

The earth is
the Lord's, and
everything in it,
the **world**, and all
who live in it...

Psalms 24:1

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***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

Eat These Words

One of the toughest struggles people have is eating the right things to keep their bodies physically fit. It is all too easy to fill ourselves with junk food and calories that are empty of the items necessary to keep us healthy. I have had problems in the past and still struggle with some foods that should just be set aside. The old joke is that if it tastes good then do not eat because it is not good for you.

I have found that when it comes to spiritual food, people tend in the same direction. If they eat spiritual food often times they look for easy spiritual foods only. This often comes

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in the form of the latest “Christian bestseller.” Sometimes this book says it has a Biblical basis yet is centered on bad theology. There have been any numbers of books like this in the past 20 years.

Consider this found in Ezekiel 3:1-3 (NIV):

And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

God comes to Ezekiel and gives him a scroll containing God’s words. He asks him to eat it and allow it to become part of him. The idea is to take it in, allowing it to become your very bones, muscles, and skin. Ezekiel was to eat, chew, and digest the very words of God. Once the words became part of Ezekiel, he was to go out and share them with the

people of God. These very words were to transform who Ezekiel was so that he became more like God.

Those who follow God should take the time just to sit with God’s words allowing them to become part of themselves. Yes, there are times to read how others are transformed by God’s words. However, the very best thing we can do for our spiritual growth is to allow the Word of God access to us by eating, chewing, and digesting them.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

Why would we need to look for the latest bestseller when we have God’s words?

Because of
God’s Love,
Pastor Tim



teams to construct the remaining six projects. The two ramps for members of Network churches are now complete.

- **BLAND MINISTRY:** If you can help hand out food boxes or sort clothes on any Tuesday or just sort clothes on Wednesday, please contact Dee Dee at 276-688-4702.
- **CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.:** As we reported last month projects for the Camp this year include continue clearing brush, repair porch ceilings, replace porch/building light fixtures, repair ceiling inside the camp building, replace the T1-11 on the outside bathroom walls, remove the existing gable ends and replace with cedar shingle Hardie board siding (Boy Scouts plan to start this one in August), install seamless guttering, replace windows, add bathroom vent fans, replace the shelter’s electrical box, and last but not least painting of the entire building inside and out along with the garage.

The scouts will be transporting donated T1-11 Hardie board siding to the camp. The scouts plan to remove the damaged siding on the southwest end and haul it away. Building wrap will then be installed to prevent damage to the insulation until they install new siding in mid-August. New guttering will be next.

Please let me know when you can help with any of the tasks listed above or others your church would like to do.

We thank the following churches for agreeing to clean the Baptist Camp the last of this season. July-Pulaski First Baptist, August-Dublin Baptist, September-Trinity Baptist, October-Wytheville Baptist.

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 webmaster.

- **CITY OF REFUGE:** Visit the City of Refuge web site at <https://cityofrefugeatl.org/> for details.

Please pray for God to continue blessing our churches and their efforts to spread the gospel this summer.

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



- **Camp Youth Activity:** Time is running out. If no one contacts the Cundiff's before the end of July this youth activity will have to be canceled. Thomas and Amy Cundiff from Belspring Baptist are trying to plan an activity for the Network's youth this August. Please contact them at 540-250-7274 or qualityworktasks@yahoo.com if you can assist in planning or your youth are interested in participating.
- Remember Martha Damron has agreed to head the Network's efforts to assist Marion Baptist with their community latch key children's project next summer. She can be reached at 540-639-1255 for those who would like to assist with the planning.
- Remaining 2019 Ministry dinners scheduled in 2019 are—Women's Missions groups August 6, Treasurers September 10.
- The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site is <http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>
The next Leadership Team meeting will be at 6:30 pm in the Dublin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Hardee's) on Aug 1.
- **BUNK HOUSE TRAILER:** We understand the Bunk House Trailer is returning from its North Carolina assignment. Volunteers will be needed to prepare a parking area at the Baptist Camp. As you will remember the Bunk House will be available for your church's use while it is at the camp, waiting for its next assignment.
- **VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS:** God continues to answer your prayers. We received an email from Pastor Ramon with video of outreach to the starving people in their area. Both physically and spiritually. Thank you for praying for the Venezuelan Christians and Ramon's family.
- **BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS CHAPTERS:** Of the ten ramp projects funded by the NRV Disability Resource Center, four have been completed. The one funded by the Agency On Aging was completed by Mount Olivet Baptist from Beaver Dam VA. We are currently working with Bland Ministry to assign mission



Judy Collier

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

WHAT ABOUT THE CULTURE AROUND US?

I recently attended the truly inspirational and informative Lifeway (a Baptist-based organization) WorshipLife Conference in Gatlinburg, TN, for worship and music directors as well as for pastors. One of the breakout sessions I attended was *Worship and Culture*—which delved into the relationship between the two. Within the church itself there are many cultures and subcultures such as age, economics, race, blue or white collar workers, with an almost infinite taste in church music. How can we come together and worship our Lord in unity with such a vast array of musical taste? And on top of this, most traditional churches are having the same problem: the youth are leaving the church. How are we to deal with the culture of our times – still reaching the youth and young adults while retaining our own local church's identity and culture?

Since Christ is the same across all time and culture, the substance of the worship of the Lord is to be the same for everyone, everywhere throughout time, while varying with the culture of the local congregation. In some areas the church and its worship must be contrary to the culture of the world and in some areas it can make possible sharing across cultural lines.

The church today is facing the challenge of finding worship that is theologically based and ministers to the community and its local congregation alike.

I was gratified to learn that we as a church are moving in the same direction as the majority of the Baptist churches represented.

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The consensus in the session was that the best method was not to divide the church into separate services according to style (contemporary, classical, mixed), but to unify the church with “multi-generational” worship which combines hymns with praise choruses. It was suggested that it was beneficial to keep the children in the services so that they, over time, can be taught the roots of the faith and the boundaries.

We are a blessed family with so much to offer our world, and families must give and take if they are to survive and grow. May we continue to let Love be our guide in all our worship, relationships, decisions, and compromises, so that our Unity in Love may be seen and radiate into our community . . . drawing the lost, lonely, and searching into the waiting arms of the Lord.

In that Hope,

Judy

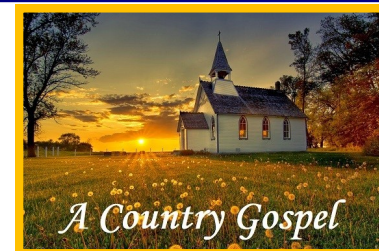


Adult Choir practice will resume Sunday, August 11. Our fellowship time will begin at 4:45 p.m. and practice will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

We urge all those who love to sing and make a joyful noise unto the Lord come be a part of our Adult Choir. Others that want to help in the Music Department we encourage you to become part of the Worship Team by letting the Equipping Team know your interest in this area.

Let us all praise Him through music.

Join us at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater Friday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m. for a delicious meal and production of *A Country Gospel*. This production will feature favorite songs that we grew up singing from spiritual, happy, hand-clapping numbers to sweet, beautiful, inspirational hymns played by talented musicians. Join us in this opportunity to praise the Lord! If you would like to join us, please see Doris Terry to make your reservations. Tickets are \$42 per person.



BACK TO SCHOOL

The beginning of school is just around the corner. Please remember our youth and children in your prayers that they have a wonderful and safe new school year!



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 18-25, 2019 .



Dear WBC Family and Friends,

It was so thoughtful for Ann Collins and Wytheville Baptist Church to remember my birthday. I also enjoy receiving the bulletin every week.

With kindest regards,
Rosalene "Posey" Heath

Thank you to all those who helped in anyway to move furniture, dispose of damaged items, clean and sanitize the fellowship hall and kitchen, and the replace the furniture. This took several people and numerous hours of labor. You all did an outstanding job and we are very thankful for your love for God, His church, and our church family.

Dear WBC Family and Friends,

I have finished my 42 rounds of radiation and am doing well. Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement, and kindness during this time. I know that God heard and answered your prayers in a wonderful, loving way and I am so grateful for all His many blessings.

In His Hands,
George Hamm

On behalf of Gary, Ashley, Brandon and myself we would like to thank you for the beautiful flower that was placed in celebration of our newest blessing.... baby Everleigh Grace Carroll. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and prayers for our family. We are truly blessed

Sincerely
Gary and Carla Estep

Youth News



Hello Church Family,

The youth have been active this past month, enjoying time together outside of the church building. We do this with the hope of allowing others to see us actively involved in each other lives as we live and laugh together.

We are continuing our study of Revelation and Exodus. We have halfway completed Revelation and are a couple of chapters into Exodus.

Future events for the youth include building a cafe area for the youth room. We hope this will provide us with an additional group activity, cut down on costs, learn new skills, and leave a tangible object for these students to remember our time together.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas please direct them to Michael Warner.

Michael

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4: 12 & 16

**KATHRYN ISAACS AND
MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS**



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: In lieu of our August meeting, we encourage everyone to attend the Church Wide Picnic on Sunday, August 4, at the Claytor Lake Baptist Camp. The Mission Action Project for August is Agape.

Our regular meetings will resume **Tuesday, September 10**, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Gena Anders.

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

Janet Montgomery

The Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle hosted a Baby Shower for Diana and Antonio Torres to welcome their soon expected bundle of joy, Luna Maria Torres.



The children are heading back to school and WBC has clothes for them in our 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, August 22, 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.



**SEPTEMBER 2019
BEACON ARTICLES**



All September 2019 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, August 19. 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 and five individuals with shelter
- ♦ Three households with their electric bill



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, August 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.

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

Open Door Café, a place where anyone can get a good meal free of charge or by donation. Open for lunch Monday thru Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Open Door Café is located at 650 W. Main Street next to Hope Inc. and is open to the public.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Open Door Café, go to: <https://www.opendoorcafefwytheville.org> then click the Volunteer tab.

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

YOU CAN HELP



Please bring canned vegetables for the months of August and 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.

Alma Hunt
Offering for Virginia Missions



Emphasis Dates
September 8-15, 2019

Offering Goal
\$1,167,500

WBC Goal: \$1,000

"...so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."



#AlmaHunt19

Information and Resources
Available Online!
AlmaHunt.org

Our Young-at-Heart group will meet at Elizabeth Brown Park on Tuesday, August 20, 12:00 p.m. at the small covered shelter. First, we'll enjoy our brown-bag lunch, good fellowship, and a lot of laughter. Then we will venture down the park's winding path as we take a leisurely walk through the open space, viewing the beautiful foliage, and listening to the babbling brook. What a wonderful way to take in what God has blessed us with. Join us and don't forget to bring your brown-bag lunch and a friend.

Young-at-Heart

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The Fellowship Team invites our WBC family and friends for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp on Sunday afternoon, August 4. The church van will be available to transport those who need a ride. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. and caravan to the lake. Carpooling is suggested. Games will be available including horseshoes and cornhole. We will be blessed to have Heaven Bound Gospel Singers to play and sing for us beginning at 4:00 p.m. At 5:30, we will have a cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Please bring a side dish and dessert to complement the meal. After the meal, Pastor Tim will have a short devotion before we return home.

Due to their willingness to play for us and their enthusiasm of gospel music, a Love Offering will be taken for Heaven Bound.

Directions: Take I-81 N to Exit 98, at the stop sign turn right onto Cleburne Blvd./Old Route 100 Rd. Turn left onto Hance Road, turn left onto Davis Rd., turn left onto Newbern Rd./Wilderness Rd., turn right at Towes Ferry Road and go to the end of this road, take a right thru the gate into the Baptist Camp.

Put the following address in your GPS/Phone: 4337 Towes Ferry Road, Dublin, VA 24084. This will get you to the end of the road and then take a right into the Baptist Camp.



The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

August 2019

PRAYER by O. Hallesby is a very old book (1931) loaded with thoughts and reasons for praying. This book teaches us that it is not our prayer which moves the Lord Jesus. It is Jesus who moves us to pray. He knocks and makes known His desire to come into us. Our prayers are always a result of Jesus' knocking at our hearts doors. It includes the meaning of prayer, the misuse of prayer, forms of prayer, the Spirit of prayer and many other titles. It has been a much-used book by someone who underlined thoughts and wrote many notes. All of us can learn a lot more about prayer from this book.

Battle Cry for a Generation: The Fight to Save America's Youth was written by Ron Luce. A sinister enemy marches across our land in its path the ravished hearts and minds of America's youth. Giant corporations, media conglomerates, and purveyors of popular culture have invested billions of dollars and endless hours of effort to seduce and enslave the souls of our youth. And so far, they have succeeded. The enemy is no longer at our doorsteps. It is in our homes, in our children's and grandchildren's bedrooms. It goes to school with our teens and fills their free time—and when they sleep, it wraps around their dreams. Learn what you can do to save this Generation—and with it, The Future of America!

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Frances Rochelle, Elton and Mabeline Robinson, George and Wanda Hamm, O.J. Campbell, Dan Robinette, Adren Eldridge, Missy Throckmorton, Sylvia McGhee, Bill Valley, Nancy Herndon

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

FAMILY: Bill Lively's sister, Nancy Crockett, Chris Bracknell's mother; Janet Montgomery's sister-in-law, JoAnn All

FRIENDS: Rob Litton, Robbie Foster, Isaiah and Rebekah Garrett, Julian Alford, Marty Bullwig, Mike Davis, Jr., Randy Kasey, Anthony Macintosh and his mother Kelsey, 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 SYMPATY TO: Adren Eldridge upon the passing of her sister, Agatha Petro, 92 of Wise VA.



August 7: Barbecue, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, Pickles, Ice Cream Sandwich dessert

August 14: Chicken Salad Croissants, Broccoli Casserole, Tomato and Lettuce, Peach Cobbler and Ice Cream

August 21: Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding

August 28: Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Guacamole and Chips, Cheese, Cookies and Ice Cream



Meetings

Thursday, August 1: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Wednesday, August 14 Staff—5:00 p.m.

August

Birthdays

- 1 Kay Horney
- 2 Joe Crowgey
Collin Phillips
- 14 Jenni Bird



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

- 19 Dan Robinette
Bill Lively
- 20 Mary Cathrine Gili
- 25 C.A. Terry, Jr.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- August 4: Chris Bracknell
- August 11: Tommy Anders
- August 18: Tommy Hilton
- August 25: Janet Montgomery

USHERS Team IV:

Betty Robinette, Roger Hudson
Zana McCoury, John Willis

TELLERS




Mary Hall and Delores Dove

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of August

August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	2	3
4 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 2:00pm Leaving the church to carpool to Claytor Lake for the Annual Church Picnic 	5	6 6:00pm WBRBN Dinner for WMU Directors and their alternates at the Shoney's in Dublin	7 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Children's Choir Practice and Youth Group Bible Study 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	8	9	10 10:00am WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry
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