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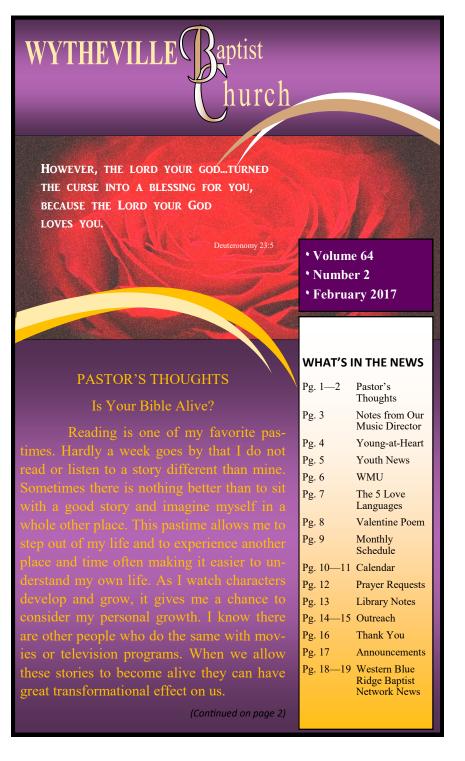
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How about when you sit and read your Bible? Is it alive for you? Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) says:

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul

and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

God did not design the Bible to be a book with words flat on the page. It is not a text book just to be mastered, outlined, and used to develop hard legalistic rules. The Bible is a book that God breathes through and into us for our spiritual growth and transformation. The words of this book are supposed to sink deep within you, quicken your heart, and transform you into the image of Jesus Christ. The Bible is a book of great depth. You can return to the same passage time and time again finding new insights and truth.

The Bible shows me who God created me to be. It opens understanding like no other story. It demonstrates wisdom for every day events. It promises to guide us to success and prosperity. The Bible will make evident our attitude and how to take steps to change it. The Bible is alive if you will allow the Holy Spirit to use it in your life.

Are you willing to experience the Bible in this alive and active way? You can begin now with a short passage from any of the Gospels.

Pray first asking God to breathe into the words you are going read. Then read them slowly expecting the very breath of God to enter your life.

May your next time of opening the Bible be one where the very breathe of God jumps off the page and transforms your life!

Because of God's Love,

Pastor Tim



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- The Leadership Team is organizing a dinner for **YOUTH LEADERS** at Shoney's in Dublin on Tuesday, February 21, at 6:00 pm. They are hoping that the gathering will encourage those working with our youth to get to know one another and discuss ways they can support each others ministries. As before, the Network will cover the meals cost.
- Several of our churches are interested in Deacon training. The Leadership
 Team talked by phone with Tom Stocks at the January meeting and he has
 sent a training DVD to review at the team's February 2 meeting. PLEASE
 try to have one of your church's representatives at this important meeting.
- Every Network church has an equal say in what we do as a Network, so it is very important to have your representative at Leadership Team meetings when ever possible. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist (across from Hardee's).

Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly Inc.

- Holly Aker is working with Network churches to give the camp building a
 thorough cleaning once a month this summer. A few teams are still needed so please let Holly know by email hollyaker2011@yahoo.com or 276920-0810 when your church can help.
- Please e-mail me at dclonch@verizon.net or phone 540-674-0759 if you are willing to help with a few repairs and a small renovation project in March. We only need two or three more volunteers.
- Thanks for your support. Please remember to pray for the churches in our Network as we all strive to tell lost souls of His saving grace.

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

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- Jennifer Mullins has left the Radford BCM. The team monitoring the BGAV's funding of our BCMs has learned that she is being replaced on an interim basis by Jaye and Mark Aker. The BGAV hopes to have a permanent leader in place no later than June of 2017. While the interim's salary will be fully funded by the BGAV the new leader will be expected to raise over \$12,000 per year of their own support.
- Therefore Radford's BCM is going to need our Network's help by no later than June of 2017. A new person coming into the Leadership position at Radford will not have a local support system so the Finance Team feels they may need \$300 to \$600 per month from us to get started.
- As reported last month Darrell Cook, Leader of Virginia Tech's Baptist
 Collegiate Ministries will have until January 2018 to raise approximately
 20% of his annual support. Darrell has received pledges for about 1/12 of
 the total he needs next year.
- We can be very thankful God has graciously positioned our Network of churches to be financially able to help keep these critical ministries at our local colleges.
- 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

• The Vacation Bible School Leadership dinner was only attended by representatives from two of our churches. Among other things they discussed were literature that is no longer available and where to find replacement materials, schedules, volunteers, etc. and their passion for VBS. It was decided that a better method of communication needs to be implemented because several leaders were unaware of the meeting. We will begin working on a better communication method.

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Notes from our Simple Music Director

My heart is still so full with the beautiful Christmas we experienced together. Truly everything was blessed by the Lord and His Presence. Many of you saw the huge double rainbow that I saw as I drove to church for the cantata that kept trying to become a quadruple rainbow. As soon as I saw it, the Lord gave me a "rainbow promise" bringing to mind two scriptural phrases from the cantata: "... And this shall be a sign to you..." "God be with us." And He was with us and that truly is what each of us needs the most.

I never, ever want to miss the caroling to shut-ins! What a blessing it was to everyone involved. Thank you, Gena Anders, for all you did to make it possible. The Live Nativity made an awesome impact on our community, and—with special thanks to soloists JoBeth and Joel Hilton and Rick Walker, and the beautiful piano music of Maria Hildebrand—our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were a moving climax to that joyful and meaningful week.

The Easter season may be just as eventful! Sunday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m., we held our first gathering to sing the old timeless hymns of the

church. Then Pastor's exciting 7:00 p.m. Sunday night series on *The 5* Love Languages begins February 12, followed by two Sunday night concerts by Sharon Taylor and Rick Walker. Palm Sunday (April 9) and Good Friday (April 14), the choir will present a multimedia presentation A Lamb, by Choice which the Lord guided me to put together in 1991 and has been performed several times in Spring, TX, and Belize. The script, mostly scripture, depicts the amazing symbolism of the "Lamb" throughout the Old and New Testaments. In each instance during the presentation, miracles happened and lives were changed. The miracles have now started: Roger and Betty Hudson have already organized the costume room, and the Lord brought Sharon (a choir director who has done dinner theater) and Bob Taylor (a sound technician at his previous church) to WBC. Sharon is now our drama director and Bob and Daniel Burke are getting together on the sound. We need MANY participants. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway just past the office. Additionally, Pastor Tim will be presenting a Sedar

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on Maundy Thursday. Please pray for all involved. How I do look forward to sharing Easter with you!

Dr. W.A. Criswell of First Baptist Church in Dallas spoke of David's beautiful words in II Samuel 4, "...neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." He then told of a particular church: "...such a small little band. But every time I walked into the little church, and every time I stood in their presence, I felt like bowing my head..." Thank you Pastor Tim and church for being just that. Thank you for paying the price. I've always wanted to be part of a church like that...

Judy Collier



Those of you who didn't make it to our January meeting missed a lot of laughs. Although it was a small group we had a very good time. Pastor Tim read a story about a conversation between God and St. Francis concerning the way we abuse our yards by destroying all those beautiful yellow

flowers He gives us each spring and added information on conservation of nature. If we did follow His directions, we could put away our lawnmowers, rakes, fertilizer and sit back to enjoy our summers.

We are making plans to meet at Smokey's BBQ, 1090 E. Main Street, for our next meeting Tuesday, February 21, at 12 noon. Please make plans to join us on that day. We will not meet in March due to our previously scheduled Soup and the Word.

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Congratulations

A beautiful white rose bud was placed in the sanctuary on

Sunday, January 22, 2017

"In Honor Of"

Oakley Reed Throckmorton

born Wednesday, January 18, 2017,

weighing 7lbs. 9 1/2 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long.

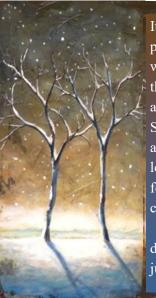
The proud parents are

Cole and Whitney Throckmorton,

and big brother, Briggs;

Grandparents, Dennis and Missy Throckmorton;

Great Grandparents, O.J. and JoAnn Campbell



It may be cold out side, but we have a special place here at WBC where you can find warmth, love, and friendship while studying the scriptures. This wonderful place is known as our Sunday School Classrooms. Sunday School begins every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. and we have a class for every age group led by some of the best teachers. We have folks waiting to help you find that perfect class; so come on out and join us.

We also have Fellowship time every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. where you can enjoy coffee, juice, and a treat before you go to your class.

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Dear Congregation,

Thank You!

I want to thank all those who contributed to my Mission to Honduras. I will depart on February 4, 2017, and be involved in preaching and teaching in some of the poorest areas of Honduras. We will also do water purification systems in two separate villages and distribute water purification bottles to mountain people who live in the most remote areas. Dear friends—you are very much a part of this mission through your prayers and support.

I remain very thankful for all the blessings you shared with Pat and me during our tenure with Wytheville Baptist Church. You will always be loved by us for your warm Christian Spirit.

Sincerely
Danny and Pat Collins
Former Interim

Dear Church Family,

I enjoyed so much reading all of the wonderful "Thank You" notes that were in our monthly report for January. I would like to very much join in the group who told our church how wonderful our family members are and how they blessed each of us with the lovely baskets from the deacons and the thoughtful and wonderful way each one came and blessed us with the beautiful singing and sharing of their Christmas Love. Thanks especially to Linda and Guy for bringing the lovely basket of fruit and also for singing with the group, they have been so special to me in many different ways since I have been sick.

Love to all, Nancy Herndon

To My Church Family,

I want to thank the Good News/New Hope Sunday School Class for the beautiful flowers. I enjoyed them a lot and I want to thank everyone for the nice "Get Well" cards. I'm truly blessed to have such a caring church family. I thank everyone for their thoughtfulness. It means so much to me. Thank you all for the pretty fruit basket. I also appreciate all your prayers. Hope to be back for church soon.

Love to you all, Lola Rogers

My dear Church Family:

I can't begin to tell you what your love has meant to me during this sad time. The Cards, calls, flowers, and most of all your prayers have been felt and appreciated. I am so blessed to have such an amazing church family.

In His Love, Lynn Arnold

Youth News

Sometimes we hold an event for the town, pass out free hot chocolate during a parade, present a beautiful cantata, or stage a live Nativity scene without hearing feedback from others. We never coordinate or work on events to receive praise from the community; we do it to bring glory to God. But there are times when we do hear comments from others that make our spirits soar as we realize God was truly in our efforts and we have the full assurance that it was all worth the hard work and extra time that everyone put into it. Here is one of those comments:

Rev. Brad Simpson of Wytheville Presbyterian Church saw Bonnie Wright at a restaurant a few weeks ago and said to her, "Bonnie—your youth stole the Church Street show with that live nativity. On that particular Wednesday night, my people kept running out to see it. We all really enjoyed it. Thank you all for doing that. It was a real blessing for us all."

Praise the Lord for giving us the knowledge, unity, energy, and passion for ministry as we share the love of Jesus with our community.





Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, at the home of hostess Betty Robinette. The Mission Action Project for February will be Agape and College Cards. Lynn Arnold will provide the program.

Thanks to all our members. Ladies we extend an invitation to those who are not members,

"Come Join us."

Janet Montgomery



Total Goal: \$70 million WBC Goal: \$1,000

But when they believed Philip, as he preached the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized—Acts 8:12

The early church worked together to effectively build the kingdom of God. Today, Southern Baptists follow that lead. The keys to the success of the early church in Acts remain the same today. In Acts 8, we find

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It's cold outside 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. The Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, February 23, 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.



MARCH 2017 BEACON ARTICLES

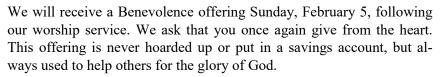
All March 2017 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, February 15. Thank you for your help.

DON'T FORGET OUR **BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

The purpose of the Benevolence offering—to help others in need.

Last month you helped:

- ♦ Five people with a room for the night
- ♦ Two families with their rent
- ◆Three families with their electric bill



Thank you for giving from the heart.



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Helping Hands

Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for the months of February and March 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 ever,
Monday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00
p.m. for those who are in need of a meal.

The food those less fortu-

nate, please consider sending a check to Hope Ministries, P.O. Box 987, Wytheville, VA 24382, and earmark your check "Community Food Kitchen."



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Philip preaching Jesus to the lost people of Samaria—a place full of evil. And the holy Spirit broke through the darkness. People were delivered from unclean spirits. Illness and disease bowed down to Christ. Even notorious Simon—the feared sorcerer who practiced witchcraft turned to Jesus and was baptized. The Spirit of God swept through Samaria, and Scripture says there was "great joy in that city." It was a victory for Christ and His Kingdom.

Since Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, the same power that raised Him from the grave lives inside His people. It is in Jesus' name, and with His power, that we send our Southern Baptist missionaries to the unreached Samarias of North America to preach, to baptize, and to make disciples together for His kingdom.



This study will help your relationships with:

Spouses Friends Children Neighbors Grandchildren Siblings Co-workers Parents Clients Students

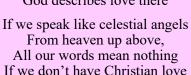
FOR ALL RELATIONSHIPS

Join us on Sunday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Williams Fellowship Hall as Pastor Tim leads us through this wonderful, informative Bible based study to help us relate to others. Study guides will be provided each Sunday. If you would like a book of *The 5* Love Languages, Pastor Tim has some available.

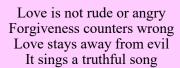


BIBLE VALENTINE

Valentine's Day is a day of love For showing that we care And if we read the Bible God describes love there



Love is patient, love is kind It doesn't brag or boast Love conquers pride and envy It is never self-engrossed



Love is full of trust and hope It always perseveres Love never fails; It's faithful To the Bible its Sincere

And if you give this kind of love To your special Valentine You'll be loving right in harmony With God's own sweet design

Author: Kristen M. Saccardi, 1980



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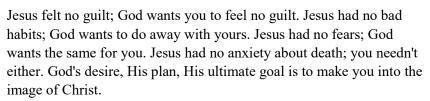


The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

February 2017

Just Like Jesus: Learning To Have A Heart Like His by Max Lucado. God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you

there. He wants you to be just like Jesus. Isn't that good news? You aren't stuck with today's personality. You aren't condemned to grumpy-dom. You are changeable. Even if you've worried each day of your life, you needn't worry the rest of your life. So what if you were born with a sour outlook; you don't have to die with one. God will change you. He will change you to be like Jesus. Can you think of a better offer?



Terri Blackstock's *Night Light* is a story like none other. An era unlike any in modern civilization is descending without lights, electronics,



running water, or automobiles. As a global blackout lengthens into months, the neighbors of Oak Hollow grapple with a chilling realization: the power may never return. One family struggles to do what's right when so much is going on. In the face of a crisis that sweeps an entire high-tech planet back to the age before electricity, the Branning's

face a choice. Will they hoard their possessions to survive—or trust God to provide as they offer their resources to others? Survival has become a lifestyle.

Carroll Stewart

JUST

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WCCH: Delores Dove Room 340, Jane Crowgey Room 339

HOME: Harlan and Mae Clemons, Almetta Cruff, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Sylvia McGhee, Norma Jean Wolford, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

EXTENDED CARE: Velma Roberts, Linda Osborne,

Mary Evelyn Whitt, Margaret Moore

FAMILY: The wife of Judy Collier's cousin, Dianne; Jean Moore's daughter, Robin; Bea Shearwood's nephew, Alex Puckett; Frank and Charlotte Newland's daughter, Cathy Biglin, and son, Frank; Delores Dove's daughter, Deloris Romaro; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez

FRIENDS: Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Randy Lamb upon his passing, Sis Cassell, Marti Byrum, Shirley Cormier, Curt Campbell, John and Linda Phillips' daughter, Megan Govin; Monica Grubb, 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:

Jamie and Diane Saunders and their family upon the passing of Jamie's mother.



February 1: Pancake Supper, Bacon, Sausage, Toppings, Ice Cream Sundaes

February 8: Baked Potato Soup, Ham Salad and Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Pickles, Crackers, Chips, Jell-O Salad, Pound Cake

February 15: Chicken Casserole, Rolls, Green Beans, Fruit and Cottage Cheese, Blondies and Ice Cream

February 22: Bar-B-Que with Buns, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Banana Pudding

Wednesday, February 1: Thursday, February 2:

Wythe Ministerial Association—8:00 a.m. Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leader ship Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Wednesday, February 8: Tuesday, February 21:

Staff meeting—7:30 p.m.
Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network **Youth Leaders** meeting at Shoney's in Dublin



February Birthdays

- 1: Velma Roberts
- 4: Chad Carter
- 5: Vanessa Lopez Linda Sutphin
- 8: Randy Johnson John Willis
- 9: Michelle Garst Timmy Waller

- 13: Cole Throckmorton
- 18: Ivey Burke
- 19: Denise Burton
- 20: Ty King Robert Herndon
- 24: Margaret Moore David Martin
- 25: Bill Valley
- 27: Sharon Sowers Holly Wolford Vivian Blankenship
- 29: Terry Moore



NURSERY 10:30 AM

February 5: Nursery Worker February 12: Nursery Worker February 19: Nursery Worker February 26: Nursery Worker

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

February 5: Children's Ministry Team February 12: Children's Ministry Team February 19: Children's Ministry Team February 26: Children's Ministry Team USHERS

February 5:

Team II: Tommy Hilton, Guy Sutphin Glenna Turner

Chris Bracknell

TELLERS

Mary Hall and Delores Dove

DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 26: John Claypool

February 12: Janet Montgomery February 19: Tommy Hilton

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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