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## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

### A GOAL TO REACH FOR ...

Living a successful life is a very difficult task. Many people seek to do this without any end result in mind. What they are striving for might change from moment to moment. They are always aiming at a moving target. From my few attempts at archery, hitting a target standing still was difficult enough let alone a moving target. This seems like an awful strange way to live your life.

There is a different way to approach life, especially as Christians. We can center our lives on scripture and God's call for us. When we do this we have a goal to reach for to be successful. With a goal in mind, we can now aim at a target. One place in scripture which



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is very helpful for the living of our lives and the lives of the community of faith is Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

last verse: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Then in verses 6-11 Paul talks about the mindset of Christ Jesus. I would encourage you to read these words also. What I have been thinking about is can our church use Philippians 2:5 as a goal for this coming year? It will require us to pause as we see, speak, and help folks. We will need to ask often the question, "How would Christ Jesus think about this person?"

**THERE IS A DIFFERENT WAY TO APPROACH LIFE,  
ESPECIALLY AS CHRISTIANS.**

There are a number of items to make a goal for our spiritual lives in this short passage. One is doing things for the right reasons with a focus on others' benefits not your own. The second thing is to value others as more important than yourself. The third is looking out for the interest of others before your own interest. All three of these things are so different than the way the world currently lives. If we live this way though, it will change the world and make it a better place to live.

They are summed up in the

I am convinced if we approached all people with the mindset of Christ Jesus, we would see God's Kingdom grow in a powerful way right here in Wytheville. I hope you will join me in living Philippians 2:5 in a visible way.

Because of  
God's Love,  
Pastor Tim



Jennifer Mullins will leave the Radford BCM at the end of this semester. The team has learned that Jennifer will be replaced with an interim. The BGAV hopes to have a permanent leader hired 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 an estimated \$10,000 of their own support.

Darrell Cook, Leader of Virginia Tech's Baptist Collegiate Ministries will have until January 2018 to raise approximately 20% of his annual support. Therefore, Radford is going to require our Network's help no later than next June. At the Leadership meeting we discussed the expected need. It was felt that we may need to double what we now contribute. Our BCM Advisory Team is working with the Finance Team and will be making recommendation as things progress.

There will be a 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School dinner at Shoney's in Dublin on Tuesday, January 17. The goal of this meeting is to allow our VBS leaders to discuss among themselves their individual church plans for 2017 and how they might share resources. The Network will pay for the dinners.

As reported in October one of our churches expressed an interest in deacon training. Your Leadership Team representative will be discussing this with you to determine your interest.

Every Network church has an equal say in what the Network does, so it is very important to have your representative at Leadership Team meetings. The next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist on January 5, 2017.

#### **Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly Inc.**

Holly Aker is working with Network churches to give the camp building a through cleaning once a month next summer. We will need a total of eight volunteer teams to cover the entire summer. A few teams are still needed so please let Holly know when your team can help.

Please e-mail me at [dclonch@verizon.net](mailto:dclonch@verizon.net) or phone 540 674 0759 if you would be willing to be on a list of people willing to help when the Camp has a problem that needs fixing.

Thanks for your support.

Please remember to pray for the churches in our Network.

In His service,

David Clonch, Moderator/Director, Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

<http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



## Christmas Morning Worship Service



## Notes from our Music Director



Dear Church Family,

As I write this, we are in the midst of the final rehearsals for *Night of the Father's Love*, costuming the nativity cast and rehearsing their roles. Within days of my mentioning the need for a manger and a rustic chair for Mary, I noticed that Chris Bracknell and Guy Sutphin had already made them and put them in place; in the meantime, Rhonda Bracknell is making the smaller props. While narrators and soloists Eric and Lisa Crowgey and JoBeth Hilton are practicing their parts, the choir (with Paula Moore and Rick Tucker back!) is working with extra rehearsals. Janet Montgomery helped compensate us with a wonderful lunch at her house! Daniel Burke has worked to adjust the sound balance between the choir, CD, piano, and placing a microphone in the newly-tuned piano. We can now better enjoy Maria Hildebrand's beautiful piano music.

Our youth were a special blessing to us in December. At this point, they've been fitted for their Live Nativity costumes and are working on the final details. I'm really proud of their being so willing to stand out in the cold to proclaim the Lord's birth. Didn't our Higher Ground Youth add a beautiful spirit of worship in two of our December services! JoBeth Hilton and Vanessa Lopez, I want to especially thank you for helping the choir so much by singing in the cantata. You are all fantastic!

Also at this time, the Inreach and Worship Teams are partnering under Gena Anders' leadership to organize caroling for our shut-ins, to bring joy to our beloved church members who are unable to join us for services. How hard it must be, especially at Christmas, to be physically separated from the church body. Thank you, Gena, for your compassion in helping take our church's love to them.

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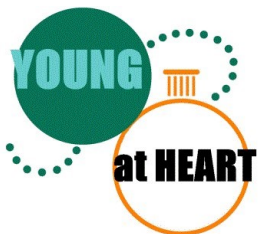
Then there are the beautiful Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services with Pastor Tim's special message as a shepherd and special music from Rick Walker, and Joel and JoBeth Hilton.

Pastor's wonderful bass voice was such a blessing to the choir, not to mention the encouragement he gave us all. And to the choir, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart, for not only the work you put into the cantata, but for your spirit and your love for the Lord that shines through the music. I am privileged to have the joy to share this very special time of the year with you.

Now, as we look toward a new year of service to our Lord and our new resolutions to follow him more closely, may we ever keep in mind the indescribable gift He gave us in His birth – how He gave up His glorious home to incarnate into a sinful and suffering world that would crucify Him for the Light and Truth He brought. And He did it out of love for us. What will we do out of love for Him?

With gratitude to all,

*Judy*



Our January 2017 Young-at-Heart meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>, *weather permitting*. Remember we will follow school closings during the snow days.

Our program will consist of each of you getting the opportunity to share something with us. That can be some of your real life experiences, reading a short story or poem, telling a joke, singing a song, playing an instrument, or sharing some of those funny posts on E-mail or Facebook. We won't make you do anything but it sure would be good for you to give it a try. Looking forward to what you have to share....

*Carroll Stewart*

Dear Deacons and Choir,

I will never be able to fully express the joy you gave me when you came to my home, sang carols, gave me gifts, and a fruit basket. That made my Christmas so much brighter. I love you all very much and you are in my thoughts always.

Love in Christ,  
Posey Heath

Dear Deacons and WBC Family,

Thank you for all the love, encouragement, and support you have given me over the past year. The Deacons were so kind in remembering me and my family at Christmas with a beautiful fruit basket. We have truly enjoyed this gift.

You all never fail to amaze me at your full hearts of love and your out-stretched hands of caring, giving, and kindness.

With a thankful heart,  
Jan Stone

Dear Deacons,

Many thanks for the lovely fruit basket. It will certainly be enjoyed—especially at this time of year. The basket was delivered by Janet Montgomery and her visit was most delightful.

Thanks, again, for your kindness and to each of you—a most blessed season.

Sincerely,  
Mary Graham

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the caroling group and the goodie bag, and to the Deacons for the big fruit basket—all were enjoyable and appreciated. Thanks again.

God Bless,  
Adren Eldridge

Dear WBC Carolers and Deacons

Thank you for singing to me, bringing me gifts, and having a prayer with me. Thanks to the Deacons for the nice fruit basket. I enjoyed it all.

Marjorie Wassum

Dear Church Family:

I would like to thank my church family and our deacons for the lovely fruit basket. I have truly enjoyed each treat. Also a great thank you for a lovely visit with Tommy Hilton. His visit was a true blessing. God bless you all for caring hearts.

In Christ, Delores Dove

## Thank You!

Dear Church Family:

Once again you have overdone the "Thanks." I am continually amazed at the outpouring of love you all give to me each Christmas. You would think I could figure it out by now. I love being your chef and preparing the food for Wednesday Night Supper. Please know that I appreciate the gifts, but even more your love, caring, and support.

Love to you all,  
Janet Montgomery

Dear Church Family,

Bill and I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, for your continued prayers, cards, visits, and loving concern. I don't know how we would get through these difficult days without the grace of the Lord and the love of church family. We are especially thankful to the carolers who visited and sang, imputing joy into our sad hearts. May our Lord richly bless each of you with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Joy, Peace, Hope, and Love in Christ,  
Bill and Cathy

Dear Deacons,

Thank you so much for the lovely and delicious fruit basket. I feel so blessed to have a loving church family as you are to me; I also appreciate Tommy Hilton for delivering the basket to me.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Zanah McCoury

Dear Deacons,

Thank you so very much for the lovely fruit basket.

I feel so fortunate to have a generous and loving church. I also want to thank the members who came to my house and sang carols. They left presents along with all kinds of goodies.

I love all of you.

Sincerely  
Beatrice Shearwood

Dear Deacons and Carolers:

Thank you for your visit, caroling, and little gifts. Thank you to the Deacons for the beautiful fruit basket. I have enjoyed it very much. Thank you to Tommy Hilton for delivering my fruit basket, we had a wonderful visit.

Love to you all,  
Doris Terry

## Youth News

The youth will be starting the new year with a new four part study based on the movie *The Grace Card*. "The Grace Card" is a DVD study founded on life-changing, biblical principles of forgiveness and love. We encourage all teens to join us as we engage in this four week study using exclusive movie clips from *The Grace Card*, relevant Bible verses, and questions for group discussion in these four thought-provoking Bible lessons. Every day, we have the opportunity to build relationships, heal deep wounds, and radically transform our lives by giving and receiving God's grace.

The youth would like to thank all those who participated and supported them for the outdoor live nativity. What a wonderful blessing we bestowed upon our community for God's glory as we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in a very heartfelt and humble way.



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## Children's Clothes Closet



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, January 26, 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](http://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.



## FEBRUARY 2017 BEACON ARTICLES



All February 2017 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Tuesday, January 17. 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 people with a room for the night
- ♦ Two ladies with medical bills
- ♦ Two families with their electric bill



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, January 1, 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.*

**YOU CAN HELP**



### **AGAPE FOOD PANTRY**

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

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



### **Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News**

Our next Circle Meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cathy Valley will be our hostess and Linda Lively will provide the program. The Mission Action Project will be "Agape."

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

*Janet Montgomery*

### **A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**



The RE:Member Church Directory Company will have photographers at Wytheville Baptist on Tuesday, January 24, and Wednesday, January 25, from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. Our Directory Committee is asking that you sign up for your appointments on the following Sundays:

January 1  
January 8  
January 15

Becky Hudson will be at the back of the sanctuary to help you sign up from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. and other members of the committee will be there following the worship service. Please allow one hour for your photography appointment.

Each family will receive a free 8x10 photograph as well as a church directory for participating. If you choose, additional portraits will be available for purchase.



WBC Christmas Cantata, December 18, 2016

## *Night of the Father's Love*



## The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

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*The Mystery of God's Will: What Does He Want For Me?* by Charles Swindoll. This is a book about the life long journey of getting to know God and His will for you, not about easy answers.

Many people have the idea that, if they could just somehow find that single planned direction, they would be effortlessly swept through life. But life is not like that. Probably the most misunderstood single factor of discovering God's will is the thought that:

If I do this, the struggle will end, the questions are over, the answers come, and I live happily ever after.

But that's a fairy tale. That's not reality.

Does this mean that God's will must remain opaque to us—that we must muddle and grope blindly through life with no clue to what He wants for us?

*Success God's Way* was written by Charles Stanley. While the world tends to define success in terms of fame and fortune, Dr. Stanley believes that God sums up success in terms of relationship, character, and obedience.

In this timely and provocative book, Stanley addresses crucial issues. Genuine success—from God's point of view—is rooted in what God calls us to be—in what God sets as the goals for our lives. Success from God's viewpoint does not begin and end with what we do in our lives. It begins and ends with who we are as His children.

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*Carroll Stewart*



**HOME:** Jane Crowgey, Almetta Cruff, Bill Valley, Jo-Ann Campbell, Sylvia McGhee, Norma Jean Wolford, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

**EXTENDED CARE:** Velma Roberts, Linda Osborne, Mary Evelyn Whitt, Margaret Moore

**FAMILY:** Jean Moore's daughter, Robin; Bill and Linda Lively's daughter, Melanie Obermiller, Bea Shearwood's nephew, Alex Puckett; Delores Dove's daughter,

Deloris Romaro; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez

**FRIENDS:** Randy Lamb, 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:

Roger and Becky Hudson and family upon the passing of Roger's cousin, Stanley Houseman

Bill and Cathy Valley and family upon the passing of Cathy's mother, June Taylor, and Bill's Aunt

Joe and Deena McAfee and family upon the passing of Deena's older sister, Lonna

Rick and Lynn Arnold and family upon the passing of Lynn's son, Scott Phillips  
The family and friends of Henrietta Price upon her passing

The family and friends of Frankie Massey upon her passing



*With Sympathy*

**January 4:** Oven Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Jell-O Salad, rolls, Poke Cake

**January 11:** Brown Beans, Corn Bread, Cole Slaw, Macaroni and Cheese, Brownies and Ice Cream

**January 18:** Meat Loaf, Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Ramen Noodle Salad, Peach Fluff

**January 25:** Chili, Baked Potatoes, Toss Salad, Broccoli and Cheese, Cookies and Ice Cream



## Meetings

Thursday, January 5: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church  
Staff meeting—7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 11: Deacons' meeting—7:00 p.m.  
Monday, January 16: Church Business meeting—6:40 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 18:

## January Birthdays

1 Wanda Hamm	6 Pauline Moore	19 George Hamm
Maria Stoker	Jesus Alfredo	23 Linda Lively
Bryson Booher	Esquivel	Sara Wingard
Logan Tate	7 Lisa Long	26 Rick Tucker
3 Dan Moore	Collin Phillips	27 Jonathan Stoker
5 Chris Bracknell	9 Keith Dunagan	28 Adren Eldridge
Glenna Turner	10 Pastor Tim Irving	30 Amanda Phillippie
John Claypool	Mary Hall	31 Cathy Valley
	16 Brenda Tucker	
	Cynthia Inman-Willis	



#### NURSERY 10:30 AM

January 1: Nursery Worker  
January 8: Nursery Worker  
January 15: Nursery Worker  
January 22: Nursery Worker  
January 29: Nursery Worker

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 1: Chris Bracknell  
January 8: John Claypool  
January 15: Eric Crowgey  
January 22: Guy Sutphin  
January 29: Tommy Anders

#### USHERS

Team I: Tommy Anders, Joe Crowgey  
Bonnie Agnew

#### TELLERS

Guy Sutphin and Jamie Claypool

#### GREETERS






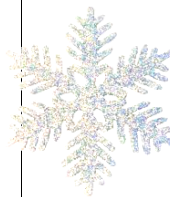



Designated Ushers for the month of January

#### SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

January 1: Children's Ministry Team  
January 8: Children's Ministry Team  
January 15: Children's Ministry Team  
January 22: Children's Ministry Team  
January 29: Children's Ministry Team

# January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Benevolence Offering Received</i> <b>8:45am</b> Prayer in the Conference Room <b>9:00am</b> Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. <b>9:15am</b> Sunday School <b>10:00am</b> Sign-up for pictures at back of sanctuary <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>11:30am</b> Sign-up for pictures at back of sanctuary; Adult Choir practice <b>6:30pm</b> Higher Ground Youth 	<b>2</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  <b>11:30pm</b> Community Food Kitchen  <b>7:00pm</b> Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday Night Supper <b>6:30pm</b> Higher Ground Youth Program <b>6:40pm</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>5</b> <b>11:30am</b> Community Food Kitchen  <b>6:30pm</b> Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 
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<b>22</b> <b>8:45am</b> Prayer in the Conference Room <b>9:00am</b> Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. <b>9:15am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>11:30am</b> Adult Choir practice	<b>23</b> <b>11:30am</b> Community Food Kitchen  <b>2:30 to 9:00pm</b> Photos taken for Church Directory	<b>24</b>  <b>2:30 to 9:00pm</b> Photos taken for Church Directory	<b>25</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday Night Supper <b>6:30pm</b> Higher Ground Youth Program <b>6:40pm</b> Adult Bible Study 	<b>26</b> <b>11:30am</b> Community Food Kitchen <b>12:00pm</b> WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry <b>2:30pm</b> Children's Clothes Closet	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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