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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

Winter Tiredness

The cold days and long nights of winter are upon us. During this time of year it can be hard to maintain a good energy level. The idea of hibernation seems like a great idea on the cold dark mornings. Maybe the groundhog will have some good news for us about spring coming early. Just the idea of warmer weather or a warm day can bring a hopeful change of attitude for most people.

Sometimes the spiritual life is not much different. There are days when the energy for living the Christian life is low. Maybe if you gave me some more time I

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might live as God wants. After working all day and accomplishing some items at home, all we might want to do is sit down and fall asleep. We may be aware that God is calling us forward in the spiritual journey but the energy is not there. We might blame it on our age or even the busyness of the season.

This is when the words of scripture can be a great help for us. Especially a passage like Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV).

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

What an incredible passage of hope for a continuing journey down the spiritual path! We

have and serve a God who does not ever grow weary or tired. Then when I am tired and weary God desires to bring me strength in a way that I can be successful on the Christian way. Now I just need to tap into this strength God wants to give to me.

Lord, please prepare me and help me to be much more receptive for the tasks you want me to join you in and fill me with your energy to do them. Amen.

May God bring you a bright light and full energy to continue forward on the spiritual journey. I look forward to hearing from you about how God is renewing you and reenergizing you.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



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 your representative at the 6:30 pm meeting in the Dublin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Hardee's) on February 1, 2018.

CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.

- Dublin Baptist is having their Sunrise Easter Service at the Camp this year. If other churches are interested in participating please contact Dennis Jones at 540-674-6061 for details.
- It's time to start reserving 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 Belspring, April Trinity, May-----, June Fairlawn, July Pulaski First, August Dublin, September-----, October Wytheville Baptist. Please let us know which of the two open months your church would like to volunteer for. If we each clean the building once a year it is not that hard on any church.
- As soon as the weather breaks, we plan to start work on the repair and improvement projects that were approved at the Annual meeting. We will let you know more as the time gets closer.

In His service

David Clonch

Moderator/Director

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network



- Our Network VBS Directors will get together for dinner to compare notes and share ideas for this Summer's Vacation Bible Schools on Tuesday, February 6, at Shoney's of Dublin at 6:00 p.m. Dates for the other planned dinners are as follows: Youth Leaders March 6, Sunday School Leaders April 10, Music Directors May 8, Deacons June 12, Treasurers July 10, WMU Leaders August 7, Pastors September 11 to follow up on the effectiveness of the dinners. All dinners start by 6:00 p.m. on a Tuesday night at Shoney's of Dublin just off I81.
- Saturday, February 24, at Dublin Baptist Church Lisa Dockery will provide training on ways to hold children's attention and solve or avoid misconduct problems. The class will begin at 10:00 a.m. then break for lunch, in the Fellowship Hall, at noon. At approximately 12:20 Lisa will begin answering questions while we finish eating. The session will end no later than 2:00 p.m. Please let us know how many will be attending from your church.
- We are tentatively planning to have church security training in June.
- Darrell Cook, Director of Virginia Tech's Baptist Collegiate Ministries is now receiving the support he needs thanks to your efforts.
- Chris Leeper the new BCM Director at Redford University and his wife Kate have arrived here in Radford
- The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site can



Judy Collier

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

SO WHAT NOW?

As I was in prayer about what to write for this month's Beacon, my mind went back to the words of a special we sang: "A Baby Will [Has] Come." Then the thought came: So what now? What will we do about it? Will the fact that "The Baby [Has] Come" make any difference in our lives this year? Or will we just go from Christmas to Easter—from celebration to celebration—without spending time with the "Baby" King, letting Him into our hearts in an ever-deepening way—into new areas of our lives that we've never let Him in before: to convict, forgive, heal, strengthen, teach, and deepen our love for Him and His children.

We as staff pray this holy season of Lent will be a very meaningful, soul-searching, and hopefully life-changing time for us and our community. For this purpose, we join with our fel-

low Church Street congregations to offer Soup and the Word to our community. This is a short service with soup and sandwiches, each Tuesday during Lent from 12 :00 to 1:00 p.m. Wytheville Baptist Church will offer Soup and the Word March 6 and 27; Wytheville Presbyterian Church February 20 and March 13; and St. Paul United Methodist Church February 27 and March 20.

Once again we will present our multimedia "A Lamb, by Choice," on Sunday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. and Monday evening, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. We pray our minds and hearts will be so focused on our precious Lord at this time, that our only possible response will be true and total dedication of our lives to Him and His service. Anyone who would like to work with us

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to prepare hearts for the Lord,
please see me or leave your
name in the office.

For their moving
and beautiful
specials, a special
thank you goes to
soloists Holly Mont-
gomery and Rick Walk-
er; to children's ensemble
members Evelyn Comber,
Thomas Comber, and De-
Lainey Forster; and to our
faithful choir members: these
all braved the cold and gave up
their family holiday time to
sing for us Christmas Eve and
throughout our cold holiday
Sundays when many were una-
ble to attend. I think I saw
some extra stars pop out on
their crowns!

Yes, the Baby has come. Will
He make a difference in our

hearts this year? Will He be-
come Lord over every area of
our lives? We just need
to ask Him to show
us the closed heart
doors He wants to
enter;
then let His loving
Presence cleanse and
fill those places.

Please pray that this holy
season of Lent will be trans-
forming for each of us—that
Jesus will not only come to the
world in increasing power, but
that He'll come into our hearts
afresh, changing us until we
reflect his glory to this crazy
mixed-up world—we all need
Him so badly! Yes, the Baby
has come ... So what now?

With this Blessed Hope,

Judy Collier

**Will He make
a
difference in
our hearts**

THE SOLID ROCK

Words: Edward Mote,
1797-1874

Music: William B. Bradbury,
1816-1868

The Baptist Hymnal
No. 406

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOU! SIGN UP NOW!

We have a group going to Dublin Baptist Church Saturday, February 24, for training by Lisa Dockery on ways to hold children's attention and solve or avoid misconduct problems. The class will begin at 10:00 a.m. then break for lunch, in the Fellowship Hall, at noon. At approximately 12:20, Lisa will begin answering questions while we finish eating. The session will end no later than 2:00 p.m. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this vital training by contacting the church office by Wednesday, February 14.

This is a great training class for *men and women, young or old*—we need you for our Children's Sunday School teachers, for our VBS workers, and for the teachers who will be part of our Wednesday night Children's Mission Programs.

This training will prepare us for the children God is sending our way—**IF WE ARE READY FOR THEM.**

Let's get ready for our
VBS 2018
and make an impact
in the lives of children
for the Lord.



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 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

WATCH FOR IT!!!

We have begun the process of selecting, coordinating, and building upon our 2018 VBS

The date chosen for this year's VBS is June 10 to 14, 2018.

Please start thinking and praying about your part in this life changing event in the lives of the children throughout our community.



Senior Adults Young-at-Heart

Our January Young-at-Heart meeting was filled with lots of fun and laughter, and most everyone participated. But Guy Sutphin came through with the best tale about an automobile he owned many years ago. Ask him how he found out what his van had been used for by the previous owner. That was just part of the story he told us about his orange vehicle—also, ask him to tell you what he traded it for.

Since Soup and the Word is scheduled on our normal meeting dates, we will not have a meeting in February or March. We will get back on track in April. Please join us for Soup and the Word and then come to our regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17.

Carroll Stewart



*"We must not love with words or speech,
but with truth and action"*
(1 John 3:18, HSB).

March 4—11, 2018

National Goal:
\$70 million

WBC Goal:
\$1,000



Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News

Our February meeting will be moved to Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Williams Fellowship Hall. The hostess in February will be Lynn Arnold, and Linda Lively will present the program. Mission Action Projects are College Cards and Agape.

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

Janet Montgomery



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, February 22, 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.



MARCH 2018 BEACON ARTICLES



All March 2018 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Tuesday, February 13. 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:

- ◆ Eleven families with a room for two nights each to help them stay warm during our extremely cold temperatures.

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, February 4, following our worship service. We ask that you once again give from the heart. This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.

Thank you for giving from the heart.



YOU CAN HELP



Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for the months of February and 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 second Saturday of every month beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please contact Chris and Rhonda Bracknell or Guy and Linda Sutphin.

COMMUNITY FOOD KITCHEN

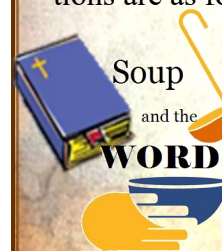
The Community Food Kitchen is open every Monday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for those who are in need of a meal.

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

Ministry of Feeding Others

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:



February 20	Wytheville Presbyterian Church
February 27	St. Paul United Methodist Church
March 6	Wytheville Baptist Church
March 13	Wytheville Presbyterian Church
March 20	St. Paul United Methodist Church
March 27	Wytheville Baptist Church

WATCH FOR THESE EVENTS COMING IN MARCH AND APRIL

Sunday, March 11	Multimedia Production of <i>A Lamb</i> , by <i>Choice</i> 10:30 a.m.
Monday, March 12	Multimedia Production of <i>A Lamb</i> , by <i>Choice</i> 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 25	Palm Sunday Worship Service
Thursday, March 29	The Seder (Passover) Meal, 7:00 p.m. WBC
Friday, March 30	Good Friday Worship Service noon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 1	Sunrise Service at Wytheville Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. with breakfast to follow in their fellowship hall
Sunday, April 1	Easter Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. WBC

Thank You

Dear Church Family:

I want to thank you for the nice Fruit Basket that Danny Sowers delivered to me. I have really enjoyed it, and I certainly thank the WBC Carolers for their singing. It is always such a joy to hear them.

Love to you all,
Rosalene "Posey" Heath

Dear Deacons,

Thank you so much for the beautiful fruit basket. I also enjoyed the fellowship visit with Tommy Hilton who delivered it. I could not ask for a better church family. God Bless each and everyone.

In God's love,
Jean Moore

Dear Church Family,

I'm sorry this is so late, but I do want to let you know that I appreciate each and every one of you. The visits were wonderful while I was in the hospital with hip surgery. They let me know that I was thought of. Also, the gifts of flowers and fruit were appreciated. I enjoyed the fruit basket very much. Again, my thanks to everyone.

Sincerely
Love in Jesus Christ
Zanah McCoury

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks to everyone for their love and concern for Frank. The prayers, cards, and calls have been so uplifting and thoughtful on your part. He has some good days and then not so good, but God is still in control of his life. A special thanks to Almetta Cruff for the picture of Praying Hands she painted for him.

May God bless each of you,
Carroll Stewart

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

February 2018

Shielded By God's Power: Surviving Childhood Abuse by Ivy Christian is the story of her life. Children are precious gifts from God. They need to be cherished, encouraged, and taught how to succeed in the world around them. But more than anything else, they need to know they are loved—with no strings attached. However, millions of children all across America have no idea what it means to be loved and cared for. What they know is fear, pain, neglect, and a multitude of abuses that many of us have never endured.

Ivy is a survivor. It took a number of years, and many more calamities, but she eventually discovered the God who loves her beyond all measure and who wanted her for His child. She learned that she had value, and was worthy of friendship and acceptance. She now wants other victims of abuse to know that they do not need to suffer in silence.

A Portrait of Jesus Joseph F. Girzone recaptures the truth of Jesus that is presented to us in the Gospels and gives a compelling vision of the person Jesus' contemporaries must have known. The author seeks to personify Christ in the minds of readers by asking some simple questions: What did people see in Jesus as He walked down the street? How did He approach others, and what would these people take away from meeting Him? What do His actions tell us about how we can live our lives today?

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Missy Throckmorton, Mary Hall, Ann Collins, Sylvia McGhee, Lynn Arnold, Dan Moore, Harlan and Mae Clemons, Bill Valley, Dr. O.J. Campbell, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

EXTENDED CARE: Adren Eldridge, Dela Dunford, Velma Roberts, Frank Stewart

FAMILY: Janet Quinn's father, Randolph Haven, and son, Casey; Tommy Hilton's brother, Kedric Hilton, Carla Estep's mother, Peggy Asbury, and niece, Lindsey Parsley; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez

FRIENDS: 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.



PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Norma Jean Wolford upon her passing

Adren Eldridge upon the passing of her brother

February 7: Lasagna, Toss Salad, French Bread, Brownies and Ice Cream

February 14: Ash Wednesday: Pancakes, Bacon and Sausage, Fruit Toppings, Ice Cream Sundaes

February 21: Broccoli Cheddar Chicken, Rolls, Fruit and Cottage, Pound Cake

February 28: Chili, Baked Potatoes, Toss Salad, Crackers, Broccoli and Cheese, Blondies and Ice Cream



Meetings

Thursday, February 1: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
Wednesday, February 8: Staff—7:30 p.m.
Monday, February 12: Worship Team—7:00 p.m.

February Birthdays

1: Velma Roberts
Kaitlyn Phillippie
3: Frances Nash
5: Vanessa Lopez

Linda Sutphin
8: John Willis
9: Michelle Garst
13: Cole Throckmorton
18: Ivey Burke
19: Denise Burton
20: Ty King
Robert Herndon

25: Bill Valley
27: Sharon Sowers
Holly Wolford
Vivian
Blankenship



NURSERY 10:30 AM

February 4: Nursery Worker
February 11: Nursery Worker
February 18: Nursery Worker
February 25: Nursery Worker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 4: Tommy Hilton
February 11: Janet Montgomery
February 18: Delores Dove
February 25: Jenny Stoker

USHERS

Team II: Tommy Hilton, Guy Sutphin
Glenna Turner, Becky Hudson

TELLERS



Mary Hall and Delores Dove

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of February

February 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church 7:00pm Choir practice	2	3
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