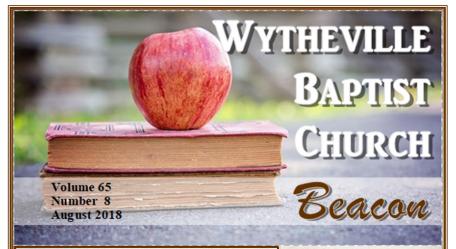


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E-mail Address, Office...... Wytheville Baptist Church ...... Minister of Music and Worship ... YOUR CHURCH STAFF ....wythevillebaptist@gmail.com ... wythevillebaptist@yahoo.com r ...... 284-1575 never filling the hole.



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 Longing to Be Filled**

Everyone has within them a hole that longs to be filled. Some folks may not admit this but it is true. This hole keeps people searching for just the right item to fill it. At one moment in someone's life, the hole can be filled with a certain activity or possession. Then as time advances people realize it did not work. So the search begins again to find the right item to fill the hole. Lots of people will spend their whole life always seeking but yet

People may even become as desperate as the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. This is the story of a young man who asked for his inheritance early, left his family, and sought his fame on his own. Once his inheritance was spent then he worked as a

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Photos by Gary Carson

hired hand feeding pigs. It is at this point that some of the key sentences of this story should jump out at us.

He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! (Luke 15:16-17 NIV)

There was a hole in his stomach and he came to his senses. Once again he recognized the interior hole and realized what he had did not fill the hole.

Throughout my years of ministry, I have seen people on this same journey. I have taken this journey more than once looking for things to fill the internal hole. Always, I have come to a place where I realize that I have looked to items, activities, and possessions to fill what is really a God sized hole. Then I come to my senses and turn back to God.

Have you had the same thing to happen? Have you come to a place where you recognize the hole and then come to your senses? Notice when he comes to his senses, that he realizes the answer is found in his father. When we come to our senses, we should be able to see that our internal hole can only be filled by seeking a growing relationship with our Creator.

St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Are you restless? Have you been trying to fill a hole with many other activities and hobbies? The hole you notice will only be filled with God. Is it time to come to your senses and seek fulfillment in an ongoing relationship with God?

I am always ready to discuss with you ways to fill the internal hole with God. Please let me know and we will schedule a time talk about it.

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim



with the Dublin Baptist chapter of Hearts and Hammers and built a ramp for a diabetic amputee in the town of Pulaski. The Calvary Chapter is working with the Ministry to complete the repairs of a roof in the Bland area.

#### **MISSIONS CONFERENCE**

Charles Damron is coordinating our efforts to hold a missions conference starting Sunday morning, March 31, and ending Wednesday night, April 3, 2019. We are tentatively planning for each missionary to speak at a different church each SUNDAY MORNING or night during the conference. Several of our churches are thinking about partnering with a nearby Network church and hosting two or three of the FIVE services in the immediate area. If we all work together none of us would host more than three meetings of the conference. Please call Charles at 540-639-1255 for more details.

#### **CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.**

- Thanks to Fairlawn for cleaning the building in June.
- Old locks were replaced in June. An electronic keypad lock is now
  on the main door. When you make a reservation, Robert will send
  you the entry code along with your confirmation. At the Secretaries
  dinner in September your church secretary will also be given the
  access code which can be changed as needed.
- Five Table/Benches will be built by Dublin and Pulaski First Baptist youth during their Bible School.
- The double-wide trailer may be moved this month depending on the weather.
- The schedule for this season's cleaning of the camp building is: August—Dublin, September—Blacksburg, October—Wytheville. Thanks so much for agreeing to clean the building this summer.

Please pray for our churches.

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

# Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- Dates for the next planned WBRBN dinners are as follows: WMU Leaders—August 7, Secretaries—September 11. All dinners start by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday night at Shoney's of Dublin just off I-81. The dinners are the week following the Leadership Team meeting.
- The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network website can be reached by searching the name or by copying and pasting

  http://westernblueridge.wix.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 p.m. meeting in the Dublin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Hardee's) on August 2, 2018.

#### BUNKHOUSE TRAILER

In addition to the \$1,000, the Network gave in June, Calvary has raised an additional \$1,200 toward the estimated \$7,500 necessary to convert the trailer to a bunkhouse on wheels. They are also asking for sewing groups to help make covers for the foam mattresses which are being provided at cost by the School House in Floyd. We are still working to have kits available which would have all the materials to make a cover, so if your church's sewing group can make a cover please contact Calvary Baptist at 540-745-3744.

#### **VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS**

Please continue to pray for Pastor Ramon Tovar and his congregation. Again in June, with the help of the IMB, our support money got into Venezuela where it is so desperately needed. Thru your continued support, they have expanded their support to another church in the area and are now reaching more people for the Lord and feeding people in a larger area.

#### BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS

Bland Ministry volunteers from Tucker Swamp Baptist Church worked (Continued on page 19)



# NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

#### **SOUL-TOUCHING MUSIC**

Music is an eternal gift from God to lift us while on earth and to glorify Him forever. That's why we at WBC seek to use this precious gift to reach down deep into the soul. Our "receptors" have been conditioned to respond to certain types of music, therefore we are not as open to some music as are others. Our weekly praise and worship song focuses on our youth and young adults, each of whom we value so highly. The choir is working on some new songs for this time which we hope will be meaningful to them and, as the music becomes familiar, hopefully to our whole congregation.

I know our patriotic service touched many, even though our computer glitch will postpone the special media tribute to our veterans. With deep appreciation we thank all who worked so diligently on its presentation.

Our choir is excited about our Christmas program, "I Hear the Prophet Callin'," which we believe will touch souls in a refreshing, "Appalachian-comfortable" way. The beautiful melodies aided by such folk instruments as a penny whistle, hammered dulcimer, and accordion, should also impact our community's "receptors." This is the perfect time to join our choir-to enjoy participating in this very joyful, yet strong presentation of our Lord's birth.

Another opportunity to have your souls refreshed through music is at the Senior Celebrators Conference, October 22-25, at the Leconte Center in Pigeon Forge, TN. On Wednesday night this year's conference is dedicated to honoring our veterans with President George W. Bush as speaker.

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Other speakers include Dr. David Jeremiah. Phil Waldrep, and Chonda Pierce (Christian comedian). The Gaither Vocal Band, Veritas, and Selah are the performing artists, while worship leader, Charles Billingsley, will lead the over 5,000 attendees in worship. The experience of being part of such a large group hearing the Word and singing with their whole hearts and souls to the Lord is. well, soul-stirring, to say the least. I will be taking my car for those interested in riding with me, and the conference rate is only \$125 per person. Food and lodging can be determined by those going. You can find more information at Celebrators.org Please contact me or the office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. I can personally attest that this extraordinary event has been lifechanging for me.

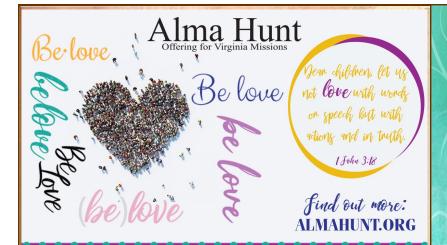
In conclusion, I would ask each of you to join me in seeking the "soul" of our music, regardless of the style, knowing that if it isn't particularly our "cup of tea," that it is reaching someone else. It never ceases to amaze me how—when we focus on the Lord and others—that the Lord touches our soul also.

Please pray for wisdom for myself and our Music Department as we seek to expand the receptors of all our hearts to the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ. May our music touch each soul as the Lord's Holy Spirit flows through us—for that is our purpose and our joy.

A receptor seeking expansion,

Judy

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.



# September 17-23, 2018 Goal: \$1,167,500

#### WBC Goal: \$1,000

Alma Hunt was a Virginia born, world renown Baptist leader, having served 26 years as WMU National Executive Director and after retirement as a national and international missions advocate. Until her death at age 98, her sacrificial service was an example for all Virginia Baptists to emulate. Thus, the State Missions Offering of Virginia was named in her honor in 1998.

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions makes possible special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives that are not funded through regular streams of giving but are uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists. These ministry allocations are determined annually for publication.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

#### START PACKING THOSE SHOEBOXES

Don't forget to help us show God's love through

the power of a simple shoebox gift and the lifechanging 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.

Shoe Box ministry is from November 12–19, 2018.

The fellowship hall is reserved on Tuesday, August 14, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. for the Retired Teacher's meeting.

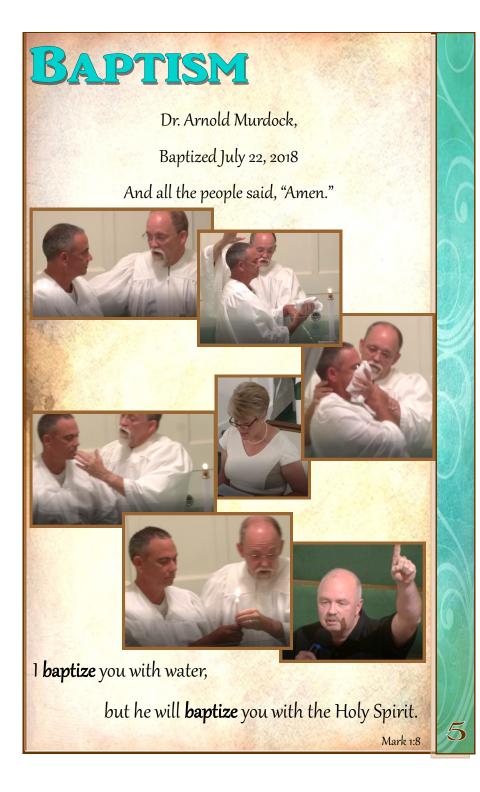
The fellowship hall is reserved on Saturday, August 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by Kelsey Grimes.

#### WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH APP

Look for the Wytheville Baptist Church app where you will be able to download and have access to submit a Prayer Request, read the Beacons, Calendar, get Directions, hear the Sermons, open The Bible, compile a Journal Page, Link to Church Facebook Page, Online Giving, and much more.

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





#### ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC



The Fellowship Team invites our WBC family and friends to a day of fellowship at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp on Sunday afternoon, August 5. 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.

**Directions:** Take I-81 N to Exit 98, at the stop sign turn right onto Cleburne Blvd./Old Route 100 Rd., turn left onto Hence Rd., turn left onto Davis Rd., turn left onto Newbern Rd./ Wilderness Rd., turn right at Towes Ferry Rd and go to the end of this road, take a right into the Baptist Camp.

*Put in the following address in your GPS/Phone:* 4337 Towes Ferry Rd, Dublin, VA 24084

This will get you to the end of the road. Take a right into the Baptist Camp.

**OIN US!** We are going to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater Friday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m. to see *ONE NATION UNDER* 



**GOD.** This production is a tribute to our fellow

American men and women serving, protecting, and defending the USA here at home and around the world! These heroes have sacrificed their time, talents and lives so that we may enjoy and celebrate freedom! This production also features America's gospel favorites and hymns that we grew up singing! This inspirational music is presented by WHDT's fabulous musicians, as we rejoice in the many blessings of our Christian Heritage! Join us at WHDT in our celebration of God and Country! Contact Doris Terry at 620-4733 if you would like to be part of this wonderful group going.

#### A NEW SCHOOL YEAR HAS

**STARTED!** There are children that need clothes for the new school year. These children's clothes are available in our WBC Children's Clothes Closet and are



free. 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, August 23, 2018, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

pread 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.

#### SEPTEMBER 2018 **BEACON ARTICLES**

All September 2018 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, August 20. 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: Helping Hands

◆ Seven families with a room for one night

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sun-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.



Please bring canned vegetables for the months of 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.

Ministry of Feeding Others

If you would like to help feed those less fortunate, please consider sending a check to Hope Inc., PO Box 743, Wytheville, VA 24382, and earmark your check "Community Food Kitchen."



July 8, 2018, a service that honored all our Veterans and those still serving.

#### Back to SCHOOL

The beginning of school is just around the corner. Please remember our youth and children in your prayers that they have a wonderful and safe new school year!



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

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: In lieu of our August meeting, we encourage everyone to attend the Church Wide Picnic on Sunday, August 5, at the Claytor Lake Baptist Camp. The Mission Action Projects for August: Agape and Tray Cards. Regular meetings will resume Monday, September 3.

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

Janet Montgomery

(C) ur Young-at-Heart group had a good time at our meeting on July17 at Doris Ter-



ry's lake home. We laughed and carried on a lot. We really enjoyed all the food she prepared for us; no one went away hungry. But some of us went home wet after our boat ride. It poured down rain when we went out on the pontoon. Yeah, we got wet, except for Zanah—she got soaked! Everyone had a great time many thanks to Mrs. Terry and her family. There were ten in attendance but only four YAH members. You missed a good time.

We will meet at the Wohlfahrt Haus outdoor Gazebo for lunch on Tuesday, August 21, at 12 noon. Please sign up if you plan to come. We always have a good time going there.

Carroll Stewart

# The Nellie Bausell Jihrary Notes

# August 2018

Knowing Scripture by R.C. Sproul is practical tools for interpreting the Bible. The Bible is the written Word of God, and it is treasured in many of our homes. But it is also an ancient book about people and cultures very different from us. So, while we know we should read it, many of us don't because we have a hard time understanding the Bible.

In this updated edition of *Knowing Scripture*, Mr. Sproul helps us dig out the meaning of Scripture for ourselves. The author says. "The theme of this book is not how to read the Bible but how to study the Bible." He presents in simple, basic terms a commonsense approach to studying Scripture and gives eleven practical guidelines for biblical interpretation and applying what we learn. With a minimum of technical jargon, Sproul tackled some of the knotty questions regarding differences of interpreting the Bible.

All Rivers To The Sea is a historical fiction by Bodie and Brock Thoene. It is October 1844. With the death of the evil Colonel Mahon and the greatest harvest of potatoes in living memory, it looks like peace and prosperity are finally on the way to the village of Ballyknockanor. But this is only the calm before the storm. Politically, British invaders threaten to undermine the movement for Irish independence, but it is the impending potato blight that very well may end all dreams and destroy a centuriesold way of life.

As Kate waits for the birth of their baby, Joseph is in hiding in London, trying to find a way to come to Ireland and assure himself of his beloved wife's safety. But plot and counterplot stand between him and a sweet reunion with those he loves.

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Marjorie Wassum, Joe Crowgey, Eric Crowgey, Brittney Lester, Harlan "Speedy" and Mae Clemons, Elton and Mabeline Robinson, Dan Robinette, Adren Eldridge, Brenda Tucker, Missy Throckmorton, Eric and Ann Collins, Sylvia McGhee, Lynn Arnold, Dan and Paula Moore, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon

**EXTENDED CARE**: Della Dunford, Bea Shearwood, Rosalene "Posey" Heath (Carrington Cottage, Room 203, 270 Commons Parkway, Daleville, VA 24083), Ruth Guy (Carrington of Wytheville, Room 132A)



PRAYER

FAMILY: Guy and Linda Sutphin's daughter, Rebekah; Paula Moore's sister, Rosetta Morrison, and nephew, Kenny Blankenship; Cathy Valley's sister-in-law, Laura Taylor; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez; Carroll Stewart's brother-in-law, Herbie Steward; Becky Hudson's cousin, Maxine Morris; Janet Quinn's son, Casey; Carla Estep's son, Christopher Sheppard, mother, Peggy Asbury, and niece, Lindsey Parsley; Judy Collier's aunt, Mildred Ormand (Midge), and cousin, Dianne West

**FRIENDS:** Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Danielle Reeves upon her passing, Kristy, Randy Kasey and family, Tina Bishop, Barbara Fox, Keith Hull and family, Parks Turpin Jr., Mike Cassell, Matthew, Steve Sboray, Scott Hill, Lynn Perry, Jackie King, Wanda Pruitt's grandson, Jedi (2 yrs. old), Linda Phillips, Bland Ministry Center

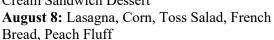
**THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**: Thomas Collins, Gregory Carson, Ryan Shupe, Kevin Dalton, Benjy Bird, Cory Todd, and all the others who serve our nation

**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.

Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

2 Chronicles 6:40

**August 1:** Sandwich Supper: Meat, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Chips, Pickles, Pasta Salad, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert



**August 15:** Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Guacamole, Chips, Cheese Dip, Cookies and Ice Cream

**August 22:** Barbecue, Buns, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Texas Sheet Cake

**August 29:** Meat Loaf, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, Apricot Pound Cake

\*Crowgey corn may be substituted when available\*

## **Meetings**

Thursday, August 2: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership

Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Wednesday, August 8: Staff—7:40 p.m.

### August Birthdays

- Kay Horney
- 2 Joe Crowgey Collin Phillips
- 11 Carolyn Porter
- 13 Dennis
  - Throckmorton
- 14 Jenni Bird Sidney Kitts
- 19 Dan Robinette Bill Lively
- 20 Mary Cathrine Gili





27 Randy Phillips30 Barbara Guy





August 5: Nursery Worker August 12: Nursery Worker

August 19: Nursery Worker

August 26: Nursery Worker

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

August 5: Children's Ministry Team August 12: Children's Ministry Team

August 19: Children's Ministry Team

August 26: Children's Ministry Team

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 5: Delores Dove

August 12: Jenny Stoker August 19: Danny Sowers

August 26: Tommy Anders

#### **USHERS**

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

#### **TELLERS**

Mary Hall and Delores Dove

#### GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of August



August 2018

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