

For by these He has granted to us

His precious and magnifi
cent promises ...

2 Peter 1:4a

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# **PASTOR'S THOUGHTS**

The Season of Lent

On March 1, we begin a time of preparation for Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This time of the Christian year is called Lent and it has been celebrated since the early days of the church. In these early days it was a time of preparation for those who would join the church at their baptism on Easter Sunday morning. The first mention of Lent as 40 days happens in 325 A.D. It is not, as some think today, for only certain denominations but is a time beneficial for all Christians to walk through. Lent is defined as the 40 days of reflection on the suffering and passion of Christ before Easter not including the Sundays. The Sundays are

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always days of celebration throughout the Christian year.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a service remembering that we come from the earth and will return to the earth one day. Many churches who celebrate Ash Wednesday will save their palm leaves from the previous Palm Sunday to burn to use for their ashes during this service. The ashes are placed on the forehead in the shape of the cross often with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes help us to remember our own mortality and the cross helps us to remember the hope of the resurrection.

There are a number of practices people normally follow for Lent. Some will give up a pleasure (candy, soda, potato chips, etc.) for this time in order to identify with the suffering and temptation of Christ. Others will do an anonymous act of service for someone else each day. Fasting is a common practice. Fasting often means from food and drink but you can also fast from TV, social media, or any number of things. The main idea for fasting is to use the time you would normally use for that activity to spend a concentrated time in prayer with God. Some, when

walking through Lent, will schedule specific times for additional prayer in their lives. I have for many years now spent Lent centering on one person within the Easter story to better understand Easter.

I want to encourage you to add one of these practices to your walk with God this Lent season. Maybe I will see you at an Ash Wednesday service or later that day with a cross on your forehead. It is possible I could hear you speak with someone else about what you are setting aside for the time of Lent to better understand how Christ set aside things for you to have life. I might even hear about how fasting from something helped you to better focus on God.

Lent is centering on the low points of Jesus Christ's journey here on earth so we can better see the high point of Easter resurrection Sunday. Easter does not happen without suffering, crucifixion, and burial.

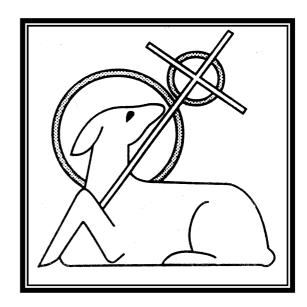
Because of
God's Love,
Pastor Tim



# Judy Cossier

# **Notes from our Music Director**

With the advent of March winds, it might seem a small whirlwind entered the church also. Sets and props will be built to transport us to the time of our Lord; a large screen will appear to display slides as backdrops. The Choir will be heard singing a little Spanish and the Leadership and Worship Teams continue to work to ensure the necessary details are taken care of for this large undertaking. This small whirlwind is A Lamb, by Choice—a multi-media presentation with drama, music, costumes, sound effects, stage sets and video backdrops—all combined to depict the image of Jesus as the Lamb of God throughout the Old and New Testaments. Sharon Taylor, as Drama Director, has already staged the dramatic conclusion and is recruiting volunteers willing to play the various roles. Pastor Tim is memorizing his lines as Jesus, but most of the roles don't require any memorized lines and we still need volunteers. Roger and Betty Hudson have or-



ganized all the storerooms in preparation. Daniel Burke, along with his sound system role will be working to set up the altar area extenders and Jonathan Stoker is applying his expertise to the slides. Chris Bracknell and Guy Sutphin will be hammering and building a mountain. Of course, the choir is working on the songs for A Lamb, by Choice as well as the songs for Easter with the beautiful accompaniment of Maria. During March the choir will be leading the congregation in Praise & Worship while Sharon Taylor, Cathy Valley, and Rick Walker will be providing the special music, allowing the choir to concentrate on the music for the presentation. We ask you to please invite

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all those you know. So much of the narration comes directly from the Bible and the Word of the Lord does not come back void. This is an important opportunity to reach the lost with the truth of who Jesus truly is. This might just be the format that could reach them. Several weeks before the presentation, we will be passing out invitations for you to share in the community.

And, please don't forget to tell them about Sharon and Rick's concert Sunday, April 2, that will be such a blessing. You might have also heard Pastor Tim and Rick practicing several country gospel duets for the near future. Another exciting "note" has been added to our Music Department. Sharon Taylor has consented to be our new Handbell Choir Director, assisted by Cathy Valley, and we're hoping to hear the bells ring Easter Day.

A Lamb, by Choice has been used powerfully by the Lord and our enemy doesn't want this to happen again. So, I earnestly ask you to pray DAILY for the health and physical/spiritual protection of each participant, for the Lord to bring those who need to experience the message, and for the Lord to be present in our midst in a very strong way, even to the point of shaking a few walls! Acts 4: 31-32

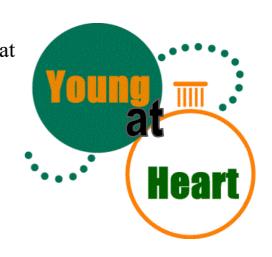
Judy Collier



# **COME RING THOSE BELLS**

It's time to begin our Hanbell practices! I invite everyone who would like to play or be a "Din-a-Ling" to please plan to meet every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the designated Handbell room (Room 312 on the third floor). See you then. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 21, at 12:00 noon as we gather in WBC's Williams Fellowship Hall with other Christians from our community for Soup and The Word. This is a very special time when we turn our full attention to Easter and focus on our Savior and what He gave for us.



# Youth News



The Youth and Young Adults are working hard to spruce-up some of the rooms downstairs and ready them for the children. This will give them a bright, welcoming, fresh place to study and meet. Thank you to the Youth and Young Adults for your enthusiasm, your concern for others, and all your hard work accomplished for all the children that will enter our doors.



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

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, and will be held in Williams Fellowship Hall. The Mission Action Project for March will be Bland Ministry and Hope Backpacks. The program will be given by Janet Montgomery and will focus on "Annie Armstrong." Janet will also serve as hostess.

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 new Pastor Relations Team met on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Members present included John Claypool, Tommy Hilton, Cathy Valley, and Pastor Tim Irving. Cathy Valley was elected Chair. This team will be available to support the Pastor in his ministry and to promote a healthy relationship between the pastor and congregation. We will continue to meet once a quarter, or more often as needed. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 6:00 p.m. We thank the congregation for your warm welcome of Tim and DeAnne, your heartfelt expressions of love and encouragement, and your participation in the ministries of Wytheville Baptist Church. We urge everyone to continue to pray for our pastor, his family and his ministry.

# THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES

This study will help your relationships with:

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

# FOR ALL RELATIONSHIPS

We have five more sessions, so join us every Sunday night, March 5—March 26, 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.

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Soup and the Word

Join us at 12:00 noon for **Soup and the Word** every Tuesday leading up to Easter. This is a gathering with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we share a hot bowl of soup, a sandwich, and a devotion reminding us of the price Jesus paid for us. We meet at noon each week to accommodate people's lunch hour. The dates and locations are as follows:



March 7 Wytheville Presbyterian Church

March 14 St. Paul United Methodist Church

March 21 Wytheville Baptist Church

March 28 Wytheville Presbyterian Church

April 4 St. Paul United Methodist Church

April 11 Wytheville Baptist Church

# WATCH FOR THESE EVENTS COMING IN APRIL

Sunday, April 2 A concert given by Sharon Taylor and Rick

Walker

Wednesday, April 5 A Workshop on Grief, 6:40 p.m. WBC

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday Worship Service, a Multimedia

Production of A Lamb, by Choice 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 13 The Seder (Passover) Meal, 7:00 p.m. WBC

Friday, April 14 Good Friday Worship Service, a Multimedia Pro-

duction of *A Lamb*, by Choice 7:00 p.m. WBC

Sunday, April 16 Sunrise Service at St. Paul UMC at 7:00 p.m.

with breakfast to follow in their fellowship hall

Sunday, April 16 Easter Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

WBC

March 1: Parmesan Chicken, Rolls, Baked Apples, Peas and Red Potatoes, Apricot Pound Cake March 8: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Veggie Tray with Dip, Pickles, Chips, Crackers, Brownies and Ice Cream

March 15: Lasagna, French Bread, Toss Salad,

Corn, Peach Fluff

March 22: Ham, Rolls, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate Pound Cake

March 29: Hamburger Steak and Gravy, Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Cheese, Apple Cobbler and Ice Cream

Thursday, March 2: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership

Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 8: Staff meeting—7:30 p.m. Monday, March 13: Worship Team—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15: Wythe Ministerial Association—8:00 a.m.

Monday, March 27: Leadership Council—7:00 p.m.

# March

# Birthdays

3 Finley Bird

4. Guy Sutphin Bonnie Agnew

6. Veronica Lopez

8. Doug Roope

12 Rev. Danny Collins

16 Mack Pruett Kelly Dunagan Sherry Long

18 Jan Stone

Thomas Collins
21 Caroline Booher

21 Caronne Boone

24 Jody Clemons

25 JoAnn Campbell

26 Jean Moore

28 Charles Brenchley

29 Byron Guy

31 Duke Yontz



## NURSERY 10:30 AM

March 5:	Nursery Worker
March 12:	Nursery Worker
March 19:	Nursery Worker
March 26:	Nursery Worker

## SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

March 5:	Children's Ministry Team
March 12:	Children's Ministry Team
March 19:	Children's Ministry Team
March 26:	Children's Ministry Team

# **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

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March 5:	Eric Crowgey
March 12:	Guy Sutphin
March 19:	Tommy Anders
March 26:	Tommy Hilton

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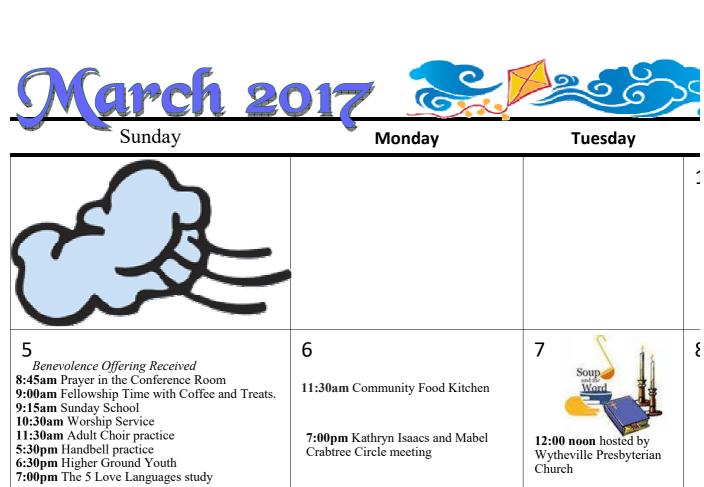
Team III: Chris Bracknell, Bill Valley
Danny Sowers, Gary Carson

## **TELLERS**

Tommy Hilton and Lynn Arnold

## **GREETERS**

Designated Ushers for the month of March





12:00 noon hosted by St. Paul United Methodist 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room Soup 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service DEADLINE FOR APRIL 11:30am Adult Choir practice 5:30pm Handbell practice **BEACON ARTICLES** 12:00 noon hosted by 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Group Wytheville Baptist Church 26 27 28 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room 11:30am Community Food Kitchen Soup 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Adult Choir practice 12:00 noon hosted by 5:30pm Handbell practice Wytheville Presbyterian 7:00pm The 5 Love Languages study

Church



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**HOME:** Jane Crowgey, Delores Dove, 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: Jamie Saunders' brother, Johnny, and father, Bill; Gary and Jackie Carson's son-in-law, Tony Robinette; Debbie Grubb's sister, Tammy Johnston; The wife of Judy Collier's cousin, Dianne; 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:** Bob Bishop, Mary Gobal, Ace Kennedy, 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.

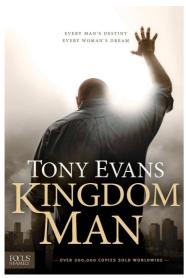


# **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:**

The Family and friends of Margaret Moore upon her passing

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# March 2017



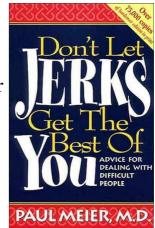
Tony Evans is the author of *Kingdom Man*. This is every man's destiny and every woman's dream. Discover your Hidden Strength. Tired of dragging yourself from work to home to church to bed and back again, just going through the motions? God created you for something much bigger, more exciting, more...manly. God wants you to change the world—or at least your corner of it. Better yet, He wants you to have the adventure of a lifetime doing it! He's got a realm for you to rule, people to protect, missions to accomplish.

And He's promised to give you everything you need to succeed.

Follow Dr. Tony Evans as he leads the charge toward meaningful manhood. You'll see why he loves being a man—and why your loved ones will thank you for reading this book. The enemy doesn't want you to know it, but you're not the man you think you are. You're a whole lot more. Starting now, you can be a Kingdom Man.

Don't Let Jerks Get The Best Of You by Paul Meier, M.D. is advise for

dealing with difficult people. Do you have trouble saying no to certain people? Are you often hurt because people take advantage of you? Have you been irritated by selfish people around you? Has a friend or mate confronted you with your own "jerky" behavior? A jerk is "anyone of any race who selfishly uses or abuses human beings, animals, or the environment in any way, shape, or form." In short, being a jerk means being selfish. This book shows you how you can deal with the impossible people in your life.

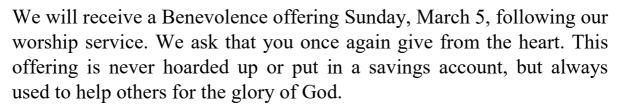


Carroll Stewart

# **DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

The purpose of the Benevolence offering—to help others in need. Last month you helped: Helping Hands

- ♦ Three families with gas for their car
- ♦ Six people with a room for the night
- ♦ One family with their water bill
- ◆Two families with their electric bill
- ♦One person buy a pair of work shoes



Thank you for giving from the heart.



# AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for the month of 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 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.

# **COMMUNITY FOOD KITCHEN**

"Community Food Kitchen."

The Community Food Kitchen is open every woman, and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for those read of a meal.

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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





It's still 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, March 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

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# APRIL 2017 BEACON ARTICLES

All April 2017 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, March 20. Thank you for your help.



# My Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the love and kindness you gave me during my knee surgery and rehab time. Your calls, visits, cards and goodies gave me joy and helped me during recovery. Most of all your prayers—I could feel the healing hand of God all the time. God bless you all for your love and care.

In Christ, Dolores Dove

# Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful meal you prepared for us following Henrietta's funeral service. It meant so much to us to be able to sit and visit and enjoy a wonderful meal with ease together. We appreciate all who helped to make it a blessed time.

Sincerely, The Family of Henrietta Price

Thank you to everyone who participated in "Souper Bowl Sunday." Wytheville Baptist Church was able to take 140 soup items to Agape Food Pantry. This was a great help to many in our community.

The following note is from Judith Nebot, a friend of WBC:

When I contacted the church for help, a lady said, "You have a lot of people out here who love you and care about you." That so lifted my spirit. It was a great gift.

I have been richly blessed by Wytheville Baptist Church members—Chris and Rhonda Bracknell and Guy and Linda Sutphin—and my friends at St. Paul United Methodist Church—Chris and Norma Brown.

Thank you again for all your kindness.

Judith Nebot



The beauty of the earth has begun to spring forth through the cold ground and again remind us of the glorious Handiwork of God. This is a time for new beginnings and one of those new beginnings for you could be Sunday School.

Sunday School is a place you can find love, friendship, and acceptance while studying the scriptures.

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.

# **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 11, so you will be at church and on time Sunday, March 12, to praise, honor, and worship our Lord.



# Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- ♦ The team monitoring the BGAV's funding of our BCMs reported last month that Jaye and Mark Aker are now interim leaders at Radford. The BGAV hopes to have a permanent leader in place no later than June of 2017. While their salary is fully funded by the BGAV, a permanent leader will be expected to raise over \$900 per month of their own support.
- ◆ The Radford's BCM program is going to need our Network's financial help no later than June of 2017. A new person coming into the Leadership position at Radford will not have a local support system. The monitoring team feels they may need \$300 to \$600 per month from us to get started. The Leadership Team voted to notify the BGAV, they can count on at least \$300 per month from WBRBN. I have communicated our commitment to Wilford in Richmond. He is very grateful for our support of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries in this area. Your support will go a long way to get a well qualified leader at Radford. Please pray for God to guide Wilford and his team in their search.
- ♦ 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. With the money our monitoring team is recommending, plus others, Darrell has received pledges for about 1/3 of the total 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

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- ◆ Several of you have expressed an interest in deacon training. After reviewing Tom Stocks training video called *SETTING THE DEA-CON FREE*, the Leadership Team decided to sponsor a training session on May 20 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with Tom himself presenting the program. Pastors, please mark your calendar and plan to attend with as many of your deacons or prospective deacons as possible and learn more about this unique approach to deacon service.
- ◆ 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 p.m. at Dublin Baptist (across from Hardee's) on March 2, 2017.

# CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.

- ◆ The Camp building needs a thorough cleaning once a month during the summer. Holly Aker is asking each Network church to provide a team to clean the Camp building once this summer. Teams are now only needed for October and November. Please contact Holly by e-mail at hollyaker2011@yahoo.com or by phone at 276-920-0810 and advise her when your church would like to schedule a cleaning day.
- ♦ 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 have enough volunteers to do the job in a day but a few more would allow us to complete it in a morning.

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



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