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## Psalm 33:12a PASTOR'S THOUGHTS THE CHAINS FELL OFF There is a story in Acts 12 about how Peter escapes from jail. Herod captured him and placed Peter in jail awaiting trial the next day. In the midst of the night, an angel came instructing Peter to get up quickly. Suddenly the chains fell off of Peter's wrist. He was instructed to get dressed and follow the angel. The words of scripture Acts 12:9 say, Peter "had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision." Peter had no concept this was reality. So now the world wonders about Peter. Did he have a problem understanding the (Continued on page 2)

#### How blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord Volume 64 Number 7 \* July 2017 WHAT'S IN THE NEWS Pg. 1—2 Pastor's Thoughts Pg. 3 Notes from Our Music Director Pg. 4 Youth News Pg. 6 Church News Pg. 7 VBS Pg. 8 The Book Club & WMU Pg. 9 Monthly Schedule Pg. 10-11 Calendar Pg. 12 Prayer Requests Pg. 13 Library Notes Pg. 14-15 Outreach Pg. 16 Thank You Pg. 17 Church News Pg. 18—19 Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network News

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reality of things around him? Was Peter so out of touch with real life that he could be easily confused? This does not sound like someone the world should follow as a leader. The world wants (and currently needs) leaders who have a firm grasp on reality.

Let me add the additional dimension of the spiritual life to what is happening for Peter. It is not that Peter is confused or out of touch with reality. Peter is trying to discern the current situation through the fullness of his whole spiritual life. He has learned so much from walking with Jesus that he takes time to reflect on what is going on before making a judgement. This is a valuable practice. The world could learn a lot by taking the time to add this practice before speaking or judging. Peter does become fully aware of the reality of what has happened and lives into the moment.

Three takeaways from this story:

- 1) Reflection is important. I need to evaluate what happens around me and seek an understanding that will help me to see it from God's eyes. Read Acts 12:11 for where this happens for Peter.
- 2) At times it may be necessary to step forward on the path God is calling me to walk before I will receive a full understanding of the current situation and spiritual path. Peter followed the directions the angel gave him and then came to an understanding when the angel left him.
- 3) When I do understand what has happened, I need to acknowledge it as reality and live into it. For Peter, the chains and prison were gone and he was released. I must know what is no longer fact in my spiritual life and move forward. I too have been released from bondage to sin. Now I must live as the free person God wants me to be.

Are these three concepts needed in your spiritual life? As always if you need to speak about your situation or need help reflecting on what God has done in your life, please contact me so we can set up a time to listen to what the Spirit is saying to you.

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim



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- ♦ The Youth Leaders are organizing a Youth Back to School event at Claytor Lake for Saturday August 6. Amy Cundiff from Belspring is acting as coordinator and can be reached at 540-250-7275 or ascundif@pcva.us for details on how your church can help plan this youth event for all our churches.
- ◆ 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 whenever possible. The next meeting will be 6:30 pm at Dublin Baptist (across from Hardee's) on July 6, 2017.

#### CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.

- ♦ Thanks to all the churches who have agreed to clean the Camp building this summer.
- ♦ We have found a new design for benches that convert to picnic tables. Mr. Hill's Pulaski County High School carpentry class is building a prototype with the materials we provided. You should be able to see it at the camp.
- ♦ 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.
- ◆ Scouts are planning two work to days clear more of the brush around the Camp.
- ♦ Praying God will bless your efforts as you try to point lost souls to Christ.

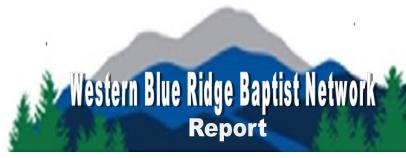
In His service
David Clonch
Moderator/Director
Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

America! America!

God shed His

grace on thee





- Wilford and his team at the BGAV now hope to have a permanent leader for the Radford Collegiate Ministry's in place some time in July of 2017. The BGAV will begin by paying the new persons full salary. Thus giving them time to raise 20% of their support. As you know the Western Blue Ridge Baptist 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 last month Darrell Cook, Leader of Virginia Tech's Baptist Collegiate Ministries will have until January 2018 to raise part his annual support. Darrell has received pledges for just over 44% of the total support he needs next year.
- ◆ 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 the person, you select, 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.

- ♦ The dinner for pastors and their spouses in April was well received and gave our pastors time to get to know each other better and share ideas and concerns.
- ♦ There were 37 Deacons at Tom Stocks Deacon Training class held May 20 at Dublin Baptist Church. During the first two hours he explained the team approach to Deacon Ministry. At noon we had a break for lunch in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The afternoon session was devoted to questions and answers. Tom presented ideas on implementing the Team approach at our individual churches. Thank you to all the Deacons who participated.

**Notes from our Music Director** 

I praise the Lord for His strong and faithful work through "A Lamb, by Choice (LBC)!" Tears were shed, hearts moved, spirits uplifted, and we believe lives were changed.

Comments were heard, such as: "It should go on the road" (which several said); "It should go to Carnegie Hall"; "This was more of a revival than any I've been to"; "Hollywood could not have done it better." Several said "The choir sounded like there were 50 voices" (while one said 1,000 voices!). The kind words and enthusiastic response greatly touched our hearts. Yet the radiant and tear-stained faces spoke of a deeper level in which the Lord worked—the heart. This is what we prayed for and motivated our efforts: that all would be drawn into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. A special example of the Lord's working came from Harlan "Speedy" Clemons who said when Pastor Tim touched his hand in his role as Jesus, that his pain disappeared and he walked without a cane for weeks. He still speaks of the program with great emotion. We're planning to offer LBC again next year, possibly a month before Easter. Please continue telling others of the Lord's work through it. This will not only help promote the program for next year, but it is a wonderful way to begin telling our community about the dynamic way the Lord is moving through our beloved Pastor Tim and church. So many need what the Lord is doing in Wytheville Baptist Church!

And a very special thank you goes to Sharon Taylor, our Drama Director, whom the Lord sent us "just in time"! I thank you, Sharon, from the bottom of my heart. You did a tremendous and inspired job through your sincere love of the Lord. Sharon is also organizing a special presentation on July 2 to honor our veterans and their branches of service. Come prepared to express to our wonderful veterans how much their sacrifice and service mean to us. Rick Walker will be singing "God Bless the USA" and we will all join in singing other patriotic

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songs. Don't miss Sunday, July 2!

We are grateful for our very talented soloists who enabled the choir to work on the music for LBC and will continue to bless us throughout the summer months: violinist Brenna Crowgey, Hunter and Rachel Crowgey, Lisa Crowgey, Darrell Eades, Jr., Sharon Taylor, Cathy Valley, and Rick Walker. Choir rehearsals will be held only on Sunday mornings from 10-10:30 as our choir recuperates and celebrates the lives touched and changed through LBC. Everyone is welcome to join us on Sundays at 10 (with no commitment), by just singing the melody of the praise and worship songs.

In closing, I want to deeply thank everyone who participated in LBC. I wish I could adequately express my appreciation, but I have the joy and peace of knowing the Lord is going to do that much better than I ever could!

Gratefully and in Him, Judy Collier



We did not have official plans for a June meeting, but Ms. Terry thought it would be a good thing for us to meet at Chautauqua for lunch on our regularly scheduled day. That's what several of us did. I am sorry that the word didn't get to everyone, but there was a poster indicating those plans on our bulletin board.

Our July 18 meeting will take us back to our fellowship hall for the first time in several months. Chris Bracknell recorded his and Rhonda's vacation pictures on a DVD and has volunteered to share them with us. We know they went to Hawaii and several other places this past spring. We can visit those places through what they saw. But you will have to bring your own lunch this time and hopefully someone will volunteer to bring refreshments.

Carroll Stewart

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

Announcing the birth of
Graham Austin Crowgey
born Thursday, May 25, 2017,
weighing 7.57 lbs. and 20 inches long.
Proud Parents: Aaron and Jordan Crowgey
Proud grandparents: Eric and Iisa Crowgey
Proud great grandparents: Joe and Jane Crowey

# COMING EVENT

## ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE FALL FELLOWSHIP COOK-OUT

The Fellowship Team invites our WBC family 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.



On June 12, 2016, Rev. Timothy Irving stood before our congregation as our newly called Senior Pastor. Since then he has led us with God's direction and loved us unconditionally. We praise and thank God every day for His blessings upon this church by sending Pastor Tim and DeAnne to WBC.

#### Dear Church Family:

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and well wishes. Mae and I especially enjoyed the card with all the many signatures. To those who had a part in the drama, sang in the choir, or who helped in any way with *A Lamb, by Choice—*"Thank You!" That touched my heart and was a wonderful blessing. Hollywood could not have done it better.

Love to you all, Harlan "Speedy" and Mae Clemons

#### Dear Church Family:

DeAnne and I want to express our great thanks to the church for your prayers and your care. Special thanks to those who came to the hospital and waited with DeAnne. My Heart Catherization went well, no problems and nothing needing repair. Praise be to our great and wonderful God!!! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family!!! What a privilege it is to serve as pastor at Wytheville Baptist Church!!!

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim and DeAnne

#### Dear WBC:

Thanks to everyone so much for my graduation gift! I hope all is well there and I will see you all soon!

Love, Heather LeAnn Odum Summer is finally here! Higher Ground youth are excited to be out of school and are set-

**Youth New** 

tling into enjoying summer activities available in our community.

We just finished up the Bible study on *The Grace Card*. I encourage you to view this movie and get deep in the study that accompanies it! It is available from the youth room for check out. When we think of God's Grace and our own ability to forgive, are we really forgiving? Or do we find ourselves still harboring negative thoughts, feelings and emotions. This is not Grace! Do we find ourselves praying daily and extending a hand for those who have, or those who we think have, "wronged" us. It's a daily struggle. The Grace Card is a gift for everybody who has discovered that life is hard and messy....and that God is good. Check it out in your Sunday School class or small group study. You won't be disappointed. The Grace Card makes us think, makes us realize what God's Grace is all about, and how to apply the gift of Grace in our daily lives. This is the second time I have led this study and both times, it gives insight to what needs to happen in my personal life; both daily and ongoing. Each time, the youth have been engaged and amazed.

Higher Ground is getting excited about VBS! We are working on decorations, music, and the places we want to be involved. This is an exciting time in our church; get on board the excitement if you haven't already! The vision of small children

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filling our hallways and sanctuary with smiles, giggles, laughter, and amazing moments is so very exciting! We can't wait!

Higher Ground wishes to thank Mr. Gary Carson for the generous donations of the Keurig coffee machines to the youth room. We are excited to put it to good use. Stop by the youth room for a cup of coffee on Sunday mornings. We welcome you!



You will soon receive your six month financial statement. If you have any questions about your statement, or do not receive your statement by July 15, please notify our Financial Secretary, Betty Matheny at 228-3568.

#### REMINDER

Please use your church envelopes with your assigned numbers. This will help the tellers and the Financial Secretary to properly document your tithes and offerings. If you do not have envelopes or an assigned number, please contact the church office.

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The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.





It's warm outside and there are 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 CLOTHES CLOSET children's clothes, shoes, new under-

wear, 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, July 27, 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:

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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.

#### **AUGUST 2017 BEACON ARTICLES**



All August 2017 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, July 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 families with gas for their car
- ♦ One person with a room for the night
- ♦ Four families with their electric bill
- ♦ One family with their water bill

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, July

2, following our worship service. We ask that you once again give from the heart. This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.

Thank you for giving from the heart.



Feeding

Others

Helping Hands

Please bring canned vegetables for the months of July, 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 sec-

ond 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.

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#### **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 Ministry of 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."







**July 9-13** 

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. nightly with a lite supper.

Family Night: Thursday, July 13

Program at 5:30, cookout following program.



Children who have completed Pre-school and through 6th grade are welcome!!!

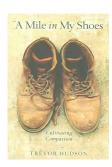
Get a registration form NOW from the church office and sign up early!!!!!!





#### 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 July 13 and 27. The book he has chosen is "A Mile in My Shoes, Cultivating Compassion" by Trevor Hudson.



# Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News

Members are reminded that there will be no Circle meeting in July due to the holiday. In lieu of the August meeting, members are encouraged to attend the Church Picnic on August 6 at the Baptist Camp. Regular meetings will resume in September with the date to be announced at a later date. The Mission Action Projects for July: Agape and Transient Coupons, and for August: Agape and Tray Cards.

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

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#### **A REMINDER TO LOCK-UP**

When leaving the church through the fellowship hall door, please make sure the door is locked and shut tightly. This will help secure the building and protect people working in different aspects of ministry and the office personnel.

# The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

### **July 2017**

The following two books have been in our library for several years, but no one has read them. I am hoping someone will give them a try. They have catchy titles and should be fun to read.

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg. Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for you as well. That's where you'll meet Him: out where the sea is high and the footing impossible. As a follower of Jesus, you want to go where He calls you. But walk on water? The author invites you to consider the potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone.

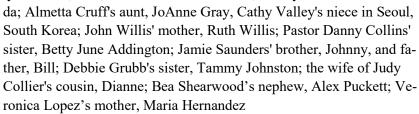
Get Out of That Pit from a former pit dweller: Beth Moore has straight talk about God's Deliverance. Ever been in a pit? Are you in one now? Is someone you love living there? Don't think for one second that God has forgotten, says Beth Moore—and Beth should know. She wasn't just a visitor: this former pit-dweller had to be delivered from acres of life-accumulated dirt that had left her wounded with little hope of wholeness. What she learned in that experience are lessons for all of us about the healing to be found in Jesus.

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Sharon Taylor, Joe McAfee, Eric and Ann Collins, 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 **FAMILY:** Sharon Taylor's cousin, J.F. Devane, grandson, Alex Taylor, and brother-in-law, Dave Kroug; Bill Live-

ly's brother, Bob; Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Cana-



**FRIENDS:** Christian Sympathy To: Sara Williamson upon the passing of her husband, Bill; the family and friends of Glenn Sikes upon his passing; Randolph Havens, Dr. Al Amyer, Dick Willard, William Galyean, Lance Willis, Lillian Taylor, Chochee Nickles, David Craig, Derl Cormany, Jo Witten, Jedi, Sara Burchett, Kelly Jones, Elly Taylor, Mark, Randy Hand, Wally Hutton, Boyd Sult, Bob Bishop, Mary Gobal, 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

There will be no Wednesday night suppers or Adult Bible Study during the month of July.

Please spend this time getting involved in VBS, giving to others in mission/outreach work, and enjoying family time.

Join us Wednesday, August 2, as we gather for our Wednesday night meal and continue the study of Jeremiah.

Wednesday, July 5: Staff —5:15 p.m.

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Thursday, July 6:

Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Deacons'—7:00 p.m. Monday, July 17:

Wednesday, July 19: Church Business Conference—6:30 p.m.

July

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- Daniel Burke
- Richard Terry
- Mandy Phillips Gail Pack
- Christian Bradberry
- Lvnn Wolford
- 11 Dale Yontz
- 12 Daniel Phillippie

NURSERY 10:30 AM

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Children's Ministry Team

July 2:

July 9: July 16:

July 23:

July 30:

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13 Ellie King Emmie King Doris Muncy

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- 15 Almetta Cruff
- 17 Gary Taylor
- 18 Gena Anders
- 20 Mark Huff
- 23 Mary Katherine Claypool
- 26 Rosalene Heath

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30 Elton Robinson

29 Albert Newberry, Jr.

Pamela Dawn Clark

27 Bill Carter

DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 2: Tommy Hilton July 9: Janet Montgomery July 16: Chris Bracknell July 23: John Claypool

July 30: Eric Crowgey

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM USHERS

> Team III: Chris Bracknell, Danny Sowers Gary Carson

Guy Sutphin and Jamie Claypool

Designated Ushers for the month of July





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