



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

Happy New Year?

By Don Allison, BASIS Director

So, what is there to be happy about? What do I have to look forward to—another year not to have our daughter, Crystal, to celebrate the new year? This makes the 9th one she has missed. On the other hand, it's one year closer to seeing her again. For her, its one more year spent in heaven and I can only imagine Crystal is having the time of her life, her *eternal life*.

"You have a baby girl," the doctor announced June 14, 1969. *My joy was almost uncontainable.* "I'm sorry, Mr. Allison, the doctor said 36 years later, *"Your daughter is not going to make it.* You can go back and be with her as much as you want." A little while later, while I was holding her hand, the nurse whispered, "I'm



sorry, she's gone." *My pain was almost unbearable.*

Zig Ziglar, who lost his 40 year old daughter, Suzan, shares some helpful counsel that grieving parents can take with them into the new year:*

First, find strength in *applying God's Word personally*. For example, read Psalm 46 this way: "God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in my time of trouble."

Second, express your dependence on God *daily in prayer*. Psalm 116:1-2 puts it so plainly: "I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live."

Third, look for opportunities to *share the hurt of another person*, "so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:4

I am going to try to use this counsel more consistently in 2015. May I encourage you to do the same? I would not be surprised if you can experience *happiness in 2015*, especially as you try to share the hurt of someone else. In the process of helping others, God will continue to provide comfort and healing to you.

*"I Know You Are Hurting" by Zig Ziglar printed by Good News Publishers 1300 Crescent Street, Wheaton, IL 60187

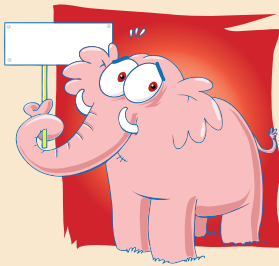
Support Groups for Bereaved Parents

Akron, PA	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
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Lavelle, PA	3rd Sunday of the month, 1:00 PM
Lebanon, PA	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM
Williamstown, NJ	Jan. & March 2nd Friday of the month, 7:00 PM

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for additional information.**

The Elephant in the Room

Well meaning people avoid talking about your loss because they think it will just cause you pain. Of course, as bereaved parents we know that is not true. The following poem by Terry Kettering expresses this so well.



The Elephant in the Room

There's an elephant in the room.
It is large and squatting, so it is hard to get around it.
Yet we squeeze by with, "How are you?"
And, "I'm fine."...

And a thousand other forms of trivial chatter.
We talk about the weather.
We talk about work.
We talk about everything else—
Except the elephant in the room
There's an elephant in the room.

We all know it is there.
We are thinking about the elephant
As we talk together.
It is constantly on our minds.
For, you see, it is a very big elephant.
It has hurt us all.

But we do not talk about the elephant in the room.
Oh, please, say her name.
Oh, please, say "Barbara" again.
Oh, please, let's talk about the elephant in the room.
For if we talk about her death,
Perhaps we can talk about her life?
Can I say "Barbara" to you and not have you
look away?
For if I cannot, then you are leaving me alone...
In a room...
With an elephant.*

May God give you someone who will talk with you about "The Elephant in the Room."

* from *Bereavement Magazine*, October, 1989.

Prayer Changes Things

By Michelle Noble



As I think back on 2014 I am so thankful for what God has done in and through C2H2. As I think about goals and ideas for 2015, I know first and foremost I need people to be praying for C2H2. Will you commit to praying weekly for C2H2 and for grieving children and families? If you would like to do so I ask that you email me at: mnoble@hvmi.org. I will send out prayer requests via email a few times a month. To start here are a few prayer requests:

- That children and families that are hurting will somehow hear about C2H2
- That I will try new and creative ways of networking and doing outreach
- That the Lord will provide a team of volunteers for C2H2
- That a permanent home/location will be established for C2H2 and that it will be a beacon of light to the surrounding community
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as I minister to non-believers and that the truth and love of Christ will be displayed

Thank you for praying with me for God's best for C2H2 in 2015. God Bless!

Wall of Remembrance

We now have eighty-five deceased children represented on our wall. If you would like to include your child 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 above.

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

God Speaks to Me Through My Daughter's Valley of Death

By Iris Allison

God spoke to me when my 36 year old daughter was on her death bed. *My daughter Crystal was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia on her 36th birthday, June 14, 2005 and on July 31, 2005 God spoke to me. My husband, Don, and I were called on a Sunday morning by our son, Clay, who had already gone to New York. He told us that Crystal was back in ICU and was not doing so well. My husband called off from work. He was pastor in Lebanon, PA. We headed to Albany Medical Center in Albany New York.*

During that awful trip to New York I was sad and worried about what lay ahead. About half way there God came to me and said; ***"not to be afraid for he had Crystal's and our best interest at heart."*** I could understand Him having Crystal's best interest even if she died and went to heaven. But *it was harder to understand how my best interest would be served.* I sensed His presence and a peace came over me. Not at that time or ever, did I get assurance that she was going to be healed. It brought to my mind the scripture, ***"All things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose."*** Romans 8:28. I continued

to sit in silence for about an hour and then I told Don what I had experienced. We continued our most difficult journey.

When we arrived at the hospital, we were able to go into ICU and visit with Crystal. I am so glad that *I got to see and speak to her that one last time*, even though it haunts me still. She died about 5 a.m. the next morning on August 1, 2005. Her dad and her husband were with her when she died. Clay and I had gone back to Crystal's home to be with Andi, my daughter-in-law, and my four grandkids.

I believe it was about a month after Crystal died that I felt God speak to me again. He told me to ***"CONCENTRATE ON THE LIVING."*** He didn't tell me to forget about Crystal. My son bought me a computer and a printer for Christmas. Included was a program to scan and print pictures. I proceeded to use that to produce over twenty albums with many, many pictures of Crystal. The pictures are precious memories.

From time to time I still have to be reminded about what God said: ***"CONCENTRATE ON THE LIVING" and "NOT TO BE AFRAID for he has Crystal's and our best interest at heart."***

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October, November and December 2014

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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 & 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-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 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 Zaharia-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 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-birthday
- 26 Alexandru-Valenin Zaharia-birthday
- 27 Jessica Baransky, Stacey Gutz-died
- 27 Landon Vels-birthday
- 28 Rachel King-birthday

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- March 13-14.....H*VMI Seminar Series, Collingswood NJ
 April 11H*VMI Banquet , Voorhees, NJ
 May 2BASIS Breakfast in Aldan, PA, (see enclosed flyer)
 AugustBASIS Picnics — Information in Summer Issue of RENEW
 September 28H*VMI Golf Outing, Centerton NJ
 October 3H*VMI Banquet, New Holland PA

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