



# BRIDGES

*A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - May 2024*

## *Experiencing the Stages of Grief*

Recently, within our church family, we lost a beloved church member. His death was a tragedy, leaving behind a young family. Upon hearing the news, I found myself immediately cast into what has become known as “*the five stages of grief.*”

According to the “*five stages of grief*” model, when tragedy happens, people experience that grief through the stages of denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance.

• **(Denial)** Like many, I was shocked and did not believe the news of this person's passing. Even now, a fog of unbelief still clouds my mind. Is he really gone?

• **(Anger)** And with that denial came anger: anger at whatever caused his death, anger at God for allowing it, and anger at myself for not being at the right place at the right time to prevent it. Even now, there is a simmer of anger in me regarding the death.

• **(Bargaining)** In the context of death, bargaining takes the form of blaming oneself. For example, being angry at myself for not being at the right place or time is bargaining. It is like saying, if only I had been better, or if only I had worked harder, or if only I had done such and such, that person would not have died, and I would not be feeling this grief.

• **(Depression)** And then there is depression, the dark hole that grief wants to bury us in. Depression is always living in a state of loss: the loss of joy, the loss of energy, the loss of interest in daily activities, and the loss of hope. When one is depressed, sleep is hard

to find, feelings of worthlessness or guilt abound, and life itself seems meaningless.

• **(Acceptance)** Finally, according to the five stages of grief, there is acceptance. Acceptance is that stage of grief when you give yourself permission to be happy and move forward with life. For me, acceptance is not accepting death, for in Christ, death is an enemy that I will never accept, but rather acceptance is to accept life and to live.



As helpful as I find these five stages of grief to be, I find them incomplete. For in Christ, I have discovered two further stages of grief: Meaning and Thanksgiving.

• **(Meaning)** In Christ, we know that all things work together for good according to the Lord's purposes (Romans 8:28). In the context of losing a person who is loved, in Christ, this means to me that that person's impact and influence does not end. Thus, I find meaning in remembering that person, for in Christ, they are not dead.

• **(Thanksgiving)** Finally, in Christ, there is praise and thanksgiving because of the assurance that death has lost its sting and that life, in Christ, is eternal. Thus, when I think of the person who has died, I find in me this strange mixing of grief and joy. Indeed, I grieve my loss, but rejoice not only in the gain of those who have passed away but that there shall come a day when I shall see him once again. To that, I thank and praise our Lord, who has conquered death and made eternal life possible for all who believe in Him.

In Christ Jesus, We Are Victorious.  
Pastor Trent Eastman

# Happy BIRTHDAY

- 4 Bill Kendall
- 6 Ethel Dunfee
- 8 Pam Woodall
- 9 Jase Cox  
Carla Cruz
- 10 Nolan Cox
- 11 Jo Anna Smith
- 12 Audrey Hampton
- 13 David Humphreys  
Gail Kelly  
Blair Salyers
- 16 Karen Pruitt Adams  
Larry Baker  
Kimberly Booth
- 17 Glen Dailey
- 19 Laynce Cruz  
Peggy Jeffrey
- 28 Mark Booth  
Art Lydick
- 29 Sarah Smith  
Teresa Trawick
- 30 Mary McClure

### A Note of Thanks

*Thank you for being family to us in the recent loss of my father, Flem Rowe. Greg and I feel so blessed to be a part of this family. Each card, phone call, text, hug, prayer, and visit was exactly what we needed. Please accept our heartfelt thanks. We love you all.*

*Robin and Greg Creasy*



Join us on **Mondays,**  
**5:30pm – 6:30pm**  
New Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
(enter by fellowship hall door  
on east side of the building)

**No class on Monday,  
May 6.**



- 6 – Michael & Patsy Stephenson (35<sup>th</sup>)
- 16 – Jim & Lisa Daniels
- 16 - Don & Jessica Pennington
- 19 - Carl & Sandy Pemberton
- 20 – Lee & Carmen Boso
- 20 – Josh & Shelli Dierdorff
- 22 – David & Patti Cooper
- 23 – Chuck & Joyce Adams
- 25 – Tim & Kristi Haney
- 26 – Evan & Becky Arkell (25<sup>th</sup>)
- 29 – Stan & Kathy Meadows
- 30 – Brent & Lindsey Manchester



Amelia Jean Riley

born  
April 1, 2024

Proud parents:  
**Drew & Ripley Riley**

Grandparents:  
**Tim & Kristi Haney**  
**Phil & Teresa Riley**

Great Grandparents:  
**Jim & Nancy McSweeney**  
**Nancy Riley**

Aunt: **Harper Haney**

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.



Wednesday, May 22  
for June issue of *Bridges*



Thursday,  
**May 16, 2024**  
Noon  
New Baptist Church  
Suggested Donation: \$10

**Reservations due by May 9, 2024.**

**Menu:** Sweet and Savory Pork Loin, Pot roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Broccoli Casserole, Sweet Potato with Brown Sugar and Marshmallows, Banana Pudding and Orange Velvet Cake

**Program:** Working on it 😊

### Women's Ministries



**MAY** brings **MOTHER'S DAY**...such an appropriate time to remind us of our theme verse in **Proverbs 31:25**: "She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future." As women of God, we have His strength in every trial, we wear His dignity in every situation, and we have His assurance of a future which is in His hands. So, laugh, dear woman of God! He's got you! A happy and blessed Mother's Day to each of you!



During this time away from structured, **small group Bible studies**, you have opportunities to be more involved in other areas of ministry in our church. Maybe you can volunteer in the Food Pantry on Tuesdays or help with Children's groups on Sundays...perhaps Becky Crouch needs some extra hands to organize shoe box contributions...or, an often overlooked area of service is helping in areas of our church which just need some spring cleaning! Also, VBS is coming up and extra hands will certainly be welcome. Just look around, and you will see many ways to use your time to minister to others in our body of believers! AND, in anticipation of our **FALL studies**...there is a certain queen who has a book in the Old Testament named for her...look for more to come in the next newsletter!



Speaking of ministry opportunities, our **Sunshine Committee** was busy reaching out to **shut-ins** through the Easter season and in the days since then. Baskets were delivered, visits were made, cards were sent, and calls were made. Those on the committee were just as blessed as those on the shut-in list! Consider coming on board with this wonderful ministry!

**STRENGTH and DIGNITY!** We are blessed among women!

*For Good...*

*Dolores Adkins*



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE – Becky Crouch, Coordinator

Unbridled joy is exhibited as these children in Mexico graduate after completing the 12 lessons of The Greatest Journey. The follow-up discipleship lessons are offered to each child who receives a shoebox. The lessons lead the child to know Christ, to serve Christ and to share Christ. The children receive a certificate at graduation and a New Testament in their language.

The shoebox is often referred to as a GO box. It is a Gospel Opportunity. That is the reason we as a church family partner with Operation Christmas Child – to share the gospel with children around the world. The GO box can go to areas that you and I will never see. But the gospel can go there.

We are on target as a church family to reach our goal of 1000 boxes. Your generous donations of WOW items and hygiene items will help us reach 1000 children. In May and June, consider giving socks, underwear, t-shirts, dresses, shorts, flip-flops. The goal is for every box to include one clothing item. Items are needed for boys and girls, ages 2 – 14.

In 1 Chronicles 28:20 we read of David giving instructions to Solomon. I think it can apply to us as well. *Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord, God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.*"

### Thanks Mom!! (from Church ArtPro)

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.



Hello Church Family!

Allow us to introduce ourselves. Our names are **Brian and Lacie Casto** and we are the new **Children’s Directors**. We are excited for opportunity to work alongside so many wonderful volunteers in our church to provide a positive church experience for our kids while learning about God’s Word.

We will have been married for 15 years this coming September. We began attending New Baptist 14 years ago and now we have 3 boys, **Jase, Madden, and Rhett**, all of whom have grown up at NBC. We also have a dog named Rosie! Brian has been a teacher in Cabell County for almost 16 years. He currently teaches WV Studies at Milton Middle School. Lacie is speech-language pathologist and has worked with children at several outpatient clinics in our area and currently serves schools in Mercer County via a teletherapy platform. We love the Cincinnati Reds and all things West Virginia! When we aren’t at work, school, or church, you can probably find us at the Ona Milton Little League baseball fields where all three of our boys play baseball. Brian coaches and Lacie is on the little league board.

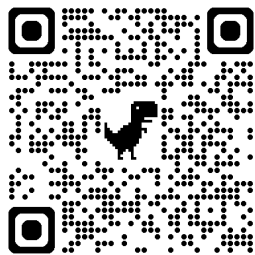
Be on the lookout for upcoming information about summer kids programming! But for now, save the date for Wednesday, May 29 when we will have our Summer Kick Off! Vacation Bible School is set for July 15-19! Our theme this year is The Great Jungle Journey: An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation. Use the QR code below to register!

We look forward to serving with you!

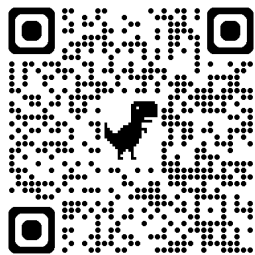
Brian and Lacie Casto

**Dates to Remember:**

- **May 29: Summer Kick Off!**
- **July 14: VBS Set Up**
- **July 15-19: Vacation Bible School**



Scan to register a child!



Scan to volunteer!

**“The Great Jungle Journey”**

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 15-19**

Scan the QR Codes to the side to register your child or volunteer.



**Mother’s Day – May 12, 2024**

THINKING OF YOU



MOTHERS WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN



THOSE WHO HAVE LOST MOTHERS



THOSE WITH STRAINED MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS



MOTHERS WITH STRAINED CHILD RELATIONSHIPS



THOSE WHO HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO BE MOTHERS



THOSE YEARNING TO BE MOTHERS



## What's Happening in Missions?

**Haiti:** As you all know we had to cancel our Spring trip to Haiti due to civil unrest. Here is a letter from Pastor Dasnis from the end of March.

To our dear Friends and Supporters,

We are living in a very difficult time in our nation's history. Because of the instability in the streets of our capital city of Port au Prince, borders with our Dominican neighbor are closed, airports are closed, ports are closed. Food and diesel are becoming scarce. Because of that, we are using what we have in stock, not knowing what is going to happen next. We are already anticipating the impact on the economy and living conditions of the people of our community, who were in need even before all of this.

***That is why we are counting on you again, so that we can plan some food distributions and other help for the "least of these" in our area. Already, the JBC (Jerusalem Baptist Church) is helping those in the church who have taken in family members fleeing from Port au Prince to provide for food and shelter, and also giving to those who need to send some money to family stuck in Port au Prince, so they have something to try to get some food and water. We are praying for peace and for safety.***

Thank you for your support in times like these, so that we can plan to bring help to our folks. May God continue to bless your family.

We count on your continuing prayers,

Pastor Dasnis Pierr

**Operation Christmas Child:** We have set a goal to double the amount of shoeboxes this year. We plan to pack 1,000!!! To lighten the load of that each quarter we will provide you all with suggestions of items to purchase. This quarter we have asked for WOW items. Thank you for continuing to be so generous in your giving. Something as simple as a soccer ball can make an eternal difference!

Thank you also for eating cookies this past Sunday. We brought in quite a bit to put towards shipping of these shoeboxes. They ask for \$10/box for shipping. What all does that \$10 cover: collection costs, 8 processing centers, shipping to over 100 countries, secondary delivery sites, training materials for over 80,000 partners annually and The Greatest Gift booklet in 98 languages. To meet our goal of 1000 boxes we are also trying to raise \$10,000 to cover the shipping cost.

Fun full circle moment for us. Star Canterbury is a missionary we support through Bridges International at Marshall University. She actually received as shoebox when she was a little girl in the Dominican Republic. She will be sharing with us and our AWANA kids next Wednesday, April 24th about how that shoebox impacted her life.

**Lunch for a Buck:** March 12 we provided lunch at the campus Christian Center for Lunch for a Buck. This allows students and faculty to come eat lunch for \$1. It is a great time to serve those that come but also interact with them. We made pepperoni rolls, chips, dessert and drink.

**Marshall Football Bible Study:** March 13 we were able to feed the players from the Marshall football team that are involved in their weekly Bible study. Continue to be praying for these men.

**Easter Baskets:** Saturday March 30th we were able to pack and distribute Easter Baskets at the Veterans Home in Barboursville. This is always a joyous time and a blessing for those that help

### Upcoming Events:

**Mission Luncheon:** Our next mission lunch will be provided by the youth on May 5 following the morning service. Stay tuned for a menu. Donations will benefit their summer mission trip.

The youth have decided to do a summer mission trip to Letcher County, KY. They will be working with an organization called Save His Sheep. They will be building tiny homes for those who lost their homes in the floods.

**Missions continued -**

**St Mary’s Cenntenial Event, June 1:** St. Mary’s is having a carnival and health fair on June 1st from 10:00-2:00and using our parking lot and St Mary’s educational building. They will have health screenings for all ages, inflatables, reptile house, face painting, balloon animals, Huntington Children’s museum and more for our kids. Greg Creasy is part of the driving force for this event and is asking for some volunteers to help. He would love to have some smiling faces from our church welcoming people, helping with games and registrations, set up and tear down. Please see Greg if you are available and I will also be putting a link on our fb group where you can sign up.

**Campus Updates:**

**Cru:** Things are going well for Cru at Marshall and Shawnee State. They have returned from their Spring Break mission trip to Cuba where they worked with Filter of Hope! 29 students and 3 adults were able to go on this trip.

**BCM:** -BCM spent spring break in Puerto Rico and it was great.  
-this past weekend they closed out the semester with Barn Dance @ the Booths  
- Bowling Party during Finals week  
-a pancake breakfast with the Christian Center folks Sunday night April 21 if anyone wants to help from 8-10 pm.  
-Then we have Beach week May 6-12. As a mission board we have also given \$300 toward lunches during beach week.

**Camp Update:** They have broken ground at Cowen for the Sunny Day Leadership Center. We had almost 1600 students at camp last year, with 70 lives changed forever. This year, with your help, we can make sure even more young people "meet Jesus and grow as His disciples in a community of faith."

From Bethany Cox, Mission Chair

The following graduates were recognized recently during the morning worship service at New Baptist.

- Gavin Blake – Cabell Midland High School
- Hannah Blake – Cabell Midland High School
- Brooke Powers – Marshall University  
Bachelor of Science (Forensic Chemistry)
- Robert Miller – Marshall University  
Bachelor of Science (Cyber Forensics & Security)
- Elizabeth Kelly – Marshall University  
Bachelor of Science (Cyber Forensics & Security)
- Matthew Adkins – Colorado Technical University  
Bachelor’s in Business Administration
- Mitchell Hall – Marshall University  
Master’s Degree in Medical Science Physician Assistant
- Courtney Powers – West Virginia State University  
Master’s of Education in Instructional Leadership
- Evan Arkell – Palmer Theological Seminary  
Doctor of Ministry in Contextual Leadership

- Coby Roland – WVU Law School  
Juris doctor degree with a  
University Teaching Certificate
- Lauren Hanna Lipscomb –  
Joan C. Edwards School of  
Medicine





There are two quotes in Willard’s book “Hearing God” that have brought much reflection to my life. They challenged both my personal life and my ministry. Let me share them with you:

*“Our contentment lies not in his presents but in the presence of the One whose presents they are.”*

*“Thomas a` Kempis speaks for all ages when he represents Jesus as saying to him, “A wise lover regards not so much the gift of him who loves, as the love of him who gives. He esteems affection rather than valuables, and sets all gifts below the Beloved. A noble-minded lover rests not in the gift, but in me above every gift.”*

These quotes are back to back and made a powerful impact on me. As I reflected on them I began to ask, “What it is that motivates me to follow Jesus? Do I follow him because of what I get (presents) or am I drawn to his presence? Do I love the gifts more than the gift giver?”

It causes me to examine my preaching and teaching and wonder if I have been co-opted by the “What’s in it for me?” mentality of our culture. I ask myself, “Does my preaching and teaching emphasize the presents or His presence?” “Do I focus on the gifts rather than the love of the gift giver?”

In the same vein I recall something that I think Dietrich Bonhoeffer said. Let me paraphrase. “The call to follow Jesus is a call to come and die”

With that in mind I asked, “Am I fulfilling my call and being true to the scripture by insinuating that the reason to follow Jesus is to:

1. Become a better person, spouse, parent, friend, child, employee
2. To have a good reputation
3. To have better relationships
4. To be successful

We are called to abide in Christ. To be so committed to him that our lives reflect his. He came to serve, love, encourage, challenge and certainly to save us. When I am abiding in Him that is what I will be doing. Those other things are simply byproducts of abiding in Christ.

So let’s focus on staying in His presence and loving the gift giver rather than the gift.



May’s Schedule of Music (subject to change):

DATE	PRELUDE	SPECIAL MUSIC	CHOIR SPECIAL
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Sumpter	Duet: Mark Booth & Randy Hogsett	“Bread of Heaven, Cup of Salvation”
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Myra Lydick & Reese Hufford	Duet: Nina Boso & Kathleen Stoner	“God Wants to Hear You Sing”
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kaleigh Schwartz	Courtney Powers & Brooke Powers	“It’s About the Cross”
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Daniels	Quartet: Greg Creasy, Randy Hogsett, Karen Dailey, Myra Lydick	No choir

Family Life News

I'm very excited to welcome Brian and Lacie Casto as our new Directors of Children's Ministry! I look forward to working with them as we serve our New Baptist Families this summer and beyond! Just this morning I was reading Psalm 98, and all the ways to praise God. Praising God for His righteousness, faithfulness, and salvation! We have so much to praise God for. Especially in May, there are graduations, recognitions, concerts and programs. As the school year ends, there are lots of opportunities to praise our kids for their hard work and accomplishments, they've earned it! But in these seasons, let that praise extend to God who has done great things! Make it a practice in your life and with your family to look for things in this world that are praiseworthy and to thank God for them. What a habit to instill in your family!

May Outlook:

- May 5, the youth will host a **mission trip fundraiser lunch** with tacos on the menu.
- Pray for the **Mission Trip to Letcher County Kentucky June 10-15**.
- Get your **Camp Cowen Registrations** in at least 3 weeks prior to the camp your child is attending for the church to pay \$25 registration fee
- **Summer programming** kicks off for youth & children on May 29, Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

Praying for you and your family as you finish this school year strong and head into the summer!

Lee<><

Healthy Blood Pressure for Healthy Hearts  
**Small Steps To Take Control**



Every time your heart beats, it pumps blood through vessels, called arteries, to the rest of your body. Your blood pressure is how hard your blood pushes against the walls of the arteries. If your blood flows at higher than normal pressures, you may have high blood pressure, also known as hypertension. High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart disease, which is the leading cause of death in the United States. Millions of Americans have high blood pressure, but many people who have it don't know it. That's why it is important to have your blood pressure checked at least once a year.

**High blood pressure is a "silent killer."**

It doesn't usually cause symptoms, but it can damage your body over time.

- If your blood pressure stays higher than 130/80 mm Hg for a period of time, it can cause serious health problems such as:
  - Heart disease
  - Stroke
  - Kidney disease
  - Dementia
- The only way to know whether you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure measured—a process that is simple and painless.
- If you find out you have high blood pressure, a health care professional can tell you how to prevent serious complications, including disability and premature death.

**Some things put us at greater risk for high blood pressure.**

- Age:** Blood pressure tends to get higher as we get older. But it can affect many of us when we're younger too.
- Genes:** High blood pressure often runs in families.
- Sex:** Before age 60, more men than women have high blood pressure. After age 60, more women than men have it.
- Race or ethnicity:** While anyone can have high blood pressure, African Americans tend to get it at a younger age. Among Hispanic adults, people of Cuban, Puerto Rican, and Dominican backgrounds are at higher risk.
- Lifestyle habits:** Eating too much salt, drinking too much alcohol, being obese, smoking, and not getting enough exercise can raise our blood pressure.

What steps can you take to lower your blood pressure?

- Set targets**  
Work with your doctor to set blood pressure numbers that are healthy for you. Use our worksheet at [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/hypertension](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/hypertension) to track your progress.
- Take control**  
Make lifestyle changes such as eating healthy, staying active, and watching your weight. If you smoke, quitting can help prevent heart disease and other complications of high blood pressure.
- Work together**  
Studies show that if you engage in heart healthy activities with people at home, at work, in your community, or online, you have a better chance of staying motivated.

**May is High Blood Pressure Education Month**

High blood pressure—or hypertension—is a major risk factor for heart disease. Half of Americans have high blood pressure, and many don't know they have it. Have yours checked and talk to a healthcare provider about what your numbers mean for you.



**Blood Pressure Clinic**  
**4th Sunday of each month**  
**before church (10:30-10:45)**  
 at the tables on the **WildSide**  
**after church til 12:15 in the**  
**Bykota Classroom**

\*If you are medically trained and would like to help in the screenings, please contact **Melanie Hall (304.360.7517)**.

**May's Clinic**  
**Sunday, May 26**



**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, Paula Adkins, Jim & Jenny Benson, Jason Bonecutter, Carmen Boso, Cookie Caldwell, Joe & Toni Collins, Kyle & Jo Ann Cook, Steve Cook, Randall Davidson, Oleta Dolen, Joe & Pam Fannin, Sally Flanders, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Beverly Gartin, Karen Gillispie, Doris Halcombe, Linda Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Sandy James, Ron & Barbara Jarvis, Peggy Jeffrey, Pete & Anita Jones, Gail & Virgil Kelly, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Joseph Leggott, Bobby & Joyce Mannon, Vicky Marcum, Roy Maynor, Jim McSweeney, Alan Meek, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Spencer & Lee Moore, Charlie Morris, Gary Norris, Bob & Paula Paden, Eric & Allison Pichler, Carolyn Powers, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Ashley Sharp and family, Major & Lynnette Simms, Susan Skaggs & family, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Dick & Annie Stewart, Judy Swann, Marilyn Thompson, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Sherry Walden, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Jayne Whitlow (Sandy Crutchfield’s sister), Sharon Wimmer

**Additional Prayer Items:**

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

**Deaths in Church Family:**



**Darlene Humphreys**, 69, of Barboursville, WV, passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Darlene was born August 30, 1954 to the late Edward and Julia Himes in TN. After graduating high school, she joined the Air Force and finished her degree in Business Administration at the University of California. She retired from the Air Force with a total of 20 years of service. She worked as President of C & D Management, Inc. in Barboursville until her death. Darlene is survived by her husband of 43 years, David; sons, David Jr. (Misty), and Jonathan; three grandchildren; one sister and a host of other family and friends.



**Jake Sharp**, 43, of Ona, WV, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Jake was born August 2, 1980 in Barboursville, WV. He was the son of Patsy Black Ross of Barboursville and Jack Sharp (Connie) of Ona. Jake lived a full and happy life. After graduating from Cabell Midland in 1999, he went to Ohio University where he received his degree in Sports Management. He held a variety of jobs from working in Charlotte NC for the Motorsport Management International at NASCAR, the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Huntington, WV; Heritage Farm (marketing director) and WALK FM Christian Radio Station (director of business development). Jake also completed his Master of Divinity Degree from Palmer Theological Seminary in 2023. Jake joined New Baptist Church in October 2017 and was an active member until his death.

Along with his parents, Jake is survived by his wife (the love of his life) Ashley Saunders Sharp; his son, James Jackson Sharp VII (who was born on March 17, 2023); special in-laws (Harold and Pattie Saunders); many sisters and brothers; nieces and nephews; cousins; aunts and uncles and multitudes of friends.

**Trustee Tidbits**

If you have a door key that you are no longer using and is taking up space on your key ring, please return it (or any other church key you no longer need) to John Baisden, Trustee Chair.

As a reminder, if you use the church for any private or church event, you are responsible for cleaning up the area(s) you use and returning them to their original condition immediately after your event. Please don’t leave a mess for someone else to clean up. Hint: if you plan to move any equipment (tables, chairs, partitions, etc.), take pictures before you move them so you will know where they go back.



**Close to God** (from Church ArtPro)

I can take my telescope and look millions and millions of miles into space. But I can lay it aside, go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth.

—Isaac Newton



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*May Highlights*

**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

**Final Night Awards & Reception**  
May 22, 2024 - 6pm

*Senior Adult*  
**LUNCH**

**Thursday, May 16 - Noon**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**Youth & Kids' Ministry Summer Programming begins Wednesday, May 29, 2024 6-7:30pm**