



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - January 2018

The Museum of the Bible

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to visit the newly opened Museum of the Bible located a few blocks away from our nation's capital in Washington DC. For years, I had been following the planning and then construction of this museum, thus when it opened on November 17 of 2017, I was very eager to make my way to it. I did have some fear buried under my excitement and eagerness with regards to the museum. I feared that the museum would take something I love – the Bible – and use that love to either promote a political agenda or present a glossed over and simplified historical narrative. I feared that the creators of the museum would be more concerned about promoting themselves, their views, or their agendas than the Bible.

Thus, I tentatively entered the museum guarding my heart due to my fears. Then, on the 4th floor, while gazing upon one of the oldest fragment from Gospel of John known to exist (roughly 150 AD), I began to tear up, chills ran down my spine, goose pumps rose on my arm making my hair stand on end. I exclaimed, “WOW, AMEN, LOOK AT THIS!” I spent the next half our trying to make out words in the ancient Greek text all the while struggling to hold back tears.

The passage written on this near 2000-year-old fragment is John 8:14-18, which reads “Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no-one. But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.””

I found it providential that one of the oldest passages of the New Testament known to be in existence is of a passage that gives testimony as to who Jesus is. Literally, Jesus is saying, “Listen to

the testimony given and make the right judgement about me.” This is what the Bible museum is all about. It is providing the space for God’s Word to give testimony.

The Museum of the Bible does a truly amazing job in conveying the story, the history, the beauty, the complexity of the Bible. The museum recognizes the translation difficulties, the way the Bible had been wrongly abused, but also how the Bible has been the source of freedom and liberation. After visiting the museum, I left with two very profound feelings of awe and wonder. The first is that this book, the Bible, is truly remarkable. I had already known and believed this, but the Bible Museum just reinforced that when I pick up my Bible to read it, I am picking up and



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reading a document that is thousands and thousands of years old. The book itself predates the rise and fall of nations, world wars, natural disasters, persecutions and book burnings, as well as the modern inventions of printing and storage devices. Yet, despite all of this, the Bible we hold in our hands and read is accurate and trustworthy. The second thing that was impressed upon me after visiting the museum was how profoundly the Bible has impacted our world, our nation, and the lives of millions of people, including me.

I left the museum celebrating the Bible. I love God’s Word. It has changed my life. His word has shaped my heart, it has convicted me of sin, it has exposed my life to His love, it is ever challenging, it is ever new, it reminds me of His presence and power, it fills my life with purpose and meaning!! What is one of the things I look forward to as the new year begins? It is the reading and enjoying of God’s word! Will you commit with me to read through the Bible in 2018? And yes, I strongly encourage and recommend the Museum of the Bible as a place for you to visit.

Grace and Peace - Pastor Trent Eastman



- 1 - Justin Cox
- 3 - Hannah Coster
Shane Lloyd
Walter Sansom
Eli Willett
- 4 - Aaron McGuffin
- 5 - Larry Sumpter
- 6 - Carol Richardson
- 7 - Lori Watkins
- 9 - Audy Perry
- 10 - Caren Blake
Christa Blake
Marie Carter
Chris Fizer
- 12 - Addison Bellomy
Zachary Noble
Barbara Lynn Spurlock
- 13 - Cassie Harris
Addison Faith Marcum
Sandy White
- 14 - Mary Baker
- 16 - Betty Stombock
- 17 - Coralie Adkins
Aiden Blake
Allen Davis
- 18 - Emily Morgan
- 22 - Brian Harris
Elizabeth Kelly
- 23 - David Kendrick
- 24 - Carolyn Powers
Molly Simpson
- 25 - Alison Riley Bishop
- 26 - Harper Haney
- 27 - Lisa Ghiz
Courtney Powers
Susan Stephens
Jessica Willis
- 28 - Brooke Estep
- 29 - Debbie Justice
- 30 - David Stevenson
- 31 - Mason Estep
Larry Harman
Liam Walker



Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon News

No Meetings Planned for January, February & March



Music Notes



In 2018, if you have an interest in music and are looking for a place to be plugged in to serve the Lord, look no further than our New Baptist Sanctuary Choir. If you have been a part of the choir in the past ... we want and need you. If you have never been a part of a choir but feel God's leading you to serve with us, we welcome you! As director, I would like to personally invite you to join our choir family for, indeed, we have become a family that learns together, worships together, laughs together and prays together. We are looking forward to an exciting year for the choir as we continue to work with the Praise Team on joint music; present timely and relevant anthems that reflect our beliefs in making a joyful noise unto The Lord; planning joint worship services with other churches in our community; and fostering small groups of singers to provide special music. Practices will begin on **January 14th at 4:55pm** and continue each Sunday evening unless the winter weather prohibits safe travel. If you want to talk to me or any choir member about it, please feel free to do so.



I am so thankful and blessed for having the opportunity to serve with the New Baptist Sanctuary Choir and would love for you to have the same blessings while praising our Lord and Savior.

Karen Dailey



The following are those who have joined New Baptist Church during the second half of 2017.

- Tyler Hampton
- William Kendall
- Glen Dailey
- Ashley Saunders
- Sara Wilson
- Bradley Chenault

- Charlene Kendall
- Brenda Jameson
- Karen Dailey
- Jake Sharp
- Joe Anderson



- John & Lisa Ghiz Jan. 4
- Bob & Brenda Carman Jan. 13
- Trevor & Caitlin Wilson Jan. 18
- E. A. & Sandra Dowling Jan. 23



**New Baptist Church in Mission
January 2018****Thank You!!!**

Mission Luncheons and Dinners: You all continue to be a very generous church and maybe a hungry one too! In 2017, our monthly mission luncheons for Pastor Dasnis raised \$4,502.85. Our monthly mission dinners raised \$2,632.21. That is a total of \$7,135.06 above our budgeted mission amount. That does not include the Haiti mission luncheon or the youth mission luncheons this year as well. Thank you so much for continuing to bless ministries in our area and Haiti.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: Following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and Irma we collected \$1,865.00 to go towards relief. This was distributed between funds for Harvey and Irma and then Puerto Rico.

Vanity Fair: Teresa Foster's Sunday School class of grade school kids decorated/assembled 53 goodie packages for the residents at vanity fair for Christmas. What a joy it is to watch all ages become involved in missions. Missions is not only for adults.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar now!

Sunday January 14: will be our next mission luncheon to support Pastor Dasnis.

Wednesday January 31: will be our next Wednesday Mission Dinner and Evening. We will be giving our mission board year in review. You don't want to miss this as it is a time to see what all you have allowed the mission board to support by your generosity through giving. It is absolutely a joy to be part of a church that puts an emphasis on missions and allows God to be glorified both here and internationally. Come see what all the Lord has done in 2017.

Service Updates:

Food Pantry: For the months of October and November the food pantry has served 590 families, 377 children, 711 adults, 236 seniors, 1,324 total people, 51 hygiene kits, 400 backpacks to Highlawn Elementary, 30ish seniors were given an extra monthly box and 43 homeless people were served. In addition to the regular food pantry ministry this week, they also packed and passed out 150 Christmas boxes for families in our community. This is by far the largest ministry we support/run from our church. Thanks for all the volunteers who helped this week, and as always they are always looking for more help on a regular basis!

Service Opportunities:

We are going to be trying something new this upcoming year in the way of service projects. We are hoping to set up a regular time of serving a meal at the City Mission. It has been brought to our attention that we have tried to do things on Saturdays and that does not always fit people's schedules. We are still working on details but are hoping we can find a time that coordinates with more folks. I want to be a church that gives not only of money but of time too. My prayer is we can make a deeper connection with a solid ministry that services so many in our community.

New Baptist Prays for the Nations:

Check the bulletin in January for the specific nation and prayer requests. Information cards will be available the first Sunday in January at the welcome center.

Cru Vision Conference: This is a conference sponsored by Cru specifically for international students who are truly seeking and interested in Christianity or have recently become a follower and want to know more. They dive deeper into what does it mean to follow Jesus. They also separate students up into geographical regions of home countries that way they can relate specifically to their cultural views and upbringings. The conference costs students \$400. As a mission board we were able to sponsor an international believer Dantes. Dantes became a Christian after Andy (who was baptized here this past spring) shared the gospel with him. He now has the opportunity to go as a Chinese believer and dive deeper into his knowledge of God!

Missions Continued:

A big thank you for all of those who helped with the packing of the Christmas boxes and for those who came and helped on Tuesday, Dec. 19, when the food boxes were given out. A great crew of volunteers showed up to help that day. While some volunteers helped with passing out the 151 Christmas boxes, others took care of the over 60 families that came through the Food Pantry. Joyce Mannon



Brandon Morgan opened the theatrical Christmas Season with his portrayal of Santa Claus in First Stage Theatre Company's production of Elf Jr The Musical at the Huntington High School Auditorium December 1-3. Daughter **Gracie** was one of Santa's elves along with **Sami Meek**, granddaughter of **Alan and Barbara, Hannah Blake**, daughter of **Angie Blake**, and even two-year-old **Addison Marcum**, daughter of **Melissa Marcum** who choreographed the delightful show.

Our American Baptist Missionary **J.D. Reed** serves as a regional missionary for Theological Education working with IM partners and global servants to prepare church leaders throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. As of December 1, J.D. began serving as program coordinator and adjunct professor for the Master of Theological Studies Latin Ministries Program for Palmer Seminary of Eastern University. J.D. Reed lives with his family in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where he and his wife, Rhonda, support the ministry of the House of Hope. The Reeds were first commissioned for service in Bolivia in 2011.

The Annual Christmas Dinner of the Barboursville Volunteer Fire Department was held December 9 at the Barboursville Senior Center. Three firefighters were recognized for their attendance at fire incidents, etc. Among those was **Glenn Harman** who attended 635 calls. Glenn also received a citation for delivering a baby! Congratulations!

Broadway star Michael Cerveris was in Huntington for the Huntington Symphony Orchestra's Christmas concert. He mentioned to the students in the audience that he was once in their shoes attending the symphony and hearing **Patricia Green** play. Patty was, of course, in the orchestra. She was the 2016 winner of the Herald-Dispatch Citizen Award for the Arts. She played with the orchestra as a preteen in the 1940's and served as concertmaster for 25 years from 1970 to 1995.

A well-balanced church

The owner of a new puppy got a good laugh when the little dog, out for a walk, had an itch. The trouble was that the itchy spot was accessible only to a hind leg. So, while still walking, the pup tried to scratch and tumbled over, rolling a couple of times before coming to rest.

In several places throughout Scripture, the apostle Paul writes about the church as the body of Christ, and of the importance of each member. Just as the dog needed each leg to stay balanced while walking, so the church needs all the different God-given gifts of its members: preachers and teachers, friendly visitors, generous givers, musicians and singers, wise parents and imaginative children, people to produce and distribute meals, newsletters, lesson materials, and on and on.

When we start thinking that some part of Christ's body isn't necessary, we risk taking quite a tumble!



Hand in Hand with God in 2018

George VI of England had the kingship thrust upon him when his brother, King Edward VIII, left the monarchy to marry a divorcee, Wallis Simpson. In a moving speech December 11, 1936, Edward abdicated the throne, the only British king to do so voluntarily. King George carried out his duties faithfully until his death in 1952.

The following quote, documented by historian Minnie Haskin, by George VI comes from his first New Year's address following his brother's abdication. In light of the uncertainty of politics, this is quite a word for us today.

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.' So I went forth, and, finding the hand of God, strode gladly into the night, and He led me toward the hills and the breaking of the dawn in the lone east."

Along those lines, here is a short devotional I found titled "Walk With God."

"Tell me about Great Grandpa Enoch again, Papa," young Noah might have said.
 "Did God really take him away?" "Yes," Lamech assured his son. "He walked with God every day. He loved the Lord and taught his children and grandchildren to love God as well." Noah nodded. "Go on," he said. "Well, one day Grandpa Enoch said to me, 'Lamech, be sure to tell my great grandchildren to walk with God. I won't get a chance to tell them myself.' He was thinking of you, Noah, even before you were born."
 "And then what happened, Papa?" Noah liked hearing this part. "Then he said he was going to meet with God as he usually did in the evening. We watched him go. He was there, and then he was not. God took him."
 "Do you think God will take you, Papa, or me?" Noah wanted to know.
 "Walk with God, my son. That is enough. God will take us home; how and when are of no concern. Walk with God."



It is my prayer that you will "Walk With God" every day in the coming year. You can begin by joining us again in reading the Bible through in 2018. Make every effort to be with us in Sunday School and Worship and the Bible Studies on Sunday and Wednesday nights, each of those times are designed to aid you in walking close with God each day.

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, Cheryl Adkins, Coralie Adkins, Susan Arthur, Vivian Atkinson, Patricia Blankenship, Philip Scott Burt, Marie Carter, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Joe Ciccarelli, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Brittany Crockett, Lisa Daniels, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Bob & Sally Flanders, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doug Hager, Doris Halcombe, John Hall, Josh Hammer, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, Scott Jackson, Allison Sheils Kays, Virginia Lawrence, Betty Maynor, John Meadows, Joe Midkiff, Linda Miller, Barbara Pauley, Henriella Perry, Jack Rickman, Dale Riley, Charlie Shorey, Major & Lynnette Simms, Darrell Spurlock, Jim Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, 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



In January 2017, we announced a church-wide challenge to read through the Bible in one year. My hope is that even if you didn't get through the whole Bible, that you at least got in a habit of reading regularly (hopefully daily). Even though 2017 is coming to a close, my hope is that you will continue in that habit of making God's Word a daily part of your life. And we want to raise the bar. In addition to reading the Bible regularly, we want to challenge everyone in the church to memorize a series of scriptures together. Psalm 119:11 says, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." How do we eliminate sin from our lives? It's not by reading more books or trying harder, but as we hide God's word in our heart, we are transformed from a life of sin to a life lived in obedience to God.



OK, I know you might have the same argument as me. We watch the AWANA kids as their brains are growing and learning ever day seem to easily memorize scripture, and we as adults struggle remembering where we put our keys (or is that just me?). However, as a song plays on the radio over and over again, it doesn't take long before I'm singing along. Or those commercials on tv that after the umpteenth hundred time I am finishing the lines before they do. What's with that? Well repetition is what it takes. As we look at, write down, and say scripture over and over, it takes up residence in our hearts, minds, and lives.

This is a project that we as a whole church can take on. You will hear more about the scriptures we will memorize on upcoming Sundays, but we will talk about them at youth, at church, and we encourage you to talk about them at home, over dinner, before you walk out the door in the morning, as you're driving to or from practices. Let's hide God's Word in our hearts together as a community, as families and encourage each other this year to keep God's Word in front of us regularly as God continues to transform our lives and as a result to transform our community for His glory!

I'm looking forward to doing this with you and know that I'm praying for you as you undertake something that might be a challenge, but know that God's Word never returns empty, but accomplishes God's purposes in His people. Happy New Year and happy memorizing!

In Christ,
Lee<><



Congratulations and best wishes to Bob and Jo Anna (Leap) Smith, who were married on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at the Caraottoman Baptist Church in Ottoman, VA. Wishing you both much happiness.

Judy's Shawls will not meet in January and February.



Church Worship Services – Changes or Cancellations

It's that time of year again when snow or bad weather may cause us to cancel a service or event.

In case of bad weather you can call the church and follow the steps below to check on the service schedule.

1. Call 304-523-3355
2. Wait for the message to start
3. Press the number eight (8) on your phone
4. Message will let you know of any changes to our regular worship schedule

We will also be utilizing our text/phone calling system to try to reach as many people as possible when bad weather causes us to cancel services.



LADIES, as we begin a new year, please be aware that our winter Bible studies will start up again soon! There will be sign-up sheets for both Wednesday morning and evening classes.

Please prayerfully consider getting involved in one of these small groups. You will find it to be a warm, bright spot in the middle of the cold winter season. And being in the Word is essential as you serve our Lord in any area of ministry.

Details on available studies will be announced in the weekly bulletin soon. Looking forward to seeing you there!

For good,
Dolores Adkins

“God Knows”

by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart be still:

What need our little life

Our human life to know,

If God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife

Of things both high and low,

God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will

Is best. The stretch of years

Which wind ahead, so dim

To our imperfect vision,

Are clear to God. Our fears

Are premature; In Him,

All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until

God moves to lift the veil

From our impatient eyes,

When, as the sweeter features

Of Life’s stern face we hail,

Fair beyond all surmise

God’s thought around His creatures

Our mind shall fill.

Psalm 11:1-18, ESV

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

May God bless you and keep you in this
New Year.



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Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
4:55 Choir Practice
6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study
Children's Choir
Youth Pods

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3, NIV

Speaker: Chris Campbell

Band: Render the Hearts