



BASIS is a
support ministry
for bereaved parents,
children and their families.

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

Where Is God in Times of Trouble?

Don Allison, Director of BASIS

Is He in heaven, surrounded by walls of jasper,
behind gates of pearl?

Did He leave heaven and come to earth?

Was He in Jesus as a baby and as the Messiah?

The answers to these questions are: YES, YES, YES!

***"In the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and the Word
was God."* John 1:1**

***"The Word became flesh and made His
dwelling among us."* John 1:14**

These Scriptures clearly show that Jesus is God and
that He came to this world.

Did Jesus leave this world and go back into Heaven?

Did God leave us alone when He left?

The answers to these questions are: YES, NO!

Where is God NOW? Thankfully, He did not leave
us alone.

Real estate people tell us that what is most
important about a home for sale is location,
location, location. Of all the places God could dwell,
the location He has chosen to live is—in us. If we
have received Christ into our lives, He dwells in us
through the Holy Spirit.

***"I will ask the Father, and He will give
you another Helper, that He may be
with you forever; that is the Spirit of
truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it does not see Him or know
Him, but you know Him because He
abides with you and will be in you."***

John 14:16-17

Amazingly, God also wants to use those of us in
whom He dwells to carry out His ministry in the
world. He wants us to help others know that He is
very much present in the world and in their lives.
For example, when sorrow comes because of the
death of a child, He reveals His presence through
the love, comfort and help of people. In my own
experience of grief in the death of our daughter,
God has been present through His Spirit in me and
through His Word; but most of all through family
and friends and even strangers. That's why BASIS is
so vital to grieving parents. It is one of the ways in
which God reveals Himself in times of trouble. I am
thankful for that in my own life.

In ANY times of trouble, God is always the "first
responder." He reveals His presence through people
who provide love, care and help of all kinds. What a
privilege to be the heart, hands, feet, ears and voice
of God to people around us who are hurting.



Wall of Remembrance

If you would like to include your child in our Wall of Remembrance, please fill out 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, such as 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.



Memorial Gifts

September, October and November 2015

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

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Progress on New Property

Update by Kyle Robinson, Assistant to Director of H*VMI

You have probably been hearing and reading about H*VMI's property project. We are excited about the way God is leading us "Step by Step" towards a permanent ministry center. This would allow H*VMI to invest all funds in its services and outreaches instead of spending it on rental facilities. The ministry center will provide a permanent place for current ministries to continue and for ministry expansion.

BASIS is a ministry that is close to my heart. My wife and I have gone through two miscarriages and had some very difficult complications with the second that resulted in a second surgical procedure and a very tough time of grieving for our family. The leadership at H*VMI sees your hurt and your need



as BASIS parents and we have been planning this property project with you in mind. We have planned for comfortable meeting rooms for fellowship and support group meetings. We have designed sleeping facilities with private rooms for retreats and for get-aways for parents who have lost children. Some of us can't afford to, or have a hard time getting away, during those difficult times of the year. We hope you'll continue to pray with us as we pursue what God has for us with this property.

Parents Share



After the death of our sixteen year old son, devastation fell upon us. We walked numbly through each day—each day filled with loneliness and despair. God seemed to be far away, and there were those days when I didn't know what or how to pray.

God had promised never to leave or forsake us. Where was He now? What were we to do now that He had taken our only son? What would fill the place of the care I had given for so many years? How could this terrible load of loneliness ever be lifted?

I didn't want to feel that the pain was mine. I wanted immediate deliverance. In this day of instant everything, it was a hard lesson to learn—that I had to be patient and wait on the Lord.

In those days and weeks of loneliness, God took me under His wing, protecting me. When I cried, "Why?" I came to realize that God had watched His own Son die on a cross for my sins. Was I worthy to have Someone die for me? God knew the heartache and pain I felt because, He, too, had watched His only Son die. How gracious and longsuffering our God is. When we cry out, He doesn't turn His back on us. He loves and wants us to wait quietly until we hear that still small voice filled with comfort and peace.

God did have a purpose in all we went through, although it took me a long time to see that. I told Him I needed something to take up the hours I had devoted to caring for Jimmie. He provided a job as a special education aide in our school system. I've found fulfillment with these children who so need love and attention. Does it take the place of my son? No! But God has given me an answer to prayer so that my days are filled with a purpose and a means of easing the loneliness.

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4

Joanna Williams
Son, Jimmie, 16
Cancer

Support Groups for Bereaved parents

Akron, PA	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
Aldan, PA	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
Lavelle, PA	3rd Sunday of the month, 12:30 PM
Lakeland, FL	4th Monday of the month, 7:00 PM
Lebanon, PA	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM
Williamstown, NJ	2nd Friday of the month (Feb.), 7:00 PM
<i>(Every other month September – May)</i>	

Call us at 717.859.4777 for additional information.



Upcoming Events 2016

March 4-5 H*VMI Mini Conference Elizabethtown, PA

Workshops designed to encourage people facing life's challenges and to equip them and others to do the same.

April 1-2 H*VMI Mini Conference Orwell, PA

Workshops designed to encourage people facing life's challenges and to equip them and others to do the same.

April 16 H*VMI New Jersey Banquet Voorhees Township, NJ

April 30 BASIS Breakfast Aldan, PA

Check our website at www.hvmi.org or call us 717.859.4777 for additional information or to register for events you'd like to attend.

How You Can Support BASIS?

- 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

By supporting BASIS you will help others.

Dates To Remember

FEBRUARY

- 1 Mark Zakuluk- birthday
- 1 Michael Windsor-died
- 2 James Hollinger-birthday
- 2 David Benster, Michelle Huber-died
- 3 Nathaniel Norris-birthday
- 3 Morgan Kelly-died
- 4 Mary Kate Miller- birthday
- 4 Ashley Meyers, Zachary Meck -died
- 5 Christina Gelnett-birthday
- 5 Michael Coldiron, Jasmine Boyd-died
- 6 Joseph Yunik-died
- 7 Michael Smoyer-birthday
- 8 Thomas Leidy-birthday
- 8 Jennifer Melucci-stillborn
- 9 Mark Zakuluk-died
- 10 Rocky Saginario-birthday
- 10 Hannah Cohen-died
- 12 David Phillips, Misty Corley-birthday
- 12 Eric Renegar -died
- 13 Deanna Bartron-birthday
- 14 John Kirkpatrick, Jasmine Boyd, Holly Smith, Mary DeMeglio-birthday
- 14 Tyler Klingseiser-died
- 16 Maddox Evans, Buddy Hoesch-birthday
- 17 Isabel Rineer-birthday
- 17 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 Nathan Swymer-died
- 23 Adrienne Squier-birthday
- 23 Frank Halter, Elizabeth Read-died
- 24 Anna Diffenderfer-birthday
- 24 Mary Drosehn, Maddox Evans-died
- 26 Shawn Donley, Abigail Wright-died
- 28 David Weaver-birthday

MARCH

- 1 Daniel Hayes-date of birth and death
- 1 Kathleen Odessa-birthday
- 2 Kyler Owens-stillborn
- 3 David Parillo, Bailey O'Neill-died
- 6 Jonathan Teets-died
- 7 David Coleman, Mark Lueder-birthday
- 7 Scott Hickman-died
- 8 Glenn Auld-died
- 9 Stephen Wildasin, Michelle Huber-birthday
- 10 Haleigh Kappre-birthday
- 10 Joe Pilotti, Colleen Heron, Patrick Hastings-died
- 11 Barbara Peifer, Victoria Peifer-birthday
- 11 David Phillips-died
- 14 Misty Corley, Hershel Scriven-died
- 15 Hershel Scriven-birthday
- 15 Jay Delp, Shawn Walsh-died
- 17 Scott Laspina, Barbara Lang, Collin Peters-birthday
- 18 Joseph Tucker-birthday
- 18 Michelle (Wells) Patch, Sara Yorty, Joel Shrum-died
- 19 Carolyn Brown-birthday
- 19 Susan Alexander, Tyler Hamvas, Jennifer Siegle, Joseph Tucker-died
- 20 Tamra White-birthday
- 20 Doug Palouian-died
- 21 Haleigh Kappre, Nathanael Beiler-died
- 22 Carol Snyder-died
- 23 Paul Dooley-died
- 23 Peter Hallinan, Mark Meher-birthday
- 24 Rudy Skirvin-birthday
- 25 Logan McKinney-died
- 26 Kathleen Odessa-died
- 27 Lauren Bartholomew, Carolyn Brown-died
- 27 Landon Vels-birthday
- 28 Alanna O'Brien-birthday
- 29 Joel Haines, Darin Findley-birthday
- 30 Kenneth Edwards-birthday

APRIL

- 1 Robin Hull, Jan Mill-birthday
- 2 Matthew Baumann, Megan Snyder-birthday
- 3 Lauren Bartholomew, Nathan Peters-birthday
- 5 Brandon Lock-birthday
- 6 Jason Dempsey-died
- 7 Terri Ann Wilson, Edith Sullivan-birthday
- 7 Justin Mayer, Scott Laspina, Stephen Jones-died
- 8 Scott Bartholomew - birthday
- 8 George Radcliffe-died
- 9 Kevin Barto-birthday
- 9 Ninel Zaharia- died
- 9 Grace Peruski-stillborn
- 10 Hannah Cohen-birthday
- 11 Marcus Smith, Joel Shrum-birthday
- 11 Steven Butts - died
- 12 David Benster, Jeffrey Rhinehart-birthday
- 12 Mirela Zahaiea-died
- 13 Michael Smoyer-died
- 14 Mark Lefever, Ashley Meyers-birthday
- 15 Peggy Ann Floyd-birthday
- 15 Megan Snyder-died
- 16 Jonathan Teets-birthday
- 17 Peter Toebe, Dusty Auld-birthday
- 18 Chelsea Denham, Laura Reyburn-died
- 19 Ashley Sankus, Craig Austin-birthday
- 19 Brittany Wrigley, Paul Stranix-died
- 20 Victoria Peifer, Zachariah Payne-died
- 21 Scott McTyier-birthday
- 22 Sam Cook, David Steiner-died
- 25 Richard McAfee, Stephen Jones, Jason Thomas-birthday
- 26 Alexandru-Valenin Zaharia-birthday
- 27 Jessica Baransky, Stacey Gutz-died
- 27 Landon Vels-birthday
- 28 Rachel King-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.



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