



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - September 2021

We Pray to a Gracious God

If you have not heard, the Bible is extraordinary. It is amazing not only in the truth it reveals but also in the beauty of its structure. Recently I did a study of Psalm 132. The Psalm uses Hebrew Parallelism to define David's prayer to the Lord (verses 1-10) and the Lord's response to David (verses 11-18). David prays a big prayer. He prays that he will find a place for the Lord to dwell and that he may enjoy the presence of the Lord. He also prays that those who minister to the Lord, the Priests, may be allowed to come before the Lord. David ends his prayer in much the same way he started it by asking the Lord to hear his prayer and not be far off.

The Lord answers David's prayer over and above. David prayed that the Lord would be present, but the Lord answered and said that He, the Lord, has chosen Zion for His dwelling place. David prayed that the Lord would allow the priests to come before Him; the Lord answers and says that He, the Lord, will clothe the priests in His righteousness and salvation. David prays for the Lord not to forget him, and the Lord answered David's prayer by telling David that the Messiah shall come through him. The Lord answers David's prayers over and above to what David prayed. This tells us something about God.

It tells us that God's answer to our prayers is always greater than our prayers. That is worth repeating. **God's answer to your prayers is always greater than your prayers.** I think people tend to imagine God like some store clerk who counts beans - who gets out a scale and weighs the exact amount requested, and no more. That is not what our God is like; He is more like a cook who loves to feed people and always

loads up a person's plate beyond what they could possibly eat. The Lord always gives more than for what we ask, therefore go to the Lord and ask.

The question to you is, do you pray? Do you come before the Lord and ask Him

for what you need? Do you give to the Lord your dreams and hopes? Do you pray for those things and people that weigh heavy upon you? Do you pray? I know that Christians are quick to say they believe in prayer, but I am not sure they are always people of prayer. My challenge to you is to be intentional about your prayers. Don't assume that God knows and will provide, ask Him to do so. Go before the Lord and speak to Him; give Him your heart. And trust that God's answer to your prayers is always greater than your prayers. Jesus said in Matthew 6:8 that **"your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**

(THEREFORE) Pray!"

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent Eastman





Happy Anniversary

Richard & Debbie Weston	Sept. 10
Mark & Renee Kessinger	Sept. 22
Brian & Lacie Casto	Sept. 26
Gage & Taylor Ross	Sept. 26 (1 st)
Jerry & Jill Briggs	Sept. 28

- 1 Bob Carman
- 3 Kim Finley
Linda Hovey
Stephanie Spencer
- 4 Kyle Grimes
- 5 Chelcie Adkins
Kelli Estep
Spencer Moore
Delaney Waugh
- 6 Betty Blankenship
Roger Waugh
- 7 Ann Spurlock
- 8 Lynn Barcus
Jason Roland
Caitlin Wilson
- 10 Bethany Cox
Meredith Hufford
Sandy Pemberton
Jessica Pennington
- 11 Jonah Cruz
- 12 Kaylie Redman
Madison Vanover
- 13 Brian Casto
Susan Sullivan
- 15 Max Noble
- 16 Joyce Mannon
- 17 Brooks Boso
- 18 Carmen Boso
Jase Casto
- 19 Emma Mannon
- 20 Jill Briggs
Richard Crank
Christie Eastman
Jeff Wise
- 21 Joshua Eastman
- 22 Virgil Kelly
Kathy Meadows
- 23 Carla Booth
Andrew Dutton
Rick Elam
- 24 Toni Collins
- 25 Virginia Lawrence
- 26 Judy Hatfield
- 27 Lisa Daniels
Lois Merritt
- 28 Brenda Stevenson
- 29 David Cooper



The Bereans are traveling to **Amish country** in Ohio by motor coach and **you are invited to come aboard**. The trip will be **October 7 & 8**, leaving from the church early on Thursday and coming back Friday evening. The trip will be jam packed with fun, food, and festivities. Included in our journey will be visits to the Smuckers Store, Lehman’s Hardware, a tour and buggy ride at an Amish farm, a visit to David Warther’s Carvings in Sugarcreek, plus stops at an

Amish store and Heini’s cheese and bakery. Thursday evening, we will be treated to a variety show at the Amish Country Theater in Millersburg. There will also be time for shopping in Berlin. Friday evening before we return home you will enjoy a family style dinner at an Amish home. We will be **staying at the Holiday Inn in Millersburg**. With the exception of two lunches on your own, the cost for the trip is all inclusive including gratuities. For **double occupancy, the cost is \$298 per person**. For **single occupancy, \$390 per person**. Please call or text Bob Smith at 740.479.1298 or email at robksmith38@comcast.net to make your reservations. And don’t forget the bonus. The leaves should be beautiful as we head north that time of year.

Deadline for payment is Sunday, September 5th.

August Newsletter from **Drew Osenbach** (serving with CRU)

Drew writes - “Imagine waking up every morning and having to make the decision between power, water or food. You live in a country where there is not enough access to those three things. Three things that we would say are basic necessities of life. What would you pick? The other day I got the opportunity to help make this decision easier for people. I had the opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic with an organization called **Filter of Hope**. Filter of Hope is an organization that hopes to provide clean drinking water for people while also introducing people to Jesus who provides us living water. I was asked to go on this trip to get a glimpse of how Cru, specifically university students could partner and participate in future opportunities. And wow, was I impressed. We were given many opportunities to share the Gospel with people in just a few days. We also were able to help install some water filters that will hopefully be able to provide families with clean drinking water for the next 10 years. Hopefully, in the future we can take university students on a trip with us. Our hope and prayer would be that students get a bigger picture of the world and would also grow in a love of sharing the Gospel.”

Drew also included these prayer points:

1. Students starting back up this fall at Marshall – that they would hear and respond to the Gospel.
2. Continued recovery from my time abroad.
3. For Filter of Hope – that they would be able to continue gifting the world with clean water and the living water offered from Jesus



SEPTEMBER is such an exciting month for Women's Ministry at New Baptist Church...we look forward to Ladies' Night Out and then for our Bible studies to begin! We are praying for God's blessings to FALL on us as we pursue Him in these ways this month.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT is **SEPTEMBER 9th at 6:30pm**. We are privileged to have **JESSICA KERN HUFF** as our special **guest speaker** for the evening. Jessica is the wife of Marshall Head Football Coach, Charles Huff, but that is certainly not her only claim to fame! She has been both a professional basketball player and coach, and is now a motivational speaker providing student scholarships through her Jessica Kern Foundation. We look forward to hearing her message for us based on the evening's theme, "FORGIVEN and FREE." The entire evening promises to be one not to miss, including our meals from Honey Baked Ham! Please sign up with a table hostess or on the sheet in the church foyer soon--before tables fill up!

BIBLE STUDY will begin **Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30pm**. **Paula Holley** will lead "Gideon" by Priscilla Shirer and **Kristi Haney** will lead "It's Not Supposed to be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst. On Thursday, September 23 at 9:30am, **Suzanne McCallister** will lead "Gideon" for our morning ladies. A third study may be offered on a different evening/morning IF there is enough interest. Since workbooks must be ordered, signups will close out on Wednesday, September 15!

Keep our new theme verse from Romans 6:23 in your heart... "The gift of is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." And please remember that in planning Ladies' Night Out and Fall Bible studies, we are trying to be as safe as possible. We know things can change in an instant, so we are open to whatever precautions New Baptist Church decides to follow with COVID guidelines. Please watch and listen for announcements at church and on our Facebook page.

For Good...
Dolores Adkins

Deadline for info for October Bridges newsletter is Sunday, September 24.



From Children's Director,
Debbie Harman.
You can reach Debbie by phone
at
304-544-391
or email
Deborah.harman@frontier.com

Awana —
Awana **starts Wednesday, September 15th** and we are so excited!
We will start a new year of learning about our Father, memorizing verses, fellowship, fun and games!
If you would like to be a teacher/room helper, listener, game helper, or substitute, let me know and we can get you started!

Children's Ministry
If you could help in Sunday school for Nursery please let me know as soon as possible.
Please, be watching next month for an introduction to more of our helpers in Children's Ministry!
If you are interested in keeping up with the most recent Children's Ministry News, please make sure you are able to access the Parent Page on Facebook.

“The Least of These...”

Each week our Food Pantry provides food for many families and individuals. Some are the working poor and others are out of work with no place else to turn. We also serve the homeless. I want to commend the workers for their tireless and faithful service to the Food Pantry. Each individual client is treated with respect and greeted with a loving spirit. Because of this ministry many people in our city know that God and the people of New Baptist Church care for them.

The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00-2:00 and volunteers can always be put to work. If you have some time on Tuesday, let me invite you to come and help us serve our community. Contact Joyce Mannon or the church office if you are interested in being part of this great ministry.

I shared the above ministry because I think it gives some context to something that occurred on Wednesday Evening, August 18. It speaks to how we are known in our community. At the end of our prayer time and as I was beginning the message, I saw a gentleman standing in the doorway of the sanctuary. As I began speaking, he began to walk toward the front, and I thought he might be looking for a place to sit. He continued and walked right up to me. His appearance was disheveled and he had been drinking. I confess that my thought was what will I do when he asks for money in front of the congregation. His first words to me were, “I just want to be forgiven.” I thank God for a congregation that allowed me to step aside and talk with “Doodle”. Emmitt Adkins and I took him into the choir room and spoke with him. We assured him of God’s love and forgiveness that is found in Jesus. While we were speaking with him the congregation began to pray for him and for me and Emmitt.

Why would “Doodle” come to New Baptist Church to ask how to be forgiven. I think it is because we as a church are known as a people that love God and where people in need are welcome. “Doodle” shared with Emmitt and me that he was a Christian but was struggling with things in his past that he did not think God would forgive. For me that was a holy interruption and a great reminder of who we are and what we are to be about.

Thank you for continually demonstrating the love of Christ by ministering to “the least of these...” in our community.



5:30 - 6:30 Thursday Evenings
Beginning Sept. 16

Please come and bring a friend to
enjoy the evening!

Enter on the WildSide
(Fellowship Hall entrance)

No child care available.

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

Items needed for Food Pantry

Single serving size of mac & cheese
to place in backpacks



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Due to rising Covid numbers, Judy’s Shawls will not meet in September. We will continue to monitor the stats and when we feel that it is safe for us to meet again we will plan another meeting.

Thoughts from Pastor Lee



It is a joy to be part of a multigenerational congregation like New Baptist Church. The joy of having many generations together also brings challenges as we, unsurprisingly, do not all see things the same way. I am currently reading the book “3 Big Questions that Change Every Teenager” by Kara Powell and Brad Griffin. After surveying teenagers, they discovered these three questions most teenagers are asking:

- Who am I? (Identity)
- Where do I fit? (Belonging)
- What difference can I make? (purpose)

In reality, many of us adults still grapple with the same questions. Through a long series of research projects which you can find at www.fulleryouthinstitute.org, they have discovered that churches that have younger generations represented provide space to listen to and empathize with young people.

I have written many times about the influence of Deuteronomy 6 in our ministries to youth, children, families, college students, and young adults and how important walking with each other is to passing along faith. Talking about the Word of God wherever we are (v.7) creates an opportunity for dialogue and to encounter God at work in our lives together as a family and a church. Often we as adults are guilty of talking more than we listen, but if we can learn to ask good questions we will learn the heart of those we are walking with and can journey together deeper into the heart of God. Asking questions and listening creates space for kids to ask questions. Powell stresses the importance for the church to be a safe place for kids to ask questions.

If you are interested as a parent, grandparent, or person that is walking with younger people in engaging deeper discussion with teenagers, here are 3 questions that may get you started:

- If you could ask God any question, what would it be?
- What do you now believe that you think I don't believe?
- What do you no longer believe that you think I still believe?

These open the door to discuss God's Word, cultural challenges, and where are we diverging and how can we discuss these. We must be aware that sometimes “we want young people's faith to grow but don't want them to change.” But our ultimate goal should be to help them encounter God, grapple with His Word, and apply it to their lives as they faithfully trust God. And if we're lucky, we may grow and learn along the way too!

If you'd like more resources or to dive deeper into this book, reach out to me at the church office or via email: leebos@gmail.com. Praying for you as you continue this journey of faith with your family!



Apple Butter Weekend is for the whole Church Family on the Booth Farm.

3083 Malcolm Road

Barboursville WV

304.617.7289

Save the date for **September 24 & 25th** for some fun with family and friends!

After a one year covid hiatus **Apple butter 2021** is back (we hope?!?!?)!!

Hoping to see all of our friends. ♥

♥We will have hayrides, bonfire camp songs, corn hole,

Games, on **Friday evening** starting at 6pm 🍏

Bring your own hot dogs and marshmallows to roast! We will provide condiments and hot dog sauce/chili.

🍏Starting the kettle at **6am Saturday morning**..

🍏Come camp ▲ overnight with us and help us get started, then take turns stirring all day!!

🍏Hayrides continue during the day Saturday.

We hope to can the apple butter by 4ish then set the table for a covered dish dinner at 5pm....??

We will be making 5 gallons of homemade pumpkin ice cream after lunch and 5 gallons of vanilla ice cream for dinner. You can help us make apple cider before lunch with the cider press.



Notes from New Baptist Choir (Karen Dailey, Director)

From Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, and Church by Keith and Kristyn Getty we read that “Songs are food for the soul and what you sing or don’t sing, changes you.” As the old saying goes, you are what you eat, don’t you think it is imperative that your body and soul has a good, balanced diet of gospel truth that builds you up for your working week, your times of trial and for each season of life? What we listen to stays ingrained in our thoughts and shape our actions. Singing files away the messages that the lyrics convey in our hearts and minds. Therefore, Christ-filled songs can help motivate us; they help support us when we lack courage and need our faith bolstered. They help us remember Scripture. Christ’s truths in song help uproot the worry weeds and the fears that trip us up! They provide comfort in times of trouble and provide opportunity to share hope and joy in times of celebration. Singing songs of the Lord keeps the right voice loudest in our ears.

We need to repeatedly sing of how we were once condemned to die without a hint of hope but because God sent his Son into the world to provide a way for the salvation of all, we now have hope. Today’s culture says that “with enough education, or therapy, or reasoned thought we can sort out any problem,” or “God helps those who help themselves,” or “live and let live, coexisting together.” Consider the lyrics of “Rock of Ages” (written in 1763) that have stood the test of time AND truth:

*Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress
Helpless, look to Thee for grace
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me Savior or I die.*

And yes, contemporary praise and worship songs also have Biblical truths. Consider the lyrics of “Living Hope” (written in 2018) by Phil Wickham:

*Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I’m Your forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain, there’s salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope!*



Let the words you sing on Sunday or listen to throughout the week impact your life. Make sure the words that are feeding your soul are strengthening, encouraging, training and comforting you. You are what you eat...and hear.

We are praying that as a choir we will be able to continue singing words of hope and encouragement throughout this next phase of the Covid-19 and Delta Variant pandemic.

Power in weakness (from the NewsletterNewsletter)

In the late 1970s, Henry Smith was struggling to find work after finishing his education. He also lived with a degenerative disease that caused him to become legally blind. But one day he heard a pastor explain that Jesus became poor so we might become rich through him. This idea inspired Smith to craft a song of thanks for God’s gift of Jesus. Though Smith wrote more than 300 songs, only this one became widely known (sometimes labeled “author unknown” or misattributed, but finally rightfully credited to him).

“Give thanks with a grateful heart,” the song begins exuberantly. One of its most poignant lines urges, “Let the weak say, I am strong ... because of what the Lord has done for us.” Across two millennia, Smith’s words and faith echo the apostle Paul: “[The Lord] said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me” (2 Corinthians 12:9, NRSV).



Prayer Concerns

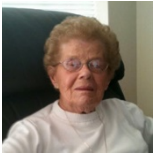
(Please let the church office know if there are any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer concern list.)

Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Chelcie & Coralie Adkins, Nancy Adkins, Mickey Bane, Nancy Bane, 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, John & Linda Hovey, Sandy James, Pete & Anita Jones, 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, 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 |

Death in the Church Family:



Anna Holstein, 97, of Huntington, WV, passed away Monday, August 2, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar, a daughter, granddaughter and two brothers. Anna was a retired secretary for St. Mary’s Medical Center, was a member of the former Highlawn Baptist Church and was currently a member of New Baptist. Survivors include a daughter, Robin (Roger) Robinette, two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, a sister and numerous nieces and nephews.



Patty Green, 90 (a.k.a. professionally as Patricia Green) passed away Sunday morning, August 22, 2021 leaving behind a host of students who loved her dearly, the entire congregation of New Baptist Church including the Bykota Sunday School Class. Patty was baptized May 28, 1944, at the former 20th Street Baptist Church and lived her life as a true servant of her Lord. She was firm with her students but always gentle, inspiring them to love making music almost as much she did. In turn, they “rose up and called her blessed.” She was very generous with her talent and enjoyed playing sacred and classical music as well as just fiddlin’ around with her famous rendition of Orange Blossom Special. She was a professor of music at Marshall University and Concert Master of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra for 25 years. Most of all, though, she loved to play the simple hymns to honor the Lord in our worship services.

After a fall on an icy step, the surgeon told her she would never play the violin again. He did not know Patty very well. She worked tirelessly to regain her ability to play and on the first day that she was able to play in church again, there wasn’t a dry eye in the house.

“I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music.”
—J.S. Bach

The log in your eye

This humorous illustration of how *not* to get along at college also demonstrates Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 7:3-5.

A young man from Scotland went to study at an English university. A month into the school year, his mother visited and asked how he liked living in the dorm. “It’s awful!” he exclaimed. “The fellow in the room next door bangs his head on the wall constantly, and the one on the other side screams all day.”

“How do you stand it?” his mother asked in amazement.

“Oh, I ignore them,” her son replied. “I just sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes.”



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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)

Wednesday

- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Children's Activities
Youth
Awana (Sept. – May)
- 7:30 Choir Practice

NBC Food Pantry
August & Sept. Hours
Tuesdays 10am – 2pm

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May the Lord make your love an increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12

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MEDITATION/PRAYER ROOM

SPEAKER: AMY BUSH

CHRISTIAN COMEDIANS

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MONA GOODALL (\$10 DONATION)

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EARLY REGISTRATION: FRIDAY, 7:00-9:00 PM

REGISTRATION: SATURDAY, 8:30 AM



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
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