

A Common Grace

As the month of May begins and the hills change from a dreary brown to a living green I feel a rising excitement and joy. Hearing the birds sing, smelling the flowers in bloom, and watching the trees sway as the wind is caught in their leaves is part of enjoying the new Spring season. Even though I no longer work on a farm and thus do not witness the foreshadow of the future harvest in the

rising green stems, I can still appreciate the sense of blessing and giftedness as nature returns to life after winter. This created world and its ecology is perfect to feed, sustain, and grow life. It is perfect for both the eye to see, the ear to hear, and the soul to feel refreshed. The old hymn *"This is my Father's world"* comes to both mind and voice in the joy and excitement of the season

- "This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
- This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
- This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
- This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!"

All of what I have described above is what is often called "Common Grace." It is a type of gift from God that falls upon all of humanity. Or as Jesus taught "*But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so* that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust (Matthew 5:44-45)." Jesus commands us to love even are enemies, and His argument to do so is that all of creation is evidence of God's love for all people. There is a common grace that reflects God's love for all people found in the beauty of each day and I think could be added, in the wonder of each leaf, bird song, or even reptile.

What else can we learn about God in this common grace?

To be clear, as a preacher, my area of study is what is often known as special or revealed grace. It is the grace revealed to us through Jesus Christ for the redemption and salvation to all who believe. Common grace is different, it is a type of grace that extends to all creatures, to every member of the human race, and shows to us an amazing God of faithfulness and love. What more

could we learn about our God from this common grace? The answer to that question comes through the study of this world. I love to study God's Word, but on sunny days with a gentle breeze I feel a nudge to go and simply observe nature long enough to wonder at what it may be telling me about the one who Loves me.

As the season changes, I continue to encourage you to be a person of God's word, but find time to step outside and be in awe of His common grace.

Your Pastor

Trent Eastman





- 3 Andrew Kinch Harper Kinch
- 4 Bill Kendall
- 6 Sally Davis Ethel Dunfee Jimmy Robinson
- 7 Bethany Adkins
- 8 Pam Woodall
- 9 Jim Castleberry Jase Cox Carla Cruz
- 11 Jo Anna Smith
- 13 Gail Kelly Kristen Nunley
- 15 Harrison Brown Jane Napier Kathy Via
- 16 Karen Pruitt Adams Larry Baker Kimberly Pratt
- 17 Glen Dailey
- 19 Laynce Cruz Peggy Jeffrey
- 23 Zach Jeffrey Angie Wise
- 24 Sarah Miller
- 25 Ginny Blake Kristin Caviani Cason Kessinger Sasha Kessinger Dillon Mullins
- 26 Catherine Rushton
- 27 E. A. Dowling
- 28 Mark Booth Laura Jordan Art Lydick
- 29 Sarah Smith Teresa Trawick
- 30 Hope Jones
- 31 Mary McClure





The entire **Mike Perry family** was honored recently as they all were honored with the Service to Children Award by TEAM for West Virginia Children at a dinner at the Guyan Golf & Country Club in Huntington. The family received the award for their lifelong dedication to children, both through Heritage Farm Museum & Village and their work with local organizations.

Rebekah Perry was pictured in a recent Herald-Dispatch article leading a group of children on a hike at a Spring Break Camp at Heritage Farm.

Hannah Blake, Gracie Morgan, and Fiona Rushton played in the recent production of "Peter Pan" at the Huntington High School auditorium.

Carolyn Kinder, granddaughter of **Joyce Kinder**, was honored recently as a Cabell-Midland High School AP Scholar who scored 3 or higher on 3 or more Advanced Placement Tests taken.

Brooke Powers, daughter of **Jay & Rebecca Powers** and granddaughter of **Pete & Anita Jones and Jerry & Lena Powers**, is a member of Cabell-Midland's prize-winning West Virginia High School Science Olympiad Championship Team which will compete in the National Science Olympiad at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, on June 1. Congratulations to Brooke and the whole team!

Judy's Shawls



will meet Monday, May 6, at 6:30pm in the Bykota room.



Crochet



Wednesday, May 23 for June issue of *Bridges*

Are you receiving the monthly newsletter via email? If not and you would like to have it emailed to you, please contact the church office. If email is not your preferred method of delivery for the newsletter, it can be picked up at the Welcome Center each month or we can send you one through regular mail.

From Our Family Life Pastor

Gearing up for summer there are lots of things to be planning for. Graduation, Camp Cowen, mission trip, and Vacation Bible School are all just around the corner. First, for you who are looking for an excellent spring/summer read, I'd like to invite you to join me in reading "12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You" by Tony Reinke. I'm reading this as part of a parent and youth worker discussion group. If you'd like to be included in that, email me at <u>leeboso@gmail.com</u> and we'll get you added. IF you'd just like to read the book and participate in a discussion, I will post weekly questions through May and June on the New Baptist Family Ministry Group on Facebook.

Graduation Sunday will be May 19, 2019. If you have a high school or college graduate you'd like recognized, submit their names to Pat in the office and we will add them to the bulletin and recognize them that Sunday.





As Camp Cowen approaches, the church will pay the \$25 registration fee for any NBC students attending Camp Cowen if you get your registration form submitted to the office prior to May 26th. If your child is attending Younger Middler or Junior 1, please send your registration into Camp Cowen asap and then let Pat know to send the remaining \$25 to Camp Cowen for early bird registration.

In June, the youth will be doing Mission Home! as we stay here in Huntington and serve in the Highlawn community for our mission trip. We are currently looking for families that would like to provide lunch or dinner for the students and for people who are skilled in carpentry that would like to offer a day to serve with students, helping them with more skilled carpentry tasks. Please contact Lee for more details.





Finally, we are excited about Vacation Bible School which will take place July 15-19. We will need your help to teach, lead, and serve in many different areas. Katelyn Mann is leading the leadership team and I'd encourage you to reach out to her for details and ways you can serve.

Put these on your calendar and be in prayer for how God will be using you and your students to bless our community this summer!

Lee <><

Camp Cowen 2019

Younger Midler June 7-9 (Grades 2-4)

Junior 1 June 9-15 (Grades 5-6)

Junior High 1 June 16-22 (Grades 7-9)

Junior 2 June 23-29 (Grades 5-6) High School 1 June 30 – July 6 (Grades 9-HS Grads)

Junior High 2 July 7-13 (Grades 7-9)

High School 2 July 14-20 (Grades 9-HS Grads)

> Older Midler July 30-Aug. 2 (Grades 3-4)

Age group based on grade level in Fall of 2019.



Recognizing high school and college graduates, Sunday, May 19, during the morning worship service. Graduates need to turn in their info (name and school, degree (college), future plans). Please email info to the church, <u>newbaptist2008@gmail.com</u>. If possible, please submit a picture of the graduate. Deadline – May 12.

"I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

—Abraham Lincoln

New Baptist Church In Mission May 2019



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our pot luck mission luncheon in April. We had a great variety of food! There was plenty to go around. We were able to collect over \$700 in donations to help support Pastor Dasnis!!!

We had a great group of people (all ages) help assemble **Easter baskets** for the 87 residents of the **Veteran's home**. Our volunteers worked so quickly we set a record for how quickly we were able to assemble the baskets this year. These baskets truly make a difference to the residents. Thanks to Teresa Foster and Sandy Pemberton for getting all the supplies needed and to the many hands who showed up to serve.

March Food Pantry Report:



220 families 463 people (113 children, 262 adults, 88 seniors) 4 hygiene kits 300 backpacks 36 Homeless

Upcoming Dates:

- Sunday, May 19, will be our next mission luncheon to support Pastor Dasnis.
- 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. Kevin Skaggs is looking for sponsors for this event. If you are interested in sponsoring or know a business that would be let him know. All proceeds will go toward Lily's Place again this year.
- Go ahead and mark your calendar for our annual Fall Festival Trunk and Treat on Saturday, October 26.

Service Opportunities:

Baby Bottle Drive: During our mission night service in April we heard from A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center. This ministry was originally an extension ministry of Fellowship Baptist Church. It was always the intent that it would become an independent ministry and it recently accomplished that goal! It is the only pro-life and pro-eternal life pregnancy center in the area. It works to not only save earthly lives by counseling against abortion, but its mission is to also save eternal lives by introducing clients to a relationship with Christ. This ministry services expectant mothers and fathers and new babies up to 2 years after being born. Mothers and fathers can participate in classes focusing on healthy pregnancies and then also life skills as a parent. By participating in these classes they earn Baby Bucks to use to purchase necessary supplies for their new baby. There is also counseling offered to women who have previously had an abortion. This ministry is vital in today's society. If you are interested in helping they are always looking for volunteers for many tasks including counseling, cleaning, organizing their donations room and helping with their website.

During the month of May, we will be participating in a baby bottle drive to support A New Beginning. Baby bottles will be available in the back of the sanctuary. Take a bottle (or more) and fill it with coins, cash, checks and return at the end of the month. Every cent makes a difference in the life of a child and parent. We would love to raise \$2000 this year!

- 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.



Missionary Updates:

• Katelyn Hannan: from her most recent newsletter update

"Your prayers are powerful and working! I am ecstatic to share that the entire month of March we have hosted Food & Faith Dinners every Tuesday with 10-20 students at each gathering!! It's been incredible to hear their questions and insights as we discover the Bible together.

Students have attended from Kenya, Croatia, Panama, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, and more! This month we read the first 3 chapters of Genesis. Each week at the end of our discussion, we ask: "Who will you share this story with?" and "How will you obey/apply this passage in your life?" (This cultivates obedience to the Word and evangelism). The next week, we ask how sharing and obeying went. (This cultivates accountability). During the first week, a girl from Japan who identifies as non-religious, named Ricco, asked why the Christians in the room chose to follow Jesus. It was incredible as believers from around the world shared their "why" and gave testimony of Jesus transforming their hearts.

During the second week, Ricco told everyone she shared Genesis 1 with her friend from France, Lou (also nonreligious), and obeyed by bringing her this week. After the Genesis 2 discussion, Lou said "I'm going to share this story with my parents, because even if they don't believe it, it's still good to learn about." I was blown away by their willingness to share and obey without even being followers of Jesus! It's also amazing that after reading one chapter in the Bible (possibly the only chapter she's ever read), Ricco felt like it was obeying the passage to tell someone she loved about God's Word and bring them to a place where she could discover more of it in a community. I pray that soon the Holy Spirit indwells in her and empowers her to continue to share His truth with her friends!"

• Drew Osenbach: He and Michael, a student he led to Christ this fall, were going onto campus looking for an opportunity to have a spiritual conversation with another student. Drew was wanting Michael to be a part of this to allow him to gain confidence in his sharing. They were able to meet up with Tanner, a guy who has heard of Jesus but didn't fully understand who He was or what He had done for us. In Michael's first attempt with sharing his faith he gave Tanner the chance to put his faith in Christ. Tanner's response, "Yes, I want to put my faith in Jesus!" How awesome is that! Drew will also be leading a group to Daytona this summer.

Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" and a sticky kiss.



-Unknown



The holidays we celebrate reveal a great deal about our values and character. We celebrate what we value. In May we celebrate two holidays, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Let me reflect on these for a moment.



Mother's Day had its beginning in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother, it spread to all mothers and with some persistence Mother's Day became a national day to honor Moms. This day is just one of West Virginia's gifts to life in America. This day is

celebrated on Sunday and appropriately so. Most of the celebrations take place in churches and that too is appropriate. For many of us faith was taught to us by our mother. As we approach Mother's Day, take some time and reflect on the impact of your mother on your life. Let me encourage you to take some time and write a note to your mother expressing your gratitude for the life she gave you and for the impact she had on your life. If your mother is living, mail this note to her, even if you both live in the same town. If your mother is like mine and her dementia is such that she can no longer read or maybe even comprehend a written note, take a few moments and read it with her. If your mother has died and you can visit her grave, why not go and read the letter at the gravesite. This is not morbid but rather good for you to say thank you. If you cannot get to the grave, find a quiet place and take a moment and read the note. In each case, take time to pray and thank God.

I am who I am today because of the prayers and direction and love of Godly parents. My mom still impacts my life and for that I am thankful. The same may be true for you – isn't it time for you to express your gratitude to your mom?



Memorial Day is a day to remember the lives of those men and women who in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "gave the last full measure of devotion," to secure our freedom. Living in a free society is a blessing indeed but it is not something we should take lightly, casually

or for granted. The recent suicide bombings in the churches and hotels in Sir Lanka reminds us of the freedom we often take for granted. Freedom is something to be guarded and protected and sometimes it means that some of those who stand in harm's way give their lives that we might live free. On Memorial Day we honor them. I learned from Woody Williams, Medal of Honor recipient, of an often forgotten and neglected group and those are the families of those who died in defense of our freedom. They are called "Gold Star Families". If you want a moving experience visit the Gold Star Memorial in Barboursville Park. Again take a moment and thank God for the freedoms we have and for those who served in protecting them.

This year be intentional in expressing your gratitude for and giving honor to your mother and those who gave their lives that we might be free.

Faster Kosin

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.[b] **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates



AWANA 2018-2019 has finished for the year! This was a blessed year with several baptisms of our clubbers, new directors and helpers stepping up and discipling our children, a "Walk to the Cross", all the while with a mission oriented hearts for Haiti and Operation Christmas Child.

Your children are the next generation of our church. Our theme verses of Deuteronomy 6 are evidenced in their giving hearts and spirits of love and servanthood. What a blessing to have seen their spiritual growth, to hear their questions, to listen to their retelling of stories and what they've hidden in their hearts (even Jesus' toenails \odot), and to hear them ask for "the stories we don't know about", to see them put pieces together of the most beautiful tapestry they shall ever be witness.

And they did this WITH YOU— the multi-generational church that encouraged them through prayer, being listeners, sew helpers, game leaders, directors, room leaders, and substitutes for anything needed at any time.

What a treasure of blessings we are given! Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the lives of your children, their love, their hearts and spirits for His Kingdom.

In His Service, Debbie Harman

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

May 16, 2019 Meeting

Program: Bob Hardin and Tom Dobbins Guitar Duo

<u>Catering by</u>: The Scrumptious Company Menu: Garden Salad, BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Rice, Vegetable Medley, Cornbread, Dessert

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.



<u>Program</u>: Back by popular demand to present another great program for our listening enjoyment is the Dynamic Duo consisting of Bob Hardin and Tom Dobbins (no, not Batman and Robin). Bob and Tom have been presenting a program for us for the last several years and they do an outstanding job of pickin' and grin'n, actually they strum and sing Gospel and Classic Country songs which we are all familiar with and most likely sang as we were growing up. They are both "locally grown". Bob was born and raised in Huntington and graduated

from Huntington East High School in 1963. He attends Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church and is also active in civic affairs as president of Walnut Hills Action Team. Tom was raised in Ashland, Kentucky and graduated from Ashland High School in 1959. He attends Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church and also plays guitar for the Tri-State Mountain Dulcimer Society, Harmonica Club and Kelley's Bridge Band. We are invited to sing along with them and this would be a great time to exercise your vocal chords and join in singing the old songs and reminisce about growing up and you ladies wearing your poodle skirt, saddle oxfords, fuzzy sweater, scarf around your neck and the boys wearing blue jeans, clodhopper shoes with the metal taps on the toe and heel and a tee shirt without some printing on it. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you and enjoy the great food, fun and fellowship. You will be glad you did and so will we. Looking forward to seeing you at the "Meetin' House" in the merry merry month of May.

Roy Maynor

The Finest Hymn (The NewsletterNewsletter 2008)

Reginald Heber (1783-1826), a vicar and hymn-writer in England, was the first person to compile a hymnal based around the church calendar. He composed the beloved hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" specifically for Trinity Sunday, with lyrics based on Revelation 4:8-11.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The joyful song celebrates the eternal, omnipotent Triune God. Throughout the verses, Heber used units of three to symbolize the Trinity (God is "perfect in power, in love and purity"; God is worshiped by saints, cherubim and seraphim; and he's praised "in earth and sky and sea").

Heber, who witnessed much idol worship while serving as Bishop of Calcutta, often reaffirmed God's holiness in his hymns.

British poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson so admired the uplifting language in "Holy, Holy, Holy" that he proclaimed it the finest hymn ever written.



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(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, Donna Best, Tom & Laura Blake, Mary Carter, Hannah Caserta, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Christie Eastman, 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, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Dave Watkins, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer

Pray also for our pastors and our church; the community around us; unsaved loved ones; our military personnel; our government leaders; our country

Death in the Church Family



Betty Lou Martin Maynor 88, of Huntington, WV, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Betty worked for several years as the personal secretary for the Superintendent of Cabell County Schools but once she had children she became a proud stay-at-home wife and mother.

She was a faithful member of Beverly Hills Baptist and a charter member of New Baptist Church. She served many years in the choir, as Church Clerk, worked with the youth and was involved in women's ministries. She loved the fellowship of her Berean Sunday School Class. Betty is survived by her loving husband, Roy; daughters, Cheryl Richardson and Cathy (Jeff) Camp; adopted daughter, Joanne Houston; five grandsons and two great-granddaughters.



A young boy had been misbehaving, so his mother sent him to his room. Sometime later, he came out and told his mom he'd prayed about the matter. "That's good," she replied. "If you ask God for help to not misbehave, he'll help you."

"Oh, I didn't pray for help behaving," said the boy.

"I prayed for God to help you put up with me."





THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC. INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN HONORING

Ms. Patty Green

Monday, May 6, 2019 5:30 P.M. • The Hampton Room The Woodlands Retirement Community

Join us in celebrating the Patricia "Patty" Green Graduate Strings Scholarship that will help string majors at Marshall University's School of Music.

Please contact Rosie Brydie at 304.696.6441 with questions about the celebration.

Welcome New Baby

Rhett Chrístían Casto

April 11, 2019

Proud Parents: Brian & Lacie Casto

> Big Brothers: Jase Casto Madden Casto

Advice to Graduates:

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.

-Tom Brokaw

New Baptist Church

Just for Kids

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Answers: "My son, keep your fathers command and do not forsake your mothers teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daugh-

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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
6:00	Awana (Sept. – May)
	Youth
6:30	Evening Service

Wednesday

9:30	Ladies' Bible Study
6:30	Ladies' Bible Study
	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

Guyandotte Association ABWM Spring Rally



Tuesday, May 21 **Barboursville Baptist Church**

Speaker: TBA

Dinner starts at 6:00pm Cost \$6





Contact LaAnna Blake (304-633-8037) or Sandy Pemberton (304-654-7254) for more info.