



BASIS is
a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Renew

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

Our POWERFUL and Personal GOD

By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

Over these past weeks, going into months, of being surrounded by COVID-19, we have needed God's strength, security, comfort and assurance to replace the anxiety of the present and the fear of an unknown future. Our TV screens reveal closed stores, nearly empty streets and sidewalks, overflowing hospitals, a tanking stock market—and list after list of death tolls - by state, by country and worldwide. It's overwhelming. It's staggering. When we as bereaved parents see those numbers, it "hits home" all over again—my child also died! We need help to bear it. We long for some good news!

There IS good news! As blood-bought children of God, we are invited 24/7 into His very Presence. In that place there awaits everything we need, including the strength, security, comfort and assurance for which we long. God provides all of this in Himself and through His precious Word.

Look at Psalm 46:1-7 as an example:

*"God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change
And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
Though its waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
The holy dwelling places of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;
He raised His voice, the earth melted.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah."*

That is WHO we need! And He gives WHAT we need! We

can have our needs met instantaneously. His immediate help for our immediate need.

But, wait—there's more!

It's curious, that the last two lines of the text are written in a way that could seem the reverse of how we might perceive God. We might think that "The Lord of Hosts," the Commander in Chief of the armies of God, the MIGHTY ONE would be our STRONGHOLD. We might think that "The God of Jacob," which implies a PERSONAL GOD because it references a flesh and blood person, would be the One who is WITH US. But that is not the way God, through

the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, led the Psalmist to write the text.

In this Psalm, it's the MIGHTY, ALL-POWERFUL God Who is WITH ME. The MIGHTY ONE is my Friend Who "has my back" in every battle. The MIGHTY ONE is the One I can talk to about my fears and know that He will welcome me into His

reassuring, comforting arms.

And it's the PERSONAL God Who is my STRONGHOLD. The PERSONAL God is the One Who knows me intimately and knows how I'm feeling deep inside because of all that's going on in my life and in my world. He's the One I can run to for shelter and safety knowing I won't ever be turned away.

HE is EVERYTHING—strength and tenderness. How can we not, then, survive VICTORIOUSLY through ANY trouble when He has offered all we need in the One, True, Living God?!

**"...it's the MIGHTY,
ALL-POWERFUL
God Who is
WITH ME."**

Tim Sheetz, H*VMI Founder and Ministry Ambassador, and also BASIS Interim Director, has prepared some video "Devotions of Encouragement." You can view them on the hvmi website: hvmi.org/video-devotionals.



BASIS

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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Enhancing Trust

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

Memorial Gifts

January–March 2020

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

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BASIS Support Groups

We are certainly in a season of cancellations! It's challenging all of us in so many ways.

The biggest challenge is that, in a time when we need each other ALL THE MORE, our opportunity for fellowship is SO MUCH LESS—maybe just about non-existent.

At BASIS, we're monitoring regulations, just as every individual, organization, business, ministry... is doing. We're making plans but holding them loosely because we're not certain those plans will become events, our BASIS Support Groups, included. For now, sadly, gathering together in support groups is cancelled. Group leaders are being very creative in connecting with members – phone, email, text, Facebook, even Zoom!! As soon as the all-clear is given and our confidence in being within 6 feet of each other is restored, we'll get those groups going again in the way we all enjoy and need.

Until then, HOPE isn't cancelled. PEACE isn't cancelled. JOY isn't cancelled. They're all available through the One Who cancelled something very important—the debt we owe to our Holy God.

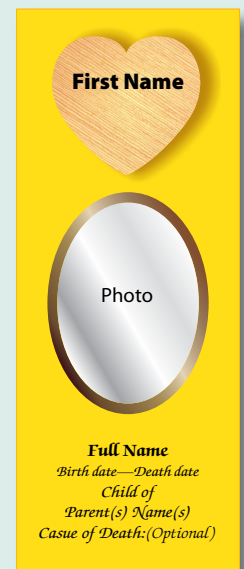
Sample Card

If you would like to include your child in our Wall of Remembrance, please complete the enclosed slip and mail, with a picture, if you have a picture. For children who are stillborn or miscarried, we are using a butterfly symbol.

You can also email pictures and information. If you want the picture returned, please note that on the form.

We ask that you consider sending a donation to BASIS. Those who send a donation with their "Wall" request will receive a duplicate of what is placed on the wall. A sample of the card format is shown to the right.

Having the "Wall of Remembrance" in our office helps us identify and remember the children and to pray for the parents.



LONELY! LONELY! LONELY!

By Kathy Sheetz, H*VMI Lead Ministry Secretary



No one knows it better than a parent who has lost a child: Grief is probably the loneliest event in life. Even surrounded by people wanting to grieve with you, encourage you and support you, you can feel very alone. It's no wonder. When you've lost someone SO VERY DEAR to you no one can understand what you're feeling, even if others have experienced the same kind of loss. YOUR unique personality, YOUR individual relationship with the one who died, and other circumstances in YOUR life all contribute to the way you embrace the loss, making it a one-of-a-kind loss. It is no wonder that loneliness moves in and makes an effort to be your new normal. So, how can you address your loneliness so it just pays you a brief visit—but doesn't take up residency in your life? You can remember God! He has promised to never leave you nor forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:6). No matter what your feelings are saying to you, the fact is—you are never alone.

God's Word is full of encouragement when you are feeling lonely:

Look to the One Who provides everything you need. *Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall lack nothing!"* You need comfort—God can provide. You need hope—God can provide. You need encouragement—God can provide it to you like no other can.

Open your hand and be reminded of how close God is to you—at all times. He will never forget you. *Isaiah 4:16 "See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands, your walls are ever before Me."* Jesus' nail-pierced Hands are a testimony to the price He paid to have a relationship with you that is closer than any other relationship, no matter how dear to you.

Nothing can separate you from God's love. *Romans 8:38-9 "For I am convinced that neither DEATH nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* You and God are truly inseparable.

Everywhere you are! That's where God is. *Psalm 139:7-12 "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence..."* Read that entire passage to see that—you are never alone!

Lose—Don't do it! *II Corinthians 4:16 "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."* Why is that? Because God's Spirit lives in His children, seeing to it that we can be renewed, refreshed and restored day by day, hour by hour, and moment by moment. The latter is about how often we need restoration, especially when we feel so alone!

Yoke—You may know what it is: a harness used by oxen and other animals. It is used to ease the work of hauling a load. The burden you are bearing is heavy, so very heavy; but He invites you to *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you... and you will find rest for your souls."* Matthew 11:28-29.

H*VMI Upcoming Events—As God allows, we hope to offer the following:

August 8 Annual BASIS Picnic, Akron PA

September 15 H*VMI Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser, Tanglewood Manor Golf Club, Quarryville, PA

Visit the H*VMI website or call our office for event details listed above. hvmi.org • 717.859.4777



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, Baby Manthey-died
- 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-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-died
- 19: Richard Singmaster-birthday
- 20: Bryan Hanson-died
- 20: Richard Hollingsworth, Katie Nealy-birthday
- 21: Carl Henninger, Thomas Lavin-birthday
- 22: Nichole Holt-birthday
- 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- 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-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: Destiny Berg, 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: Kurt Axe, 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: Tina Gelnett, Julie Ochs-died
- 21: Ryan DiGuiseppe-birthday
- 22: Dayne Thomas, Timothy Ward-died
- 24: Alexander Gustaferrri-birthday
- 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.