

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pastor and Ministry Leader Appreciation Breakfast

On Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, BASICS hosted over 200 pastors and ministry leaders for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Pastor and Ministry Leaders Appreciation Breakfast at the Country Springs Hotel. The theme of the morning was **“Rejoice Again – Healing Church Hurt:”** Pastor Jonathan Misirian spoke on “Becoming a Healing Church” while Arnitta Holliman spoke on “Finding Healing.” Joe Horness and Tammy Thurman led a powerful and anointed time of worship.

It was an impactful morning; the theme of Healing Church Hurt is challenging but necessary to discuss, as all of us have either been hurt by the church or know someone who has.

Some feedback from the breakfast participants:

*“I was impressed with the transparency of the speakers and the group at my table. While there was much pain, there was also a sense of hope and direction.”*

*“This was the best Basics Breakfast that I've attended. It was God-honoring, worshipful and practical.”*

*“All of your speakers were very impactful and each one helped me to understand some of the hurt I've carried from prior church experiences. This is definitely going to help me heal going forward.”*

At the breakfast, we provided resources to help attendees continue to engage around this topic (including Mending the Soul, see Peggy Neal's article in this newsletter for more details.) Also, BASICS has made this topic our focus for the whole year. So the discussion will be continuing! Watch for upcoming events around this topic, so you can join the conversation!

We've posted videos of the powerful talks and testimonies from the breakfast. Visit [www.basicsinmke.org/media](http://www.basicsinmke.org/media) to check them out! And save the date for next year's breakfast: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019! ■



# MPS Covered in Prayer Update

We've had two powerful events recently where we've been privileged to support and encourage teachers and to lift them and our school environments up in prayer.

## Staff Appreciation Lunch at Rufus King Middle School



BASICS volunteers were there to serve lunch to teachers and staff and to listen to, encourage and pray for them. Most of the staff were eager to be prayed for and freely shared their prayer requests.

Two BASICS staff had previously visited a suburban church women's group who asked what they could do for the upcoming appreciation lunch. We asked them to write cards for the teachers, so in addition to the delicious food, prayer and encouragement, we were able to bring personalized cards for each teacher and staff person as another tangible expression of God's love and care for them. One teacher was so moved by this, crying as she told us how much she needed that encouragement on that day.

## Prayer Walk at Cross Trainers Academy

The prayer walk was different from any we'd had previously. Cross Trainers Academy is a part of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, located on 15<sup>th</sup> and Center. Because it is a Christian school, they wanted all the students and staff to be involved in the prayer walk and incorporated it into their chapel services. Sherlena started the first service with a powerful message, using an umbrella to



illustrate the protection that prayer provides and the power of speaking His word vs bad or negative words.

The plan had been to have the kids go out in groups, accompanied by the staff and our prayer volunteers, to walk around and pray

for the neighborhood. It was raining in the morning, so the youngest kids didn't go out, but our volunteers split up to go into their classrooms and helped the students and teachers pray for their room.

They brought down the high school kids next, and after that the middle schoolers. With both of those groups we were able to split up in small groups and prayer walk the neighborhood.

As the kids prayed, the team was blown away by their hearts for their fellow students and their neighborhood. It was a blessing for us to be there, and though we had gone there to encourage the staff and students, we were just as encouraged by them!

Consider joining us for one of our upcoming MPS Appreciation Lunches or Prayer Walks!

If you are interested, please contact Sherlena at [sherlena2woc@yahoo.com](mailto:sherlena2woc@yahoo.com) for more information.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* ■

# A Very Interesting Week

by Mike Hayden



Mike and Susie Hayden

The whole time we are out driving around the area, bringing resources to those in need, we have a magnetic sign that says "Helping One Another" on our car. By attracting attention, the sign has created more opportunities for us to connect with people and minister to them. Here is a glimpse into one busy week we had in ministry recently that helps illustrate this.

One day, Susie and I were standing next to our van in the driveway. An elderly lady from the neighborhood pointed to the magnetic sign on my van and asked if we give rides to someone like her to get to the doctor's office. YES WE DO was the response.

A couple days later, when I came out of the hardware store, next to my van there was a couple with a teenage daughter. They pointed to the magnetic sign and asked what we do, saying they have seen our sign around the city. After I explained, they expressed interest in helping us.

The next day, after picking up items from a rummage and consignment event in Greendale, we decided to grab a bite to eat. We parked our car and a gentleman looked at the sign and asked about it. He went on to tell us that his wife recently died of cancer and he had 6 children and they were all adopted. We stood and talked with him for 30 minutes and determined we would be able to help them if needed.

This week reminded us that as we minister, God is faithful to direct us to the divine appointments He has for us, using something as simple as a sign on the car!



**Acts 26:16** *"But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you,"* ■

## For Such a Time As This! by Peggy Neal



Peggy Neal

this topic last summer through a ministry called **“Mending the Soul”**

*Mending the Soul’s mission is to equip communities worldwide to offer an educated, compassionate response to abuse and other forms of trauma so that all experience wholeness.*

Throughout Jesus’ ministry, Scripture repeatedly says that he was moved with compassion. Mending the Soul has open my eyes to a deeper view of ministering to the hurting. I no longer say, “Why do they act, or respond like that?” My question, or heartfelt concern has become, “What has happened to them?”

The Father wants all of us to become intimate with HIM, and then with others. Trauma can be a barrier to becoming intimate with the Father, trusting Him, believing in HIM, and trusting, and being transparent with others in the Body of Christ. Mending the Soul

As we listen to the news, and look around our city, state, the entire country, trauma surrounds us. Issues such as Opioid addiction and violence are a daily conversation and concern of many. For too long we have turned our heads, lived in denial of our own trauma, but continue to have a desire to minister to others. I am sending out a call to all people in positions of influence, “Let’s face our Giants, our trauma!” I began my own journey with

reminds us that we were created in His image, and for HIS glory! His desire is wholeness, BODY, SOUL, and SPIRIT!

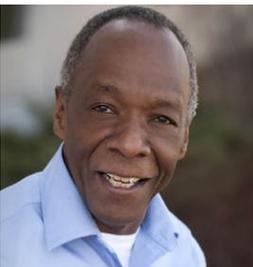
I am grateful for BASICS: they are encouraging and walking alongside me as I have made a commitment to learn more about trauma and its effects. I can hear the voices of many communities, neighborhoods, leaders and parents crying out for answers and looking for support for their loved ones. I can truly say BASICS isn’t deaf to their cries.

At our recent Pastor and Ministry Leader Appreciation Breakfast, the theme was “Rejoice Again.” The event gave many an opportunity to share their personal stories and to listen to others. It is no longer a secret that many have experienced abuse by others in the Body of Christ. I encourage all of us as Ministers of the Gospel to become equipped to minister to the hurting, which starts with becoming emotionally, mentally and spiritually healed ourselves.

For more information on Mending the Soul, please visit [www.mendingthesoul.org](http://www.mendingthesoul.org)

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” ■**

## A Similar Situation



JJ John Jones

Recently JJ went to a restaurant for lunch. The only parking spot available faced a lone stalled car stuck on the busy Moorland Road. A young man kept coming in and out of the restaurant, looking flustered. After a little while, JJ felt compelled to go find out what the problem was.

When JJ came out to ask if he needed help, he learned that the 19-year-old driver worked down the street at Woodman’s and his car and cellphone were dead.

The story struck JJ as so similar to something that happened to him in December. On a night with sub-zero temperatures, he was stranded on a country highway with a car and cell phone that had both died. Many cars passed without stopping to help, but one car finally did, and the couple let him use their cell phone. He could only remember one number from his contacts, called his friend who was able to come and pick him up. JJ was thankful that God sent the couple and his friend to rescue him, and now, he was able to be the rescuer.

So JJ lent the man his phone to call for a tow, but they couldn’t send someone out without proof of identification or a membership card. He tried calling others, friends and family, but couldn’t get a hold of anyone.

JJ helped him gently push his car out of traffic with his own new car, and once he learned that he lived in nearby New Berlin, JJ set about calling some friends who lived in that area – the very same

couple JJ called that snowy December night. He set the call on speaker mode so the young man could hear the conversation. JJ told them about the situation and how similar it was to his own in the winter, and through that connection, he could authenticate himself to this young man as a good Samaritan.

After that, JJ offered to drive the young man home himself, and he gratefully obliged. On the way, JJ asked the young man about his faith. He only said that he only attended church on Easter and other holidays, and JJ could easily feel the tension in him about getting beaten over the head with a bible-thumping conversation. Instead, JJ simply shared the whole story of the night his car died in the middle of the snow storm that past winter, and how the Lord reached out to save him in his most dire need. The story riveted the young man and left him dumbfounded by the time JJ finished the story.

When they reached their destination, JJ gave the young man a few Bible tracts he had lying around in his car. Because of the amazing testimony and the kindness that JJ showed him in his need, the young man took them with a smile. The real interest in connecting with someone, reaching out to them in their need, and genuinely sharing Christ’s love and kindness with them makes all the difference, and opens up a sliver of hope to plant seeds of salvation.

To find out more about the Mobile Media Ministry, visit [www.mediaivan.org](http://www.mediaivan.org)

**Mark 12:30-31 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ■**

# Presidents' Corner

by Gary & Laurie Hendrickson



Gary & Laurie Hendrickson

It's been just one year since we were called to serve as co-presidents of BASICS in MKE. What a year it has been!

God is teaching us so much! He is showing us the **power** of serving together as Brothers and Sisters in Christ; that when we serve together, not only do we see the walls of racial and denominational divide crumble and fall, but it's fun!

Through prayer, practical acts of compassion and care, and meals shared, we earn the right to be able to share the love of Christ with others. We can then prepare the next generation of

leaders to make disciples who make disciples. He loves it when His kids play well together! We are excited about the amazing team God has called and continues to call to BASICS. Ministers to Milwaukee and servants who live their lives surrendered to Jesus Christ daily, serving those who are often forgotten. We look to continue the deeper conversations around the implications of trauma in the church and beyond, building understanding and creating spaces of healing.

One year in, we see God strengthening, not only the church but the communities in MKE where BASICS continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Come along and join Him!

**Romans 14:19** *“Therefore, let's keep on pursuing those things that bring peace and that lead to building up one another.”* ■

## Mini-Golf & Driving Range FUN-raiser



Join BASICS for our first ever Mini-Golf & Driving Range FUN-raiser, an interactive time to support and learn more about BASICS! All funds raised will support the ministry of prayer, care, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and preparing the next generation of disciples to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Gather your friends to form a team of five and enjoy Tee-Aire's Mini-Golf course or Driving Range, special contests like Longest Putt and Ball Toss and raffles!

Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tee-Aire Golf Range & Miniature Golf

21700 Gumina Rd. Brookfield, WI 53072

5:30-6:00 p.m. Registration, 7:30 p.m. Shotgun start

Register by July 16<sup>th</sup> to receive the Early Bird rate of \$80 for a team of 5! Visit [www.basicsinmke.org](http://www.basicsinmke.org) to find out how to register.

We are looking for companies to help sponsor the event. Thanks to our faithful friends at **Key Benefit Concepts, LLC** for being the first generous sponsors to jump on board! If you would like to grow your business in the Waukesha/Brookfield area and support BASICS' mission at the same time, visit [www.basicsinmke.org/sponsorship-opportunities](http://www.basicsinmke.org/sponsorship-opportunities)

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