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The 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 From Within

Our society has become one where we blame others for our actions. It is because of what you did or said to me that I reacted this way. Thus we allow ourselves to overreact and to step outside the bounds of being kind and considerate to others. We even excuse it by saying, "I do not know where that came from. That is not me." Our world is even taking it further and saying because you come from a certain place or are descendants of a particular race this justifies my rude actions. People are pointing outside themselves when their actions are extreme. The Bible has a completely

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different perspective of where these feelings and actions originate.

This is spoken about in the book of James. Listen deeply to these words from the first chapter:

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. (James 1:13-14 (NIV))

We are tempted to act a certain way because the seed of that action is already in our hearts. This is very hard to accept and admit to ourselves because we want nothing more than to say, "That is not me. My actions and words are because of outside factors."

Part of the journey of Lent is looking within and seeing what our heart contains. We need to be honest with ourselves and with others by looking at the hurts and pains within our hearts. We must realize those hurts and pains influence how we interact with others. Some of these things have been there for years and we have not dealt

with them. We try to bury them under other things, hoping to never see them again. The Bible does not ask us to find the outside cause for giving in to temptation but the inside cause.

When we point outside ourselves for the reason, we can claim that we have no control over it and therefore this is the way we can always act. Instead, God asks us to identify the source as within ourselves and then to take action on allowing God to transform and change us.

So as Lent continues, take a moment and examine the areas and corners of your heart. What do you see there? What needs to be dealt with so that temptation and sin do not control your life? Make the most of these last few weeks of Lent to really work deeply on your spiritual life. Now is always the best time to take the next step forward on the spiritual journey.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



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Austinville – Gary Hill – (804) 334-4732

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North Fork Baptist – Danny Collins – (540) 392-8534

Trinity Baptist – Johnny Howlett – (540) 320-6676

- **CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.**

We thank the following churches for agreeing to clean the Baptist Camp this season. April-Calvary Baptist, May-Cambria Baptist, June-Fairlawn Baptist, July-Pulaski First Baptist, August-Dublin Baptist, September-Trinity Baptist, October-Wytheville Baptist.

The Building permit has been issued and we will start purchasing materials on Thursday of this week while the cost is down in the off season. We will begin preliminary prep work in March and be ready for volunteers before Easter.

If you have trouble getting into the building or want to report an immediate problem at the camp, please feel free to contact one of the following camp board members: Dave 540-616-7839, Bill 540-392-8643, Charles 540-980-5667, Thomas 540-250-7274 or Robert the web master.

- **CITY OF REFUGE:** Henry Fiske has been communicating with the founder of City of Refuge. There is a plan to open a facility in the Pulaski area. Tim Irving sat in on a meeting to find out more information pertaining to this project. Henry and Tim plan to bring more detailed information back to the next Leadership Team meeting. In the mean time you may want to visit the City of Refuge web site at :

<https://cityofrefugeatl.org/>

Please pray for the Mission Conference and our Network of churches that we continue in His will.

In His service

Dave Clonch

Moderator/Director

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- **BLAND MINISTRY:** If you can help hand out food boxes or sort clothes for three or four hours on any Tuesday or just sort clothes on Wednesday, please contact Dee Dee or Susan at 276-688-4702.
- **MISSIONS CONFERENCE:** Our thanks to Charles Damron for pulling together our spring Mission Conference the schedule is listed below with the host church and the person to contact for each. If your church is not hosting a session please try to attend as many as you can at the churches listed below. Check with the host church's contact person for start times.
- **Sunday Morning – March 31**
Wytheville Baptist – 205 Church Street, Wytheville – Jack Burns – Sub Saharan Africa Peoples
Dublin Baptist – 100 Hawkins Street, Dublin – Gary and Judy Tapp – North Africa and Middle East
- **Sunday Evening – March 31**
Austinville Baptist – 100 Newtown Church Road, Austinville – Gary and Judy Tapp
Trinity Baptist – 4008 Robinson Track Road, Pulaski – Jack Burns
North Fork Baptist – 905 Lusters Gate Road, Blacksburg – Dee Dee Hoosier – Director, Bland Ministry Center
- **Monday Evening – April 1**
Trinity Baptist – 4008 Robinson Track Road, Pulaski – Dean Miller – BGAV, Missions Development Staff Coordinator
- **Tuesday Evening – April 2**
Dublin Baptist – 100 Hawkins Street, Dublin – Steve Collins – BGAV, SWVA Field Strategists
Belspring Baptist – Depot Road, Belspring – Jack Burns and Gary and Judy Tapp
- **Wednesday Evening – April 3**
Dublin Baptist – 100 Hawkins Street, Dublin – Dee Dee Hoosier
Wytheville Baptist – 205 Church Street, Wytheville – Special guest speaker
First Baptist – 325 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski – Jack Burns
Calvary Baptist – 1400 Floyd Highway North, Floyd – Jim Courson – Senior GIS Analyst, Global Research (IMB)



Judy Collier

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

IT MAY BE FRIDAY . . . BUT SUNDAY'S A-COMIN'

In my life, I've found that as I let the Lord examine my heart in a special way during Lent, He heals painful areas in my life. In these newly cleansed places, He leaves an Easter promise of a deeper life in Him. The "Friday" of self-crucifixion is well worth the pain once the "Sunday" of Resurrection has dawned. And I have come to look forward to Lent because I know what's "a-comin'"—growth in Him that was not possible before I submitted to His loving care.

In this regard, the music of Lent helps prepare my heart for the Lord's Presence. The choir will be presenting hymns and songs that will hopefully help us all to trust and open ourselves to the Lord in a greater way, leading us to ponder, "What shall we give Him in return?"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
. . . that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
 ("What Wondrous Love Is This?")

. . . Praying for sinners while in such woe—
No one but Jesus ever loved so. ("Blessed Redeemer")

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
 ("When I Survey the Wondrous Cross")

As we experience healing during Lent, this Easter will not just be a happy, beautiful day, but a life-changing one. We will be able to truly identify with the words:

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in . . . ("How Great Thou Art")

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May this Easter our hearts truly not be able to “take it in”—because there is a greater wonder . . . greater amazement at what Jesus has done . . . an overwhelming experience of His powerful love for us and His finished work on the cross. May we arise freed from the battles we keep trying to fight on our own, battles that He has already won.

*Then I heard that the King of the Ages
had fought all the battles for me.
And victory was mine for the claiming, and now,
praise His name, I am free.*

*“It is finished!” The battle is over.
It is finished! They’ll be no more war.
It is finished! The end of the conflict.
It is finished, and Jesus is Lord! (“It Is Finished”)*

*And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No guilt in life no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me! (“In Christ Alone”)*

“Hallelujah! What a Savior!”

Judy

BOOKS BY JOHN COLLIER

John Collier's three books—*Two Minutes to Live*, *Above the Thorns*, and *Josh*—may now be ordered online through a new web-site: www.johncollierministry.com.

Information, pictures, and videos of John and Judy Collier's ministry in Belize are available to view under the ministry section.

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- Marion Baptist is undertaking a very ambitious project for latch key children in their community. An eight week VBS is planned from 7:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The cost would be less than \$200 per person including lodging at Emory & Henry University. We would need 15 people per day to accomplish our part of the plan. Please pray about this opportunity the Lord has given us to serve. So far we have a total of three volunteers from Network churches willing to help.
- Ministry dinners scheduled in 2019 are; Youth April 9, Music May 7, Sunday School/Small group June 11, Deacons July 9, Women’s Missions groups August 6, Treasurers September 10.
- 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>
- **BUNK HOUSE TRAILER:** If you have electrical or carpentry experience and are willing to help please contact Steve at Calvary Baptist 540-745-744.
- Mattress kits including foam, cover material and zipper cost \$140. Please donate money for a kit, there are sewing groups that are glad to make the Mattress.
- **VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS:** We had a way to get money transferred to Pastor Ramon. He received funds in US dollars to avoid the extreme inflation they are experiencing. The internet is now down in 80% of the country so we can no longer communicate or send funds to help him. Please pray for Ramon’s family and their ministry as they endure these extreme hardships and that the Lord will show us a way to continue our financial support thru the blockades and turmoil.
- **BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS CHAPTERS:** We now have seven projects pending with NRV Disability Resource Center and Agency On Aging.

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VBS 2019

We had a wonderful VBS 2019 KICK-OFF meeting on March 7. We started the planning process for this coming event that will impact the children in our community. There is a lot of work to be done getting ready and we need more volunteers to lead/help with crafts, recreation, kitchen help, bus riders, recruiting, gathering props, guides, and floaters.



*The next VBS planning meeting
will be held
Thursday evening,
April 11, at 7:00 p.m.*

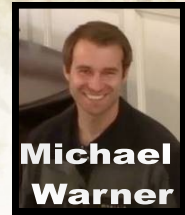
EVERYONE who is interested in volunteering in any way is encouraged to attend. Teams will be sharing what they have planned so far for their group which will give you an idea of where the Lord might have you serve.

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

The date chosen for this year's VBS is
Sunday, June 9 through
Thursday, June 13, 2019.



Youth News



**Michael
Warner**

Hello Church Family,

The youth have been on the move and are currently studying the book of John, as well as some topical themes including prayer. A summer camp has been in the works and aimed for late June and early July. So stay posted! Future plans include repainting and redecorating of the youth room, utilizing and recycling current investments and donations. We continue to pray for God to draw additional members to join our family and ask you, our brothers and sisters, to do the same.

Michael



Picture taken by Gary Carson

LOOK WHO JOINED OUR WBC FAMILY

On Sunday, March 3, 2019, Michael Warner's wife, Gabriela Salas-Gutierrez, joined the church. What a special couple and a wonderful addition to the church family. Please make "Gabby" welcome.

**KATHRYN ISAACS AND
MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS**



Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Betty Robinette. Gena Anders will provide the program. Mission Action Projects for April are Bland Ministry and Tray Cards. We invite all our ladies and friends to join us for this meeting.

COMING EVENT

The Women's Spring Banquet is in the planning stages and will be held on Saturday, May 11. The theme will be "Faithful Mothers" and participants are to bring a picture of their mother. WBC will provide the meat for the banquet and the ladies are to bring side dishes and desserts. This is open to all the ladies in our church, their family, and friends.

Janet Montgomery



Join our Young-at-Heart group as we participate with other churches in our community at Soup and the Word on Tuesday, April 16, 12:00 noon hosted by Wytheville Baptist Church. This is a wonderful way to bring to mind what the Lord has done for us.

Carroll Stewart



Children's Clothes Closet

It's getting warm outside and there are good 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, April 25, 2019, 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.



**MAY 2019
BEACON ARTICLES**



All May 2019 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, April 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:

- ♦ Five people with a room for the night
- ♦ Two people with their electric bill



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, April 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.

The following is a thank you note from a recipient of the Benevolence offering:

Thank you so much for making my coming in to ask for help with my AEP bill a pleasant visit. It made me think, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver." Giving in the spirit of loving kindness is a blessing. Thank you to your church who made this help possible.

YOU CAN HELP



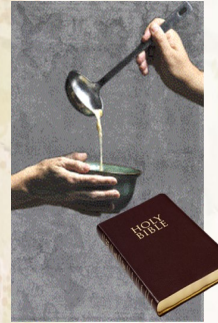
AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, and Peanut Butter for the months of April, 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 and Linda Sutphin.

Soup and the Word

Join us at 12:00 noon for the remaining gatherings of **Soup and the Word**. 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 remaining dates and locations are as follows:



- April 2 Wytheville Presbyterian Church
- April 9 St. Paul United Methodist Church
- April 16 Wytheville Baptist Church

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 14



Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.
in the Wytheville Baptist Church Sanctuary.

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 19, at 12:00 noon
at West End UMC
Speaker, Rev. Chad Dunford



Easter Morning

Sunday, April 21

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wytheville Baptist Church with breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall

9:00 a.m. Prayer in the Conference Room

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at

10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Worship Service at WBC



CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

EASTER BREAKFAST

As you know our church is hosting the Easter Sunrise Service and the breakfast that follows in our fellowship hall. We need your help with breakfast foods. We are requesting breakfast casseroles, fruit, muffins, ham and/or sausage biscuits. If you can help, it will be much appreciated. Please call Dolores Dove at 228-4432, if you are able to contribute.

Thank you and God bless,
Dolores

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

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The Red Sea Rules, Ten God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times by Robert J. Morgan. Just as Moses and the Israelites found themselves caught between "the devil and the deep Red Sea," so are we sometimes overwhelmed by life's problems. This book reveals that even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations God promises to make a way for us. His loving guidance will protect us through danger, illness, martial strife, financial problems, or whatever challenges Satan places in our path.

Using the Israelites' story in Exodus 14 as an example, Robert Morgan offers ten sound strategies for moving from fear to faith. Life is hard, especially for Christians. It is certain that we will face difficulties, and that God will allow them, as He allowed the Israelites to become trapped between Pharaoh's rushing armies and the uncross-able Red Sea. Just as certain is the fact that the same God who led us in—will lead us out. As *The Red Sea Rules* makes it comfortingly clear, He is in control.

Richard Rohr is the author of *What The Mystics Know—Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self*. Discover the path of the mystic within you. The ordinary path of life can also be the way of the mystic, but often our ideas of religion and contemplation are so convoluted that we don't see it. Richard Rohr, a global leader in spiritual awakening, has spent a lifetime living, preaching and writing about the mystical path.

Fr. Rohr invites you to 1. Join the seemingly simple yet always profound realm of those who have found their way close to God and all creation. 2. Live your life from a place of non-judgment, and quiet contentment. 3. Develop a regular practice of contemplation that can lead to higher consciousness, also called holiness. 4. Discover deeper levels of divine union with a God who is closer to you than you are yourself. *This book is highly recommended reading by our Pastor.*

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Danny Sowers, Pamela Clark, George and Wanda Hamm, Francis Rochelle, O.J. and JoAnn Campbell, Mabeline Robinson, Dan Robinette, Adren Eldridge, Missy Throckmorton, Eric and Ann Collins, Sylvia McGhee, Bill Valley, Nancy Herndon

EXTENDED CARE: Mae Clemons, Elton Robinson, Della Dunford, Bea Shearwood, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

FAMILY: Linda and Carlisle Hostetter's granddaughter; Roger Hudson's brother, Hubby Hudson; Chuck O'Roark's sister, Virginia Chrisley; Janet Montgomery's sister-in-law, JoAnn All

FRIENDS: Harry Carroll, Ted Phillips, people in Venezuela, 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 SYMPATHY TO:
Janet Montgomery and family upon the passing of her uncle, James Belton

Mary Helen Porter and her family upon the passing of her brother, Rev. Donald Large

April 3: Chicken Fried Rice, Egg Rolls, Chinese Vegetables, Ramen Salad, Poke Cake

April 10: Chili, Baked Potatoes, Toss Salad, Chips and Crackers, Cookies and Ice Cream

April 17: Ham and Rolls, Macaroni and Cheese, Deviled Eggs, Baked Apples, Blondies and Ice Cream

April 24: Broccoli Cheddar Chicken, Rolls, Fruit and Cottage Cheese, Apricot Pound Cake



Meetings

Thursday, April 4:

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 11:

Staff meeting—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14:

Pastor-Church Relations Team—7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 15:

Deacons' meeting—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17:

Church Business Conference—6:40 p.m.

April

Birthdays

1 Danny Sowers
3 Evelyn Comber
4 Judy Collier
5 Jenny Stoker
8 Andrei Stoker
Lee Harrell
17 Rhonda Bracknell

18 Tom Collins
22 Bobbie Jean Taylor
Brett Booher
24 Eric Collins
Katie Wright
25 Missy Throckmorton
Ann Collins
Adam Lester
28 Jackie Chapman
29 Billie Taylor



DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 7: Eric Crowgey

April 14: Chris Bracknell

April 21: Tommy Anders

April 28: Tommy Hilton

USHERS Team IV:

Betty Robinette, Zana McCoury

Roger Hudson, John Willis

TELLERS

Emery Pruett, Guy Sutphin

GREETERS





Designated Ushers for the month of April

April 2019



HE IS RISEN



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Katherine Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle meeting	2  Soup and the Word 12:00pm Hosted by Wytheville Presbyterian Church	3 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir Practice 6:40pm Missionary Speaker	4 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	5	6
7 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 and Communion 4:45pm Adult Choir fellowship 5:00pm Adult Choir practice	8	9  Soup and the Word 12:00pm Hosted by St. Paul UMC 6:00pm WBRN Dinner for Youth Directors	10 5:00pm Staff meeting 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth Program, Children's Choir Practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	11 7:00pm VBS meeting for all team members and anyone who would like to volunteer to help in any way.	12	13 10:00am WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry
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