



BASIS is  
a ministry to  
bereaved parents  
and their families.

# Renew

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

## FROM THE DIRECTOR...

by Don Allison, Director of BASIS



**I**t has been a privilege and honor to serve as Director of BASIS for the past five years. It's been said that "All good things must come to an end." Although directing BASIS has certainly been a good experience, God told me

that it was time to step away from the position. The date of my retirement as BASIS Director was effective at the conclusion of the BASIS Breakfast this past May 4th. I will continue to stay connected to BASIS by writing encouragement notes and attending special events. And, I will certainly continue to pray for BASIS and H\*VMI.

Tim Sheetz will serve in the leadership of BASIS until a new Director is found, so I am confident that BASIS is in great hands. BASIS will not only continue but it will expand to reach new areas. In fact, another new support group began in Quarryville PA this May.

Over these last five years, I have made friendships that will last the rest of my life. Other bereaved parents have been a blessing to me in my own grief journey as I have looked for ways to minister and be a blessing to them. I have had the pleasure of working with great people in BASIS and H\*VMI. Christine Whiting continues to provide an invaluable service in the BASIS office. She will be very helpful to Tim and, eventually, to the new director. Our support group leaders continue to be used so effectively by God as they minister to hurting parents each month.

God is surely good to me. He paid the price for my salvation and sent His Holy Spirit to reside in me. Losing our daughter is the hardest thing, by far, that my wife and I have had to face. A good thing that has come from that terrible loss is my connection to BASIS.

Knowing Jesus and Crystal will be there to greet Iris and me when we get to heaven is the great hope we have in Christ and it is reflected in the following song:

### "Knowing You'll Be There"

The other day I passed the place  
You always liked to go  
And I picked up the phone because  
I thought you'd want to know  
But I forgot you weren't there  
I miss you all these days  
That I'm reminded of your smile  
And the funny things you'd say

I miss you most at Christmas  
You were like a little kid  
You always loved a good surprise  
And now I must admit  
That I long more for heaven  
Than I ever did before  
You give me one more reason  
And each day I want it more

#### CHORUS

Knowing we can spend a lifetime  
Reminiscing on the past  
Knowing I will see your face again  
Where tender moment last  
It makes me wanna be there  
Knowing I won't be alone  
Knowing you'll be there makes it easy to go home

You left a group of fishermen  
Somehow you left me too  
And though I've felt you many times  
And know you saw me through  
I've always long to feel your arms  
And look into your eyes  
And talk forever me and you  
Somewhere in paradise

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By Michael Sykes, Suzanne Jennings

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I look forward to seeing all of you there someday, too!  
For now, farewell, my friends!

# BASIS *Annual Picnic*

Save  
the date!

All are welcome. Join us for a time of fellowship, food and sharing!

*Saturday, August 10, 2019*

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!*



## 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.



Under the leadership of  
**Handi\*Vangelism  
Ministries International™**

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Blog: hvmi.org > blogs > grief



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## H\*VMI Upcoming Events 2019

- May 22–July 12** **Handi\*Camp**, (staff still needed. Please inquire)
- August 10** **BASIS Picnic**, Akron PA
- August 17** **Disability Ministries Picnic**, Akron PA (PIP, Bible Club, Handi\*Camp)
- September 7** **BASIS Support Group Facilitators Seminar** (current and potential leaders)
- September 12** **Golf Outing Fundraiser**, Tanglewood Manor Golf Club, Quarryville PA
- October 5** **Annual PA Ministry Fundraising Banquet**, Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland PA

## BASIS Monthly Support Groups

- Akron, PA ..... 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM (Sept-May)
- Aldan, PA..... 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
- Lavelle, PA..... 3rd Sunday, 1:00 PM (Sept-May)
- Lebanon, PA..... 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Sept-May)
- Paradise, PA..... 1st Monday, 7:00 PM (Sept-May)
- Williamstown, NJ ..... TBD
- Harrington, DE..... 1st Thursday, 7:30 PM
- Lakeland, FL..... TBD
- Quarryville, PA..... 3rd Tuesday, 3:00 PM

Visit the H\*VMI website or call our office for event details listed above.  
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## Parents Share



It seemed impossible that after all we had been through, things would end as they did—with Trisha’s death. Fourteen months of treatment for leukemia, bone marrow transplant and it seemed a happy ending would be ours. Now I had to leave the hospital without her, my heart aching to hold her.

In subsequent days, while watching some Christian broadcasts, I heard stories and testimonies from parents, praising the Lord for miraculously restoring their children to health. It was almost too much to bear. I began to question my faith, or lack of it. Hadn’t I believed enough that God would heal her? If not, was I then somehow responsible for her death?

As I thought on these things and about God’s purpose, I felt the Lord’s love for me and a sense of peace and an awareness that it was not the amount of faith, or the lack of it that determined whether Trisha lived or died. He could have healed her, regardless of me.

It’s natural for parents whose children have been restored to praise Him. But for me, for other parents whom God has chosen to act otherwise, our praise to God would not be the result of a natural overflow of the heart. It would be the result of the supernatural power of God! It would be God’s power at work in our lives bringing healing, restoring our joy and putting a song of thanksgiving in our hearts. The miracle He has done in our lives is worthy of our praise. It is every bit as much a miracle as raising a child from a death bed.

Each day that passes brings us one day closer to reunion with her and with our Savior.

Wendy Smith  
Trisha, 5  
leukemia

## Memorial Gifts

January–March 2018

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

### Given By

### In Memory of

Doug & Ann Bennett.....	Patty Bennett
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## 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.*



# 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-died
- 5: Baby Manthey-died
- 6: Patty Bennett, 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: Car 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: Colin Erow, 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: Connie Eckman, 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 Giansesin-died
- 25: Grace E Lobis-birthday
- 26: Sage Robinson-died
- 26: Jeremy Bickling, Joshua Ewing-birthday
- 27: Janice Arrell-birthday
- 29: Lucas Thompson-birthday
- 29: Ava Perkins-date of birth and death
- 29: Mark Lueder-died
- 30: Douglas Eckman-birthday
- 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-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
- 26: Jason Walters-died
- 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.