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a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Fall 2020

Renew

“...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:31

The LORD is...

By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

The fears, confusion and restrictions surrounding COVID-19 (and even the nationwide protests) can easily leave us exhausted, frustrated and feeling a bit hopeless. But, we have another recourse—we can choose, in our moments of distress, to recall that God is in control of ALL things. That’s what His Name, LORD, indicates. The LORD loves us and is ready and able to provide everything we need for each day and each situation.

David came to that “fork in the road.” He was faced with those who wanted to harm him and Saul’s attempts to kill him. He had a choice to make in the midst of his seemingly hopeless situation. The first three verses of Psalm 18 show us what he chose. His choice was to love and trust the LORD. He wrote: *“I love Thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer, my God, my Rock, in Whom I take refuge; my shield and the Horn of my salvation, my Stronghold. I call upon the LORD who is worthy to be praised and I am saved from my enemies.”*

Was David fearful? Did he face confusion over who was a friend and who was a foe? Did he have to restrict his coming and going, lest he would be discovered and killed? Do you think he was exhausted? Frustrated? Feeling hopeless? I’m sure the answer to all these questions is a resounding, “Yes!” So, you see, David wasn’t so different from you and me!

Nevertheless, in the midst of his life-threatening struggles, it’s as if David couldn’t wait to sing praises to the LORD because he chose to acknowledge WHO THE LORD IS. David immediately embraced the truth that his life was unfolding under the guidance of Almighty God, so he rightly called God, “LORD,” recognizing that He was the

One in absolute control! David was saying, “THE LORD IS...” my strength, stability (**Rock**), protection (**Fortress**) and a safety net (**Deliverer**). When mayhem surrounded him, David ran to the LORD, the One Who could provide peace (**Refuge**), the One Who deflected the darts of the evil one (**Shield**), the One Who would always fight for him (**Horn of Salvation**) and the One Who is the safe place to run (**Stronghold**) day or night. No wonder, when David realized Who God THE LORD IS, he praised Him—right in the heat of battle!

Now, there is you and me! You, dear bereaved parent, have already been through the worst of life. And now, with all that’s going on in our world, it may be easier to succumb to fear, confusion and hopelessness. Let’s join David and CHOOSE to look to the LORD, the Sovereign One, Who is over every circumstance in the world and in your life. Take a couple of deep breaths, lean back, look up and sing the chorus, “God Will Make a Way,” or “How Great Thou Art.”

Focus on THE LORD, because HE IS

Your **STRENGTH**

Your **ROCK** (stability)

Your **FORTRESS** (protection)

Your **DELIVERER** (safety net)

Your **REFUGE** (the place of peace)

Your **SHIELD** (deflecting the darts of the evil one)

Your **HORN** (the One Who will fight for you)

Your **STRONGHOLD** (the safe place to run).

CHOOSE—THE LORD!!



BASIS Monthly Support Groups

For bereaved parents—join us at one of these locations.

- Akron, PA** 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM (Sept-May)
- Aldan, PA** 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
- Lavelle, PA** 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Sept-May)
- Lebanon, PA** 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Oct-June)
- Paradise, PA** 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- Harrington, DE** 1st Thursday, 7:30 PM

Please contact our BASIS Department by emailing cwhiting@hvmi.org if you want further details on the regulations each BASIS Support Group is implementing regarding COVID-19.



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- Referring other bereaved parents to our ministry
- Participating in BASIS sponsored events as you are able
- Placing your child on the "Wall of Remembrance"
- Using resources provided by BASIS
- Your financial donations

H*VMI Upcoming Events

As God allows, we hope to offer the following:

- September 15** **H*VMI Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser**, Tanglewood Manor Golf Club, Quarryville, PA
- October 3** **Annual Ministry Banquet**, Yoders, New Holland, PA
- October 9,10** **Annual Ministry Yard Sale**, Akron, PA

Visit the H*VMI website or call our office for event details listed above.

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April–June 2020

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Choosing to Be Thankful

by Rebekah Bailey

On Saturday, September 23rd, 2017, I lost my precious son, Dagan, in a motorcycle accident. His accident actually occurred the afternoon of Friday the 22nd, but in order to officially call his death, they had to stabilize his vitals in order to run three different tests to validate that he was brain dead. It wasn't until 5:30 pm on the 23rd that they actually pronounced his death. Then, because he chose to be an organ donor, his body was kept alive until Sunday morning when he gave of himself for the final time. Dagan was able to donate his heart, liver, and both kidneys to four different recipients. Losing my son has been the most painful loss of my life. I have lost a part of myself that can never be recovered. However, because of this devastating loss, I have been able to connect with others with similar stories. This has been a blessing and something to be thankful for. I am thankful for the comfort I have received and the comfort and encouragement I am able to give.

I have chosen to find things to be thankful for even in this situation because, if I am not thankful, I know I will become self-focused and attend the pity party I think I deserve to have for myself. I have wanted on so many occasions to crawl into my bed and never get out, but I know that I have a responsibility to be an example to my children and those

around me. God never promised an easy life, but He did say we would have trials and tribulations. I know I have to be thankful in all situations, when I am blessed and when those who are precious to me are taken away.

Six months after the loss of my son, my husband, Kevin, also died. His death was also sudden, but due to his life choices not totally unexpected. His is a long story of trying to fight a battle that started as a teenager. I grieve the loss of the man I knew he could be, but in his death I see so clearly God's hand of mercy. Kevin fought his battle on a daily basis until it overtook him. I see his death as God gently reaching down and saying: "Son, you have had enough. You tried to fight, but you are tired and need rest. I am taking you home."

So today I am thankful for my sweet granddaughter who was born six months after her father's death and three weeks before her grandfather's death. I am thankful for my two children who, in their grief, have endured these tremendous losses without bitterness. I am thankful for a successful business with an amazing business partner. I am thankful for God's continued love.

Editors note: *Rebekah Bailey attends the Akron, PA BASIS Support Group. Her presence there is always a blessing to all who attend. This article is a good indicator of one of the many reasons why Rebekah IS such a blessing.*



Dates to Remember



SEPTEMBER

- 1: Cory Golis-birthday
- 1: Kent Erickson, Paul Maurer-died
- 2: Jessica Owens-date of birth and death
- 2: Jeff Hipple-birthday
- 2: Kenneth Ginter-died
- 3: Jacob Simpson-birthday
- 3: Jay Hamby-died
- 5: Joshua White-died
- 5: Talia Emslie-birthday
- 6: Brian Shoff-birthday
- 7: Adam Kauffman-date of birth and death
- 7: Seven Lobis-birthday
- 8: Walter Schauer III-birthday
- 8: Jimmie Williams-died
- 9: Dennis Plastino, Jr.-died
- 10: Ryan Denlinger-birthday
- 11: Paul Stranix-birthday
- 11: Randy VanRyn-died
- 12: Peter Gray-birthday
- 12: Jeff Christensen, Joshua Ollar, Stephen Stranix-died
- 14: Courtney Sachse-birthday
- 15: Stephen Stranix, Tobyne Wesner-birthday
- 15: Seven Lobis-died
- 16: Courtney Sachse-died
- 17: Destiny Berg, Chizo Duruji-birthday
- 17: Sarah Yellets-died
- 20: Jay Hamby-birthday
- 20: Chizo Duruji-died
- 21: Tyler Klingseiser-birthday
- 22: Jonathan Cameron, Faith Shepler-birthday
- 23: Jimmie Williams-birthday
- 23: Dagan Bailey-died
- 24: Logan McKinney-birthday
- 24: Patty Bennett-died
- 25: Jimmy Rubincan-birthday
- 25: Matthew Hines-died
- 26: Michael Coldiron-birthday
- 27: Matthew Gingrich, Christopher Gingrich-date of birth and death
- 28: Brayden Fuglio, Joshua Fuglio-birthday
- 29: Aliya Mentzer-date of birth and death
- 29: Ryan Nolen-birthday
- 29: James O'Brien-died
- 30: Kurt Axe, Shawn Donley, Timothy Flocco, Michael Skowronek-birthday
- 30: Shane Kurtz-died

OCTOBER

- 2: Kimberly Falls-birthday
- 2: Scott Fischer-died
- 3: Ricky Radcliffe, George Radcliffe-birthday
- 3: Janice Arrell-died
- 4: Brayden Fuglio, Joshua Fuglio-died
- 5: Jeff Christensen-birthday
- 5: Muriel Mauro, Andrew Steinman-died
- 7: William Hoesch, Ryan Schuster-died
- 9: Brent Bissinger-birthday
- 9: Emilee Davis-died
- 10: Abie Schneck-birthday
- 11: Muriel Mauro-birthday
- 11: Douglas Eckman, Ashley Romer-died
- 13: Philip Wilkins-birthday
- 13: Faith Shepler-died
- 14: Brian Raske-birthday
- 15: Charles Weir-died
- 16: Elliana Ruth-died
- 17: Fred Muller Jr., Jonathan Rasnake-birthday
- 18: Ryleigh Canham, James O'Brien-birthday
- 18: Brianna Carter-died
- 20: Kurt Whitaker-birthday
- 21: Jeremy Lavoie, Tim Wolfe-birthday
- 22: Aneka Vels, Natalie Wilbur-birthday
- 23: Dagan Bailey, Seth Linsinbigler, Joshua Ollar-birthday
- 23: David Stephens-date of birth and death
- 24: Jay Delp, Jedd Cochrane-birthday
- 24: Andrew Stoltzfus-date of birth and death
- 25: Heather Gates-died
- 26: Chelsea Barry, Sam Cook-birthday
- 26: Chelsea Barry-died
- 26: Matthew Barto, Michael Barto, Nathan Kerr-date of birth and death
- 27: Steven Goodyear, Jacob Sweigart-birthday
- 27: Colin Erow-died
- 29: Marlin Carl-birthday
- 31: Eric Snyder, William Snyder-date of birth and death
- 31: Richard Hollingsworth-died

NOVEMBER

- 1: Deanna Bartron-died
- 2: Jason Dempsey, Jason Herr-birthday
- 2: Laurette Good-date of birth and death
- 3: Lauren Antonelli-birthday
- 3: Stephen Wildasin-died
- 5: Amanda Lyn Vonderhorst-died
- 6: Wilfred Ellis Jr., Jerry Legg-birthday
- 7: William Manhart-birthday
- 7: Collin Peters-died
- 8: Rob Lukens, Jeffrey Short-birthday
- 8: Darin Findley, Corinne Harris-died
- 8: Susanna Cameron-date of birth and death
- 9: Kathleen Fullam-birthday
- 12: Katie Nealy, Michael Skowronek-died
- 13: Benjamin Cameron-date of birth and death
- 14: Justin Novak-birthday
- 14: Donna Mackin-died
- 17: Craig Austin, Brandon Heck-died
- 18: Kristan Lefferts-birthday
- 19: Ian Smith-died
- 20: Eric High-died
- 20: Olivia Lloyd-date of birth and death
- 21: Billy Bauernschmidt-died
- 23: Connie Eckman-birthday
- 23: Jonathan Cameron, Nichole Holt-died
- 24: Zachary Meck-birthday
- 25: Sara Yorty-birthday
- 25: Daniel Legg, Adrienne Squier-died
- 26: Nikki Pasker-died
- 27: Annie Craven, Jedd Cochrane, Ronald Emsoff, Steven Goodyear, Katie Russell-died
- 28: Randy VanRyn-birthday
- 29: Robin Hull-died

A Prayer Plan

The plan is very simple. Use the dates above as your guide. Keep *Renew* in a handy place and pray for the parents of the children remembered on each day. You will be blessed and so will the ones for whom you pray.

NOTE: If you received *Renew* and your child's name is not shown in their birth and death month, please notify us immediately so we can make those corrections. Thank you for your understanding.