



BASIS is a ministry to bereaved parents and their families.

Renew

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

BASIS Monthly Support Groups

*for Bereaved parents and their families
—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

3rd Sunday, 1:00 PM (Sept-May)

Lebanon, PA

1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Sept-May)

Paradise, PA

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Quarryville, PA

3rd Monday, 3:00 PM

Harrington, DE

1st Thursday, 7:30 PM

By supporting BASIS you will help others.

- *By your prayers*
- *By referring other bereaved parents to our ministry*
- *By participating in BASIS sponsored events as you are able*
- *By placing your child on the "Wall of Remembrance"*
- *By using resources provided by BASIS*
- *By your financial donations*

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

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What's the Issue?

By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

"And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His cloak; and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. And He said to her, 'Daughter,' your faith has made you well; go in peace." Luke 8:43, 44, 48



Twelve years! That's a long time. Hemorrhaging. Short on blood—and energy. Frustrated and discouraged. Nothing and no one bringing healing. Then came Jesus. Through desperation and faith she worked her way close to Him. She reached out and touched just the fringe of His cloak. Immediately, her hemorrhage stopped.

What a change can take place when one reaches out by faith to Jesus!

Perhaps you find yourself in her sandals. Oh, it's not a hemorrhage in your body, but more a hemorrhage in your soul. Perhaps you have looked for a cure for this hemorrhage that began with the loss of your child.

There is hope! There is One Who cares and waits for you. There is One Who invites you to come closer—not to just touch the fringe of a cloak; but, to be enveloped in the embrace of His love. That love is revealed as we read His Word and as we talk to Him and to others who know Him and who care about you.

"Will I know immediate healing?"

"Will I know immediate healing?" you ask. Not typically. Healing definitely begins with just a touch of all He has to offer; but, most times the faith walk includes a moment by moment, day by day coming—again and again—to His waiting arms, unashamedly pouring out your broken, bleeding heart to Him.

His love is real. His care is sincere. Your peace and comfort can be found in His embrace.

This Thanksgiving

By Scott Mitchell

Parents Share



- ...There are no children at our table... **God is good.**
- ...There are no grandkids to spend the night and kiss on... **God is good.**
- ...My health is suspect at best (again)... **God is good.**
- ...Major bills are coming due with no help in sight... **God is good.**
- ...My bride is feeling the effects of a labor job with no end in sight...(she still says:) **God is good.**
- ...Our future is up in the air, in question, still to be determined... **God is good.**
- ...My preaching gifts are not being utilized and drying up... **God is good.**
- ...There are unresolved family dysfunctions and toxicity... **God is good.**

All of this,

And much *MUCH* more,

But I repeat myself:

God is good. (So so good.)

Once upon a time a preacher with a funny name was breaking under a burden and cried out, "how much longer does this have to go on, God?" He saw no end in sight. He wasn't even sure God knew the answer. But he pressed in because it was the only thing he knew to do. His name means "holding on to God for all you're worth" and that's how he got through the buzzsaw that was coming down on him. He held on to Yahweh's coat tails and didn't let go.

Through the doubt.

Through the bleak.

Through the drudge.

Through defeat.

Through every danger, toil, and snare.

Did it change his circumstances? No. That train had already left. But it changed him, because when Habakkuk leaned into God, he found himself nestled in closer to God's heart than when he stood with balled fists a few feet away. Here, in God's bosom, he participated in a miracle.

Cataracts dropped from Habakkuk's eyes and, like Job before, his questions no longer demanded an answer.

Instead, he got a promise.

Habakkuk 3:17-19—Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. For the choir director...

The passage ends with Habakkuk sending a memo to his worship leader to forego any other song for Sunday and learn a new one. I've supplied the words, you come up with the melody, he said. God changed his sermon, and this would be the direction:

No matter what, God is good.

I've been struggling for a while; I know what balled fists feel like. You can't hold onto God with coiled hands. You've got to drop your guard, deep-six the angst, and lean into his heart. Don't worry, he's gonna do all the holding. He's good at it.

I'm sending my soul a memo on this Thanksgiving weekend, instructing it to lead out in a new song. How about you?

Scott and Sandy Mitchell lost their son Graham to drug addiction. He will be joining us as our speaker for the 2020 Annual BASIS Breakfast at Yoder's Restaurant on May 2. We hope you will sign up to attend this event to join us in fellowship and be encouraged by Scott as he shares.

I Had A Sister



I Had A Sister

By Joanne Parker

Joanne Parker is the daughter of H*VMI Board Chairman, Doug Bennett. She is also a bereaved sister. Joanne's sister, Doug and Ann Bennett's daughter, Patty, died, the result of a car crash. Joanne, like her parents who are involved in BASIS and Grief Share, has a desire to offer hope and healing to people who are grieving. *I Had A Sister* is an excellent book, beneficial especially for bereaved siblings of all ages, in which Joanne shares real feelings about grief—missing her sister; and hope—enjoying happy memories and looking forward to seeing her sister again.

I Had A Sister is published by Wyatt House Publishing, Mobile AL, and is available through Amazon.com.

Birthday Celebration

The birthdate and anniversary of the date our children died always call additional emotions to the forefront. No bereaved parent needs to be told that! On September 24th, Doug and Ann Bennett, the H*VMI Board Chairman and his wife, noted 25 years since their beloved Patty died in a car crash. Through the years they have engaged in a very meaningful way to honor their daughter's birthday that somewhat lessens their sadness on that day. They connected with an organization to sponsor a child; and then another child—BUT—they requested that each child share their daughter's birthday. So, for all these years, on Patty's birthday, they've continued to give presents—to their sponsored children. Patty's birthday certainly brings sadness because of her absence from their lives; but, it brings joy to know they are blessing two children in opposite parts of the globe, children whose birthdate is the same as their daughter's.

Memorial Gifts

July–September 2019

BASIS would like to gratefully acknowledge memorial gifts from the following:

Given By

In Memory of

Doug & Ann Bennett	Patty Bennett
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Brothers And Sisters In Support

Ministering to bereaved parents and their families through a support system of personal contact, newsletters, support groups and other activities.



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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.

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: 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: Joseph Hansell, Ryan Nolen, Paula Nyce-died
- 15: Tyler Howe-died
- 16: Gerard Dooley, Ronald Emsoff-birthday
- 19: Shelia Hollinger-birthday
- 20: Christopher Burlingame, Barbara Peifer, Michael Stone-died
- 20: Dawn Wagner-birthday
- 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, Vincent Williams-birthday
- 26: Talia Emslie, Corey Patches-died
- 28: Michael Chappine-birthday
- 30: Frank Halter-birthday

JANUARY

- 1: Joseph Eckman-birthday
- 1: Melissa Heydenreich-died
- 5: Christian Anderson-birthday
- 6: Baby Smallwood-died
- 8: Nicole Mazza-died
- 9: John Stein-birthday
- 10: Colleen Heron-birthday
- 10: Bill VanDerbeek-died
- 11: Kenny Frable-birthday
- 11: Grace E. Lobis-died
- 12: Joshua Ewing, Carl Henninger-died
- 13: Brandon Heck, Maurice Williams-birthday
- 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: Amy Parker-died
- 18: Shari Lloyd-birthday
- 19: Nathanael Beiler, Sarah Cole, Christina Jones-birthday
- 21: Julie Ochs-birthday
- 23: Victor Andronie, 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-died
- 27: Raymond Shenk III-died
- 28: Christian Anderson, Walter Schauer III, Owen Schiffer-died
- 29: Jeffrey Short-died
- 30: Colin Fitzpatrick, Vincent Williams-died

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: 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: 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-died
- 20: Jacob Sweigart-died
- 21: Paul Maurer-birthday
- 22: Tyree Long, 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: Keith Smith-died
- 28: David Weaver-birthday

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.

H*VMI Upcoming Events

2019

- November 16** North Jersey Area Ministry Fundraising Luncheon, River View Banquet Center, Berkeley Heights, NJ
- November 22** The Extraordinary Give Event

2020

- April 18, 2020** South Jersey Area Ministry Fundraising Luncheon, The Grove, Pittsgrove Township, NJ
- May 2, 2020** Annual BASIS Breakfast, Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland PA
- August 8, 2020** Annual BASIS Picnic, Akron PA

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