



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - September 2018

The Summer Blockbuster

Every year movie studios release multi-million-dollar-Hollywood blockbusters for movie goers to enjoy. I must confess, I like a good story. In fact, I am more driven by an interesting and creative story than I am by special effects or action. Stories help me learn and see things from different perspectives, they allow me to wonder and laugh, and even sometimes cry. Yet, at the end of the roughly 2-hour show, the projector turns off and the lights come on, and all that is left is to talk about is the experience of seeing the movie. The movie itself (usually) is fiction, or, if it is not fiction, it is a story about someone else, which means it is still fiction to me. There are many wonderful stories, but none of them are mine. *My story is better.*

My story is about a Loving God who created the world simply because He is a loving God. A God who is in Himself relational (Father, Son and Spirit), and thus man and woman are created to live in the presence of God, enjoying Him, and giving him Glory forever. But, man and woman, became deceived thinking that God was holding back on them and thus to be happy they needed to disobey God. (This deception persists even today.) The consequence of failing to trust and obey God resulted in a relational separation from God, the very creator and source of life. Because of that separation man and woman live in a world marked by suffering and under the bondage of death and decay of all things. This is why, despite the desire of the human heart for a better world, unspeakable suffering and atrocities continue to this day.

God did not leave us. From the very beginning God has been at work in revealing Himself, most importantly through the testimony of His people (the Israelites), the giving of His Law, and the proclamation of the Prophets. All of

these witnesses of God have worked to reveal who God is, and to open our eyes to our own enslaved and depraved condition. Finally, in these last days, God spoke one final word through the Son sent to save us. Jesus was the full and complete revelation of God because He is God. Yet Jesus was more than just a better witness of God, He did something that the law and the prophets could not do. Jesus delivered people from their sins and the bondage of death and decay. This deliverance was accomplished by Jesus himself dying upon a cross, taking the full wrath, and curse of separation and death upon Himself. Therefore, by this staggering gift given, we are made free to live in the presence of God, enjoying Him, and forever giving Him glory. How do I know that this story is true? It is true because Jesus rose from the grave. His resurrection vindicates all that he taught, all that he did, and all that he accomplished.



This is my story. It is my story lived by faith. A faith that not only believes the truth of this story, but lives according to the reality of the story. A faith that not only finds rest in being a beloved child of God, but a faith that seeks to become that which I already am. A faith that looks forward to Christ's return as the start of even a greater story.

"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. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1,2 NIV)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Trent



Happy Anniversary

Duane & Myrna Eastman	Sept. 7 (55 th)
Roy & Betty Maynor	Sept. 13 (66 th)
Mark & Renee Kessinger	Sept. 22
Brian & Lacie Casto	Sept. 26
Brian & Corie Harris	Sept. 26

- 1 Bob Carman
- Mike Simpson
- 3 Mary Carter (97th)
- Kim Finley
- Linda Hovey
- Stephanie Spencer
- 4 Kyle Grimes
- 5 Chelcie Adkins
- Kelli Estep
- Corie Harris
- 6 Betty Blankenship
- Roger Waugh
- 7 Ann Spurlock
- 8 Lynn Barcus
- Jason Roland
- Caitlin Wilson
- 10 Bethany Cox
- Jennifer Hatten
- Meredith Hufford
- Sandy Pemberton
- Jessica Pennington
- 12 Madison Vanover
- 13 Brian Casto
- Susan Sullivan
- 15 Max Noble
- 16 Joyce Mannon
- 17 Brooks Boso
- Heather Marcum
- Faith Watkins
- 18 Carmen Boso
- Jase Casto
- Marion Davis
- 19 Nick Carrico
- Emma Mannon
- 20 Richard Crank
- Christie Eastman
- Jeff Wise
- 21 Joshua Eastman
- 22 Virgil Kelly
- Kathy Meadows
- 23 Carla Booth
- Rick Elam
- Natasha Martin
- Sarah Nibert
- 24 Toni Collins
- Joyce Rose
- 25 Virginia Lawrence
- 26 Judy Hatfield
- 27 Lisa Daniels
- Lois Merritt
- 28 Brenda Stevenson
- Riley Walker (1st)
- 29 David Cooper

Senior Adult Fellowship
September 20, 2018 Meeting

**Program: "Them Roten Boys"
Bluegrass Gospel Music**



Food Provided: Catering by The Scrumptious Company

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

Program: Our program this month will be presented by four brothers, known as "Them Roten Boys", who play and sing bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music. They are the sons of Tom and Leigh Anne Roten, hence the name, "Them Roten Boys". You may have heard Tom on the radio. He is the host of a week-day talk show on WVHU, 800AM, 6:00-9:00AM. Braden (18) plays guitar, Joshua (16) plays banjo, Samuel (14) plays fiddle and Sutton (12) rounds out the group playing the mandolin. They have been playing together for about 5 years and have provided programs for churches, nursing homes, Cabell and Wayne County Fairs, WV Pumpkin Festival and other social events in the area. Occasionally, the boys will allow their Dad and Mom to sing with them and make the song a family affair. Maybe this will happen during the program they are doing for us. The family attends Bloomingdale Salem Baptist Church in Salt Rock, WV and the boys participate in the programs of the church and youth activities as well. They are all outdoorsmen and mow lawns as a summer job and enjoy playing at the park, hunting and fishing. All of the boys are home-schooled and play Basketball for Covenant Christian Academy. We hope you will come and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you and enjoy the fantastic food, fun, fellowship and entertaining program. You will leave with a smile on your face and a song in your heart. You will be glad you came and so will we. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

- Roy Maynor

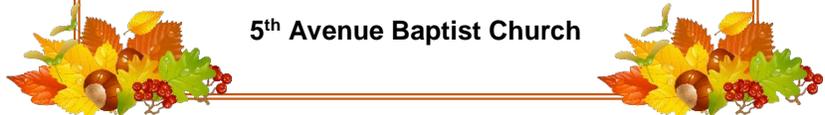
**Guyandotte Baptist Association
Annual Meeting**

Thursday, September 27

Dinner 6pm

Meeting 7pm

5th Avenue Baptist Church



Family Life Moment



Our family loves celebrations; I think sometimes we just look for reasons to have good food and maybe a special treat. This month we as a church celebrate 10 years of being together and being a blessing in Huntington, WV. This is fantastic and worthy of a celebration. I love as I read the Bible that I see all sorts of celebrations; there are feasts, festivals, and occasions where they would erect a pillar to have the memory of the great things that God had done - rescue, provision, safe crossing and on it goes. I love how

Paul says in Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." It is because of God's goodness and God's character that we rejoice in Him, all the time! In verse 8, He tells us to think about things that are good, just, honorable, lovely, excellent, praiseworthy and so on. This is a celebration! For us, when there is a game on TV, we celebrate. When the royal couple is getting married, we wake up early and eat good food to celebrate. If it is someone's birthday, we celebrate. Any day is a good day for cake. But, what if we went even further to recognize God's goodness every day in our lives and in the lives of our family, church, and community and celebrate? Not that that means we have to have special food or a gathering, but that we just rejoice at God's goodness. How can we help our kids to see God at work and to celebrate it?

Come join us on September 9 for a celebration of 10 years together as New Baptist Church. There will be food, a special service, and time to enjoy each other. As we go through this month though, I encourage you to look around, and see where God is working and acknowledge it; help your family to have their eyes open, looking and expecting God's goodness to be on display and to rejoice in it.

As our students head back to school, we get back into a routine and have the opportunity to be part of youth group on Sunday nights from 6-7:30pm, PODS on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm or to plug into a Sunday School class at 10am on Sunday mornings. We will attend **Fall Rally at Camp Cowen on September 15** and look forward to learning how to share our faith with our friends at **Dare 2 Share on October 13**. More info about these will be coming out soon. The youth have recently started using a service called [Remind](#) to communicate and encourage. You can send Lee a message to be added to that list. Also follow [@newbaptistchurch](#) and [@newbaptistyouth](#) on Instagram to see what's happening.

In Christ,
Lee Boso<><



Calling all choir members! Have you missed giving praises in song to our Lord as much as I have? Well, it is time for us to come together again. We have lots to look forward to this fall and the up-coming advent season. The cantata listening and practice CD's and books are ready to be handed out. "There is Peace in the World Tonight" is the cantata we will be presenting on December 16th and it will be here sooner than we think! There are also several new songs I look forward to the choir offering as praise to our Lord.

Since we won't be able to practice on September 9th (Anniversary of New Baptist), we will need to have an extra practice to keep us on track. Hope to see you all on these dates:

- Saturday, September 8th, 9:00 – 12:00
- Sunday, September 16th, 5:00 – 6:00 (section practice starts at 4:30)
- Sundays, September 23rd & 30th, 5:00 – 6:00 (section practice starts at 4:30)



I look forward to opportunities to fellowship and worship with you in the next weeks! Blessings to you all!





AWANA News

Woo Hoo—♪♪♪ A *W *A *N *A—I Wanna Live My Life
GOD's Way!♪♪♪

AWANA is starting up again the evening of September 16th at 6:00pm. Come join us for an awesome time with God, friends, and games!

Please, let me know if you want to be a handbook helper or a room helper, teacher/director or play games 😊. We have a spot for you!

At New Baptist we build our children's programs on the principles of Deuteronomy 6:4-9 [ESV]; "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

We will love your children, honor your family values, and most importantly show them Christ's love in in a safe setting at New Baptist. AWANA is open for ages two years through high school and we offer nursery for parents who want to help in AWANA or youth or enjoy time in the Word with Pastor Trent and Pastor Robin in the sanctuary. Please come join us in the community of Christ!

I'm excited for this our 10th year at New Baptist and for the many hands that have served the many years in various positions in AWANA and our children's programs♥️. For more information, please call the church office or call/text me directly at 304-544-3913.

In His Service,
Debbie Harman

Fall Rally 2018 @ Camp Cowen

September 14-15

Band: **Our Hearts Hero**

Speaker: **Bryson Morlan**

Cost: **\$25**



DO YOU CONTROL YOUR FINANCES?
OR DO YOUR
FINANCES
CONTROL
YOU?



Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University

Class Starts Tuesday, Sept. 4, 6:00pm

New Baptist Church

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Judy's Shawls will meet
Monday, September 10
at 6:30pm in the Bykota Room.
Anyone who knits or crochets or
want to learn how is welcome to
come join us.

In addition to making prayer shawls
we are also making caps and
blankets for the Ronald McDonald
House and scarves for our military.

For more information on these
projects as well as how to make a
prayer shawl come join us on
Monday, September 10.

Sunday, Sept. 23
for October issue of
Bridges





Finding Your Story in God's Story

Summer is nearly past and a new school year has started. We too are beginning a new year of spiritual activities here at the church. Now that we are out of the main vacation season it is time to get back to church. We all need those times of renewal and refreshment that vacations bring but now it is time to be sure that we are in worship with our church family each week.

If I were to ask you what the over-arching story of the Bible is, could you answer that in a coherent way? How does the Old Testament lead into the New Testament? What connections are there between the two testaments? The Bible is the best-selling book in history, but how many people in our community are actually reading it? A Gallup survey reports the average American household has four Bibles. However, research by Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life (2008) found that only 16 percent of Americans read the Bible every day.

To reverse that trend we have encouraged and challenged you to read the Bible through each year. To enhance your understanding of the Bible you are invited to join with the Harvesters Sunday School Class for a journey through the Story of the Bible. This study will increase your Biblical literacy and help you understand God's story from Genesis to Revelation. One of the exciting outcomes of this study is recognizing where your personal story intersects with God's.

We will begin this study on Sunday, September 16. This study will take us through the Spring of next year.

I have the honor of leading this study and invite you to find your story in God's story.



Ladies' Night Out is scheduled for **Thursday, September 13** at 6:30pm. **Kathy Gue** will be our guest speaker and the meal will be catered by our very own **Alissa Stricker**. We will reflect on ten years of God's work in the lives of the ladies of New Baptist Church as we also introduce our fall Bible studies.

This year's theme is "**Reflections: The Woman God Sees**" and the scripture is "**The LORD delights in you**" from **Isaiah 62:4**. Tickets are available at the cost of **\$10** each from our table hostesses (call Pat in the church office for the names of our hostesses). Tickets will also be available after services at the front of the church. **ALL** the ladies of our church are invited to be a part of what is always a wonderful evening of praise, worship, fellowship, and sharing.

Fall Bible study sessions will begin on **Wednesday, September 19**. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these small groups as a way to grow in your knowledge of God's Word. The courses offered this fall will be repeats of some favorite studies from the past decade as we join in celebrating the 10-year anniversary of New Baptist Church. Look for signups after services during the first weeks of September.

It is truly as joy to serve together with so many beautiful women of God! Fall blessings to each of you!

For Good...

Dolores Adkins--Women's Ministries

Daily Tasks

When I awoke this morning, I asked, "How shall I live this day?" The answers were all around me:

- The fan said, "Keep your cool."
- The ceiling said, "Aim high."
- The window said, "Look outside yourself."
- The clock said, "Every minute is precious."
- The calendar said, "Stay up to date."
- The door said, "Take advantage of opportunity."
- The floor said, "Kneel down and pray."



Guyandotte Baptist Association

ABWM Fall Rally

Tuesday, September 18
6:00pm

Barboursville Baptist Church

Speakers: Shane & Meredith Hufford

New Baptist Church in Mission
September 2018

MISSION NEWS

Thank You:

Thank you for your continued generosity for Pastor Dasnis. Our luncheon this past Sunday collected \$505; making our yearly total \$3,219.38!!! Thank you for continuing to support his ministry in Haiti. Pastor Dasnis visited with us at our last meeting and it is always so uplifting to hear what all he is able to accomplish with our support.

Mission Reports:

Baby Bottles: In May was a church collected money for a New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center. We have finally received our total donation. We were able to collect \$1,043.14. Our spare change can make quite a difference in the lives of young moms in our neighborhood. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



Back Pack Collections: Thanks to everyone who donated backpacks, supplies, money or time packing the packs. We were able to meet our goal of 200 filled backpacks. We collected over our goal!!! Amy Kelly has delivered these to Huntington High School, Huntington East Middle School and Highlawn Elementary.

Food Pantry: For the months of June and July our food pantry was able to service 512 families totaling 1,135 people (348 children, 615 adults, 142 seniors). They were also able to assist 78 homeless and distributed 305 hygiene kits. They are also getting ready to start the backpack ministry at Highlawn Elementary. They have been providing 50 back packs/week, but this year we will be increasing that number to 60/week.



Service Opportunities:



Fall Festival: New Baptist Church will be hosting our annual Fall Festival Trunk and Treat on Saturday October 27. Go ahead and mark your calendars so you will be sure to be able to help. We are needing a minimum of 100 volunteers for that event. We are looking for volunteers to decorate a trunk, be the storyteller for each trunk, bake cakes, help with setup/clean up, registration, games, crafts, inflatable games, prayer booth, greeters and serve food. There is a job for everyone. Basically, if you are breathing we will find a job for you! Please fill out the volunteer forms at the welcome center or in the bulletin and turn into myself or the church office. These will be available in the near future. Keep watch in the bulletin for more details.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: You may think this is early to be mentioning OCC shoeboxes, however, this is the perfect time to start thinking and planning your shoebox. Right now back to school items are significantly cheaper than in November. Go ahead and purchase a box of crayons for \$0.50 instead of \$1.50 later. Find memo pads or colored pencils cheaper now. Stock up on supplies to fill your boxes while the price is right!



Upcoming Events:

Mark
Your
Calendar!

Sunday September 16: will be our next mission luncheon. The menu will be potluck so go ahead and start thinking about what recipe you would like to share with your church family.

Wednesday Sept 26: we will be serving dinner at the City Mission again. We will meet at 4:15 and finish at 6:00. There will still be evening Bible Study that night.

Saturday October 27: will be our annual Fall Festival. Please go ahead and mark your calendar so you will be available to help volunteer. We will need over 100 volunteers to make this event a success. If you are breathing, we can use you!!!

Missions Continued:

Summer Mission:

This summer has been absolutely amazing for our church members going on mission trips. Here is a list of those involved.

Nashville, TN: Laurel Campbell

Baltimore, MD: Sarah Smith, Elizabeth Kelly

Haiti: Virgil Kelly, Larry Harman

Lebanon: Drew Osenbach

Kenya: Meredith and Shane Hufford

Japan: Abigail Harman and Ben McCloy

Bolivia: Lee Boso, Rebekah Coster, Adria Fox, Katie Ghiz, Becca and Tyler Hampton, Harper Haney, Ripley Haney, Elizabeth Kelly, Curt Mann, Beth Perry, Sarah Smith, and Caleb Wise

Cowen: Trevor Wilson, Mark and Carla Booth, Brad Chenault, Heidi Dennison, Faith Ferguson, Chad Booth, Ethan Miller, Natalie Riley, Lee Boso, Bethany Cox, Beth Perry, Caleb Wise and Mitchell Hall

From the Board of Finance



God instructs us through the prophet, Malachi, to “Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house ...” Malachi 3:10 (ESV). In 2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV), Paul writes “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Payment methods have changed dramatically in the “digital world”. So, for those of you who do not carry cash or a personal checkbook on your person, here are four additional ways to give to New Baptist Church:

1. Most banks and credit unions offer a free electronic “Bill Pay” service. In essence, your bank will mail the church a bank issued check for you. All you have to do is set up a reoccurring payment (weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly), using your bank’s mobile app or its website, for the amount you want to give to New Baptist Church. Our mailing address is 610 – 28th Street, Huntington, WV 25702.  Bill Pay
2. For customers of larger banks, you can use the free “Zelle” service. It works similar to the “Bill Pay”, except it eliminates the mailing of a paper check. The money is transferred electronically between bank accounts. All you have to do is set up a “Zelle” reoccurring payment (weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly), using your bank’s mobile app or its website, for the amount you want to give to New Baptist Church. Our email address is newbaptist2008@gmail.com. 
3. You can donate to New Baptist Church through our website, www.newbaptistchurch.com. We have a donate button on our web page. Click on the donate button, follow the instructions, and give to New Baptist Church through our PayPal account. **(PayPal reduces your contribution to us by 2.2% for processing your card payment.)** 
4. We have a debit/credit card reader in the church office. See Pat Baisden about using your card(s) to give to New Baptist through our PayPal account. **(PayPal reduces your contribution to us by 2.2% for processing your card payment.)**

Darrell Walden, Chair
Board of Finance

The Challenge of Scripture

GQ magazine recently included the Bible on a list of 21 books not worth reading, calling the text “repetitive” and “foolish” (among other things). Pushback came from both secular and religious folks. Writing in *USA Today*, Tim Swarens argued that even if you don’t believe in God, the Bible helps you understand Western culture, history, current events and your neighbors.

For Christians, the Bible — God’s inspired Word — reveals God’s love and will. It isn’t always easy to read or process, but no other book contains such good news.

As Danielle Shroyer writes in *Original Blessing*, “Scripture is a sacred book meant to provoke us in ways that will move us toward God. And often, that is the very last thing we are looking for. We would rather have an answer, a simple plan, even a nicely tidy moral story. But Scripture gives us none of these things, because the holy is anything but domestic. We go looking to find a plan and instead are sent on a treasure hunt.”



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, Tom & Laura Blake, Janet Bricker, Philip Scott Burt, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Ronnie Childers, Mary Clifton, Kenny Coates, Jack Cook, Brittany Crockett, Lisa Daniels, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, John Hall, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, John and Linda Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Allison Sheils Kays, Virginia Lawrence, Betty Maynor, Ted McComas, Richard Meade, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Warren Napier, Marlin Oldaker, Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Sandy Pemberton, Jack Rickman, Peggy Saunders, Dale Shao, Charlie Shorey, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bonnie & Keith Simpkins, Terry Smith, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jim & Ann Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Emma Wagner, Don Walker, Mark Wells, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer, Ed Yeager

(Pray also for our church, our community, unsaved loved ones, our military personnel, our government leaders, our country)

A Legacy of Faith

National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage.

The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children’s children and to help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.



Grandparents — and, in this mobile society, surrogate grandparents — also serve as examples of how to endure challenges with God’s help. Elders describe how God remains present, faithful and steadfast throughout the years. As Psalm 145:4 (NIV) says, “One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.”

“The greatness of God rouses fear within us, but his goodness encourages us not to be afraid of him. To fear and not be afraid — that is the paradox of faith.”
—A.W. Tozer



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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
5:00 Choir Practice
6:00 Awana
Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

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

Ladies' Fall Bible Studies begin
Wednesday, September 19.

Men's Bible Study, 33 The Series,
begins Wednesday, September 19.

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New Baptist Church

Join us for Celebration Sunday,
September 9

Covered Dish Picnic starts at 5pm
(In case of rain, meal will be inside.)

Sign-up sheets located in front lobby.
Please sign up to let us know what you
plan to bring so we can plan
accordingly.

After our meal we will have a special service
and a time of fellowship and fun.



New Baptist Church
610 28th Street

Thursday, September 13, 2018
6:30pm

Reflections: The Woman God Sees

The Lord delights in you.
Psalm 62:4

Special Speaker: Kathy Gue

Tickets: \$10

Catering by Alissa Stricker