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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS Against the Wind

There are times in our lives when the wind is blowing in the wrong direction. It seems as though anything good we try to do, this wind pushes us back and even fights against us. During times like this, it is so easy to say, "This is as far as I go down this path." We end what we are doing and decide the effort is no longer worth it.

Consider the story from Luke 14:22-33. Jesus sends the disciples off across the lake by themselves

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and Jesus remains where he is to spend time in prayer. Then later that night, when the boat has made progress into the wind and waves, Jesus decides to go to them. He walks out across the water. The disciples do not know what to think other than this is a ghost. Jesus says, "Do not be afraid. It is I." Peter being the wonderful disciple who speaks and then thinks says, "If it is you, Jesus, then tell me to come to you." Out of the boat goes Peter and he does well until he pays attention to the wind and the waves around him. Jesus saves him from drowning and they both return to the boat. Once Jesus is in the boat the wind and waves die down to the amazement of all.

We also have a tendency to focus on the storm around us. Media reinforces the storm because the negative sells better. We are bombarded by this focus everywhere we go these days. Banks, gyms, hospitals, and even doctors' waiting rooms have installed TVs so we can keep up with this focus. We have 24 hour News stations to overanalyze situations completely. Social media continues to spread the storm making it even bigger in the process. This focus beats us down to the point that we say, "The world is getting so bad. Why should I try to do anything good? The wind and waves will just erase it."

I wonder what would happen if we changed our focus to look at Jesus during the storm? Could we do the impossible against the wind? I challenge you to keep your eyes firmly on Jesus and step out of the boat into the storm that many find so fearful and trust Jesus to guide you to do the impossible. If we allow Jesus to help us by focusing on the powerful things God can do through us then the winds will change in our favor and the Kingdom of God will grow. Are you willing to join me in focusing on Jesus and not be distracted by the storm?

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim



REMEMBER THESE DATES!

Saturday, October 1:

10:00 a.m. Vocal Training Workshop in the music room 12:30 p.m. Reading Music Workshop in the music room

Sunday, October 9:

3:00 p.m. Highlands Association/Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Conference at Sunny Hills Baptist Church

Wednesday, October 19: 6:45 p.m. Church Business Conference

Saturday, October 22:

10:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata Workshop

Monday, October 10th – 7am-1pm & 4-7pm Friday, October 28th – 7am-1pm Monday, November 14th – 7am-1pm & 4-7pm Wytheville Training School Cultural Center 410 East Franklin Street, Wytheville VA

Open to all residents of Wythe and Bland County at NO cost!



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- Pneumonia vaccinations
- TDaP vaccination
- Shingles vaccination (limited number: you must be age 50 or older and pre-registered)

Call 276-613-7987

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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.



Notes from our Music Director

Dear Church Family,

The September 17 Christmas Cantata Workshop greatly exceeded my expectations! We had a wonderful group (with three new members!) and I believe all enjoyed the beautiful music and warm fellowship. It was such a joy that another cantata workshop will be offered in October, so that anyone interested in singing in the cantata The Night of the Father's Love will still be able to join us. I can't encourage you enough to be a part of this opportunity to worship our Lord in song and in fellowship. Next month, I look forward to reporting on

forward to reporting on the September 24 Music Reading Workshop and Vocal Techniques Workshop as well as the start of a beginner's choir. The rehearsals of our wonderful Adult Handbell Choir will resume upon Cathy Valley's return.

We have all been greatly saddened by Bill Valley's serious health challenges and the diffi-

culty he and Cathy have been experiencing. And frankly,

y Judy Collier

we have just plain missed their loving presence. We have all been prayerfully lifting Bill, Cathy, and Cathy's mother up to the throne of grace.

With the sudden absence of Cathy, prepared music having to be postponed, and adjustments to a new director whose previous piano-playing hands have been severely limited by the pain of prior issues—all in the first week!-well, I wouldn't be surprised if the future holds such great promise that it has gotten the attention of our enemy! But, as promised, when we are weak, He is strong, and it has been amazing to see how the Lord has overcome and brought everything together. The choir has been wonderful and supportive and I can't thank each of you enough. A special thank (Continued on page 4)

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you goes to Rick Walker, Joel and JoBeth Hilton, Victoria Willis, Rachel and Hunter Crowgev. Janet Montgomery, and Lisa Crowgey for so quickly stepping you: for your understanding, up to the plate and providing beautiful and worshipful music in our services. In my list of the many to whom I am so very grateful, I don't want to forget to thank Pastor Tim, a godly counsel and a great joy to work, who so willingly brought a beautiful narration to our September 18 choir number; and deep appreciation goes to Jan Stone-our sweet and efficient church secre- under the Lord's direction-for tary whose love for the Lord overflows, as well as to Daniel Burke and Jonathan Stoker who have faithfully helped so much with the sound system and media. Some of you may not be aware of the many extra hours

Jonathan has given Pastor Tim and myself on the music. Thank you to all!

And then to our wonderful Wytheville Baptist Church congregation, I want to say thank encouragement, and prayers during this period of adjustments and learning curves, and during these weeks as our talented soloists and duets allow the choir time to learn new music. We all look forward to Cathy's return with her sweet spirit, beautiful voice, and pianistic skills. In the meantime, we have been stretched and we have grown He is the true Director, not only of our lives, but of our music and our worship. To Him be all glory!

Judy Collier



A new class for Young Adults will begin Sunday, October 16, at 9:15 a.m. The class room is located on the third floor in room 311. Our first study will be Spiritual Disciplines: Obligation or Opportunity led by Pastor Tim Irving.

How to Stay Safe In the World Today!

- 1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
- 2. Do not stay at home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
- 3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
- 4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
- 5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. Above all else, avoid hospitals.

You will be pleased to learn that only:

0.001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church! Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So Stay Safe

and join us every Wednesday night at 6:40 p.m. for Bible Study!

CHURCH-WIDE PROGRESSIVE DINNEI

Please join us on October 16 for a Progressive Dinner at 4:00 PM on Crouse Hollow and Huckleberry Roads for some fun, fellowship,

and enjoyment of the spectacular display of God's handiwork! <u>Please bring your folding chairs,</u>

<u>a few of your favorite cookies to share, and an appetite!</u> We will start our trek at **1277 Crouse Hollow Road** at 4:00. We'll enjoy a refreshing salad and a tour of the Ministry Facilities of

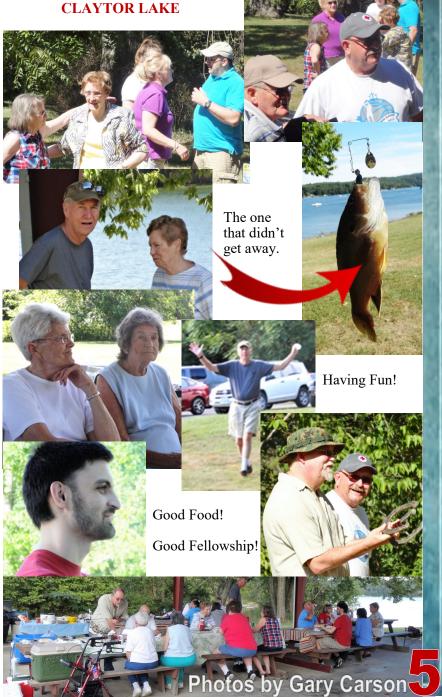
> C.A, Outreach Ministries, Inc. Then we will backtrack to 974 Huckleberry Road. Put out your folding chairs both places, visit and enjoy the fellowship, view, and food.

Directions:

From Wytheville 's Main Street which turns into Grayson Pkwy (route 21 S); travel approximately 8 miles; turn right onto Spraker Road for approximately 2 miles; turn left onto Huckleberry Road (669) for approximately 3 miles ; You will pass 974 Huckleberry Road which you will return to; turn right onto Crouse Hollow Road; Ministry Center on the left; return to Huckleberry by turning right out of Judy's driveway onto Crouse Hollow and left onto Huckleberry Road to return to 974 Huckleberry Road; turn right into the driveway (there are two drives, take the one on the right (not so steep) which winds around to the top of the hill where you will see the lodge. There should be plenty of parking along the road and on the grass but carpooling would be good.

Looking forward to seeing you, Judy Collier, Tommy and Gena Anders RSVP to Gena 620. 7704 or Judy 780.6872 by Oct. 13 (text or leave a message) so we can be sure to have enough food for everyone coming.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC AT CLAYTOR LAKE





From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



SPONSORED BY LEGACY CHURCH WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH **REAL LIFE MINISTRIES ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

This event has been a huge success for the past two years; this year we expect many, many more families to visit our *Church* Street Trunk-or-Treat.

Trunk-or-Treat will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday night, October 31, with setup beginning at 4:30. There will be a Fall Festival inside WBC and St. Paul UMC featuring games, face painting, food, and so much more. The churches will provide a progressive dinner with WBC providing Hot Dogs and St. Paul UMC providing soup. Cars will be on display all along the parking spaces on Church Street and in Barnett Funeral Home parking lot waiting for children to come by and receive their treats. The town has graciously allowed us to block off the street so children and their families can safely visit from one car to the next and church to church worry free.

WHAT WE NEED:

- 1. Prayer—asking God to help us bless the children and their families in our community through this event; and that the love of Jesus will shine through us.
- 2. Candy, candy, and more candy.
- 3. Volunteers to help in the fellowship hall with all the activities, food preparation and serving, and cleanup.

Children's Clothes Closet



Fall is upon us 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, tshirts, 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. The Children's Clothes Closet will be open Thursday, October 20, 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 enjoyment.





NOVEMBER 2016 **BEACON ARTICLES**

All November Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Tuesday. October 18. 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 homeless people with a room for the night
- ◆ Three family with their electric bill
- •One family with rent

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, October 2, 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

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Please bring Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Noodles for the months of October, 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."

- 4. Decorate your car, park it on Church Street, hand out candy from your trunk, and speak to the children and their families as they come by.
- 5. Have Fun!

The possibilities for decorating your trunk are endless. Just Google Trunk-or-Treat ideas.

THIS WILL BE A COMMUNITY EVENT!



Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News

Nine members attended the Circle meeting on September 5. We meet in the fellowship hall and chairperson, Janet Montgomery, welcomed members and received prayer request. The devotion, presented by Carroll Stewart was entitled "Everyday with the Father." The program, given by Janet Montgomery, focused on "Alma Hunt and Home Missions."

The October Circle meeting will be in Williams Hall on October 3, at 7:00 p.m. with Cathy Valley providing the Program and Betty Matheny serving as Hostess. The Mission Action Project for October will be College 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

IS YOUR COMPUTER OUT OF COMMISION AND YOU NEED TO CONTINUE YOUR WORK???



We have a solution! While your computer is at the shop, come by the church office and pick up a loaner laptop and continue your work.

Gary Carson has provided this loaner laptop

for your convenience. When your computer is fixed and back home, return the laptop to the church office. Gary will delete any information, programs, accounts, etc. that you have placed on the computer and get it ready for the next person.

YOUNG TO AT HEART

Due to family health problems, our Fire Chief was unable to speak with us at our September 20 Young-at-Heart meeting. There were ten members present this month and we enjoyed watching a very short (26 min.) Christian film titled *The Daylight Zone*. It was about an atheistic man's claim that Jesus Christ doesn't exist because he had never seen Him. Although it was short, it had a good message.

195 Main Street, to enjoy lunch and fellowship. Afterwards we will visit Hannah's Attic for a quick look-see or you may stay as long as you wish. That could take an hour or two if you want to visit all of the booths. It's larger than you think.

Young-at-Heart needs more members! If you are 50 or older, you are invited to join our group. We meet once a month on the third Tuesday at noon. It's a good opportunity to get to fellowship with other church members in your age group. group.

Carroll Stewart

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

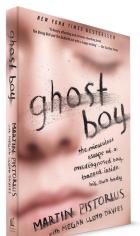
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Ghost Boy: The miraculous escape of a misdiagnosed boy trapped inside his own body. This book was written by the Ghost Boy himself, Martin Pistorius.

In January 1988, Martin Pistorius came home from school complaining of a sore throat. He never went back. Within a year, Martin had degenerated into a mute quadriplegic. By his fourteenth birthday he was a hollow shell, unseeing and unknowing; he spent his days at a care center, sitting blankly in front of the television while his family waited for him to die.

And then his mind came up for air.

For an unimaginable ten years, Martin would be completely conscious while trapped inside his unresponsive body, secretly aware of everything happening around him and utterly powerless to communicate it.



Ghost Boy is Martin's story. He describes the chilling details of life as a secretly lucid vegetable. For an age when prolonged illness and misdiagnoses are too common, *Ghost Boy* is the hopeful story of a discarded life awakening from passivity to action, despair to hope, captivity to freedom.

Martin Pistorius was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1975. At the age of twelve, an unknown illness left him wheelchair bound and unable to speak, and he spent fourteen years in institutions. In 2001 he learned to com-

municate via computer, make friends, and change his life.

Carroll Stewart

On Tuesday, October 18, we will meet at Coffee & Crumbs,

WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDI-**CAL CENTER:** Bill Valley

BRISTOL REGIONAL HOSPI-TAL: Sam Brown

HOME: Wanda Hamm, Bea Shearwood, Almetta Cruff, JoAnn Campbell, Sylvia McGhee, Norma Jean Wolford, Nancy Herndon, Velma Roberts, Rosalene "Posey" Heath, Frankie Massey

Prayer

Needs

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

FAMILY: Harlen Clemons son, Curt; Madeline Catron's daughter, Marcia Joyce; Mary Hall's great granddaughter, Clara; Debbie Campbell Armentrout's son-in-law, 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: Jennifer Midkiff and her baby, Lorain Jackson and son, Wanda Prietts grandson, Jedi, Shirley Corvin, Virgil Younce, John and Linda Phillips' daughter, Megan Govin; Barbara Johns, Melvin and Peggy Hall, 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.

October 5: Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Bread, Peach Fluff

October 12: Bacon Wrapped Chicken, Rice, Green Peas, Confetti Cole Slaw, Magic Cookie Bars



October 19: Ham, Biscuits, Baked Apples, Green Beans, Chocolate Pound Cake

October 26: Chili, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Broccoli and Cheese, Brownies and Ice Cream



Meetings

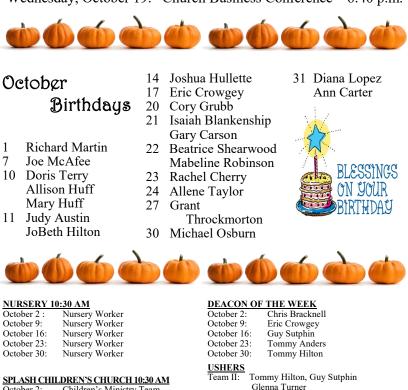
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October 9:

October 16: October 23:

October 30:

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Children's Ministry Team	Guy Sutphin
Children's Ministry Team	GREETER
Children's Ministry Team	Designated

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October 2016

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