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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS **GOD'S TIMING IS DIFFERENT**

FOR WE ARE GOD'S HANDIWORK,

Ephesians 2:12

CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS,

Our culture has affected us in a profound way. We now expect things to happen on an immediate basis. Think about when we go out to eat either at a fast food or a sit down restaurant. We are not willing to wait long for our food. Instead of being present to those we are with, we often watch the table service to see if others who came in after us get served before we do. Thirty minutes TV shows pose a problem and solve it within the half hour. When our problems take more than a day to solve we tend to get discouraged. Most companies provide two-day shipping now to anywhere in the world. Few people would set-

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tle for 4-6 week shipping times now, what I remember from my youth.

We have brought this same expectation into our relationship with God. We believe solving a problem or having a prayer answered should happen immediately. Once again if it takes more than a day then we begin to wonder whether God hears, cares, or even will anGod's desire is for each person to be saved and fully established in a relationship with God, sometimes though it takes a number of years and circumstances before a person is ready. During this whole time God is seeking to help this person make the commitment they need to make to the Kingdom of God. It takes time for God to work in the heart of an individual.

WILL YOU PRAY AND WAIT WITH ME?

swer our prayer. One prayer that usually fits into this category is the prayer of salvation for another person. As a pastor, I have had many come to me wondering why after years of praying for an individual that they are not saved. After explaining to them that each person has a choice and God will not force them to decide for God, I share with them God's desire found in 2 Peter 3:9.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (NIV)

I think this timing is also true for matters of spiritual growth in each believer. When we pray, God needs time and space in our lives to set all the right things in order before answering our prayers. We want an answer or problem solved now but many pieces need to be put together to make it possible. I have found that if I can set aside my sense of the immediate and trust God's timing then things work out for the best. So I have learned to pray and allow time and space for God to do the work only God can do to

answer prayer. Will you pray and wait with me?

Love. Pastor Tim

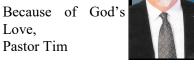
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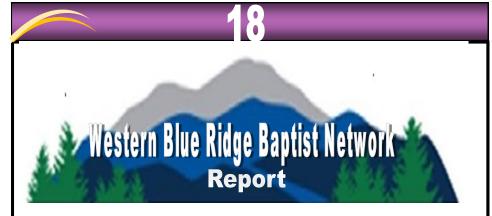
- Remember your contact person is the only one who can post information for your church on the Network web site. Please have the person, you select, contact Robert Ratcliffe by sending him a note on the "about" page of the web site. Please remember you can post your church's activities on the Network website.
- Please contact Steve Taylor at 540-239-1578 if you or your church is interested in participating in the Mission trip to Honduras during November of 2017. Another trip is being planned for February if you are unable to make the November trip. We will provide more detailed information as it becomes available.
- Southwest Virginia Evangelism Conference is to be held September 29 and 30 at First Baptist Church Galax, please plan to attend if you can. For more detailed information please visit: https://bgav.org/events/southwest-virginia-evangelism-conference/
- Things are progressing well at Austinville Baptist, but there is a lot of work still be done to restore the parsonage for their new pastor. Church members along with members of the community have been diligently working. Fairlawn Baptist had a group in to help with repairs to the church and parsonage this past weekend.
- Every Network church has an equal say in what we do as a group, 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 September 7, 2017.

CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.

- GREAT NEWS: The Insurance Company has agreed to allow you to use pool certified life guards at the Camp.
- We have moved our checking account to First Community Bank. For those who would like to contribute to the Camp's operating expenses. Donation Envelopes are now available inside the building. They can be mailed directly to our account at First Community

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





July 2017 Report

• This year's annual meeting will be held on October 8 at Cambria Baptist Church located at 1310 Cambria Street North East, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. and continue until the meeting is called to order at 3:00 p.m. Please send up to 10 messengers to the meeting.

◆ Rev. Timothy Irving, pastor of Wytheville Baptist, will deliver the message following the business portion of the meeting.

- Wilford Orrock, KAIROS Initiative Coordinator of the BGAV, has offered the RU's Collegiate Ministries Director's position to one of the candidates he was reviewing over the summer. Wilford plans to introduce that person to the Network churches some time in August, but by no later than our Leadership Team Meeting on September 7. We will keep you informed as to the timing of the candidates visit. The BGAV will begin by paying the new Director's full salary, thus giving them time to raise their portion of support. As reported before, we will be contributing at least \$300 per month for the Radford position.
- Darrell Cook, Leader of Virginia Tech's Baptist Collegiate Ministries will have until January 2018 to raise part of his annual support. Darrell has received pledges for 65% of his support.
- The BGAV has developed a system to handle support donations for each of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Directors across the commonwealth.
- 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



Notes from our Music Director

August 17 marked the beginning of our choral music program for the fall. With a full attendance, harmonies filled

the sanctuary with the promise of an exciting year ahead. The sanctuary choir will sing Sunday, September 3, at our communion service and we have begun work on our Christmas program. There are two places for a children's choir to sing in the presentation and we pray this will be an ongoing opportunity to form a permanent children's choir in our church. Please pray and let us know of children you think might be interested.

Special thanks goes to Linda and Guy Sutphin for their help in organizing the choir room. It's a large undertaking and Linda has even offered to help on a Saturday workday. Mary Graham has been a continuing blessing to the choir and our congregation with her worshipful and beautiful piano music. Thank you, Mary, so much!

Each week in August we have been touched by the inspiring vocal music from our choir as well as from our soloists: Rick Walker, JoBeth Hilton, Janet and Holly Montgomery, and Rhonda Bracknell on the clarinet. We are truly blessed to have so many talented musicians who love the Lord and generously share their gifts.

Just a reminder for our veterans to continue working on their most memorable war stories to submit in writing to the church office by October 15. The writings will be published in a booklet in time for our Veterans' Day tribute in November, and we would like for them to especially focus on how God worked in your life during these times. Sunday, September 17, we will again meet in the sanctuary from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. to sing our favorite "Timeless Hymns" and Gospel music. We had such wonderful fellowship during our meetings last spring, and we're looking forward to getting together once again to sing our old favorites and share memories. Timeless Hymns will also be offered on

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the second Sunday evenings of October and November: October 8 and November 12. We will not meet in December due to the flurry of Christmas activities, but plan to resume monthly in January.

Excitement is growing over our Christmas program "Once upon a Holy Night." As our sanctuary was full for "A Lamb, by Choice" on two weeknight performances, we plan to offer "Once upon a Holy Night" on three nights in addition to our Sunday program on December 17. Tentative dates are Thursday, December 7; Tuesday, December 12; Friday, December 15; and Sunday, December 17. We're currently checking into the schedules of community activities and would appreciate your letting the office or myself know of any possible conflicts.

Thursday choir rehearsal time has changed from 7:00-8:30 p.m. to 6:30-8:00 p.m. to enable choir members to get home before dark. Remember, this is a perfect time to join the choir or just observe. We'd love to have you as a singer, encourager/prayer warrior, or music librarian!

May God be glorified through our music and lives!

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Sunday Morning:

10:00 a.m. This is our practice time to go over music before our morning worship service.

Every Thursday:

Every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!



THE 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 September 14 and 28. The book he has chosen is "A Mile in My Shoes, Cultivating Compassion" by Trevor Hudson.



I was unable to attend the August Young-at-Heart meeting at Virginia Heights Restaurant, but I heard the eleven members who were there had a good time eating and talking—our favorite pastime activity. Our September meeting will be back in our fellowship hall on September 19, at 12:00 noon. Randy Kirby,

from the Fire Station, will present a fire safety program. He will advise us about possible fires in our homes. We will get good advise for electrical fires anywhere in our homes, unattended candles, cook stoves, BBQ grills, etc. It will take Mr. Kirby extra time to prepare this program. Please make an extra effort to attend this meeting; it will be great to have 15 to 20 members present. Bring your sandwich; drink and dessert will be furnished. See you there-Bring a friend!



OUR PASTOR TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL NETWORK MEETING

This year at the Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network's annual meeting on October 8 at Cambria Baptist Church, Pastor Tim will deliver the message following the business portion of the meeting. We can send 10 messengers to this meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting in support of our Pastor.



NEW HOURS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 to 12:00 noon

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As you are leaving the church building by the fellowship hall door, please double check the outside handle to make sure it is locked and the door shut completely. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.



Thank you for each expression of love and concern during the death of my brother. Linda and I are very thankful to be a part of such a loving family. Thank you

Bill and Linda Lively

My Dearest Church Family,

I can't begin to express my appreciation for your support during my recovery from surgery. Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, calls, and meals. We have been deeply touched once again by your thoughtfulness and love. May the Lord bless you.

In His Love, Lynn Arnold

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your kindness during my recovery. I was so blessed by your cards, phone calls, visits, but most of all your prayers. You are truly doing the work of the Lord through loving and caring for others.

In His Hands Sharon Taylor

Dear WBC Family,

The love and support you gave Jerry and me, after Jerry's hospital stay and during his recovery, was overwhelming. The knowledge that you had us wrapped up in prayer was such a comfort; the visits, flowers, calls, cards, emails, and food were greatly appreciated. You are an amazing example of God's love through outstretched hands of caring, giving, and kindness.

Forever Grateful Jerry and Jan Stone

START PACKING THOSE SHOEBOXES



Don't forget to help us show God's love through the power of a simple shoebox gift and the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child need to be filled very soon.

While school supplies are at a low price now, think about purchasing a few things to put in those special shoeboxes for children around the world. Youth New

The youth and young adults viewed the movie *The Shack* on Sunday evening , August 20. We

had a pizza supper and fellowship followed by the movie. This is a great movie. We are so excited to get started on our five week study called "Finding God in the Shack. Seeking Truth in a Story of Evil and Redemption."

Beginning Wednesday, September 13, the youth and young adults will once again be a part of Hope Packs. I have spoken to the Director of Hope Packs, Mike Pugh, and he has informed me that we have even more packs to fill this year. Please consider being involved with this program either in the capacity of a volunteer or helping monetarily. WSLS Channel 10 was at one of our packings and it aired last week. You can go to their website and scroll down to southwest Virginia and see the feature. It is titled "1000 Children." It is only two minutes and I know you will enjoy watching it as so many of you and our young people are a big a part of this ministry.

On Sunday, September 17, the youth and young adults will enjoy their annual fall trip to the shooting range. This will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Several of our wonderful Deacon's usually join us so the young people of our church have supervision, guidance, and direction. This is always a fun and informative trip about gun safety, shooting still targets, and skeet. This is also a blessed fellowship time between the young people of our congregation and the Deacon's.

On some mornings as of late, you can get a whiff of fall in the air. It won't be long until we will once again be shutting down Church Street in order to love on the children of our community through the Church Street Trunk or Treat. It's never too early to start planning and

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stockpiling candy. We were overwhelmed with the response last year. This year, I have already had people calling me wanting to get involved. This year several businesses will be joining the local churches in our endeavors to serve the community. So be thinking about how you would like to serve. The youth and young adults



will be Super Heroes this year! After all, we serve, worship, and praise the Greatest Super Hero of all.

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Bonnie Wright

OUR NEW DEACONS

On Sunday, August 27, a Deacon Election was held to select three new Deacons who will serve from 2017 to 2020. Thank you to Delores Dove, Jenny Stoker, and Danny Sowers for accepting this important role in the life of our church. Let us all encourage and pray for these individuals as they join the Deacon Team in serving our church as God would lead.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Chris Bracknell, John Claypool, Eric Crowgey, and Guy Sutphin for serving as Deacons. We pray God's blessings on these men for giving of their time and talents to further the Kingdom of God.



Fall is in the air and it's time to pull out those sweaters. There are warm clothes available in our WBC Children's Clothes Closet and these clothes are free to any child who needs them. If you have any new or gently used children's clothes, shoes, new underwear, T-shirts, or socks; bring them to the clothes closet downstairs 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, September 28, 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.



OCTOBER 2017 BEACON ARTICLES

All October 2017 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, September 18. 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: Helping Hands

- Two people with a room for the night
- •One family with their water bill
- •One person with a bus ticket home



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, Sep-

tember 3, 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.



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY



Please bring canned vegetables for the month of 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 Ministry of who are in need of a meal. Feeding



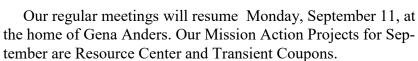
If you would like to help feed those less fortunate, please consider sending a check to Hope Ministries,

P.O. Box 987, Wytheville, VA 24382, and earmark your check "Community Food Kitchen."

WBC's Annual Church-Wide Picnic at Claytor Lake— Sunday, August 6, 2017.



Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News



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

Janet Montgomery



WHAT IS THE ALMA HUNT OFFERING ALL ABOUT:

Find out on Wednesday night, September 6, beginning at 6:40 p.m. as the Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle present an informative program about the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. Please join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. then stay for this enlightening program.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes





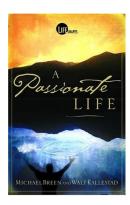
The Power of a Praying Woman by Stormie Omartian: Prayer is powerful—but do you know how to pray for yourself? It may seem easier to pray for your spouse, your children, your friends, and your extended family; but God wants to hear your requests for your life too. He loves it when you come to Him for things you need and ask Him to help you become the woman you have always longed to

be. Trust Him moment by moment with the

concerns of your heart and discover the awesome power that prayer will release in *your* life.

A Passionate Life by Mike Breen and Walt Kallestad. What is your life like—really like? Are you living the life you've dreamed of? Or do you feel there's something missing something just beyond your reach?

Countless people today are disappointed with the way their lives are going. Although they truly believe they were created for a Divine purpose, deep in their hearts, they wonder *what's so great about knowing God?* Perhaps



you can relate. Do you have friends who talk about how wonderful God is and what He's doing in their lives and secretly long to know him the same way? Maybe you go to church every week, only to go away empty and thinking—*there's got to be more*.

Carroll Stewart

WCCH: Ann Collins

HOME: Dan and Paula Moore, Bea Shearwood, Norma Jean Wolford, Sharon Taylor, Sylvia McGhee, Lynn Arnold, Dan Moore, John David Claypool, Eric and Ann Collins, Harlan and Mae Clemons, Almetta Cruff, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath



EXTENDED CARE: Velma Roberts, Linda Osborne

FAMILY: Daniel Burke's son, Timothy; Frank and Carroll Stewart and their son, Kevin; Janet Quinn's son, Casey; Sharon Taylor's brother-inlaw, Dave Kroug; Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Canada; Almetta Cruff's aunt, JoAnne Gray, 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: Don Jenson, Vickie Sprouse; Linda Bowles, Cindy Edmonds, Betsy Trevillian, Debbie Shoemaker, Ayden Morris, Wanda Pruett's grandson, Jedi (2 yrs. old), Louise Compton, Ron Blevins, Randolph Havens, Dr. Al Amyer, Dick Willard, William Galyean, Chochee Nickels, David Craig, Derl Cormany, Jo Witten, 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:

Rev. Bill and Linda Lively and their family upon the passing of Bill's brother, Robert L. Lively

Almetta Cruff and her family upon the passing her cousin's husband, Leslie Dunford

