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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS AN ACTIVE SPIRITUAL LIFE

There is an exciting part to our relationship with God; it is not a one-way street in either direction. There are people who think differently though. Some believe our relationship with God is about taking the time to tell God all the items that need to be done then we wait to see it happen. If God does not answer our request then we return again and again until God does answer. There are others who believe God is so busy that we should not bother God with anything. We should just wait to see how God brings things about and fully accept them as they happen. Both of these ideas

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by themselves are far from the truth.

The example set forward in scripture is of a dialogue with God about how things work out in our world. In the beginning of Luke 11 (verses 1-13), Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer and also gives them a sample of prayer. This sample prayer in verses 2-4, forms the basis of what we call the Lord's Prayer. In this prayer, we open ourselves to accept what God brings us in the ways of daily needs, we ask God to forgive us only in the same way we forgive others, and we ask for God's guidance throughout our days. We also praise God for who God is and ask for God's Kingdom to be fully established. There are both parts here in this prayer mentioned in the first paragraph.

Reading further in this passage opens up prayer to involve an active part both for God and us.

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Luke 11:9-10 (NIV).

Ask, seek, and knock are powerful active terms. We are to ask of God in prayer. The scripture says when we ask we will receive. So we are to bring things to God in prayer. We are to seek out those things we are concerned about and then we will find them. There truly is an active seeking part of prayer that involves us coming again and again. We are to knock on those doors we find before us in the path to see if they open. They are not going to open without first knocking.

Just sitting back and waiting on God to display the journey in front of us is not our spiritual path. Working out our spiritual journey without God is wrong also. The spiritual journey is both parts: God giving, guiding, and opening; us asking, seeking, and knocking.

May your spiritual journey be filled with God's activity and also your hard dedicated work in order to bring great growth for you and the faith community with which you are joined.

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim



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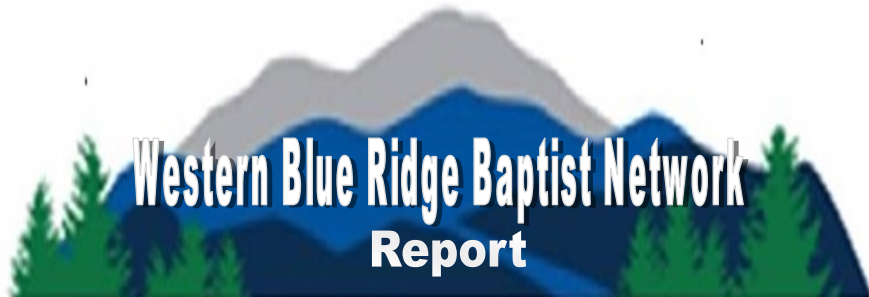
- ◆ Please contact Steve Taylor at 540 239 1578 if you or your church is interested in participating in the Mission trip to Honduras during November of 2017.
- ◆ Due to lack of interest, the Youth Leader's Back to School event at Claytor Lake for Saturday, August 5, did not materialize.
- ◆ Every Network church has an equal say in what we do as a group, so it is very important to have your representative at Leadership Team meetings whenever possible. The next meeting will be 6:30 pm at Dublin Baptist (across from Hardee's) on August 3, 2017.

CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.

- ◆ Thanks to all the churches who are cleaning the Camp building this summer. The building and the camp grounds look better every time we see it. If you haven't been to the camp lately you will not believe how beautiful it looks. Thanks to everyone for keeping it so nice.
- ◆ Mr. Hill's Pulaski County High School carpentry class has built a prototype picnic table, that converts to a bench, with the materials we provided. You should be able to see it at the camp after school opens and we can pick it up.
- ◆ If you have a camper and would be interested in spending the summer in it at the lake. Please contact Karl Polson at 540 239 9100 for details.
- ◆ Our thanks to the Dublin Youth group for building a fire pit in the circle beside the shelter. I know you can't wait to roast your first marshmallows over it.
- ◆ We are changing to First Community Bank. In the future Donation Envelopes will be available at the Camp. They can be mailed directly to our account at First Community for those who would like to contribute to the Camp's operating expenses.

Hoping you had a great Independence Day. And that God will continue blessing your church's efforts as you point lost souls to Christ.

In His service
David Clonch
Moderator/Director
Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network



June 2017 report

- ◆ Tremendous news—Austinville, First Baptist Pulaski and North Fork all called pastors during the month of June. God is moving in our midst and we thank Him for His many blessings.
- ◆ Wilford has narrowed his list to three candidates for the Director's position at RU. He plans to have the final candidate to introduce to us in late July. Will let you know as soon as we receive the timing of Wilford's visit. The BGAV will begin by paying the new persons full salary, thus giving them time to raise their portion of support. The Network has pledged at least \$300 per month support for the Radford position. At this time we are not sure exactly when our financial support will be required. Please continue praying for God to guide Wilford and his team.
- ◆ As reported before, Darrell Cook, Leader of Virginia Tech's Baptist Collegiate Ministries, will have until January 2018 to raise part of his annual support. Darrell has now received pledges for nearly 60%, quite an improvement from 50% reported last month.
- ◆ The BGAV is developing a system to handle support donations for each of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Directors across the commonwealth.
- ◆ 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>

Remember your contact person is the only one who can post information for your church on the Network web site. Please have that person contact Robert Ratcliffe by sending him a note on the "about" page of the web site. Please remember to post your church's activities on the Network website

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Judy Collier

Notes from our Music Director

It's difficult to put into words the impact the July 2 veterans' tribute had upon me, as well as upon many in the congregation. Several said, with tears, that they felt it was the best service we've ever had in the sanctuary. One particularly meaningful comment was that after 74 years, most of which were spent active in the church, she had finally "gotten it" why she was saved. She said the whole service combined to impact her with Pastor Tim's sermon: that we had been set free for righteousness to do the Lord's will, not our own. Thank you so much, Sharon Taylor, for your vision and heart for this presentation. And deep appreciation goes to Jonathan Stoker for the slide presentations that touched us all and to Rick Walker for his moving solo of "God Bless the USA" which brought the congregation to its feet during the first chorus, in honor of our beloved land and of those who have made our life today possible. As OJ Campbell stood in front of the congregation with his hand on the flag pole, he said he began thinking back to France when, with tears streaming down his face, he could barely sing the National Anthem. We are planning another tribute in the fall and would like our veterans to put into 300 words or less, their most significant experiences serving our country, centering on what God showed them during these times. Please submit your writings to the office by October 15.

And thank you Cathy Valley, Dennis Boyd, and Brenna Crowgey for your beautiful solos and violin music. All have noticed the wonderful attendance of our choir (supposedly "on vacation") who have continued to lead us in worship. As you can see, our faithful choir is growing even as I thought it would be diminishing during the summer months. We will begin rehearsals once again upon arrival of our Christmas drama, *Once upon a Holy Night*. This year's Christmas program will be presented to the community during week nights as well as to the congregation, and we believe this dramatic presentation of Je-

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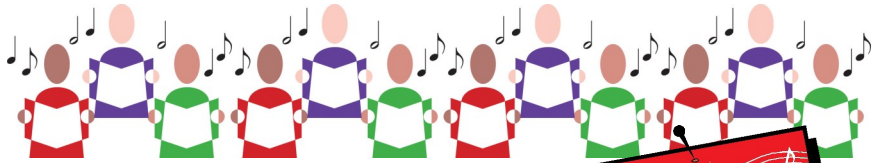
Jesus's birth will relate to all ages, bringing others to Christ. This is a perfect time to join our choir or just sing for Christmas.

And, at the opposite end of the age spectrum, what a blessing it was to see the precious children at VBS, singing with enthusiasm about Jonah, prayer, commitment to follow Jesus, and witnessing for Him. Let us pray that these teachings will grow and produce fruit in these tender hearts—that they may also live for righteousness.

And to God be the glory for His powerful movement in our worship—for otherwise, it is only performance, which may entertain but not fill the soul—and His life inside of us is what we desperately need every moment of our lives.

In gratitude to the Lord Who loves us so much,

Judy



CHOIR PRACTICE:

Sunday Morning:

10:00 a.m. This is our practice time to go over music before our morning worship service.

Beginning Thursday, August 17:

Every Thursday evening we will have regular choir practice at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Psalm 96:1-3



VBS 2017

Jonah, the Whale, and the Worm



Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who took part in making our 2017 VBS a success. We had 19 children who were blessed by the Bible story of *Jonah, the Whale, and the Worm*. The children (and adults) also enjoyed craft time, singing, and outside games. The children looked forward every night to being here and receiving a good snack supper. They also gave an offering of \$481.16 which was matched by a donor for a total of \$962.32 as their mission project designated for Hope Ministry's Backpacks. You have truly planted many seeds in the lives of these children for the Lord.



Alma Hunt
Offering for Virginia Missions

SAY YES

Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed him." Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)

September 18-24, 2017
Goal: \$1,167,500 WBC Goal: \$1,000



START PACKING THOSE SHOEBOXES

Don't forget to help us show God's love through the power of a simple shoebox gift and the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child need to be filled very soon.

While school supplies are at a low price now, think about purchasing a few things to put in those special shoeboxes for children around the world.

Youth News



Higher Ground would like to thank Bonnie Agnew for allowing us to participate in VBS as leaders of the recreation portion of the VBS program. The little ones were a joy to work with and we were blessed by spending time with them. Each evening we looked forward to interacting with them and I think they enjoyed spending time with us too!

In August, we are starting a new video based study which accompanies the movie *The Shack*. We have been looking forward to this study and can't wait to get started. The study is called "Finding God in the Shack. Seeking Truth in a Story of Evil and Redemption." *The Shack* based on the New York Times best-selling novel, takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever. After we have finished the study, the movie on DVD and the study guides will be available for check out from the youth department. Many adults are using this resource as a small group study.

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The beginning of school is just around the corner. Please remember our youth in your prayers for a wonderful new school year!

Bonnie Wright



ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

The Fellowship Team invites our WBC family and friends to a day of fellowship at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp on Sunday afternoon, August 6. The church van will be available to transport those who need a ride. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. and caravan to the lake. Carpooling is suggested. The lake is available for fishing. There will be games including horseshoes and volleyball. At 5:30 we will have a cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Please bring a side dish and dessert to compliment the meal. At 6:30 we will have a short vesper service.



Directions: Take I-81 N to Exit 98, at the stop sign turn right onto Cleburne Blvd./Old Route 100 Rd., turn left onto Hence Rd., turn left onto Davis Rd., turn left onto Newbern Rd./Wilderness Rd., turn right at Towes Ferry Rd and go to the end of this road, take a right into the Baptist Camp.

*Put in the following address in your GPS/Phone:
4337 Towes Ferry Rd, Dublin, VA 24084
This will get you to the end of the road. Take a right into the Baptist Camp.*

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As you are leaving the church building by the fellowship hall door, please double check the outside handle to make sure it is locked and the door shut completely upon leaving. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.



It's hot outside and time to head back to school. There are clothes available in our WBC Children's Clothes Closet and the clothes are free to any child who needs them. 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. The Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, August 24, 2017, from 2:30 to 4:00 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.



SEPTEMBER 2017 BEACON ARTICLES



All September 2017 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, August 21. Thank you for your help.

DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

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

- ◆ Two families with gas for their car
- ◆ Two people with a room for the night
- ◆ One family with their electric bill
- ◆ One person with a bus ticket to Roanoke



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, August 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**

YOU CAN HELP



Please bring canned vegetables for the months of August and September 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."

Ministry of Feeding Others

A Service in Honor of our Veterans

July 2, 2017

**CALLED CHURCH BUSINESS CONFERENCE**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a Called Church Business Conference on Sunday, August 27, 2017, for the purpose of electing new Deacons, Church Officers, Team Members, Sunday School Teachers, and approving Team recommendations. This meeting will convene immediately after our morning Worship service.

A list of names to be voted on for Deacons will be published and emailed to the congregation two weeks prior to the elections.

If anyone would like an issue or item of concern brought to the floor during the August 27 Called Church Business Conference, please bring your issue or concern to the proper Team Leader. All Team Leaders please call the church office and have these issues or concerns placed on the agenda before Wednesday, August 23.

A BOOK CLUB

Pastor Tim is leading a Book Club which meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. located in the church parlor. Our meetings this month will be August 10 and 24. The book he has chosen is "A Mile in My Shoes, Cultivating Compassion" by Trevor Hudson.


**Kathryn Isaacs and
Mabel Crabtree Circle News**


ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: In lieu of our August meeting, we encourage everyone to attend the Church Wide Picnic on Sunday, August 6, at the Baptist Camp. The Mission Action Projects for August: Agape and Tray Cards.

Regular meetings will resume Monday, September 11, at the home of Gena Anders.

Thanks to all our members. Ladies we extend a special invitation to those who are not members, **"Come Join us."**

Janet Montgomery



Twenty-four of our members got to enjoy a trip to Hawaii through the eyes of Chris and Rhonda Bracknell at our July meeting. We were privileged to see all kinds of beautiful sights and learned a lot of interesting facts. We must thank them for sharing their vacation with us. Many thanks to Rhonda for the 15-20 leis she made and gave them all away; plus she made a tasty batch of cookies for us.

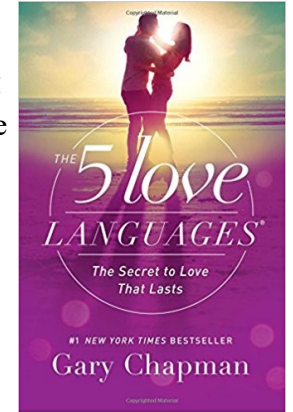
There are no definite plans for our August meeting, but I think this group likes to go out somewhere to eat lunch instead of brown bagging it. We'll check a few places and see what we find then let you know later.

Carroll Stewart

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

AUGUST 2017

The Five Love Languages: The Secret To Love That Lasts is a book study by Gary Chapman. Different people express love in different ways and this study contains the key to understanding each other's unique needs. What speaks love to you may be meaningless to your spouse. Apply the right principles, learn the right language, and soon you'll know the profound satisfaction and joy of being able to express your love and feel truly loved in return. This kit is available to be checked out for small groups to use. We do have an extra copy of the book for you to read at any time.



Books, books, and more books on our shelves with very few readers. Guy Sutphin and Jackie Carson are our star readers for the larger books. Doris Terry and Mary Hall read all of our small inspirational paper back books that have been given to us by Betty Matheny. Betty has supplied us with these books for many years. That number adds up to about 750 books!! THANKS, Betty. After we have read them, we send them up to the New River jail for the women to enjoy. These small books can fit into your purse. One of them goes with me to all my doctors appointments and a couple get to travel with us wherever we go. They are quick reads and always Christ centered.

Carroll Stewart

CARRINGTON REHAB WYTHEVILLE: Lynn Arnold
CARRINGTON RURAL RETREAT: Sylvia McGhee
HOME: Dan Moore, John David Claypool, Sharon Taylor, Eric and Ann Collins, Harlan and Mae Clemons, Almetta Cruff, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Norma Jean Wolford, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath



EXTENDED CARE: Velma Roberts, Linda Osborne
FAMILY: Janet Quinn's son, Casey; Gary and Billie Taylor's grandson, Travis; Sharon Taylor's cousin, J.F. Devane, grandson, Alex Taylor, and brother-in-law, Dave Kroug; Bill Lively's brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Alice; Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Canada; Almetta Cruff's aunt, JoAnne Gray, Cathy Valley's niece in Seoul, South Korea; John Willis' mother, Ruth Willis; Pastor Danny Collins' sister, Betty June Addington; Jamie Saunders' brother, Johnny, and father, Bill; Debbie Grubb's sister, Tammy Johnston; the wife of Judy Collier's cousin, Dianne; Bea Shearwood's nephew, Alex Puckett; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez
FRIENDS: Cindy Edmonds, Betsy Trevillian, Debbie Shoemaker, Ayden Morris, Wanda Pruett's grandson, Jedi (2 yrs old), Louise Compton, Ron Blevins, Randolph Havens, Dr. Al Amyer, Dick Willard, William Galyean, Lillian Taylor, Chochee Nickels, David Craig, Derl Cormany, Jo Witten, Sara Burchett, Kelly Jones, Elly Taylor, Mark, Randy Hand, Wally Hutton, Boyd Sult, Bob Bishop, Mary Gopal, Ace Kennedy, Shirley Cormier, Curt Campbell, John and Linda Phillips' daughter, Megan Govin; Monica Grubb, Bland Ministry Center

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Thomas Collins, 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 Mary Evelyn Whitt upon her passing.
 Bob and Sharon Taylor upon the passing of Sharon's cousin, Denny McNeal.
 Carlisle and Linda Hostetter upon the passing of Carlisle's aunt, Gladys Davis of Buena Vista, VA.
 Tom and Betty Collins upon the passing of Betty's mother, Nellie Mae Atwell.
 Allene Taylor and her family upon the passing of her granddaughter, Kami Taylor "Tay-Tay" Harless.

August 2: Barbecue, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, Pickles, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert
August 9: Sandwich Supper, Meat, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Macaroni Salad, Peach Fluff
August 16: Tacos, Meat, Cheese, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Chips and Cheese, Mexichicken Casserole, Mexican Rice, Guacamole, Cookies and Ice Cream
August 23: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Jell-O Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Pound Cake
August 30: Lasagna, Toss Salad, Crowgey Corn, French Bread, Banana Pudding



Thursday, August 3: Personnel Team—2:00 p.m.
 Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
 Wednesday, August 9: Staff—5:15 p.m.
 Sunday, August 13: Pastor-Church Relations—6:00 a.m.
 Monday, August 14: Worship Team—7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, August 27: Called Church Business Conference

Meetings



August Birthdays	13 Dennis Throckmorton	25 C.A. Terry, Jr.
	14 Jenni Bird	27 Randy Phillips
	16 Kay Horney	30 Barbara Guy
	2 Joe Crowgey	
	Collin Phillips	
	7 Ann Wolford	
	11 Carolyn Porter	
	16 Earl Cherry, Jr.	
	19 Dan Robinette	
	Bill Lively	
	Tiffany Kincer	
	20 Mary Cathrine Gili	



NURSERY 10:30 AM

August 6: Nursery Worker
 August 13: Nursery Worker
 August 20: Nursery Worker
 August 27: Nursery Worker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 6: Guy Sutphin
 August 13: Tommy Anders
 August 20: Tommy Hilton
 August 27: Janet Montgomery

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

August 6: Children's Ministry Team
 August 13: Children's Ministry Team
 August 20: Children's Ministry Team
 August 27: Children's Ministry Team

USHERS

Team IV: Tommy Hilton, John Willis
 Betty Robinette

TELLERS

Mary Hall and Delores Dove

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of August

