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Boldly affirmed in the bright future God has planned for us, we seek to be inventive and resourceful while encouraging one another on a deeper spiritual journey.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

United with Christ

Over 2000 years ago on a Sunday morning, some women decided to go to the tomb of Jesus to finish his burial preparations. His body was placed quickly in the tomb before sunset on Friday evening, the start of the Jewish Sabbath. The women found the stone had already been rolled away and a young man in a white robe was sitting on the right side. He told them, "Don't be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" (Mark 16:6,7 NIV). Then

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a most curious thing happened next. Mark 16:8 (NIV) says, "Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid."

The best manuscripts of the Gospel of Mark end with this verse. Why would Mark end his gospel with these words? We know they must have told someone, otherwise we would not know this part of the story. The women were afraid and confused. First, they expected to find the body of Jesus who they thought was going to be their Savior. It would have been much easier to believe the body was stolen then to wrap their minds around the fact that Jesus rose and is going ahead of them. How would people receive them if they told the story as the young man said? So the women decided not to tell anything.

Wait, we know they eventually told. Maybe Mark stops the story here to cause us to consider whether we will tell the story of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Will we go out and talk about a risen Lord who died for our sins and has victory over death? How will people receive us?

There are some who say, "I do not need to tell the story.

People will see it by the way I live my life?" That may be true but scripture says in Romans 10:14 (NIV), "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

The women told, will you?

Because of
God's Love,
Pastor Tim



CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.

- Have you reserved the camp for your groups summer activities by logging onto the Camp website? (link posted above) Schedule the date, the start time and the number of hours you need the camp.
- The schedule for this season's cleaning of the camp building is; March 24—Belspring, April—Trinity, May—Cambria, June—Fairlawn, July—Pulaski First, August—Dublin, September—Blacksburg, October—Wytheville. Thanks so much for agreeing to clean the building this summer.

NICKELSVILLE MISSION TRIP MAY 13-18

Please contact Nancy McLaughlin at 540 808 8733 or annella50@comcast.net if you would like to go with the Blacksburg Baptist mission team. The cost for the week is \$100 per person but Nancy is working on pricing for those who would be interested in working only a day or so with the group.

BUNK HOUSE TRAILER

Dan Agee from Calvary Baptist reported on the Disaster Relief "Bunk House Trailer" project with the BGAV. They have found ways to reduce the project's cost and Dan will present their finding at the April meeting.

VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS

The Leadership Team voted to continue sending \$300 a month, while funds are available to Pastor Ramon Tovar to help feed people both physically and spiritually in his area. Thanks to your continued support the Network is able to help fellow Christians that are starving in that collapsing country. (Inflation was 4000% in 2017 and is expected to hit 13,000% in 2018)

BLAND MINISTRY

Dee Dee Hoosier introduced the group to services offered by Bland Ministries. For more detailed information please contact Libby Reed at lreed@blandministrycenter.org

Please pray He continues to provide opportunities for us to witness to lost souls for Christ.

In His service

Dave Clonch, Moderator/Director

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- VBS Directors and their assistants had dinner at Shoney's on February 6; nineteen attend. They spent the time getting to know one another and sharing ideas for this years Vacation Bible Schools at our various churches. Plans were made to either combine or assist each other by some churches.
- On February 24 Lisa Dockery provide some great training on ways to hold children's attention and solve or avoid misconduct problems. I know several of you were unable to attend so we will try to record any future training sessions the Network sponsors so a disc can be available for those who couldn't attend.
- Dates for planned dinners are as follow; Sunday School Leaders April 10, Music Directors May 8, Deacon Leaders June 12, Treasurers July 10, WMU Leaders August 7, Secretaries September 11. At the Leadership team meeting our pastors ask that church secretaries or their equivalent have the September dinner in their place. All dinners start by 6:00 pm on Tuesday night at Shoney's of Dublin just off I81. The week following the Leadership Team meeting.
- We are still tentatively planning to have the State Police do Church Security training in July or August.
- Darrell Cook and Chris Leeper, Directors of Virginia Tech and Radford's Baptist Collegiate Ministries reported on the mission trips their students were planning for Spring Break. Darrell and Chris plan to share how the Lord blessed their mission team's witness this year at our April meeting.
- The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site can be reached by searching the name or by copying and pasting
<http://westernblueridge.wixsite.com/baptistnetwork>
- Please make sure your church has a say in the decisions of the Leadership Team by having a representative at the 6:30 pm meeting in the Dublin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Hardee's) on April 5, 2018.

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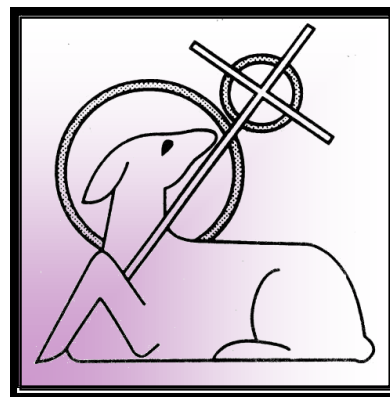


Judy Collier

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

A Lamb, by Choice

DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD



A Multi-Media Portrayal of

JESUS CHRIST

AS THE LAMB OF GOD

Through the Old and New Testaments

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15—10:30 A.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 16—7:00 P.M.

Thank You

To my WBC family and friends,

All of you showed Frank and me so much love and concern during his struggle with Dementia. The many prayers, phone calls, and cards were a blessing for me each day. God gave me the strength to keep on going once I let go and let Him take over. Now Frank has gotten his reward for being a faithful servant to God and country most of his 85 years.

Many thanks to all of you who brought us so much food that I didn't have to cook all week. Everything was delicious especially that big meal for us at church after his Memorial Service. A big thanks to everyone who had a part in preparing all that good food. And a special thanks goes to Rick Walker for his beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace—just beautiful. God is good all the time.....Much love and prayers to everyone.

May God bless each of you,
Carroll Stewart and family

Senior Adults Young-at-Heart

Our next Young-at-Heart meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17 at 12:00 noon in Williams Fellowship Hall. Roger and Becky Hudson will present a program relating to their work as Red Cross Volunteers. Join us for good fellowship, an insightful program, and don't forget to bring your "Brown Bag Lunch." Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Carroll Stewart

OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL AND KITCHEN FACILITY

We're very happy that several different groups are using our kitchen/dining area.

We had gotten into a bad state of disrepair and cleanliness so we made some improvements. We'd like your help keeping it clean and even consider helping make more repairs as we go along and work together.

So, we're asking for your help as we go forward and reach out in love to all people who use this facility.

Before leaving the kitchen/dining area after each use, please:

- ◆ Put everything back in place
- ◆ Take out trash
- ◆ Wash and put away all utensils
- ◆ Sweep floors and mop when necessary
(sticky floors have become a problem)
- ◆ Clean all appliances used
- ◆ Wipe off counters and tables
- ◆ Choose something from this list after each use to make the kitchen/dining area better than you found it:
 - Clean stove top and oven
 - Clean chairs that are soiled
(with Woolite Carpet & Upholstery cleaner only!)
 - Vacuum rug in the entrance
 - Sweep the entrance area
 - Wash appliances off

Our custodian is not here everyday and may not be back before the next event. Let's work together and leave everything a little bit better than we found it as we reach out in service to others. We're going to do our best and we ask everyone else to do the same.

WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH APP

Wytheville Baptist Church has a new app now that you can download and have access to submit a Prayer Request, Beacons, Sermons, Calendar, Directions, The Bible, Journal Page, Link to Church Facebook Page, **Online Giving**, and much more.

How to download:

Go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store and search for MY CHURCH APP



Install

The first time you open the app search for Wytheville Baptist Church. The next time you open the app, it will come up as Wytheville Baptist Church.

If you are having problems downloading or setting up this app, contact Daniel Burke or Pastor Tim.



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

Youth News

Mark your calendars!!!! **June 10-14.**

These are the dates for our upcoming
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

This year's VBS theme is **Time Lab!!**
Imagine the thrill of traveling back in time...you could meet heroes of faith like Abraham, Moses and Gideon. You could visit ancient Greece and Rome and the first Christians. You could **meet the most important person who ever lived!**

With **Time Lab** VBS,
we plan to discover Jesus from
eternity past to eternity future.

Please be in prayer for our 2018 VBS. Be thinking where you would like to participate whether with games, crafts, food preparation, Bible lessons, decorations, or drama. The material is amazingly exciting with insightful Bible lessons and super fun!!

Our motto for the upcoming VBS is:

**"LET GO;
AND LET GOD"!**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Bonnie Wright



**Kathryn Isaacs and
Mabel Crabtree Circle News**



Our April meeting will be Tuesday, April 10 (date change due to Easter). Mary Hall and Doris Terry will serve as Hostesses and Betty Robinette will present the Program. Mission Action Projects for April are Bland Ministry and Tray Cards. The group thanked Veronica for the delicious refreshments.

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

Janet Montgomery

Thank you to everyone who contributed items to the kitchen shower. We believe that our kitchen is now outfitted well for the foreseeable future.



Also, thank you for all who helped with our spring cleaning the kitchen and financially contributing to have the floors and the chairs in the Fellowship Hall cleaned. Our Fellowship Hall looks very nice once again.

Flowers

*White Flowers are nice to see.
Flowers are blowing and blooming
now and in the future.
Many different flowers are small,
large, round, square too.*



Written by:
Almetta Cruff
March 7, 2018



IT'S SPRING! There are spring and summer 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, April 26, 2018, 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.



**MAY 2018
BEACON ARTICLES**



All May 2018 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, April 18. Thank you for your help in this matter.

DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

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

- ◆ Six people with a room for one night each
- ◆ Three families with their electric bill.

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, April 1, following our worship service. We ask that you once again give from the heart. This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.

Thank you for giving from the heart.



YOU CAN HELP



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, and Peanut Butter for the months of April, May, and June 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

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*

Easter Morning

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| Sunday, April 1 | 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wytheville Presbyterian Church with breakfast to follow in their fellowship hall |
| Sunday, April 1 | 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at WBC
10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Worship Service |
| Sunday, April 15 | 10:30 a.m. Multimedia Production of "A Lamb, by Choice" |
| Sunday, April 16 | 7:00 p.m. Multimedia Production of "A Lamb, by Choice" |



STEWARDSHIP

God owns everything, and we get to manage it for Him. The responsible management of these God-given resources is called stewardship.

This is where the concepts of faith, work, and economics intersect.

Recently we have missed two Sundays due to inclement weather. We ask that you remember your commitment to be good stewards of what God has given you and give your tenth back to Him. You can now give through our WBC app. See page 16 for more information

Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest. – Proverbs 3:9

Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. – Colossians 3:23-24

CHURCH BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Our Church Business Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 18, at 6:40 p.m. All Team Leaders need to contact the church office by Monday, April 16, if you have an item to be placed on agenda.

NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Personnel Team has compiled new job descriptions for the staff. They will present these items at the Church Business Conference on the 18th. There is a copy of each new job description in the church office for your review before the Business Conference. A copy of each new job description will also be sent out by email.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

April 2018

We have a new Jan Karon book. *To Be Where You Are (A Mitford Novel)*. After twelve years wrestling with the conflicts of retirement, Father Tim Kavanagh realizes he doesn't need a steady job to prove himself. Then he's given one. As for what it proves, heaven only knows. In fiction, as in real life, there are no guarantees. But there is still a lot to celebrating, as their adopted son, Jack, looks forward to the most important day of his life. Happily, it will be a day when the terrible rift in Dooley's biological family begins to heal because of a game that breaks all the rules.

Capital Gaines: Smart Things I learned Doing Stupid Stuff was written by Chip Gaines. In this semi-humble account of a man on a mission, Chip Gaines is living proof of how one's fearless dedication and love for both business and family can redefine modern success. With his unrelenting spirit as both a coach and a trailblazer, a few off-the-wall strategies to get things done, and the boldness to go all-in, time and time again, Chip Gaines serves as a fitting poster child for entrepreneurs and risk takers the world over.

Chip Gaines and his wife, Joanna Gaines, are hosts of HGTV's Fixer Upper, where Chip handles the construction and Joanna, the design. Here is the honest (and often humorous) account of Chip's personal journey, in both business and in life. You can consider this his personal playbook. There's a decent chance you're going to find something you need in here too.

Carroll Stewart

WCCH: Harlan Clemons, Room 415
HOME: Adren Eldridge, Brenda Tucker, Pat Collins, Missy Throckmorton, Ann Collins, Sylvia McGhee, Lynn Arnold, Dan and Paula Moore, Mae Clemons, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath
EXTENDED CARE: Della Dunford, Bea Shearwood



FAMILY: John and Jamie Claypool's granddaughter, Kamy; Jackie Carson's daughter, Kris Carson; Becky Hudson's cousin, Maxine Morris; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez; Janet Quinn's father, Randolph Haven, and son, Casey; Carla Estep's mother, Peggy Asbury, and niece, Lindsey Parsley, Pastor Danny and Pat Collins' son, Brad; Collen Dunford's grandson, Alexander

FRIENDS: Christian Sympathy to the family of Harold Dean Underwood upon his passing; to the family of Beverly King upon her passing, Jackie King, Wanda Pruett's grandson, Jedi (2 yrs. old), Linda Phillips, 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
 Velma Roberts upon her passing.
 Carroll Stewart and her family upon
 the loss of her beloved husband, Frank
 Stewart.

April 4: Spaghetti, Toss Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding

April 11: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Con-fetti Cole Slaw, Rolls, Boston Cream Pie Cake

April 18: Baked Potato Soup, Pimento Cheese and Ham Salad Sandwiches, Chips, Crackers, Pickles, Brownies and Ice Cream

April 25: Barbecue with Buns, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Pickles, Pound Cake and Fruit



Meetings

Thursday, April 5: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
 Tuesday, April 17: Deacons' meeting—7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 18: Wythe County Ministerial Association—9:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, April 18: Church Business Conference—7:40 p.m.
 Monday, April 30: Leadership Team—7:00 p.m.

April

Birthdays

1 Danny Sowers
 3 Venita Wolford
 Evelyn Comber
 4 Judy Collier
 5 Jenny Stoker
 8 Andrei Stoker
 Lee Harrell

15 Pamela Moore
 Judy Rankin
 17 Rhonda Bracknell
 22 Brett Booher
 23 Jacky Scott
 24 Eric Collins
 Katie Wright
 25 Missy
 Throckmorton
 Ann Collins
 Adam Lester

28 Jackie Chapman
 29 Billie Taylor



NURSERY 10:30 AM

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 1: Delores Dove
 April 8: Jenny Stoker
 April 15: Danny Sowers
 April 22: Tommy Anders
 April 29: Tommy Hilton

USHERS

Team IV: Tommy Hilton, John Willis
 Betty Robinette, Roger Hudson

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

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

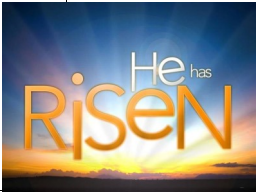

TELLERS

Jamie Claypool and Ty King

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of April

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00am Sunrise Service hosted by Wytheville Presbyterian Church with Breakfast to follow in their Fellowship Hall <i>Benevolence Offering Received</i> 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Choir Practice 10:30am Worship Service	2 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 	3	4 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir Practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study 7:45pm ALBC Rehearsal	5 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church 7:00pm Choir practice	6	7
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