

BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - June 2023

Safeguarding Our Spiritual Journey

About every month or so, a fraudster attempts a phishing scam on the people in our church. The scam usually begins with a person (you) receiving a text from someone who says they are me. If the person (you) responds to the text, instructions will be forthcoming from the "fake me" asking you to purchase Amazon gift cards and then send the "fake me" card numbers. I am constantly frustrated when this happens because I can do nothing to stop it, and I can only hope that people know me well

enough to distinguish the real me from the "fake me." This phishing scam is just one example of the various deceptive tactics designed by fraudsters to manipulate unsuspecting individuals. Most people are familiar with the perils of phishing in the digital world. Have you ever considered its parallel in our spiritual journey? Join me as we explore the

intriguing connection between a phishing scam and our Christian walk, discovering valuable lessons along the way.

- The Temptation: Crafty Lures of Deception Just as a phishing scam disguises itself as a trustworthy entity, the enemy of our souls cunningly seeks to deceive us. Through enticing offers, quick fixes, and worldly pleasures, he tempts us to compromise our faith. Like an email that promises unimaginable riches, the enemy presents attractive alternatives to God's truth, attempting to divert us from the narrow path.
- The Hook: Subtle Manipulation of Doubt Once a phishing scam has captured our attention, it attempts to exploit our doubts and uncertainties. Similarly, the adversary exploits our weaknesses, whispering subtle lies that cast doubt on God's promises. We may question the goodness of God, the relevance of His Word, or the power of prayer. These doubts weaken our spiritual defenses, making us susceptible to further deception.
- The Request: Seeking Access to Our Hearts In a phishing scam, the fraudster requests personal information, preying on our desire to trust and help others. Likewise, the enemy seeks access to the depths of our hearts, exploiting

our vulnerabilities and emotions. He cunningly entices us to entertain sinful thoughts, harbor bitterness, or compromise our moral standards. By gaining access to our hearts, the enemy can manipulate our actions and draw us away from God's will.

• The Red Flags: Discernment and Spiritual Vigilance - Just as we must be alert to red flags in phishing scams, we must cultivate discernment and spiritual vigilance in our lives. God has equipped us with His Word, the Holy Spirit, and a community of believers to help us identify deception.

Through prayer, studying Scripture, and seeking godly counsel, we can recognize the enemy's tactics and guard our hearts against his schemes.

• The Shield: The Armor of God - To defend against phishing scams, we rely on security software and firewalls. Similarly, God has provided us with spiritual armor—the Armor of God—to protect ourselves from spiritual attacks. By embracing truth,

righteousness, faith, salvation, and the Word of God, we fortify our defenses and stand firm in the face of temptation.

•The Restoration: God's Grace and Forgiveness - If we fall prey to a phishing scam, we may experience the consequences of compromised security. However, in our spiritual journey, God's grace and forgiveness are always available. When we recognize our mistakes, confess our sins, and turn back to Him, God restores us, renewing our hearts and leading us back onto the path of righteousness.

The phishing scam serves as a powerful illustration of the spiritual dangers we face on our Christian journey. Just as we learn to identify and avoid phishing scams in the digital world, let us be vigilant in safeguarding our hearts and minds from the deceptions of the enemy. By relying on God's Word, cultivating discernment, and donning the Armor of God, we can navigate the treacherous waters of this world and remain steadfast in our faith. May we stand firm, anchored in God's truth, and live as shining examples of His grace and love in a world desperately in need of Him.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Trent Eastman





- 1 Travis Noble
- 2 Olivia Emerson Lynne Taylor
- 3 Nancy Bane Winston Hufford Grover Tadlock
- 4 John Ghiz Claire Manchester Colt Vanover
- 5 Ronica Muth 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 Nora Stephens
- 17 Tucker Brown Sadie Brown Kathy Gillette
- 19 Oleta Dolen
- 20 Stan Meadows Kara Smith Josh Vanover
- 23 Andy Finley Katie Ghiz Jeff Madden
- 24 Kenidy Jeffrey
- 25 Lacie Casto Grace Ghiz Sharon Logan
- 27 Bob Paden
- 28 Susan Pratt
- 29 Randy Hogsett Drew Osenbach Dick Stewart
- 30 Grace Vanover



1 – Anthony & Madison Harper 3 – Tyler & Rebecca Hampton 5 – Marvin & Valerie Moore

8 – Jake & Ashley Sharp

8 – Christopher & Alison Townson (5th)

10 - Phil & Gloria Holmes

11 – Clyde & Dee Mount

11 - Jeff & Lisa Riley (35th)

11 - Roger & Tracy Waugh

12 – Rick & Trudy Elam

13 – Stephen & Ally Roy 15 – Zach & Kim Booth

15 – Bobby & Joyce Mannon (60th)

17 – Kevin & LaAnna Blake

17 – Kevin & Susan Skaggs

18 – Jeff & Kim Day (35th)

18 – John & Kim Stinespring

19 – Chris & Ronica Muth

20 – Jeff & Trena Wise 22 – Aaron & Betsy Brown (10th)

23 – Shane & Meredith Hufford (5th)

23 - Seth & Ashley Summers

25 – Earl & Teresa Trawick (35th)

27 - Curt & Katelyn Mann

30 - Ron & Jean Maynard



Make plans now to attend Vacation Bible School in July.

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.



Roy Maynor will be moving to Florida on June 8, 2023. Please note his new address:

Roy Maynor Bridgewater Park Assisted Living 9174 SW 81st Court Room 126 Ocala FL 34481

I am sure Roy would love to hear from many of you. He will also have the same phone number so a call would also be nice.



Sunday, June 25 for July issue of *Bridges*



If you want to know more, contact Stephanie Spencer at 304-544-1467.

Mondays, 5:30pm

From Our Family Life Pastor, Lee Boso



Summer is upon us! School is out as well as the sun! We are excited about a summer of fun and growth with our youth! We will be taking 13 students and 6 adults to Philadelphia June 11-17. Please pray for safe travel and for God to work in the lives of our team and the community we will interact with! Starting May 31, every Wednesday will be **Squad Wars** at youth from 6-7:30pm. We will have a variety of activities, Bible discussions, and opportunities to compete to

see which squad has the most points at the end of the summer. If you have students that have just finished 6-12th grade, this is a great time to connect them with the youth group!

There are camps at Camp Cowen for grades 2-12 as well as a family camp in July. The church will cover the \$25 registration cost if you turn in your registration three (3) weeks before the camp attending or let Pat know you registered online. If you are unable to afford sending your student to Camp Cowen, we do have scholarship applications available in the church office or from Pastor Lee.

As students and families experience new things this summer, take time to look for God at work. Where do you see His beauty and design? What needs in the world might He be calling you to serve? How can you pray with eyes open and ears listening for His voice? Pray for students attending camp, for mission trips, for other times of God breaking into our lives as we shift gears this summer. Know that I am praying for you and am here for you as we journey along together in this community!

Pastor Lee



Marshall University alumnus, Shayne Gue, M.D., grandson of Garee and Mary Ransbottom, has established a second scholarship at the MU Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine to support

students from Cabell County. Shayne now serves as an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, where he serves as director of education and medical education fellowship director of the UCF's emergency medicine residency program. The scholarship is designated for first-year medical students from Cabell County, WV with second preference given to any WV student. The scholarship is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress. Shayne established the Garee and Mary Ransbottom Scholarship at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in honor of his grandparents in 2019.



New Baptist Church's own, **Justin Cox** (track coach for Huntington High), has received yet another award. Justin was named Track and Field Coach of the Year by the Mountain State Athletic Conference (MSAC). Congratulations Justin – well deserved!!



After missing most of last summer because of the injury to my knee, I am looking forward to this summer. Becky and I will be getting the kayaks out as often as we can to spend some time on the water. We will be vacationing with both girls and their families. We will have granddaughters spending a week with us. I will

get back on the golf course some. And that is just in June.

These special times of relaxation and refreshing are important and for most of us happen during the summer months. It is almost, though, an oxymoron to talk about the hectic nature of summer and rest and relaxation. It is easy to neglect your spiritual life in the midst of the crowded activities of summer.

The Lord gave us the Sabbath for a reason, our good. It is important to feed and nurture our spiritual lives and the spiritual lives of our family. Many of you are doing just that each day individually and with your family and that is important. Let me encourage you to continue to put a priority on being with your church family each week. Sure, you can watch the livestream or catch the service on YouTube but there is something incredible that happens when we are with our church family.

If you are not out of town, join me in making a commitment to being in church each Sunday. It is good for you and your family.

(Pastor Robin Crouch)



Veterans Home Easter Baskets - We were able to assemble 84 baskets and talk with multiple residents. It is always a joy to hear stories from the residents at the Veteran's Home.

Haiti - Gail and Virgil have returned from their trip to Haiti! They led a smaller group in May and focused on medical outreach.

Missionary Updates

Drew Osenbach - things are going well at both Marshall and Shawnee State. Students are preparing for summer mission projects. They have 15 students from Marshall and 1 from Shawnee State going on summer mission. He was saying that Cru always hopes for 10% of students to go on spring break or summer mission. This year that had almost 2/3 their students at either.

Star and David Canterbury - they recently helped with the Easter dinner for international students at the Lydick household. They had 16 students (Several have actually graduated but are still in Huntington.) from the following countries:

France-8
 Mexico-2
 Nigeria-2
 Venezuela-1
 Kenya-1
 India-1

•Pakistan-1

They had an Easter egg hunt, and Star used the resurrection eggs to tell the Easter story. **Star and Myra** also just had an impromptu event for some of the girls. They decided to have a makeover party with Mary Kay cosmetics and **Sheri Tadlock** helped with those supplies. We had nine internationals (five-French, one (each) Venezuela, India, Mexico and Pakistan) around the table, followed by a snack lunch. Also attending were **Annie Day and Meredith.** Star shared her personal testimony, and followed a theme of Jesus, my best friend. (We called our gathering - Facials, food and friendship.) The girls were all very attentive and there was additional sharing from our leaders. It was a truly wonderful morning, and now we can release these beautiful girls back to their countries, knowing they have heard about Jesus.

Sarah McCloy- Sarah has arrived in Japan and has been involved in several classes and is eagerly learning more about the culture and people.

Mission luncheons - Our next mission luncheon will be Sunday June 11. Pot Luck is the menu so bring your favorite dish or two and fellowship with each other. All donations go to Pastor Dasnis.

Football Team Bible Study - We were able to serve the football team one last lunch before school ended. We bought frozen lasagna (which I felt guilty about because it wasn't homemade). However, God knew what they needed. Becky dropped off the lasagna frozen and Rob was going to bake it. When Rob arrived that morning he found out there was leftovers from "lunch for a buck" the day before to feed the team. He saved the lasagna for the following week (which they didn't have volunteers for). So God used our frozen lasagna!!!

School Food Pantries- We recently purchased food items for Huntington High, food and feminine hygiene items for Huntington East Middle School, and tennis shoes for Highlawn Elementary. All supplies were specifically asked for by the individual schools to meet the needs of their students.

CONTACT Rape Crisis Center - this organization provides advocacy and support for victims of sexual assault. They also provide clothing to survivors in the emergency room. Their current supply was low so we were able to purchase \$100 worth of clothing items off their wish list.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - it isn't too early to start thinking about your shoeboxes. Many children would love a pair of flip-flops in their shoebox. They are much easier to find now instead of November. So go ahead and stock up.

Bethany Cox, Board Chair



It's Time for Camp!!



If you haven't signed up for Camp Cowen this summer, what are you waiting for?

Camp Cowen is a wonderful way for our kids to experience a few days to a whole week of fun, fellowship and learning more about God. We, as a church, want to help send your kids to camp and will pay \$25 toward that. Contact Pastor Lee or the church office for more info.

See back page of newsletter for 2023 Camp Cowen Schedule.

Congratulations GRADUATES

The following students were honored during the morning worship service on May 28, 2023.

Evan Willis - Cabell Midland High School **Landon Campbell** – Huntington High School

Bailey Arkell – Marshall University

Chad Booth – WVU Institute of Technology
Harper Haney – Huntington School of Beauty Culture
Caroline Kinder – Marshall University

Drew Riley – Bridge Valley Community & Technical College
Ripley Riley – Marshall University School of Nursing
Kenzie Sexton – Marshall University School of Nursing
Jake Sharp – Palmer Theological Seminary
Mary Grace Workman – Marshall University (Master's)

We are so proud of all of you and honored to celebrate this special milestone with you.

Join us for the June Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

June 8, 2023

Noon

Program: Becky Crouch/Operation Christmas Child

Menu: Appalachian luncheon – pinto beans, chicken 'n' dumplings, fried potatoes, cabbage and smoked sausage, kraut and wieners, sliced onion, cornbread, chocolate cake w/chocolate icing, praline and cream pie.

Please sign up no later than Thursday, June 1. Reservations can be made by calling the church office (304.523.3355 - x 2)

Our program will get you excited about how the Lord is working in our world. Becky Crouch will be sharing about her experience volunteering at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte NC, last December. She will also be sharing the new role our church will be taking in this ministry and how you can be involved.



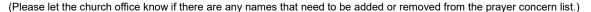


The New Baptist Church Cookbooks are in and they are great! We have ordered extra so if you want to purchase one (or more – they make great gifts) we have them available. Payments can be by cash, check (payable to New Baptist Church with "cookbook" in memo line), or Venmo (@little_red517)!

Thank you all so much for making this cookbook a success!!

Brooke & Becca

Prayer Concerns



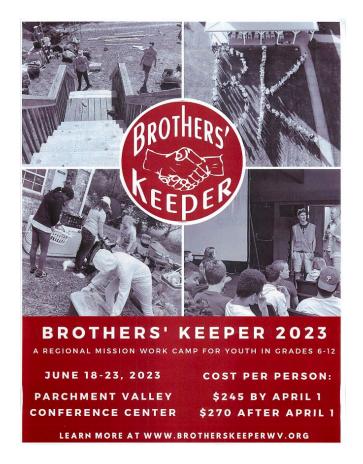


Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Marsha Ater, Lynn Barcus, Eleanore Beckett, Jim & Jenny Benson, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Ron Caviani, Pam Cole, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Randall Davidson, Rose Davis, Oleta Dolen, Pam Fannin, Sally Flanders, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Beverly Gartin, Kathy Gillette, Karen Gillispie, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Darlene Humphreys, Sandy James, Brenda Jameson, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Virgil Kelly, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Joseph Leggott, Roy Maynor, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Marvin & Valerie Moore, Spencer Moore, Charlie Morris, Bob & Paula Paden, Sandy Pemberton, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Nina Rakes, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bob & Jo Anna Smith, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond Spurlock, David Stevenson, Dick & Annie Stewart, Judy Swann, Grover & Sheri Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

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









Grads and Dads...school is out and vacations are planned. That's the beautiful month of JUNE in a nutshell! "Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go," from Joshua 1:9 are faithful words to take with you, whether you travel or stay near home this month!



The book None Like Him by Jen Wilkin will be used for a Bible/book study beginning June 7 at 6:30pm. This small group will be led by Lisa Riley and will meet on Wednesday evenings through June and July in the former Radio Bible classroom off the church foyer. Please order your copy of the book from Amazon and be ready to read two chapters per week to prepare for the discussions. All ladies are invited...this is the only scheduled study until fall.



Speaking of fall, know that plans are in the works for fall studies and our annual Ladies Night Out in September. When you think of it, please pray that the preparations by those involved go according to God's will. Look for details in the August newsletter and on the New Baptist Facebook page. Until then, may God bless you with a fantastic summer!

For Good... **Dolores Adkins**

Seasonal humor

For summer weddings:

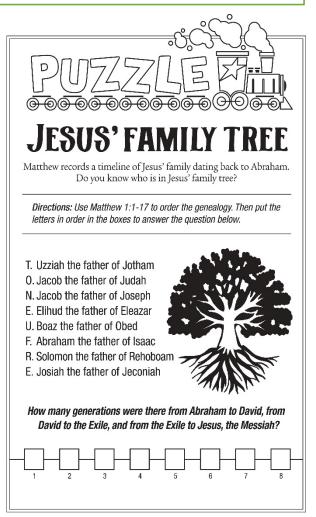
- The wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.
- Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? They met on the web.
- Two cell phones got married. The reception was terrific!
- Why did the King of Hearts and the Queen of Hearts get married? They were perfectly suited.

For baseball season:

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.
- What did the baseball glove say to the ball? "Catch ya later!"
- Why are frogs good baseball players? Because they're good at catching flies.
- Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? She ran away from the ball.

And for Father's Day, some dad jokes:

- My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.
- We're renovating the house. The first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.





Operation Christmas Child

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO PACK A SHOEBOX! Flip flops are a great item to put in shoeboxes but they are difficult to find in October and November. So when you are shopping, pick up an extra pair for the child who will receive your box in one of the 170 countries or territories where they will be distributed. Shoeboxes are more than a box full of toys, hygiene items and school supplies

for children. They are boxes filled with HOPE and the GOSPEL.



In May boxes were delivered to an Unreached People Group in South Madagascar. The Baru tribe is violent and a haven for armed bandits. The culture is so important to them. For example, the criteria to get a wife is that you have stolen a zebu cattle and been in jail. Polygamy is the norm. Nine Bara teachers had walked 25 kilometers to receive Operation Christmas Child training so they could receive and distribute the boxes. The logistics of getting the boxes to

them through the terrain was very challenging. But God paved the way and protected them. These children and their families received a box full of HOPE and heard the Gospel and were invited to meet again to begin *The Greatest Journey*.

I was blessed to work a few days at a processing center in Charlotte, NC last December and plan to do the same this year. If you are interested in seeing firsthand what happens to the boxes you pack and the process of getting them to the ends of the earth, please talk to me. But in the meantime, get more

Becky Crouch



Savvy shoebox packers know that it's never too early to start shopping, packing, personalizing and fundraising for shoebox gifts. By preparing shoebox gifts all year long, you can send the Good News of Jesus Christ and the great joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to more boys and girls around the world!



After collaborating with Pastor Trent, I am scheduling a **Deacons meeting** for **Wednesday June 14th at 5:45** in either the BYKOTA or Allen Davis' classroom (former Library & Radio Bible). The purpose of this meeting is to reinstate periodic face to face meetings. This is a good way to provide the opportunity to:

- share issues or needs for those on our family lists with the Pastors
- hear updates on the remodeling (e.g. Wild Side HVAC and duct work installation, outstanding sound and stage items)
- approve new members or other business matters
- dialog with the Pastors

Phil Holmes, Bd. of Deacons Chair



Received news of another change of address. Betty will now be living with her daughter & son-in-law. Her new address is:

Betty Stombock 71 Private Road 37 Proctorville OH 45669

Please make note of the new address. I am sure Betty would love to receive cards or notes from others in the church.

AWANA News

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to serve our church family and love and mentor our children. We had a wonderful celebration at **Pump Up the Fun** with play time, pizza, and fellowship. A special thank you **John Ghiz** for giving us a clean, safe place to share time together!

AWANA will tentatively resume September 13, 2023.

Please pray over the summer how you can serve at New Baptist Church. There are many opportunities to serve in all classrooms or as a listener and we ALWAYS need substitute helpers who are ready to help anytime with any need.

I hope to see you in the new school year for AWANA!

Children's Ministry - Nursery to 5th Grade

Thank you to all that help in our children's program. We always need helpers and this year the need is:

- * Substitute helpers for the summer vacation time and for regular program scheduling.
- * Nursery helpers--4 adults for Sunday School to alternate months
- * Nursery helpers--3 adults for Church Hour to alternate months
- * Toddler Room--2 adults for Sunday School to alternate months
- * Toddler Room--2 adults for Church Hour to alternate months

Pastor Lee will have another Child Safety Class in the future.

Children's Programming--

Wednesday Evenings--meet 6:30-7:30 on the WildSide for Children's Programming. Nursery available.

Upcoming dates

July 16-19--VBS

August 13--Move-Up Sunday

August 15--1st day of School

September 13--tentative AWANA restart.

If you or your family or a couple of families would like to help this summer on a Wednesday evenings to lead a lesson (materials available) or have a special lesson, let me know and we can make that happen!

Contact me at 304-544-3913

In His Service, Debbie Harman, Children's Director



Sunday, June 18, 2023

Father's Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.



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Rev. Lee Boso (leeboso@gmail.com)

Rev. Robin Crouch (rlcrouch1948@gmail.com)

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)

Wednesday

6:00 Youth

6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Children's Programming

NBC Food Pantry Hours Tuesdays 10am – 2pm



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Camp Cowen 2023 Schedule

MARCH 17-18	Staff Interviews	JUNE 25- JULY 1	Junior 2 (grades 5-6)
APRIL 14-16	Women's Camp	<u>JULY 2-8</u>	High School 1 (grades 9-12)
APRIL 20-22	Musician Summit	JULY 9-15	Junior High 2 (grades 7-9)
APRIL 23	Cowen Sunday	JULY 15	Senior Day (graduated seniors)
APRIL 28-29	AB Men's Work Party	JULY 16-22	High School 2 (grades 9-12)
MAY 12-13	Summer Kick-Off	JULY 23-26	Older Midler (grades 3-5)
<u>JUNE 2-4</u>	Younger Midler (grades 2-4)	JULY 28-31	Family Camp
JUNE 6-9	Leaders in Training	<u>JULY 31-AUG. 4</u>	Raleigh Rockcastle
JUNE 11-17	Junior 1 (grades 5-6)	AUGUST 4-6	AB Men & Boys Camp
JUNE 18-24	Junior High 1 (grades 7-9)	AUGUST 11-12	Camp Global

For more information on camps, events, and registration, visit campcowen.org