



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

Summer 2015

Renew

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

Parents Share

When David was a little boy he loved to play table games. We had a game called "Trouble" that was similar to "Parcheesi." It had a plastic-like "popper" in the middle of the board that shook the dice when pressed.

We used to play for hours, and David never wanted to stop! He always wanted to play ..."just one more game?" Of course, he liked to win!

The game was used so much that we actually wore it out and bought another to replace it. The object of the game was to get all of your game pieces "home" first.

This comforting thought struck me one day as I was thinking about that old "Trouble" game: "David has arrived home first!" He knows what heaven is like before the rest of us. He, alone, out of our immediate family is now enjoying the bliss of being in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. David was **THE FIRST ONE HOME**.

Barbara Payne wrote of her son, David, 26, shot in the line of duty.

Support Groups for Bereaved Parents

Akron, PA	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM (suspended for June, July & August)
Aldan, PA	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
Lavelle, PA	3rd Sunday of the month, 1:00 PM (suspended for June, July & August)
Lebanon, PA	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM (suspended for June, July & August)
Williamstown, NJ	(to be announced)

Call us at 717.859.4777 for additional information.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Romans 12:15

During my fifth month of pregnancy, my husband and I were informed that the child I was carrying would be stillborn, or live but a few hours. This was my first deep, personal grief and was quickly followed by the news that my mother-in-law was dying of cancer!

One of the greatest helps to me in facing my sorrow was the supportive relationships with friends. Oh, the comfort of those who were able to weep with us. I came home from the doctor's office and called my best friend. She listened. She cried with me and we prayed together. She frequently called and let me spend time with her as I needed to.

Another friend, who had lost her son, truly understood how I felt and assured me that my feelings of anger were normal. She encouraged me to pour out my heart to the Lord. When I said, "I can't believe I'm getting fat like this for nothing," she didn't tell me not to feel that way. Instead she assured me of her prayers and support.

This friend also set up a pen-pal relationship with a young mother who a short time before had experienced a similar pregnancy and stillbirth. This mother answered many specific questions and gave me hope that, with time, I too would know God's healing of my pain.

From these special friends, I learned the valuable lesson of giving comfort to others. Before my loss I was unaware of the intense pain of grief. Now I saw first-hand what it was like, and how the Lord ministered to me through these sisters in Christ. Now I've been able to share with another young mother who also lost her newborn. What a privilege to pass on the comfort that had been given me.

Laurie Mosley wrote of her stillborn daughter, Mary Elizabeth



From the Director, *Don Allison*

It is hard to believe Spring has finally arrived. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have celebrated another Easter. I'm glad Spring and Easter come together for they both proclaim and project

new life. Flowers and trees that have been dormant emerge with new life, and Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning declares victory over death. Those of us connected to BASIS know about death in the loss of our precious children.

Easter shows us that Jesus triumphed over death and because of that we too, as believers, know that death will not have the final word for us. We too shall triumph over death. Yet the death of a loved one is an extremely painful thing to bear. Having the hope of seeing our precious children again in

heaven, though very comforting, does not erase the sorrow and grief we experience. So, God gives us His Spirit (another Comforter) and provides us with caring people to walk alongside us in our journey of grief. BASIS exists to encourage parents on their grief journey.

We do that through this newsletter, encouragement notes, support groups, personal contacts and other resources. One of those special resources is our Annual BASIS Breakfast. This year it's on May 2. If you have been to one of our breakfasts you know how meaningful they can be and I hope you will come again this year. If you have not been to one, I encourage you to register now for this uplifting event.

Spring brings flowers and Easter and also another BASIS Breakfast. I hope you may be blessed by all three. Register for the BASIS Breakfast today.

Precious Memories - *Hopes and Dreams*

We would like to include a precious memory or hope or dream of your deceased child in our Precious Memory booklet.

Please consider writing a brief one or two paragraph response and email (dallison@hvmi.org), or mail to H*VMI, PO Box 122, Akron, PA 17501.

Giving to BASIS

Your financial support of BASIS is vital to the ongoing ministry to grieving parents and children as we are trying to reach out to more hurting people. If you are a regular supporter of BASIS we certainly

appreciate your faithful support. If you have not been a regular supporter, would you prayerfully consider becoming one. We would like to operate BASIS in the black and not rely on support from H*VMI so they can assist other ministries with less

opportunity to raise funds for their vital ministries. Here are a few ways you can help support BASIS:

- Participating in the "Wall of Remembrance" is one opportunity to give on a one time basis.
- Giving at Christmas time or special anniversary dates is a special way to give.
- Giving each time you receive the "Renew" is another way to give.
- Giving on a monthly basis is a wonderful way to give.

No gift is too small or too large.

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 stillborns and miscarriages 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 put on the wall, such as shown to the left.

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

You are Invited

BASIS Breakfast 2015

Precious Memories - Hopes and Dreams
Remembering Our Children

May 2

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Aldan Union Church

7 East Providence Road, Aldan, PA 19018

(See insert flyer)



Memorial Gifts

January, February, March 2015

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

Given By

In Memory of

Don & Iris Allison..... Crystal (Allison) Kline
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Dates To Remember

MAY

- 2 Annie Marie Craven-birthday
- 4 Jason Brown-birthday
- 4 Philip Wilkins, Emily Porter, Lucas Thompson-died
- 5 Jessica Baransky, Amanda Vonderhorst, Daniel Weaver -birthday
- 5 Tommy Kirk-died
- 7 Dale Evans, Jimmy Nowasielski-birthday
- 8 Brittany Wrigley-birthday
- 10 Kathleen Fullam-died
- 11 Tyler Hamvas-birthday
- 11 Tina Genovese-died
- 14 Tina Genovese-birthday
- 14 Sam Harner III, Terri Wilson-died
- 15 Anthony Lepera-died
- 16 Sakina Wilson, Ashley Sankus, Edith Sullivan-died
- 18 Timothy Flocco-died
- 18 Robert Howe-stillborn
- 19 Scott Wolff - birthday
- 19 William Minnich - died
- 20 Abie Schneck - died
- 21 Robbie Gillis-birthday
- 21 Dale Evans-died
- 22 Sarah Ann Cole -died
- 22 Gioanni Cole --birthday
- 23 Gioanni Cole --died
- 23 Kyle O'Neill-birthday
- 23 Jason Herr-died
- 25 Aaron Wilbur-birthday
- 26 Amy Parker-birthday
- 26 Sheila Hollinger-died
- 27 Nathan Swymer-birthday
- 27 Tim Wolfe, Jerry Legg-died
- 28 Susan Alexander-birthday
- 29 Jessica Simrell-birthday
- 29 Anna Diffenderfer-died

JUNE

- 1 David Parillo-birthday
- 3 Christine Garber-birthday
- 3 Charles Robinson-died
- 4 Chuck Weir-birthday
- 5 Caleb Austin- died
- 5 Baby Manthey-miscarried
- 6 Patty Bennett, Donna Mackin-birthday
- 6 Amanda Halteman, Tamra White-died
- 8 Brianne Carter-birthday
- 8 Kevin Barto-died
- 9 Alena Hicks-stillborn
- 9 Jessica Simrell, Cindy Kelly-died
- 10 Philip Brunner-died
- 11 Sara Yellets-birthday
- 12 Jason McGill-birthday
- 12 Victor Andronie-died
- 13 Megan Hayes, Brent Bissinger-died
- 14 Crystal Allison Kline-birthday
- 14 Noah Lord-died
- 14 Melissa Adams-birthday
- 16 Melissa Adams, Lauren Antonelli-died
- 16 John Griffith-birthday
- 17 Chris R. Bender, Rachel King, David Weaver-died
- 18 Justin Mack, Michael Stone-birthday
- 18 Kara Hocker-died
- 18 Bryan Hanson-birthday
- 20 Bryan Hanson-died
- 20 Katie Nealy - birthday
- 21 Adam Davidson, Carl Henninger-birthday
- 22 Nichole Holt-birthday
- 23 Christopher Burlingame, Timothy Ward-birthday
- 24 Justin Novak-died
- 25 Brian Raske-died
- 26 Aaron Kramer-died
- 27 Joe Pilotti-birthday
- 27 Gina Peters, Jason Brown-died
- 28 Paula Nyce-birthday
- 28 Mark Meher-died
- 29 Scott Hickman, Ashley Romer, Daniel Lugo-birthday
- 29 Thomas Leidy, Dawn Wagner, Mark Lefever-died

JULY

- 1 Luke Searls-day of birth and death
- 2 Scott Fischer, Mary Ellen Moore-birthday
- 3 Eric High, Daniel Legg-birthday
- 4 Meisha Armstrong-died
- 4 Joshua Brown, Jay Butcher, Megan Hayes-birthday
- 5 Nathan Peters-died
- 7 Aaron Kramer-birthday
- 7 John Kirkpatrick, Maurice & Tyree Long-died
- 8 Mary Grace Drosehn-birthday
- 8 Robbie & Jamie Gillis-died
- 9 Kasey Rebstock, Adam Herr-birthday
- 10 Vincent Cellucci-birthday
- 10 Phyllis Ellis-died
- 11 Billy Bauernschmidt-birthday
- 12 Joel Haines-died
- 13 Gretchen Watts-birthday
- 14 Peter Toebe-died
- 15 Gabrielle Le'Gree-birthday
- 15 Aaron & Natalie Wilbur-died
- 16 Jamie Gillis-birthday
- 16 Gabrielle Le'Gree-died
- 18 David Steiner-birthday
- 18 Emilee Davis-birthday
- 18 Cory Golis-died
- 19 Bill VanDerbeek-birthday
- 19 David L. McIlvaine-died
- 20 Richard McAfee, Kyle O'Neill-died
- 22 William Steiner-died
- 23 Kasey Rebstock, Lynette Spigner, Eric (Ricky) Radcliffe-died
- 24 Faye Ganesin-died
- 26 Jeremy Bickling, Joshua Ewing-birthday
- 27 Janice Arrell, Nancy Schiavo - birthday
- 29 Lucas Thompson, Doug Palouian, Ava Perkins-birthday
- 29 Mark Lueder, Ava Perkins-died
- 30 Jeremy Lavoie, Dorie Williams-died
- 30 Cindy Kelly-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 Coming Events

- May 2BASIS Breakfast in Aldan, PA, (see enclosed flyer)
- May 25-July 3Handi*Camp
- August 8BASIS Picnic [Lavelle, Lancaster, Lebanon, PA Support Groups]
- August 22BASIS Picnic [Aldan, PA & Williamstown, NJ Support Groups]
- September 28H*VMI Golf Outing, Pittsgrove NJ
- October 3H*VMI Banquet, New Holland 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.



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