



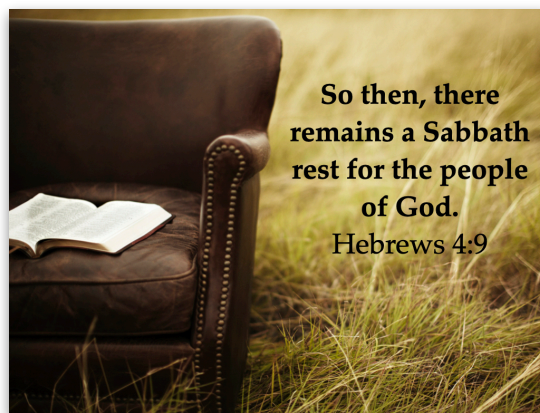
BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - May 2022

Enjoying the Sabbath Rest

It is hard to imagine how difficult it must have been to live during ancient times. I don't think we realize how near the edge most people lived. In the days of scripture, most people lived off the land as either farmers or shepherds. There was, of course, various tradesmen and craftsmen, but everyone lived dependent upon the seasons. One drought could cause a famine leading to the death of both humans and livestock. I am sure that there were many people who felt the nearness of life's edge and worked very hard every day, from sunrise to sunset, out of that urgency that living on the edge brings. Thus, it is utterly shocking that during the ancient days (when life was most hard), God set forth the enjoyment of a Sabbath rest as a commandment. If there was any time in history when it was probably the hardest to take a Sabbath rest, it was when God commanded the people of Israel to observe the Sabbath. This should tell you how important is the Sabbath rest.

Compare this to today. Our world is filled with many labors, and time-saving conveniences that would be unimaginable just a few generations earlier. In 1840, the percentage of Americans working on farms was 70%. Today, it is 1.3%. And with the mechanizing of farms, the agricultural output is so vast that few people live on the edge of going hungry. Hunger, in America, is not a food shortage problem but a social and economic problem.



**So then, there
remains a Sabbath
rest for the people
of God.
Hebrews 4:9**

The point is that few people today live from season-to-season fearful of droughts, famines, or devastating wars. Instead, the average amount of leisure activities that most Americans aged 15 years old and up spend each day is 5.5 hours, half of which is just watching tv. If there is a time in history that keeping the Sabbath rest should be easy, it would be now. We have more time to do nothing than we ever had before. And yet, it seems that people find it harder and harder to keep the Sabbath rest. Also, many people feel burned out, tired, exhausted, burdened, and overworked despite all of their leisure time. WHY? I suspect that part of the answer is that rest is very different from leisure, and most people do not know how to rest.

True rest is found when one rests in God. Jesus says to you and me, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30)." A primary way to enjoy this rest is to participate in the Sabbath rest. We rest in the Lord when we stop filling our souls with the voices of media and drink from the well of the Lord. Or, as Jesus said to the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." I encourage you to practice a life of Sabbath rest.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent



- 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
- 11 Jo Anna Smith
- 12 Audrey Hampton (1st)
- 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
Laura Jordan
Art Lydick
- 29 Sarah Smith
Teresa Trawick
- 30 Mary McClure
Dale Shao



Be sure to mark your calendars to attend this year's VBS.

Dates: July 17-21
Time: 6pm-8pm
Ages: 3 yrs. To 5th grade

Theme: **Zoomerang** – Returning to the value of life

Look for more info on the church website – newbaptistchurch.com



- 6 – Michael & Patsy Stephenson
- 13 – Andrew & Kara Dutton
- 16 – Jim & Lisa Daniels
- 16 - Don & Jessica Pennington
- 19 - Carl & Sandy Pemberton
- 20 – Lee & Carmen Boso
- 20 – Josh & Shelli Dierdorff
- 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

Food Pantry Needs

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



ReFit will be taking a break for the month of May. Look for us when we start back up in June.

Reservations due
By
May 5, 2022



Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday,
May 11, 2022

Noon
New Baptist Church

Suggested Donation: \$10



Neal Koch will entertain on the Hammer Dulcimer.

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 22
for June issue of Bridges

FAMILY LIFE MOMENTS

Our faith journey is compared to a race multiple times in the New Testament. Perseverance, training, cheering crowds, and the focus on the finish line are all part of the race of faith. We are all at different stages of this race and play a variety of roles in others race. For many of our students, the month of May marks transitional points in their race, moving from Elementary to Middle School, then to High School and graduating to College and beyond. Some of us play a role of coach in their lives, encouraging and equipping them for the next step of their race, others serve as encouragers or a cheering crowd. During these transitional times, it is important to be present and look to Jesus, who pioneered the race of faith, as the writer of Hebrews 12 says “so we don’t lose heart.”

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students who are graduating from High School, College, or with higher degrees on **May 29**. If you have a graduate who is part of New Baptist that you would like to see recognized, please send their name, and info to Pat Baisden in the office by **May 15**.




There are many families who are just starting their journey as parents and we want to provide opportunities to connect with other parents and to support and encourage you. We are hosting a Family Fun Dinner on May 1 at 5pm for families with children from birth through High School. Bring your kids and enjoy a night to connect with other families, enjoy a meal, and have fun together.



Another opportunity for your kids to grow in their faith is through our camps at Camp Cowen. We want to help by paying the \$25 registration fee if you turn your registration in to the office at least 3 weeks before the start date of the camp your child is attending. Check out www.campcowen.org for more info.

If there are ways I can support you and your family or can pray for you, please don’t hesitate to reach out. I’m cheering for you and praying!

Pastor Lee<><

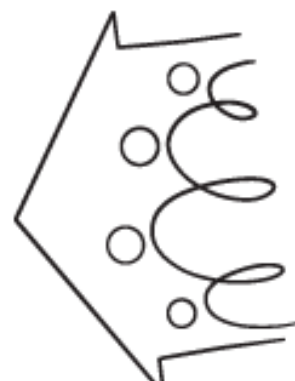


PUZZLE

A VALUABLE COMMAND

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



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daughter
respect

mother
honor
family
love

father
honor
home
obey

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2. _ _ _ _ _

3. _ _ _ _ _

4. _ _ _ _ _

5. _ _ _ _ _

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9. _ _ _ _ _

10. _ _ _ _ _

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so t _ at y _ u may _ _ i _ e l _ ng in t _ e land

the L _ _ R D _ _ ou _ _ God i _ _ givi _ _ g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

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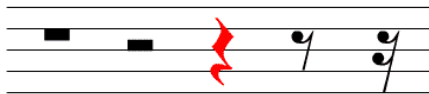
Notes from Choir Director, Karen Dailey

It is such a blessing to be a part of the choir family at New Baptist Church. If you have ever thought about joining us, please feel free to do talk to me or one of our choir members. We have rehearsals on Sunday evenings at 6:30 for about an hour and use this time to practice the songs we are to sing during Sunday morning worship service to praise our Lord and Savior. We have good fellowship and fun, but we also have prayer and a short devotion time. The following is a devotion presented at a recent rehearsal written over 100 years ago by John Ruskin and yet it is still relevant today as it serves as a reminder that ALL time is God’s gift to us, even in our times of rest.



“There is no music during a musical rest, but the rest is part of the making of the music. In the melody of our life, the music is separated here and there by rests. During those rests, we foolishly believe we have come to the end of the song. God sends us time of forced leisure by allowing sickness, disappointed plans, and frustrated efforts. He brings a sudden pause in the choral hymns of our lives, and we lament that our voices must be silent. We grieve that our part is missing in the music that continually rises to the ear of our Creator. Yet how does a musician read the rest? He counts the break with unwavering precision and plays his next note with confidence, as if no pause were ever there.

God does not write the music of our lives without a plan. Our part is to learn the tune and not be discouraged during the rests. They are not to be slurred over or omitted, nor used to destroy the melody or to change the key. If we will only look up, God Himself will count the time for us. With our eyes on Him, our next note will be full and clear. If we sorrowfully say to ourselves, “There is no music in a rest,” let us not forget that the rest is part of the



making of the music. The process is often slow and painful in this life, yet how patiently God works to teach us! And how long He waits for us to learn the lesson!” – John Ruskin

**American Baptist Women’s Ministries of WV
88th Annual Conference
June 4, 2022
Parchment Valley Conference Center**

Speakers: Sarah McCloy & Debbie Myers
Theme: Along the Road – Luke 24:32

Conference Fee: \$15
Optional Boxed Lunch: \$7

Register at www.wvbc.org

**Spring Golden’eers
Conference 2022**

*“A conference for adults 55 years
of age and older.”*

“Grandparenting Matters”

**May 2-4, 2022
(Monday-Wednesday)
Parchment Valley Conference Center**



**Bible Study Leaders:
Koreen Villers and Jerry Losh**

The conference will begin on Monday in the Santrock Building with registration and pizza at 12:00 noon and will end on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

For more information please contact Jerry Losh at jerry@fbcoh.com



News!

Commencement is **May 11** at 6pm in the sanctuary. Please join us in closing AWANA for 2021-2022 and recognizing the children and helpers for their distinguished commitment and perseverance coming out of an unpredictable learning year. 😊

Parents of PUGGLES and CUBBIES please sit with your child in the areas they usually sit in for evening pick-up.



Please, wear your full uniform, invite your family, and we will see you there!



We have had a beautiful first quarter of the year in Children's Ministry!

Our attendance has grown! We have celebrated Easter and that Our Christ is Risen! The beautiful Easter services planned and brought to you by the Mann, Brown, Casto, and Stinespring families were such a blessing.

Guess what's happening this summer?! (Thanks to Mrs Becky Crouch for a great name **J. A. M. [Jesus and me]**) we are gonna have special studies, events, and projects to build a relationship with Jesus.

We are all busy in the summertime and Children's Ministry is very busy, too. Can you help out one Sunday in Sunday school or Children's church at 11am and Wednesday evening a month for June, July, and August? This gives our regular helpers a rest and who knows, you might want to be a full time helper?!

Curriculum is available in print and digitally so all you have to do is be present to lead the group. Husband and wife teams or friend teams are perfect to get started and we are blessed with some awesome youth helpers.

Any questions, please give me a call or text at **304-544-3913**. Pastor Lee will have another training safety meeting shortly for those interested in helping.

In His Service,
Debbie Harman



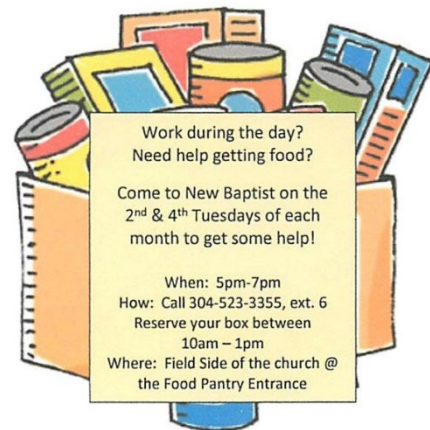
East Huntington Kiwanis Pancake Festival

Saturday, May 21, 2022
7am-6pm

New Baptist Church

Tickets: \$7 advance
\$8 at door

Tickets can be purchased in church office.



Feeding the Community



What's Happening in Missions?

Ukraine Relief:

-Through the combination of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and our Easter Egg sale we raised \$5,966 toward relief in Ukraine!!!

Easter Baskets:

-Last Saturday we were able to assemble and deliver Easter baskets to the residents at the Veterans Home. A total of 86 baskets were distributed.

A New Beginning Pregnancy Resource Center

-throughout the month of May we will be collecting money for A New Beginning. We will have baby bottles available to fill starting the first Sunday in May.

Haiti:

-Our next chocolate chip cookie sale will be on Sunday May 15th after the morning service. 6 cookies/bag. Each bag is a donation. All donations go toward Pastor Dasnis in Haiti.

-After 2 years of no outside mission groups visiting Friends of Ft. Liberte' a group is finally close to going!!! A group made up of Friends of Ft. Liberte' board members are planning a trip in the near future to assess what needs there are.

Youth Mission Trip:

-The youth are planning another mission trip this summer to Chattanooga, TN.

Food Pantry:

-The food pantry has been busy like always. In the month of March, they served 260 families (104 kids, 185 seniors, 271 adults, 17 homeless). They also gave away 69 hygiene kits and 400 weekend meal backpacks to students at Highlawn Elementary.

MU Football Team:

-Throughout the summer **Rob Ely** will be continuing to do a Bible Study with the Marshall football team. We are still working on details but we will be feeding them prior to their Bible study.

Faith in Action:

-Faith in Action is a ministry in Huntington that we support yearly. **Peggy Saunders** is a member of their board and asked if I would mention they are currently selling puzzles. Options include one of Marshall University building and landmarks of Huntington. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see Peggy for more details.

Bridges International:

-**Myra and Art Lydick** just hosted an Easter Dinner for some international students at Marshall University. They gathered and started the evening off with an egg hunt. They recognized the graduating seniors and heard a clear presentation of the Gospel by Sharon Napier. Lastly they enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by many in our church family. Countries represented were: Egypt, Pakistan, India, Mexico, Thailand and Venezuela.

-Throughout this semester members of New Baptist have been providing a meal on Thursday evenings for Bridges Food and Faith events. These evenings are held at Sharon and Jeremy Napier's house. International students come to enjoy a meal and conversation about faith.

God's Hands (from TheNewsletterNewsletter)

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."

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, Robert Bonecutter, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Kyle Cook, Virginia Cortese, Pastor Robin Crouch, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Jeff Day, Pam Fannin, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joshua Hendricks, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Michael Kendall, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Virginia Lawrence, Joseph Leggott, Bob Mannon, Roy Maynor, Mary McClure, Nancy McSweeney, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Valerie Moore, Jo Anna Smith, Charlie Morris, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean 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

Death in Church Family



Walter Sansom, 92, of Barboursville, WV, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022. Walter was a charter member of New Baptist Church, where he volunteered with the food pantry for many years. He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict. Walter was a graduate of the FAA of Huntington Airport, as a private pilot. For several years he was the Commander of the Huntington Civil Air Patrol Unit. He is survived by his wife, Marion; one daughter, Brenda (Stephen) McClanahan; one granddaughter; three great grandchildren; one stepdaughter, Jinah (Robert) Cook and their sons and a host of other family and friends.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the throw quilt given on Walter's behalf. The bereavement dinner was delicious and very much appreciated. A big "thank you" to the committee of workers. Your prayers and concern was sincerely appreciated.
Love, Marion Sansom



Jeff Fetty recently received a unanimous vote to be the pastor at Main Street Baptist Church in Point Pleasant, WV. He also has gone through the ordination process with New Baptist, where again he received a unanimous vote to be ordained as a pastor. The ordination service will take place at Main Street Baptist on Sunday evening, May 15. We wish Jeff and his family well as they seek to serve the Lord in Point Pleasant.

Katie Meek, daughter of Josh and Rebecca Meek and granddaughter of Alan & Barbara Meek, is one of only two high school students from Cabell County to be chosen for the 2022 West Virginia Governor's Academy. The Academy is a three-week (June 25 through July 15) opportunity to delve into the arts, humanities and STEM fields. It will be held this year at Fairmont State University. Congratulations Katie.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV recently awarded Carlie Arkell a scholarship for 2022/2023. Congratulations Carlie!

Brooke Powers recently received a scholarship (for the 2022/2023 school year) from the Chemistry Department at Marshall University. Great job, Brooke!!



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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](https://www.facebook.com/NewBaptistChurchWV))

Wednesday

- 6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study

**NBC Food Pantry
Hours**

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm
**(additional hours 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays – 5pm-7pm)**

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Happy Mother's Day
May 8, 2022

Wednesday, May 11, 2022



Sunday, May 29, 2022

