



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - October 2018

“Be Ready!”

At the time of writing this newsletter I am just a few days away from traveling to Israel.

It is a wonderful blessing to be able to visit the land of our Bible and stand where our Lord stood during His earthly ministry. In traveling to Israel (like any significant international trip), there is a lot to do just to get ready for the trip. For example, a passport has to be obtained and clothing has to be sorted and packed. Due to the luggage allotment limit, only the most important items are selected. There is the logistics of getting to the airport on time, hotels to book, as well as insuring the car is in good working order. Also, getting ready not only includes all of the packing and logistical details sorted, but also includes being mentally prepared. I want to be fully present when I am in Israel, thus it is important for me to complete any unfinished jobs at home or work so that I do not have to try to be two places at once. I also want to be a good leader on the trip, thus I am having to think through each day and plan possible scripture readings as well as manage tips and other details of the tour. Being ready refers to both the physical needs of the trip but also the mental and emotional needs. As the trip nears I am starting to feel stressful about all the things that I need to do in order to be ready, thankful I know the day of departure and thus I can plan my time accordingly.

This is not the case in regard to the return of Jesus. In Luke 12, we are told that Christ may come at any hour, thus we are to live lives that are “ready.” Jesus says “You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (Luke 12:40).” In this passage about being ready, Jesus gives a list of instructions as to what being ready looks like and I am amazed at how

similar it is to getting ready to go on a trip. Here are the instructions –



Pack your bags! Literally in Luke 12:35 it reads “Gird up your loins.” This is the old testament image of having everything set and ready to go. Live your life focused on what is most important.

Don’t fall asleep! No snooze buttons allowed. Also, in verse 35, Jesus says “keep your lamps burning!” Just as it is easy to oversleep and miss the departure time by hitting the snooze button on the alarm clock, people unfortunately hit the snooze button on their faith, thinking that “next month” or “next year” they will start getting serious about God.

Don’t miss the boarding call! When it is time to board a flight, the crowds gather at the gate because everyone knows that once the door closes on the plane there is no way to get on it. If a person is at the gate on time when the boarding call comes, they will get a good seat. Now, people did not have airplanes back in Jesus’ day, but they did have the unexpected arrival of a boss (or master, or owner) as described by Jesus in Luke 12:27-38. Those who were at the gate when the master called got a good seat, while those who were absent missed the flight. Being at the gate is about being about His Work and listening for His voice.

Fortunately for me I know the day and time of my departure to Israel. This makes it much easier to pack my bags and not miss my flight. But we do not know Jesus’ return, thus being ready for Him is a way of life for us. Be ready!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent

THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

- 2 Joyce Adams
- 3 Sandra Crutchfield
- 4 Jimi Lawson
- 5 Kasey Madden
- 6 Jack Bishop
- Pat Vickers
- Sherry Walden
- Jim Williamson
- 7 Anita Jones
- 8 Nancy Carter
- Ethan Kelly
- Charles Morris
- John Stinespring
- Annaleese Waugh
- 9 Ron Jarvis
- Emma Kelly
- 10 Dan Bierne
- Austin Mayer
- Rebecca Powers
- 12 Coby Roland
- Trevor Wilson
- 13 Ron Caviani
- Ray Spencer
- Reagan Waugh
- 14 Donna Best
- 15 Becky Crouch
- 17 Hazel Kirschenmann
- Kennedy Smith
- 19 Phil Simpson
- Carolyn Spurlock
- 21 Linda Miller
- 22 Zack Simpson
- Jim Spurlock
- 24 LaAnna Blake
- Tristyn Blake
- Anna Holstein
- 25 Ron Waugh
- 26 Tom Pauley
- 28 Carter Mann
- 29 Nancy McSweeney
- Ashley Wise
- 30 Scott Blake

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

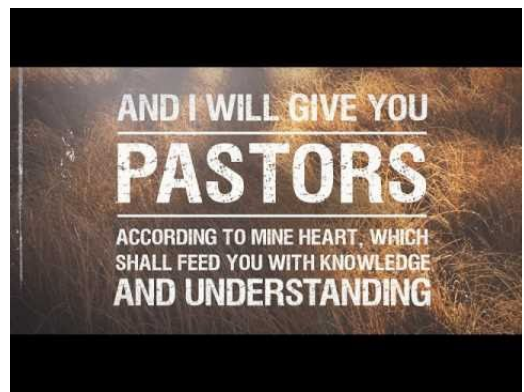
- David & Brenda Stevenson Oct. 2
- C.R. & Carrie Brown Oct. 6
- Bill & Oleta Dolen Oct. 6
- Trent & Christie Eastman Oct. 6
- Stephen & Jennifer Hatten Oct. 8
- Chris & Jessica Chaney Oct. 10
- Charles & Becky Morris Oct. 12
- John & Marjorie Northeimer Oct. 16
- Mike & Kathy Via Oct. 16
- Andrew & Brittany Kinch Oct. 19
- Harry & Kelli Estep Oct. 21
- Tracy & Teresa Foster Oct. 22
- Chelcie & Coralie Adkins Oct. 23
- Michael & Debi Campbell Oct. 31



Wednesday, Oct. 24, for the November issue of Bridges



Sunday, November 4
2:00am



Contributions

From the Board of Finance

Starting this year, most of you will no longer be able to itemize deductions for federal income tax purposes. Instead, you will claim the standard deduction, and will not receive any additional tax benefit associated with your charitable contributions.

However, if you have a traditional IRA and are 70 ½ years old (the age you are required to take minimum distributions from your account), you can have the custodian of your IRA make a qualified charitable distribution (up to \$100,000 annually) directly to a qualified charity, such as New Baptist Church. You pay no federal or state tax on the qualified charitable distribution, and you still claim your full standard deduction amount in determining your federal income tax liability. (The amount of qualified distribution from your traditional IRA is excludible from your income. Your tax savings is your combined marginal federal and state income tax rates times the amount of the qualified charitable distribution.)

This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific individualized tax advice. You should discuss your specific tax situation with a qualified tax adviser to see whether this strategy makes sense for you.

Darrell Walden, Chair

**Senior Adult Fellowship
October 28, 2018 Meeting**



Program:
Tri-State Mountain Dulcimer Society

Catering By: The Scrumptious Company

Menu: Baked ham, stewed apples, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad & dessert.

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

Program: Fall is right around the corner and there are several things that happen every Fall just as sure as God made little green apples. First – the weather turns a little cooler, second – Halloween happens the last day of October, third – the days are noticeably shorter than in July and fourth – The Tri-State Dulcimer Society comes to our October meeting and presents a great program for our entertainment and enjoyment. This year is no exception. All of the above will happen and you will automatically be a part of the first three happenings, but you have a choice on the fourth. We do hope you will highlight this date on your calendar and come and be a part of the meeting and enjoy some great food, fun, and fellowship. I just had a really good idea, why not invite your friends and neighbors to come with you and they can participate in the festivities also? Most of you have seen the Tri-State Mountain Dulcimer Society perform before and have laughed at their humorous stories and been carried back on the “Orange Blossom Special” to the Television Days of “Hee Haw” when Roy Clark and Buck Owens were pickin’ and grinnin’, Minnie Pearl was wearing the tag on her hat and talking about Uncle Nabob down in Grinders Switch, Junior Samples was waiting on you to call BR-549 so he could sell you a fantastic, one of a kind, used car and all the Hee Haw Beauties were.....well, they were just there, enough said. You will leave with a smile on your face, spring in your step, joy in your heart and humming the Hee Haw tunes of yesteryear. We guarantee you nothing serious will be going on here. We look forward to seeing you there. Y’all come now, ya heah!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Note from Finance Board

All boards, committees and staff who will make budget requests for 2019 need to submit the **request in writing** to **Darrell Walden** or **Pat Baisden** by **October 31, 2018**. The finance board will meet on Saturday, November 17, to prepare a proposed church budget for 2019.

Judy’s Shawls

will meet
on Monday, October 1, at
6:30pm in the Bykota classroom.



Bob Smith was the keynote speaker at the dedication of Harmony House's solar panel system which will provide energy savings in the hundreds of thousands of dollars for at least the next 25 years. Why? He was a weatherman, reporter, and anchor for WHTN and WOWK in the early years of the formerly named Vanity Fair building.

**West Virginia Baptist Convention
153rd Annual Meeting**

Friday – Saturday, October 19-20, 2018

South Parkersburg Baptist Church

***Bearers of Hope... Doing Christ's
Work Together!***

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you
will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2*

Keynote Speaker: **Rev. David Bush** - Pastor,
Rainelle First Baptist Church

Annual Sermon Speaker: **Dr. William Brown**
Pastor, Vienna Baptist Church

Executive Minister: **Dr. Michael Sisson** -
West Virginia Baptist Convention

“I cannot imagine how the clockwork of the universe can exist without a clockmaker.”
—Voltaire

Family Life Moment



Have you ever seen those pictures that look like multiple images based on how you look at it? I just saw one that looks like a young woman looking away, but then if you try to see it from another direction it looks like an older lady. It's like that phrase "different sides of the same coin." Well, I am preparing a workshop on Family Worship and feel like there are multiple ways to look at it. On one side there is the responsibility of the family to live out their faith at home, engaging God's Word and work and

discussing it in a way that the whole family grows in their understanding and awe of God. On the other, there is importance to gathering together as a whole church body to worship and learn in a way that develops community and faith for all ages.

These different approaches feed each other, a thriving church encourages and equips a family to live out their faith through the week, while a lived faith and daily awareness and devotion to God builds up the members of the body as they come together to worship God at church. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." This is a daily lived faith that is growing, and also developing the next generation to know and trust God. Additionally, 1 Corinthians 12:12 says "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We who are in Christ are part of His body, and that includes every age and ability. The writer of Hebrews goes on to say in 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." This gathering in worship and awe of God helps us to experience his presence and encourages us to live out this life of faith with "love and good deeds" on a daily basis.

So what am I saying? It is important both for us to be together and to live a life of faith at home. There is a generational imperative in scripture that urges us to be intentional about living our faith as an example, yet also being hands on as we pass on God's Word and encourage our children to trust God and live for Him.

In this, there are great ways to think about encountering God. We have tried to find age appropriate Bibles for our kids and read them throughout their lives. As really little ones there are lots of pictures and simple stories, as they start to read, get a version like the NIV (New International Readers Version) or International Children's Bible (ICB) that is written on a more understandable level. Talk about things of faith. Ask about Sunday School or Children's Church or the sermon and how they apply this week. We had an incredible talk about Sabbath this week out of the blue as we tried to rest on Saturday. Use these opportunities to "talk about them as you sit, walk, and rest." We also love kid friendly worship music, there are kids praise albums available that have kids singing contemporary songs, I'm sure you'll have lots of good conversations as they figure out the lyrics. We also want to offer times where our whole church body is together, but also times where age appropriate teaching occurs, this is why we have AWANA, Youth, and various other classes and groups that encourage us to grow in our faith and live it out. I'd love to know more from you, what ways have you seen this multigenerational understanding of faith and worship occur in your family or our church, send me an email at leebose@gmail.com if you'd like to share a story. Also, if you'd like info about specific resources let me know. Praying for you as we continue to trust God and live out the life He has called us to!

Lee Boso <><

BLESSING BAGS

Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT was a beautiful evening of dining, sharing, and fellowship! A huge "thank you" goes out to each lady involved in the event. We worked together to bless the lives of all who attended!

BIBLE STUDY groups are now meeting on Wednesday mornings and evenings. There are several classes offering a variety of topics. Please find one where you can fit in and grow in your life with the Lord and get to know some new (and old!) Christian friends.

And if you haven't noticed yet, there is a brand new piece of furniture in the foyer beside the church office. This BEAUTIFUL CABINET was constructed with funds given anonymously in honor of Billie Smith and her work with the women's ministry in our church. It is still a bit unfinished--doors will be added when they are completed! A dedication prayer was given by Christie Eastman at the conclusion of Ladies' Night Out. We look forward to using this piece to store and showcase featured women's studies, along with books recommended by our pastor.

May our wonderful Lord bless your time with Him throughout this season of cooler days and nights as we watch His world change into its fall colors! Don't forget to take HIM to your sphere of influence in that world!

For Good...
Dolores Adkins



New Baptist Church
Cat's Meow
\$15
Available in the church office

BCM
FALL RETREAT
October 12-14, 2018
Camp Cowen
Bible Study Leader:
Jim Stinespring



The Feste Burg

"A Mighty Fortress," the hymn written by Protestant reformer Martin Luther in 1529, is powerful in English but even better in its original German. Historian Michael Streich notes that Luther compares God not only to a fortress but to a completely secure stronghold, or *Feste Burg*.

"A burg was a fortified town," Streich says. "When invaders approached, the surrounding populace fled to the safety of the walls" — sometimes to layers of walls within walls. Luther's hymn compares God to the most powerful of all burgs, with eternally unbreakable walls.

When we need a place of refuge, God offers his Mighty Fortress, his *Feste Burg*. Within this refuge, with our value based on our relationship to God rather than on earthly achievements, we'll never be put to shame. Inside this fortified town, the God who desires an eternal relationship with us delivers, rescues and saves us.

—Homiletics

MISSION NEWS

New Baptist Church in Mission October 2018

Back Pack Collections:

Thanks to everyone who donated backpacks, supplies, money or time packing the packs. We were able to fill and donate 216 backpacks to 3 area schools. We were also able to personally donate to several families who directly contacted us through the church.

Food Pantry: In the month of August our food pantry was able to service 242 families totaling 566 people (171 children, 307 adults, 88 seniors). They were also able to distributed 240 hygiene kits. They are also getting ready to start the backpack ministry at Highlawn Elementary. They have been providing 50 back packs/week, but this year we will be increasing that number to 60/week.



The Food Pantry appreciates any and all donations received toward helping us fill these backpacks.

These are the items that we use to fill our backpacks that we send to Highlawn Elementary students in need.

- 2 drinks – plastic bottled drinks or boxes (no squeeze pouches)
- 1 fruit cup
- 1 applesauce or pudding cup
- 1 small jar of peanut butter
- 1 can (pop top) ravioli, spaghetti
- 1 cup mac & cheese
- 1 cup or can (pop top) of soup (or ramen noodles)
- 2 small individual size cereals
- Snack items (cheese crackers, gummies, small bags of pretzels or chips, nutigrain bars)
- Pop Tarts

Haiti Missions: Please be in prayer for our team who will be traveling to Haiti this month. They are leaving on October 13. There are 12 people going total.

Service Opportunities:



Fall Festival: New Baptist Church will be hosting our annual Fall Festival Trunk and Treat on Saturday October 27. We are looking for volunteers to decorate a trunk, be the storyteller for each trunk, bake cakes, help with setup/clean up, registration, games, crafts,

inflatable games, prayer booth, greeters and serve food. There is a job for everyone. Basically, if you are breathing we will find a job for you! Please fill out the volunteer forms at the sign up table in the entryway at church. We can find you the perfect place to serve! In the past several years we have served over 2000 guests through the Fall Festival. It is a day to welcome our community into our church and introduce them to Jesus. They will first walk through the Bible by visiting our decorated trunks. Each trunk will feature a Bible story. Then they can enjoy games, crafts, face painting, inflatables, cake walk and free food. We need you to be the hands and feet of Christ that day!!!

We are also in need of CANDY and lots of it! We enjoy showering the kids that visit us with CANDY. You can drop donations at the mission display board in the back of the sanctuary.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: It is time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!!! We will collect shoeboxes on November 11! We have set a goal of 300 shoeboxes! Involve your kiddos in the shopping experience...make it a family event. You can put a picture and note from your family in the box. Most importantly pray for the child who will be receiving the shoebox. Not only do they get the gifts inside, but they also get to hear the gospel (possibly for the first time!) Children then have the opportunity to join in a discipleship program where they can learn more and grow deeper in their faith. You are not only giving a shoebox...you are impacting the kingdom!



Missions Continued:

What to put in a shoebox:

- A "WOW" item (soccer ball, stuffed animal, small musical instrument, doll, backpack)
- Personal care items (comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar of soap, band-aids, water bottle)
- Clothes (shirt, pants, accessories, tote/purse, socks, flip flops)
- Crafts (markers, crayons, pencils, pens, paper, play dough, water color paint, jump rope, stickers, coloring book, puzzles)
- Toys (ball, hand pump, finger puppets, slinky, etch-a-sketch, costume jewelry, frisbee, yo-yo, cars/trucks, playing cards, marbles, kaleidoscope)
- School Supplies (paper, solar powered calculator, ruler, protractor, scissors, glue stick, pencil sharpener)

You can pick up a shoebox in the back of the sanctuary. Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child> for more information!

BCM Alongsiders Ministry: There are many members of BCM looking for someone to adopt them during their college years. They are simply wanting to connect with a fellow believer in our city. You do not have to have deep theological discussions with them. You simply need to share life with a college student who is wanting to grow in his/her faith. If you are interested in volunteering to be paired with a student, please see Courtney Powers for more details.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday October 14: will be our next mission luncheon. The menu will be soup and sandwiches so go ahead and plan to stay for fellowship, great food and support Pastor Dasnis.

Saturday October 27: will be our annual Fall Festival. Please go ahead and mark your calendar so you will be available to help volunteer. We will need over 100 volunteers to make this event a success. If you are breathing, we can use you!!!

Faith is the art of holding on to things in spite of your changing moods and circumstances. -C.S. Lewis

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, Susan Arthur, Tom & Laura Blake, Janet Bricker, Philip Scott Burt, Hannah Caserta, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Ronnie Childers, Mary Clifton, Kenny Coates, Jack Cook, Brittany Crockett, Lisa Daniels, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, John Hall, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, John and Linda Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Allison Sheils Kays, Virginia Lawrence, Jenka Lockwood, Betty Maynor, Ted McComas, Richard Meade, Linda Miller, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Warren Napier, Marlin Oldaker, Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Sandy Pemberton, Jack Rickman, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Charlie Shorey, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bonnie & Keith Simpkins, Terry Smith, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Emma Wagner, Don Walker, Carol Walls, Mark Wells, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer, Ed Yeager

Additional Prayer Items:

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| Those impacted by Hurricanes Florence | our church |
| our community | unsaved loved ones |
| our military personnel | our government leaders |
| our country | |

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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
5:00 Choir Practice
6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

9:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
Daniel
The Patriarchs
6:15 Ladies' Bible Study
Wisdom for Mothers
6:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
Me, Myself and Lies
One in a Million
Men's Bible Study
33 the Series A Man & His
Fatherhood
Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study
Children's Choir
Youth Pods



NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
610 28TH STREET
HUNTINGTON WV 25702

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Rain or Shine

12:00pm-2:00pm

New Baptist Church

610 28th Street
parking lot/grounds

(Will be moved inside in case of
inclement weather)



A **FREE, FUN** family-friendly event!

CANDY INFLATABLES FREE FOOD COTTON CANDY GAMES

HAY RIDES CAKE WALK AND MUCH MORE

For more info: Call New Baptist Church, 304-523-3355