



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - June 2022

Grief and Rage over the School Shooting

My heart is broken. At the time of writing this newsletter, it has been two days since the elementary school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, where 19 children and two teachers were killed. Again, my heart breaks for the families of those children and the extended community. The grief and trauma from Tuesday's attack will forever leave their mark on the survivors. I do pray for the families and the Uvalde community during this time.

We, who are old enough to remember the Columbine High School massacre of 1999, have also witnessed too many other horrific mass school shootings since that time (most notably the one at Virginia Tech in 2007 that killed 32 people or the one at Sandy Hook that killed 27). Also, if you can remember back to 1999, you know the script of what our nation does after each of these shootings. After the initial shock, there is a time of anger when various people are blamed, such as the police, the school administrators, the parents, the "system," the gun laws, and the politicians. Then, politicians (and others) will seek to use the grief and anger caused by the event to enact new gun laws and/or seek to gain a greater political position. The outcome of this process often leads to a renewed effort to enforce the laws that are already on the books and increase school security across the nation. After a month or two, the nation moves on to a new newsworthy event curated by the media to cause shock and anger, providing for us a reason to forget the pain of the hurting community unable to escape its grief.

Stirred into this all-too-common post-school-massacre script is the visible appearance of real evil. We are exposed to pure evil as the failed life of the

shooter is put on display. We witness evil at work when the suffering of others is used as leverage by people for personal power or wealth. And we see evil working its manipulation upon people who are unwilling to take the steps necessary to protect life. Not only does my heart break with grief at the deaths of those children, but it also rages at the evil seen in both the cause and aftermath of the shooting.



I share all of this, hoping that you may find comfort and hope in God's justice as expressed by His Word. In my personal Bible reading these past few days, I have been deeply moved and helped by various writers longing and crying out for God's justice and His Name to be glorified in all the earth. One example is Psalm 58, which reads, "O God, break the teeth in their mouths; tear out the fangs of the young lions, O

LORD! Let them vanish like water that runs away; when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted. Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime, like the stillborn child who never sees the sun. Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns, whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away (vs. 6-9)!" Or Isaiah 2 which reads, "For the LORD of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up—and it shall be brought low (vs. 12);" "And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the lofty pride of men shall be brought low, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day (vs. 17)." "Stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he (vs. 22)?" Let us eagerly look forward to the day of the Lord's return and the justice that is brought on that day.

May you find shelter in Christ on that day.

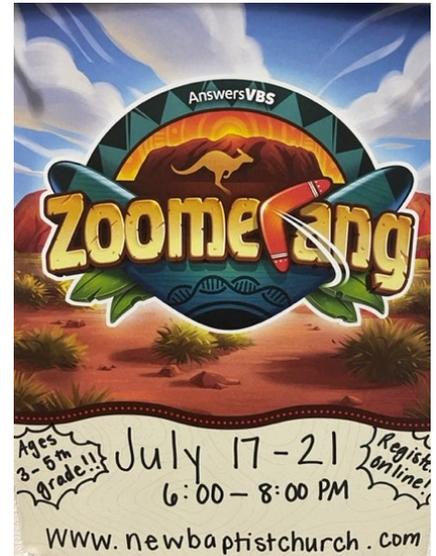
Pastor Trent Eastman



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- 3 Nancy Bane
Winston Hufford
Grover Tadlock
- 4 John Ghiz
Claire Manchester
Colt Vanover
- 5 Ronica Muth
Becky Morris
- 9 Rose Davis
Celi Stuart
- 10 Lucas Cox
Isabelle Jones
Melissa Marcum
Tracie Ross
- 12 Casey Adkins
Brooke Powers
- 15 Isabelle Bonecutter
Karen Gillispie
- 16 George Ellis
Nora Stephens
- 17 Tucker Brown
Sadie Brown
Kathy Gillette
- 19 Oleta Dolen
- 20 Stan Meadows
Kara Smith
Josh Vanover
- 23 Andy Finley
Katie Ghiz
Jeff Madden
Mark Willett
- 24 Kenidy Jeffrey
Abigail Lewis
- 25 Lacie Casto
Grace Ghiz
Sharon Logan
- 27 Bill Dolen
Bob Paden
- 28 Susan Pratt
- 29 Drew Osenbach
- 30 Grace Vanover



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- 3 – Tyler & Rebecca Hampton (5th)
- 5 – Marvin & Valerie Moore (40th)
- 8 – Jacob & Hannah Eastman
8 – Jake & Ashley Sharp
- 8 – Christopher & Alison Townson
- 10 - Phil & Gloria Holmes (50th)
- 11 – Clyde & Dee Mount
- 11 - Jeff & Lisa Riley
- 11 - Roger & Tracy Waugh
- 12 – Rick & Trudy Elam
- 15 – Zach & Kim Booth
- 15 – Bobby & Joyce Mannon
- 17 – Kevin & LaAnna Blake
- 17 – Kevin & Susan Skaggs
- 18 – Jeff & Kim Day
- 18 – John & Kim Stinespring
- 19 – Chris & Ronica Muth (1st)
- 20 – Jeff & Trena Wise (35th)
- 22 – Aaron & Betsy Brown
- 23 – Shane & Meredith Hufford
- 23 – Seth & Ashley Summers (15th)
- 25 – Earl & Teresa Trawick
- 27 – Curt & Katelyn Mann
- 30 – Ron & Jean Maynard (60th)



Make plans now to attend
Vacation Bible School in July.

Registration can be done on line or
you can contact

Katelyn Mann 304-638-7279

Lacie Casto 304-552-6676 or

Betsy Brown 740-709-1340

for more info.



Notes from Choir Director, Karen Dailey

It is so good to be singing God’s praises again as a choir. While our numbers have been small since Easter, those that are able to be a part are enjoying the fellowship and worship together as we sing. In the summer months, we will focus on small groups as people go about their summer routines that are always keeping us busy. On Father’s Day, June 19th, I would like to have a ladies’ choir and will be asking more of you to join us for that special service. It is my prayer that we can continue to worship in song.



Wednesday, June 22
for July issue of *Bridges*



We took a few weeks off but now we are ready to
start back. Come and join us.

Thursdays, 5:30pm

If you want to know more, contact
Stephanie Spencer at 304-544-1467.

From Our Family Life Pastor

A tale of two fishing trips...

Back in December I took my dad on a fly-fishing trip. He had wanted to learn and had bought some gear a few years back. We found guides in Greenbrier County and they taught us the basics, then quickly shoved rods in our hands and let us start trying. We practiced casting without hooks in a field, and once we got the hang of it, they tied on some flies and we were off to a pond. Immediately we were pulling out pretty good sized fish and kept that up throughout the day! Wow talk about fun! We caught nearly fifty fish between us and had the insight and skills of guides showing us and teaching us as we fished. I have to admit, that that was not a realistic example of most wild fly fishing trips for a first time angler, but it got me excited and helped me develop basics to try again on my own.



I asked for a fly-rod and gear for Christmas and ended up testing it out a couple of times before I finally had some success. My second fishing trip was at a familiar lake in Tennessee. I tested my tying and casting skills and ended up with many more errors before finding a success. After a couple days of fishing, I finally caught my first fish in the wild! I admit, it wasn't as big as the others I'd caught with the guides, but the excitement was real, because I got to use the skills I'd learned with the guides to succeed on my own.



I think about these stories in relation to parenting and working with students. We have the opportunity to help kids experience the joys of faith, teach them and walk with them with oversight to get them excited! The goal is not to keep them in the safe space where we are leading their success, but launching them and equipping them with the tools and the abilities to learn and grow and find success on their own. The challenge to parents in Deuteronomy is to teach the ways of God to their children so that they will not turn away. I love that there is action, these teaching moments happen as they travel, as they see things, they talk and discuss the ways God has worked.

In his newest book, Christian Smith, of the National Study of Youth and Religion, said one of the greatest habits you can do to help your kids stay connected to their faith as adults is to talk about religion at home naturally and regularly. This shows that our faith isn't just something we do on Sundays and Wednesdays but is part of our daily thoughts and actions.

With summer here, how can you and your family be intentional to spend time together, learning and playing, and ultimately talking in ways that allow spiritual conversations to come up? Allow the work of God in your life to spill over and excite and inspire your kids in their faith!

- If you want a chance to spend time with other families from New Baptist Church, we will have a family night at the Charleston Dirty Birds baseball game on June 12, let me know if you want tickets.
- Wednesday's will have kids and youth programming at 6:30pm through the summer.

Praying for you!
Pastor Lee Boso



Thank you to the youth and their leaders for showing acts of service on Wednesday evening, May 25, 2022, by going around the alley close to the church and neighboring areas and picking up garbage. What a wonderful way of showing our neighbors that New Baptist Church is a part of the Highlawn neighborhood and wants to help make a difference here.



News from Debbie Harman

AWANA Celebration was a success! We had a wonderful evening of fellowship and play and some wonderful cupcakes made by Trendy Treats; LaAnna Blake, thank you so much!

I still have several gift cards for those of you who have been helpers, listeners, Room Directors/Leaders, and substitutes. Please, allow me to give you this small token of my heartfelt thanks for the time and energy you have blessed these little hearts with for 2021-2022. If you have not gotten your gift card yet, please let me know.

Look for updates about AWANA commencing in September! If you want to help in any capacity in AWANA, let me know 😊

WHAT'S YOUR SUPER POWER?!       

CHILDREN'S Wednesday night Church from 6:30-7:30pm and Nursery will be provided.

We will be doing a Bible study about how your child can be a superhero for God by talking about Heroes of the Bible, what qualities a superhero has, and how we can use our God-given SuperPowers! Hope to see everyone there AND I wanna know what is your SuperPower?!

Children's Church on Sunday Morning **needs substitute helpers** since many will be in and out with family events and vacations for the Summer months. If you can be a helper, let me know. Substitutes are great helpers for anytime but especially June through August when we are so busy celebrating our blessings.

Substitutes can help in Sunday School (10:00 -10:50), Children's Church (10:50- 12:00) or Nursery. Curriculum is available digitally and in-hand so you do not have to worry with lesson prep or supplies. Come on out and get your feet wet if you have wondered if God's prompting you to work with these little blessings!



A Pew Research Center survey reported that 90% of active US churchgoers stated that their churches had closed their doors in favor of broadcasting services online. While New Baptist didn't close our doors, we did comply with COVID-19 social distancing protocols. One of several changes we made was to collect offerings at the door - discontinuing the long standing practice of Ushers passing collection plates during the service.

However, another important function provided by Ushers (a.k.a. Doorkeepers) has almost disappeared. The typical duties can include greeting people as they arrive, assisting those who need help entering or exiting their vehicle, handing out bulletins, answering questions, providing directions to Sunday School classes, helping to finding seats in the sanctuary, and parking assistance for large attendance events.

What we need initially is to recruit members who are willing to effectively lead, organize, and schedule Ushers for Sunday Morning (Sunday School and Worship) and other special events (e.g. convention meetings, concerts).

If you are interested in helping with this need, please contact **Phil Holmes** at **304-638-8451** or philipholmes@yahoo.com



New Baptist Church members are the best. You never cease to amaze us. In May we collected over \$600 in donations from our chocolate chip cookie sale for Pastor Dasnis. We are still anticipating an upcoming trip to Haiti by some of the board members of Friends of Ft. Liberte'

Thanks for your generosity during our Baby Bottle Collection for A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center. After we get the final bottles returned, we will update with a total amount collected. Just know you are making a difference in the lives of families in our community.

It's Time for Camp!!



If you haven't signed up for Camp Cowen this summer, what are you waiting for?

Camp Cowen is a wonderful way for our kids to experience a few days to a whole week of fun, fellowship and learning more about God. We, as a church, want to help send your kids to camp and will pay \$25 toward that. Contact Pastor Lee or the church office for more info.

Camp Cowen 2022 Schedule

MAY 13-15	Summer Kick-Off	JULY 9	Senior Day (<i>graduated seniors</i>)
JUNE 3-5	Younger Midler (<i>2nd-4th grade</i>)	JULY 10-16	High School 2 (<i>9th-12th grade</i>)
JUNE 5-11	Junior 1 (<i>5th-6th grade</i>)	JULY 17-21	Raleigh/Rockcastle
JUNE 12-18	Junior High 1 (<i>7th-9th grade</i>)	JULY 22-25	Family Camp
JUNE 19-25	Junior 2 (<i>5th-6th grade</i>)	JULY 26-29	Older Midler (<i>3rd-5th grade</i>)
JUNE 26-JULY 2	High School 1 (<i>9th-12th grade</i>)	JULY 29-31	Camp Global
JULY 3-9	Junior High 2 (<i>7th-9th grade</i>)	AUGUST 5-7	AB Men's Camp

campcowen.org

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Join us for the June Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

June 8, 2022 Noon

Program: Kelley's Bridge Band

Menu listed on back page of newsletter
Suggested donation of \$10 to cover cost of meal.

Please sign up by Wednesday, June 1, so we can have a count for the caterer. Signup sheets are in older adult Sunday School Classes and at the Welcome Center.



Ron Caviani, described by the Herald-Dispatch as an orchestra teacher and stagecraft extraordinaire, is retiring after a 30-year teaching career, most of which has been spent at Cabell-Midland High

School. His dedication was recognized recently during his final orchestra concert at the school, where students presented him with an award from WVA Governor Jim Justice for his excellence as an orchestra teacher. Ron was pictured twice in the Friday, May 20, edition of the newspaper.



Sarah Baisden, daughter of **Jay and Carrie Baisden**, and granddaughter of **John and Pat Baisden** was recently honored with being chosen as Student of the Year in her 4th grade class at Spring Hill Elementary. The student of the year award is presented to the student that has shown leadership in the classroom on a daily basis. The student is always kind and gives their best effort in their academics. The students vote for this award and chose Sarah.

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, Bill Bartram, Jim & Jenny Benson, Charlie Bonecutter, Robert Bonecutter, Dean & Cookie Caldwell, Pam Cole, Kyle Cook, Virginia Cortese, Pastor Robin Crouch, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Pam Fannin, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Doris Halcombe, Minnie Harris, Joni Hill, John & Linda Hovey, Becky Huff, Sandy James, Ron Jarvis, Pete & Anita Jones, Joyce Kinder, Judy Lantz, Bill & Debbie Lapole, Virginia Lawrence, Joseph Leggott, Bob Mannon, Roy Maynor, Mary McClure, Nancy McSweeney, Pat Meredith, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Valerie Moore, Sandy Pemberton, Jo Anna Smith, Charlie Morris, Bob & Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Carolyn Powers, Lena Powers, Carol Richardson, Marion Sansom, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bill Snoddy, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jean Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Grover Tadlock, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Don & Ellen Walker, Dave Watkins, Lork Watkins, Ronnie Waugh, Richard Weston, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark & Jo Ellen Willett, Sharon Wimmer

Additional Prayer Items:

- our pastors
- our community
- our military personnel
- our country
- all affected by covid
- the community of Uvalde, TX
- unsaved loved ones
- our government leaders
- those trying to flee Afghanistan
- the people of Haiti
- Ukraine and its people



Camp Global is the annual family missions camp designed to inform, inspire, and equip individuals and churches to better engage with what God is doing in His redemption of the nations.

God is opening numerous doors, both locally and around the world, for those currently unreached with the gospel to hear and receive the good news of Jesus.

The purpose of this year's camp is to:

- Inform you of opportunities and resources
- Inspire you to engage communities both locally and globally
- Equip you with the tools to make disciples of all nations



Seeking and finding (from The NewsletterNewsletter)

St. Ambrose (A.D. 340-397) was an influential figure in the early church. As bishop of Milan, he fought pagan influences. As a writer, he's credited with sermons, poems and innovative Christian hymns. And, according to tradition, he also converted and baptized St. Augustine.

One beloved prayer from St. Ambrose reads: "Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding."

Contact Lacie Casto @ 304-552-6676 for more info.



In Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, he teaches, “If anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile” (Matthew 5:41, NRSV). Back then, Jews were subject to Roman rule and often compulsory service. Commoners could be forced to fetch water, carry baggage and perform other menial tasks. So Jesus suggests that rather than complying with gritted teeth and muttered curses, people offer to carry the pack a second mile as well.

These days, the second (or extra) mile denotes going beyond what’s expected or required, whether in effort or kindness. In *Going the Second Mile*, Mel Blackaby describes the concept as “the difference between living as a good person and enjoying life as a child of God.” He explains, “When you ‘do your best’ for someone, you go the first mile. When God does his best through you, you experience the second mile. This can happen only when you let Christ in you take over and empower you to accomplish what is impossible by your natural abilities. While others see you on the first mile, they see Christ on the second.”

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

Congratulations GRADUATES

The following students were honored during the morning worship service on May 29, 2022.

Carlie Arkell - Cabell Midland High School

Tristyn Blake – Cabell Midland High School

Grace Ghiz – STEM + M

Amillia Howard – Huntington High School

Casey Adkins – Marshall University (12/21)

Ginny Blake – WVU Law School

Sara Chambers – Marshall University

Jacob Eastman – Palmer Theological Seminary

Joshua Eastman – Princeton University

Meredith Hall Hadlock – Marshall University

Mitchell Hall – Marshall University (12/21)

David Hannan – Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary

Katelyn Hannan - Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary

Beth Perry May – Marshall University

Ryan McGuffin – Gardner-Webb University

Ashley Sharp – Marshall University (12/21)

Allison Walden Swingle – Wichita State University

Caleb Wise – Marshall University

We are so proud of all of you and honored to celebrate this special milestone with you.

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM
 ABEL
 NOAH
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 JUDAH
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 SHEMURAI
 ISSACHAR
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Service Hours:

Sunday

- 9:30 Radio Bible Class
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- *11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery

*Service is also live streamed on
Facebook
([@NewBaptistChurchWV](https://www.facebook.com/NewBaptistChurchWV))

Wednesday

- 6:30 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Youth
Children's Programming

**NBC Food Pantry
Hours**

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm
(additional hours 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays – 5pm-7pm)

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
610 28TH STREET
HUNTINGTON WV 25702

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Noon



Menu:

Baked Steak, Chicken
Casserole, mashed potatoes,
7 Layer Salad, Banana Pudding,
Red Velvet Cake, Apple Pie

Program:

Kelley's Bridge Band
(Celtic Group)

Suggested donation - \$10



Bring
Dad
to
Church

Father's Day
June 19, 2022