Elijah arrives at the mountain and hides himself in a cave. The Lord comes to meet him and in His coming there were strong winds that tore at the mountain; the earth shook, stones fell and a fire blazed. The scripture says though that the Lord was not in the earth, wind or fire but instead spoke to Elijah through a gentle whisper. In my mind I picture Elijah’s soul like a scared and wounded wild animal that is hiding. I imagine the Lord’s gentle whisper to be like how a person may speak to frighten animal to get that animal to show himself and draw near. Elijah comes out from hiding and does show himself to the Lord and in so doing was able to find comfort in His arms. This gentleness of God glimpsed by Elijah is seen fully in Jesus. Our Lord said to the crowds that surrounded him “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:29 ESV).” He wept over Jerusalem, He embraced the mother’s son who had died, He welcomed the small children to Himself, and He was even gentle to those shunned by society or caught in sin. Today, I believe that the gentleness of God continues to whisper to our souls calling us to find comfort in His arms. And, like King David when he looked back across his life, may we too be able to give the same testimony “You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your gentleness made me great” 2 Samuel 22:36).

Grace and Peace
Pastor Trent
April Birthdays

4 – Donna Norris
6 – Cam Brown
8 – Mary Clifton
9 – Joe Anderson
   Linda Cummings
   Phillip Jones
   Pearl Miller (105 years young)
11 – Lisa Blake
   Bradley Chenaught
12 – Sharon Blume
   Cooper Manchester
13 – Gracie Morgan
17 – Pete Jones
   Judy Lantz
   Jim Sanborn
18 - Jonah Egan
   Betty Owens
20 – Brenda Bates
   Mitchell Hall
   Bret Woodall
23 – Norm Allred
   Toni Gygi
   Bessie Vanover
24 – Bob Smith
25 – Melanie Mullins
26 – Thressa Dillon
   Paula Holley
   Jenneth Lemley
27 – Michael Campbell
28 – Kyle Cook
   Gloria Holmes
29 – Becky Davis
   Connie Richards
   Earl Trawick
30 – Katrina Eskins

Fiona Rushton, daughter of Tom & Cathy Ruston, won 3rd place in Humorous Interpretation in a recent Speech and Debate competition.

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Ladies’ Bible studies on Wednesday morning and evening will be finishing up this month. The hope is that these studies prepare our hearts to know God better, to love Him more, and to take His Word and His Love to the world around us!

Heartfelt thanks goes out to all who participated--and especially to those who facilitated the classes!

We will be taking a break from this month until September, when we will again kick things off with our annual Ladies’ Night Out. Mark your calendars for that on September 5, and then for beginning new studies on September 11. Details will be given in the August newsletter.

In the meantime, keep yourselves in God’s amazing and awesome Word! Follow a plan for daily reading, get into one of our great Sunday school classes, memorize the monthly passages, and attend any of the other opportunities at New Baptist for digging deeper into God’s Word!

You are all beautiful daughters of the King!

For Good...

Dolores Adkins
"If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look 'little' or 'big.'" –*Elisabeth Elliot*

**From Pastor Lee Boso**

Work. How do you talk about it, how do you think about it, what do your kids think about it? Is work just a way of getting a paycheck to pay the bills? Is it a necessary evil that we must endure to get to the next weekend or vacation? What if we thought about work differently? What if we were meant to work? In *Every Good Endeavor*, Timothy Keller asks the question: “How do we connect what we do on Sunday morning with what we do during the rest of the week?” Keller looks at the biblical story of humanity as a partnership between God and humanity from the beginning when we were given the task fill the earth and subdue it (Genesis 1). It wasn’t until after the fall in Genesis 3 that that the pain and struggle of work became a curse. God continues to work, in Philippians 1:6 Paul says that God “who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” God not only created in 6 days and then rested, but continues to sustain creation.

As I’ve read this book, I’ve been thinking about how we as parents view and talk about work at home will impact our kid’s thoughts on work, much in the way our parent’s views impacted us. What if we are created by God to do good things that God prepared for us to do? If those verses are for all Christians as opposed to just those that work in the religious or non-profit world, then teachers, accountants, plumbers, engineers, pilots, chefs, and cashiers all play a role in God’s work in the world. This is an even more rich way to think about the body of Christ, not just functioning in the church, but functioning in the world. Each person, using their skills and passions to work, whatever that work may be, to the glory of God. How would that change the way we talk about cleaning up toys in the floor, making messes with food at the table, or contributing to chores? If each person has a role to play and skills (age appropriate) so we can be a blessing wherever we are (even at home and school).

Keller asks this about changing the way we think about work: “The question regarding our choice of work is no longer 'What will make me the most money and give me the most status?' The question must now be 'How, with my existing abilities and opportunities, can I be of greatest service to other people, knowing what I do of God’s will and of human need?'” What would changing our thinking about work and purpose in this world do to change the way we teach our children? How can we provide opportunities and build skills in our kids that help them serve other people and God?

So as you think this week, how can you help your kids connect what they hear on Sunday’s or Wednesday’s to what they do during the week? How can your family view their role in God’s world as a way to bless the nations (maybe by starting off with your neighbors)? What skill, trade, or passion has God given you or those in your family that meets a human need? How does using that skill excellently, as if serving God (Colossians 2:23), change the way you do things or the way you feel about what you do?

I know I’ve asked more questions than answered, but hope this helps us to consider how God is inviting us to partner in his work in the world. Praying for you and your family!

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1 (Keller 2012, 69)
2 (Keller 2012, 57)
Welcome New Babies

Ezra Philip Brumfield
February 25, 2019
Proud Parents:
Patrick Brumfield and Faith Watkins

Matthew Scott Chaney
March 5, 2019
Proud Parents:
Chris and Jessica Chaney

Women’s Camp 2019
Welcome
as we have been welcomed into the family of God, we hope to learn how to be hospitable in loving others into the family of God.

April 5-7
Camp Cowen

$45 for the weekend (includes all meals)
The weekend is focused on uniting generations of women with ages ranging from 18 to 95.

Empty Bowls 2019
(to benefit the Facing Hunger Food Bank)

Friday, April 12, 2019
10:30am – 2:30pm

Marshall University ceramics students are working diligently this semester to prepare for this year’s event. Bowls will be $15 and a modest soup lunch will be served! All proceeds will go to the Facing Hunger Foodbank! Come pick out a few bowls, let the Marshall art students know what you think of their creations, eat some lunch, and simultaneously help overcome food insecurity and hunger in over 16 counties in WV, OH and KY.

First Presbyterian Church
1015 5th Avenue

Baby Shower
Honoring: Faith Watkins and Baby Ezra
Tuesday, April 2; 6:30pm
New Baptist Church
RSVP: Pat Baisden, 304-690-2253
Faith is registered at WalMart.

Judy’s Shawls

Monday, April 1, 6:30pm
in the Bykota room. Anyone who knits or crochets or who wants to learn how is welcome to join us.
Thank you to everyone who donated to the youth mission luncheon in March. Donations totaled $1,216.64. All donations will go toward their summer mission project.

**Pastor Dasnis & Haiti:**
It was wonderful to hear from Pastor Dasnis a few weeks ago at an evening service. He assured us that Haiti was safe and the rioting had ceased. It is always a pleasure to hear from him about his ministry.

**Food Pantry February Report:**
- 226 families
- 537 people (164 children, 280 adults, 93 seniors)
- 108 hygiene kits
- 320 backpacks

**Upcoming Dates:**
- **Wednesday, April 3,** we will hear a report from our Haiti mission team. They will be reporting about their week-long trip to Friends of Ft. Liberte’ with Pastor Dasnsi. You won’t want to miss this evening.
- **Sunday, April 14,** will be our monthly mission luncheon to support Pastor Dasnis’s ministry in Haiti. Potluck is on the menu. Go ahead and start thinking of what you want to bring to share with your church family.
- **Saturday, April 20,** we will meet at the Veterans Home in Barboursville at 9:00 to assemble Easter baskets for the residents. This year we will be assembling/filling 87 baskets. You are not too young or too old to join us that morning. It is a great time stuffing baskets, praying over them and interacting with the residents. Typically, this event lasts 1-2 hours. Come for all or part of the time.
- **Wednesday, April 24,** we will hear from A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center. They will be sharing about their ministry and that night will kick off our annual baby bottle drive. This event allows you collect spare change, dollars or checks in a baby bottle to help support the ministry they are providing to families in our community.
- Go ahead and mark your calendar for our annual Fall Festival Trunk and Treat on Saturday October 26.

**Service Opportunities:**
- **Plain Mats:** many of you are aware that we crochet mats for the homeless out of plastic grocery bags. We are in need of a few volunteers that could help us crochet these mats. We can teach you how...you just have to be willing to learn. See Sandy Pemberton for more details.
- **Ronald McDonald House:** we are always collecting pop tabs (from soda, soup cans, pet food cans, etc) to give to the RMH. They use these to help pay their utility bills. You can drop your pop tabs off at the mission board in the back of the sanctuary.

**Food Pantry Need of the Month**
**Plastic Bags** – Believe it or not we have exhausted our supply and would appreciate your donation of bags.
Many in our church are facing incredible storms in their lives. For some these storms are medical, upcoming surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and rehabilitation. For some it is family or relationship issues. For others it is the being unemployed or under employed because of the economic conditions in our state. These storms make the days ahead uncertain and filled with anxiety. I ran across the following and thought I would share it with you. **Eagles in a Storm**

An eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks. The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm. When the storms of life come upon us - and all of us will experience them - we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God’s power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm. Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them. The Bible says, “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.” (Isaiah 40:31a)

The power of the Risen Savior in our lives makes this soaring possible. As we approach Easter this year, will you experience that power? It is available to you by faith and trust in Jesus Christ. That seems to be such an elementary statement but all too often we forget. The Holy Spirit lives in each believer and His power is unleashed in us by faith. Our task is to learn to live by faith daily.

Easter is the most exciting time of the year for the Christian and there is no better time to invite your friends to come with you to worship and just maybe they too will experience the power of the resurrection in their lives and soar above the storms.

Let me also invite all you seniors to join us for the Sr. Adult luncheon on Thursday, April 18, at noon on the Wildside. This is always a great time of fellowship and I want to thank Roy Maynor for his work and commitment in planning and leading these luncheons.

I also want to remind the men of our Men’s Fellowship on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30. Bob Smith is hosting us at his home, 3 Sentiment Way, Suite A, Barboursville. Bring a snack to share.

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**Pancake Festival Update**

The Kiwanis Club of East Huntington wants to thank the members of New Baptist Church for all your support and the use of your building, without which we would not be able to raise the funds to support our many, many community projects throughout the year. During our 60th annual pancake festival, we served 2,651 meals in 11 hours. That is a 40 meal increase from last year with one less hour of serving. Once again thank you so much for supporting our community service organization.
Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon  
Thursday, April 18, 2019

**Program:** Keith Matheny, Mentalist & Motivational Speaker  
*Catered by* The Scrumptious Company  
*Menu:* Meatloaf, garden salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert

**Donations accepted to help cover the cost.**

Program: Every year we search for an entertaining and exceptional program for our April Meeting because we want to start our year off with a memorable experience. It just so happens that Lois Merritt had told me about a former student of hers that does a mentalist program. I contacted him and he was available for our April meeting so our program will be presented by Keith Matheny, a mentalist and motivational speaker.

Keith’s programs combine audience participation with extraordinary demonstrations of the power and ability of the mind. They are geared toward helping people achieve greater results, overcome obstacles, manage change, and expand the horizon of possibility. During a typical program he predicts answers to math problems before they are created, reveals words that have been merely thought of, and describes objects held by audience members while he is heavily blindfolded. He shares these demonstrations to help people unlock imaginary boundaries in their own minds. During one demonstration Keith risks his performance fee on a prediction. If he fails, he forfeits his check and the show is free! Keith does not claim to be a psychic or involve anything supernatural. He does not use any confederates or “stooges” to accomplish these demonstrations and offers $50,000 to anyone who can prove otherwise.

Since 1989, he has toured nationally and has appeared and consulted with such groups and companies as Procter & Gamble, the U.S. Naval Academy, the Opryland Hotel, AT&T, General Electric, IBM, and Delta Airlines. He has also appeared five times for the West Virginia University Mountaineer football team. His presentation is humorous, clean-cut, motivational, and highly entertaining.

Keith is a native of Huntington, West Virginia where he graduated from Huntington East High School in 1978 and also attended Marshall University. He has been an independent businessman since 1985 and has been entertaining and doing motivational programs for over 30 years. He is a born again Christian and attends Lewis Memorial Baptist Church. Come out and enjoy this great program, food, fun and fellowship. I guarantee you will be scratching your head when you leave wondering how Keith did what you just witnessed.

**NOTE:** Keith said Lois Merritt was one of his favorite teachers of all times and he emphasized that he really means it!

**SPECIAL NOTE: WE THINK THIS PROGRAM WILL BE WELL ATTENDED AND SINCE WE ARE PROVIDING A CATERED MEAL, WE NEED TO GIVE THE CATERER A REALISTIC NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO PREPARE FOR. THEREFORE, WE ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE BY CALLING PAT BAISDEN AT NEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 304-523-3355 OPTION 4, OR ROY MAYNOR, 304-633-0013, NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY APRIL 10 AND LETTING US KNOW YOU WILL ATTEND. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Roy Maynor

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The man who has struggled to purify himself and has had nothing but repeated failures will experience real relief when he stops tinkering with his soul and looks away to the perfect One. While he looks at Christ, the very things he has so long been trying to do will be getting done within him.

-A.W. Tozer
Meanings in the Passover Meal

Jesus instituted Communion while celebrating the Jewish Passover with his disciples. The meal’s ritual foods hold meaning for Christians, too, because our faith story is interwoven with that of Judaism.

**Matzoh:** This unraised bread recalls the Israelites’ hasty departure from oppression in Egypt. Jesus used the Passover bread to symbolize his body, which delivers us from bondage to sin and death.

**Salt water:** It symbolizes the tears of the Hebrews and of all who suffer in any time and place. Christians believe that in Jesus, God embraced human suffering so we need never face it alone.

**Parsley:** Dipped in the salt water, this green, leafy vegetable represents the Hebrews’ rebirth out of sorrow into the joy of freedom. Easter’s celebration of resurrection proclaims a coming day when God “will wipe every tear from [our] eyes [and] there will be no more death” (Revelation 21:4, NIV).

**Shankbone:** A lamb slaughtered for each Hebrew household meant life for those within. The meat strengthened them for the escape journey, and the blood, swabbed on their doorframe, signaled for Death to “pass over.” Jesus used wine at the Passover meal to symbolize his blood — of the Lamb of God — which he would shed for our salvation.

**Egg:** For Jews celebrating Passover, an egg symbolizes memory of the Exodus and renewal of faith. For Christians at Easter, eggs — especially open, empty ones — call to mind Jesus’ empty tomb, renewal and abundant life.

Our church pictorial directory helps us to put names with faces we see each Sunday. We want YOU to be a part of our directory. All we need is your basic information and a photo of you or you can email us a picture and your information to the church email (newbaptist2008@gmail.com). For information on how to access the directory online, please contact the church office.
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, Donna Best, Tom & Laura Blake, Mary Carter, Hannah Caserta, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Christie Eastman, Tracy Foster, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, David High, Anna Holstein, John Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Peggy Jeffrey, Allison Sheils Kays, Gabriel Kennedy, Virginia Lawrence, Betty Maynor, Linda Miller, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Jane Napier, Marie Nelson, Barbara Pauley, Bill & Paula Peyton, Jack Rickman, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Keith & Bonnie Simpkins, Jim Spurlock, Linda Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, Judy Swann, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Dave Watkins, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer

Pray also for our pastors and our church; the community around us; unsaved loved ones; our military personnel; our government leaders; our country

Fascinating Tidbits & Trivia from Today’s Christian

- **Shine on, Artificial Moon** – China says it plans to launch an artificial moon into orbit above the city of Chengdu in 2020. The satellite will be equipped with a reflective coating that will direct the sun’s rays down onto the city at night, making streetlights unnecessary.

- **Please Rob Me Later** – A Belgian shopkeeper foiled an armed robbery by simply asking the thieves to return at another time. Six men entered the shop around 3pm one day with the intention of robbing it, but the proprietor suggested they return at closing time, when the cash register would contain more money for the taking. The men complied, but they were a little overeager to get back, returning an hour before the shop closed. The shopkeeper told them “You have to buy a watch. It’s 5:30, not 6:30.” And once again they headed out the door. When they finally came back at closing time, the police were waiting for them. “It was like a comedy,” the store owner said.

- **How Much Wood?** – The groundhog, aka woodchuck, doesn’t really enjoy snacking on wood. In spite of that, researchers recently discovered just how much wood a groundhog can eat. The woodchucks in the study gnawed approximately 22 cubic inches of wood each day. They had few other options for food over the course of the 12-day study, so it wrapped up pretty quickly. And now as a result, the question of how much wood could a woodchuck chuck is no longer rhetorical.

Trustee Notes

Thank you Jim Benson, with Carl Pemberton’s help, for giving the whole Wildside a new coat of paint. Great job and everything looks so much cleaner.

Thanks to Kevin Skaggs, helped by other trustees and a special ladder, the east stairwell is fully lit. First time in a long time.

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Omega will be a time of fellowship, worship, teaching and fun as we close out our study of how to incorporate Jesus into every aspect of our lives!

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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
6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Children’s Programming
Youth Pods

Join us for our Holy Week Services

Sanctuary Choir Easter Cantata
My Easter Story
Palm Sunday, April 14 – 11:00am

Good Friday Candlelight & Communion Service
April 19 - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service –
Sunday, April 21 – 6:45am

Easter Sunday Worship & Praise
“The Power of the Resurrection!”
Sunday, April 21 – 11:00am

New Baptist Church Food Pantry
Tuesdays    10am-4pm