



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - October 2020

Check Your Grounding

One of the hobbies that I enjoy is riding a motorcycle. This hobby has allowed me to explore the fantastic and beautiful area in which we live, and it provides those necessary moments of rest. A few weeks ago, my motorcycle stopped working. The problem was the battery not charging. Thus, I began the process of trying to figure out why the battery was not charging correctly. Was it because the battery itself was bad? Was it because of the alternator? Was it because of the regulator? Did the battery terminals need to be cleaned? These are the normative reasons that would cause a motorcycle battery not to charge. Over the course of a few weeks, I slowly worked my way through the bike, trying to discern the problem. I cleaned the terminals and replaced the regulator. I tested the alternator. But still, the problem remained. Finally, I checked the ground wire (a wire that runs to the frame of the bike from the negative terminal). The bolt in the frame that connects to the ground wire was corroded and needed to be cleaned. Cleaning the bolt and reconnecting the ground wire was the easiest and cheapest solution to what was wrong with the bike.

As I cleaned the bolt and reattached the ground wire, I thought about how it illustrated much of life. Sometimes we feel as if something is wrong. There is a sense of anxiety or worry, but not sure over what. Life has lost some of its colors, and the daily schedule's routine feels like a rut. Something is wrong, but we just do not know what it could be. So different things are tried. Some people think, "maybe I need to buy something," and thus, over-purchasing becomes an attempt to fix that dull ache of something missing. Another person may think, "I need to spice up my life some," and end up breaking their wedding vows. Others think what is wrong can be fixed by drugs

(legal or illegal), taking a vacation, changing jobs, or moving to a new town. Yet, when these costly and drastic measures are taken, the problem remains; the sense that something is wrong just does not go away.

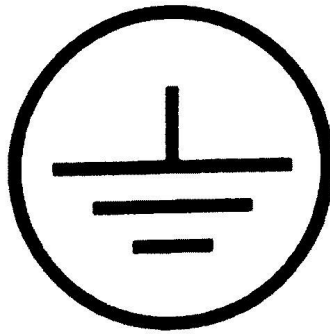
Could it be that the problem is a faulty grounding? There are a lot of things happening in our world and country right now that are disconcerting. It is tempting to respond to the unease of our hearts with drastic and expensive measures. If this is you, I suggest that you check if you are properly grounded. To be properly grounded means that your life is operating out of foundational truths. Are you anchored in the awareness and trust that God is for you? Do you know that you are in God's grip?

Do you regularly willfully seek the Lord's purpose and work in your life?

Do you find rest in the Lord during these days of great unease? If you do not, you need to. Like cleaning that bolt on my bike, you need to blow the dust off your Bible and open it up. Rediscover the peace of enjoying His presence.

I wish I could say that my bike is running 100% now, but it is not. Though the ground wire was a problem, it was not the only one. Thus, being unable to solve the problem myself, I took it to a mechanic. Again, this speaks to us and our own struggles. Sometimes we need to ask for help, and that is ok. I think that is a part of why God has called us to be a part of the church because the church is a place that helps us stay grounded when we cannot do it ourselves. How are you doing? Are you grounded in the Lord? If not, maybe it is time to come and receive the help found in the people of faith.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent Eastman





- 1 Titus Sierson
- 2 Joyce Adams
- 3 Sandra Crutchfield
- 4 Jimi Lawson
- 6 Jack Bishop
- Pat Vickers
- Sherry Walden
- 7 Anita Jones
- 8 Nancy Carter
- Ethan Kelly
- Charles Morris
- John Stinespring
- Annaleese Waugh
- 9 Ron Jarvis
- Emma Kelly
- Dan Beirne
- Austin Mayer
- Rebecca Powers
- 12 Coby Roland
- Trevor Wilson
- 13 Aaron Brown
- Ron Caviani
- Ray Spencer
- Reagan Waugh
- 14 Donna Best
- 15 Becky Crouch
- Tiara Deuser
- 16 Cheryl Lawson
- 17 Hazel Kirschenmann
- Kennedy Smith
- 19 Amy Lawson
- 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 Lauren Hanna
- Nancy McSweeney
- 30 Scott Blake

David & Brenda Stevenson	Oct. 2
C.R. & Carrie Brown	Oct. 6
Bill & Oleta Dolen	Oct. 6
Trent & Christie Eastman	Oct. 6
Chris & Jessica Chaney	Oct. 10 (5 th)
Mike & Kathy Via	Oct. 10 (50 th)
Charles & Becky Morris	Oct. 12 (35 th)
Jerry & Lena Powers	Oct. 12
Harry & Kelli Estep	Oct. 21
Tracy & Teresa Foster	Oct. 22
Chelcie & Coralie Adkins	Oct. 23
Michael & Debi Campbell	Oct. 31

Sunday, Oct. 25, for the November issue of *Bridges*



**Sunday, November 1
2:00am**



appreciate
those who
diligently labor
among you
and have charge over you in the Lord
and give you instruction

1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NASB)

Notes From Our Choir Director



Typically, this time of year our choir is already working on a Christmas Cantata. We can all say there is very little we are doing this year that is typical. We will not be undone! We will not stop praising our Lord and we will NOT let the evils of this world rob us of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ! During the next few weeks, several small groups will begin rehearsals to work on Christmas songs. We absolutely want everyone to be safe therefore, the small groups will be meeting in the sanctuary so we can spread apart and will be wearing masks when not actually singing. Christmas season is an incredibly special time and this Christmas will be very special as well. I am reminded of the song Joy to the World by Isaac Watts. It is based on the last half of Psalm 98 which celebrates the coming of the Lord to judge the world in righteousness. The psalmist calls on all creation to sing and shout for joy at the Lord's coming. Please pray that we will be a blessing to you, the church, as we honor Christ's birth. He is the "Joy to the World" indeed!



-Karen Dailey

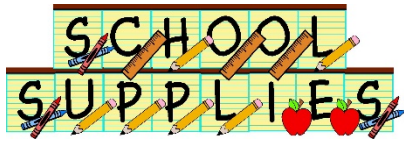
Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If your special date has been left off our list, please check with the church office to make sure we have your current information on file.





Note from Finance Board

All boards, committees and staff who will make budget requests for 2021 need to submit the request in writing to **Darrell Walden** or **Pat Baisden** by **November 1, 2020**.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for once again giving so generously to our local schools during our back-to-school supply drive this year. This year we sent school supplies to Highlawn Elementary, Huntington East Middle School and Huntington High School. The Mission Board decided to focus on school supplies more than book bags due to the remote learning going on in Cabell County this school year. We lost count on how many of each school supply was donated but I do know that my van was full of all your donations!! Each school was excited and very surprised to see us come in with all the school supplies. At one school while I was talking to the receptionist she told me that she had a mother call in right before we came and asked if there were any school supplies the school could give her daughter and she told the mother that she would see what she could do and after she hung up the phone Ethan and I walked in with the school supplies (God is good isn't He?) Thank you again for all that you do to help support our local schools.

In His Service
Your New Baptist Church Mission Board

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon is canceled for October.



For the foreseeable future, AWANA is not going to start back on Sunday evenings until we have a change in the nation's status with COVID.

I would be happy to give you materials to work on at home. You can listen to your child at home and I will record what they have accomplished so when we move to an in-person meeting time for AWANA they will have been moving through the year.

I know this is a difficult time to "add one more thing" so if you cannot add this to your schedule, that is fine, if you need materials for at-home devotions or children's study or AWANA materials, please, let me or Pastor Lee help you with finding what will help.

Call or text me if I can be any help with your needs.

In His Service,
Debbie Harman
304-544-3913

Boxes due Sunday
Nov. 15

Operation Christmas Child

You are invited to a Wedding Shower

For: **Brooke Estep**
When: Sat. Oct. 24 10:30am
Where: New Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Brooke is registered at Target, Macy's & Home Depot.

RSVP to Melanie Hall 304.360.7517 or
Carla Booth 304.617.7289

Please wear a mask.

Sheri Tadlock was certainly surprised on the first day of in-person instruction at Wayne Elementary School. The Herald-Dispatch reported (with pictures) Marshall University Athletic Director Mike Hamrick appearing on a virtual ZOOM call to present her with \$1,000 in Michael's gift cards on behalf of the College Football Playoff Foundation, to thank her for her tireless work as students return to school this year. Sheri goes "above and beyond" in everything she's involved in: school, family, church.

Family Life Moment

Before every mission trip, I prep our team by telling them we will need to be flexible and spontaneous. Way back in March, I kept encouraging my family that we were going to approach this pandemic by being flexible and spontaneous. A two-week trip is one thing, but eight months of being flexible and spontaneous is another. You may be tired, you may have exhausted your capacity for spontaneity, but let me encourage you with some of the reflections I've had as we continue on this journey.

In Numbers 13, Moses and the Israelites began the journey into the promised land by sending spies to see if it was really as good as it was promised to be. They found it to be a fruitful place, they even brought back a cluster of grapes so big it took two guys to carry it. God had promised this great gift to them, the land that was full of fruit, and it was a gift! But.... there were also big walls around the towns, the people had strong armies, and there were giants! GIANTS!!! How could they ever live there? But here is what I keep thinking about. The giants, the walls, the strong armies, none of these were surprises to God! God knew about all of these when he promised the possession of the land, and had supplied the power to overcome these obstacles and enjoy the land that was flowing with milk and honey.

Well, here we are in 2020 and I would venture to say that you could substitute any number of things in place of giants. Pandemic, isolation, balancing work, school, sports, and all the unknowns... None of these are to be made light of, just like the giants and walls and strong armies were legitimate obstacles. But God..., My two favorite words in scripture. When I'm feeling small or the things in life seem overwhelming, God is active, God knows the struggles and has provided a way. God makes good on his promises, he always has and always will. Nothing is a surprise to God, and so nothing can keep him from accomplishing his plans, no giants, no walls, no pandemic, anxiety, conflict, or political party.

As we begin meeting with the youth on Wednesday nights, we are going to look at Joshua and this journey into the promised land and reflect on how God has acted through the scriptures so that we might trust God now on our journey through this difficult season. We will be meeting outside, at 6:30pm. We are asking everyone to wear masks and observe six feet physical distancing as we meet.

Also, as children and youth meet, we are trying to figure out how we can care best for one another. As Cabell County's school color map updates we will keep you updated on our in person children's and youth ministries meeting in person. We also ask, that if you are asked to quarantine from school or work due to an exposure to COVID-19, to also quarantine from in person church activities to avoid the spread.

I'm praying for you as we continue on this journey!

Lee Boso <><



We have returned to church for children with an altered schedule. At this time Sunday School will not meet but we have children meet in the morning at 11am on the WildSide. Nursery and Toddlers will go straight to their room with their parents and be picked up by their parents at the end of service.

Children are seated with 3-4 children at a table taped off so each child has their own area. Mrs. Kim and Mr. John have made a personal supply bag for each child and their supplies are only used by them. They wear their masks and social distance while they are with us. We begin and end with hand washing for each child.

Every effort is made for your children's safety. I encourage you to continue with services at home or come and join us on the WildSide! The tables and chairs are washed down before and after the children leave. We have had much success with the touchless check-in/out kiosk and we appreciate your patience as we continue to learn about the system.

If I can answer any of your questions or if you have concerns that I have not answered here, I would love for us to talk about them.

In His Service,
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SAVORING GRACE was the theme for Ladies' Night Out...and will be our theme throughout the year! Our theme verse is "Be strengthened by the GRACE that is in Christ Jesus."--2 Timothy 2:1. Dig deeply into God's Word and try to fully understand and grasp His GRACE this year!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT was such a success in this very different and trying year! There were 76 ladies signed up to come...and almost all were there on September 10! We "physically distanced" ourselves throughout the evening...enjoying our delicious Honey Baked Ham meals (thank you Toni Madden!), socializing (in our awesome masks!), and then moving to the sanctuary for the evening's program. We were blessed by ladies from our multi-generational church family as each shared in prayer, about Bible studies, and in opportunities to serve in our church. We sang songs of GRACE together and many of us were in tears as Paula Holley shared a special song, "That's Why There's GRACE." Then we were blessed again as our "GRACE Panel" consisting of Christie Eastman, Carmen Boso, and Lois Merritt shared life stories and answered our questions about GRACE. What a blessing! Thank you again to ALL who made this such an amazing evening!



BIBLE STUDIES have begun, so here's hoping everyone has plugged in somewhere! Our young moms will not be meeting as a group this fall as we are not offering childcare. All classes are meeting in the Wildside and members are asked to enter by the east side door, keeping the front church doors locked. The revised Beth Moore study "Breaking Free" is offered at 9:30am on Mondays. On Wednesday evenings at 6:30, "Life-Changing Prayer" by Pastor Jim Cymbala meets. "The Faithful" by five well-known speakers meets at 6:45pm on Thursday, right after ReFit class. Please feel free to join any of these classes now! You may have missed a lesson or two, but you will be blessed any time you spend time in God's Word with other women! Enjoy Fall's cooler weather, keep in the Word, and continue in His GRACE!

For Good...
Dolores Adkins



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, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Tessie Deuser, Tracy Foster, Patty Green, Toni Gygi, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Anna Holstein, John Hovey, Sandy James, Pete Jones, Bill Lapole, Virginia Lawrence, Joseph Leggott, Joyce Mannon, Roy Maynor, Jim McSweeney, Dick Meredith, Linda Miller, Michelle Morgan, Charlie Morris, Grace Napier, Carol Newlon, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Ginger Poteete, Jerry Powers, Paul Powers, Vicki Rickard, Carol Richardson, Jimmy Robinson, Ronnie & Denise Runnels, Walter & Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Major & Lynnette Simms, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, Charles Stephens, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Nolice White, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark & Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer, Bret Woodall

Additional Prayer Items:

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

Deaths in Church Family:



Dorothy Marie Castelberry, 87, of Proctorville OH, passed away on Sunday, August 30, 2020. Dorothy worked as a teller for several banks in Proctorville before working and retiring as the office manager from G.E. Home Appliance Service. She was a long time member and primary Sunday School teacher of 20th Street Baptist and a charter member of New Baptist. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Castleberry. Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn (Mark)Turley, Lana (Karl) Egnatoff; one son, Keith; twelve grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.



Jack G. Rickman, 88, of Huntington WV, passed away on Monday, September 28, 2020. Jack worked in the coal industry but retired as a cabinet maker. He was a charter member of New Baptist Church where he served for many years in the food pantry. Jack was preceded in death by his first wife, Ethel, and his second wife, Charlie. He is survived by sons, Stephen (Hanna) Rickman, Jackie (Debbie) Rickman; daughter, Connie Rickman; step-children, Michael (Thelma) Stickler, David (Betty) Stickler and Jennifer (Lee) Adams and several grandchildren.

The COVID pandemic has certainly changed many things. School is much different this year than in any other. Sports, when they are being played, are being played in nearly empty venues. Eating out has changed for many. Church is now very different than before.

The desire to “flatten the curve” in the rise of covid cases has caused us to isolate and socially distance from each other. This loss of social interaction has led to a rise in loneliness and depression in many. We need social interaction. Early on I started using the phrase “physical” distancing because I know we need that physical separation, but we certainly need social interaction. I am pleased to see how much you care for each other. Phone calls and notes, those human touches that mean so much.

We are learning new ways of offering services at the church. Your practice of mask wearing, sitting physically distanced, not congregating afterward, have allowed us to offer in-person services. We are also learning the great value in live streaming our Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening services. Many of you have commented how encouraging they are to you when you are unable to attend. In addition all these services as well as the Radio Bible Class lessons are available on our church YouTube channel.

The Wildside offers a large room where smaller groups can safely meet. The Women’s Bible Studies are meeting there and also some Sunday School classes. Let me encourage you to use this space with your Sunday School class or other church group to get together and care for one another. Call the church office to reserve a time.



Regardless of the challenges our mission has not changed. Join us as we seek to know Christ, grow in his Word and be a blessing wherever he places us.

Pastor Rosen



Wear masks coming in and going out of the building.

Optional masks during exercise and six feet apart

5:30 - 6:30 Thursday Evenings

Please come and bring a friend to enjoy the evening!

Enter on the WildSide near the food pantry entrance.

No child care available.

**Change your mind
Change your body
Change your life.**

How being a Christian is like being a pumpkin.



God picks You from the patch and brings You in. (John 15: 16)

Then He washes all the dirt off of You. (2 Corinthians 5: 17)

He opens You up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed etc.

(Romans 6: 6)

Then He carves You a new smiling face. (Psalm 71: 23)

And He puts His light inside You to shine for all the world to see.

(Matthew 5: 16)

Items needed for Food Pantry

Washcloths

Toothpaste

Pinto Beans – bags

Soups, Chili, Stews – Cans

Jelly





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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
(closed Sept. 1 & 8)

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