



BASIS is
a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Summer 2021

Renew

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

Distress

By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

This past year has been filled with challenges. The epidemic has created, at the very least, major inconvenience and confusion; and, at the very most—loss and pain, perhaps unlike anything you’ve ever known before. Maybe you feel like you’ve been hit by a battering ram. Again and again! **DISTRESS** is a familiar word and feeling that seems to be inhabiting the years 2020 and 2021.

Confronted with great distress, we have choices. Max Lucado says many things so well, including this: “Two types of voices command your attention today. Negative ones fill your mind with doubt, bitterness and fear. Positive ones purvey hope and strength.”

How can we discard the negative and cling to the positive when we’re distressed? I suggest:

1 In the midst of crisis—beat a path to the One Who knows you intimately, loves you passionately and understands every detail of what is distressing you. He knows how to customize the path you should take to address the stress! Martin Luther said, “I know not the way God leads me. But, well do I know my Guide.”

2 Review the many times God has faithfully led you, sheltered you, sustained you, even brought blessing in past distresses you’ve experienced. Thank Him for each previous deliverance.

Thanking Him will energize you to trust Him for what you’re now facing.

3 Meditate on His Word. Think of Psalm 32:8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” All He’s written in the Bible has been written for YOU. Get into it – regularly – and read it until His Words ring true in your heart.

4 Pray. Pray. Pray. I know that when distress is the greatest, we find ourselves least willing to communicate with God. **BUT** – where else can we go to find release? Find hope? Say to Him, “God You have promised to never leave or forsake me. You have promised to give me direction. Please help me to have the trust in You I need to navigate this very moment.”

5 Release your burden, remembering I Peter 5:7, “Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.”

Friend, you will **NEVER** go where your Omniscient (all knowing), Omnipresent (everywhere present), Omnipotent (all powerful) God is not! You will never experience distress HE cannot handle.



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 (Sept-May)
- Quarryville, PA** 3rd Mondays, 3:00 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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By supporting BASIS you will help others. You can support BASIS by:

- Your prayers
- 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

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January–March 2021

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2021 H*VMI Calendar

Upcoming ministry events that need your prayers.

Please check our website or call for more details on the following.

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- June 7–July 7** **Handi*Camp, Day Program,**
H*VMI Ministry Property, Akron PA
- August 7** **Disability Ministries Picnic,** Akron PA
- August 21** **BASIS Picnic,** Akron PA
- September 14** **H*VMI Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser,**
Tanglewood Manor Golf Club, Quarryville PA
- October 2** **Chicken BBQ and Fall Fun Family Event,**
H*VMI Ministry Property, Akron PA
- October 8-9** **H*VMI Yard Sale,** Akron PA
- October 29** **Lancaster Area Ministry Luncheon,**
Shady Maple, East Earl PA
- November 13** **North Jersey Area Ministry Luncheon,**
River View Banquet Center, Berkeley Heights NJ

A REASON TO REJOICE

“I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.” Psalm 31:7 (NIV)

Fifty-five people gathered at Yoder’s Restaurant in New Holland, PA on May 1st to be part of the bittersweet fellowship of people whose hearts have been broken because of the loss of a child. Our guests came from as far away as Illinois and South Carolina. Our speaker, Scott Mitchell, and his wife, Sandy, drove to Pennsylvania from Georgia. They came to share how God has given them a reason for rejoicing, even tho’ they, too, experienced the death of their child—their only child—their son, Graham.

Scott shared a powerful message of hope and healing, including these five points:

- 1 Grief is good! It’s good because the Lord is most tender with the brokenhearted. It’s good because sorrow and grief drive you into God. Grief shows you resources you never had before and you never knew you needed before. Grief is good because it reminds us that we were created for another world. Grief is winnowing away the stagnant part and making fertile space to grow.
- 2 Jesus is better than healing from grief. Jesus is really all we need. In Psalm 55, David said to God, “See me, pay attention to me. I need you to listen to me. I want to run away and hide.” But, then, at the end of that Psalm, David wrote these words, “I see YOU—and I am satisfied!” Even when he was hurting, seeing GOD was enough for David and can be enough for all who grieve.
- 3 Don’t be too eager to work back to normal. Grief can be like a long dramatic pause in a musical score. Take advantage of it. While you are mourning, also look forward to the Hope we have in God.
- 4 Don’t miss a moment. Someone needs your story. Don’t get so lost in your sorrow that you are unable to reach out to another hurting person. One of the reasons God has allowed your heartache is so you

can minister to and encourage others through it. II Corinthians 1:4 tells us that.

- 5 You can’t trust your emotions, but you can sure trust good theology. A little child told his mother he learned a new song. He confused the words of “Trust and Obey” and, instead said the song was “Trust and Okay.” That can be the song of those who grieve because, when we choose to trust God, we will learn that everything will, indeed, be okay.

To learn more about the Mitchell’s story and the hope they have found in their grief journey. Visit PastureScott.org





Dates to Remember



A Prayer Plan

The plan is very simple. Use the dates below 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.

JUNE

- 1: David Parrillo-birthday
- 3: Christine Garber, Jeannie Ellis Wilkins-birthday
- 3: Charles Robinson-died
- 4: Chuck Weir-birthday
- 5: Caleb Austin-died
- 5: Baby Manthey-died
- 6: Matthew Mifflin-date of birth and death
- 6: Patty Bennett, Donna Mackin-birthday
- 6: Amanda Halteman-died
- 7: Joshua White-birthday
- 8: Brianne Carter-birthday
- 8: Kevin Barto-died
- 9: Alena Hicks-date of birth and death
- 9: Cindy Kelly, Jessica Simrell-died
- 11: Sarah Yellets-birthday
- 12: Jason McGill-birthday
- 12: Victor Andronie-died
- 13: Brent Bissinger, Megan Hayes, Jeff Hipple-died
- 14: Crystal Allison Kline, Ninel Zaharia-birthday
- 14: Noah Lord, Tobyn Wesner-died
- 16: Lauren Antonelli-died
- 17: John Griffith-birthday
- 17: Rachel King, David Weaver-died
- 18: Bryan Hanson, Justin Mack, Michael Stone-birthday
- 18: Kara Hocker, David Ritchey-died
- 19: Richard Singmaster-birthday
- 20: Bryan Hanson-died
- 20: Richard Hollingsworth, Brandon Murphy, Katie Nealy-birthday
- 21: Car Henninger, Thomas Lavin-birthday
- 22: Nichole Holt-birthday
- 22: Krista Marino-died
- 23: Christopher Burlingame, Timothy Ward-birthday
- 24: Justin Novak-died
- 25: Brian Raske-died
- 25: Andrew Steinman-birthday
- 26: Aaron Kramer-died
- 27: Joe Pilotti-birthday
- 28: Paula Nyce-birthday
- 28: Mark Meher, Brian Shoff, Jason Thomas-died
- 29: Caleb Austin, Scott Hickman, Ashley Romer-birthday
- 29: Thomas Leidy, Mark Lefever, Dawn Wagner-died
- 30: Fred Muller Jr.-Died

JULY

- 1: Luke Searls-date of birth and death
- 1: Lindsay Smallwood-died
- 2: Scott Fischer, Mary Ellen Moore, Drew Nelson- birthday
- 3: Eric High, Daniel Legg-birthday
- 4: Meisha Armstrong, Vicky Gehman-died
- 4: Joshua Brown, Jay Butcher, Megan Hayes-birthday
- 5: Nathan Peters-died
- 7: Colin Erow, Aaron Kramer-birthday
- 7: John Kirkpatrick, Maurice Long, Tyree Long-died
- 8: Mary Grace Drosehn-birthday
- 8: Jamie Gillis, Robbie Gillis, Gala Hershey-died
- 9: Adam Herr, Nikki Pasker, Kasey Rebstock-birthday
- 9: Wilfred Ellis Jr.-died
- 10: Vincent Cellucci-birthday
- 10: Phyllis Ann Ellis-died
- 11: Billy Bauernschmidt-birthday
- 12: Joel Haines-died
- 12: Chelsea Denham-birthday
- 13: Gretchen Watts-birthday
- 14: Peter Toebe-died
- 15: Phyllis Ann Ellis-birthday
- 15: Aaron Wilbur, Natalie Wilbur-died
- 16: Jamie Gillis-birthday
- 18: Emilee Davis, David Steiner-birthday
- 18: Cory Golis-died
- 19: Bill VanDerbeek-birthday
- 19: Connie Eckman, David L. McIlvaine-died
- 20: Richard McAfee-died
- 21: Peter Gray-died
- 22: William Steiner-died
- 23: Christina Jones, Eric (Ricky) Radcliffe, Kasey Rebstock-died
- 25: Grace E Lobis-birthday
- 26: Sage Robinson-died
- 26: Jeremy Bickling, Joshua Ewing-birthday
- 27: Janice Arrell-birthday
- 29: Ava Perkins-date of birth and death
- 29: Mark Lueder-died
- 30: Douglas Eckman-birthday
- 30: Jeremy Lavoie, Dorie Williams-died
- 31: Cindy Kelly-birthday

AUGUST

- 1: Dustin Hallahan, Shane Kurtz, Gavin Mentzer-birthday
- 1: Ryan Denlinger, Crystal Allison Kline, Shari Lloyd-died
- 1: Elena Pascual-day of birth and death
- 2: Ian Smith, Jeffrey Michael Patton-birthday
- 2: Alexander Gustaferrri, Rob Lukens, Daniel Weaver-died
- 3: Alexandru-Valentin Zaharia-died
- 4: James Phillips, Jacob Simpson, Kurt Whitaker-died
- 4: Mirela Zaharia-birthday
- 5: Peggy Floyd, Dustin Hallahan, Gavin Mentzer-died
- 6: Jeremy Bickling, Gretchen Watts-died
- 7: Winifred Ellis, Corey Patches-birthday
- 8: Vicky Gehman, Shawn Johnson-birthday
- 10: Jason McGill-died
- 11: Joshua Brown-died
- 12: Maurice Long, Elliana Ruth-birthday
- 13: Jimmy Rubincan-died
- 14: Russell Krepp, Dayne Thomas-birthday
- 15: Rocky Saginario, Marcus Smith-died
- 17: Justin Yarbrough-died
- 17: Michelle Patch-birthday
- 17: Amber Leinbach-day of birth and death
- 19: Joseph Tucker, Scott Wolff-died
- 19: Cody James Allison-date of birth and death
- 20: Matthew Hines, Sakina Wilson-birthday
- 20: Karen Benner, Tina Gelnett, Julie Ochs-died
- 21: Ryan DiGuiseppe, David Miller-birthday
- 22: David Ritchey-birthday
- 22: Dayne Thomas, Timothy Ward-died
- 24: Alexander Gustaferrri-birthday
- 24: Brandon Murphy-died
- 26: Jason Walters-died
- 27: David Hoffman-birthday
- 28: Peter Hallinan-died
- 29: Jeffrey Rhinehart-died
- 30: Laura Reyburn-birthday
- 31: Christine Garber, Nathan Mowrer-died

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.