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Beacon

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

Sometimes we are so busy with our duties and tasks; we never see what is happening around us. Yes, there are times when we must focus deeply on what we are doing. However, often we tend to live in a bubble unaware of the many people around us. These people are often deeply involved in their own little worlds. It is as though we are nothing but "ships that pass in the night." We might briefly notice others but rarely remember them later in the day.

Fortunately, God looks way deeper at each person. God's love is so deep for people and so rich that God is aware of every detail for people. How wonderful it

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is to know this fact! God wants everyone to come into a loving relationship with Him. God is constantly reaching out to each person and trying to woo them into a deep personal relationship. There are some who wish that God would act much quicker in people's lives to bring them to a salvation experience that will change them into a new creation. This is where 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) is a good verse to remember.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

If God is patient in reaching people, truly waiting for them to turn to Jesus Christ, should not we be also? Before I can exhibit patience though, I need to first notice others and become involved in their lives. This means a little less focus on me, my tasks, and my needs at times. I will need to enter into the journey others are traveling and walk along with them for a moment or even a longer time. When I do this: God will

develop within me a love, a deep concern, and even patience for people.

God has not taken us home to live in heaven because our task now is to help people see the change Jesus Christ has made in our lives and for all eternity. There are people you pass by every day who would be changed if you took time to be part of their lives. If they could see the incredible blessings of God flowing through you, then a seed might be planted in their lives to follow Jesus Christ.

Will you focus less on you and more on others so instead of "ships that pass in the night" we become pilgrims who walk together on a spiritual journey?

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



area. The International Monetary Fund now estimates that Venezuelan inflation rate will reach one million percent in 2018. To survive, people are going to the barter system because the bolivar is now worthless.

BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS:

In mid September, Bland Ministry volunteers from River Road Baptist Church in Richmond along with the Dublin Baptist chapter of H&H plan to build a 58 ft. ramp for a stroke victim in Pulaski county. If time permits a 32 ft. ramp will also be built for a disabled lady in Giles county.

Missions Conference:

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

Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly Inc.:

Thanks to all the churches that are cleaning the building this summer. An electronic key pad 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 Administrative assistants/Secretaries dinner in September your church secretary will be given the current access code which can be changed as needed. Five Table/Benches were built by Dublin and Pulaski First Baptist youth during their Bible School; the young people did a great job. We continue to receive complements on the work they did. The double wide trailer has been moved and cleanup of the area has begun but completion will depend on the weather, The schedule for this season's cleaning of the camp building is; August Dublin, September Blacksburg, October Wythville. Scout are clearing the entrance road August 8 and 9. Volunteers will be needed in October to redo the slope of the existing roof and install a metal roof. Please contact me at 540-674-0759 or dclonch@verizon.net if members of your church can help.

Please pray for our Network as we prepare for the Annual meeting in October.

In His service

Dave Clonch

Moderator/Director, Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- Twenty two attended the July dinner for treasurers and their spouse or guest. The WMU dinner was attended by ten representatives from our Network churches. Toni Trueheart provided information on the Christmas card program for regional jail inmates and they set goals for collections this year.
- The last dinner this year will be for Administrative Assistants/Secretaries on September 11. All dinners start by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday night at Shoney's of Dublin just off Interstate 81. The week following the Leadership Team meeting.
- Thirty eight attended the State Police's Church Security training in July. Several churches brought floor or emergency escape plans for their church and the instructor recommend ways to secure their site.
- The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site can be reached by searching the name or by copying and pasting
<http://westernblueridge.wixsite.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 September 6, 2018.

BUNK HOUSE TRAILER:

The Security trainer donated his fee and travel expenses back to the Network. The Leadership Team voted to give his donation to Calvary for the Bunk House Trailer project. Dan Agee is still working to have kits available with all the materials to make a mattress 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. In July, with the help of the IMB, our support money got into Venezuela where it is so desperately needed. Pastor Ramon continues to expand their congregation's support for another church in the area and are now reaching more people with the gospel and feeding people in a larger

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Judy Collier

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

SOUL-TOUCHING MUSIC

The Wytheville Baptist Church fall calendar is full of special celebrations and joyful events. The **30th of SEP-TEMBER** begins our fall festivities with a special service planned by our InReach and Worship Teams. That Sunday we will honor our members who have served the Lord through Wytheville Baptist Church for 50 years or longer, and we'll sing the timeless Gospel hymns that have been loved throughout the ages. A church-wide potluck lunch will immediately follow the service. In a society of so much upheaval and change, our church is especially blessed to have such wonderful, faithful members.

Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is meeting once again on Wednesday evenings from 6:40-7:30 p.m. The children have enjoyed the addition of crafts to their music time and even made drums

during the last session. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. This also gives the parents of young children the opportunity to attend our Wednesday night dinner and Bible study.

OCTOBER will bring two special programs to our church grounds. In addition to participating in Trunk-or-Treat on **October 31**, WBC is inviting our whole community to a puppet and music show presented by Oak Grove Baptist Church, from Mount Carmel, TN. It will be presented in our sanctuary on Saturday afternoon, **October 13**. That day the children will get to hear the puppets sing as well as watch skits; all ages will enjoy the show and are encouraged to attend. Oak Grove Baptist Church has been sharing their puppet ministry in various parts of the country for over forty

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years. This Christ-centered program is a wonderful way to spotlight our children in the church and help meet their needs, while reaching out to share Jesus with the community. Other activities for the children are being planned that day, which will make it a very special event for the entire family.

NOVEMBER is always a special month of gratitude with our Thanksgiving celebration **November 18**. We will also be expressing our deep appreciation to our veterans on Veterans Day, **November 11**. A slideshow will be presented of our members and immediate families who have served, or who are presently serving, in the United States Armed Forces. If you have not turned in your picture and military information to the office,

please do so at your earliest convenience.

DECEMBER is filled with the joy of our blessed Savior's birth. The choir will be leading the celebration with the presentation of *I Hear the Prophet Callin'* on **December 16 and 17**, followed by our traditional Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

These church-wide celebrations help strengthen our walk in the Lord and our bonds one with another. The Lord created us to need each other—and we need to be at church events to share His Special Presence with somebody who is searching for what only we can give. And I'm one of those "somebodies" who needs you there too!

In His Bond of love,

Judy



*May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.*

*May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.*

Psalm 90:16-17

Alma Hunt

Offering for Virginia Missions

*Dear children, let us
not love with words
or speech but with
actions and in truth.
1 John 3:18*

**Find out more:
ALMAHUNT.ORG**

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.

2 Corinthians 9:7

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CRAFTS is meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:40-7:30 p.m. The children have enjoyed the addition of crafts to their music time. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PUPPET SHOW with Music featuring a Puppet Ministry from Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mount Carmel, TN. They have done puppet ministry for 40 years
Presented by: Wytheville Baptist Church
For: All Ages
Date: October 13, 2018 Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Sanctuary, Wytheville Baptist Church

START PACKING THOSE SHOEBOXES



Don't forget to help us show God's love through the power of a simple shoebox gift and the life-changing 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.

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.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Tom Collins
July 29, 2018



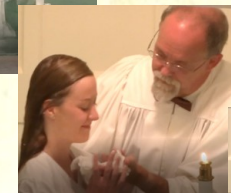
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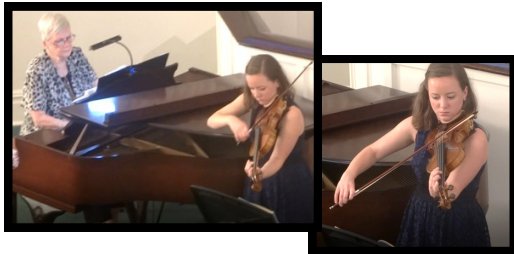
Constance Vanover
July 29, 2018

BAPTISM

Emmie King, Baptized August 12, 2018
And all the people said, "Amen."



Mary Graham, pianist, and
Brenna Crowgy, a violinist,
blessed us with music on August 1 during our Worship Service.



WBC ANNUAL CHURCH WIDE PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS



**LOOK AT ALL
THE SMILES,...**



THE FUN,...

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET!

There are children that need clothes for this school year and the Children's Clothes Closet can help with this matter. There are free clothes available in our WBC Children's Clothes Closet. 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, September 27, 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.



OCTOBER 2018 BEACON ARTICLES

All October 2018 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, September 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 families with a room for one night each
- ♦ Two families with their electric bill

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, September 2, 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 vegetables for the month of 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.

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."



THE FOOD...



AND ESPECIALLY THE FELLOWSHIP.



WE WILL HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED WBC FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE.

Our InReach and Worship Teams have planned a special Sunday, September 30, in honor of our members who have served at the Wytheville Baptist Church for fifty years or longer. A Church-wide Potluck Dinner will immediately follow the service. You don't want to miss this special event.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Our 2018 Trunk-or-Treat event will be held Wednesday, October 31. Church Street will be closed again this year so we can bless the large number of children and adults coming. We need everyone to help with prayer, candy, decorating your car, deciding upon your costume, and getting ready to love on the community. There was over a thousand adults and children who came last year. Please help us this year with your participation.

**Kathryn Isaacs and
Mabel Crabtree Circle News**



Because of the Labor Day Holiday, the date for the Kathryn Isaacs-Mable Crabtree Circle has been changed from September 3 to September 4, at 7:00. We will meet at the home of Gena Anders, at 205 Fairway Lane. It's been a couple months since we've met, so we're hoping all can attend.

Chairperson Janet Montgomery urges everyone to be praying about and seriously considering stepping up to fill the officers' positions for the New Year. Once again, the sign-up sheet will be circulated on the 4th. Doris Terry and Mary Hall have agreed to fill the position of "Mission Action", Carroll Stewart "Prayer Chair", and the other positions are "up for grabs". Our officers have been faithful to serve in the past, but are ready for "new life" from you!

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

Janet Montgomery



Our Young-at-Heart group had a very good time eating lunch and laughing at the Wohlfahrt Haus during our August meeting; or was it more laughing than eating. Twelve members of YAH shared in the fun. We are sorry the rest of our senior citizens could not join us and share the fun with us.



We have reserved the patio at Moon Dog Brick Oven Pizza/Subs at 205 E. Main Street for our September 18 meeting. We expect at least 15 of you to meet us there at noon for lunch. Bring a friend or two. One of our musical persons demonstrated some dance routines for us last year. Maybe we'll get to see a repeat---

Carroll Stewart

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

September 2018

We have two books that have just a bit over 100 pages each and should be an easy read. They are written by two very prominent authors.

Join Mary and Joseph inside a stable, beside a shepherd, at the feet of the King as you read ***In The Manger:25 inspirational selections for Advent*** by best-selling author Max Lucado.

WHY?: Trusting God When You Don't Understand. Can you keep on trusting God when bad things are happening all around you—when the pain is sharp, the doubt is deep, and it's impossible to see the sense in it all? You can do just that, says best-selling author and speaker, Anne Graham Lotz, if you keep your eye on the big picture of who God is, what His purposes are, and just how passionately He cares about His children. Drawing her characteristically keen insights from her own life and from the familiar story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in the Gospel of John, Anne shows how God can use your most agonizing, baffling trials for your growth and His glory—and how, in the meantime, you can find comfort in His presence.

Gary Carson has made DVDs of the music during our morning services, special events such as Baptism, Recognitions, Ordination, etc., and the closing of the service as people come forward. He also has DVDs of VBS, ALBC, outings, gatherings in the fellowship hall, and other special events. If anyone would like to see them, please come by the Library and check one or more out. They can be found in a box on the Library table.

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Marjorie Wassum, 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 Hern-don

EXTENDED CARE: Della Dunford, Bea Shearwood, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

FAMILY: Guy and Linda Sutphin's granddaughter; Glen-na Turner's brother-in-law, Tom Beam; Paula Moore's sister, Rosetta Morrison, and nephew, Kenny Blankenship; Cathy Valley's sister-in-law, Laura Taylor; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez; Becky Hud-son'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)

FRIENDS: Ted Phillips, Mike Cassell, Scott Byerley, Kristy, Randy Kasey and family, Tina Bishop, Barbara Fox, Keith Hull and family, Parks Turpin Jr., 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.

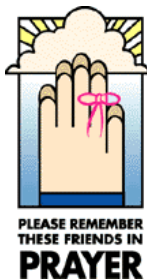
CHRISTIAN SYMPATYH TO:

Missy Throckmorton and family upon the passing of her beloved husband, Dr. Dennis Throckmorton

Judy Collier and family upon the passing of her cousin, Dianne West.

Family and friends of Ruth Guy upon her passing

Dr. Gary Houseman, Pastor of Berea Christian Church, and family upon the passing of his be-loved wife, Rhonda,



September 5: Salad Supper: Chicken Salad, Ham Salad, Croissants, Tomato, Lettuce, Jell-O Salad, Chocolate Pound Cake

September 12: Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Banana Pudding

September 19: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Butterfinger Cake

September 26: Ham, Biscuits, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad, Apple Cobbler, and Ice Cream



Meetings

Thursday, September 6: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Lead-ership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Wednesday, September 12: Staff—7:40 p.m.



September Birthdays

1 Victoria Willis	8 Mark Alderman	22 Lisa Crowgey
2 Russ	9 Dede Cresap	25 Cindy Booher
Throckmorton	Clayton Wright	26 Tommy Anders
4 Timothy Burke	10 Harlan Clemons	27 Aaron Crowgey
	17 Jamie Claypool	
	Tommy Wassum	
	18 Colleen Dunford	
	Jim Spraker	



NURSERY 10:30 AM

September 2: Nursery Worker
September 9: Nursery Worker
September 16: Nursery Worker
September 23: Nursery Worker
September 30: Nursery Worker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 2: Tommy Hilton
September 9: Janet Montgomery
September 16: Delores Dove
September 23: Jenny Stoker
September 30: Danny Sowers

USHERS

Team 1: Tommy Anders, Joe Crowgey
Bonnie Agnew, Carlisle Hostetter

SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

September 2: Children's Ministry Team
September 9: Children's Ministry Team
September 16: Children's Ministry Team
September 23: Children's Ministry Team
September 30: Children's Ministry Team






TELLERS

Tommy Hilton and Lynn Arnold

GREETERS Designated Ushers for the month of September

September 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion observed and Benevolence Offering received 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 Worship Service	3  Church Office Closed 11:30am Community Food Kitchen	4	5 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Children's Choir Practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study 7:00pm Choir practice	6 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 6:30pm WBRBN Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	7	8 10:00am WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry
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