



BASIS is
a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Renew

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



To Whom are you Praying?

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

Rabbis would often be asked to compose special prayers for their followers. In Luke 11:1-6, we see Jesus' disciples asking Him to teach them how to pray, just like John taught his disciples to pray. Wow! Just imagine if you or I had been one of Jesus' disciples. All eyes and ears would be riveted on the words the Son of God was about to say. This was huge! "Jesus, teach us how to become intimate with the Father, our Creator, the Sovereign God of the Universe!!!"

As you look at the answer Jesus gave His disciples, I believe it's easy to see five needs they (we) have and how those needs can be met through prayer:

1 They were (we are) to be a REVERENT people. (Hallowed be Thy Name) This causes us to recognize God for Who He is. We, as believers, can enter the very presence of our Holy Creator-God. The awesome Sovereign God invites us to come to Him, 24/7. *He is holy*—we are not, except for the grace of God's Son, Jesus, Who made access to God possible through His death, burial and resurrection.

2 They were (we need) to be an EXPECTANT people. "Thy Kingdom come." Seeking God's reign on His earth, among His people, was something to anticipate and work toward. Until His Kingdom is set up on this earth, however, we can give Him access now to set it up in our lives.

3 They were (we are) to be a DEPENDENT people. "Give us each day our daily bread." When we pray this, we are humbly admitting our weakness and dependency upon God for every breath; every heartbeat; every care and concern; for strength, wisdom and direction; in addition to daily practical needs. It's exactly where He wants us to be. Totally lost without Him.

4 They were (we are) to be a FORGIVING people. God's grace and mercy had been poured out in great measure to the disciples, as it has also been lavished on us. This is vital for the family of God to do with each other!

5 This last need, some believe, was not included in some accounts. They were (we are to be) a PEOPLE WHOLLY COMMITTED TO ACKNOWLEDGING HIM TO BE LORD OF OUR LIFE. *"For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, FOREVER. AMEN!!"* There must be no one and nothing more important in our lives than recognizing that *"Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by His power. And everything is for His glory."* **Romans 11:36**

My wife, Kathy, and I have been reading a wonderful book entitled *Heaven Rules* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. I would recommend that you get hold of it and read it slowly and thoughtfully. It's a great reminder, ESPECIALLY when your heart is broken over a loss in your life, that HE WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS, as you revere Him, anticipate His work in your heart and life, depend on Him, forgive yourself and others—and—acknowledge His Lordship over every minute detail of your life. There's great comfort in embracing these truths.

Upcoming Events

Save These Dates!

Learn more about them/register on our website, hvmi.org; or by calling 717.859.4777.

- August 26** BASIS Ministries Picnic, Akron PA
- September 14** H*VMI Annual Charity Golf Outing, Tanglewood Manor Golf Club, Quarryville PA
- September 30** All-Family 50th Birthday Party for H*VMI, H*VMI Property, Akron PA
- October 14** 50th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration and Office Dedication/ Open House
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland PA/
H*VMI Property, Akron PA

BASIS Monthly Support Groups

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

- Akron, PA** 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Sept-May)
- 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 Monday, 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.

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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



All too often I had heard that if one believed in Jesus as personal Savior, all burdens would be gone! So when my small son was killed, I tried to pretend to myself, and to others, that everything was all right. Wasn't that what everyone wanted to hear?

But I felt rotten! I tried reading the Bible, but read it without comprehension. Did God exist? Doubts took over my life. Then I read a book by David Biebel, "Jonathan, You Left Too Soon," in which the author talked a lot about Job. I took my Bible and read Job for myself. He had many more tragedies to endure than I had. Job survived, but grief took its toll. When I reached the 19th chapter of Job, suddenly it wasn't Job—it was me. It was my anger and depression. I realized it was all right for me to hurt, to mourn, to be angry, to even feel an outcast from home and loved ones. It was then I knew I could go on with life.

Job was honest in expressing his feelings so I knew it was ok for me to let my true feelings be known. And I learned that there are people who sincerely care enough to listen and to be concerned.

How important it was for me to see that Job was still in favor with God after he let his innermost thoughts be known. Through the book of Job, I've come to know and understand that the burdens of life are easier to bear when you share them with others—others whom God supplies. I also learned that the presence of trials and burdens in one's life is no measure of their spiritual walk.

I can say with Job, in triumph: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

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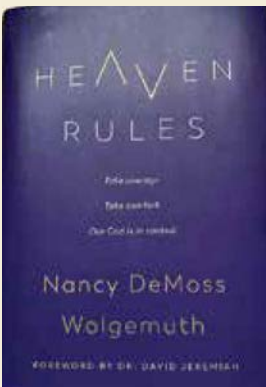
Director of BASIS, Dan Steinman, is the host. We hope you will see the hearts of each individual as you listen, and feel the hope of Christ in seasons of heartache.

Scan the QR code on your phone or go to humi.org/hopeingrief.



Book Review: *Heaven Rules*

By Kathy Sheetz, H*VMI Lead Ministry Secretary



Nebuchadnezzar learned this the hard way: Heaven rules! God rules!

Just when we think, as Nebuchadnezzar did, that we can manage life on our own, God reminds us of His LOVING, SOVEREIGN RULE over all things, including every circumstance of our lives, the happy ones and the difficult ones.

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth wrote a wonderful, helpful book with that title—*Heaven Rules*. My husband and I began reading the book together (either coincidentally, or because Heaven rules!) on the day I learned that my younger sister went Home to be with the Lord. As Tim read some chapters to me that evening, through my tears, heartache, disappointment, distress and grief, I was reminded that God is in complete control of all things. I already knew it; but, in my grief, I needed to refresh my heart and mind in the reality, the comfort and the hope of it. My sister didn't leave this earth one minute before the day that was lovingly planned by God from before the foundation of the world. It's the same for your loved one.

Read the book! It will be well worth it!



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.

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
- 6: Brian Shoff-birthday
- 7: Adam Kauffman-date of birth and death
- 7: Seven Lobis-birthday
- 8: Walter Schauer III-birthday
- 8: Sarah Nolt, Jimmie Williams-died
- 9: Dennis Plastino Jr.-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
- 14: Courtney Sachse-birthday
- 15: Stephen Stranix, Tobyn Wesner-birthday
- 15: Seven Lobis-died
- 16: Courtney Sachse-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: Tykea Justiniano, Jimmy Rubincan-birthday
- 25: Matthew Hines-died
- 26: Michael Coldiron-birthday
- 27: Shane Firestone-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: Graham Mitchell, Ryan Nolen-birthday
- 29: Wesley Frey Jr., 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: Destiny Berg, Andrew Steinman-died
- 7: William Hoesch, Ryan Schuster-died
- 8: Thomas Giammona-birthday
- 9: Brent Bissinger-birthday
- 9: Emilee Davis-died
- 10: Abie Schneck-birthday
- 11: Douglas Eckman, Ashley Romer-died
- 13: Annelise Silveira-date of birth and death
- 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: Brianne Carter-died
- 19: Corin Hanson-birthday
- 19: Thomas Giammona-died
- 20: Kurt Whitaker-birthday
- 20: Christopher Bradford-died
- 21: Jeremy Lavoie, Tim Wolfe-birthday
- 22: Annaka Vels, Natalie Wilbur-birthday
- 23: Dagan Bailey, Seth Linsinbigler, Joshua Ollar-birthday
- 23: Colby Hall, Amber Haynes-died
- 23: David Stephens-date of birth and death
- 24: Jay Delp, Jedd Cochrane-birthday
- 24: Andrew Stoltzfus-date of birth and death
- 25: Heather Gates-died
- 26: Chelsea Barry, Sam Cook-birthday
- 26: Chelsea Barry, Shane Firestone, Jack Nicholson-died
- 26: Matthew Barto, Michael Barto, Nathan Kerr-date of birth and death
- 27: Trevor Binner, Steven Goodyear, Jacob Sweigart-birthday
- 27: Colin Erow, Ryan Monk-died
- 31: Eric Snyder, William Snyder-date of birth and death
- 31: Richard Hollingsworth-died

NOVEMBER

- 1: Deanna Bartron-died
- 2: Jason Dempsey, David Heberling, Jason Herr-birthday
- 2: Mindy Gerlach-died
- 2: Laurette Good-date of birth and death
- 3: Lauren Antonelli-birthday
- 3: Stephen Wildasin-died
- 4: Hannah Miller-birthday
- 5: Desmond Dietrich-date of birth and death
- 5: Amanda Lyn Vonderhorst-died
- 6: Wilfred Ellis Jr., Ayanna Henderson, Jerry Legg-birthday
- 7: William Manhart-birthday
- 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 Fullum-birthday
- 12: Cindy Stone-birthday
- 12: Katie Nealy, Michael Skowronek-died
- 13: Benjamin Cameron-date of birth and death
- 14: Justin Novak-birthday
- 14: Donna Mackin-died
- 17: Timothy Krawiec-birthday
- 17: Craig Austin, Brandon Heck-died
- 18: Kristan Lefferts-birthday
- 18: Mindy Gerlach-birthday
- 20: Eric High-died
- 20: Olivia Lloyd-date of birth and death
- 21: Benjamin Krawiec-birthday
- 21: Billy Bauernschmidt-died
- 23: Connie Eckman-birthday
- 23: Jonathan Cameron, Nichole Holt-died
- 24: Zachary Meck-birthday
- 25: Lawrence Latsko Jr., 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

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.