

Bridges

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church

November 2020

“Keep Watch”

One of the most moving and meaningful passages in scripture for me is Matthew 26:36-46. This passage is known as Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Garden of Gethsemane is where Jesus goes to pray before His arrest, trial, and death. As Jesus and disciples enter the garden, Jesus asks for help. We read in verses 37 and 38, *“And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.”* In just a few hours from this point in time, Jesus will be carrying the sins of the world upon His shoulders. Jesus is already feeling the agony of the cross to such an extent that He asks the Father if it is possible for the cup of death and suffering to pass from Him. Jesus’ soul is in turmoil. The theological implications of Jesus’ prayer and suffering at this time are immense and worthy of much reflection and study.

What I want to focus on here at this time, though, are the disciples. Jesus asked Peter, James, and John (the two sons of Zebedee) for help in the dark night of His suffering and temptation. He asks these three disciples to *“watch with me,”* and just a few verses later, in verse 41, He will ask them again to “watch and pray.” There is something about this passage that is moving to me. Jesus, the Lord of the Universe; He who holds all of creation in His hands, says to some of His disciples, I need you, “watch with me.” What a privilege and honor it must have been to be present with Jesus in His time of suffering and need and to have a front-row seat to God’s work of salvation. Except that is not what happened. Reading on in the passage, all of the disciples fell asleep. Instead of watching, praying, and being with Jesus in His hour of need, when Jesus said to them, “I need you.” They missed the moment because they were spiritually asleep.

It is easy to become spiritually asleep today; it is easy to get comfortable, become distracted, and focus on the meaningless things of life.



What is it like to be spiritually asleep? A spiritually asleep person is not prepared when God does something amazing. A spiritually asleep person is not moved when God says, “help me,” such as when God places a person of need in front of them. A person who is spiritually asleep does not feel the Spirit’s moving, convicting, and comforting. A spiritually asleep person misses the opportunities to bring Jesus into the dark nights of people who are troubled and in turmoil. Are you spiritually asleep?

Today, God is on the move and will be doing something remarkable in our day. Are you keeping watch, and are you ready for what God is and will be doing? We are told multiple times in scripture that Jesus will come like a thief in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:2, Revelation 3:3). I believe that we can interpret Jesus coming like a thief in the night to include not only His second coming but also His work in this world that can be sudden and unexpected. Are you watching for Him? Are you ready? I believe to keep watch and to be ready involves a number of things. It consists of a life of faith, which is the daily dependence upon and trusting of Jesus. Being ready involves not being timid in prayer or slow to love. Keeping watch consists of knowing the promises of God and keeping them before you. And keeping watch and being ready is also done with others, in community and fellowship. Like the disciples, Jesus is calling you and me to be ready for Him. This calling and command is a great privilege. *“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (Matthew 24:44).”*

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
Lanna Waugh
- 12 Jay Powers
- 15 Patti Cooper
- 16 Sharon Wimmer
- 17 Landon Campbell
Mary Scott
- 22 Amillia Howard
- 23 Bailey Arkell
John Hall
Brent Manchester
Roberta Noble
- 24 Lula Belle Burgess
Debi Campbell
Jody Duncan
Joyce Kinder
Valerie Moore
- 25 Cheryl Adkins
- 26 Trent Eastman
- 27 Jennifer Fetty
- 28 Ashley Summers
- 29 Dan Wells

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If your special date has been left off our list, please check with the church office to make sure we have your current information on file.

Happy Anniversary

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



Veteran's Day

Nov. 11, 2020



Bob Smith has been named one of four inductees into the Greater Huntington Wall of Fame for 2020. Each year the City of Huntington Foundation recognizes individuals who have made a significant, long-term impact on Huntington or who have achieved national recognition and acted as an ambassador for



the Huntington area. Previous inductees include our own Mike Perry, along with other legendary Huntingtonians such as Chuck Ripper, J. Mark McVey, and Chuck Yeager. Born in 1938, Bob has lived all but five years of his life in the Huntington area. For over thirty years he used his talents in news broadcasting to improve the region through thoughtful, investigative reporting. After retiring as anchor from WSAZ in 1996, he served the Tri-State region more broadly through his work in education, business, and advertising.



Our evening fall Bible study groups will be wrapping things up by the time you read this. Many, many thanks to the leaders of these studies. **Henriella Perry** and her girls were so very passionate about their study, "Life-Changing Prayer" and **Paula Holley** enthusiastically led "The Faithful" group. All participants were blessed by the Word through the leadership of these wonderful ladies!

The morning "Breaking Free" study will continue for a few weeks. **Lois Merritt, Gail Kelly, and Barbara Meek** have faithfully led this group and would love to have you join them at any time in this Beth Moore study.

We will be taking a break for the remainder of the year, but plan to start again in January or February with our small group studies. We usually offer the same studies as we did in the fall... But if you have any suggestions for studies, please let me know. We are always open for your input! You can text or call me at 304.521.5129.

May your life be blessed through the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. May you find yourself savoring His GRACE in the busyness of the season! "Be strengthened by the GRACE that is in Christ Jesus."--2 Timothy 2:1

For Him,
Dolores Adkins



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Notes from NBC Choir Director, Karen Dailey

November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving and most of us are more intentional to daily think of how God has richly blessed us. Perhaps there are those that have doubts of His blessings with this strange pandemic we are under. This brings

to mind the song “Day by Day” written in 1865 by Karolina Sandell-Berg of Sweden. She was strong in spirit but frail in body and focused on the artistic, literary and religious influences of her home life where her father was a minister. At the age of twenty-six, a boating accident resulted in her father being thrown overboard and drowning before her eyes. Rather than wallow in self-pity or sink in despair she began processing her grief through the scriptures and expressing her faith in poetry. “Day by Day” was her best-known poems that were set to music. In it she wrote from personal experience about the daily strength the Lord provides for His struggling children. If you are struggling or are going through trials where you cannot see God, read the words to this beautiful hymn written 155 years ago that are still applicable today:

Day by day, and with each passing moment, Strength I find
to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment, I’ve no cause
for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure, Gives unto
each day what He deems best, Lovingly its part of pain and
pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me, With a special
mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow’r. The protection
of His child and treasure Is a charge that on Himself He
laid;
“As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation,
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.



Work has begun on a special Christmas program for December 13th. Please be in prayer with me as we prepare that God would be glorified in all that we do.



Daylight Savings Time
ends Sunday, November 1.





As I write this our country is nearing the end of a bitter and ugly political campaign. We are all tired of the political ads on TV and the constant mailings we receive each day. The negative ads, political pundits and news analysts continue to remind us that we are a nation bitterly divided. Add to that the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions that it has placed on gathering size and the physical distancing guidelines and it is not a pretty sight, is it? I think we all want all of this to be over and yet we know that tough days are ahead. As Christians, how are we to respond?

The Bible instructs us with these words from Paul’s letter to the church at Thessalonica. *Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus* (1Thes. 5:16-18). Most of us can understand the command to “pray without ceasing” because it keeps us in constant touch with the Lord. But it seems incredible that we would be commanded to “rejoice always” and “give thanks in everything” especially when bad or ugly things are happening around us. This command comes from a deep belief and trust that our God is in control and is not far off but near to us. Giving thanks demonstrates that we trust the Lord even when we do not understand or like our circumstances. This giving of thanks is not necessarily without personal pain. It does though bring God’s peace to your life. It was to the Philippian church that Paul wrote these words, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:6-7).

I am reminded that my hope is not in who wins an election, a political party or the end of a pandemic. My hope is in the Lord and that does not change. Christians giving thanks to God for the outcome of the election regardless of the result just might start the healing process our country desperately needs. There is much for us to do in a world that desperately needs the hope of the Gospel. I pray that you will look for opportunities to be used by God to help people in need around you.

It is fitting that we celebrate Thanksgiving before we come to the birth of the Savior. As we approach Thanksgiving this year remember it is not just for our blessings but in everything that we are to **Give Thanks**.

The simplest prayer

An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so much he listened to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he’d heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray.

Joybubbles protested that he couldn’t pray because he always forgot the words. To which Mr. Rogers said not to worry; the prayer he’d teach had only three words. “What kind of prayer has only three words?” Joybubbles asked.

“Thank you, God,” Mr. Rogers replied.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



New Baptist Church WildSide (Fellowship Hall)
Contact Stephanie Spencer 304.544.1467 or
Carla Booth 304.617.7289 for more info.

BE THANKFUL

This year has no doubt been tough. When we have been tempted to surrender to all of the hard things, a saying that has been frequently said at our house, maybe yours too, is “it could be worse...” I’m grateful that we’re healthy, our kids are receiving an education, we have a community to journey with, and God has been faithful to us. We are entering November and even though the questions still abound, I am reminded of something that shows up in nearly all of Paul’s letters - “and be thankful”, “give thanks”, “I give thanks for you all” and “thanks be to God!” These are just a few ways that Paul encourages us to be thankful.

I’m reminded of 2 Corinthians 11, which could be Paul’s “it could be worse” chapter. Well actually, he doesn’t really say that, because his attitude through beatings, imprisonments, shipwrecks, hunger, and danger is that of contentment in and praise to God. He reflects in Philippians that he can do all things through Christ, and his boast in 2 Corinthians is in the great works of God and His faithfulness. It seems that one who has endured such hardship and still responds with thanksgiving to God encourages me to open my eyes to God’s presence and faithfulness no matter what my days bring.

As we can easily get caught up in worrying about all the things that are weird or lost right now and our spirits can turn toward depression, anxiety, and despair, I want to instead choose to look for God’s faithfulness. To see that God is acting in my life and around me in the world. God has not left the building! Even though it may seem like the world is spiraling, God is still in control, and is with us!

Will you join me this November? Our family is trying to find a creative way to be thankful. Each evening before bed or at dinner we are going to name what we are thankful for. You can write little pieces of paper and put them in a thankful jar, or write them on a board or sheet of paper. You could put them into a word cloud of thankfulness if you’re tech savvy (google it!). Whatever you choose as an activity, let’s spend this month with an awareness of God, His faithfulness, His kindness and love toward us, and as we see God at work....BE THANKFUL!

And if I can add a personal note, in the words of Paul in Philippians “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel...!” Thank you for the outpouring of kind words, gifts, and cards for Pastor appreciation month. I am so thankful to God that we can partner in the ministry at New Baptist and in our community, what joy it is! Thank you!

Pastor Lee Boso



**Gratitude Pumpkin
a Daily November Tradition**



Trustee Tidbits

If anyone has a key to the church that they are no longer using and they no longer need, please return it to the church office.

Reminders:

Borrowing church property – If you need to borrow tables, chairs, equipment, etc. from the church, please check with the church office. Items need to be checked out/checked in.

Event clean up - The church facilities need to be cleaned and everything returned to its proper place immediately following each event (church sponsored or private). With so many different groups using the WildSide it is important to clean up after each group/activity so the area is ready for the next group.

It is not the responsibility of the custodian to clean up after events. Please respect others. . . don't leave a mess for others to clean.

We appreciate your help in keeping our church building a clean and safe place.

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:

- our pastors
- our community
- our military personnel
- our country
- all affected by the Covid-19 crisis
- unsaved loved ones
- our government leaders

Death in the Church Family



James O. "Jimmy" Robinson, "Teddy bear", 94, of Huntington, passed away Sunday, October 4, 2020. He was a WWII Navy Veteran. Jimmy was a retired electrician with CSX Railroad. Following his retirement Jimmy enjoyed making creations from copper wire and sharing them with friends and acquaintances. His Christian witness to many was the giving of copper wire angels or the words "God loves you." Jimmy was a long time member of Beverly Hills Baptist Church and a charter member of New Baptist. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ramona; a son, Rev. James O. Robinson, Jr.; and a grandson, Seth Robinson. Survivors include a daughter, Jamie Robinson; a son & daughter-in-law, Michael and Kitty Robinson; daughter-in-law, Cindy Robinson; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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 15



Food Pantry items of the month for November – Cake mixes, Instant Potatoes, Canned Soups. Monetary contributions are always welcome.



Welcome New Baby

Theodore Lawrence Franks

October 20, 2020

Proud parents: Bradley & Rebekah (Perry) Franks

Grandparents: Audy & Laura Perry

Kid's Page

Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

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Answer:

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Answer: Praise the LORD!

Silly Jokes for Kids



- **Why did the cookie go to the hospital?**
Because he felt crummy.
- **How does a scientist freshen her breath?**
With experi-mints!
- **What do you call a dog magician?**
A labracadabrador.
- **How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?**
With a pumpkin patch.
- **What kind of award did the dentist receive?**
A little plaque.
- **Why do bees have sticky hair?**
Because they use a honeycomb.
- **What time do ducks wake up?**
At the quack of dawn.
- **Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one say to the other?**
Dill with it.



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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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**Wishing you the
gift of faith and
blessings of hope
this Thanksgiving
Day**

