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a ministry to  
bereaved parents  
and their families.

# Renew

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

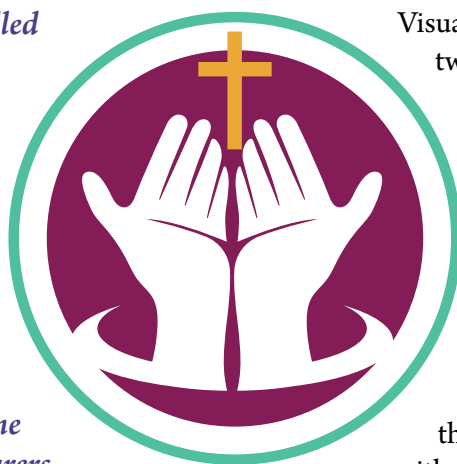
## COMPASSION and HOPE PERSONIFIED

By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

*"Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, 'Do not weep.' And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, 'A great prophet has arisen among us!' and, 'God has visited His people!'" Luke 7:11-16*

**T**his miracle, recorded only in Luke, demonstrates the compassion of Jesus—and provides us with a very important lesson of hope as well.

According to verses 11 and 12, in addition to the disciples, there were two sizeable crowds who would witness a miracle. There was something for them to learn about the compassion of Jesus. And, you and I can be students of the very same lesson.



Visualize that, as the event unfolded, two groups intersected on the road: a widow, and those mourning with her, accompanies the coffin of her dead son. Profound sadness but, also a concern for her future, cast a woeful shadow over the slow-moving entourage. This pain-filled troop intersects with another group, a larger one, led by none other than Jesus. Despair and death meet hope and life. Verse 13 uses the word, "compassion." Jesus suffered with the widow. Their eyes meet. Tears fill her eyes and an unmistakable look of understanding and pain fill His. Then the crowd watches in silence as the Lord of All says, "Do not weep," to the mother. He could say that to a grieving mother (we wouldn't and shouldn't!) because of WHO HE IS! Then come the words that, no doubt, stunned everyone: "Young man, I say to you, **ARISE!**" Wow! Not just anyone—but **THE ONE WHO HOLDS POWER OVER DEATH AND THE GRAVE** speaks; and His actions follow.

As I reread this amazing story, I thought of the rapture when the shout comes and the dead in Christ arise. New bodies, new life, new hope realized. Your son or daughter who died in Christ will be raised incorruptible. Our risen Savior will call your child's name and his/her body and spirit will be reunited and **ALIVE** forevermore!

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### Matthew-A Gift Sent By God

As I lay in bed this morning, I couldn't help reflecting on many memories of our son Matthew. How much he touched our lives and the lives of many others, just by being himself. Matthew means "Gift of God" and he truly was.

As a father-to-be I did not expect to have a son who would become a doctor or lawyer. I would have been perfectly content to have a son to play football with, or go fishing with. Neither was to be as God had other plans. Another parent of a child with disabilities once said, "It was like intending to go to Italy and ending up in Turkey. It was not what I expected." But I believed some of God's purposes, as I look back, were to develop our character, and also to learn to work together as a team in the care of our son. As Matt was 100% dependent on others for his care, we had to learn to be 100% dependent on God for the strength to care for him. And to put love in our hearts for this child.

A friend from the church we attended when Matt was young, was going through a time of depression. One day she told her counselor that when she held Matt in her arms in the church nursery, she felt relaxed and at peace. So the counselor encouraged her to visit Matt at our home, and she did. Joan ended up coming to babysit Matt every Tuesday for almost 5 years, so that Ruth Anne and I could go out for a date. A gift for both Joan and us!

A funny memory is of the time I took Matt to the dentist for a checkup and cleaning. After propping Matt's mouth open with a rubber block, the dentist turned around to get something. When he returned, he started to go into my mouth with a pick and I instinctively opened my mouth. Then I said, "Whoa, you're working on Matt, not me!"

One year we arranged for a nurse in Glassboro to care for Matt in her home for a week so that we could take our daughter to Disney World. She did a fantastic job, but Matt looked sad and depressed when we returned and brought him home. So I just sat him on my lap and held him for about 6 hours, with his head on my chest. I think he heard my heart beating and smiled. Isn't that a picture of us sitting on God's lap, resting peacefully in His arms?

In later years, as we were unable to care for him at home any longer, Matt resided in a private state-licensed home for many years, and that couple loved him as their own. After that, he went to a medical group home where the staff became very attached to him. His aide, Christina, said, "When Matthew really enjoys a song, you can see it in his face. It makes me so happy and I want to sing with him. He can find such joy in things and his happiness is contagious...I feel so happy about coming to work every day because I get to spend time with him."

Most recently, he was lovingly cared for in a medical group home in Marlton. The staff there also grew to care deeply for Matt. While he was in the hospital last week, several of the staff and even an administrator came to see him. His supervising nurse, Dwayne, visited almost every day and made sure that he was receiving proper care.

On the day that Matt passed away, as we sat at his bedside, Pastor Sam asked us, "What comes to mind when you think of celebrating Matt's life?" I didn't have an answer at the time, but since then, I can say that we celebrate the fact that Matt is no longer in pain. He is with Jesus and sitting at his banquet table. I sometimes worried about what would happen to Matt if we passed before him. Now I can celebrate and have peace, knowing where he is and who he's with.

Thank you for coming today and for your prayers, support, and love. It's been a privilege caring for this young man, and I realize it now more than ever before.

Matthew, you were a gift that keeps on giving from a heavenly Father who keeps on loving.

*Ed & Ruth Anne Detwiler*

*Matthew*

*Disability*

The BASIS Ministry welcomes any parents who would like to share some words of encouragement here in the Parent Share section. Everyone has a unique and personal grief journey, but we can support each other by God's grace through your shared wisdom. Please email [cwhiting@hvmi.org](mailto:cwhiting@hvmi.org) if you would like further information or to submit something.

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for Bereaved parents and their families —  
Join us at one of these locations.

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 .....2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
Quarryville, PA.....3rd Monday, 3:00 PM  
Harrington, DE..... 1st Thursday, 7:30 PM

## H\*VMI Upcoming Events 2019

- September 7** BASIS Support Group Facilitators Seminar  
(current and potential leaders)
- September 12** Golf Outing Fundraiser,  
Tanglewood Manor Golf Club, Quarryville PA
- September 17** Help for People in Pain Grief seminar  
Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement  
Community, Quarryville PA
- October 5** Annual PA Ministry Fundraising Banquet  
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland PA
- November 16** North Jersey Area Ministry Fundraising  
Luncheon, River View Banquet Center,  
Berkeley Heights, NJ
- November 22** The Extraordinary Give Event

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# 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.

### SEPTEMBER

- 1: Cory Golis-birthday
- 1: Kent Erickson, Paul Maurer-died
- 2: Jessica Owens-date of birth and death
- 2: Jeff Hipple-birthday
- 2: Kenneth Ginter-died
- 3: Jacob Simpson-birthday
- 3: Jay Hamby-died
- 5: Joshua White-died
- 5: Talia Emslie-birthday
- 7: Adam Kauffman-date of birth and death
- 7: Seven Lobis, Art Regal-birthday
- 8: Walter Schauer III-birthday
- 8: Jimmie Williams-died
- 10: Ryan Denlinger-birthday
- 11: Paul Stranix-birthday
- 11: Randy VanRyn-died
- 12: Peter Gray-birthday
- 12: Jeff Christensen, Joshua Ollar, Stephen Stranix-died
- 15: Stephen Stranix-birthday
- 15: Seven Lobis-died
- 17: Destiny Berg, Chizo Duruji-birthday
- 17: Sarah Yellets-died
- 20: Jay Hamby-birthday
- 20: Chizo Duruji-died
- 21: Tyler Klingseiser-birthday
- 22: Jonathan Cameron, Faith Shepler-birthday
- 23: Jimmie Williams-birthday
- 23: Dagan Bailey-died
- 24: Logan McKinney-birthday
- 24: Patty Bennett-died
- 25: Jimmy Rubincan-birthday
- 25: Matthew Hines-died
- 26: Michael Coldiron-birthday
- 27: Matthew Gingrich, Christopher Gingrich-date of birth and death
- 28: Brayden Fuglio, Joshua Fuglio-birthday
- 29: Aliya Mentzer-date of birth and death
- 29: Ryan Nolen-birthday
- 29: James O'Brien-died
- 30: Kurt Axe, Shawn Donley, Timothy Flocco, Michael Skowronek-birthday
- 30: Shane Kurtz-died

### OCTOBER

- 2: Kimberly Falls-birthday
- 2: Scott Fischer-died
- 3: Ricky Radcliffe, George Radcliffe-birthday
- 3: Janice Arrell-died
- 4: Brayden Fuglio, Joshua Fuglio-died
- 5: Jeff Christensen-birthday
- 5: Muriel Mauro, Andrew Steinman-died
- 7: William Hoesch, Ryan Schuster-died
- 9: Brent Bissinger-birthday
- 9: Emilee Davis-died
- 10: Abie Schneck-birthday
- 11: Muriel Mauro-birthday
- 11: Douglas Eckman, Ashley Romer-died
- 13: Philip Wilkins-birthday
- 13: Faith Shepler-died
- 14: Brian Raske-birthday
- 15: Charles Weir-died
- 16: Elliana Ruth-died
- 17: Fred Muller Jr., Jonathan Rasnake-birthday
- 18: Ryleigh Canham, James O'Brien-birthday
- 18: Brienne Carter-died
- 20: Kurt Whitaker-birthday
- 21: Jeremy Lavoie, Tim Wolfe-birthday
- 22: Anneka Vels, Natalie Wilbur-birthday
- 23: Dagan Bailey, Seth Linsinbigler, Joshua Ollar-birthday
- 23: David Stephens-date of birth and death
- 24: Jay Delp, Jedd Cochrane-birthday
- 24: Andrew Stoltzfus-date of birth and death
- 26: Chelsea Barry, Sam Cook-birthday
- 26: Chelsea Barry-died
- 26: Matthew Barto, Michael Barto, Nathan Kerr-date of birth and death
- 27: Steven Goodyear, Jacob Sweigart-birthday
- 27: Colin Erow-died
- 29: Marlin Carl-birthday
- 31: Eric Snyder, William Snyder-date of birth and death
- 31: Richard Hollingsworth-died

### NOVEMBER

- 1: Deanna Bartron-died
- 2: Jason Dempsey, Jason Herr-birthday
- 2: Lorette Good-date of birth and death
- 3: Lauren Antonelli-birthday
- 3: Stephen Wildasin-died
- 5: Amanda Lyn Vonderhorst-died
- 6: Wilfred Ellis Jr., Jerry Legg-birthday
- 6: Scott McTyier-died
- 7: Collin Peters-died
- 8: Rob Lukens, Jeffrey Short-birthday
- 8: Darin Findley, Corinne Harris-died
- 8: Susanna Cameron-date of birth and death
- 9: Kathleen Fullam-birthday
- 12: Katie Nealy, Michael Skowronek-died
- 13: Benjamin Cameron-date of birth and death
- 14: Justin Novak-birthday
- 14: Donna Mackin-died
- 17: Craig Austin, Brandon Heck-died
- 18: Kristan Lefferts-birthday
- 19: Ian Smith-died
- 20: Eric High-died
- 20: Olivia Lloyd-date of birth and death
- 21: Billy Bauernschmidt-died
- 23: Connie Eckman-birthday
- 23: Jonathan Cameron, Nichole Holt-died
- 24: Zachary Meck-birthday
- 25: Sara Yorty-birthday
- 25: Daniel Legg, Adrienne Squier-died
- 26: Nikki Pasker-died
- 27: Annie Craven, Jedd Cochrane, Ronald Emsoff, Steven Goodyear, Katie Russell-died
- 28: Randy VanRyn-birthday
- 29: Robin Hull-died

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It is a place to hear and to say how the Lord has helped those who have lost a child or a child who is grieving. We practice what Paul teaches in II Corinthians 1:4, "Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."



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