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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS Listening

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A major key to the spiritual life is listening. For my 20 years of ministry and the 35 years of my Christian walk, I have continued to seek a listening ear. This is a skill that takes great amounts of practice and effort. I realize I have a great deal of improvement yet to make. This becomes evident when I ask people to repeat something and sometimes people tell me they have already told me something. No, I am not

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losing my hearing yet. Many folks have told me I can look forward to that when I get older.

Walking the faith journey with others means I need to listen to what is happening in others' lives. This listening will require me to slow my thoughts and words down, internally and externally. I need to allow others' words to form and rest within me prior to forming an answer or giving advice. This is so different than the way we most often have conversations. We pick up on a part of what someone says, form our answer, and wait for them to pause so we can tell them what we think they need. No wonder communication with others is often so hard. We have never given their words time to rest within us.

Then when I think about listening in my relationship with God, I am aware that hearing God speak is essential to following God in a holy life. Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27-28 NIV) If you were to ask me, "Have you heard God's voice?" My answer is yes. If you then ask, "What does God's voice sound like?" This is a much harder question to answer. I could give many different answers. I do know this though,

when I hear God's voice and then I allow the words of God to rest and resonate within my soul, following God is easier.

We should always be listening for God. When we feel God has spoken, it should cause us to pause, test the words, and allow them to rest within us prior to stepping forward on the spiritual life. This listening, testing, and resting will bring great confidence to our spiritual journey. What have you heard God say recently to you for your spiritual walk? Let those words rest within you so you can fully respond to the call God is extending to you. Then once the words have rested for a time, fully respond by taking a step forward in your faith journey.

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim



Dear Church Family,

What a blessing your outpouring of love, caring and support have been to us during the past difficult weeks! We have been uplifted by your showers of beautiful cards, heartfelt notes of encouragement, and the



prayers we have felt offered on our behalf. The Scriptures you have shared have been just what we needed for that particular moment, and have helped us through some challenging times.

Thank you so very much for your love and continued prayers. We look forward to returning to worship, fellowship, and service with you soon.



In His love, Bill and Cathy

Dear Friends and Family,

We were overwhelmed with all the best wishes and kind words we received for our 60th anniversary. It made us realize we are truly blessed.

Thank you so much for all your thoughtfulness.

Love, Joe and Jane Crowgey

Dear WBC Family:

Thank you for all your prayers for my daughter, Deloris Romaro. Deloris's surgery to reattach her retina went well. It is necessary for her to remain on her side for a week with only periodic breaks of ten minutes each to move around. She is doing well, but she has several weeks of recuperation ahead of her.

We ask that you continue in prayer for her healing and for her family as they stay by her side.



Love you all, Delores Dove and family



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Churches October 2016 Report

The Annual meeting was held October 9 at Sunny Hill Community Church in Wytheville this year. At that meeting member churches voted unanimously to accept the new Constitution and By Laws *and change our name from Highlands Baptist Association to Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network.* Our thanks to the Vision and Leadership Team for all the work they have done and are continuing to do as we seek to do the Lords will.

We have learned that the BGAV has had to reduce their funding of the BCM programs through out Virginia. For now we think that Radford and Tech are safe and we will keep you updated as things progress. At the Fall meeting we increased the Network's support to both our BCMs by 10%.

As you know the Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site can be reached by searching the name or by copying and pasting

http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork

Every Network church needs to have an equal say in what we do as a group, so it is very important to send a representative to the Leadership Team meetings. The next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist on November 3. The annual meeting replaced the October Team meeting.

Thanks to all who took supplies to West Virginia, it was greatly appreciated. The West Virginia, need is now shifting to the home repair stage, which according to the Baptist Emergency Relief Coordinator may continue for the next two or maybe three years.

Roland Byrd (540.951.2183) from Blacksburg Baptist is in the early stages of organizing teams to help with the rebuilding process.



In His service, David Clonch, Moderator Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

Notes from our Music Director

It's been a busy month for the Music Department with four music workshops and a second Christmas cantata retreat. The praise team from Sunny Hills Community Church joined us in the workshops and it was such a joy to get to know them and share our love of serving the Lord through music. All seemed to appreciate the extra training.

I have also been pleased to hear that our youth, as well as many of our adult members, are enjoying the new praise and worship songs. We will begin repeating some of those you have especially enjoyed. Using CD accompaniments is not an easy feat, especially for choral numbers. It doesn't supply the cues and support that are usually provided by a piano accompaniment—not to mention the problems when you get off "the beaten track!" However, the CDs have been a blessing during this period without a pianist, and I want to thank the choir again for their extra hard work as we travel these new waters.

The choir has recently introduced several songs by the modern hymn writers Keith and Kristyn Getty: *In Christ Alone, There Is an Everlasting Kindness* (The Compassion Hymn), *Still, My Soul, Be Still; By Faith,* and *What Grace Is Mine.* Nine of the Getty hymns are already in the

2008 Baptist Hymnal. These beautifully poetic hymns are replete with sound Christian doctrine, and their music cross-

es generations and cultures. Along with the musical influence of Johann Sebastian Bach, George Gershwin, and classical music in general; Getty's music also has echoes of Irish traditional music, folk music, standard hymns, and contemporary songs.

Judy Collier

Their hymns have received top ratings in the "most-loved" and "most-sung" lists and their compositions of In Christ Alone and The Risen Christ were nominated for Dove Awards. Keith Getty has performed in such places as London's Royal Albert Hall, Ryman Auditorium, Carnegie Hall, and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Also working with the Billy Graham Evangelical Association, the Gettys were invited to The Cove to create Christmas music for George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows.

When speaking of his compositions and performances, Getty said, "I do not pretend to be qualified to write a theological treatise on this particular subject. Congregational singing is a holy act, and as I organize my



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thoughts, I hear my old pastor, Alistair Begg, reminding me that in our song worship, we have to be spiritually alive..."

In a day when styles of church music have divided the body of Christ, we are hoping these new hymns will help span the generation gap and eventually become as comfortable as our time-tested and already-beloved hymns.

As I reflected on the powerful ways the Lord has used hymns in my life, several of my favorite hymn lines came to mind: from *Like a River Glorious*—"Those who trust Him wholly, find Him wholly true"; from *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*—"Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all"; from *In Christ Alone*—"No guilt in life, no fear in death: This is the power of Christ in me."

Along with your list of favorite hymns, I'd love for you to submit your favorite hymn lines that I can share in The Beacon. The following requested hymns have been sung or performed recently in our worship services: *How Great Thou Art, To God Be the Glory, Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Without Him, Amazing Grace* (with "My Chains are Gone"), and *Just as I Am*.

I am so privileged to be the Music Director of such a loving body of believers and I ask for your continued prayer support that I might walk worthy of that calling, doing what part I can to lift us to the throne through music...and there worship our Lord from the depths of our souls, both in Spirit and in Truth.

Controversy

In 2012 Keith Getty's hymn In Christ Alone was involved in a controversy with the Presbyterian Church (USA) hymnal committee in the creation of their new hymnal "Glory to God." The committee requested permission from Getty and Stuart Townend to use an alternative lyric to the phrase "Till on that cross as Jesus died/the wrath of God was satisfied." changing "wrath of God was satisfied" to "the love of God was magnified." [33] Getty and Townend rejected this lyric change, and the hymnal committee barred the hymn from the book. Mary Louise Bringle, committee chair, defended their decision saying, "The song has been removed from our contents list, with deep regret over losing its otherwise poignant and powerful witness." The decision to change the text arose when members of the committee found the alternate text in the Baptist Hymnal published in 2010. They assumed the songwriters had agreed to this change, but upon request of the hymn, found that the text used in the Baptist Hymnal had not been approved by the writers. Capitol



• Registration: By mail, or from the <u>www.wythehope.org</u> website, on site the day of, or from Active website: <u>http://www.active.com/wytheville-va/running/distance-running-races/5th-annual-stuffed-strut-5k-2016</u> Race begins at Wytheville's Smallest Church, 1090 Nye Rd, Wytheville, VA and follows a route on

<u>Race</u> begins at Wytheville's Smallest Church, 1090 Nye Rd, Wytheville, VA and follows a route on the scenic roads of Wytheville

1st and 2nd place prizes, male&female, for 18-under; 19-35; 36-50; 51-up



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Shoebox Ministry



It's Time For Shoeboxes!!

It's time for my yearly plea to all of you for help in a very important mission project— Operation Christmas Child.

Wytheville Baptist Church will once again be a Relay Center. We will have hours of operation each day between November 14-21 *and we need your help*. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to

volunteer. We would like to have our church surpass our collection amount from last year and I am challenging our membership to pack 155 shoeboxes. Ideas to pack your shoebox: small toys, balls, jump ropes, small musical instruments, school supplies, hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap in a plastic bags, comb, washcloth), socks, tee-shirts, hats, gloves, sunglasses, chewing gum, individually wrapped candy.

DO NOT INCLUDE—liquids, medicines, chocolate candy, toys promoting violence.

Use an empty average size shoebox or a shoebox size plastic box. We also ask that you provide \$7 for shipping. Decide whether you want to pack your box for a girl or boy and for what age. Fill your boxes and bring them to the church during the week of November 14-21. We ask that you also pray for all the boxes, those who will distribute them, and those who will receive them.

> Thanks for your help in advance. Janet Montgomery and Doris Terry

Every shoebox gift you pack helps Samaritan's Purse to reach children worldwide with the good news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas.





CMG Publishing, managers of the song, said it is working with the Baptist Hymnal's publisher to fix the problem. [34]

The controversy was covered by several major news outlets, including USA Today, The Washington Post, and The Economist sparked a theological discussion in the church centered on the subject of atonement and the doctrine of propitiation. Keith Getty was quoted as saying:

First, it's important to express how truly honored we feel that these groups would consider adding *In Christ Alone* to their hymnals. We support the approach they take of studying the lyrics of hymns as they select music worthy to be sung and preserved. However, we believe altering the lyrics would remove an essential part of the gospel story as explained throughout Scripture. The main thread of what we see revealed throughout the Old and New Testament is the need for man to be made right with God. The provided path toward reconciliation came through Christ's predetermined and perfect sacrifice on the cross, satisfying God's wrath once and for all. [35]

Judy Collier



HONDURAS MISSION FEBRUARY 4—11

PASTOR DANNY W. COLLINS

Our former Interim Pastor Danny W. Collins will once again be on Mission to the Northern Mountains of Honduras. The trip is February 4-11, 2017. If you would like to help Pastor Danny raise funds for the trip and the project they will be working on, your help will be a blessing.

Please make your check to Wytheville Baptist Church and memo "Honduras Mission"



the second Wednesday of each month in helping pack Hope Packs for children less fortunate and may go without a meal if these packs were not provided. During their July 2016 meeting they were honored with a certificate and trophy for their outstanding commitment and service to our community.



Children's Clothes Closet

It's getting colder and there are warm clothes available in our WBC Children's Clothes Closet. These children's clothes are free and we always have new families that utilize this ministry. If you have any new or gently used children's clothes, shoes, new underwear, t-shirts, or socks; bring them to the clothes closet down stairs next to the nursery.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please earmark your check "Children's Clothes Closet" and place it in the offering plate. *Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Children's Clothes Closet will be open Thursday, November 17, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.*

Spread the Word of God by telling others to listen to the Sunday morning message by logging onto:

www.wythevillebaptist.org then click the Sermons tab.

Once there, people will find each Sunday's sermon plus all the previous sermons of past months. Thank you to our Multi -Media Team Leader, Daniel Burke, for providing this link for our encouragement, learning, and inspiration.





DECEMBER 2016 BEACON ARTICLES

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, all December Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned in to the church office no later than Wednesday, November 16. Thank you for your help in this matter.



DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

The purpose of the Benevolence offering—to help others in need. Last month you helped:



- Three people with a room for the night
- Four families with their electric bill
- •One family with rent

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, November 6, following our worship service. We ask that you once again give from the heart. This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.

Thank you for giving from the heart.



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Noodles for the months of November and December to help feed those in need in our community. Please, no glass containers.

WBC considers it a privilege to help the Agape Food Pantry distribute food on the second Saturday of every month beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please contact Chris and Rhonda Bracknell or Guy and Linda Sutphin.



COMMUNITY FOOD KITCHEN

The Community Food Kitchen is open every Monday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for those who are in need of a meal.

If you would like to help feed those less fortunate, please consider sending a check to Hope Ministries, P.O. Box 987, Wytheville, VA 24382, and earmark your check "Community Food Kitchen."

Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News

Nine members attended the Circle meeting on October 3. We met in the fellowship hall and chairperson, Janet Montgomery, welcomed members and received prayer request. The devotion, presented by Carroll Stewart, was entitled "I Am Who?" The program, given by Janet Montgomery, entitled "Teamwork in Thailand."

The November Circle meeting will be held in Williams Hall on November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Betty Robinette will provide the Program and Linda Sutphin will serve as Hostess. The Mission Action Project for November will be Tray Cards and Resource Center.

Thanks to all our members. Ladies we extend an invitation to those who are not members, "*Come join us*!"

Janet Montgomery





COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Wytheville Presbyterian Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday evening, November 22, beginning at 7:00 p.m. During this service we will be encouraged to continually devote ourselves to prayer, ever staying alert in it with thanksgiving, and always

giving praise to God. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this awe-inspiring service. After joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesday night, our WBC church family will not have any regular Wednesday night functions on November 23.

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The Young-at-Heart group went to Coffee and Crumbs for our October meeting. We had eleven members in attendance and our fellowship prepared for emergencies of time together was great; that goes especially for Pastor due to the fact that it's his favorite place to hang out now. We really missed the

rest of our members and hope you can join us next month.

Our Tuesday, November 15, meeting will be in WBC's fellowship hall at noon. Roger and Becky Hudson will be our special speakers. They are Red Cross volunteers and plan to tell us how to be any kind. Everyone is welcome; bring a brown bag Tim. They all know him there lunch and join us. Dessert and drinks will be furnished.

Carroll Stewart

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes NOVEMBER

How Now Shall We Live? by Charles Colson with Nancy Pearcey. In this book the authors grapple with the important concept of "worldview"-how our ideas about the world shape the way we live. They assert that Christians are called not only to personal faith but also to a biblical worldview, one that has the power to transform the world today. This book will help Christians make sense of the competing worldviews that clamor for our attention and allegiance in a pluralistic society. Pulling no punches, Colson and Pearcey show that all other worldview fail to meet the test of rational consistency or practical application in the real world. Only the Christian worldview provides a nationally sustainable way to understand the universe.

German Enchantment is a legacy of customs and devotion in four romantic novellas. These stories were written by I. Brand, D. Christner, P. Griffin, and G. Gaymer Martin. Deep in the Black Forest of Germany a tradition beginsand continues across many generations. The "dance of love" is timed to the beat of ancient customs, and hearts are drawn to its rhythms. The stories begin in 1632 in a small town in Germany where a castle named Engelturn is located. It follows one family line all the way to the 1900's. This an interesting historical book of Germany throughout four hundred years.



HOME: Bill Valley, Bea Shearwood, Jo-Ann Campbell, Sylvia McGhee, Norma Jean Wolford, Nancy Herndon, Velma Roberts, Rosalene "Posey" Heath, Frankie Massev



EXTENDED CARE: Henrietta Price, Linda Osborne, Frankie Massey, Mary Evelyn Whitt, Margaret Moore

FAMILY: Harlen Clemons son, Curt; Madeline Catron's daughter, Marcia Joyce; Debbie Campbell Armentrout's son-inlaw, Brad Hoffeditz; Frank and Charlotte Newland's son, Frank; Bill Lively's brother, Bob Lively; Delores Dove's daughter, Deloris Romaro; Cathy Valley's mother, June Taylor; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez

FRIENDS: Christian Sympathy to the family of Melvin Hall upon his passing, Ronnie Grubb, Megan Phillips, Wanda Priett's grandson, Jedi; Shirley Corvin, Virgil Younce, John and Linda Phillips' daughter, Megan Govin; Barbara Johns, Ed Bowen, Lilly Neel, Sarah Burchette, Kenny Davis, Hunter Ingo, Kevin, Stanley Houseman, John Oblinger, Monica Grubb, Dolly Monroe, Bland Ministry Center

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Zachary Taylor, Gregory Carson, Thomas Munsey, Ryan Shupe, Kevin Dalton, Benjy Bird, Cory Todd, and all the others who serve our nation

PASTORAL CARE: Our Pastor, Rev. Tim Irving, is accessible for any pastoral need. If you would like to make an appointment with Pastor Tim, please call the church office at 228-3712 or his cell phone: 276-284-1575. For pastoral emergencies at night or during weekends, please call Pastor Tim on his cell phone or the Deacon of the Week.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Sam Brown upon his passing.

Richard, Amanda, Kaitlyn, and Daniel Phillippie upon the passing of Richard's grandfather, Clifton M. Phillippie.

November 2: Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Magic Cookie Bars

November 9: Thanksgiving Dinner: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Rolls, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Salad, Pumpkin and Pecan Pie

November 16: Veggie Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Veggie Tray, Pickles, Chips, Blondies and Ice Cream November 23: No Wednesday night supper or any Har

church functions November 30: Chicken Croissants, Hash Brown Casserole, Broccoli Salad, Peach Fluff.



Thursday, November 3: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leader ship Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church Wednesday, November 9: Staff meeting-7:30 p.m.



November Birthdays

- 4 Cindy Jarmul Anna Smith
 - Ryan Claypool Allan Long
 - Mary Helen Porter
- 10 Jennifer Bilbrev
- 11 Kim Dunford Kelcie Ashlin

- 12 John Matheny
- 28 Henrietta Price 29 Jane Crowgey
- 14 Michael Porter Ann Wilmore 17 Christy Terry
 - Cordelia Obermiller
- 22 Della Dunford
- 24 Betty Robinette
- Kim Aker
- 25 Jackie Carson
 - 26 Debbie Grubb 27
 - Dot Alexander



NURSERY 10:30 AM

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November 6 : Nursery Worker November 13: Nursery Worker November 20: Nursery Worker November 27: Nursery Worker

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

November 6: Children's Ministry Team November 13: Children's Ministry Team November 20: Children's Ministry Team November 27: Children's Ministry Team DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 6 : Janet Montgomery November 13: Chris Bracknell November 20: John Claypool November 27: Eric Crowgey

USHERS Team III: Chris Bracknell, Bill Valley Danny Sowers, Gary Carson

TELLERS Mary Hall and Delores Dove

GREETERS Designated Ushers for the month of November



November 2016

Count your blessing name them one by one.

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