



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - January 2019

Welcome to year of 2019!

About a month ago I was enjoying the beautiful hills of West Virginia. Despite the few potholes, we really do have amazing roads in our state. Our country roads wind up and down hills, through various hollers, over bridges and along creeks. If you have not gone for a country drive recently, you need to do it. This truly is an amazing and beautiful state. Often, while out riding on these country roads, I get lost. Sometimes I get on a road, thinking that it will take me east, but I end up south. There are no straight roads anywhere, and when a person does not know where each road goes, it is very easy to get on a road that takes him far from his destination. This has often happened to me. I set off for a nice country ride and once I get going on a country road, all the winding up and down hills gets me totally turned around. There have been times when I thought I was heading towards Milton that I ended up in Hamlin, or even worse, I aimed for Logan and instead landed in Williamson WV. Country roads take you home to where you belong only when you figure out the correct country road to be on. Since being lost has happened to me more than once, I have learned the importance of finding a spot to pull over, so I can check my map-app on my phone. Pausing the drive is often inconvenient but necessary to insure I am on the correct road and if I am not, to figure out what to do.

This is how I imagine each new year. When the calendar year moves a digit (from 2018 to 2019), it reminds me that it is time to pull over and check the map. Am I on the right road? Are you on the right road? Sometimes life is like a West Virginia country road. It is wild and wonderful but does not necessarily bring you to your

destination - to home.

Romans 12:2 reads ***“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”***



Our world has all kinds of roads it wants you to travel on. This is what being conformed to this world means and according to scripture, living and traveling the ways of this world will not bring you home regardless of how pleasant they may seem at the time. But there is a way that leads to home. This way is the person and work of Jesus Christ. Are you on the way? Over and over throughout scripture we are called to examine ourselves to discern if we are on that road or

not. Are you on the road that is within God’s will, the way that is good and acceptable and perfect? Are you on the road that is transforming your life, making you holy, directing all of what you do to the glory of God?

Use New Years as a time to pull over and pause long enough to examine your life. Is it good, is it acceptable, is it perfect? Are you living sensitive to God’s Spirit and His will? Are you growing in love? Are you manifesting the Spirit’s fruits of joy and peace and thankfulness? These are the New Year Resolutions that we need to be making.

“Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!” (Lamentations 3:40)

Grace and Peace - Pastor Trent Eastman



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Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon News
No Meetings Planned for January, February & March

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Registration & Orientation Night – January 17



- John & Lisa Ghiz Jan. 4
- Bob & Brenda Carman Jan. 13
- Trevor & Caitlin Wilson Jan. 18
- E. A. & Sandra Dowling Jan. 23
- David & Katelyn Hannan Jan. 27 (1st)



**New Baptist Church in Mission
January 2019**

Thank you for your continued support of Pastor Dasni's ministry in Ft. liberte' Haiti. With your help we were able to donate a total of \$4,774.53 this year!!! What a huge difference that makes in the life of not only Pastor Dasni but also everyone he ministers to.

Food Pantry:

Our food pantry continues to amaze me with all they serve! The backpack weekend food given to Highlawn Elementary totaled 480!

In October and November, they served 606 families totaling 1,407 people (444 children, 736 adults, 227 seniors) and 48 homeless. They were also able to distributed 127 hygiene kits.

This week they also assembled and distributed 147 Christmas dinner boxes and 13 fruit baskets to the elderly.

Haiti Medical Trip:

Several NBC members went to Haiti in October for a medical mission trip. They were able to see/treat 700 people in the clinic. They were also able to leave \$2,700 in a medical fund to continue to pay for treatment of a few patients that needed care at another facility. Your generosity continues to make this possible.



One Great Hour of Sharing:

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering that was collected earlier this Fall received \$450 in offering and went for hurricane relief through our American Baptist Churches.

Backpack Blessings:

Our 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade Sunday school class with Teresa Foster as teacher decorated and filled 60 canisters with goodies and distributed to the backpacks at Highlawn Elementary. What a blessing to have all ages involved in Missions.



Fall festival:

This seems so long ago, but I haven't been able to report on it. We had over 100 volunteers in making this event a success. You all are amazing at welcoming our neighbors with a smile. I know everyone that came to the event left hearing God Loves You at least once. Donna Dunn made sure of that! Thank you because without all of you we could not pull off this event.

Operation Christmas Child:

As a church, we were able to collect 219 Shoeboxes to be given. That is amazing. Not only does that mean 219 kids received Christmas presents, but more importantly, they got to hear about Jesus.



Marcum Terrace:

We would love to thank everyone that volunteered at Marcum Terrace Holiday dinner. We had over 30 volunteers to serve, converse, and play with the residents. We were able to serve 187 meals. Every child that needed a coat, hat, scarf or gloves we were able to provide. We were also able to provide gifts for the adults to through a raffle. Overall everyone enjoyed the evening and it was as much a blessing to us serving as it was to them. Thanks to Alissa Stricker for catering the food.

New Members:

The mission board would like to welcome our newest members:

**Ripley Haney
Patsy Stephenson**



Missions Continued:

Spenddown:

Each year the mission board receives 10% of the NBC budget. At the end of the year if we have leftover money or if the church brought in extra above our budget we get to reallocate those funds. He is how the board has decided to give this year.

\$500 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

\$500 Weirton Christian Center

\$500 Recovery Point of Huntington

\$100 Gideon's

Remainder will go to our Food Pantry.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday January 13 will be our first mission luncheon following the morning service. All donations will continue to go to Pastor Dasni.

Wednesday January 30 will be our year in review of all things Missions through NBC. You will not want to miss this exciting night. We get the privilege of recapping what all God has done through us in 2018.



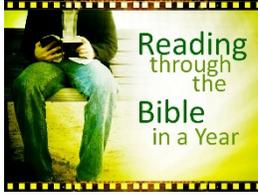
A big thank you for all of those who helped with the packing of the Christmas boxes and for those who came and helped on Tuesday, Dec. 18, when the food boxes were given out. A great crew of volunteers showed up to help that day. While some volunteers helped with passing out the 141 Christmas boxes, others took care of the over 103 families that came through the Food Pantry and another set of volunteers took care of the 49 Seniors who came to pick up their Senior Supplemental Boxes. Thank you for sharing God's love through your service with the food pantry. Joyce Mannon



Welcome
New Members for the second half of 2018
Rodney Adkins
Shane Hufford

Tressa Harper Pennington
Born Dec. 7, 2018
Proud Parents:
Don & Jessica Pennington

Welcome Baby!!
It's a Girl



Reading the Bible through each year is a habit I began some years ago. Each year I get something new from the reading that I had not noticed before. I have used different plans and versions of the Bible to give the reading a fresh look and feel. Here are a couple of ideas that might help you as you read again this year.

- Use a new or different Bible. Often when we read from Bibles where we have marked or highlighted passages our eyes tend to go to those and we might miss what is surrounding those verses we marked before.
- Use a different plan and keep track of what you have read.
- If you are into journaling, here is a method I have used. It is called the SOAP method. After reading, choose a (S) scripture from what you have read and write it down. Then write a brief (O) observation of what is happening in the passage. Next, write an (A) application by answering this question, "How will I be different today because of what I just read. Finally write a brief (P) prayer. If you journal like this you can go back and review what the Lord has been teaching you over the course of the year.
- I know it is hard but if you miss a day just miss it and keep reading the current day's readings. Too often, when we get behind a few days we think we will never catch up so we just quit. Remember that this is a year-to-year habit you are building and my guess is that you will not miss the same day's reading next year. If your DNA won't let you move forward without catching up then set aside some time to do just that. Remember the goal is to build a habit of being continually in God's Word

Most plans include a reading from both the Old and New Testament each day. Some of you have expressed that a method like that is frustrating and you would rather read a book at a time. It has been difficult to find a plan that does that but I did find one. If you use the Bible App from YouVersion.com the reading plan called "Canonical" takes you from Genesis straight through the Bible to Revelation in a year.

Copies of the plans for reading the Bible through in 2019 will be available at the Information Desk. Please feel free to ask me about other plans that are available.

I look forward to reading through God's Word with you this year.

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, Kenny Eggleston, Holley & Joyce Faulkner, 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, Virginia Lawrence, Jenka Lockwood, Betty Maynor, Linda Miller, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Ryleigh Pennington, Bill & Paula Peyton, Jack Rickman, Walter Sansom, Dale Shao, Charlie Shorey, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bonnie & Keith Simpkins, Dave Smith, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jim Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Emma Wagner, Carol Walls, Dave Watkins, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer, Ed Yeager

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 Church Family:



Edna Irene Messenger Burger, 91, of West Hamlin, WV, died Saturday, October 27, 2018. Edna was a member of 20th Street Baptist Church, where she taught young children in Sunday School for a time. She is survived by two brothers, three sisters-in-law, three children, three grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n, new life

Reading resolutions

Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That’s a worthy goal, but God doesn’t require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word — and thus be with him — so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God’s Word is a precious gift, but we need to “unwrap” it!

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: “Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life.”

Quotes to reflect on for the new year.

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.
 -Oswald Chambers

Being in Christ, it is safe to forget the past; it is possible to be sure of the future; it is possible to be diligent in the present.
 -Alexander MacLaren

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
 Psalm 40:3

Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome. If we see only the problems, we will be defeated; but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory.
 -Warren Wiersbe

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
 Proverbs 3:6

Fifty years ago this week, Frank Borman, James Lovell, and Bill Anders became the first men to leave Earth, orbit the moon and return to earth safely. During the Apollo 8 mission, Anders caught this photograph, titled "Earthrise". It was at this sight that the astronauts had an opportunity to broadcast back to earth on Christmas Eve. Their opening words were a reading from Genesis 1: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.



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And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good."

As I contemplated the power of this scenario and the proclamation of God's handiwork from men looking back at our planet from the moon I started to cry. I wanted to be an astronaut growing up, but the course of my life and career veered toward becoming a preacher. However, I wonder if these astronauts had any idea that their response to God's creation and their placement in His story would stir the hearts of people for half a century and beyond.

More than the gravitas of seeing earth from afar is the thought of how we are helping our children to have eyes that recognize God at work and the language of scripture that wells up from within, when looking at our world, whether from far away or from ground level, to proclaim God at work. I haven't found a lot about the upbringing of these three astronauts, but along their path, scripture was put in front of them at such a place that when they had a chance to see and respond to a view most of us will never experience, they responded with words from scripture.

John writes in 1 John 2:14 "I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one." What a great challenge to us who know God to help those who are young, our children, to have the Word of God living inside them, uttering responses at the sight of God and His creation the proclaim God's goodness and love.

As we start a new year, I want to encourage you to consider how God's Word is living and acting in your life. Step further into reading, studying, and memorizing it. Pass along the lessons you've learned and encourage your children to know God and His Word, you never know when as a teacher, astronaut, contractor, etc.... they will be called to preach or proclaim God's handiwork in creation and redemption of humanity.

In Christ, Lee<><

Special Notes from Trustees

- St. Mary's Parking Lot Gate: To prevent cars cutting though the lot and creating a hazard to pedestrians, St. Mary's has locked the west gates (28th Street). We are still allowed to park on the lot and we do have permission to open the gates during Sunday morning services, but they will not be open on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. St. Mary's Security has asked that we drive slowly on their lot, and the Trustees ask that you drive slowly on the church parking lot as well.
- Building Use: To all church members who use the building – please remember to clean up immediately after your event. It is your responsibility to do this. For those who bring food in to eat in the fellowship hall, please remember to clean the table(s) and floors when you are done.



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Sunday

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

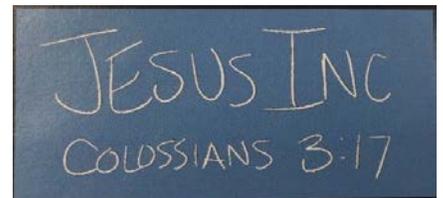
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*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

Colossians 3:17

Band: Noah Cleveland