



BASIS is
a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Summer 2018

Renew

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



Comfort Food

by Don Allison, Director of BASIS

It is defined as food that gives emotional comfort to the one eating it. These tend to be favorite foods of childhood or linked to a person, place or time with which the food has a positive association.

(Urban Dictionary).

There is a connection in the Bible with food and comfort.

During Holy Week Jesus shared the Passover Meal (the Last Supper) with His disciples. It was a time of intimate fellowship as Jesus tried to prepare His disciples for His coming death, but it also provided some assurance of a new covenant God was making with His people. Jesus passed the bread and the cup to symbolize this new covenant which would soon require His death. Knowing that Jesus wanted to spend time and fellowship with the disciples over a meal made it special. Perhaps we could call it "comfort food."

After the resurrection Jesus was walking along the Emmaus Road when he met up with two of His followers who did not recognize Him. In the course of the conversation He was invited by the followers to stop and eat with them and the Scripture tells us that it was "When Jesus was at the table with them, He took some bread, gave thanks, divided it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him." Luke 24:30-31.

A few days later Jesus was waiting on the shore when the disciples returned from fishing and "they saw a fire of hot coals. There were some fish on the fire, and there was bread. Then Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you just caught'... Jesus said, 'Come and eat.'"

When we take communion in our churches we are reminded that, as we partake of the bread and drink, Jesus is present with us in a very intimate and personal fellowship. Jesus reminded His disciples previously that

"If two or three people come together in My name I am there with them." Matthew 18:20. His presence is even more profound in the sacrament of communion.

It is typical today that after a funeral there is a meal to share with the grieving family and friends. We could call that "comfort food."

In our BASIS support groups we usually have food to share after the meeting, another example of "comfort food." It seems that providing food helps create an environment for fellowship.

The ministry of BASIS is founded largely on the Scripture, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us." 2 Corinthians 1:3-5.

So, not only is the food a comfort, but our presence with another grieving person is also a "comfort food" to them.

Jesus told His disciples, "My food is to do what the One who sent Me wants Me to do and to finish His work."

From this I can conclude that my nourishment comes not only from physical food shared in a fellowship setting, but it also comes by doing what God wants me to do. By comforting others with the same comfort God gives me I can provide "comfort food" for other hurting people. Now that sounds like a win-win situation. Just writing this makes me hungry.

H*VMI Events 2018

- May 22-July 13** **Handi*Camp**
- July 27-28** **Yard Sale**, Akron PA
- August 11** **Annual BASIS Picnic**, Akron PA
- August 25** **Disability Ministries All Family Picnic**
Akron PA
- September 8** **BASIS Support Group Facilitators' Training**
H*VMI Office, Akron PA
- September 15** **Fall Fun-For-All Fair**
H*VMI's (new) Ministry Center Property
Akron PA
- September 25** **Annual Golf Outing**
2:00 PM, Tanglewood Manor, Quarryville PA
- October 13** **PA Fundraising Banquet**
*H*VMI's 45th Anniversary Celebration!*
11:30 AM–2:30 PM
Yoder's, New Holland PA

Please visit hvmi.org or call 717.859.4777 for details

Memorial Gifts

January–March 2018

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

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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.

First Name

Photo

Full Name

Birth date—Death date

Child of

Parent(s) Name(s)

Cause of Death:(Optional)

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.

Parents Share



**“Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.”
2 Corinthians 1:3**

Even the Apostle Paul became discouraged and felt powerless to help himself. Paul learned to put things in God’s hands and to trust Him during the difficult periods of his life.

It has always been easy for me to trust God when everything runs smoothly. Like Paul, I have had to learn to trust Him when things weren’t going the way I felt they should.

Nothing in all my life ever seared my heart like the tragic death of my youngest son, Neal. He had spent years overcoming the handicaps of cerebral palsy. He had made tremendous strides and was contemplating marriage to the young woman he loved.

It was only through the comfort of God and the help of caring friends that I started to feel alive again. I also found

out it was important to reach out to others who needed someone to listen and to understand their feelings.

When we feel like we have reached the end of the rope—its time to hold on! God is there, waiting to hold our hand.

How grateful I am to You, Lord, that You have had time to listen to me and to help me. How thankful I am for those friends willing to share their feelings and concerns. Things shared in the spirit of love are the moments we remember.

*Mary Isabel Reagan
Neal, 26`
Struck by car*

*Save
the date!*

BASIS *Annual Picnic*

All are welcome.

Join us for a time of fellowship, food and sharing!

Saturday, August 11, 2018

11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

28 Heritage Road, Akron PA 17501

We will eat at noon —please bring a side dish or dessert to share! Drinks and meat will be provided.
You could also bring comfortable lawn chairs.

RSVP at: 717.859.4777 or hvmi.org /upcoming events

Hope to see you there!





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-birthday
- 3: Charles Robinson-died
- 4: Chuck Weir-birthday
- 5: Caleb Austin, Baby Manthey-died
- 6: Patty Bennet, 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, 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: 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
- 10: Vincent Cellucci-birthday
- 10: Phyllis Ellis-died
- 11: Billy Bauernschmidt-birthday
- 12: Joel Haines-died
- 12: Chelsea Denham-birthday
- 13: Gretchen Watts-birthday
- 14: Peter Toebe-died
- 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: 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
- 24: Faye Giancesin-died
- 25: Grace E Lobis-birthday
- 26: Sage Robinson-died
- 26: Jeremy Bickling, Joshua Ewing-birthday
- 27: Janice Arrell-birthday
- 29: Doug Palouian, Lucas Thompson-birthday
- 29: Ava Perkins-date of birth and death
- 29: Mark Lueder-died
- 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: Corey Patches-birthday
- 8: Vicky Gehman, Shawn Johnson-birthday
- 10: Jason McGill, Rudy Skirvin-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
- 22: Dayne Thomas, Timothy Ward-died
- 24: Alexander Gustaferrri-birthday
- 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.



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