



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - February 2019

Living Filled

Growing up in the Northwest, my family spent many summer holidays at the mountain lake of Wallowa. I can still remember the ice cold and crystal waters in which we spent hours swimming. Normally, a number of little creeks maintained the depth and purity of Wallowa Lake and kept the single outflow always flowing from its overflow. Some summers though, we had drought, which meant that there was no water entering the lake. When no water was replenishing the lake, its clear waters became murky, its sweet smell of mountain flowers turned to the smell of algae, and the constant flowing outflow dried up.

The mountain lake of Wallowa is a good image to describe what it looks like to live this life being a disciple of Jesus. When a believer is honestly seeking the Lord, they find their lives filled with the waters of God's grace. The ordinary ordained waters that fill our lives are such things as prayers, Holy Scripture, and the community of believers. When we seek God and wait in these things our lives find refreshment to the point of overflowing into the lives of others.

Sometimes I hear people talk about being burned out, or dried up, language that kind of describes what Wallowa Lake is like when there is a drought. The feeling is that they just cannot give of themselves any more, so they pull out of ministry, even out of church,

and sometimes from Christ all together. Their souls have become dried, hard, smelly and murky. How does a Christian keep him or herself from drying up? The answer is very simply; keep waiting in the streams of flowing grace. Keep your soul open to real prayer, faithful ingesting of God's word, and courageous fellowship among believers. God of course works in many ways, and there are many creeks that help keep the mountain lake pure and overflowing, but God's Word, prayer, and communion are the major tributaries.



How is it with your soul? What is the depth? What is the purity? What is the inflow? What is the outflow?

Do you want to do great things for God and His Kingdom? If so, begin first with simply filling your own soul with God. We (believers of Jesus) are more like lakes than

rivers, for in lakes there is always an overflow coming out, but also a deep reservoir that never goes dry.

"Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

Pastor Trent -



- 1 - Eli Eagan
Debbie Harman
Warren Napier
- 2 - Chris Chaney
Curt Mann
Terry Smith
- 4 - Tyler Hampton
Ripley Haney
- 5 - Gary Norris
Amy Smith
Taryn Elise Wilson (1st)
- 7 - Alissa Stricker
- 8 - Jeremiah Cruz
- Tammy Hager
- 9 - Carrie Brown
- 10 - Suzanne McCallister
- 11 - Leigh Frye
- 13 - Mary MacClellan
- 14 - Betty Jo Patton
Marion Sansom
- 15 - Regan Alford
- 16 - Charles Bonecutter
C.R. Brown
- 18 - Gavin Blake
Darrell Walden
Josiah Wise
- 19 - Charlene Kendall
- 20 - Sharon Blankenship
Dave Gattrell
Joshua Sierson
- 21 - Roger Barcus
- 22 - Jim Benson
Brittany Kendrick
Myra Lydick
Paula Omer
- 23 - Karen Dailey
- Caleb Wise
- 25 - Dolores Adkins
Lisa Caviani
- 26 - Madden Casto
Jim Daniels
Susan Skaggs
- 27 - Jean Spurlock
- 28 - Janice Mann
Betsy Wilson



Anniversaries

Mark & Jo Ellen Willett	2/1 (45 th)
Ron & Lisa Caviani	2/6
Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock	2/6 (60 th)
Ronnie & Lanna Waugh	2/10
Bret & Pam Woodall	2/14
Fred & Linda Cummings	2/16
Travis & Roberta Noble	2/16
Justin & Bethany Cox	2/19
John & Pat Baisden	2/22



Courtney Powers, daughter of **Jay & Rebecca Powers** and granddaughter of **Pete & Anita Jones**, was pictured on the front page of a recent Herald-Dispatch edition in an article entitled "West Virginia looks for solution to shortage of math teachers". In the interview,

Courtney, a senior math education major at Marshall University, discussed how she fell in love with math after having a math teacher with a passion for teaching it. **Trena Wise**, who teaches math at Cabell Midland High School, was also interviewed for the article.

Sam Meek (granddaughter of **Alan & Barbara**) was pictured in a recent Herald Dispatch article as part of a large group of First Theatre Thespians to take part in the Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta. She and sister Kate are both playing in the upcoming First Stage Theatre production of "Newsies" in March.



Just a Reminder

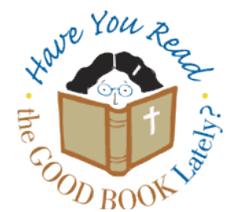
For those who use our children's services

Please, if your child has been ill, do not bring them to kidZcity. This helps keep everyone well and allows time for your child to heal.

If you have a question about when it's best to return to kidZcity, check with your pediatrician or you can call me to check on our policy.

Please refrain from allowing your child to visit kidZcity if they have been diagnosed with flu, diarrhea, viruses, bacterial infections or had a temperature in the last 48 hours prior to our service times.

Debbie Harman



Join with us in reading through the Bible each year. Spend time daily with God. Learn to listen for that still, small voice. Get to know the one who loves you more than you will ever know.

A New Wednesday Night Bible Study Elective

Do you know how the story of the Bible fits together to tell one story? How does the Old Testament tie into the New Testament? How do 66 books written by more than 40 authors in three languages over a period of 2500 years covering a multitude of different topics tell one story? We will be exploring this in an elective Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

The Story is a video series by Randy Frazee and Max Lucado. It uses the people places and events in the Scripture, called the Lower Story, to reveal God's Upper Story of drawing us back to Himself.

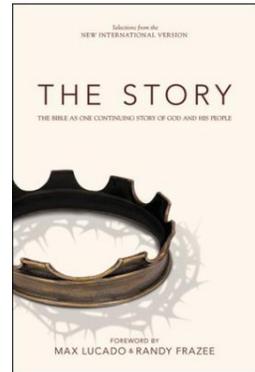
The Bible really is one story that is revealed to us in the pages of scripture. We will begin with Genesis and see how God's purpose is being played out as we examine various people, places and events all the way through to Revelation.

This is the most effective tool I have found that helps people understand how the whole Bible fits together and tells the Upper Story of God's plan for reaching us.

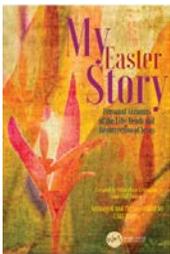
Rebecca Powers and I will be facilitating this study and invite you to join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 (during the regular evening service) beginning on February 20, 2019.

I am currently sharing this study with the Harvesters Sunday School Class. If you have any questions please talk to someone in that class.

Looking forward to taking this journey with you. See you on the 20th.



CHOIR NOTES



The Easter Cantata has been chosen and rehearsals will be starting so prayerfully consider joining us at 4:30pm each Sunday beginning February 3rd to learn this new music. This cantata is contemporary and compelling. Each song reveals the individual stories of those encountering Christ reminding us that we

ALL have our own experiences and stories of Christ to share. While it may be cold and harsh outside, inside our choir family is a warm place to share your love of singing praises to our Lord. In addition to Sunday evening practices, we will also be rehearsing on the following Saturday mornings (9:00am – 12:00pm): March 2nd, March 30th, and April 13th. We will performing the cantata on Palm Sunday, April 14, in the morning service.



As a church we have a growing group of both college students and elderly members needing transportation to and from church. If you are able to help serve our congregation this way, please contact **Myra Lydick (304-638-4354)** or **Bethany Cox (304-412-2338)**.

Ladies' Bible Studies

When it's cold outside, aren't you glad that we have the promises of God's Word to warm our souls?

Ladies' Bible study sessions are getting ready to start again for the new year. Beginning on Wednesday, February 6, Suzanne McCallister will be leading "No Other Gods" by Kelly Minter, and our sister team of Barbara Meek and Gail Kelly will lead Beth Moore's "Children of the Day."

"No Other Gods" is also being offered on Wednesday evenings (led by Laura Perry), along with "Me, Myself, and Lies" (led by Paula Holley).

Morning classes start at 9:30am and evening classes at 6:30pm.

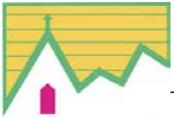
We are in the middle of winter, so when the weather is bad classes may have to be cancelled. Please check with the leader of your class to determine the weather policy.

May God's Word keep you warm!

Dolores Adkins

Judy's Shawls will not meet in February. Make plans to attend our next meeting on March 4, 6:30pm.





Church
FINANCES

Board of Finance Report for 2018

God continues to bless the ministry of New Baptist Church. For the calendar year ended December 31, 2018:

- Offerings to the General Fund were sufficient for us to: (1) pay all of our creditors timely, (2) set aside \$30,000 for capital improvements, (3) pay the staff a Christmas bonus, (4) pay an additional \$25,000 on our mortgage; and (5) add \$4,315 to the general fund account.
- Since the offerings were more than anticipated, we able to put an additional \$2,578 into missions. (The mission true-up for 2018 was \$61,578. The mission budget was \$59,000.)
- Offerings to the Building Fund were \$21,743. We spent \$8,593 to purchase a floor scrubber.
- The Food Pantry had a \$5,307 surplus for the year (revenue minus expenditures).

Darrell Walden, Board of Finance Chairperson



Thursday, February 7, 6:30pm
at the home of
Chuck Adams
2118 Cherry Avenue
Huntington
304-523-0907



Wednesday,
February 20, 2019

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, Hannah Caserta, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Tracy Foster, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, John Hall, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, David High, John Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Allison Sheils Kays, Gabriel Kennedy, Virginia Lawrence, Betty Maynor, Linda Miller, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Marie Nelson, Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Bill & Paula Peyton, Jack Rickman, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Keith & Bonnie Simpkins, Bob Smith, Dave Smith, 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

Death in the Church Family:



Cleon Edward "Ed" Yeager, 92, of Proctorville Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Ed graduated from Logan High School in 1944 and enlisted in the Army. He served in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war he went to work for Appalachian Power Company and remained with them until his retirement in 1988. Ed was a charter member of New Baptist Church, where he enjoyed volunteering with the food pantry. He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ed & Mary Yeager of Westerville Ohio, two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.



New Men's Bible Study
Discipleship Explored
(eight-session study of Paul's letter to the Philippians)

starts Wednesday, February 6
6:30pm



Friday, February 15th
5-8:30 pm
On the wild side

Sponsored by the College Class

Light snack provided

Wednesday Night Elective Study



The Story

(video series by Randy Frazee and Max Lucado)

This study will help you understand how the whole Bible fits together and tells the Upper Story of God's plan for reaching us.

Starts
Wednesday, February 20
6:30pm



A small request we hope it's not hard
Bring a book, instead of a card.
It doesn't matter if it's well loved or new.
Either way – your book will remind Matthew of you.
Write a sweet message inside the cover.
And your word will be cherished forever and ever.

To Honor: **Chris & Jessica (Paden) Chaney**
and **Baby Matthew (due in March)**

Saturday, February 16, 2:00pm

New Baptist Church
Registered at: Target



I surrender!

Everybody eventually surrenders to something or someone. If not to God, you will surrender to the opinions or expectations of others, to money, to resentment, to fear or to your own pride, lusts or ego. You were designed to worship God — and if you fail to worship him, you will create other things (idols) to give your life to.

You are free to choose what you surrender to, but you are not free from the consequences of that choice. E. Stanley Jones said, "If you don't surrender to Christ, you surrender to chaos."

—Rick Warren, *The Purpose-Driven Life*

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103, NRSV).

Recently I was confronted with this question: If you fed yourself with food the way you feed yourself with God's Word, would you still be alive? It gave me pause.

Do I eat *enough* spiritually? — feast regularly enough on Scripture to keep up my energy and the health of my soul? Do I eat *nutritiously*? — take in a balanced meal of law and gospel, comfort and commandments, prophecy and promise? Do I pass up spiritual *junk food*? — set aside empty calories that lead to disease, in order to hunger for what truly gives life? Do I drink enough *Living Water* to avoid faith dehydration? And once in a while, do I *splurge on dessert*? — savor the sweetness and joy of belonging at God's table?

What abundance God sets before us. May we never skip a "meal"!

—Heidi Mann



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Service Hours:

Sunday

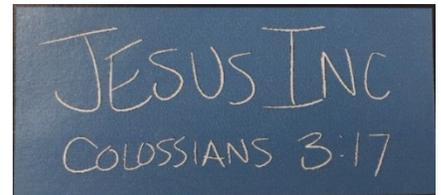
9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
4:30 Choir Practice
6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

9:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
6:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
Men's Bible Study
Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study
Children's Choir
Youth Pods

SENIOR HIGH CONVENTION

February 22-24, 2019



*First Baptist Church of Williamstown
Williamstown WV*

*"and whatsoever you do whether in word or deed, do all
in the name of the LORD Jesus, giving thanks to
God the Father through Him."*

Speaker: Jeffrey Dean

Band: Noah Cleveland