

WYTHEVILLE Baptist Church

For we are
God's handiwork,
created in Christ
Jesus to do good
works, which God
prepared in ad-
vance for us to
do.

Ephesians 2:10

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS MUCH MORE

There is a wonderful, exciting part about following Jesus Christ: there is always something new right around the corner! When so many other things in life stay the same or even fall apart over time, our relationship with God is filled with new events and new learning opportunities. We have the chance to grow every day on the spiritual journey. Many people are not concerned about this or only choose to make themselves available to God when tough events and problems are happening around them. They are looking for God to rescue them or save them from a situation. Once

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that has happened they decide there is no need for God until the next problem. As Christians, we should seek to be walking with God every moment of our day.

Imagine what it would be like if we were living when Jesus walked the earth. What wonderful experiences we could have had daily. We would have heard Jesus day by day expound on the Scriptures. We would have seen miracles and healings. We would have gotten personal instructions on prayer, fellowship, and sharing our testimony. Yet those who walked with Jesus did not receive everything they needed all at once to follow Jesus and to grow deep in a relationship with God. Jesus' words in John 16:12,13 (NIV) say:

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

I am amazed at Jesus' words to the disciples. He tells them there is so much more for them to learn but they are not ready yet. Jesus tells them of a day when the Holy Spirit will come to instruct them further. Even walking with Jesus personally for three years is not enough to know the full depth of a relationship with God.

In a day when we consider education and the completion of a degree or the obtaining of certificates as an important passage for a person's life, it is good to know the spiritual life does not work this way. There is always something new right around the corner in our spiritual journey. Do not let the idea of walking down an aisle to accept Jesus and joining the church be the last moments of learning in your spiritual life. The Holy Spirit lives within our community and is seeking to teach us new things daily, weekly, and monthly.

We should be excited about this powerful, wonderful opportunity to grow in relationship with God each day. What is the Holy Spirit showing you about what is yet to come?

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 June 1, 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 later this month.
- ♦ 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 days later this month to clear more of the brush around the Camp.

We pray that 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



- ◆ 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.

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Judy Collier

Notes from our Music Director

Our Wonderful Members Prepared for
A Lamb, by Choice

Eric Collins and Gary Carson took pictures of this production ... enjoy!

As we prepared for the presentation of *A Lamb, by Choice*, I was filled with deep gratitude for our church and each member. What a joy it was watching you unselfishly giving of your time and talents to make this offering to our community possible. I prayed the Lord would richly bless each of you and be glorified through our efforts ... bringing others into His sheepfold, and drawing those of us who already experience His greatness and immeasurable love, into an ever-deepening walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, our precious Lamb and Savior, Who gave up everything for us and humbled Himself to be our Friend. Hallelujah! What a Savior! May we thank Him with our hearts and lives with every breath we take.

With great appreciation,

Judy Collier



There was one man who could humble and realistically portray Jesus Christ—our own Pastor Tim.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chautauqua in Wytheville

FRIDAY, JUNE 16: THE BALLOON GLOW



The evening of June 16 the Balloon Glow will be held on the front lawn of Wytheville Community College. The event will start at 7:00 p.m. and will include food trucks, bouncy houses for the

kids, and a DJ. At dusk (about 8 :30 p.m. ish) the stars of the show will appear when several balloonists inflate their balloons and make them glow in the evening light using the large propane burners. Watching this spectacle on the WCC grounds will be a wonder to enjoy for all in attendance. During this event, spectators are encouraged to approach the balloons and their pilots to ask questions about their craft and the ballooning experience.

JUNE 17-24, 2017

June 17 begins an eight-day, family-oriented arts and music festival in Wytheville, VA. The week-long festivities are held in and around Elizabeth Brown Park, just a few blocks south of the heart of Downtown, at largely no cost to the festival goer. In its thirty-third year, it has become an event anticipated by people locally and across the region.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family:

Thank you to everyone for the cards, calls, and visits I received after the recent death of my brother, Johnny Longanacre. What a blessing to have a wonderful church like ours.

Love to you all,
Norma Jean Wolford

Dear Church Family,

Thanks for remembering us so kindly! Eric and I appreciate your cards, calls, food, and especially your prayers. Your encouragement has been so helpful toward us! Thank you so much.

Love,
Eric and Ann Collins

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the many expressions of concern during my recent surgery. I am doing fine and am back to work part-time. I am so blessed to be surrounded by such loving, caring people.

Sincerely,
Wynette Yontz

2017 VBS

Our 2017 VBS will be held July 9-13 and our theme is "Jonah, the Whale, & the Worm." Please pray about your part in this wonderful life-changing time in a child's life. Watch your bulletin for time and date of our first meeting. We ask that all our members and friends collect clean, empty, PLASTIC, liquid detergent and/or gallon-size bleach/vinegar bottles (those with handles) and WITH the lids for our VBS. We will have a collection box for these plastic bottles in the main hallway near the church office.



Youth News

Higher Ground enjoyed spending the last several weeks helping to prepare the set for a wonderful program, "A Lamb, by Choice." A special thanks to Judy Collier for utilizing and including the youth in the program in "non-speaking" ways. Thank you Ms. Judy!



The youth are also getting excited about VBS! We hope that excitement is contagious. So far, all youth are volunteering their time to participate in some way. They would like to challenge everyone in their church family to also participate. We are very blessed to have Bonnie Agnew leading the way and we are very excited to hear and learn about all the exciting aspects of this year's VBS program.



We continue to explore and learn about God's grace through

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our current study, *The Grace Card*. Forgiveness is the best form of love. It takes a strong person to say sorry and an even stronger person to forgive. To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News



Our next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. in Williams Fellowship Hall. The Mission Action Project for June will be Agape. The program will be given by Mary Helen Porter.

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

Janet Montgomery

You are invited to a coffee

given in honor of the marriage of

Matthew Deters and Jessica Taylor

June 17, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

at the home of Janet Montgomery

310 S. 3rd Street, Wytheville, Virginia.



CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

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 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, June 22, 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.



JULY 2017 BEACON ARTICLES



All July 2017 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, June 19. 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 family with a room for the night
- ♦ Two families with their electric bill

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, June 4, 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



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 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.

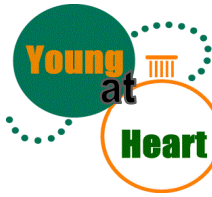
If you would like to help feed those less fortunate, please consider sending a check to Hope Ministries, P.O. Box 987, Wytheville, VA 24382, and earmark your check "Community Food Kitchen."

Ministry of Feeding Others

Highlights from the Women's Spring Banquet



The bulletin board was complete, the fellowship hall was cleaned, the tables set, and the Women's Spring Banquet began. The Potluck meal was scrumptious, The Riches provide beautiful music, and Doris Terry's sister-in-law, Sharon Sult, gave an inspirational devotion. Door prizes were handed out and all the ladies had a wonderful night. Thank you Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle for sponsoring this remarkable evening.



Those in our Young-at-Heart group who met at Wohlfahrt Haus gazebo for lunch on May 16 had a very enjoyable time even though we only had six members there. The lunch and fellowship were great, but the best part was just relaxing outdoors in the shade while sitting and rocking in our chairs. We missed the rest of our group and hope you can be at our next meeting.

We are not scheduling a June meeting so you can enjoy the Chautauqua Festival that week. We don't have anything planned for July, but surely one of you will have some good ideas or suggestions.

Carroll Stewart

A BOOK CLUB

Pastor Tim will lead a Book Club beginning on Thursday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m. located in the church parlor. We will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The first book he has chosen is "A Mile in My Shoes, Cultivating Compassion" by Trevor Hudson. There are eight signed up for this Book Club and there is still room for two more. Let Pastor know if you would like to join.



On Tuesday, June 13, Williams Fellowship Hall is reserved by Dottie Alexander.

There will be no regular church functions on Wednesday, June 21, due to the Chautauqua Festival in Wytheville. Join us in Elizabeth Brown Park

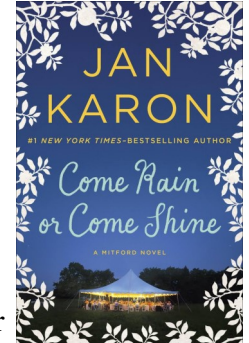
The sanctuary is reserved on Friday, June 30, for the Turski/Vance wedding rehearsal.

The sanctuary is reserved on Saturday, July 1, for the Turski/Vance wedding

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

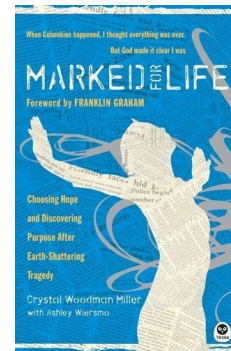
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Come Rain or Come Shine by Jan Karon is now available for her fans to read. Over the course of twelve Mitford novels, fans have kept a special place in their hearts for Dooley Kavanaugh, first seen at home in Mitford as a barefoot, freckle-faced boy in filthy overalls.



Now Father Tim Kavanaugh's adopted son has graduated from vet school and opened his own animal clinic. Since money will be tight for a while, he and Lace Harper, his soul mate since childhood, want to keep their wedding simple. So the plan is to eliminate the cost of catering and do potluck. Ought to be fun. An old friend offers to bring his country band—Gratis. And once mucked out, the barn works as a perfect venue for seating family and friends. Piece of cake, right? You have to read it to find out.

Marked For Life by Crystal Woodman. When Columbine happened, I thought everything was over. But God made it clear I was marked for life. Crystal Woodman Miller is a young woman whose life was forever changed by the tragic events at Columbine High School in 1999—seven eternal minutes that served as the ultimate wake-up call. And in the aftermath of tragedy, Crystal found herself at a crossroad of fear and faith.



Carroll Stewart

HOME: Wynette Yontz, 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, Mary Evelyn Whitt

FAMILY: Bill Lively's brother, Bob; Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Canada; Almetta Cruff's aunt, JoAnne Gray, Cathy Valley's niece in Soul, South Korea; John Willis' mother, Ruth Willis; Pastor Danny Collins' sister, Betty June Addington; Jamie Saunders' brother, Johnny, and father, Bill; Debbie Grubb's sister, Tammy Johnston; the wife of Judy Collier's cousin, Dianne; Bea Shearwood's nephew, Alex Puckett; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez

FRIENDS: Christian Sympathy to the family of Marti Byrum upon his passing, to Richard Copenhaver and his family upon the passing of his mother; Lance Willis, Lillian Taylor, Chochee Nickles, Glenn Sikes, David Craig, Darrell Coreman, Jo Witten, Jedi, Forest Seagle, 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, Benji 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:

Mike and Alicia Huff and their family upon the passing of Alicia's father, Robert Sage

Joe and Jane Crowgey and their family upon the passing of Joe's aunt, Dorothy Spraker

June 7: Spaghetti with French Bread, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream Sundaes

June 14: Hamburger Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Wedge Salad, Biscuits, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert

June 21: *There will be no Wednesday night supper or any activities due to Chautauqua.*

June 28: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Lettuce and Tomatoes, Chips, Pickles, Macaroni Salad, Watermelon



Meetings

Thursday, June 1: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Monday, June 12: Worship Team—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14: Staff meeting—7:30 p.m.

June

Birthdays

1 Zachary Taylor	10 Pat Collins
Carol Bailey	Marjorie Wassum
3 Alicia Huff	Susan Morgan
6 Carlisle Hostetter	Brian Wolford
A.J. Wolford	12 Joel Campbell-Hilton
7 Wynette Yontz	Delores Nolan
8 Elizabeth Wassum Aylor	14 Mary Alderman
John David Claypool	20 Thomas Comber
9 Emery Pruett	22 Delores Dove
	24 Carroll Stewart
	Claire Wilhelm
	25 Mike Huff

26 Sandra Alderman
Julie Newberry

30 Ruth Guy



NURSERY 10:30 AM

June 4: Nursery Worker
June 11: Nursery Worker
June 18: Nursery Worker
June 25: Nursery Worker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 4: John Claypool
June 11: Eric Crowgey
June 18: Guy Sutphin
June 25: Tommy Anders

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

June 4: Children's Ministry Team
June 11: Children's Ministry Team
June 18: Children's Ministry Team
June 25: Children's Ministry Team

USHERS

Team II: Tommy Hilton, Guy Sutphin
Glenna Turner

TELLERS

Tommy Hilton and Lynn Arnold

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	2	3
4 <i>Communion Observed</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 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Adult Choir practice 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth	5 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 7:00pm Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle meeting	6	7 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	8 10:00am The Book Club located in the Church Parlor 11:30am Community Food Kitchen	9	10 10:00am WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry
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