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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS CALMED AND QUIETED

It is after Thanksgiving and before Christmas. This is one of the busiest times of the year for most people and especially for the church. We divide our time between preparing and spending time in celebration. We prepare for the parties, gatherings, gifts, events, family, and hopefully also for worship. The choir has been way ahead of us during the past two months preparing to tell the story through music and drama. Thoughts have also been given to gifts and menus. Shopping may have already started, been finished, or pushed into next week. Busy and tired may be the key words for the next few weeks until the beginning of the New Year.

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In the midst of this season, please take a few minutes to slow down and be in awe about what God has done. The church through the ages has called the four weeks before Christmas day, Advent. During these weeks we prepare ourselves to receive once again the Christ Child. Yes, God left heaven and came to earth as a child who needed help and encouragement to grow in this world. This child grew to become our Savior and our Sacrifice. This child taught from a young age about the Kingdom of God by sharing the rich blessings which God pours down from heaven. This child offers even today to be our friend, our guide, and our protector.

As I consider all this and then see how busy I allow myself to be at times, I think about David's words found in Psalm 131.

*My heart is not proud, Lord,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
Like a weaned child I am content.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord
both now and forevermore.*



So I wonder, in the midst of the busyness, can I allow myself to become calmed and quieted? Can I set aside all the preparation for a few moments and just see the Christ Child coming into the world? Can I experience the peace this event brings? Can I be content with the gift God offers me? The Messiah has come and there will be peace for those who learn to know and to love God through this child! My prayer is that you will take time during this Advent season to come and experience the Christ Child in a deeper way.

DeAnne and I wish you a rich and worshipful Advent and Christmas Season! May the peace of the Christ Child rest upon you and your family!
Because of God's Love,

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH HONORED PASTOR TIM AND HIS WIFE, DEANNE, ON PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017. THERE WAS A LUNCHEON IN THEIR HONOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE.



THE WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF WAS ACKNOWLEDGED DURING THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5. A STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON WAS ENJOYED BY ALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.



Judy Collier
Minister of Music
and Worship



Janet Montgomery
Pianist and
In-House Chief



Bonnie Wright
Youth Director

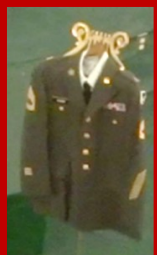


Jan Stone
Secretary/
Treasurer



Janet Quinn
Custodian

Honoring Our Veterans November 12, 2017



Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship



Judy Collier

I truly believe the November 12 Veteran's Tribute touched the hearts of each of our service men and women, as well as our entire congregation. Tears were not uncommon that morning and I hope this will not only be a twice-a-year recognition, but also a constant reminder to express our appreciation to every service man or woman with whom we come in contact. May we remain faithful in prayer for those who have given so much.

I would especially like to thank Jan Stone for the beautiful booklet she made of our congregation's family members who have served or are currently serving to keep our nation free. A special appreciation goes to Jonathan Stoker for his talent and the many hours he put in to create the dramatic slide show in their honor, and for Daniel Burke's audio talents and faithful service he provides.

Sharon Taylor, thank you for your conception of the program and the creative and meaningful ideas you offered; and thank you, Becky Hudson and Linda Hostetter, for honoring our veterans with the altar display of our veterans' memorabilia—objects which symbolized a world of experiences for our men in service. The beautiful patriotic decorations and small ribbons that were handed out to show our total support of our nation and our veterans helped bring us all into a spirit of deep gratitude.

The beautiful music and drama of our Christmas program *Once upon a Holy Night* will be presented Thursday, December 14; Friday, December 15; and Sunday, December 17. Our Higher Ground Youth will present a Live Nativity on the church lawn from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. preceding the Thursday and Friday night performances. It has been decided that we will NOT present the program on December 5.

The WBC Music Ministry is excited to spotlight our new children's choir in December. They will be singing two songs in *Once upon a Holy Night* and will also be singing "The First Noel" and "We Three Kings" during our worship services. What a blessing it is to have Holly Montgomery organize and

direct our children, assisted by Cathy Valley.

Sunday, December 17, offers us an opportunity to share Christmas with those in our congregation who cannot attend services. Our Inreach Team in conjunction with our Worship Team is offering caroling to our shut-ins following the choir's final presentation of *Once upon a Holy Night*. The Inreach Team is providing a meal for all participants in the production so they will be able to join the carolers at 2:00 p.m. at the church. The caroling was a very meaningful highlight to our Christmas season last year, and we were unable to tell who received the greatest blessing: the shut-ins or the carolers.

With all the excitement of the Christmas season which helps make this the most beloved time of the year, we pray the Lord will grant us grace to keep our focus on Him—the One we adore and whose birth we celebrate.

In His joy,
Judy Collier

Our Young-at-Heart group will enjoy a wonderful Christmas meal on Tuesday, December 19. You don't have to bring anything or clean up afterwards—just join us at the Sagebrush Steakhouse, 190 Nye Rd, Wytheville, VA, at 12:00 noon and take pleasure in a wonderful meal and great fellowship.

Treat a friend to this Christmas meal while introducing them to our group. You may even discover one of our WBC members is a manager there.

Carroll Stewart

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26.

There will be no Wednesday night supper or any church functions on Wednesday, December 27.



Thursday
December 14
at 7:00 p.m.

Friday,
December 15
at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday,
December 17
at 10:30 a.m.

Our Higher Ground Youth will present a Live Nativity on the church lawn from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. preceding the Thursday and Friday night performances.



There will be an opportunity to reach out to our shut-ins on Sunday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m. This will be the afternoon after the Sunday morning Christmas Program. A snack

lunch will be provided for the choir, the performers, and anyone involved in the program; this will allow them time to participate in the caroling. If you know of someone in the church who is truly shut-in and would like a visit, please let Gena Anders know so they can be added to the list. Please bring 10 small gifts to share with them. Suggestions would be 10 small lotions, 10 notepads, 10 pens, 10 small devotion books, 10 book marks, or you be creative (lots of ideas at Dollar Tree). This was a very special experience last year for all of us as well as the shut-ins. Be a part of bringing the love of Jesus to those who cannot get out and worship with us.

BLESSINGS FOR JANET

At our Family Christmas Dinner on Wednesday night, December 20, there will be a basket placed in the fellowship hall to place cards of encouragement and monetary gifts for our wonderful Janet Montgomery. Janet tirelessly works to provide a meal every Wednesday night for our church family. She creates a menu, buys the food, transports the food to the church, stocks the refrigerator and shelves, cooks the food, then welcomes us and serves us with a smile and a hug. She doesn't do this for the pay, but because she loves the Lord and her church family. Therefore, we would like to give back to her in a wonderful way during this very special time of the year. Please help us bless this very special lady with cards of love and monetary gifts on Wednesday, December 20.

**Christmas Eve Candle Light Service**

We will gather on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will give honor to our Savior with songs of the season, remember His birth with the reading of scripture and a devotional, share in Communion, and light our candles. Please make plans to be with us and celebrate the real joy of Christmas.

To the Wytheville Baptist Church Family:

Our church staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News

The December meeting will be a “Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner” on Monday the 4th at 6:30 p.m. The circle will provide the meat (ham and chicken), and members signed up for additional dishes. The ladies decided to do the popular “Ornament Exchange,” following the dinner. Mission Action Projects for December are Agape and Sweet Potatoes (for Bland Ministry).

The January meeting will be moved to a Tuesday, January 2, since the 1st is on New Years Day. The hostess in January will be DeAnne Irving and Cathy Valley will present the program. Mission Action Projects for January are Agape and Wythe Rescue and Mercy House.

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

Janet Montgomery



2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
DECEMBER 3–10, 2017

NATIONAL GOAL: \$160 MILLION WBC GOAL: \$1,000

Youth News

You gave from the heart and the community came out for Trunk-or-Treat. You were a blessing to thousands!



Children's Clothes Closet

Winter is here. There are warm clothes available in our WBC Children's Clothes Closet and these 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 downstairs 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 our Christmas Season, the Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, December 21, 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.



JANUARY 2018 BEACON ARTICLES



Due to the busy Christmas season, all January 2018 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned in to the church office no later than Monday, December 18. 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:

- ◆ One family with their rent
- ◆ Two families with their electric bill

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, December 3, 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 month of 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."

Ministry of Feeding Others



Thank you!

A special thank you to our entire church family for doing such an outstanding job with the activities for Trunk-or-Treat. I can't even begin to express my gratitude for the hard work our church puts forth to make this wonderful event happen for the children of our community. What began very small and humbly, has grown into the fall event of the year!

Love you! Thank you!

The youth and young adults will once again be participating in the Angel Tree Project. If you are interested in purchasing

a sweet gift for a little angel this Christmas from the Angel Tree located at Wal-Mart, please drop your donation/gift in the offering plate earmarked "Angel Tree"; the youth and young adults will take care of the rest! This time of loving on Christmas Angels has been a huge success in past years. The youth and young adults love shopping for the little angels and they always surprise me with how much time they take reading the requests of the angels, budgeting well to make special gifts happen, and the



thought and love that goes into each gift purchased. We always begin this evening with joining hands and standing in a circle around the tree, and praying for all the little angels on the tree and their families. The youth and young adults always exhibit reverence and grace throughout this entire evening. Deadline to have donations in for the Angel Tree is December 13. Our shopping trip will be Sunday, December 17, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Additionally, we are offering to deliver Christmas cards for our church family members. If you normally send Christmas cards to other members of our church family, who attend church regularly, please don't mail them or hand deliver them yourselves! Please allow the youth and young adults to deliver them for you. This will be a great way for you to interact with the youth and young adults as they deliver the Christmas cards. If you would like to give the youth and young adults ten cents per card for delivery, they will put this money earned towards their Angel Tree gifts.

Bonnie Wright

Youth Director





The Flower Team has ordered our Christmas Poinsettias from Coulter's Florist. This year we ordered red poinsettias with two plants per eight inch pot, wrapped in gold foil, and adorned with a red bow. The price will be \$18.95 per pot. If you would like one or more pots of poinsettias "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" someone special, please fill in the form below, earmark your check "poinsettia" and attach it to the completed

form. Place your check and completed form in the offering plate or bring them to the church office no later than noon Wednesday, December 6. We will have a booklet of remembered loved ones on December 17.

Please Print Legibly

Your Name _____

Number of pots: _____

Amount Paid _____

"In Honor Of" _____

"In Memory Of" _____

All orders need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, December 6.
Please print legibly.



The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

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Lay It On Me by Perry Stone is a study of the Book of Ruth that contains the keys to help you move out of the corner and into God's Ultimate Plan for your Life! A young widow named Ruth traveled with her mother-in-law, Naomi, to work in the fields of Boaz. Ruth and Boaz later married and their descendant included King David and the future Jewish Messiah! The book of Ruth is not just a love story, but also shows how her story unlocks doors that will lead you out of the "gleaning corner" into the full measure of God's blessing.

The book of Ruth reveals that God has a one hundred-fold level of blessing available for all who follow the principles displayed by the young woman from Moab.

Under the Mistletoe has two heartwarming stories of Christmas past and present by Irene Brand and Anita Higman. An Appalachian Christmas is a promise to her dying sister that Julia Mayfield made to take her young nephew to Mistletoe, KY, a tiny hamlet tucked away in the Appalachian Mountains. Sparks fly when she meets David Armstrong, a World War II veteran like herself. Shadows from the past weave a dangerous web around Julia and David.

Once upon a Christmas Eve: Holly Goodnight's Store has just been voted best Christmas shop in America. All the publicity draws flamboyant novelist Van Keaton to the cozy town of Noel, Missouri, demanding to write Holly's story—a dramatic tale of misfortune and triumph. She is swept up in his world of beautiful words—until Owen Quigly, her life-long best friend, launches a plan to win her back.

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Missy Throckmorton, Mary Hall, Norma Jean Wolford, Judy Collier, Mary Graham, Pamela Clark; Frank and Carroll Stewart, Sylvia McGhee, Lynn Arnold, Dan Moore, Harlan and Mae Clemons, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

EXTENDED CARE: Della Dunford, Ann Collins, Velma Roberts, Linda Osborne

FAMILY: Guy and Linda Sutphin's grandson, Eric Dowden; Russ Throckmorton's wife, Mary; Carla Estep's niece, Lindsey Parsley, Almetta Cruff's mother, Janet Parks and aunt, JoAnne Gray; the wife of Judy Collier's cousin, Dianne, and her aunt, Mildred Ormond; Janet Quinn's son, Casey; Sharon Taylor's brother-in-law, Dave Kroug; Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Canada; John Willis' mother, Ruth Willis; Pastor Danny Collins' sister, Betty June Addington; Debbie Grubb's sister, Tammy Johnston; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez

FRIENDS: Gavin Brewer (3 yrs. old), Tonya Blankenship, Lillian Tibbs, Frances Rochelle, Chris Wingard, Robin Poole, Don Jenson, Vickie Sprouse, Cindy Edmonds, Debbie Shoemaker, Ayden Morris (12 yrs. old), Wanda Pruett's grandson, Jedi (2 yrs. old), Louise Compton, Ron Blevins, Randolph Havens, Dr. Al Amyer, Dick Willard, William Galyean, 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:

Norma Jean Wolford and her family upon the passing of her sister-in-law, Carolyn Longanacre of Chickasha, Oklahoma;

Nancy Herndon and her family upon the passing of her nephew, Joey Stinson

Joe and Deena McAfee and their family upon the passing of Joe's older sister, Charla of Colorado

Jamie and Diane Saunders and their family upon the passing of Jamie's father, Bill Saunders.



December 6: Cream of Potato Soup, Pimento Cheese or Ham Salad Sandwiches, Crackers, Pickles, Chips, Veggie Tray and Dip, Cookies and Ice Cream

December 13: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Cottage Cheese and Fruit, Poke Cake

December 20: Family Christmas Dinner Ham, Rolls, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Sweetheart Salad, Christmas Desserts

December 27: No Wednesday Night Supper



Merry Christmas



Thursday, December 7: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
 Wednesday, December 13: Staff—7:40 p.m.
 Wednesday, December 20: Wythe County Ministerial Association—9:00 a.m.

Meetings

December Birthdays

- 4: DeAnne Irving
Holly Montgomery
- 10: Madeline Catron
- 13: Rick Walker
- 15: Mae Clemons

- 17: Rachel Crowgey
- 18: Luis Lopez
Robin Moore
- 20: O. J. Campbell
- 22: Carleen Bedwell
- 23: Danny Taylor
Bonnie Wright
- 24: Brittany Lester

- 26: Betty Matheny
Joe Kincer
- 28: Chris Lambert



NURSERY 10:30 AM

- December 3: Nursery Worker
- December 10: Nursery Worker
- December 17: Nursery Worker
- December 24: Nursery Worker
- December 31: Nursery Worker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- December 3: Danny Sowers
- December 10: Jenny Stoker
- December 17: Tommy Anders
- December 24: Tommy Hilton
- December 31: Janet Montgomery

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

- December 3: Children's Ministry Team
- December 10: Children's Ministry Team
- December 17: Children's Ministry Team
- December 24: Children's Ministry Team
- December 31: Children's Ministry Team

USHERS

- Team IV: Tommy Hilton, John Willis
Betty Robinett, Roger Hudson

TELLERS

- Lynn Arnold and Tommy Hilton

GREETERS

- Designated Ushers for the month of December

December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00am Fellowship Hall reserved by Betty Matheny 6:00pm Wytheville Christmas Parade
3 <i>Communion observed</i> <i>Baptism</i> <i>Benevolence Offering Received</i> 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Adult Choir practice 10:30am Worship Service	4 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 6:30pm Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle "Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner"  Christmas Dinner	5 <i>Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer</i>	6 Deadline for all Poinsettia Orders 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	7 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church 6:30pm Choir Practice	8	9 10:00am WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry 6:00pm WBC going to the Wohlfahrt Dinner Theater for the Christmas Show
10 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Adult Choir practice 10:30am Worship Service	11 11:30am Community Food Kitchen	12 12:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Retired Teachers' meeting 6:30 to 9:30pm Dress Rehearsal for "Once upon a Holy Night"	13 Angel Tree donations Deadline 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study 7:40pm Staff meeting	14 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 6:00pm Live Nativity Scene 7:00pm Presentation of "Once upon a Holy Night" 	15 6:00pm Live Nativity Scene 7:00pm Presentation of "Once upon a Holy Night"	16
17 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Adult Choir practice 10:30am Worship Presentation of "Once upon a Holy Night" 11:30am Lunch for Drama, Choir, Lighting, and Media 2:00pm Going Caroling to the Shut-ins 5:00pm Youth Shop for the Angel Tree 	18  11:30am Community Food Kitchen	19 12:00 noon Young-at-Heart go to Sagebrush Steakhouse.  Christmas Dinner	20 9:00am Wythe County Ministerial Association meeting 6:00pm Family Christmas Dinner 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	21 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 12:00pm WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry 2:30pm Children's Clothes Closet	22	23 
24 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Adult Choir practice 10:30am Worship Service 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion 	25 Church Office Closed 	26 Church Office Closed	27 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER OR ANY CHURCH FUNCTIONS	28 11:30am Community Food Kitchen	29	30 
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