



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

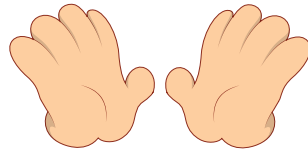
Renew

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

When we say, "Thanks!" it is for something we have received. Someone gives us a gift or offers us a compliment and we say "thanks" as we take it. I guess we could call it thankstaking. If we made "Thankstaking," a holiday, it would have to be more than one day. It seems we do a lot more taking than giving in our world, even though the Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Sometimes we just do the taking without giving the thanks, but that is not how we should respond.

The Bible reminds us that we should **"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."**



Thanksgiving or Thankstaking?



For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalms 100:4-5

I have heard it said that there are two kinds of people in this world: givers and takers. I think we all do some of both but I believe what the person meant was that people tend to fall more in one category than the other. I hope I am more of a giver of thanks than a taker because I have so much for which to give thanks.

The idea behind "Thanksgiving Day" was to give thanks for blessings. When the Pilgrims and the Indians ate together not only did it consist of giving thanks but it also consisted of giving to others. Each group brought food to share with the whole group.

Our BASIS support groups are something like that. We come together to give thanks to God for helping us in our grief journeys; but we also come to share encouragement and support for one another. We always seem to come away recognizing that it indeed is "more blessed to give than to receive." As St. Francis put it, "It is in giving we receive..."

This Thanksgiving I want to try to do more giving than receiving. It is fitting that we should have a "Thanksgiving Day" each year but every day should be a "thanksgiving day".

Now might be a good time to take a few moments to think and be thankful.

*Don Allison,
Director of BASIS*



Support Groups for Bereaved parents

Join us at one of these locations.

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| Akron, PA | 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM (September-May) |
| Aldan, PA | 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM |
| Lakeland, FL | 4th Monday of the month, 2:00 PM |
| Lavelle, PA | 3rd Sunday of the month, 1:00 PM (September-May) |
| Lebanon, PA | 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM (September-May) |
| Williamstown, NJ | 2nd Friday of the month at 7:00 PM (September-May) |

Call us at 717.859.4777 for additional information.

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

June, July and August 2016

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

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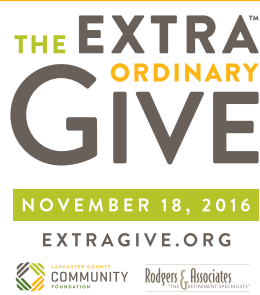
In Memory of

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| Allison, Don & Iris..... | Crystal Allison Kline |
| Arrell, Hannah..... | Janice Arrell |
| Barto, Donald & Marilyn..... | Kevin Roy Barto |
| Bender, Ronald..... | Chris Bender |
| Bennett, Doug & Ann..... | Patty Bennett |
| Brown, Matt & Cynthia..... | Joshua Brown |
| Butcher, Liz..... | Jay Randall Butcher |
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| Coldiron, Donald & Patricia..... | Michael Jay Coldiron |
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| Golis, James & Jerri..... | Cory Golis |
| Herr, Clyde & Melva..... | Jason Herr |
| Hipple, Robert & Helen..... | Jeff Hipple |
| Hocker, Nancy..... | Kara Hocker |
| Jones, Charles (Lou) & Joye..... | Stephen Jones |
| Lenker, Jean..... | Marlin Carl |
| Lindsey, Mike & Dee..... | All BASIS Children |
| Meyer, Clifford & Kim..... | All BASIS Children |
| Mifflin, Janet..... | Matthew Joel Mifflin |
| Rose, Yvonne..... | Michael R Gingery |
| Snyder, Mary..... | Paul Wm. Maurer |
| Sullivan, Anna..... | Edith Sullivan |
| Teets, John & Debra..... | Jonathan Teets |
| Vosgerichian, Glen & Kathy (Kathryn)..... | All BASIS Children |
| Walborn, Ted & Helen..... | Kristi Walborn |
| Williams, Joanna..... | Jimmie Williams |

Save the Date!

The Lancaster County Community Foundation's Extraordinary Give event is happening again this fall—**November 18th!** This is a great opportunity for organizations like H*VMI to experience—and their ministry partners to help provide—a financial boost to help meet needs. The program is open to organizations that serve residents of Lancaster County—but, donations can come from anyone, anywhere.

See the enclosed flyer, that will provide specific details about how and when to donate to H*VMI through this year's Extraordinary Give. In the meantime,



please don't hold back your donations for H*VMI, waiting for Extraordinary Give day. We need them EVERY DAY. We need them NOW! Our hope, our prayer is that donations through Extraordinary Give, when that time comes, will be IN ADDITION to the giving you already do for H*VMI.

Apart from the "official" Extraordinary Give program, here at H*VMI, we see EVERY donation, every dollar donated to H*VMI as EXTRAORDINARY—just the way we see you, our EXTRAORDINARY prayer warriors and financial donors!

Parents Share



***"I will never desert you,
nor will I ever forsake you."***

Hebrews 13:5b

He Only Took My Hand

Last night while I was trying to sleep;
My son's voice I did hear.
I opened my eyes and looked around
But he did not appear.
He said, "Mom you've got to listen,
You've got to understand,
God didn't take me from you, Mom,
He only took my hand.
When I called out in pain that night,
The instant that I died,
He reached down and took my hand,
And pulled me to His side.
He pulled me up and saved me
From the misery and pain.
My body was hurt so badly inside,
I could never be the same.
My search is really over now,
I've found happiness within.
All the answers to my empty dreams
And all that might have been.
I love you so and miss you so,
And I'll always be nearby.
My body's gone forever,
But my spirit will never die!
And so, you must to on now,
Live one day at a time.
Just understand-
God did not take me from you,
He only took my hand."

-Author Unknown

My almost-twenty-month-old son, Ritchie, died after an eleven-and-a-half-month struggle to keep him alive. The battle left me weary and worn and at times wondering where God was.

I still think back to the day—the moment I first hear—the shock and numbness. I can still recall the knife sharp pain as cold reality settled in to stay. The relentless hours of tears and sorrow almost overwhelmed me.

There were times I felt I would never see daylight again. I crawled under my shroud of grief-filled emotions and tried hard to hide my heart from the truth. Ritchie was gone. The deep coldness found a way in and no matter what I tried to fight it with I could not find the warmth so desperately needed...
UNTIL YOU, MY LORD!

In my despair and anguish I cried out to You. I couldn't even tell if my prayers were penetrating the dark shroud of sorrow. I was too tired to struggle, too hurt to fight. I gave it up to You.

The warmth of Your love crept in—at first just in a corner I dared give to You. As I tested You, each thread of my dark cloak was lovingly changed to golden hope. Tomorrow was no longer a threat, but a promise of Your abiding and all-encompassing love. I knew You would be there to see me through.

Oh, dear Lord, the joy I finally feel because of Your healing touch in my life! It has taken me a very long time to learn the lessons You've had for me—and I'm still learning.

I thank Him that He is there, even in those times I don't acknowledge or feel His presence.

Jackie Deems
Son, Ritchie, 19 months
Spinal Atrophy

Article from "Keeper of the Stars Healer of Hurting Hearts."



NOVEMBER

- 1 Jason Dempsey-birthday
- 1 Matthew Baumann,
Deanna Bartron-died
- 2 Jason Herr-birthday
- 2 Laurette Good-day of birth & death
- 3 Lauren Antonelli-birthday
- 3 Stephen Wildasin-died
- 5 Amanda Lyn Vonderhorst-died
- 6 Jerry Legg-birthday
- 6 Scott McTyier-died
- 7 Collin Peters-died
- 8 Jeffrey Short-birthday
- 8 Corinne Harris, Darin Findley-died
- 9 Kathleen Fullam-birthday
- 12 Jarad Hamilton-day of birth and death
- 12 Katie Nealy, Michael Skowronek-died
- 14 Justin Novak-birthday
- 14 Donna Mackin-died
- 16 James Hollinger-died
- 17 Brandon Heck-died
- 20 Eric High-died
- 20 Olivia Lloyd-day of birth and death
- 21 Billy Bauernschmidt-died
- 23 Nichole Holt-died
- 24 Zachary Meck-birthday
- 25 Sara Yorty-birthday
- 25 Adrienne Squier, Daniel Legg-died
- 26 Nikki Riley-died
- 27 Annie Craven, Ronald Emsoff,
Jedd Cochrane, Katie Russell-died
- 28 Randy VanRyn-birthday
- 29 Robin Hull-died

DECEMBER

- 1 David Hoffman, Mary Moore-died
- 3 Landon Vels, Anneka Vels-died
- 3 Raymond Shenk III,
William Steiner-birthday
- 4 Katie Russell-birthday
- 5 Kimberly Falls-died
- 6 Kristi Walborn-birthday
- 6 Scott Bartholomew, Brandon Lock-died
- 7 Eric Renegar-birthday
- 7 Adam Herr-died, Anna Stuckey-day
of birth and death
- 9 Ryan Schuster, David McIlvaine-
birthday
- 9 Jonathan Rasnake-died
- 14 Amanda Halteman, Tyler Howe-
birthday
- 14 Ryan Nolen, Paula Nyce-died
- 15 Tyler Howe-died
- 16 Ronald Emsoff-birthday
- 19 Sheila Hollinger-birthday
- 20 Christopher Burlingame,
Michael Stone, Barbara Peifer-died
- 20 Dawn Wagner-birthday
- 22 Owen Schiffer-birthday
- 23 Justin Yarbrough-birthday
- 23 Justin Mack, Vincent Cellucci-died
- 24 Michael Chappine-died
- 25 Barbara Lang, Carl Marlin-died
- 26 Steven Butts-birthday
- 26 Talia Emslie-died
- 28 Michael Chappine-birthday
- 30 Frank Halter-birthday

JANUARY

- 1 Melissa Heydenreich-died
- 5 Christian Anderson-birthday
- 5 John Witcraft-died
- 7 Nena Hay, Joseph Yunik-birthday
- 8 Gina Peters-birthday
- 8 Nicole Mazza-died
- 10 Colleen Heron-birthday
- 10 Bill VanDerbeek-died
- 11 Kenny Frable-birthday
- 12 Victor Andronie-birthday
- 12 Joshua Ewing, Carl Henninger-died
- 13 Brandon Heck-birthday
- 13 Samuel Peachey day of birth
and death
- 15 Kara Hocker- birthday
- 15 Kenny Frable-died
- 16 John Griffith, DeV Vaughn Lee,
Kristi Walborn, Nena Hay-died
- 17 Amy Parker-died
- 18 Shari Lloyd-birthday
- 19 Sara Cole, Nathanael Beiler-birthday
- 22 Art Regal-died
- 23 Stacey Gutz, Jennifer Siegle-birthday
- 24 Kent Erickson, Nathan Dale Mowrer-
birthday
- 25 Noah Lord -birthday
- 26 Morgan Kelly -birthday
- 26 Jimmy Nowasielski-died
- 27 Raymond Shenk III-died
- 28 David Coleman, Walter Schauer III,
Christian Anderson, Owen Schiffer-died
- 29 Jeffrey Short-died
- 30 Colin Fitzpatrick-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.

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.



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Don Allison

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