



BASIS is
a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Renew

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

Spring 2023



Renewing and REBUILDING

By Tim Sheetz,

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What a great way to start off a new year. “Renew” is defined as: resuming (an activity) after an interruption; extend for a further period, the validity of a license, subscription or contract; make new or regenerate. Many of us make New Year’s resolutions that are intended to, especially, address that last definition: RENEW—make new or regenerate!!

These are all great definitions. However, I really like the Hebrew definition the best —especially as it pertains to BASIS. Simply stated. RENEW means to REBUILD.

Experiencing the loss of a child brings profound sorrow, pain and brokenness. REBUILDING after such a devastating loss is critical. BASIS Support Groups; H*VMI’s “Journey Through Grief” Seminar; one-on-one phone calls, texts, coffee get-togethers with bereaved parents; and this newsletter called RENEW—are ways that this ministry seeks to help all of us who belong to this “club” we didn’t want to join—to REBUILD.

But, we’re keenly aware that even a ministry full of caring people like BASIS and all our programs and resources can’t move a broken heart off the rubble of grief and onto a foundation upon which REBUILDING and RENEWING can take place. REBUILDING and RENEWAL can only happen by the love and grace of the Lord and in His strength.

Scripture is a tool God provides to help those of us with broken hearts navigate life here on earth.

Psalm 68:19 is a great example. **“Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, the God who is our salvation. Selah.”** This Psalm was written by David, a bereaved dad several times over, and “the man after God’s own heart.” Consider the following:

1. David begins the verse with the word, “Blessed.” Where God is referred to, this word has the sense of praise. In Psalm 22, David wrote his stunning description of the Messiah’s crucifixion 1,000 years before Jesus was born and 600 years before the Persians even invented this horrific method of execution. David, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, realized that God, the Father, would, Himself, know the grief and brokenness of losing a Son. David knew that God would be able to empathize with the brokenhearted - not just see brokenness and feel badly about it; but, out of His own loss experience, which was totally an intentional sacrifice of love, be able to help BEAR THE BURDEN

of the one who is hurting. For that, and so many other worthy reasons, David called God “Blessed!”

2. David addresses God as “the Lord” and “God.” Those Names mean—Sovereign. Sovereign means God is all-knowing. He knew, before your child died, that this would happen. And, Sovereign means He is all-powerful and in control. Yes, He could have prevented your child’s death; but, somehow in His love, for reasons only He knows, He chose to not intervene. Sovereign also means He is all-present. Hang onto that in your brokenness, because it can comfort you to know that your child wasn’t alone when he or she died and—YOU are NEVER alone. God is ALWAYS there present with you.

The Blessed God, the Sovereign God knows you and your loss like no other can know. He’s the One you need to turn to for help to REBUILD—RENEW.

Lina Sandell, at age 26, was on a ship with her father. They were looking over the railing when the ship suddenly gave a lurch. Lina’s father fell overboard and drowned before the eyes of his beloved daughter. Lina had written many hymns prior to that horrific incident. Now, through her broken heart, she penned words which demonstrated a deep trust in and need for her BLESSED, SOVEREIGN LORD GOD to be present in her life as she rebuilt it. You have, no doubt, sung those words, a popular hymn. Read them now with my prayer that they will bring you comfort, peace, hope and a desire to REBUILD and RENEW.

Day by Day

1. Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best-
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.
2. Ev’ry day the Lord himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares he gladly bears and cheers me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow’r.
The protection of his child and treasure
Is a charge that on himself he laid:
“As your days, your strength shall be in measure”
This the pledge to me he made.
3. Help me then in ev’ry tribulation
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when, toil and trouble meeting,
E’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Memorial Gifts

October–December 2022

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

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- Your prayers
- Referring other bereaved parents to our ministry
- Participating in BASIS sponsored events as you are able
- Placing your child on the “Wall of Remembrance”
- Using resources provided by BASIS
- Your financial donations

SAVE THE DATE!



BASIS Breakfast

April 29, 2023
9:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Yoder’s Banquet Center
14 South Tower Road,
New Holland, PA 17557



BASIS Monthly Support Groups



For bereaved parents—join us at one of these locations.

Akron, PA	3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Sept–July)
Aldan, PA	3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
Lavelle, PA	1st Monday, 3:00 PM
Lebanon, PA	1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Oct–June)
Paradise, PA	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Quarryville, PA	3rd Mondays, 3:00 PM
Harrington, DE	1st Thursday, 2:00 PM

Please contact our BASIS Department by emailing cwhiting@hvmi.org if you want further details for the Support Groups listed above.



BASIS Brothers And Sisters In Support

Ministering to bereaved parents and their families through a support system of personal contact, newsletters, support groups and other activities.



Handi*Vangelism Ministries International™

Contact us at: PO Box 122, Akron PA 17501
Phone: 717.859.4777
Email: info@hvmi.org
Website: hvmi.org
Blog: hvmi.org > blogs > grief

Parents Share: **Holding on to Hope**

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

Finding and holding on to hope is what every bereaved parent needs. Finding the courage to go on day after day. We look to the Lord for our strength and healing. Some days it takes everything we have to move forward and just face another day. I remember when we lost our son Andy, I wasn’t sure what each new day would bring. But as time passes, when you least expect it, a light breaks through the cloud cover and there are little glimmers of hope. Romans 8:28 is what we cling to. **“In all things God works for the good of those who love Him.”**

We all have our definition of what hard days look like—unique to us all. Just as unique, our blessings are still there—we just need to recognize them. It may be the first time you laugh again. Or the first time you lend a listening ear to someone else who has just lost a son or daughter. You may be a person who wants to begin to help others again. Our paths may not yet be clear in the fog of grief, but they are guided by Someone who is greater than ourselves. He is our hope and strength. The sun will shine on us again, and, in turn, we will be that light for others.

*Dan Steinman
Andy, 30
Car Accident*

Save these dates!

H*VMI Calendar 2023

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Upcoming ministry events that need your prayers.

Please check our website or call for more details on the following.

April 15, 2023

South Jersey Ministry Luncheon

The Grove, Pittsgrove Township NJ

April 29, 2023

BASIS Breakfast

Yoder’s Banquet Center, New Holland PA

August 26, 2023

BASIS Picnic



A New Venture

By Dan Steinman, Director of BASIS

Iam pleased to let you know we will be starting a BASIS Podcast in the near future. You may be asking, why are we doing this? We feel that through conversations with bereaved parents, we will be able to hear, share and understand some things that others have faced.

We are prayerful the Podcasts may help someone who is not sure where to turn, what to say, or how to say it; to understand that there are others who have been where they are. Perhaps it may help others find hope and strength; hear examples of having that intimate relationship with our God; help each other; love each other, and how to display Jesus showing compassion and grace.

You will hear many different things during these podcasts, but in the end, you will see the hearts of each individual in their hopes to glorify His Name in all that they share with you.



Dates to Remember



A Prayer Plan

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.

MARCH

- 1: Daniel Hayes-date of birth and death
- 2: Kyler Owens-date of birth and death
- 2: Bailey O'Neill-birthday
- 3: David Parrillo-died
- 4: Marvin Lewis Jr.-birthday
- 6: Jonathan Teets-died
- 7: Mark Lueder-birthday
- 7: Scott Hickman-died
- 9: Stephen Wildasin-birthday
- 10: Haleigh Kappre-birthday
- 10: Patrick Hastings, Colleen Heron, Joe Pilotti-died
- 11: Kristan Lefferts, Tykea Justiniano-died
- 11: Barbara Peifer, Victoria Peifer-birthday
- 13: Bailey O'Neill-died
- 14: Hershel Scriven-died
- 14: Chuckie Magee-birthday
- 15: Karen Benner, Hershel Scriven-birthday
- 15: Jay Delp, Shawn Walsh-died
- 17: Barbara Lang, Collin Peters-birthday
- 18: Joseph Tucker-birthday
- 18: Michelle (Wells) Patch, Joel Shrum, Sara Yorty-died
- 19: Susan Alexander, Tyler Hamvas, Rose Rogers-died
- 20: Maurice Williams-died
- 21: Nathanael Beiler, Haleigh Kappre-died
- 22: Tommy Burke-birthday
- 23: Peter Hallinan, Mark Meher-birthday
- 24: Amber Haynes-birthday
- 24: Jeannie Ellis Wilkins-died
- 25: Logan McKinney-died
- 29: Winifred Ellis-died
- 29: Darin Findley, Joel Haines-birthday

APRIL

- 1: Robin Hull, Jack Nicholson-birthday
- 2: Owen Hall-birthday
- 2: Eliana Hoffman-died
- 3: Nathan Peters-birthday
- 5: Ryan DiGuisepe-died
- 5: Brandon Lock-birthday
- 6: Jason Dempsey-died
- 7: Edith Sullivan, Terri Ann Wilson-birthday
- 7: Stephen Jones, Justin Mayer-died
- 8: Scott Bartholomew-birthday
- 8: George Radcliffe-died
- 9: Kevin Barto-birthday
- 9: Robert Reedy, Ninel Zaharia-died
- 9: Grace Peruski-date of birth and death
- 10: Hannah Cohen, Michael Skilling-birthday
- 11: Joseph Hansell, Dolores Jewell, Joel Shrum, Marcus Smith-birthday
- 11: Steven Butts-died
- 12: Anani Bailey-date of birth and death
- 12: David Benster, Jeffrey Rhinehart-birthday
- 12: Mirela Zaharia-died
- 13: Michael Smoyer-died
- 14: Mark Lefever, Ashley Meyers-birthday
- 14: Chad Bettinger-died
- 16: Jonathan Teets-birthday
- 17: Peter Toebe-birthday
- 18: Justin Murphy-birthday
- 18: Chelsea Denham, Laura Reyburn, Richard Singmaster-died
- 19: Craig Austin, Ashley Sankus-birthday
- 19: Paul Stranix, Brittany Wrigley-died
- 20: Victoria Peifer-died
- 22: Sam Cook, David Steiner-died
- 25: Stephen Jones, Richard McAfee, Jason Thomas-birthday
- 26: Alexandru-Valentin Zaharia-birthday
- 27: Jessica Baransky, Stacey Gutz-died
- 27: Landon Vels-birthday
- 28: Rachel King-birthday
- 28: Daniel Krawiec-died

MAY

- 1: Lydia Cameron-date of birth and death
- 2: Annie Marie Craven-birthday
- 3: Corinne Harris-birthday
- 4: Emily Porter, Philip Wilkins-died
- 5: Amanda Vonderhorst, Daniel Weaver-birthday
- 7: Jessica Baransky, Chad Bettinger, Jimmy Nowasielski, Shawn Walsh-birthday
- 7: Jeff Green-died
- 8: Brittany Wrigley-birthday
- 8: Hannah Miller-died
- 9: Amber Wu-birthday
- 10: Kathleen Fullam-died
- 11: Tyler Hamvas-birthday
- 11: Tina Genovese-died
- 12: Gala Hershey-birthday
- 14: Tina Genovese-birthday
- 14: Terri Ann Wilson-died
- 15: James Jordan, Anthony Lepera-died
- 16: Marvin Lewis Jr., Ashley Sankus, Edith Sullivan, Sakina Wilson-died
- 17: Colby Hall-birthday
- 18: Timothy Flocco-died
- 18: Robert Ranck-date of birth and death
- 19: Scott Wolff-birthday
- 19: Tiara Selby-died
- 20: Ryleigh Canham, Chuckie Magee, Abie Schneck-died
- 21: Robbie Gillis-birthday
- 21: Presley Robinson-died
- 22: Sarah Ann Cole-died
- 22: Giovanni Cole-Birthday
- 23: Giovanni Cole, Jason Herr-died
- 25: Aaron Wilbur-birthday
- 26: Amy Parker-birthday
- 26: Sheila Hollinger-died
- 27: Nathan Swymer-birthday
- 27: Jerry Legg, Tim Wolfe-died
- 28: Susan Alexander-birthday
- 28: Timothy Krawiec, Thomas Lavin-died
- 29: Jeff Green, Jessica Simrell-birthday
- 29: Anna Diffenderfer-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.

Join us in Remembering Our Children at the annual BASIS Breakfast Buffet. Support, fellowship, inspiration, hope, laughter, food and more will fill our time together. Please feel free to invite other bereaved parents.

All are welcome!

BASIS Breakfast

April 29, 2023

9:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Yoder's Restaurant & Banquet Center

14 South Tower Road, New Holland, PA 17557

Please call if you need directions.

Three ways to register by April 25th, 2023

Mail the form below to H*VMI. **Call** 717.859.4777. **Online** at hvmi.org/upcoming-events.

There is no cost to attend. An offering will be received to help keep BASIS operating and growing.

Guest Speaker: Barbara Higby, author of *I Was Broken, Too*

How do we hold on to hope when problems mount and feelings numb? Uninvited, invaders march into our lives—challenges, disappointments, loss. At times, these invaders creep in softly; often they blatantly barge in. Either way, the thieves break through our protective doors and wreak havoc. As we struggle to survive the onslaught, hope fades and we wonder if we will ever hope again.

This is where author, Barbara Higby, found herself when her daughter suddenly died. Previous losses had tutored her in how to renew hope—a failed adoption process, the death of newborn twins, the challenges of a son with a disability, the collapse of her calling—but her daughter's death plunged her to a new depth of hopelessness. At the 2023 BASIS Breakfast, we're praying that Barbara's story and what God has done through it will encourage others who are disheartened by loss.

Please complete information below, cut off and return in the enclosed envelope. We need your name(s) for registration and/or receipting purposes.



Registration for BASIS Breakfast 2023

YES! I/We would like to attend the 2023 BASIS Breakfast.

Number attending: _____

Name(s) _____

Please use reverse side of form for any additional names for registration purposes.

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