



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.

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Taking Time to Process

There are so many items to get done every day. We have a plan and it is frustrating when we are not able to accomplish our plan. Sometimes we set items aside and hope they will complete themselves or maybe someone else will do them. There are even items we feel are not necessary, yet for some reason we still complete the task. Then something crashes right into all that is happening. It often is a shock and unsettles us. It may stop us in our tracks, making us completely unproductive.

This very thing happened to a man named Saul in Acts 9:1-9. He had his plan; it was a plan to stop the new Jesus movement from growing. His greatest desire was to crush it completely. Saul felt

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to eliminate all people in this new movement. Saul attained the rights to kill any people he found who followed Jesus. As he was carrying out his plan for God, God in the form of Jesus Christ interrupted him. "Why are you fighting against me?" Jesus Christ asked. Saul did not have an answer and

process how God is leading and guiding us. If during this time we feel that our plan is not God's plan then we need to scrap our plan and change paths.

This is exactly what Saul did and became known as the Apostle Paul: church planter, writer, and encourager of those

"WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING AGAINST ME?" JESUS CHRIST ASKED.

was physically and mentally blinded by this experience. For three days, Saul sat and waited. During this time Saul did not eat or drink. His whole plan was derailed.

What do we do when we find our plan derailed? Are we willing to pause and reflect on our experience? I believe Saul spent those three days reflecting and processing what he had just experienced. He was seeking to understand how he had turned down a path that was not God's way.

We can learn from Saul. I believe it is good to schedule moments of reflection on the spiritual journey. These moments should include processing what we feel God is saying through scripture, through prayer, through other people, and through circumstances. This is not a ten minute task but must involve a longer period of time to really

who follow Jesus Christ. If you have not recently taken the time to process and reflect on your spiritual journey then schedule time now. Make it an appointment you will keep as you would any other appointment on the calendar. Ask God to show you the path God desires for you to walk. If it is different than the path you are currently walking then pray asking God to show you how to walk God's path.

As always, if you have questions, I would like to sit down with you and help you better discern your spiritual journey.

Because of God's Love,

Pastor Tim



- Have you reserved the camp for your group's 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 still working on pricing for those who would be interested in working only a day or so. We plan to have the cost for 1, 2 or 3 day stays with the mission team soon.

BUNK HOUSE TRAILER

Danny Vaughn from Calvary Baptist reported on the Disaster Relief "Bunk House Trailer" project with the BGAV. They are currently waiting on BGAV funds to purchase the trailer. In the meantime they are investigating the trailer's interior renovation cost.

VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS

Pastor Ramon Tovar continues to feed people both physically and spiritually with the \$300 we are sending each month. Inflation was 4000% in 2017 and is expected to hit 13,000% in 2018. As an example, a loaf of bread that cost a bolivar in 2016 cost 41 bolivar this year and at the end of this year is expected to cost 131 times what it cost today. Pray that he will be able to find food to buy for the people in his church and community with the dollars we are sending.

BLAND MINISTRY

Hearts and Hammers members in some of our Network churches are working with Dee Dee Hoosier of Bland Ministries to build ramps for some of the physically impaired in our area. Will keep you posted as this ministry develops.

Please thank Him for the opportunities He has provided.

In His service

Dave Clonch, Moderator/Director

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

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- As reported last month the Youth Leaders dinner had 12 in attendance. The group discussed ways our various youth groups can cooperate with each other and with Tech's and Radford's BCM college ministries.
- Dates for the next planned dinners are as follow; Music Directors May 8, Deacon leader June 12, Treasurers July 10, WMU Leaders August 7, Secretaries September 11. All dinners start by 6:00 pm on Tuesday night at Shoney's of Dublin just off I81. The dinners are the week following the Leadership Team meeting.
- We are planning to have the State Police do Church Security training in late July. The details will be finalized with the State Police representative at our May 3 leadership Team Meeting.
- Darrell Cook and Chris Leeper, Directors of Virginia Tech and Radford's Baptist Collegiate Ministries reported on how the Lord blessed their mission teams witness this year during Spring Break. Several students were able to go this year that wouldn't have been financially able without the Networks financial support of their witnessing activities.
- 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 May 3, 2018.

CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.

- Sunrise Easter Service at the Camp was attended by over 40 this year. The new Fire Pit that one of our VBS youth groups built last summer really came in handy. It was a wonderful service even if the clouds obscured our view of the sun rising over the lake.

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Judy Collier

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

GLORY ON THE MOUNTAINTOP

My deepest gratitude goes to everyone who participated in "A Lamb, by Choice." Our main prayer was for the Lord's power to descend upon all; and most everyone I've talked with has spoken of just that. "I was on the mountaintop last night ..." – a comment immediately followed by her husband's words, "And we need those mountaintops!" Another said she felt the Lord's power pounding in her heart during "Feel the Nails." In fact, many of us experienced a "miracle," when, after many prayers, Rick Walker's Monday sore throat suddenly went away during "Feel the Nails" and "Hallelujah (Easter Version)," as if there had never been a problem. Several said they couldn't believe there were only nine or ten voices singing—that they sounded like fifty, which truly had to be a miracle.

And the Lord's Hand literally took control from the first note. When I made a large motion to the pianist, the choir took it as the signal to

begin, and suddenly came in strongly, perfectly together, and in the desired tempo even though it was a beat or two before they were supposed to start! I was so startled that it took me several moments to "come to" and realize that I certainly was not in control, even though I felt my right arm moving. Only the Lord and I knew who the True Conductor was at that point. What peace it brought as my burden of responsibility was taken from me and put on HIS Mighty Shoulders.

More miracles will surface, but there'll be many we won't know until glory. The gifts of the heart and sacrifice by all was truly a miracle to me. There was the creation of the gorgeous set by Jerry and Jan Stone and their family, our backstage and media/lighting team's amazing job that impacted the entire presentation. When we lost our "Peter/Barabbas" four hours before Monday night's presentation, Noah Willis rushed from ball practice to

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do two parts he'd never done before. Then the hours struggling over notes and lines from many who said "This is not in my comfort zone ..." and "This really isn't my thing ..." – but, they did it anyway. With the gorgeous and inspiring solos, Pastor's incredible portrayal of Jesus, the choir's beautiful voices offered with their whole hearts while the awesome cast enacted the Passion with passion, well, how could we *not* have experienced a mountaintop? I don't believe the Lord's mountaintop experiences were ever designed to lift us up, only to drop us back down to

where we started. Instead, He takes us from strength to strength (Psalm 85:5-7) and "glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18). So, if we opened our hearts more to the Lord during "A Lamb, by Choice," then we were changed a little more into His Likeness and are able to live on a little higher plain. Even if we can't see the change, the Lord does. Now it's for us to share His new Likeness in us...

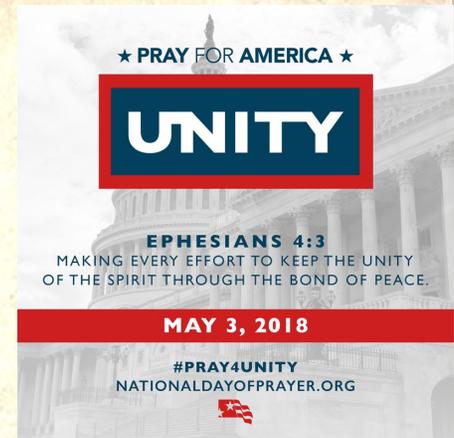
With deep appreciation,

Judy



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Join us for National Day of Prayer in Withers Park Thursday, May 3, at 12:00 noon as Christians from all over our community and county join together in prayer for Unity. Rev. Harry Grubb will be the guest speaker and guest singer will be Jerry Stone.



Run for the Wall will ride into Wytheville at approximately 4:00 p.m. for their one night stay on May 23, 2018! Mark your calendars and join us in Withers Park to give them a warm Wytheville welcome! Riders will be getting off of I-81, Exit 70 and traveling down 4th Street. Visitors are encouraged to line the sidewalks of 4th Street to wave and cheer each of the riders into Withers Park. Stay for a Welcoming Ceremony and to chat with the riders.

The Wall of Honor Memorial Day Ceremony is Sunday, May 27, 2018, 1:30 p.m. at Withers Park. The Town of Wytheville invites all citizens to attend the Wall of Honor Memorial Day Ceremony in Withers Park and honor all military men and women.

Youth News



Luis Lopez

graduating from Wytheville Community College

Victoria Willis

graduating from George Wythe High School

Wytheville Baptist Church Graduation Sunday
May 6, 2018
10:30 a.m.

COMING SOON!!!! **TIME LAB** VBS
June 10-14.

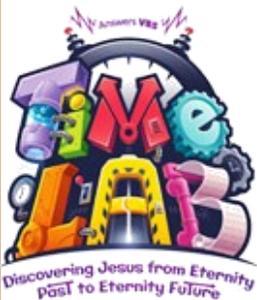
With **Time Lab** VBS, we plan to discover Jesus from
eternity past to eternity future.

Our motto for the upcoming VBS is:
"LET GO;
AND LET GOD"!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

*Watch your bulletins for time and
date of our next VBS meeting.*

Bonnie Wright



THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ABOUT TO END! There are still children that need clothes for the summer. These children's clothes are available in our WBC Children's Clothes Closet. These 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, May 24, 2018, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Listen up!



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,

**JUNE 2018
BEACON ARTICLES**

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

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

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, May 6, 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 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



Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 7. Mary Helen Porter will serve as Hostess and Lynn Arnold will present the Program. Mission Action Project for May will be Bland Ministry. The ladies enjoyed Doris Terry and Mary Hall's delicious refreshments at our April meeting and we thank them for their time in preparing and serving these yummy treats.

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

Janet Montgomery

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER

HONORING

Diana Lopez

and

Antonio Torres

Saturday, May 19, 2018
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Shower location:
Wytheville Baptist Church
Williams Fellowship Hall
205 Church Street
Wytheville, VA 24382

Hosted by:
Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle

*Diana and Antonio are registered at
Walmart and Bed Bath & Beyond*



Baptized
April 29, 2018

Thomas Comber



and



Evelyn Comber

Senior Adults
Young-at-Heart

We were loaded down with life-saving information at our Young-at-Heart meeting on April 17. Roger and Becky Hudson showed us the right thing to do if or when we think someone is having a heart attack or choking. They handed out papers that told us exactly what to do if ever faced with such situations. We were very pleased with all they told us. We may never be able to do CPR, but we could tell someone else how to do it. Sorry you missed this excellent program.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 12:00 noon in Williams Fellowship Hall. Shane Terry will present an informative and insightful program about the Visitors Center's programs/places that may interest our group. His program will help us find new things to do right here close to home. Come and join us to find out what's in Wytheville/Wythe County that we haven't visited. **Everyone is welcome—you don't have to be a senior citizen.** Don't forget to bring your "Brown Bag Lunch." We will furnish drinks and dessert. See you there.

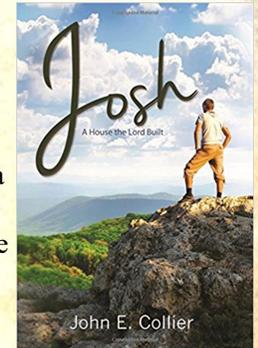
Carroll Stewart

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

May 2018

Clay Pots: Sermons and Meditations by Rev. Robert H. Thompson is an interesting book. It is his notes and thoughts from sermons he delivered in the five churches he served in over the 52 years he was in the ministry. One sermon of his really got my attention—"Jesus in blue jeans." What do you think? Would Jesus ever wear blue jeans? Why or why not? He also has a few sermons for children. One little boy was asked "what is a Christian?" He immediately knew the answer to that question. You can find his answer in the book. The author says we are jars of clay, "Clay Pots," chosen to carry and dispense the truth of God. That is the purpose for preaching and is the reason he wrote this book.

JOSH - A House the Lord Built by John E. Collier is now available for sale on Amazon.com. John is Judy Collier's husband that has passed on and is in the presence of the one he served all his life.



It was Josh's ninth birthday when his alcoholic father knocked down his mother in a rage and abandoned them both. After carrying anger and bitterness toward his father, he turned his life over to Jesus and his life changed. From a lonely, abused boy, Josh grew into the man God intended him to be, supported by godly, loving families who saw his potential and taught him skills that the Lord could use to build a city.

Read the story of a young man who pursued his vision to do business God's way and with God's principles. While achieving success in love, work, and academics, a deep personal tragedy threatened to derail his life. When he surrendered his hopes and dreams to God, Josh learned He is the God of second chances.

Come along on Josh's life journey and discover:
God helps anyone who surrenders to Him.
Success comes when you partner with God.
Caring about others pays big dividends.
With God by your side, you can reach for the stars.

HOME: Almetta Cruff, Dan Robinette, Harlan "Speedy" and Mae Clemons, Judy Collier, Adren Eldridge, Brenda Tucker, Missy Throckmorton, Ann Collins, Sylvia McGhee, Lynn Arnold, Dan and Paula Moore, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

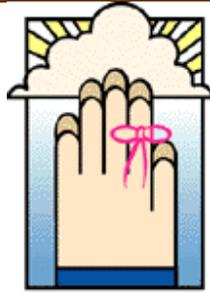
EXTENDED CARE: Della Dunford, Bea Shearwood, Mabeline Robinson (WCCH Room 347)

FAMILY: Carroll Stewart's sons, Kevin and Tim, and brother-in-law, Al Bird; the 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 son, Casey; Carla Estep's mother, Peggy Asbury, and niece, Lindsey Parsley;

FRIENDS: 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, 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

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

2 Chronicles 6:40

May 2: Bacon Wrapped Chicken, Rice, Green Peas, Ramen Noodle Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Caramel Cake

May 9: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, French Bread, Corn, Peach Fluff

May 16: Sandwich Supper: Meat, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Veggie Tray, Dip, Chips, Pickles, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert

May 23: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Strawberry Shortcake

May 30: Chicken Salad Croissants, Chips, Pickles, Lettuce, Tomato, Layered Salad, Chocolate Dessert



Meetings

Thursday, May 3: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
Wednesday, May 16: Wythe County Ministerial Association—9:00 a.m.

May

Birthdays

2: Melissa Byrd	12: Ashley Huff	24: Mary Morgan
Judy Pendleton	Noah Willis	Tommy Hilton
3: Mike Stoker	15: Tommy Terry	26: Nancy Herndon
5: Becky Hudson	Charles Robert	27: Camden Mahan
8 Stacy Terry	Michael Huff	28: Paul Garst
11: Clair Veasey	18: Wade D.	29: Rev. Robert
	Tucker, Sr.	Blankenship
	20: Janet Montgomery	
	21: Sylvia McGhee	
	23: Todd Ball	
	Zanah McCoury	



NURSERY 10:30 AM

May 6: Nursery Worker
May 13: Nursery Worker
May 20: Nursery Worker
May 27: Nursery Worker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 6: Janet Montgomery
May 13: Delores Dove
May 20: Jenny Stoker
May 27: Danny Sowers

USHERS

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

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

May 6: Children's Ministry Team
May 13: Children's Ministry Team
May 20: Children's Ministry Team
May 27: Children's Ministry Team

TELLERS

Mary Hall and Delores Dove

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of May

May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir Practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study 7:40pm Choir practice	3 NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 12:00pm National Day of Prayer in Withers Park 5:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved by Betty Matheny 6:30pm WBRBN Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	4	5
6 <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 Graduation Worship Service	7 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 7:00pm Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle meeting	8 6:00pm WBRBN Sunday Music Director's Dinner, Shoney's of Dublin	9 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir Practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study 7:40pm Staff meeting	10 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 7:00pm Choir practice	11	12 10:00am WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry
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