



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - March 2022

Russia has just invaded Ukraine. War has broken out in Europe. The unthinkable has happened. This news has brought several thoughts to my mind.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia reminded me of the stories my grandfather told me of his own escape from Ukraine. My grandfather, as a teenager, fled Ukraine when the Soviets (Russians) invaded it 100 years ago. In the summer of 1919, the Vladimir Lenin lead Bolsheviks came to my grandfather's village and slaughtered members of his family (my family). History is repeating itself for other families today.

Through the window of television, I have watched the exploding bombs and bloody faces. Seeing this war break-out reminds me of Jesus' prophetic words spoken in Matthew 24:6-7, where he says, **"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places."** Jesus speaks these words to comfort us. Let us find comfort in Him and not be alarmed.

My mind has also jumped to what I consider to be one of C.S.Lewis' finest writings, **"The Weight of Glory."** The book is a collection of lectures that Lewis gave during World War II. All of the lectures deal with the tensions of war, suffering, nationalism, patriotic duty, and being a Christian. One theme that is found in every lecture is the reminder that there is a greater and more ultimate reality over and above this present age, the Kingdom of Heaven. Another theme that he often points out is that war itself is simply evidence of who we (humanity in our sin)

truly are. For example, he says, *"The war creates no absolutely new situation; it simply aggravates the permanent human situation so that we can no longer ignore it. Human life has always been lived on the edge of a precipice. Human culture has always had to exist under the shadow of something infinitely more important than itself."* Lewis names this precipice earlier in the same chapter as Hell. He says, *"I spoke just now of fiddling while Rome burns. But to a Christian the true tragedy of Nero must be not that he fiddled while the city was on fire but that he fiddled on the brink of hell."* He also says at the end of this same lecture, *"What does war do to death? It certainly does not make it more frequent; 100 percent of us die, and the percentage cannot be increased.... Yet war does do something to death. It forces us to remember it."* The "it" that Lewis is referring to is not only physical death but the reality that extends beyond it.

This new war in Ukraine is frightening. Let us pray, therefore, not only for peace, safety, and a quick end to the conflict, but that God moves powerfully in our nation and world. Pray that we (humanity) are reminded that there is salvation and deliverance from one's sins. Pray that we come to know that the source of this salvation is a savior who is not us, nor our technology. Pray that Jesus' name is rightly proclaimed and that His Kingdom comes.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent



The Photograph is of the Ukraine Holocaust memorial. In 1932-1933, the Russians killed between 5-7 million Ukrainians through forced starvation.



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Annabeth Adkins (1st)
Kevin Skaggs
- 3 – Jennifer Adams
Joe Collins
Tommie Templeton
- 4 – Bob Blankenship
Lee Boso
Kenneth Fetty
Sharon Flowers
Lydia Jordan
Bill Snoddy
- 5 – Chuck Adams
Matthew Chaney
- 6 – Randall Hatfield
- 7 – Jeff Day
Evan Willis
- 8 – Anderson Frye
- 9 – Carey Roland
- 10 – Will Morgan
Sara Simpson
- 11 – Sheri Tadlock
- 13 – Harry Estep
Imaly Fetty
Cade Lewis
Marilyn Thompson
- 16 – John Hovey
Alan Meek
- 18 – Shane Hufford
- 20 – Teresa Foster
Linda Harris
Brenda Jameson
Mitchell Redman
Carol Sumpter
Nolice White
- 21 – Sheila Chapman
Richard Eskins
Rachel Sierson
Charles Stephens
- 22 – Donna Dunn
Abigail Willis
- 25 – Parker Campbell
Raymond Spurlock
Tracy Waugh
- 27 – Chris Edmond
Rebekah Perry Franks
- 29 – Virginia Benson
- 30 – Joseph Leggott
Trey Wilson
- 31 – Sharon Hodges



The Season of Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. We will have a service that Wednesday to begin the season of Lent with prayer and reflection. Youth and AWANA will resume as normal. This year we have partnered with other WVBC churches to create Family Lent Discussions similar to our Advent Cards this past year. We will have printed cards you can pick up at church or use stories posted online.

Lent has a different feel than Advent. Although days get longer, flowers bloom, and trees and grass turn green with life, the 40 days leading up to Easter invite participants to fast from something in efforts to consider our human sinfulness and the death of Jesus. The discussions often reflect on God’s rescue of broken, hurting, lost, and sinful people. Lent invites us to consider the limits of human life and death and our need for salvation from God. The discussions are geared toward families with kids. The additional scriptures will help you dive deeper into the Biblical stories of brokenness and salvation.

Fasting is not something most of us practice often. As a kid I heard people giving up things they didn’t like anyways like broccoli or brussel sprouts, or substituting “fast” for “diet” to see some payout by Easter. But this year, I’d encourage you to consider a trade. What is a something you could trade for something that draws your attention to God? Could you trade social media for real people? Trade the news for Bible reading? Trade time on your phone to time in prayer? Maybe these cards create a trade for a time that is spent intentionally thinking about God as a family when we are all doing our own thing.

I’m reminded during these holy seasons how much I tend to seek the kingdom of this world and how seeking Jesus and His Kingdom first breathes new life into my soul and that of my family. I’m praying you too may find that trade during Lent is worth it!

In Christ,
Lee<><



Join us on
Thursdays,
5:30pm – 6:30pm
New Baptist
Church
Fellowship Hall

(enter by
fellowship hall
door on east side
of the building)



- 1 – Larry & Carol Sumpter
- 17 – Randall & Judy Hatfield
- 20 – Travis & Kara Smith
- 26 – John & Linda Hovey





BIBLE STUDY GROUPS are meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30am and 6:30pm, and on Thursday mornings at 9:30. It is never too late to join in, and there are still a few study books left. All groups are doing "God of Creation" by Jen Wilkin, which is a ten-week study. These classes will be in session until mid-April.

PLEASE BE PRAYERFUL about God's direction for our ladies' small groups. Our Wednesday evening attendance is very low. Many of our ladies are involved with AWANA. Our time is limited to around 50 minutes. This doesn't leave much time after the video for discussion, which is such an important part of our time together. Perhaps we need to look into Bible studies without videos? Changing the nights we meet? Canceling our winter studies? Doing them in early summer instead? Or another suggestion any of you may have? Please let me or one of our leaders know if you have any ideas that will benefit our women's ministry decisions.

We are truly FORGIVEN and FREE through salvation..."The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." --ROMANS 6:23b

For Good...
Dolores Adkins

Stop, look and listen

Lent, the season of the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2 this year). While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions.

Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- It causes us to **STOP**. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."
- It tells us to **LOOK**. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.
- It tells us to **LISTEN**. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words aren't only important for our safety in travel; they're also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.

They said/He said

by Robin Creasy

A desperate mother recently said to me:

"People all around me are saying God will never allow anything that is more than I can handle. How could this be true? I can't handle this."

What I hear God saying:

You will never face anything that is more than YOU and GOD can handle. We have never been asked to journey through life alone.

In the sinful world we live in today, death, pain, loneliness, illness, and suffering are all around us and life is frequently too hard to handle alone.

I have counted at least 83 verses in the bible that tell us God is with us. Christians are not exempt from suffering, but our strength, peace, comfort, and healing are found when we allow God to be in all things with us, providing what we need in the moment.

A few examples from God's assurance for those who need it today:

Deuteronomy 31:8: It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Isaiah 41:10: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

When something seems too hard to handle alone, I pray you find peace in God's promise to be with you, to hold you up, to strengthen you. You don't have to handle anything by yourself. You never had to. You will never have to.



The deacons have 5 (possibly 6) silver-tone aluminum communion trays that they would like to share with another church or organization. If you know someone who might be interested in these, please have them call the church office at 304-523-3355, ext. 2.



Notes from the Choir Director, Karen Dailey

If you have ever thought of being in the choir, now is the time for you to join! We are starting rehearsals back the first Sunday in March at 6:30 and will meet in the sanctuary so we can spread out a bit more. The Easter musical program will be on April 10th utilizing a variety of solos, groups, and the choir to tell the story of Christ’s loving sacrifice for us all. Consider what Keith and Kristyn Getty say in their book Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church: “Every day we wake to the sound of two voices...one of Wisdom and one of folly; the voice of the Lord and the voice of this fallen world. Singing deep songs of the Lord keeps the right voice loudest in our ears. The hymns of the gospel can remind us of our need for HIM and HIS faithfulness. We come into this world with nothing and can offer him pittance even on our best days thus we need to totally lean on him. Taken from the lyrics of “Rock of Ages” we are reminded:

*Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress
Helpless, look to Thee for grace
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me Savior, or I die.*

Singing the truths of the gospel reminds us how we were once under the wrath of God, condemned to die, without even a hint of hope but through singing songs grounded in gospel truths, we are reminded of what we read in Phil. 2:7-11:

“He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

Our singing should impact how we process life. It should strengthen, train encourage and comfort us. Singing should always bring glory and honor to Him! Praise the Lord!



We are so excited to continue to add new names and faces to our church directory.

You do not have to be a church member. If you are worshipping with us, we would love to have you in our church directory so we can put a name with a face.

The online directory comes in handy so often and by being able to add the app on your phone and have quick and easy access, makes it even better.

For more info on how to be a part of the directory or how to put it on your computer or phone, please contact the church office.



Wednesday,
March 23,
2022

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Sunday, March 13

MISSIONS

Report from Bethany Cox

Mission lunch in January brought in over \$1,200 for Pastor Dasnis. Thanks to **Jeff and Toni Madden** and **Honeybaked Ham** for donating the ham for our sandwiches.

Be on the lookout on March 13 for another chocolate cookie sale!!!

Our church hosted the state youth Sr. High Convention this past weekend. During the weekend the youth spend some time packing cold care kits to be distributed by the food pantry to those who need it and making scarves for those in need.

Food Pantry Numbers for January
Families: 172 (204 adults, 99 children, 117 seniors, 11 homeless)
Hygiene Kits: 30
Highlawn Elementary Food Packs: 400

Items needed for food pantry –
Backpack items: Fruit snacks; small serving sizes of applesauce; pop tarts
Washcloths needed for toiletry kits

The Huntington City Mission rented the fellowship hall for a fundraising event on Thursday, February 8. It was very well attended and the dinner/auction brought in over \$35,000 that will help the mission continue to serve those in need.



Mission Monthly Highlights:

We are starting to highlight a different ministry each month. Trent highlighted JD and Rhonda Reed, our WVBC missionaries in Bolivia in February. Please continue praying for their ministry.

In March we will be highlighting Bridges at Marshall University. They work with international students on MU campus. They have started back up their Food & Faith evenings on Thursday evenings at 6:30. We have been asked by one of our NBC members who helps with Bridges if we would help with providing a vegetarian meal for their meetings. They typically serve 10-15 students each week. If you would be interested in helping provide a meal, please see me or Sarah Smith for more info.

Update on our refugee family: we have submitted all of our paperwork and are currently awaiting more information and timeline.

Looking ahead.

At the end of March, the mission board will be providing dinner for the Marshall football team again. Rob Ely is leading a Bible study for any football players interested and we will feed him prior to the study.

We are planning on providing Easter Baskets to the Veterans Home again this year. We are still working on details if we are able to assemble and hand them out this year or if we just need to drop off supplies.

Pray without ceasing

“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too.”

—J.C. Ryle

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.)



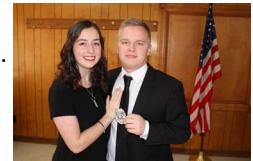
Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Chelcie & Coralie Adkins, Nancy Adkins, Mickey Bane, Nancy Bane, Bill Bartram, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Kyle Cook, Virginia Cortese, Becky Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Jeff Day, Pam Fannin, Tracy Foster, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joshua Hendricks, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Michael Kendall, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Virginia Lawrence, Joseph Leggott, Myra Lydick, Bob Mannon, Roy Maynor, Mary McClure, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Charlie Morris, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Vicki Rickard, Carol Richardson, Walter & Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Richard Weston, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark & Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

- our pastors
our community
our military personnel
our country
all affected by covid
unsaved loved ones
our government leaders
those trying to flee Afghanistan
the people of Haiti
Ukraine and its people

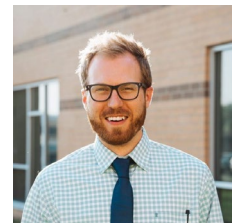


Drew Taylor, was recently sworn in as the newest Barboursville police officer. He finished at the top of the list in their testing and hiring process. Congratulations Drew.



Stephanie Spencer was featured in a Herald Dispatch article about students at Southside Elementary and their Twosday Celebration. Stephanie had her students participating in a lot of fun activities to celebrate the special day of 2-22-22.

Of course, everyone knows that Brian Casto won the Teacher of the Year Award for 2022 by the West Virginia Dept. of Education. As a Marshall University alumnus, his achievement was also noted in the "Class Notes" of the spring edition of the Marshall Magazine. But that's not the end of "stars in his crown". His Milton Middle History Bowl Team became the WVA Region 2 champions and will move on to state competition April 26 at the Culture Center in Charleston.



Our stain remover (from TheNewsletterNewsletter)

From sanitizers and soaps to solutions and sprays, many products promise to eliminate germs and grime. Unfortunately, they often fall short. Just think how many items in your closet or kitchen have been ruined by stubborn stains.

What if we were that concerned about ridding our lives and hearts of sin? What if we spent as much time confessing and repenting as scrubbing and laundering? The good news is that with one "application" (the cross), Jesus makes us "whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7). Praise be to our unblemished Lamb, the perfect stain remover!

2022 West Virginia Baptist Convention
Annual Bible Conference



Saturday, March 5, 2022
Parchment Valley Conference Center

The Book of Numbers: Life in the Wilderness

featuring: Dr. Trent Eastman
Pastor, New Baptist Church and
Adjunct Professor, Palmer Theological Seminary

Conference Fee: \$25 per person
WVBC Pastor or Spouse \$12.50

Registration Deadline (with money enclosed):
March 2, 2022

Registration begins at 9:00am, instruction will
start at 9:30am and the event will end at
3:00pm. Fee includes lunch and snacks.

Register online at www.wbc.org

Spring Children's Rally
For children currently in grades K-5, 6th grade is optional.
Saturday, March 5, 2022

At Parchment Valley in the Greenlee Activities Center



THROUGH THE BIBLE

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

Schedule

9:00am	Registration
9:30-9:50am	Welcome
	Instructions
	Singing
10:00-10:40am	Lesson 1
10:45-11:25am	Lesson 2
11:30-12:10pm	Lesson 3
12:15-12:45pm	Lunch
12:45-1:10pm	Singing
1:15-1:55pm	Lesson 4
2:00-2:40pm	Lesson 5
2:45-3:00pm	Singing
	Closing



March 12
Fellowship Baptist Church
3661 Rt. 60 East
Barboursville

A man should be defined by his character-
not hobbies, wealth, or feats of physical
strength. In this refreshing new conference,
pastor and best-selling author Paul Tripp will
help you understand your true biblical
identity as a man and what Jesus commands
from your life.

Schedule:

- 8:30am – Doors Open & Breakfast
- 9:00am – Session 1: **Fearless**
- 9:30am – Session 2: **Tender**
- 10:00am – Discussion
- 10:20am – Break
- 10:30am – Session 3: **Thankful**
- 11:00am – Discussion
- 11:15am- Dismiss

Register at fellowshipbarboursville.com

If you have questions about the event, contact Blake Creasy at 304-972-6062.





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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

- 6:00 Awana
Youth
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study

NBC Food Pantry

Hours

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm

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