



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - November 2019

Staying Connected To God Through Praise

In the past 50 years, one could easily argue that the social-changes caused by the smart phone are greater than any other change brought by recent technology. Not only do smart phones allow us to stay connected to people regardless of where we are, they also connect us to the vast storage of human knowledge and experience. On a smart phone, a person can watch movies, take pictures, go shopping, read books, check the weather, talk to friends, write and read documents, as well as do a number of other things that were impossible to even conceive of just a few years ago. Thus, it is no surprise that people can become so addicted and dependent upon their cell phones. The comics below are a few visual descriptions of this addiction, where each comic could easily be an important message for us today.

Direct your attention to the comic on the bottom left, where people in heaven are looking at their hands in despair, incapable of conversation. The point of the comic is that the people are so addicted to their cell phones that heaven itself does not satisfy. How can heaven be heaven without a cell phone? Another way to read this comic is to see in these people the inability to praise. Their addiction keeps them blind to the very glory of God that surrounds them.

Do you realize that that picture of people in heaven is actually a picture of us today? God's glory and divine action surrounds us but because of things like the cell phone (as well as many many other things), we are blind to the Lord's presence. The smart phone can do amazing things, but the one thing crucial for our souls that it can not do is open our souls to the glory and

presence of God. Our phones connect us to many things and many people where literally the whole world is at our finger tips, but they can not connect us to God.

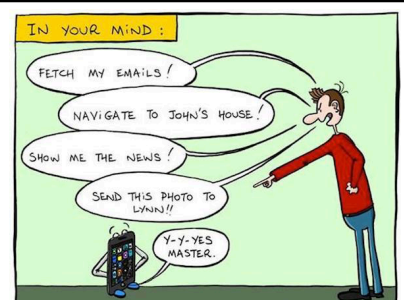
So how do you connect to God? How do you open your soul up to Him and actually begin to see and experience His divine action in your life? God has given us many things like scripture, prayer, the community of faith and His Spirit as the means of a deeper life with Him. Yet, the moment by moment presence of God is experienced through praise. Praise is a form of on-going conversation with God that opens our eyes up to His Glory and Presence. Praise is acknowledging and enjoying His presence.

This is how praise works. Yes, God is worthy of all praise, and all praise is due Him, but I think He commands us to praise Him not because He needs it, but because we need it. Praise is a how we enjoy God. God in commanding us to praise Him is an invitation to enjoy Him, thus, the better the praise, the better the joy.

If you are having a bad day or your heart is heavy, don't turn to the cell phone to find solace. Turn to the Lord through praise. As praise comes out, the more God is honored, the more joy fills the soul. And I believe, the better we praise here, the more we already become citizens of heaven.

"Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will (put down the cell phone and) lift up my hands." (Psalm 63:3-4),

Grace and Peace
Pastor Trent Eastman



THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

- 1 Patty Green
- 2 Jack Hendrick
Jennifer Simms
- 3 Kim Stinespring
- 6 Abigail Harman
Glenn Harman
- 10 Jeff Riley
Cathy Wells
- 11 Max Blake
Meredith Hadlock
Lanna Waugh
- 12 Jay Powers
- 15 Patti Cooper
- 16 Sharon Wimmer
- 17 Landon Campbell
Mary Scott
- 22 Amillia Howard
Roberta Noble
- 23 Bailey Arkell
John Hall
Roberta Noble
- 24 Lula Belle Burgess
Debi Campbell
Jody Duncan
Joyce Kinder
Valerie Moore
Sara Wilson
- 25 Cheryl Adkins
- 26 Trent Eastman
- 27 Jennifer Fetty
- 28 Phyllis Gould (98 yrs. young)
- 29 Ashley Summers
- 30 Dan Wells

Happy Anniversary

- Ron & Barbara Jarvis Nov. 2
- Major & Lynnette Simms Nov. 4
- Charles & Isabelle Bonecutter Nov. 6
- Dallas & Sarah Nibert Nov. 6
- Art & Myra Lydick Nov. 10
- Dan & Cathy Wells Nov. 14
- Rick & Linda Harris Nov. 17
- Sam & Mary McClure Nov. 17 (40th)
- Luke & Bessie Vanover Nov. 20
- Tyler & Melissa Marcum Nov. 23
- Wylie & Christie Jeffrey Nov. 24 (30th)
- Phil & Sara Simpson Nov. 26
- David & Sandra Watkins Nov. 27 (55th)

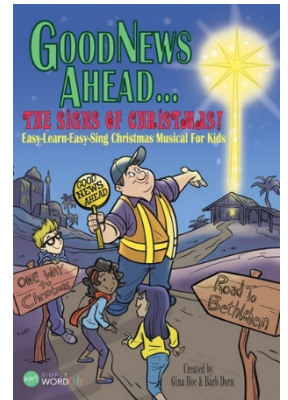


Veteran's Day

Nov. 11, 2019

Children's Choir News

Join us **Sunday, December 8, at 11am** as we present, *Good News Ahead... The Signs of Christmas*. Come along on this adventurous tour to Bethlehem with a living nativity...following the signs of Christmas along the way. The Children's Choir will present scripture, bringing Old Testament prophecies and the story of Christmas to life through scripture based songs.



All children in grades K-5 are invited to join us as we continue to learn this program. Practice times are on Sunday mornings during the 11am worship time and on Wednesdays at 6:30pm upstairs in the Children's Church room.

As an incentive to attend and participate in all practices the children are earning tickets to be redeemed for prizes!

Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 7, at 10am SHARP. After our rehearsal we will have our annual Christmas party with pizza and redeem our tickets for prizes. We should be finished by 12:30pm. PLEASE reserve these dates for your child.

Thank you for allowing us to praise, learn, and grow in Christ's love along with your child.



In His Love,
Kim & John Stinespring
Amy & Brian Kelly

Judy's Shawls



Judy's Shawls will meet
Monday, Nov. 4 at **6:30 pm** in
the Bykota room.



Sunday, Nov. 24
for the December
issue of *Bridges*

Budget \$ Planning

The Board of Finance will meet on
Saturday, November 16 at 9:00am to
work on the 2020 Church Budget.





Faith and science seem to be at odds in the Christian world, or at least that is what some would say. One of the biggest struggles young people have with their faith is how it answers some big questions that science claims to

disagree with. Dinosaurs, carbon dating, evolution, aliens, big bangs and more seem to be avoided when it comes to faith and scripture. We are excited to host conversations with **Dr. Tom Pauley** and **Dr. Laura McCunn-Jordan** on the **first two Sundays of November** to ask tough questions and discuss them from the standpoint of scientists who are active in their faith as Christians. The youth will host these evenings in the **main sanctuary at 6:30pm**. Come join us!

It is important to create space for our youth and children to ask questions and to enter into conversations with them, even if we don't have the clearest answers, we can seek God and understanding through his Word and help them to look for God's face in the midst of their struggles. It is for this reason that we are joining together to have conversations about these tough topics even if they are uncomfortable.

This tags along with the book we are offering as a resource for parents of teens. We have about 10 more copies in the welcome center for free. If you are a parent with teens, please grab one and join us for conversations on the New Baptist Parents Facebook group. I look forward to walking through this with you!

And finally, on a personal note, I want to say "Thank You!!" I really appreciate the prayers and support and kind words as I embark on this year of ministry. Your support means the world to me and you are a blessing to me and my family. Thank you and it is a pleasure to serve God with you!

Lee Boso<><
Family Life Pastor



Daylight Savings Time
ends Sunday, November 3.



Appreciation

October has been deemed "Pastor Appreciation" month. People are urged to express their appreciation for their pastor or pastors. I want to thank you, the people of New Baptist, for your words, cards and gifts of appreciation. Many of you have taken time to express your gratitude and love for me. My heart is moved more than you know or that I could express. Thank you for all you do and have done for me but mostly for the Lord. God has called together an incredible group of people committed to knowing Christ, growing in his Word and being a blessing wherever you are. I am honored to be part of the Pastoral Staff at New Baptist.

I want, though, to turn the intent of Pastor Appreciation month around and express my appreciation to you my church family and my greater Christian family. October has been a tough month for the Crouch household. On October 7th my mom, Miss Betty to most of you, broke her leg and ankle. She had surgery on the 8th and was released on Wednesday the ninth. We got her settled in the memory care unit at about 6:00pm that evening. It gave me just enough time to get to where I really wanted and needed to be, with my church family. Adequate words of thanksgiving for you escape me but know just how important you are in times of crisis and need. My mom died the morning of October 15. The prayer support, cards, food and expressions of sympathy we received held us up and was a constant reminder of God's love and provision. We received countless messages and testimonies of the impact mom had on people's lives as she modeled how to live your faith. We have received notes from all over the country and are encouraged by each one.

In addition to mom's death I had surgery to implant a pacemaker on Monday, October 21st, and am writing this from home on the 22nd. The surgery was without complication and after a night in the hospital I am home and feeling sore but fine. Again many of you have prayed for me and spoken words of encouragement reminding me again of how thankful I am for my church family, both local and global. So as I reflect on this Pastor Appreciation month be sure that I am one pastor that truly appreciates my church family.

Blessings and thanks again for allowing me to be part of your spiritual journey.

Pastor Rosal





Our choir is hard at work on the Christmas cantata *King of Love* and there is still time for you to join us. There are plenty of books and listening CDs to help you learn your parts. We rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 and will have a Saturday morning rehearsal on November 23rd. Please feel free to ask, choir director, Karen Dailey, if you have any questions about joining our choir.



The Bible says in 1 Chronicles 16:9 “Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!” It doesn’t matter if you are a great singer, what matters is that you give Him praise...the cords from your heart. Praise is about your heart before the Lord of singing to God, not just singing about Him. (Paraphrased from You Version plan “Why We Need to Sing”.)
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!!



Heritage Farm Museum & Village Wildlife Director, **Rebekah Perry Franks**, has been recognized by WV Living Magazine as a West Virginia Wonder Woman for her work in helping celebrate the amazing Appalachian Backyard and teaching children how to keep our beautiful state Wild and Wonderful. Congratulations Rebekah!

Gracie Morgan, daughter of **Brandon and Michele Morgan**, played the role of Young Elsa in First Stage Theatre Company’s recent production of *Frozen, Jr.* Also in the play were **Samantha Meek**, granddaughter of **Alan and Barbara Meek** and **Addison Marcum**, daughter of **Melissa & Tyler Marcum** and granddaughter of **Kathy and Stan Meadows**.



Remember that old hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth" and its ending phrase? "Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!"

What a great God we have! One who blesses us in so many ways! Let us never fail to praise Him and thank Him for who He is and for all He has done!

Ladies Bible studies are wrapping up for this season and what a blessed time it has been! We had five separate sessions with over 70 ladies enrolled in the morning and evening classes! We have heard great reports of ladies growing in knowledge and fellowship and of lives being enriched through these small group studies. Several ladies who have never been involved before came to classes and discovered the presence of God in their lives in a new way! What a blessing to serve our Lord in Women's ministries here at New Baptist Church!

Information about signups for January Bible studies will be given in the December newsletter. In the meantime, have a blessed and meaningful Thanksgiving season!

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

For Him,
Dolores Adkins



Food Pantry items of the month for November – Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups
Monetary contributions are always welcome.



Don't forget to pick up your box and fill it up with toys and special items for a child overseas.

Collection Date: Sunday, November 17

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, Jenny Benson, Tom & Laura Blake, Ed Bowling, Dorothy Castleberry, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Lisa Daniels, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Kenneth Fetty, Tracy Foster, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, Ripley Haney, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, David High, Anna Holstein, John Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Derek & Megan Justice, Virginia Lawrence, Myra Lydick, Roy Maynor, Sam McClure, Linda Miller, Michelle Morgan, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Jane Napier, Barbara Pauley, Carl Pemberton, Sr., Jerry Powers, Nina Rakes, Jack Rickman, John Rowe, Amy Sacre, Marion Sansom, Major & Lynnette Simms, Keith & Bonnie Simpkins, Jim Spurlock, Linda Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, Anne Streeter, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Dave Watkins, Nolic White, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer, Trena Wise, Kimm Withers and family

Death in the Church Family

Marion Sue Ray Davis, 80, of Huntington, passed away Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Marion received her Associate Degree from Marshall College in 1960 and later went on to get her Bachelors' Degree from Marshall University. She worked for C&O Railroad for several years and later became a realtor for Old Colony Reality. Marion was a long time member of Beverly Hills Baptist Church and a charter member of New Baptist. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Byron; two daughters and sons-in-law, Stacey and Kevin Dickenson, and Tracey and John Klein; nine grandchildren; and many friends. Memorial contributions can be made to Simple Faith Ranch, 3248 New Hope Road, Lancaster, SC 29720.



Jacob & Christa (Blake) Terry
6 Circle Drive
West Hamlin WV 25571



Quilting Class
Thursday, Nov. 7 & 21
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 9, 2019
9:00am – 2:00pm
New Baptist Church
610 28th Street
Huntington

Vendors

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| Lula Roe | Color Street Nails |
| Thirty-One | Essential Oils |
| Scentsy | Paparazzi |
| Mary Kay | Longaberger |
| Bath Fitter | |

and more

Local crafters will be selling their crafts: macramé creations; magnets; headbands; handcrafted jewelry; scrunchies; stained glass pieces; embroidery; sewing items; wood items; 3-D printed items and much more.

Attention all kids!! Santa will make an appearance at noon.

Come and support the American Baptist Women in Mission at New Baptist Church. Proceeds go to the various missions the ABWM support.

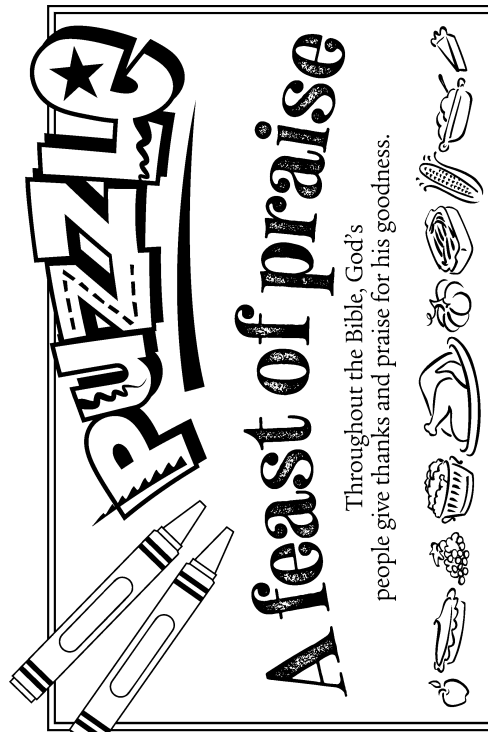
NEW BAPTIST CHURCH | 610 28TH STREET

**COFFEE HOUSE
AND
OPEN MIC NIGHT**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 6:30PM

Join us for our Fall Coffee House and Open Mic Night!
Admission is FREE and we will have our very own
Pastor Trent Eastman as a barista for the event. Signups start at
6, and music will start at 6:30!
FREE FOOD AND DRINKS

Kid's Page



A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.

Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

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| "I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3 | Hannah |
| "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47 | David |
| "He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2 | Mary |
| "My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1 | Paul |
| "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30 | Moses |

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David

GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for
Orange: a gift you've received
Yellow: something you've recently learned
Green: something in nature
Blue: a special memory
Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!



Comic by Scott Nickel

Silly Jokes for Kids

Chas: What kind of music did the Pilgrims listen to at the first Thanksgiving feast?

Tom: What kind?

Chas: Plymouth Rock!

Pedro: If pilgrims were alive today, what would they be known for?

Pee Wee: I have no idea.

Pedro: Their age!

**Senior Adult Fellowship
November 21, 2019**



Program: Dr. Bill Deel

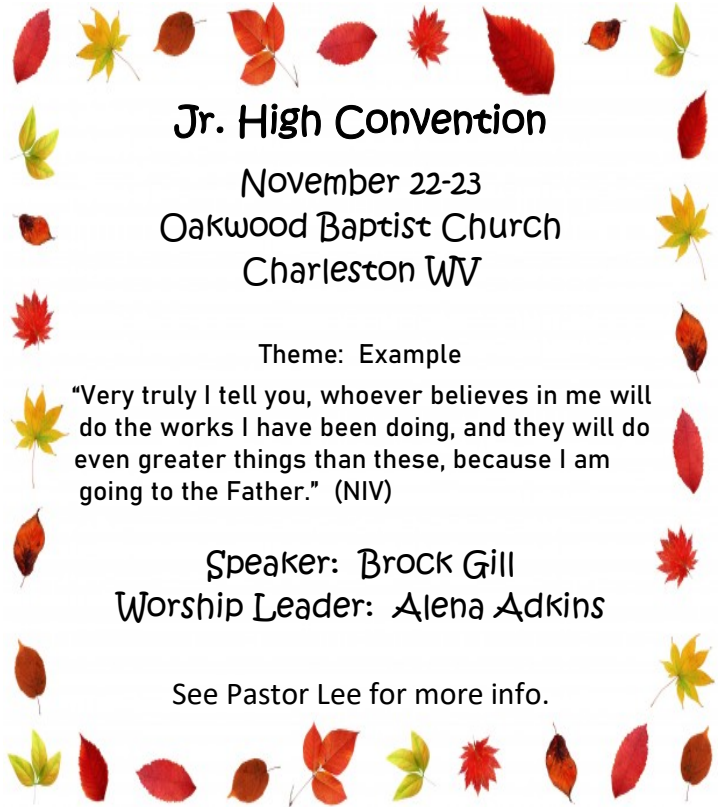
Catering by: The Scrumptious Company

Menu: Garden Salad, Potato Salad, Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cole Slaw, Dessert

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

Program: Let me see now: it is November, Halloween is history, Christmas is the future and November is the present and is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. You recall Thanksgiving is the day that probably saw the "covered Dish" introduced on the entertainment scene and we celebrate the feast of the Pilgrims and the Native American Tribes. In November 1621 Governor William Bradford organized the feast celebrating the Pilgrim's successful corn harvest, which was a joint effort between the Pilgrims and the local Native American Tribes. If it had not been for the Native American Tribes showing the Pilgrims how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees and catch fish in the rivers, the pilgrims would not have survived the harsh New England winters that still exist today. In appreciation for the help of the Native American Tribes, he invited them to join the Pilgrims and give thanks for the successful harvest that will provide food thru the coming winter. There were 50 surviving Pilgrims and 90 members of the Wampanoag Tribe and their Chief Massasoit at the feast. Their meal was a little different than ours today. They did not have Butter Ball turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, hot yeast rolls, butter, broccoli casserole, half runner green beans, pumpkin pie and sweet tea. I did read somewhere that they did have a football game and the Kansas City Chiefs played the Washington Redskins. Just kiddin'. Our program this month will be provided by Dr. Bill Deel, who is retired from Marshall University. Dr. Deel has presented several of our programs and we have asked him to come back to do another of his interesting talks. We invite you to come out for this great time of food, fun and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you at our November PowWow.

Roy Maynor



Jr. High Convention

November 22-23
Oakwood Baptist Church
Charleston WV

Theme: Example

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (NIV)

Speaker: Brock Gill
Worship Leader: Aiena Adkins

See Pastor Lee for more info.



Welcome New Baby

Jonah Raymond Cruz
September 11, 2019

Proud parents: Jeremiah and Carla Cruz
Big Brother: Laynce Cruz



Race Date:
November 10, 2019
2pm

Woodmere Memorial Park

Pre-Register by November 4, 2019

This 5k race/walk raises money in honor of Jeannie Gatrell for the Jeannie Gatrell Memorial Scholarship which provides a scholarship to a student residing in WV or the tri-state area who has been impacted by an aneurysm.

For more info contact: www.jeannieswish.org
Phone: 3047-840-1434
www.tristateracer.com

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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
4:30 Choir Practice
6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

6:30 Bible Studies
Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study
Children's Choir
Youth Pods

NBC Food Pantry – open Tuesdays
10am-4pm



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Saturday, Nov. 9

9am – 2pm



New Baptist Church

610 28th Street



COFFEE HOUSE AND OPEN MIC NIGHT



SATURDAY, NOV. 16

6:30PM

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday, November 24

6:00pm

Location: Former Highlawn
Baptist Church Building
2788 Collis Avenue