



BASIS is  
a ministry to  
bereaved parents  
and their families.

Winter 2020

# Renew

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

## Keep Looking Up

By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

**H**ave you looked up lately? Have you taken the time to turn off the TV, put the book or iPad down, go outside and just look up at the sky? If you did, you saw God's magnificent glory and the work of His Hands!

David did it! He looked up, and, when he did, he saw the awesomeness of his God. David, like you and me, also got caught up in the demands of the day. He, too, felt the pain of loss. I know he had sleepless nights and very full days. Anxiety often dogged him. We see that throughout the Psalms. But, looking up provided David with a brief and very meaningful connection with his Creator. It gave David opportunity to put things in his life in perspective and be reminded of Who was in control of life. Perhaps David thought to himself, "If God can make such a beautiful sunrise and sunset, amazing cloud formations, the stars, the sun and moon, even lightning bolts and thunder—all out of nothing,

***"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His Hands."  
Psalm 19:1***



surely He can unfold His plan for my life, including things of beauty or pain."

All of our life experiences have the potential to draw us closer to Him, our Creator.

ESPECIALLY when you are overwhelmed with life, grief and concern, I encourage you to take time to pause and look up. And, as David did, perhaps you will declare something similar: ***"The heavens declare your glory, O God. The skies proclaim your work."***

And, while you're in Psalm 1, prompted by how amazing our God is, perhaps you would also want to tell God what David also did in ***Psalm 19:14: "May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."***

These thoughts and declarations just might bring comfort to your heart; God's perspective to your mind; and a smile to your face.



## 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
- Quarryville, PA** Temporarily suspended due to COVID

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- 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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## How God Changed My Life

by Dan Steinman, BASIS Ministry Assistant

On October 5, 2016 a phone call came to our home that a parent never expects to receive. My wife answered the phone. I heard the tone of her voice. I will never forget it. “He’s what?”

He was just thirty years old but our son, Andy, is no longer with us. Never again will I, his father, watch a him or say, “I love you.” I began to wonder, “What will this do to my wife?” “Is our faith strong enough to get us through this?” “How do we move on?”

I want to share a few things that happened to us in the first couple of weeks: our pastor came to our house the very next morning. He shared some Scripture with us and prayed for us. We asked him some questions. Some were answered and some were not. We were in shock. Phone calls started coming in. Food was brought in. I remember not being hungry. We started making funeral arrangements. As soon as we walked into our home, returning from talking with the funeral director, there was a knock on our sliding glass doors. Outside the doors stood our home group from church. They came in and told us that we didn’t have to say a thing. They just wanted to be with us and pray with us. What a blessing. I remember that some of the prayers were for the driver of the tractor trailer that had killed our son. At that point, so new in our grief, Phyllis and I had not thought about him. The prayers of our home group reminded us that this man is also one of God’s creations, and God

loves all whom He has created. One morning, my wife was not having a good morning. There was a knock on the door. Geri was there with a chocolate cake with peanut butter icing—a Steinman favorite. She sat with my wife and told her that she had lost her husband very suddenly. She understood some of how my wife felt. My wife’s day was better after that. Another blessing.

Nancy, another bereaved mom from church, came alongside my wife and took her to a BASIS meeting. From that point on God started to change my heart and mind. Eventually, Nancy, my wife, Phyllis, and I started a BASIS support group in the Paradise PA area. This group now comes together monthly to care about, pray for and help each other as we each face the death of our children. It’s a safe place to cry as well as learn of God’s hope and joy for us. We have a God of mercy and He does give us much-needed grace.

I have now retired from my job and am serving fulltime in the H\*VMI/BASIS ministry. I am learning so much and love what I am doing, which is helping other hurting parents and offering resources to pastors so they can minister to those in their congregation who are grieving. It’s all for God’s glory.

God has the perfect plan for each and every one of us. Sometimes the plans feel good and sometimes His plans for us are painful and challenging. Yes, our son is no longer with us, but he is in our hearts and in God’s Hands.





# Dates to Remember



## 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: Ronald Emsoff-birthday
- 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, 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: 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: 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-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
- 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: 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
- 21: Drew Nelson-died
- 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

## 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.