



BASIS is
a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Renew

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

I love the name of this newsletter. **RENEW!** It calls us to think about what God wants to do and can do in our lives. God is always at work to RENEW us—in our spirits and lives, broken as they may be.

The Bible speaks of RENEWAL:

1) In Psalm 51:10, a repentant David (after he had asked for and received forgiveness from God for his well-known sin), went a step further. In verse 10 he asked God to RENEW a steadfast spirit within him.

David was tired of playing with his faith. He knew his life was thwarting the intimate relationship he once enjoyed in God's presence. He missed it because David knew what you probably also know—in God's presence, and there alone, is peace of mind, comfort for sorrows, strength for each task and direction for life.

If there is anything in your life that comes between you and God, even your grief, submit it to Him and ask Him to RENEW your spirit and confidence in Who He is in all of your circumstances.

2) Romans 12:2 finds the Apostle Paul urging us to—not be conformed to this world with its concerns and temptations. He knows how easy it is to cave into worldly attitudes toward and "solutions" to our problems. He urges us, instead, to be transformed by the RENEWING of our minds, doing it on a day-to-day basis. In other words, we're to look at world events and our personal circumstances from His viewpoint, seeking His mind as to how to respond. Too often, things going on in the world

around us and in our personal world, make no sense to us. They weigh us down, filling us with fear and anxiety. We can easily be inclined to respond

"in the flesh!" That can get us into trouble. If we would, instead, RENEW our minds in Christ Jesus, asking

Him for HIS perspective and His direction, our concerns will cease to be foremost in our thinking and we'll be less likely to "go off the rails!" Like David, when he struggled in Psalm 13: **"How long, LORD?**

Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?"

But, David didn't stay there. He allowed God to RENEW his mind so he was, eventually, able to say: **"But I trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation. I will sing the LORD's praise, for He has been good to me."** That can only come from a mind that's been RENEWED by God.

3) The word, RENEW, also appears in Titus 3:4-5. **"But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and RENEWING by the Holy Spirit, whom He richly poured out upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior..."**

This is the most wonderful RENEWING we can experience: being saved from the punishment for our sins;



By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

being permanently restored in our relationship with the One True Living God. Our deeds, even the best of them, can't wipe away our sins. Only God, through His amazing plan of salvation; Jesus, Who willingly took our place, dying for our sins; and the Holy Spirit who regenerates and RENEWS us can do it!

RENEW is a wonderful word that produces a wonderful hope. Thank God for the RENEWING He has done, wants to do and can do in your life and heart. Sing the Doxology with me—*"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN!"*

Memorial Gifts

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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
- Ashland, PA** 1st Monday, 7:00 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 on the regulations each BASIS Support Group is implementing regarding COVID-19.

H*VMI Calendar 2022

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Upcoming ministry events that need your prayers.

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

- April 2** **South Jersey Ministry Luncheon**
The Grove, Pittsgrove Township NJ
- April 30** **BASIS Breakfast**
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland PA
(See enclosed invitation.)
- August 20** **BASIS Picnic**, Akron PA



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.



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Parents Share

By Sarah Noel

When waiting and disappointment turns to hopelessness:

I remember the first couple months of infertility—feeling the rollercoaster of high hopes > disappointment > high hopes > disappointment > repeat cycle. But there's this transition that happens when the cycle gets tired, and I get weary. Disappointment grows thick roots and becomes hopelessness. The frequency of sadness is less, but the depth is "umph"...quite deeper. I think WAITING takes this form a lot. No matter what you are yearning for.

I wanted to share a couple practices I've learned in this season that I hope help and encourage you in whatever season you are in. 1) **Add another Layer to your Prayers:** I still prayed daily for a little one, but I began praying more fervently that God would renew my strength so that I could "wait well" and more steadfastly. 2) **Celebrate your Season:** When that lovely "time of the month" comes along, Grant and I will plan a date that we could ONLY do (or at least could easily do) if it is just the two of us. We spend time thanking God for the season and the opportunities it brings. Gratitude cures a lot. 3) **Inviting People to Ask:** When wise and godly people ask you how "IT'S" going...share, thank them, and invite them to keep asking. Usually when we don't want to share it's when we really need to.

After experiencing a miscarriage:

Yesterday, my Monkey, we got to "meet" you for a brief moment. I have never felt more broken or empty. My heart wails for the life you could have lived. You were an answer to 2 years of so many people's prayers, and you were a hope that my fears and waiting were coming to an end. But you, my sweet babe, were not mine from day one; you were the Lord's and our story was actually His story before you were made. A story of hope found only in Him, and a promise that He is "acquainted with our grief" and He will "count our every tear."

When we walked out of the doctor's office I kept crying to Grant, "This is wrong. This is so wrong. This isn't what was supposed to happen." And that's true. Praise God that He will make all things new. And for you, my babe... We wait anxiously for the day when there will be "no more death or mourning or crying or pain" and when we can see you again.

Grant and I promised each other to really be vulnerable when sharing about this process, and really talk about

God's goodness, especially when we feel completely and utterly defeated. And we know that our sorrow is not rare—so many others have walked similar paths. And my heart aches for each one of you—infertility or miscarriage are such burdens to bare. There are many people to share, encourage, listen or sit with you through it. I love the line that says God is "acquainted with our grief...oh praise the One who has reached for me; Hallelujah to the Son of suffering..." Grant and I have found that worshipping our way through this grief has been so helpful. So I recommend seeking songs that are created to help us praise Him even when we feel like we can't or don't want to.

Final thoughts while grieving through infertility and miscarriage:

- 1) You don't need to say "only" before telling someone how long you were pregnant for. From day one they were your baby. Although someone else may have carried their child longer, this doesn't devalue every moment you two spent together or the hopes you had for who they would be.
- 2) Joy and Grief can coexist. Your sorrow is not proportionate to someone else's joy. You have permission to feel total joy for others and still feel total sorrow for yourself. You also don't need to defend your joy when you feel it. Your joy while in grief doesn't delegitimize how deep and retching your grief is.
- 3) You will fill the void...you just get to choose what to fill it with. Grief leaves a huge void, possibly the largest void you will ever experience. By design, we were made to fill voids in our heart, to crave "wholeness," to search for things to fill the space to help us feel better and heal. It's not a question of if we will fill the void that grief has left, but rather WHAT we fill it with. Friend, my prayer for you is that you will not fill that void with temporary happiness/events/tasks/"doings"—it will not heal you. When we lost our baby, we prayed, "God, you never have an opportunity like this again, where we are so broken and there is so much room for you to fill. Protect us from trying to fill it with earthly "stuff." Please fill the space with your truth, hope, joy, and presence." And that is my prayer for each and everyone one of you going through your grief.



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
- 8: Glenn Auld-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: 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 DiGuissepe-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: Dusty Auld, Peter Toebe-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: Dusty Auld, Emily Porter, Philip Wilkins-died
- 5: Amanda Vonderhorst, Shawn Walsh, Daniel Weaver-birthday
- 7: Jessica Baransky, Chad Bettinger, Jimmy Nowasielski-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: Anthony Lepera, James Jordan-died
- 16: 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: Glenn Auld, 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

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*



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.*