church Family**



**Carl Ray Pemberton**, 88, of South Point, OH, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Carl retired from BASF with 40 years of service and was a U.S. Army Veteran serving during the Korean War. He was a member of Proctorville V.F.W. Post 6878 and faithfully attended New Baptist Church. Carl is survived by five sons, Carl E. (Sandy) Pemberton, Jim (Sue) Pemberton, Terry (Becky) Pemberton, Larry Pemberton, and Daryl (Mindy) Pemberton; one daughter Sharon (Ronnie) Fetty; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.



**Ann Hoppe**, 90, passed away May 17, 2021. She was the wife of the Rev. Dr. Neil Hoppe who was pastor of the 20th Street Baptist Church 1971-1991. Her children Rev. Scott & Jackie Hoppe, Pam (Mrs. John Landacre), Sharon (Rev. Ron McClung), Lisa (Dr. Harpreet Brar) all grew up in Huntington. Ann worked for the Guiding Light Book Store and the Center for Independent Living in Huntington and was much involved in the mission activities at the church. The family moved to Uniontown, PA, when Dr. Hoppe became pastor of the Great Bethel Baptist Church. There she was involved in volunteer work: hospital, library, and polls. Upon his death, she moved to Ashland, OH, where she lived with Lisa and Harpreet, and continued her volunteer work there. Later she moved to Woodlands in Huntington where she lived until her final illness caused her to stay with Pam and John.

**Thank You:**

Thank you to our church family for the many prayers, cards and words of comfort given for us and to us following the passing of our dad, grandfather & great-grandfather, Carl Ray Pemberton. We also greatly appreciated the bereavement dinner. The love and kindness shown to us during this time has meant so much. Thank you for being such a caring church family.


The Pemberton Family

**APRIL**

**FOOD PANTRY REPORT**

<b>FAMILIES SERVED:</b>	<b>186</b>	<i>YTD</i> <b>761</b>
<b>INDIVIDUALS:</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>1841</b>
<i>INCLUDES</i>		
<i>ADULTS:</i>	<b>211</b>	<b>883</b>
<i>CHILDREN:</i>	<b>76</b>	<b>402</b>
<i>SENIORS:</i>	<b>152</b>	<b>582</b>
<i>HOMELESS:</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>HYGIENE KITS:</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>SCHOOL FOOD PACKS:</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>825</b>

*Thanks for your support!*



- Food Pantry Needs**
- Salt/Pepper Shaker Combo
  - Pinto Beans (1lb. bags)
  - Peanut Butter
  - Saltine Crackers



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**Service Hours:**

**Sunday**

**9am Worship Service**

- Traditional Hymns
- Social Distancing Practiced

**\*11am Worship Service**

- Praise & Worship Hymns
- Social Distancing Practiced

\*The 11am service is also live  
streamed on FaceBook  
([@NewBaptistChurchWV](https://www.facebook.com/NewBaptistChurchWV))

**Wednesday**

6pm

Pastor's Devotion on  
Facebook Live

NBC Food Pantry  
Tuesdays 10am-4pm

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Bring  
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Father's Day  
Sunday, June 20, 2021