



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - July 2021

Who (or what) has your attention?

(From Proverbs 4)

Devotion 2 from the Book of Proverbs

A theme that runs through the book of Proverbs is the distinction between the words of the wise and the words of fools. A good example of this theme is Proverbs 10:11, which reads,

“The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.”

Coupled with this theme of how those who seek to be wise listen to the words of the wise and not to the words of fools. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Except, it is not.

Proverb after proverb points to how the human heart tends to steer away from the words of the wise and gravitate towards those of the fools. Here is an example, Proverbs 15:12, **“A scoffer does not like to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.”**

One of the difficulties we suffer within our world today is how so many voices are trying to grab our attention. Whenever I turn on the TV, watch or read the news, listen to the radio, shop on Amazon, or even when I am driving down the road, there are so many things trying to capture my ear. These things trying to capture my attention may be billboards, flooded email inboxes, flash news stories, or messages conveyed through shows that I watch. Nearly every waking moment of every day, we are inundated with various messages and voices. How much of what grabs your attention belongs in the wise column? How much of those things that grab your attention belong in the fools' trash bin? Are you confident in knowing which voices are wise and which ones are not?



Proverbs 4 gives us a standard by which we can determine the wise voices of this world from those of fools. How do you know when a person speaks with wisdom towards you? The answer given in Proverbs 4

is that you can trust the words of a person who knows you and loves you to be words of wisdom. This, in summation, is the message of Proverbs 4. The fourth chapter of Proverbs is a father speaking to his son, instructing his son to listen to his instruction. **“Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight... Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words**

of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you (Proverbs 4:1, 4-6).” The father in this proverb may be a parent or maybe a close friend, a teacher, a grandparent, a mentor, or a godly person that you know. The point is, the father is a person who loves you and seeks not to be heard for his own sake but for the sake of the beloved. Those that do not love you will give you crooked advice that will harm or derail your life. But the words of the wise, the words of those that love you, speak to your good.

Proverbs 4 ends with words of love from the father to the son. **“My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you (Proverbs 4:20-25).”**

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Trent Eastman



Not much in news for July...hope each of you is enjoying the summer weather! Spending time with family and friends is always at the top of the list during these beautiful, long summer days! There is planning going on for our fall events, so look for announcements in the August newsletter.

In the meantime, if you are looking for an incentive for some personal Bible study time...Lifeway is offering a study on "Jude" by Jackie Hill Perry. It will be available online from June 28 to August 31, with new episodes released each Monday. The only cost is the purchase of the workbook (or you can just watch the sessions).

Be sure to spend time in the Word, and "Be strengthened by the GRACE that is in Christ Jesus"--2 Timothy 2:1

For Good...
Dolores Adkins



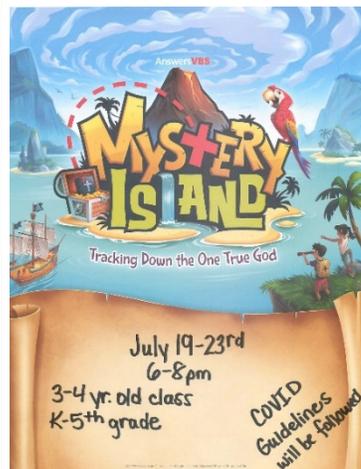
In God's hands

In *Keep a Quiet Heart*, Christian missionary Elisabeth Elliot ponders the faith implications of fretting about days to come. "Today is mine; tomorrow is none of my business," she writes. "If I peer anxiously into the fog of the future, I will strain my spiritual eyes so that I will not see clearly what is required of me now."

And what's the alternative? Instead of dwelling on times to come, which we can't change anyway, Elliot recommends: "Leave it all in the hands that were wounded for you."



- 02 Bob & Betty Blankenship
Tom & Catherine Rushton
- 03 Roger & Lynn Barcus (50th)
- 06 Allen & Becky Davis
- 10 Jason & Carey Roland
- 12 Grover & Sheri Tadlock
- 16 Reid & Leigh Frye
Tom & Gloria Pauley
- 18 Alan & Emma Mannon
Ray & Debbie Spencer
- 21 Karl & Lana Egnatoff
- 22 Brian & Amy Kelly
- 22 Jeff & Toni Madden
- 26 Virgil & Gail Kelly
- 27 Jake & Natalie Saunders
- 29 Alan & Barbara Meek
- 30 Darrell & Sherry Walden (50th)



Hope to see
you
at **VBS!!**

Registration forms for children and forms for volunteers are available at the Welcome Center or register online at newbaptistchurch.com



Sunday, **July 25**,
for August issue of *Bridges*



- 1 – Lisa Preston
Natalie Riley
- 2 – Lena Powers
- 3 – Susan Black
Brad Smith
- 4 – Charlotte Boyce
Fred Cummings
- 5 – John Baisden
Madison Sierson
- 6 – Hannah M. Blake
Cheryl Cook
Trudy Elam
- 10 - Phoebe Molyneux
- 11 – Quinn Hazelett
Jim McSweeney
Pat Meredith
- 12 – Kayleigh Lewis
Lynnette Simms
Debbie Spencer
- 13 – Zach Booth
Linda Bowen
Doris Halcombe
Margaret McCunn
Marvin Moore
- 14 – Rachel Cooper
- 15 – Sandy James
Mike Via
- 16 – Vivian Atkinson
Kara Dutton
Megan Hazelett
- 17 – Robin Crouch
Glenna Hendrick
- 18 - Abram Smith
- 19 – Kim Cook
- 20 – David Hannan
Barbara Jarvis
- 22 – Christie Jones
- 23 – Dan Jordan
Mike Kelly
- 24 – Betsy Brown
Phil Holmes
- 25 – Barbara Meek
Paula Paden
Maggie Westfall
- 27 – Jack Cook
Case Mann
- 28 – Jim Blake
- 29 – Carlie Arkell
Jacob Campbell
Michael Stephenson
- 30 – Jo Ann Cook
David Dunn

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If your special date has been left off, please check with the church office to make sure we have your information on record.



As Americans it seems our thoughts are turned to the idea of freedom most in the month of July. July 4th marks the day of our Independence from England. That freedom was achieved, though, on the fields of battle. It came at a cost of the blood of patriots. The government that was put into place by that war was conceived in liberty and yet that liberty was not extended to all our citizens. Even though the Declaration of Independence declared that “all men are created equal”, that equality was not extended to all until after another bloody “Civil War” was fought. The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, declared all slaves free. This freedom was not realized until the end of the Civil War. It was solidified by the passing of the 13th amendment to the Constitution that ended slavery. The proposed amendment was passed in Congress in January of 1865 but was not ratified by the states until December of 1865. It was on June 19, 1865, that news of their freedom finally reached the slaves in Texas. That day is now called Juneteenth and was just this year, designated a national holiday by an act of Congress and signed into law by President Biden.

Freedom is precious and must be protected. As followers of Jesus, we are free but must never use our freedom to do what is wrong. We are free to do what is right and honoring to our Lord. So often we think freedom is the ability to do whatever I please and that is just misguided and wrong.

On June 20th the Governor lifted the mask requirement and eased many of the Covid restrictions. It is good to see full faces again and to be able to greet one another with a handshake or a hug. We are free to do so, but there are some that are still anxious about gathering and being in crowds again. Let’s be sure to offer grace and not pressure to all those who will come to worship with us. Here you are free to wear a mask or not, to shake hands or not without any pressure to do either.

With the lifting of restrictions our Sunday School classes are meeting again between our services beginning at 10:00am. It is a great time and place to reconnect and build those meaningful relationships with your sisters and brothers in Christ. If you need help in finding a class, please contact any of our staff and we are glad to help. We are also meetings on Wednesday evenings in groups for children, youth and adults.

As we celebrate freedom this year, let’s be sure we are celebrating the opportunity to do what is right and honoring to the Lord. Let’s freely love and serve each other as we seek to make a difference in our community for Jesus.

Pasha Rubin



MAY
FOOD PANTRY REPORT

FAMILIES SERVED:	188	<i>YTD</i> 949
INDIVIDUALS:	458	2299
<i>INCLUDES</i>		
<i>ADULTS:</i>	226	1091
<i>CHILDREN:</i>	92	501
<i>SENIORS:</i>	131	693
<i>HOMELESS:</i>	17	72
HYGIENE KITS:	0	299
SCHOOL FOOD PACKS:	400	1225

Thanks for your support!

The Food Pantry is working on replenishing **toiletry kits** to give out to clients. These items are needed to help us complete the kits:

- Bar soap
- Toothpaste (small size)
- Washcloths

Items can be dropped off at the missions’ map in the back of the sanctuary.
Thanks for helping us help others.

Grace is a gift

When we work an eight-hour day and receive eight hours' pay for our efforts, that is a **WAGE**. When we compete with an opponent and receive a trophy for our superior performance, that is a **PRIZE**. When we receive something in recognition for our service or achievement, that is an **AWARD**. But when we can earn no wage, can win no prize and deserve no award — yet we receive such a gift — that is unmerited favor. That is undeserved kindness. That is **GRACE**.



Updates shared by Bethany Cox, Missions Chair

A New Beginning Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Drive: Here's a shout out to all who collected money during our baby bottle drive. We were able to collect over \$2,000!!!! In the past year of so many unknowns and uncertainty I have come to realize one thing is certain...you all always come through with missions and your generosity. THANK YOU!!!

Speaking of your generosity....

Pastor Dasni/Haiti: We were able to collect around \$200 for Pastor Dasnis with our hotdog lunch!!! Thank you for continuing to support his ministry in Haiti. Our **next mission luncheon will be on July 11** and will continue to be a takeout meal. The menu consists of 2 pepperoni rolls (or cheese rolls), chips and cookie for \$5. You can contact **Amy Smith** (304-638-0943) to place your order or sign up at the welcome center on July 4.

MU Football Team Dinner: On June 24th the mission board was able to provide a lasagna dinner to the Marshall football team. Rob Ely, director of Baptist Campus Ministries at Marshall University has been doing a dinner/Bible study with the team over the last couple months. Please be in prayer for this ministry.



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, Jenny Benson, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Jack Cook, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Tessie Deuser, Tracy Foster, Patty Green, Toni Gygi, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Anna Holstein, John & Linda Hovey, Sandy James, Pete & Anita Jones, Kenny Kendall, Bill Lapole, Virginia Lawrence, Joseph Leggott, Joyce Mannon, Holly Mathis, Roy Maynor, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Charlie Morris, Grace Napier, Carol Newlon, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Corlie Perry, Ginger Poteete, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Vicki Rickard, Carol Richardson, Jim Sanborn, Walter & Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, 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, Nolic 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 | |
| our country | |

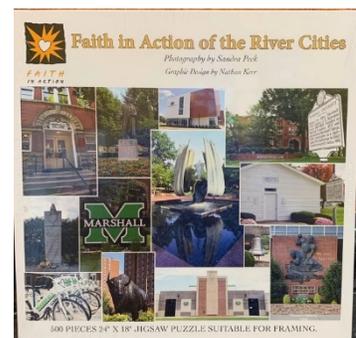
Faith in Action – Puzzles of the Huntington Area
 Contact **Peggy Saunders (304-736-5715)** to purchase any of these to help support the work of Faith in Action.



Huntington Landmarks - \$10



Huntington Churches - \$10



Marshall University - \$20



July is here and we will be looking forward to starting **Awana** in September! Think about it, how can you participate? Could you be a teacher, a listener, a helper in the classroom, or a game leader/helper? Let me know! I have a job for you!

Children's Ministry

We just finished a 10-week study of the Lord's Prayer. We took each line of the prayer and discussed it and then talked about how this mattered to our life, how we could pray for people we know, strangers, and ourselves.

God is our Perfectly Perfect God and could only be approached because of the perfect Jesus dying in our place. Praise Him we are sealed from the tops of our heads to our tippy, tippy toes with the Holy Spirit inside us and we are not alone, ever.

Please, take a few minutes to enjoy the prayer posters on the side wall of the WildSide. Ask the children what they have learned and how they can pray. Ask whom they can pray for and when they can pray. They will have an answer for you!

It's a wrap—and it is ready

Thank you to Pat and John Baisden, Regan Alford, Hazel Kirshenmann, Lacie Casto, and Carmen Boso for all their hard work! It took 6 hours and lots of cleaning and purging and sanitizing but we commenced Sunday school June 20 with sparkling rooms and full hearts. 

I will have a schedule for helpers for after the vacation months but will post weekly those you can expect to see in your children's classroom.

PARENTS—please let me know if you aren't a user of the Facebook New Baptist Church Community AND New Baptist Parents Page. There is lots of information there, but I can text you or call you if you prefer about any questions you might have; 304-544-3913.

If you want to help in Sunday School or with Children's Church - have we got a job for you!

Debbie Harman, Children's Director



This is something I have wanted to do for a while. **I want you to get to know the people who care for your children! I want you to get to know the children, too!**

Each month in the newsletter we will feature teachers, students, and sometimes-entire families. You are the body, the hands, the feet, the hearts of Christ in our church community. Let's get to know each other.

Meet the Brown Family! They are very active in the church, especially with the children and young families. Wanna get something done, these are your people!

Aaron...(Dad)

- Your occupation? *Teacher*
- Favorite color? *Green*
- Favorite food? *Pizza*
- Hobby? *Play music*
- Favorite book of the Bible? *Ephesians or Proverbs*
- Favorite Bible verse? *Matthew 21:22*
- Who do you want to meet after Jesus when you get to Heaven? *My grandparents*
- When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? *Garbage collector*



Betsy...(Mom)

- Your occupation? *Teacher*
- Favorite color? *Turquoise*
- Favorite food? *Anything Mexican*

Hobby? *Run and read*
 Favorite book of the Bible? *Ephesians*
 Favorite Bible verse? *The passage in Ephesians about the armor of god*
 Who do you want to meet after Jesus when you get to Heaven? *All my family that has passed away*
 When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? *Marine biologist*

Twin Brownies; Sadie and Tucker.

Sadie is brave and outspoken and independent.

Favorite color? *Purple*
 Favorite food? *Tacos and beef sticks with cheese sticks*
 Hobby? *Color*
 Favorite book of the Bible? *Matthew (when Jesus died on the cross)*
 Who do you want to meet after Jesus when you get to Heaven? *All my great grandparents*
 What do you want to be when you grow up? *Artist*
 If you could eat one thing every day, what would it be? *Vegetables*

Tucker is a boy that is quick to smile and protective and thoughtful of others.

Favorite color? *Blue*
 Favorite food? *Tacos, peanut butter jelly, chicken nuggets*
 Hobby? *Play with toys*
 Favorite book of the Bible? *Genesis (when the galaxy was being created)*
 Who do you want to meet after Jesus when you get to Heaven? *Gigi (my great grandmother) actually, all my great grandparents*
 What do you want to be when you grow up? *Wildlife biologist*
 If you could eat one thing every day, what would it be? *Tacos*

Cheryl Lawson is a new helper to our children’s church, but not to children’s ministry. Cheryl helps in the Toddler Room for ages 2 and 3 years old. She has a quick smile and warm nature that draws children into the room. . The children love the crafts she brings and she is very dedicated to teach our children’s lessons!



Meet **Cheryl**...

Your occupation? *Teacher/tutor Marshall university HELP center*
 Favorite color? *Blue*
 Favorite food? *Italian*
 Hobby? *Spending time with family*
 Favorite book of the Bible? *John and Psalms*
 When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? *Teacher*

Accompanying Cheryl is her grandson **Elias Martin**. Elias is a sweet red head with a happy face and heart. Quick to befriend those around him.

Meet **Elias**...

Favorite color? *Orange*
 Favorite food? *Chicken*
 Hobby? *Pokemon*
 Favorite Bible story? *Noah*



Lastly, this is **Myra Lydick**. Mrs. Myra is organized and dedicated, a kind and a godly woman. She is warm and caring and has been a reliable Zoom leader for the duration of the pandemic. Mrs. Myra is a leader and spiritual mentor for our older children, the 4th and 5th grade for Sunday School and Zoom...



Meet Mrs. Myra...

Your occupation? *Homemaker/former music teacher*
 Favorite Color? *Coral*
 Favorite Food? *Chicken and Dumplings*
 Hobby? *Gardening*
 Favorite Book of the Bible? *The Books of Moses*
 Favorite Bible Verse? *John 15:5*
 Who do you want to meet after Jesus when you get to Heaven? *My friend, Mary Withrow*
 When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? *A doctor*



PUZZLE

"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A=  E=  I=  O=  U= 

k_ _ p my _ y_ s
 lw_ ys _ n th_ L_ RD.
 W_ th h_ m_ t my
 r_ ght h_ nd,
 w_ ll n_ t b_ sh_ k_ n.
 Ps_ lm 16:8, N_ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV



The Organist



The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, at the end of the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was out and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

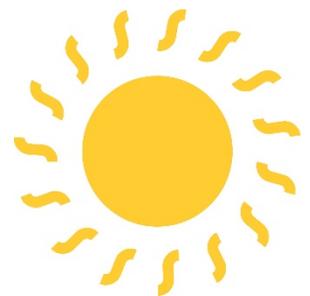
During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular.

- Author Unknown -


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Service Hours:

Sunday

9am Worship Service

- Traditional Hymns
- Social Distancing Practiced

10am Sunday School for all ages

*11am Worship Service

- Praise & Worship Hymns
- Social Distancing Practiced

*The 11am service is also live
streamed on FaceBook
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Wednesday

6pm

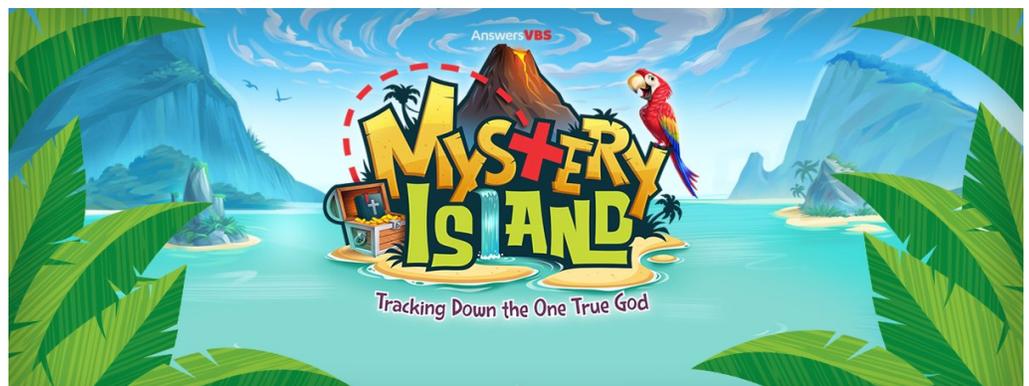
Pastor's Devotion on
Facebook Live

NBC Food Pantry

****July Hours**

Tuesdays 10am-2pm

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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 19-23, 2021 6pm-8pm

3-4 year old class
K-5th Grade