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Boldly affirmed in the bright future God has planned for us, we seek to be in- ventive and resourceful while encour- aging one another on a deeper spiritual	WHAT'S IN THE NEWS		
journey.	Pg. 1-2	Pastor's Thoughts	
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There is one part of the spiritual walk that	Pg. 6	WMU	
may not be deeply realized by many American Christians. We grow up being	Pg. 7	Church News	
taught to be individuals and to stand on	Pg. 8	Thank You Notes	
our own two feet. We must look out for ourselves because no one will do that for	Pg. 9	Monthly Schedule	
us. We now live in a country where each person's thought about the truth is what is	Pg. 10-11	Calendar	
right for them. This concept has created	Pg. 12	Prayer Requests	
many sets of truths applied differently in many different situations. This creates	Pg. 13	Library Notes	
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munities; and it does the same in the reli- gious life also. A society having different	Pg. 16	Church App	
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years. We were not born when Calvary happened. What Jesus Christ walked through is far different than our lives today. Yet when you read scripture it talks about us being united with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. How can this be? Does it make a difference to our life if we consider ourselves "United with Christ" in his experience here on earth 2000 years ago?

Paul, in Romans 6:5-11, says it does make a difference to understand being "United with Christ." Christ died a horrible death on the cross, was buried, and then was resurrected to a newness of life. In Christ's death, the body was freed from sin's power. Paul says to be united with Christ in his death and his resurrection frees us from the power that sin has over our body. Verse 6 (NIV) says, "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin." Our bodies are no longer slaves to sin when we are "United with Christ!"

We should set aside the idea of standing on our own two feet. When we live on our own, we are not united with Christ in his life, death, burial, and resurrection. It is only when we put our complete trust in Christ and live our lives through Christ that sin is no longer master over us. Taking back any part of our lives to live it on our own is like making our own truth for each new situation. Why would we want to live with sin as our master instead of living "United with Christ?" When we live "United with Christ," we too are living a new life and sin is no longer master over us.

My prayer is that you will learn to live "United with Christ" and experience the fullness of the newness of life. As always, I would love to discuss this further with you.

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim



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 Blacksburg, October Wytheville. Please let us know if your church can clean the building in May.
- We have been promised the old trailer will be gone and the area cleaned up before Easter
- Calvary Baptist is spear heading a Disaster Relief "Bunk House Trailer" project with the BGAV. We will let you know how they progress and how we volunteers can help outfit the trailer for service in emergencies.

VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS

• The Leadership Team voted to send \$300 to pastor Ramon Tovar to help feed people both physically and spiritually in his community. Please read his letter and one from the people of the International Mission Board describing the need in Venezuela that is attached to the cover email. We can't turn our back on fellow Christians that are starving.

Please pray He continues to provide opportunities for us to witness and in some small way be instrumental in pointing lost souls to Him.

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

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- Our Network Sunday School Leaders will get together for dinner to compare notes and share ideas on Tuesday, April 10, at Shoney's of Dublin at 6:00 p.m. Other planned dinners are as follow: 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.
- We are still tentatively planning to have the State Police do Church Security training in June or July.
- Darrell Cook, Director of Virginia Tech's Baptist Collegiate Ministries was unable to attend due to commitments to help Tech students but Chris Leeper the new BCM Director at Redford University gave both BCM reports. Chris's wife Kate has found a job with the Wythe County School System.
- 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

• 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 March 1, 2018.

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NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

SINGING FROM THE HEART

Our staff is studying Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, renowned Christian minister. seminary professor, author, and eventual martyr to the cause of Christ under Hitler. In his discussion of congregational singing, Mr. Bonhoeffer went so far to say that, "Where the heart is not singing there is no melody ... Where the singing is not to the Lord, it is singing to the honor of the self or the music, and the new song [Psalm 40] becomes a song to idols." A challenging indictment. He continued, "Why do Christians sing when they are together: ... because in singing together it is possible for them to speak and pray the same Word at the same time ... The fact that we do not speak it but sing it only expresses the fact that our spoken words are inadequate to express what we want to say, that the burden of our song goes far beyond all human words. Yet ... we sing *words* ... to God... Thus the music is completely

the servant of the Word." Good vocal music will enhance and make clearer the meaning of the words-especially in Christian music, not becoming a separate entity with the singer enjoying the melody over focusing on the Lord and meaning of the song. That is why our hearts thrill to certain words as the melody rises and takes on sobriety as the melody falls and remains low. For the purpose of congregational and church music is not performance and personal enjoyment, but worship to our God Who is worthy of our *full* attention and praise.

In talking with a dear missionary friend—who has financed her mission trips by cleaning houses for 30 years and, at 87, has just returned from two trips and was packing for her fourth trip to the Andes mountains in Peru—she said research is finding that singing is beneficial physically, mentally and emotionally. So scanning *(Continued on page 4)*

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Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord Ephesians 5:19

the Internet, I found—just as she said—research has proven or is indicating the following benefits to singing, to name a few. PHYSICALLY: strengthens the immune system (even in cancer), improves the heart, helps with lung function (including mild asthma), helps with sleep, lowers severity of snoring, is an exercise workout, can improve posture; MEN-TALLY/EMOTIONALLY: antidepressant, lowers stress levels, improves mental alertness (also in Alzheimer's), improves quality of life; SO-CIALLY: widens circle of friends, offers increased social bonding, confidence, and communication skills. When God tells us to do something (Eph.

5:19), there are always loving benefits hidden in our obedience.

So during the soulsearching of Lent, the joy of Easter, and in everyday life: Let's sing ... but from the heart — or else we are only entertaining ourselves and the melody rises no higher. May each of us experience the blessings of Lent and Easter that come only as we give ourselves totally to the Lord, receiving His love gifts showered in our obedience to His Word and His commandments. My prayer for us all: Psalm 40:1-3,

Judy Collier



Since Soup and the Word is scheduled on our normal meeting date, we will not have a meeting in 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.

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



Our first VBS Team meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will introduce the program; along with brainstorm ideas, find your perfect place, and get excited together!

Our motto for the upcoming VBS is *"LET GO; AND LET GOD"!* Mark your calendars and plan to join us!



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

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Install

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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

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Since the beginning of the year, the youth have enjoyed a new curriculum study on Wednesday nights. These studies are from a teen centered publication called "The Blueprint". A "blueprint" is an outline or plan of action. Most of the time it is used as the starting point for building a house. Before you ever grab a shovel, a bulldozer, or other building tools; you need a plan. Without a plan, even the most skilled construction team will fail. The blueprint guides them. It reminds them of their foundation and shows them what to do next. It gives them a vision for the finished product. In the Christian life, we are not without a blueprint. God has given us a foundation and a plan for our lives in His Word. Through "The Blueprint" studies, we will be doing an in-depth study of the Gospel and what it means for our lives. What we find is that the Gospel is far more than a good

story; it is the very blueprint for how God has designed us to live.

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. We have previewed the material and it looks amazingly exciting with insightful Bible lessons and super fun!! Our first VBS Team meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will introduce the program; along with brainstorm ideas, find your perfect place, and get

excited together! Our motto for the upcoming VBS is:

"LET GO; AND LET GOD"! Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Bonnie Wright



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"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 March meeting will be Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in Williams Fellowship Hall. Our hostess will be Veronica Lopez, and Doris Terry will present the program. Mission Action Projects are Bland Ministry and Hope Backpacks.

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

Dear friends, as you know Wytheville Baptist will be hosting Soup and the Word on March 6 and 27. We need to clean the kitchen as well as the Fellowship Hall prior to those dates. We have already secured someone to professionally clean the floors of these areas. We also need to spend some time doing a deep cleaning of the kitchen areas, i.e. shelves, cabinets, counter tops. We have set Saturday, March 3, at 12:30 p.m. to meet and work on these tasks. Please come and help us if you are able.

The Mabel Crabtree and Kathryn Isaacs Circle is sponsoring a kitchen shower for our kitchen at Wytheville Baptist. Over the years we have continuously used certain items that now are threadbare, worn out, or missing. We are in need if these items; two butter spreaders, small spatulas, aprons, measuring spoons, woven trivets, pot holders ,dishcloths, dish towels, and cleaning supplies. If you can gift the church kitchen with any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

Janet Montgomery



There are still 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, March 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.



BEACON ARTICLES

All April 2018 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Thursday, March 15. 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

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



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, March 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.

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AGAPE FOOD PANTRY Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for

the month of 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

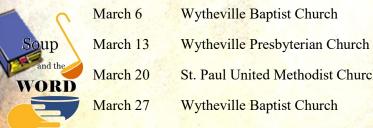
are in need of a meal.

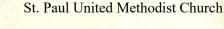
If you would like to help feed those less fortunate, please consider sending a check to Hope Ministries, P.O. Box 987, Wytheville, VA 24382, and earmark your check "Community Food Kitchen."



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 for the remainder of our gatherings are:





Wytheville Baptist Church

SERVICES IN MARCH AND APRIL

Sunday, March 25	Palm Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 29	The Seder (Passover) Meal, 7:00 p.m. WBC
Friday, March 30	Good Friday Worship Service, 12:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 1	Sunrise Service at Wytheville Presbyterian Church at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast to fol- low in their fellowship hall
Sunday, April 1	Easter Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., at WBC
Sunday, April 22	Multimedia Production of "A Lamb, by Choice" 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 23	Multimedia Production of "A Lamb, by Choice" 7:00 p.m.

Dear Pastor Tim and Wytheville Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers for my hip surgery last Thursday, for your cards, and your encouragement! Pastor Danny and I were surrounded by your prayer support. Everything went well and I'm progressing well. I have little pain and am adjusting to not being as active for a while. You will never know how much we appreciate all of you. Continue to remember us this month as Pastor Danny is not only my care giver, but he is also preparing to leave for Honduras on March 2. He will return on March 22. This time he will be involved in two different mission projects. You all are a blessing to us!! May you know of our love and appreciation for each of you.

Love you all in Jesus, Pat and Danny Collins

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Dear WBC,

On behalf of our family, I wanted to thank all of you that had a part in the service for mom's life celebration.

Mom is leaving quite the empty spot in our home and I am sure at WBC. What she did not take away was a remarkable legacy many of us experienced.

In Christ,

Brian Wolford and family

Dear WBC Family,

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Thank you so much for preparing the meal after Mom's service and all the cards, prayers, and support. We appreciate you so much.

Sincerely,

Greg and Brian Wolford and family

Pastor Tim and Church Family,

Thank you for your prayerful support and encouragement during my surgery and recovery.

Pat and I greatly appreciate each prayer, visit, card, call, and email.

May God richly bless you as you continue to serve and minister in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Carl Moss

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes March 2018

We have two old books that are new for our library. Rev. Wilbur Wesley Huff saved all the Beacon Newsletters from 1978 to 1984 and put them in a two volume set. They are beautifully bound books plus there is a stack of many other copies all the way to 1988. All you church members who have been here for many years will love to go back down memory lane through these dictionary-sized books. Although I have only been here for 20 years, I really enjoy reading them and seeing what the WBC family was up to back then. They are being placed on the Library table for your enjoyment at any time. We would prefer they not leave the church but we will allow them to be checked out for a couple days at a time, if you promise to bring them right back.

Billy Graham: God's Ambassador is a pictorial book of his life (November 7, 1918—February 21, 2018). For over 50 years, Billy Graham has traveled the world preaching the gospel to more than 100 million people. Across the globe his crusades have broken stadium attendance records. With the advent of radio, television, and satellite broadcasts, Billy has reached more than two billion people in his lifetime. This book includes hundreds of photos from the archives of Graham's photographer, Russ Busby, along with quotes, comments, and personal reflections from the past half century, most of them in the words of Graham himself and those who have been the closest to him.

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Brenda Tucker, Carl Moss, Pat Collins, Missy Throckmorton, Ann Collins, Sylvia McGhee, Lynn Arnold, Dan Moore, Harlan and Mae Clemons, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE FRIENDS IN

PRAYER

EXTENDED CARE: Frank Stewart, Adren Eldridge, Della Dunford, Velma Roberts, Bea Shearwood

FAMILY: Jackie Carson's daughter, Kris Carson; Becky Hudson's cousin, Maxine Morris; Danny and Sharon Sowers' son, Sam, 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

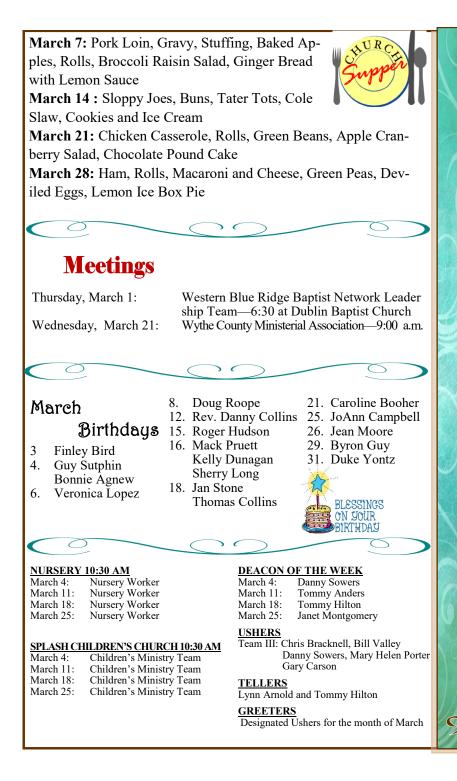
FRIENDS: Jackie King, Wanda Pruett's grandson, Jedi (2 yrs. old), Harold Dean Underwood, Linda Phillips, Bland Ministry Center

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.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7







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