



# BRIDGES

*A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - October 2021*

## The Power of God's Compassion

In Luke 7, Jesus is traveling from the Sea of Galilee back towards Nazareth. Along the way, He passes through a small and unimportant town known as Nain. As Jesus comes near to the town, He encounters a funeral procession. A man had died and was being carried out. This “man was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow (Luke 7:12).” It is hard to imagine the heartache that she must have felt. She had already buried her husband, but now she is going to bury her son. The pain of losing a loved one can be so overwhelming that sometimes a person never recovers. This woman, now without a husband or a child, is in pain and deep grief.

Jesus sees her hurt. In Luke 7:13, we are told that Jesus sees this woman weeping, which causes Him to become deeply moved. Verse 13 reads, “And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” The word compassion here is not “feeling sorry” or having pity. It is a word that describes the feeling of something so deeply that it is physically felt in the body, not just in the heart or mind. Literally, when Jesus saw this woman weep, it caused Him to ache. He hurt with her, and He hurt for her. Jesus, literally, felt her pain and loss. Her hurt and pain became His hurt and pain. This is what it means when it says that the Lord saw her and had compassion on her. Not only did Jesus see her, but He also joined her in her pain.

The same is true for you. God is not distant, nor does He stand apart from this creation as an outside observer. He instead has entered into the creation and now shares our heartaches and pain. He

knows your condition. He knows what you are going through, and He cares. Not only does He care, but He is moved by His compassion and acts according to His power.



When Jesus sees the mother weeping and is moved by compassion, He says to the mother, “Do not weep.” He tells her this not because He is trying to encourage her (that is what we do) but because He has the power to change the reality she is experiencing. He tells her to stop weeping because He has the power to give her back the son that she had lost. Jesus then turns to the dead body and speaks to it, saying, “Young man, I say to you, arise (Luke 7:14).” And, the young man does exactly that; He sits up and wants to have a conversation with Jesus. Jesus then gives this man back to his mother (Luke 7:15). Jesus restores to her what was lost and removes her pain. The crowd, of course, goes crazy, people are shouting, fear seizes them, and some rightly say,

“God has visited his people (Luke 7:16)!” Amid the chaotic crowd reacting to what Jesus just did, I imagine the mother holding her son close and, in just a twinkling of an eye, her pain and grief turn to joy. This is God’s power and promise at work for us.

God loves you. He sees you. He hears you. He knows your heartaches and pain. And, because of His love, He is moved by compassion for you. A compassion so strong that it caused our Lord Jesus, to give Himself over to death. A compassion so strong that you are not far from Him. Therefore, trust the God that loves you. Give Him your heartache and pain so that He may turn them into joy.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Trent Eastman



- 1 Titus Sierson
- 2 Joyce Adams
- 3 Robin Creasy
- 3 Sandra Crutchfield
- 4 Jimi Lawson
- 6 Jack Bishop
- 6 Pat Vickers
- 6 Sherry Walden
- 7 Anita Jones
- 8 Nancy Carter
- 8 Josh Dierdorff
- 8 Ethan Kelly
- 8 Charles Morris
- 8 John Stinespring
- 8 Annaleese Waugh
- 9 Ron Jarvis
- 9 Emma Kelly
- 10 Dan Beirne
- 10 Austin Mayer
- 10 Rebecca Powers
- 12 Coby Roland
- 12 Trevor Wilson
- 13 Aaron Brown
- 13 Ron Caviani
- 13 Ray Spencer
- 13 Reagan Waugh
- 14 Donna Best
- 15 Becky Crouch
- 15 Tiara Deuser
- 16 Cheryl Lawson
- 17 Hazel Kirschenmann
- 17 Kennedy Smith
- 19 Amy Lawson
- 19 Phil Simpson
- 19 Carolyn Spurlock
- 20 Shelli Dierdorff
- 21 Linda Miller
- 22 Zack Simpson
- 22 Jim Spurlock
- 24 LaAnna Blake
- 24 Tristyn Blake
- 24 Sylus Deuser
- 25 Ron Waugh
- 26 Tom Pauley
- 28 Carter Mann
- 29 Lauren Hanna
- 29 Nancy McSweeney
- 30 Scott Blake

David & Brenda Stevenson	Oct. 2 (50 <sup>th</sup> )
C.R. & Carrie Brown	Oct. 6
Bill & Oleta Dolen	Oct. 6
Trent & Christie Eastman	Oct. 6 (30 <sup>th</sup> )
Mitchell & Kaylie Redman	Oct. 8 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Chris & Jessica Chaney	Oct. 10
Mike & Kathy Via	Oct. 10
Charles & Becky Morris	Oct. 12
Harry & Kelli Estep	Oct. 21
Tracy & Teresa Foster	Oct. 22 (50 <sup>th</sup> )
Chelcie & Coralie Adkins	Oct. 23
Michael & Debi Campbell	Oct. 31

**Sunday, Oct. 24, for the November issue of Bridges**



**Sunday, November 7 2:00am**



**Note from Finance Board**

All boards, committees and staff who will make budget requests for 2022 need to submit the **request in writing to Darrell Walden or Pat Baisden by November 1, 2021.**



The September 8, Herald-Dispatch front page pictured Brian Casto as he was honored the preceding day at the Charleston Culture Center at West Virginia's "Celebration of Excellence Ceremony" as the "2022 Teacher of the Year." Brian is the 8th grade W.Va. Studies teacher at Milton Middle School. W. Clayton Burch, W.Va. Superintendent of Schools called him an exemplary teacher who embodies the purpose of the award. "He is an innovative educator who positively impacts his students and his community . . . and I know he will be an exceptional representative of W.Va and the profession as the Teacher of the Year. He will receive a car from Toyota to use for the year, \$5,000 from the Highmark W.Va and the Horace Mann Companies, \$500 from the American Federation of Teachers and \$1,000 school grant from W.Va. Education Association Foundation."

On the same day, WSAZ featured the story.



Congratulations Brian!!



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.





**Family Life Moment**

AWANA and Youth are meeting back in person and as exciting as it is to have all of the kids back in the building, I am reminded that the greatest share of discipleship happens at home. If you bring your kids to every service at New Baptist for a year that is 182 hours of contact. But if you spend 3 hours a day with your kids, between getting ready for school, driving to and from places, meals, and hang out times, not to mention weekends, you likely spend 10x more time with them. The point of Deuteronomy 6 is likely true that our faith is passed along as it is lived out and discussed in all aspects of life, not just the “holy” moments.

Please don’t hear me say having your kids in church isn’t important, because it absolutely is! The teaching, fellowship, encouragement, worship, and prayer that happens together as a community is a tremendous priority, so much so that the writer of Hebrews says “let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another” (10:25). But it is just a piece of the whole pie of the Christian life. We want to walk this journey of faith with you and your family, and so hope to provide resources and ideas that link what happens at home with what happens at church and vice-versa!

Scripture plays a BIG role in what happens at church and hopefully an equally big role at home. In addition to reading it and hearing it taught, we believe that memorizing scripture helps us grow. The Psalmist said that we hide God’s Word in our hearts to keep us from sinning, and it is God’s Word that shapes our thoughts, words, actions, and motivations as the Holy Spirit works in us.

Here are some ideas, as your kids are memorizing a verse for AWANA, make it a family activity. When I am trying to memorize a larger passage, I read the verse out loud 10 times, then say it without looking 10 times, the next day I say what I have memorized so far 1 time, and then read the next verse out loud 10 times and say it 10 times. This building and repetition could be modified, maybe your family reads each of your kids verses out loud 2 times in the morning, 2 times at dinner, and 2 times before bed, after doing this a few days, try to read it out loud once and then say it without looking once. By the time they get to AWANA they will have heard that verse and said it 25-30 times (I can do math but am trying to be gracious because we forget or get busy sometimes)

Maybe you have older kids, I am posting updates from youth each Thursday on the FB Parent page. You could read the chapter and pick a verse from it and as a family memorize that verse musing the method above. Post it on the refrigerator, the car dashboard, or on the bathroom mirror. I even have friends that make the verse their background on their phones.

Whatever your method of memorizing is, I challenge all ages of your family to give it a try. But don’t stop there, think about it and talk about it. Some might call it meditation, but I like to marinate in them. Like a good steak, as we sit with those verses, the words become part of us, and they become more than a sentence we can say, they shape the way we think, speak, and act. Discuss as a family how God is challenging you, how those scriptures are showing you areas you need to ask for forgiveness, seek God’s help, or change your behavior. How are they encouraging you and helping you see God work in the world and other people?

I’m excited to see how God uses the gift of AWANA and his Word dwelling inside us to shape our families to bless each other and the world!

Lee Boso <><

October is  
Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month.



**Unimaginable impact**

You don’t know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg, *The Life You’ve Always Wanted*

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

🍁🍁🍁 Don't you just love to watch the leaves on the trees change colors in October? There was a sugar maple across the road from the house where I grew up that was always SO beautiful--we would see strangers stop and take pictures of it! I can still see those amazing colors in my mind! God is such an awesome Painter and Creator! Lift your eyes to the hills and see His intricate handiwork!

🦋🦋🦋 LADIES' NIGHT OUT 2021 was such a success in so many ways! There were nearly 100 of us together, masked up and socially distanced, but still able to enjoy the presence of the Lord! From the beginning welcome and prayer by Christie Eastman to the closing prayer by Becky Crouch, we were blessed! Beautiful decorations, special music, Myrna's table grace song, delicious meals, outstanding presentations and testimony...we laughed and cried together through it all! Then we were truly fed and enlightened by the inspiring words of Jessica Kern Huff! She showed us through scripture and her own life stories that we can only be "Forgiven and Free" when we forgive ourselves and live in the forgiveness of our Lord. It's an evening we won't soon forget! Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it such a wonderful event! You know who you are...

📖📖📖 BIBLE STUDY is essential to Christians, and small groups are so very important to the way women grow. It's exciting to report that there are more than 50 ladies now involved in three different Bible studies! Two morning groups meet, one on Wednesdays and the other on Thursdays, at 9:30am to study "Gideon" by Priscilla Shirer. One Wednesday evening group also shares in the "Gideon" study at 6:30pm. We have two other studies on Wednesday evenings: "It's Not Supposed To Be This Way" by Lysa TerKeurst and "God of Creation" by Jen Wilkin. It is definitely NOT too late to join one of these small groups! You know you need it...and you will be blessed beyond measure!

🍁🦋📖 Romans 6:23 is a familiar verse to most of us, and the last part of it is our theme for the year. I pray you will meditate on it and rejoice in its promise."...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

*For Good...  
Dolores Adkins*



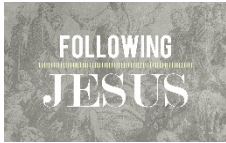
**Notes from New Baptist Choir (Karen Dailey, Director)**

This time of year, we are typically in the middle of our Christmas Cantata. Because of the high numbers in our county of Covid cases it is best for us to discontinue choir on a large scale. God can still be praised; His birth and life can still be celebrated. AND WE WILL! Soloist, family groups, quartets, etc. can lift our voices in praise to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Emmanuel, God is with us! Singing great songs of our faith help sustain us in every season of life. Songs and hymns are not sung, or shouldn't be, to entertain when the people's attention dwindles or to be bookends on a service. They should be powerful tools in which beautiful truth, set to melodious music, can inspire deeper faith. The songs we sing and listen to should always point us to God's wonderful attributes. Take, for example, the Psalms, or the songs of the Bible. They provide us beautiful words describing the attributes of God. Additionally, they show us how to live. A balanced diet of songs can provide us hope, help us cry out to Him in our joy and in our sorrow. For most of us, the daily stress of this world can often cause us to be unfocused or we have such a heaviness of heart that singing can choke in our souls, and perhaps, in our throats. In the times that we don't feel like singing is the time we need to listen, learn, and sing songs that recognize these realities yet lead us to the Rock that sustains us. The music we listen to, and sing should not help us escape from our lives but help us to gaze on the Savior of our lives for He is our refuge and help and comfort. (Paraphrased from "Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church" by Keith and Kristyn Getty.)



Thursday evenings  
5:30pm

**Items needed for Food Pantry**  
Juice boxes for the Backpack ministry.



There are two quotes in Dallas 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 two quotes are back-to-back and have made a powerful impact on me. As I have 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?”

I also have examined 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 asked myself, “Does my preaching emphasize the presents or His presence?” “Do I focus on the gifts rather than the love of the gift giver?”

I also recalled something that I think Dietrich Bonhoeffer said. Let me paraphrase. “The call to follow Jesus is a call to come and die.”

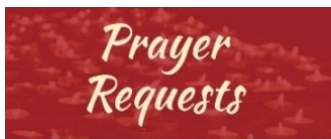
With that in mind, I asked, “Am I fulfilling my call and being true to the scripture by insinuating that the reason to follow Jesus is to:

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

The answer to that question is a resounding “NO” if that is what I am insinuating. We are called to follow and abide in Christ. We are 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.

It is an exciting to be part of what God is doing here at New Baptist.



**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, Nancy Adkins, Mickey Bane, Nancy Bane, Bill Bartram, Greg Benson, Jim & Jenny Benson, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Jack Cook, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Tessie Deuser, Tracy Foster, Toni Gygi, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Sandy James, Pete & Anita Jones, Amy Kelly, Kenny Kendall, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Virginia Lawrence, Joseph Leggott, Joyce Mannon, Holly Mathis, Roy Maynor, Mary McClure, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Charlie Morris, Grace Napier, Carol Newlon, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Ginger Poteete, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Vicki Rickard, Carol Richardson, Walter & Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Jo Anna Smith, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Rev. T. Webb, Richard Weston, Nolice White, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark & Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer, Bret Woodall, Darren Woody

**Additional Prayer Items:**

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| our pastors            | unsaved loved ones               |
| our community          | our government leaders           |
| our military personnel | those trying to flee Afghanistan |
| our country            | the people of Haiti              |
| all affected by covid  |                                  |



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Rev. Lee Boso  
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Rev. Robin Crouch  
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### 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

9:30am Ladies' Bible Study  
6:00 Awana  
Youth  
6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
Ladies' Bible Studies

#### Thursday

9:30am Ladies' Bible Study

**NBC Food Pantry  
Hours  
Tuesdays 10am – 2pm**

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*Please Join Us*  
**Thursday, October 21 -  
Friday, October 22, 2021**

## **156th Annual Meeting**

*of the West Virginia Baptist Convention*

**Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Hurricane**

*I have become all things to all men, so that I may by  
all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel,  
so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.*  
1 Corinthians 9:22b-23 (ESV)

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jeremy Myers**  
Lead Pastor, Seymour, Indiana First Baptist Church

**Annual Sermon Speaker: Rev. Rick Bergdoll**  
Pastor

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



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