

# Renew

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

**3** John has just one chapter, containing fourteen verses. Within those very few verses one word is repeated six times. That word is, “truth.” Throughout God’s Word, it’s clear that truth can bring peace and harmony into situations and relationships. The opposite, falsehood, is accomplished through self-centered focus that is demanding and demeaning, producing sure and certain destruction to all whom it touches.

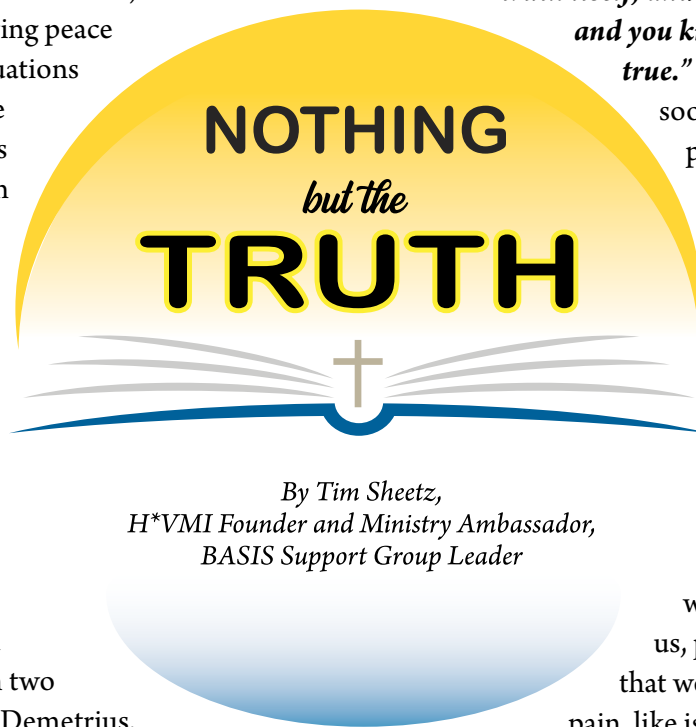
The difference between truth and falsehood is represented so well in this brief text through two men, Diotrephes and Demetrius. Diotrephes is described in verse 9 as a man who **“...loves to be first among them and does not accept what we say.”** John goes on to say in verse 10, **“...I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied, neither does he himself receive the brethren, and he forbids those who desire to do so, and puts them out of the church.”** It’s apparent that this man is intent on his own desires and goals not caring about others, using falsehood as a vehicle through which he brings hurt and disunity. Just reading these words about Diotrephes makes me uncomfortable.

We see the opposite in the life of Demetrius. Look at verse 12. **“Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself; and we also bear witness, and you know that our witness is true.”** Reading those words is soothing to the spirit. The presence of truth can bring calm and peace to our souls.

Especially, when we have been broken, we need the healing balm truth can bring. When we’re grieving, we are vulnerable to falsehood the enemy wants to perpetrate on us, particularly actions that we could take to dull our pain, like isolation or using alcohol and drugs; like focusing on blaming someone for our hurt or for how someone might be treating us in our grief. But, the Bible is filled with truth, and, with it, hope—hope for dealing with today’s pain and hope for tomorrow’s redemption from this painful world.

When we’re hurting we especially need to get into the Word of God and permit the Word of God and its truth to get into us.

Jesus said, in John 14:6, **“I am the Way, the TRUTH and the Life.”** Run to Him in your heartache!



By Tim Sheetz,  
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BASIS Support Group Leader

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## **BASIS** **Monthly Support Groups**



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

<b>Akron, PA</b>	3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Sept-July)
<b>Aldan, PA</b>	3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
<b>Lavelle, PA</b>	1st Monday, 3:00 PM
<b>Lebanon, PA</b>	1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Oct-June)
<b>Paradise, PA</b>	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
<b>Quarryville, PA</b>	3rd Mondays, 3:00 PM
<b>Harrington, DE</b>	1st Thursday, 2:00 PM

Please contact our BASIS Department by emailing [cwhiting@hvmi.org](mailto:cwhiting@hvmi.org) if you want further details for the Support Groups listed above.

*Save these dates!*

## **H\*VMI Calendar 2023**

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*Upcoming ministry events that need your prayers.*  
Please check our website or call for more details on the following.

**April 15, 2023**

### **South Jersey Ministry Luncheon**

The Grove, Pittsgrove Township NJ

**April 29, 2023**

### **BASIS Breakfast**

Yoder's Banquet Center, New Holland PA

### **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*



# Passing the Baton — God’s Great Faithfulness

By Tim Sheetz, former Interim Director of BASIS

The magnitude of the faithfulness of God can never be overstated. The ministry of BASIS is one testimony to that truth. BASIS was founded in 1981, out of the heart of a dear servant of God, Shirley Cook. Shirley never married, never had a child, never lost a child yet God gave her the courage to begin a ministry that was totally out of her area of experience or expertise. She began a support group ministry to five bereaved moms, and God has continued to grow that ministry to this day. Through the years, BASIS has been privileged to touch the lives of many hundreds of families, hurting because they experienced the death of a child. Currently, 500 families are actively involved in BASIS through the various ministries we provide. Attending support groups, receiving the *RENEW* Newsletter, requesting resources and writing or receiving personal notes of encouragement that acknowledge the birthday and anniversary of the death date of their child are among the ways we reach out to bereaved parents.

Since Shirley served as the first Director of BASIS, God has continued to provide just the right leadership for the ministry. Judy Blore, then Don Allison followed Shirley and God blessed the ministry abundantly through them. When Don retired, I had the privilege to step into the position of Interim Director of BASIS. And, in



His faithfulness, God has been preparing the next Director of BASIS: Dan Steinman.

Dan is a man who loves God with all his heart; a man who, along with his wife, Phyllis, knows the heartache of losing a son; a man filled with compassion toward others who hurt; and a man who is highly motivated to reach out to share in those hurts.

It is my privilege to pass the baton of leadership to Dan. If you have not already gotten to know him, as you have opportunity to do so, please do. You will realize, along with us, that God has chosen the next BASIS Director well, showing us yet again, HIS GREAT FAITHFULNESS.



# Dates to Remember



## A Prayer Plan

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.

### DECEMBER

- 1: David Hoffman, Mary Moore-died
- 3: Anneka Vels, Landon Vels-died
- 3: Raymond Shenk III, William Steiner-birthday
- 4: Katie Russell-birthday
- 5: Camryn Colucci, Kimberly Falls-died
- 5: Dennis Plastino Jr.-birthday
- 6: Kristi Walborn-birthday
- 6: Scott Bartholomew, Brandon Lock-died
- 7: Eric Renegar-birthday
- 7: Adam Herr-died
- 7: Anna Stuckey-date of birth and death
- 9: David McIlvaine, Ryan Schuster-birthday
- 9: Jonathan Rasnake-died
- 10: Jason Walters-birthday
- 12: Russell Krepp-died
- 14: Amanda Halteman, Tyler Howe-birthday
- 14: Dorian Battle, Joseph Hansell, Ryan Nolen, Paula Nyce-died
- 15: Tyler Howe-died
- 16: Ronald Emsoff-birthday
- 16: Graham Mitchell-died
- 19: Shelia Hollinger-birthday
- 20: Christopher Burlingame, Barbara Peifer, Michael Stone-died
- 20: Dawn Wagner-birthday
- 21: William Manhart-died
- 22: Owen Schiffer-birthday
- 23: Justin Yarbrough-birthday
- 23: Vincent Cellucci, Seth Linsinbigler, Justin Mack-died
- 24: Michael Chappine-died
- 25: Barbara Lang, Marlin Carl-died
- 26: Steven Butts, Camryn Colucci, Vincent Williams-birthday
- 26: Talia Emslie, Corey Patches-died
- 27: Isaac Bennett-birthday
- 28: Michael Chappine-birthday
- 30: Frank Halter, Kevin Logan-birthday
- 30: Isaac Bennett-died

### JANUARY

- 1: Joseph Eckman-birthday
- 1: Melissa Heydenreich, Michael Skilling-died
- 3: Justin Murphy-died
- 5: Christian Anderson-birthday
- 6: Baby Smallwood-died
- 8: Colin Fitzpatrick, Nicole Mazza, Jeffrey Patton-died
- 9: John Stein-birthday
- 10: Ethan Hall, Colleen Heron-birthday
- 10: David Miller, Bill VanDerbeek-died
- 11: Kenny Frable-birthday
- 11: Grace E Lobis-died
- 12: Joshua Ewing, Carl Henninger-died
- 13: Brandon Heck-birthday
- 13: Ethan Hall-died
- 13: Samuel Peachey-date of birth and death
- 14: Joseph Eckman-died
- 15: Kara Hocker, Keith Smith-birthday
- 15: Kenny Frable-died
- 16: John Griffith, Kristi Walborn-died
- 17: Eliana Hoffman-birthday
- 17: Amy Parker-died
- 18: Shari Lloyd-birthday
- 19: Nathanael Beiler, Sarah Cole, Christina Jones-birthday
- 21: Julie Ochs-birthday
- 23: Stacey Gutz-birthday
- 24: Kent Erickson, Nathan Dale Mowrer-birthday
- 24: Chad Ashby-died
- 25: Noah Lord-birthday
- 26: Morgan Kelly-birthday
- 26: Jimmy Nowasielski, Baby Owens-died
- 27: Raymond Shenk III-died
- 28: Heather Gates-birthday
- 28: Christian Anderson, Walter Schauer III, Owen Schiffer-died
- 29: Jeffrey Short-died
- 30: Colin Fitzpatrick, Vincent Williams-died
- 31: Maurice Williams-birthday

### FEBRUARY

- 1: Mark Zakuluk-birthday
- 2: David Benster-died
- 3: Morgan Kelly-died
- 4: Zachary Meck, Ashley Meyers-died
- 5: Christina Gelnett-birthday
- 5: Michael Coldiron-died
- 6: Rose Rogers-birthday
- 7: Michael Smoyer-birthday
- 8: Chad Ashby, Thomas Leidy-birthday
- 8: Jennifer Melucci-date of birth and death
- 9: Amber Wu, Mark Zakuluk-died
- 10: Robert Reedy, Rocky Saginario-birthday
- 10: Hannah Cohen-died
- 12: Eric Renegar-died
- 13: Deanna Bartron-birthday
- 13: Tommy Burke-died
- 14: Mary DeMeglio, John Kirkpatrick, Holly Smith-birthday
- 14: Mitch Bewley, Tyler Klingseiser-died
- 16: Maddox Evans, Buddy Hoesch-birthday
- 17: Isabel Rineer-birthday
- 17: Dolores Jewell, Shawn Johnson-died
- 18: Jay Butcher-died
- 19: Isabel Rineer, Baby Silveira-died
- 20: Jacob Sweigart-died
- 21: Paul Maurer-birthday
- 21: Drew Nelson-died
- 22: Tyree Long, Krista Marino, Abigail Wright-birthday
- 22: John Stein, Nathan Swymer-died
- 23: Adrienne Squier-birthday
- 23: Frank Halter, Baby Smallwood-died
- 24: Anna Diffenderfer, Patrick Hastings-birthday
- 24: Mary Drosehn, Maddox Evans-died
- 26: Shawn Donley, Abigail Wright-died
- 27: James Tarik Jordan-birthday
- 27: Keith Smith-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.*