



BASIS is
a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Renew

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

THE LORD IS...

By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

Kathy and I love to visit the myriad of craft shops located here in Lancaster County. She’s drawn to the knickknacks while I muse over the hand-painted signs that provide words of wisdom—or humor!! Recently, I spotted, and then purchased, a sign that had a combination of wit and wisdom. It now sits on a dresser in our bedroom and calls to us as we come to the end of the day: “Give it to God and go to sleep.” Simply stated counsel I’m certain we can all use.

The anxieties, fears and pain from loss strike us especially during quiet moments, don’t they? The words on that small sign brought *Isaiah 41:10* to my mind: **“Do not fear for I am with you. Do not anxiously look about you for I am your God. I will strengthen you and surely I will help you. Surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”**

I love what Corrie Ten Boom said: “If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed. If you look within, you’ll be depressed. IF YOU LOOK AT GOD, YOU’LL BE AT REST.” Such incredible words of hope coming from a woman who learned to rest in God’s strong Hands during unspeakably difficult circumstances in her life.

What was it that kept Corrie, and millions of others through the years, peaceful in challenging moments? I believe the answer is found in that verse, *Isaiah 41:10*. In that one verse, we see three things we need in our grief, and which are provided by the Lord. He is ...

...OUR TRUSTED COMPANION. **“I AM WITH YOU.”** The One Who created you, knows you intimately and loves you unconditionally is with you to console you 24/7. His promise in *Hebrews 13:5* is **“I will never leave nor forsake you.”**



...OUR STRENGTH. **“Do not anxiously look about you FOR I AM YOUR GOD.”** Anxiety weakens us because it keeps us awake at night as we try to manufacture ways WE might remedy the pain of our loss. That places US in charge, leading to more anxiety and restlessness of spirit. As we bring the concerns and deep pain to God and place them at His feet, we sense the reality of GOD’s strength. That can bolster our faith and eventually usher in His peace.

...OUR HELP. Not only does He promise to help—but—to uphold us. When you feel overwhelmed and lost in your grief, ready to collapse under the weight of your pain, HE PROMISES to **“UPHOLD YOU WITH HIS RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND** (the hand of strength).” Charles Spurgeon says, “There is, in contemplating Christ, a balm for every wound. In considering the Father, there is a comfort for every grief. And, in the influence of the Holy Spirit, there is a salve for every sore.”

Focusing on the certainty of HIS COMPANIONSHIP, the availability of HIS STRENGTH and the readiness of HIS HELP, you and I can, with full assurance at the end of each day, give our pain to God—and go to sleep!!



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
- Ashland, PA** 1st Monday, 7:00 PM
- Lebanon, PA** 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Oct-June)
- Paradise, PA** 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- Quarryville, PA** 3rd Mondays, 3:00 PM
- Harrington, DE** 1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

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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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Upcoming ministry events that need your prayers.

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

2021

- 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
- November 19** **ExtraOrdinary Give Day**

2022

- April 2** **South Jersey Area Ministry Luncheon**
Centerton NJ

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July–September 2021

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Parents Share

Philippians 3: 20-21

“But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.”

Shortly after our 16 ½ year old son Jack was killed, I found myself in his bedroom face down on the floor writhing in pain, in the throes of grieving. If you're reading this, you know what that is like. The pain is physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. It's as if every cell in our body knows that we lost the most precious thing in our human lives. I was pounding the floor and screaming out over and over again "He's gone! He's gone! Oh God, Oh God, Jack is gone!" It was a reality that I so deeply wanted to reject yet at the same time I think I also needed to convince myself that it's true. While crying out on the floor in the darkness that Jack is gone, I didn't recognize my own voice. That's another thing you'll relate to if you're reading this and lost a child. I believe in some ways our soul cries and when our soul is grieving, we are inconsolable at the moment. While in this state of crying out, grieving, and writhing in pain over the truth that Jack is now gone, the Lord whispered in my mind, ***“No Donna. Jack is Home with me. YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS GONE. You are a citizen of Heaven living in a foreign land but Jack... He's Home. He's Home safe with me and you will be one day as well.”*** That moment of clarity (and shock) changed how I think about myself and Jack. I am an eternal-being because of Jesus. Jack is alive and well because of Jesus. Jack is part of my past, he's part of my present and he's an even bigger part of my future because of Jesus. It's not over. ***“He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under control.”*** He is MERCY. He is GRACE. He is HEALER. And he relentlessly pursues us. Praise God that He is good and that He is above ***all of it.***

*Donna Nicholson Stief
Jack R Nicholson (car wreck)
First Day in Heaven: 10/26/2018*



Dates to Remember



DECEMBER

- 1: David Hoffman, Mary Moore-died
- 3: Aneka 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
- 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: Isaac Bennett-birthday
- 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
- 30: Isaac Bennett-died

JANUARY

- 1: Joseph Eckman-birthday
- 1: Melissa Heydenreich, Michael Skilling-died
- 5: Christian Anderson-birthday
- 6: Baby Smallwood-died
- 8: Nicole Mazza, Jeffrey Patton-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, 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-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

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.*