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All photos by Gary Carson

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS A Central Focus for 2018

There is a need for any organization to have a goal to work toward. Without a goal to work toward, an organization can exist for many years without growing or expanding in any way. For the church worldwide, the goal is to reach those who do not know about the salvation they can have through Jesus Christ. All tasks the universal church does should advance toward this goal. We as the local body of Jesus Christ on the corner of Spring and Church Streets have the same goal of reaching people with the message of Jesus Christ and personal salvation. In order to reach this goal, we the church must be

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healthy and prepared to accomplish this goal.

Being healthy means we support and guide one another closer in relationship with Jesus Christ. It will be from this close relationship that God will guide us to reach out to those around us who need to know Jesus Christ. So the first step toward living the goal of reach-

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ing this community is helping one another be better disciples. A Central Focus for our church, through the efforts of many people, has been developed. It is:

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Throughout this year, I would love to have discussions about each part of this central focus. It is my hope and prayer as your pastor that you will take some time and seriously consider each part. What does it mean to you? How can you change to be more supportive of each member of our church? What simple things could you

do to encourage the staff and other members of the church to live deeper as a disciple of Christ? Can you lend a hand to help others reach out to the community?

I know this is a lot to think about, but remember we must support one another to reach this community in which God has placed us. This is the rea-

son God called this church into existence. People are attracted to communities of faith when they see the members supporting and encouraging one another to grow in Jesus Christ. We can best accomplish the goal of reaching Wytheville and Wythe County for Jesus Christ by being this kind of community! What step will you take to help Wytheville Baptist Church become a stronger community?

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



Christmas Eve Service



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



**Kathryn Isaacs and
Mabel Crabtree Circle News**



Our January meeting will be moved to Tuesday, January 2, since the first Monday in January is on New Years Day. The hostess in January will be DeAnne Irving, and Cathy Valley will present the program. Mission Action Projects are Agape and Wythe Rescue and Mercy House.

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

Janet Montgomery

RECORDS OF CONTRIBUTION

You will receive your record of contribution for 2017 by January 15, 2018. If you do not receive your statement, or if there are any errors, please contact our Financial Secretary, Betty Matheny.

TITHING ENVELOPES

Our Offering Envelopes for 2018 will be ready for pick-up the latter part of January. The boxes of envelopes will be placed on the table in the main hallway under the Library windows. The boxes will be in numerical order and an alphabetical list of names will be provided with assigned envelope numbers. If you cannot find your box or do not have an assigned tithing number and would like one, please contact the church office at 228-3712.

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list published in our bulletins and Beacons has become very long. Some on our prayer list have inadvertently been left on the list after our prayers for them have been answered. Therefore, we will purge the list and start fresh. We ask you to carefully look over the list of names and if there is someone you would like left on the prayer list, please call the church office. All other names will be removed from the list the last of January and a new list will be published in our February Beacon and again in our bulletins.

We thank everyone who sacrificially stood in the gap for others.

**NOTES FROM OUR
MINISTER OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP**



Judy Collier

“Once upon a Holy Night” God came to earth as a Baby and named Himself Jesus. He filled the earth with Love, Joy, Peace, Light, and the Promise of Eternal Salvation for all who accepted this wonderful Gift through His Only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God filled our sanctuary with His Holy Spirit and touched hearts during our Christmas gift to Jesus: “Once upon a Holy Night.” The music, drama, sound, and lighting—all received high praise as each aspect of the presentation was beautiful and blessed by the Presence of Jesus as He received His gift of love from His earthly brothers and sisters. We felt His Holiness and it was confirmed by such encouraging words as: “The Lord’s Presence was all over it (the presentation)” and “there were several youth there from out of town who did not necessarily know the Lord and said they felt God’s Presence there so strongly.” Our prayers have been answered and continue to be answered as I know the Lord is

still using our labor of love in the lives of those who attended.

Those who went caroling to the shut-ins immediately following our presentation at church, gave further to the Lord Jesus as they touched the lives of those hurting during this beautiful but emotional season. But I don’t know who was blessed more: the carolers or the shut-ins. Thank you, those who went the extra mile in giving of your time and love—I know our Father is also pleased.

At this writing, we are still looking forward to Christmas Eve and our corporate celebration of our Lord’s birth with the Word of God, music, communion, and candles. I pray that the Lord’s special visitation to us during this holy season will light our entire year with greater love, wisdom, peace, unity, and true joy. I also pray that our response to this Loving Child—Creator and Lord, full of mercy and grace—will be with total commitment and dedication, as we serve each other and those in

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the community who have yet to experience the wonder and blessedness of life in this once Baby, now King Jesus. May 2018 be a barrier-breaking year as the Lord of All Creation shatters the darkness with His Love, and may we be right there in the midst of the battle, leading others to the Light of His Love.

With this Blessed Hope,
Judy Collier



Dear Deacons,

Many thanks, to everyone, for the cards, calls, visits, meals, and transportation during my convalescence. And, most especially, for your thoughts and prayers.

I am improving daily and am glad to be back at church with all you "special" people.

Sincerely,
Mary Graham

Dear Deacons and WBC Family,

Thank you to the Deacons for your kindness in remembering me and my family with a lovely fruit basket at Christmas, we have truly enjoyed this gift.

Thank you WBC family for all your love, encouragement, and support that you have shown me. I am truly blessed to be part of this church family.

Love to all,
Jan Stone

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the meals, cards, calls, visits, and most of all your prayers while I was in the hospital and now at home getting my strength back. I miss you all greatly and hope to be back with you soon.

Thank you to the Deacons for the beautiful fruit basket. I have enjoyed this blessing very much. To be remembered in such a special way is very heart warming.

Love to you all,
Mary Hall

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls. I have been comforted knowing my church family has me in your hearts and prayers.

Love,
Adren Eldridge

Dear WBC Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful fruit basket I received from the church. It touched my heart, especially as the caring faces of the givers were reflected in the gift. I love you all and do so appreciate the honor, joy and privilege of serving the Lord alongside such a precious Body of His loving children.

In His Love,
Judy Collier

To Our Church Family:

Thank you for your kind words, prayers, and beautiful cards. They brought great comfort and healing during the loss of Carlisle's Uncle Ralph.

Carlisle and Linda Hostetter

Dear Church Family:

Thank you all for your gracious gifts. You are all special to me and I hope to enjoy being in God's and your service for many years.

Thank You

Love to you all,
Janet Montgomery

To my church family and all my friends,

I've been through a lot recently, but through it all my church family always brings me joy as you remember me with your kindness. Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and food. God has been so good to me. He has blessed me in so many ways and with such wonderful friends that continually keep me in their thoughts and prayers.

Thank you also for the visit and the beautiful fruit basket. It was greatly appreciated.

With a thankful heart,
Sylvia McGhee

Dear WBC and Deacons,

I thank you so much for the nice big fruit basket. I enjoyed so much the visit from Jenny and Maria Stoker who delivered it.

I also thank the WBC Carolers, your singing was beautiful and I appreciated the gifts.

Thanks for thinking of me,
Marjorie Wassum

Dear Deacons and WBC Family,

Thank you for remembering me in such a wonderful way. The fruit basket was delicious greatly appreciated.

Thank you again,
Emery Pruett

Dear WBC Family:

Thank you so much for the beautiful fruit basket, we have greatly enjoyed the fruit. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers and we ask that you continue to pray for both of us.

God bless you all,
Eric and Ann Collins

Dear Deacons:

Thank you to the Deacons for the beautiful fruit basket. I have enjoyed it very much. Thank you for my wonderful visit. This always means so much to me.

Love to you all,
Doris Terry

Youth News

As we reflect on the Year 2017, we can't help but feel blessed. There are so many things to be thankful for and so many blessings that have occurred. Our church has been experiencing this wonderful and fruitful transition in the past year. We are seeing new faces and making new friends in Christ.

Pastor Tim continues to bless us each Sunday with God's Holy Word.

He brings the scripture to life in an easy, understanding way which makes it helpful to apply God's word to our everyday lives. Judy is just a treasure to witness each Sunday morning as she leads our choir with such energy, excitement, and humbleness. She has incorporated a little bit more modern and contemporary music which both the youth and young adults of our church enjoy very much. It is a blessed time to be a member of Wytheville Baptist Church. I can't wait to see what God

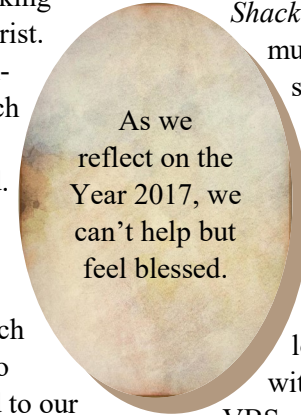
has in store for us in the Year 2018.

Higher Ground Youth and Beyond Young Adults have had such an amazing year. We continued to be involved in the Hope Packs Ministry. We enjoyed studies such as the *Grace Card* and *The Shack*. We also enjoyed

multiple short study sessions from the *Blueprint* series. We enjoyed a very successful Vacation Bible School under the direction of Bonnie Agnew. We truly

loved being involved with various aspects of VBS. We enjoyed several outings from Williams Orchard to the shooting range with the deacons. We had several movie nights, which is always a wonderful time of fellowship among our young people, with standouts being *Vanished* and *Hidden Figures*. Church Street Trunk-or-Treat was the year's most amazing

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community blessing and we are already talking about plans for next year.

Thank you Pastor Tim, Jan, Judy, Guy, Veronica, the Stokers, the Willis', the Hudsons, Daniel, and all of the other wonderful helpers we have had this year. Thank you church family—without your help, guidance, and assistance in various ways and means, we could not function at full capacity. I look forward to spending time with our young people in the coming year.

A very happy and blessed New Year from Higher Ground and Beyond,

Bonnie Wright, Youth Director

Senior Adults
Young-at-Heart

As I have mentioned before, this Young-at-Heart group likes to go out to eat and we have visited several restaurants here in town. For our December meeting, we decided to have lunch at Sagebrush Steakhouse Restaurant. For those who didn't join us, you missed some fantastic fellowship. One of our very generous members and a wonderful Christian, Dr. O.J. Campbell, paid the bill for all eleven members who joined us. Thank you O.J. for that amazing blessing.

January will be your turn to take part in the program by sharing something with us. It could be a story, a poem, a collection you would like to show off, a song, or whatever you can come up with to share with us. We will meet in the fellowship hall on January 16 at noon. Bring your brown bag lunch; dessert and drinks will be provided. Everyone over 50, please come join us.

Carroll Stewart

Children's Clothes Closet



It's *very* 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, January 25, 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.



FEBRUARY 2018 BEACON ARTICLES

All February 2018 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, January 17. 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:

- ◆ Two people with a room for the night
- ◆ One family with a water bill
- ◆ Two families with their electric bill

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, January 7, 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 canned fruits and vegetables for the months of January, 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

LOOK WHO JOINED WBC IN 2017



Francis Nash



Bob & Sharon Taylor



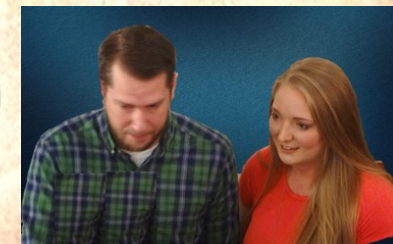
Alice Ponise Mellon



Carlisle & Linda Hostetter



Gary & Carla Estep



Adam & Brittney Lester

Baptisms in 2017



Linda Hostetter



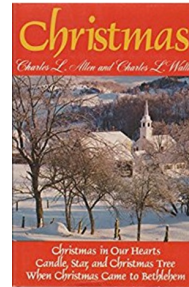
Britteny Lester



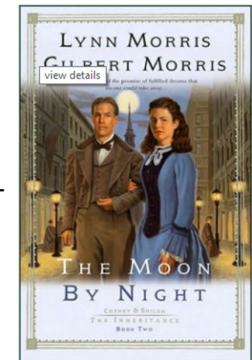
The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

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Christmas is a very small book co-written by Charles L. Allen and Charles L. Wallis in 1951. The stories are scripturally based with only 158 pages, so that makes it a quick read. Sometimes we are challenged to get Christ back into Christmas. But Christ never left Christmas, for Christmas is not expendable in God's plan and purpose of redemption. The real challenge is to get the Christ of Christmas into our hearts at Christmas—and ever after—so that He may reign where He most desires to reign—within our lives. After just reading the book, Becky Hudson highly approves it.



Lynn Morris and Gilbert Morris, a father/daughter writing team, co-wrote *The Moon By Night*. Cheney and Shiloh return to New York from their honeymoon in the West Indies eager to resume their careers. Cheney is thrilled with the newly opened St. Luke's Hospital, which she helped design and renovate. To her dismay, however, it soon appears that several surgeries have been compromised and patients are contracting new illnesses rather than getting well. As evidence of foul play mounts, Cheney works feverishly to expose the true villain and reveal the desperate secrets that fuel these crimes.



Carroll Stewart

WCCH REHAB: Adren Eldridge
HOME: Dr. O.J. Campbell, Zanah McCoury, Missy Throckmorton, Mary Hall, Ann Collins, Norma Jean Wolford, Judy Collier, Pamela Clark; Sylvia McGhee, Lynn Arnold, Dan Moore, Harlan and Mae Clemons, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

EXTENDED CARE: Della Dunford, Velma Roberts, Linda Osborne, Frank Stewart

FAMILY: Guy and Linda Sutphin's grandson, Eric Dowden; Russ Throckmorton's wife, Mary; Carla Estep's niece, Lindsey Parsley, Almetta Cruff's mother, Janet Parks and aunt, JoAnne Gray; the wife of Judy Collier's cousin, Dianne, and her aunt, Mildred Ormond; Janet Quinn's son, Casey; Sharon Taylor's brother-in-law, Dave Kroug; Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Canada; John Willis' mother, Ruth Willis; Pastor Danny Collins' sister, Betty June Addington; Debbie Grubb's sister, Tammy Johnston; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez

FRIENDS: Tammy, Chitwood, Sue Talbott, Tonya Blankenship, Lillian Tibbs, Chris Wingard, Robin Poole, Don Jenson, Vickie Sprouse, Cindy Edmonds, Debbie Shoemaker, Ayden Morris (12 yrs. Old), Wanda Pruetts' grandson, Jedi (2 yrs. old), Louise Compton, Ron Blevins, Randolph Havens, Dr. Al Amyer, Dick Willard, William Galyean, 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:

Chris and Rhonda Bracknell and family upon the passing of Rhonda's mother, Dorothy Payne.
 Bill and Linda Lively and family upon the passing of Linda's uncle, Odus Smith.



January 3: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit and Cottage Cheese, Rolls, Poke Cake

January 10: Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Mac and Cheese, Peach Fluff

January 18: Spaghetti, French Bread, Toss Salad, Chocolate Caramel Cake

January 24: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Crackers, Pickles, Apricot Pound Cake

January 31: Pancakes/with Fruit Toppings, Bacon, Sausage, Ice Cream Sundaes



Meetings

Thursday, January 4: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
 Wednesday, January 10: Staff—7:30 p.m.
 Monday, January 15: Deacons' —7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 17: Church Business Conference—6:40 p.m.
 Monday, January 29: Leadership Team—7:00 p.m.

January Birthdays

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|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Wanda Hamm | 6 Pauline Moore | 23 Linda Lively |
| Maria Stoker | Jesus Alfredo | Sara Wingard |
| Bryson Booher | Esquivel | 26 Rick Tucker |
| 3 Dan Moore | 7 Collin Phillips | 27 Jonathan Stoker |
| 5 Carla Estep | 9 Keith Dunagan | 28 Adren Eldridge |
| Chris Bracknell | 10 Pastor Tim Irving | 30 Amanda Phillippie |
| Glenna Turner | Mary Hall | 31 Cathy Valley |
| John Claypool | 16 Brenda Tucker | |
| | Cynthia | |
| | Inman-Willis | |
| | 19 George Hamm | |



NURSERY 10:30 AM

January 7: Nursery Worker
 January 14: Nursery Worker
 January 21: Nursery Worker
 January 28: Nursery Worker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 7: Delores Dove
 January 14: Jenny Stoker
 January 21: Danny Sowers
 January 28: Tommy Anders

USHERS

Team I: Tommy Anders, Joe Crowgey
 Bonnie Agnew, Carlisle Hostetter

TELLERS


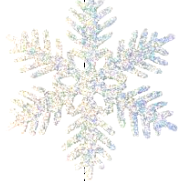
Ty King and Jamie Claypool

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of January

January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>7:00pm Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir Practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30am Community Food Kitchen 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church 7:00pm Choir practice</p>	5	<p>6</p> 
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