



BASIS is  
a ministry to  
bereaved parents  
and their families.

Spring 2024

# Renew

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

## NEW LIFE ~ Just Ahead

By Tim Sheetz, H\*VMI Founder and Ministry Ambassador, BASIS Support Group Leader



**T**ake heart—the Spring Equinox is just ahead, March 19th. If you dislike the cold and the bleakness of winter as much as I do, you're probably looking forward with me to the "official" start of spring and all that comes along with it—budding trees and plants, greening grass, warmth, and Easter.

Spring and, especially, Easter, represent new life, hope, and resurrection. Truly, each time I look at a flower, dead/dormant through the winter months, now pushing its way through the still-frozen earth, reaching for the warmth of the sun so it can survive and thrive, I am enthralled. The persistence of those little stalks intrigues me. Their effort and accomplishment immediately take my thoughts to—the Resurrection and all the hope it embodies.

Could this be a picture of your grief? Your heart frozen, because of the loss of your child, is, perhaps, ever so slightly thawing as it reaches—pushes—toward the Son? The closer it gets to feeling His love and believing His promises, the more alive it can become.

Like the flowers, I pray that you will never stop pushing and reaching through the heartache toward the warmth of the Son. It will be so worth your effort, because His promises are real:

***"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
And saves those who are crushed in spirit."  
Psalm 34:18***

***"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."  
Psalm 147:3***

***"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life;  
the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies.'  
John 11:25***

# Upcoming Events 2024

Learn more about them/register on our website, [hvmi.org](http://hvmi.org); or by calling 717.859.4777.

<b>April 13</b>	<b>South Jersey Ministry Luncheon</b>	Easton Bible Church, Hainesport, NJ
<b>April 27</b>	<b>BASIS Breakfast</b>	Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA <i>(See enclosed invitation.)</i>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>BASIS Picnic</b>	Roland Park, Akron, PA



## BASIS Monthly Support Groups

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

<b>Akron, PA</b>	Daytime Group	3rd Thursday,	10:00 AM
<b>Akron, PA</b>	Evening Group	3rd Tuesday,	7:00 PM (Sept-May)
<b>Aldan, PA</b>		4th Monday,	6:30 PM
<b>Lavelle, PA</b>		1st Monday,	3:00 PM
<b>Lebanon, PA</b>		1st Tuesday,	7:00 PM (Oct-June)
<b>Mount Joy, PA</b>		2nd Thursday,	6:00 PM
<b>Paradise, PA</b>		2nd Tuesday,	7:00 PM
<b>Quarryville, PA</b>		3rd Monday,	3:00 PM

Please contact our BASIS Department by emailing [BASIS@hvmi.org](mailto:BASIS@hvmi.org) if you want further details for the Support Groups listed above.

## Memorial Gifts

**October–December 2023**

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

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### BASIS

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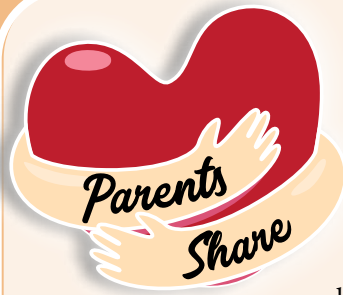
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## You can support BASIS by:

- 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



The following was written on April 28, 2014, two years to the day after losing our oldest son Daniel. It was the week after Easter. Our pastor had preached a message about what it was like for the disciples to live in the “Saturday” of that resurrection weekend. He compared the pain and confusion of that day following the death of Jesus, to the world we live in today. He spoke of the joy of the resurrection on “Sunday” and the secure hope that we as believers in Jesus Christ can cling to in the midst of trials.

That morning was a turning point for me in my journey of grief. I had walked through the first year numb and in a fog. The second year was so painful, because, as the fog began to subside, I felt the intense loss. Over the past eleven years my grief has come in waves. As the waves recede, I am filled with a sense of God’s presence and a peace in knowing that Dan was at rest, and all is well with my soul.

In May of 2019 and June of 2021, we also lost Timothy and Benjamin, the two youngest of our five sons. It has taken many years of leaning into my grief to move along in my journey. It is far from over. There are times when the enormity of my loss overwhelms me. I don’t pretend to understand it all, but I trust God and I know He will continue to faithfully carry me.



*Written by Carol Krawiec*

**Life was forever changed two years ago, early on a Saturday morning.**  
**As I sit on the floor of this room that was once occupied by our son,**  
**I choose not to allow the memory of the horrific discovery be my only thought.**  
**I choose to picture this room as the place of a Holy visitation.**  
**I choose to picture bright light breaking through the darkness of a raging battle.**  
**I choose to visualize the broken chains that bound him to addiction lying on the floor.**  
**I choose to be proud of the countless battles that our son won throughout his journey.**  
**I choose to believe that although the enemy won the battle that day, God was victorious.**  
**I choose to let the cleansing tears of a broken heart flow because I know that Jesus wept.**  
**I choose to lift my hands in worship to my God and thank Him for the gift of 32 years.**  
**I choose to believe that although this world is far from good, my God is Good.**  
**I choose peace over anxiety; acceptance rather than anger; hope over despair.**  
**I choose to believe that the pain I feel today is a reminder that this is not my Home.**  
**I choose to rest secure in knowing that my child is forever with the Lord.**  
**I choose to believe that even though I am living in the pain of “Saturday,”**  
**“Sunday” is coming and it will all make sense when I see Him Face-to-face.**



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# 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: Christopher Pearse-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: Tykea Justiniano, Kristan Lefferts-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: Cindy Stone, 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 DiGuiseppe-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
- 15: Caleb Lewis-birthday
- 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: Melissa Bathurst, Presley Robinson-died
- 22: Sarah Ann Cole-died
- 22: Gioanni Cole-birthday
- 23: Gioanni 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 the birth and death months, please notify us immediately so we can make those corrections.

**Thank you for your understanding.**