



BRIDGES

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Living Orientated Towards His Glory

In the book of Exodus, the Israelites enter into a covenant with the Lord. The covenant they enter into is about being in a relationship with God. The Lord describes the covenant in Exodus 19:5 and 6 when He says, “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” Once the covenant was entered into, it was lived. The Lord God, maker and creator of all that there is in existence came and dwelt among the Israelites.

Reading beyond the book of Exodus into Leviticus and Numbers, describe what it looked like for God to dwell among the people. In this new relationship with the Lord dwelling among them, one of the first instructions that the Lord gave to the people of Israel was for them to live oriented toward His Glory. We read this in

Numbers 2:2 when God instructs the Israelites to camp facing the tabernacle, the place His shekinah glory dwelt. It must have been amazing to wake up each day seeing the visible presence of God.

Through the redemptive work of Jesus, a New Covenant has been made. Like the covenant made in Exodus, the New Covenant is also about entering into a relationship with the Lord. We experience this relationship through the gift of the Holy Spirit. And, like the covenant made in Exodus, we too are to live our lives oriented towards the glory of God. In the ancient world, temples were built as places where gods were said to dwell. The temples tended to be located on the edges of society. They were built high up on hills (like the Acropolis in Athens) or far away

from where people lived (like Luxor in Egypt). The gods the people worshiped were gods of convenience. People did not want a god to be a part of their life; they only wanted a god when there was a need in their life.

Our life in Christ is different. When a person receives Christ into their life and accepts Him as Lord, they have entered into a covenant with Him, which means that the Lord is near us. Within the covenant, the Lord is not a god of convenience to only go to when in need, but the God who is nearby and thus enjoyed. The God, our God, who walks with us, carries our

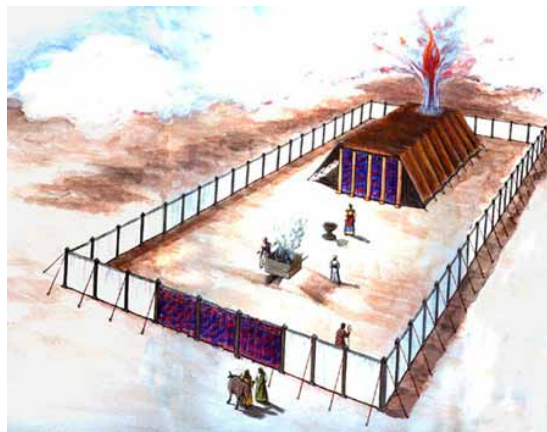
burdens, guides us each day, and leads us into paths of righteousness. He is the God who protects us when we venture into the valley of the shadow of death. He is the God who calls us to His banqueting table and anoints our head with oil. Because of the Lord’s nearness, I believe that the most important way that we orientate our lives towards His glory is to acknowledge and enjoy His presence. How do you do this?

I think there are many ways that we can (and should) orientate our lives towards His glory, ways like trusting Him, growing in the knowledge of Him, and seeking to obey Him. The best way, though, I believe, is to practice thanksgiving to the Lord always. It seems to me that when a person gives thanks, there is spiritual blindness that is lifted and the hardness of the heart that is softened. It is in thanksgiving that His glory becomes more visible.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent Eastman





- 3 Andrew Kinch
Harper Kinch
- 4 Bill Kendall
- 6 Sally Davis
Ethel Dunfee
- 7 Bethany Adkins
- 8 Pam Woodall
- 9 Jase Cox
Carla Cruz
- 10 Nolan Maddox Cox (1st)
- 11 Jo Anna Smith
- 13 Gail Kelly
- 15 Kathy Via
- 16 Karen Pruitt Adams
Larry Baker
Ileene Fetty
Kimberly Booth
- 17 Glen Dailey
- 19 Laynce Cruz
Peggy Jeffrey
- 23 Angie Wise
- 24 Sarah Miller
- 25 Ginny Blake
Cason Kessinger
Sasha Kessinger
- 26 Catherine Rushton
- 27 E. A. Dowling
- 28 Mark Booth
Aliyah Deuser
Laura Jordan
Art Lydick
- 29 Sarah Smith
Teresa Trawick
- 30 Mary McClure
Dale Shao



Three fifth grade students at Nichols Elementary who won prizes in the Cabell County 2021 Creative Writing Contest are students of **Angie Kinder**, daughter-in-law of **JoyceKinder**. Congratulations to the students and their wonderful teacher.

New Baptist's own **Brian Casto** was recently named Teacher of the Year for Cabell County Schools! Also, another member of New Baptist Church, **Tracie Ross**, was one of the five finalists for Cabell County Service Personnel of the year. Congratulations to you both. We are so proud of you.

Women's Ministry News

What an amazing time of the year as those April showers (even a few snow showers!) have given way to beautiful May flowers! God's glorious creation is at its most creative in the spring! The world just seems to open up in a wondrous display!

On Wednesday, April 14, New Baptist opened up its Wednesday evening services for the first time in over a year. We are grateful that ladies' Bible study is one of these small groups. "The Faithful" is a study of five heroes of the Old Testament, with video sessions by several of our favorite Bible teachers. **Beth Moore** gives us words of wisdom about Esther...**Priscilla Schirer** leads us through the call of Gideon...**Kelly Minter** builds our faith through Nehemiah's wall...**Jennifer Rothchild** helps us see Hosea through her eyes...**Lisa Harper** concludes the study with Malachi, the prophet at the very end of the Old Testament. This group will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesdays through the end of May. You are welcome to pop in and watch these videos with us, even if you didn't sign up. Study guides are available online at Lifeway or Amazon...or just come for the video and the fellowship!

Through the summer months, there will be no specific ladies' studies, so you are encouraged to join in on the Pastors' groups. Plans are in the making for a Ladies' Night Out in September, with new Bible studies to join at that time. Until then, keep in the Word and remember our theme verse for the year from 2 Timothy 2:1, "Be strengthened by the GRACE that is in Christ Jesus!"

For Good...
Dolores Adkins

Food Pantry Needs

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

SAVE THE DATE

Apple Butter Weekend

September 24 & 25

Booth Family Farm
3083 Malcolm Road
Barboursville



Thursdays, 5:30pm

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.



Sunday, May 23
for June issue of *Bridges*



- 6 – Michael & Patsy Stephenson
- 13 – Andrew & Kara Dutton
- 16 – Jim & Lisa Daniels
- 16- Don & Jessica Pennington
- 19- Carl & Sandy Pemberton
- 20 – Lee & Carmen Boso
- 22 – David & Patti Cooper
- 22 – Erick & Jessica Willis
- 23 – Chuck & Joyce Adams
- 25 – Bradley & Rebekah Franks
- 25 – Tim & Kristi Haney
- 26 – Evan & Becky Arkell
- 27- Charles and Susan Stephens
- 29 – Stan & Kathy Meadows
- 30 – Brent & Lindsey Manchester



In the family life ministry, we talk a lot about mile markers. If you’ve got kids maybe you have used this trick after you’ve been asked for the 432nd time “are we there yet?” Back when speed limits on highways were 60mph my mom told me that we would see a new number marker every minute. Although speeds may be faster now, you can roughly count the minutes by the mile markers to your destination. This helps kids who know numbers and are learning math to watch for that mile that matches their destination without asking the same question over and over (hopefully!). Those mile markers give us a sense of pace and help us check in along the way.

For kids it may be the first birthday, kindergarten, the move to middle school, then high school, their driver’s license, and graduation. There are others along the way, but these mile markers are great ways to be aware of ones’ location on the journey. We as a church want to walk alongside families for this journey of faith and celebrate births with baby dedications, professions of faith with baptisms, and celebrate graduations as markers of transition from one phase of life to another. We see celebrations and festivals in scriptures as mile markers, or times to pause and reflect on how God has worked and be thankful, but also to listen and be aware of what God is doing next. In the same way, graduation is a time for the same. We encourage our graduates from high school, college, or higher education to take time to reflect on their education both intellectually and spiritually and to wait on God and look to God for leading and direction in their next step of life.

To celebrate this mile marker, on **May 16** we will celebrate **Graduation Sunday** at New Baptist and ask that if you have a student in your family that is graduating from high school, college, or higher education that you send their name, info, and a picture to leebos@gmail.com so that we can recognize them in a slideshow, but also encourage them to join us that day so that we can celebrate with them!



Another mile marker of the year is summer, and since the school year is nearing the end and summer is approaching, **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 and then let us know and we will pay \$25 toward your remaining balance. Let me know if you have further questions!

Pastor Lee<><



Keep moving!

As they proudly processed across the stage to receive their diplomas, each graduate heard two messages from the principal: “Congratulations!” (in a loud voice) and “Keep moving” (in a whisper). Although the administrator was merely trying to facilitate the flow, she was actually offering sound advice to the young adults: Don’t stop or stagnate! Proceed from here and continue learning. This is the beginning, not the end, of a journey. Keep moving!

In good hands (from The NewsletterNewsletter)

As Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure, they were full of questions — “Where are you going? How will we know the way there? Would you please just show us the Father?” — and not very satisfied with his answers. So Jesus promised to send them “another Helper” (John 14:16, ESV). And we can almost hear them protesting, like kids bemoaning a favorite coach’s retirement or church members grieving a beloved pastor’s call to serve elsewhere: “Oh, great. Someone new for us to get to know. It won’t be the same. It won’t be you.”

Except ... the word another has two forms in Greek: “another just like this one” and “another, different version.” And when the author of John translated Jesus’ Aramaic into Greek, the first definition was the accurate one. Jesus was assuring his disciples they’d be in good hands, at peace and secure because the new Helper — the Holy Spirit — would be another just like him.

—based on *Fearless*, by Max Lucado



Notes from the Choir Director, Karen Dailey

It is with great anticipation that we are going to start rehearsals back in small groups...not a full choir, but it is a great start after the year and half we have had. We will still be wearing masks, spread apart, following CDC Guidelines and doing the best we can to stay healthy and safe. The groups will be varying from week to week so that more people can be involved that want to participate. If you are not currently a member of our choir and feel God nudging you to use your voice in song, please speak to me, send me a text or email me. My info is in the Church Directory. We will be singing a variety of styles and I hope to have practice CDs or mp3s for those that will be performing to rehearse.

In searching for songs for the coming months, "The Greatest Gift" came to my mind. One would think this is a Christmas song, because, indeed, Christ is the greatest gift of all time. But I'd like to leave you with the words of this song by Steve and Annie Chapman, which is very appropriate for the next two holidays in May and June. Let these words resonate in your thoughts awhile and take them to heart.



The Greatest Gift

*You can give your children houses. You can give them lands.
The riches of your efforts, and all your best laid plans.
But of all that they inherit, of all that you could will,
Please include the unseen treasure of the life that God has filled.
'Cause the greatest gift a father can give is a life lived for Jesus.
And the greatest gift a mother can give is the knowledge of the Lord.
Pass Him on to your children. He's the gift that keeps on giving.
The greatest gift is a life lived for Jesus.*

*Someday the house will crumble, and time will turn the land to dust
And when all accounts are empty, where will you invest their trust?
But of the riches that you give them, it's the wisdom of His ways
Then the wealth you leave your children will last through all their days.
'Cause the greatest gift a father can give is a life lived for Jesus.
And the greatest gift a mother can give is the knowledge of the Lord.
Pass Him on to your children. He's the gift that keeps on giving.
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Happy Mother's Day!! You can find a YouTube version of them singing this song at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwJx3BVOQM>

Just for pun!



- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.



Make plans now to attend Vacation Bible School in July.

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



We have had a busy last month or so. And you all have continued to be so generous.

Flood relief:

1. we were able to give \$500 to Fellowship Baptist following the recent flooding of their building.
2. We were able to collect \$720 for flood relief through the American Baptist Churches One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Easter Baskets: we were able to provide Easter baskets filled with goodies for the 75 residents at the Veterans Home. We were not able to assemble and hand them out this year, but they stated they had a big party and distributed them. The residents were very grateful.

Easter Eggs: we made and sold 423 chocolate covered peanut butter eggs. That allowed us to send Pastor Dasnis a check for \$1638.66!!! Thanks for loving to eat.

Easter Dinner: Myra Lydick hosted an Easter dinner for international students from Marshall University. Multiple people from the mission board helped supply part of the meal. 6 students came and enjoyed a meal, hunted Easter eggs and heard the Easter story. For one student it was the first time he had heard of the resurrection of Christ. Great conversations and discussions were had. Countries represented were China, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and India. Please joy us in continuing to pray for the seeds that were planted that day.

Coming in May: starting in May we will be participating in the **New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive**. Bottles will be at the back of the sanctuary. You can take them home and fill them with loose change, dollar bills, checks and bring them back. All money goes to support their amazing ministry.

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 | |

Death in Church Family



Warren D. Napier, 73, of Huntington WV, passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Warren was a charter member of New Baptist Church, where he served as head usher and on the Board of Trustees. He was a Vietnam Navy Veteran and the Commander of VFW Proctorville Post #6878, Commander of the Honor Guard, and Detail Commander. He is survived by one son, Joe, and five siblings, Sandra Christian, Michael Napier, Frenchie Napier, Vickie Stengel and Pamela Rice.



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Service Hours:

Sunday

9am Worship Service

- Traditional Hymns
- Social Distancing Practiced
- Masks Required

***11am Worship Service**

- Praise & Worship Hymns
- Social Distancing Practiced
- Masks Required

*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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Happy Mother's Day
May 9, 2021



May 16, 2021



May 31, 2021