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of our God! Deuteronomy 32:3			
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the bright **future God** has planned for us, we seek to be inventive and **resourceful** while encouraging one another on a deeper spiritual journey.

I will proclaim the name

Oh, praise the greatness

of the Lord.

### **PASTOR'S THOUGHTS**

**Experience Leads to Transformation** 

Being a Christian is much more than being in church on Sundays and Wednesdays. Being a Christian is much more than being involved in additional activities at church. Being a Christian is much more than being a dynamic part of a team or in a leadership position at church. Yes, when you are a Christian all of these things should be part of the journey yet there is something much more important.

The most important part of being Christian is experiencing God in a personal transformative relationship. When you come to a place where

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you can place yourself in the presence of God, allowing God to speak into your heart and soul, then you have found the most important part of the spiritual journey. This type of relationship with God should be the goal of every Christian. When we allow God this kind of access to the deepest parts of us, then God transforms us into the image of Christ.

Many say they follow God, yet their greatest concern is to gain knowledge about God. While knowledge about God is wonderful; the actual experience of hearing God speak about the areas of your life in which you need to grow is transformative. When you allow this transformation to happen by the work of the Holy Spirit, a much deeper level of commitment exists to the Kingdom of God. You will also develop a passion for making the Kingdom of God your number one priority. Along with this comes an ability to see the world, especially those without Christ, from God's viewpoint. When we see the people of the world this way, we seek to help them develop a relationship with Christ.

Many people would love to see our country place God and God's Kingdom first. Some seek to do this by getting laws passed that only allow God's perspective and the morality of the Bible to exist. Yet it is only when people are transformed from the inside first by God that they will live as God asks. So the transformation of this country happens when I allow God to transform me first!

Do you experience the transforming power of God through interaction with the Holy Spirit? Do you hear God asking you to step in new directions helping others to experience God? This is what it really means to be a Christian.  $\langle$ 

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim

- VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS: We will talk about sending an extra donation (beyond the \$300 we send each month to support the Venezuelan congregation) to Pastor Ramon's family this Christmas. They are in need of a kitchen roof and security fencing around their home due to the looting now going on in Venezuela. Please let your representative know what you think.
- BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS CHAPTERS: In total 11 projects were completed this summer. Our thanks to the mission teams from Georgia, Maryland, Tennessee, and Virginia.
- 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.
- SPRING MISSION CONFERENCE: It's time to start planning for the March Mission Conference. Please contact Charles Damron at 540 -639-1255 if your church is planning to host one of the sessions. Last year's conference was great and this years is shaping up to be even better.
- Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly Inc.: The scouts installed eleven sheets of T1-11 Hardie board and shingles in the gable of the south wall of the camp building after members of the camp's board of directors installed studs in the Styrofoam wall to reinforce it. The men's and women's bathrooms now have new windows. The camp's board of directors are now working on the north wall studding the gable area in preparation for installation of Hardie board shingles.
- **THANK YOU** to all the churches who cleaned the Baptist Camp this season. You did a great job.

If you have trouble getting into the building or want to report an immediate problem, 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, Mark 540-577-1943 or Robert the web master.

Please thank our Lord and Savior for the many things He gave us the knowledge, strength and wisdom to do in 2018/19 and that He will lead us to greater accomplishments for HIM in 2019/20.

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



- NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING: A copy of the annual meeting minutes will be in the 2019 Book of reports and will be available for your representative at the November 7 Leadership Meeting.
- ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BGAV: There is still time to register for the annual meeting of the Baptist General Assembly of Virginia (BGAV). It will be November 11 – 13 at Bonsack Baptist Church located at 4845 Cloverdale Rd. Roanoke, VA. As many of us who can should try to attend. We do not get this opportunity too often. For more details and registration please visit

https://bgav.org/registration-open-2019-bgav-annual-meeting

Ask your church office staff for your church's user name and password. If you have any problems or questions call Kirk Walker at 1-800-255-2428.

- The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site is http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork
- NEXT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING: Thursday, November 7, 6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Hardee's).
- **BUNK HOUSE TRAILER:** The Bunk House Trailer is now located at the Baptist Camp. The trailer is operational with working lights, heating, and cooling units. And is now available for your church's use while it waits for the next disaster assignment.

### • WMU/WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

- HYGIENE KITS: Please have your Leadership Team representative bring any hygiene kits you may have assembled to the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. We plan to pack them into totes for storage. Remember we will have less than 48 hours to get them stowed away in the Bunk House Trailer before it moves out the next time a disaster occurs.
- ◆ JAIL CHRISTMAS CARDS: The NRV Regional Jail will need an additional 2000 stamped Christmas cards this year to add to the 1,100 left over from last Christmas. Toni has asked us to drop them by the Regional Jail anytime from mid November until the dead line of December 5<sup>th</sup>. Just ask for Toni Trueheart at the front desk.



### NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

## THANKSGIVING - IN JOY AND IN SORROW

In my last article, I wrote of God's singing over us with deep, passionate Love; and I must say, that as I reflect on Thanksgiving and all we have to be grateful for, I see God's perfect and joyous Love for us at the foundation of all other good gifts. For in His great Love He sent His Son Jesus to die for us, giving us the opportunity to receive His Love, salvation, growth in holiness, and a high calling to fulfill.

One of the perfect gifts He gives us when we receive forgiveness and new life through Jesus, is freedom from sin's hold and our old life. In the United States, we've also been given a precious gift of freedom to openly worship Him. <u>November 10<sup>th</sup></u> <u>we will celebrate Veteran's Day</u> with a special opportunity to thank the Lord and our armed service personnel for their sacrificial gift. Jan Stone will again publish the beautiful brochure of our church members and their immediate family who are veterans or now actively serving to protect our nation. If you have any additions or corrections to the brochure, please submit them to Jan or leave them in the church office before Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Two weeks later, on <u>November 24<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate all our</u> <u>gifts from God</u> as we prepare for our national day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving to most people holds memories of happy, family times with an abundance of good food. This Sunday, our church body will celebrate God's great gifts and life in Him. How might our church celebrate differently from our family day of Thanksgiving?

In response to this question, I would like to make a special (Continued on page 4) request. So many in our congregation have had, and are continuing to have severe personal trials. They are our precious family in Christ and we need, as a body, to lift them up during this holiday season which can be especially painful in a time of suffering. The Word says that we are to

"in ALL THINGS give thanks"

(1 Thessalonians 5:18-23).

And this we can do, because we are promised

"that **ALL THINGS** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose"

(Romans 8:28).

I truly believe that as we pray and support our brothers and sisters in Christ, their painful praise and worship can be the most precious in the Lord's sight. And as we are able to also thank God for our own trials and pain, I believe our loving God will work mightily through our obedience. So I ask on this special celebration of Thanksgiving, that we corporately thank the Lord for the tough times as well as the obvious blessings, and pray for strength and comfort for each other. I believe in this, we can truly bless and thank our Lord who has given us so much.





A big "thank you" to everyone who served in any way—great or small at the Pastor Appreciation Service and the fellowship meal afterward. It was

so good to see the smiling faces and the Pastor Relations Team could not have done it without you. You are loved and appreciated.

Tommy Hilton, Sharon Sowers, Cathy Valley



The Flower Team will order our Christmas Poinsettias from Coulter's Florist. This year we ordered red poinsettias with two plants per eight inch pot, wrapped in gold foil, and adorned with a red bow. The price will be \$18.95 per pot. If you would like one or more pots of poinsettias "In Honor Of' or "In Memory Of' someone special, please fill in the form below, earmark your check "poinsettia" and attach it to the complet-

ed form. Place your check and completed form in the offering plate or bring them to the church office no later than noon Wednesday, December 4. We will have a booklet of remembered loved ones on December 15.

Please Print Legibly

Your Name
Number of pots:
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"In Honor Of"
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"In Memory Of"
All orders need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, December 4.
Please print legibly.

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday, November 2, so you will be at church on time Sunday, November 3, ready to *Praise the Lord*.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

West End United Methodist Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday evening, November 26, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Tim Irving will be the special speaker. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this awe-inspiring service.

### **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUNCTIONS**

Our WBC church family will not have any regular Wednesday night functions on November 27.

### **HONORING OUR VETERAN'S**

There will be a Veteran's Booklet "In Honor Of and In Memory Of" our Veterans serving now or who have served and those who are deceased available during our Worship Service November 10. If you have someone you would like to place in this special booklet, please contact the church office by Monday, November 4.



# **Youth News**



### Hello Church Family,

This past month we have seen a lot occur. The kids are deep into the semester and winter sports are about to begin. We are three chapters away from completing our lengthy study of Revelation and plan to study Genesis once it is concluded. We have also had the pleasure of having two repeating guests who will hopefully make our church home their church home; more on this later. Our plans for this month include a pumpkin carving night, helping with the Fall Festival and assisting with Trunk-or-Treat. We also have some big plans that will hopefully provide opportunities for unchurched families to worship with us. We have been neck deep in ideas and hope God will take the seeds of our thoughts and grow them into full-fledged trees. We hope this message finds you well!

Michael

## Thank You

### Rev. Irving

Louis and I enjoyed going to your church Sunday, October 13, 2019. Bonnie at the Welcome Visitor Center told us about it. Several of the members came to us and said hello

which was so nice and welcoming. Teresa invited us to the pot luck which we enjoyed. Please let your congregation know we both appreciated their kindness.

> Louis and Elizabeth Thibodeaux High Point, N.C.

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### **Open Door Café 5K Run & Family Walk**

## "Stuffed Strut 2019"

Thursday, November 28th

*Starting Line at* **Open Door Café** 650 W. Main Street Wytheville, VA 24382



- Check in: 6:45 7:45 a.m.
- ► Start Time: <u>8:00</u> a.m.
- All ages welcome
  Participants who <u>pre-register</u> on or before Nov 13<sup>th</sup> guaranteed a t-shirt

### Entry fees:

- \$30 on or before November 13<sup>th</sup>; then \$40. On-site registration available.
- Course follows the Chautauqua 5K route; chip timed; upgrade long sleeve t-shirt available
- Registration: Download the registration form from *www.wythehope.org* or *www.opendoorcafewytheville.org* and mail it in, or register online at *https://www.active.com/wytheville-va/running/distance-running-races/stuffed-strut-5k-2019*

Race begins at our **Open Door Café**, in downtown Wytheville, early on Thanksgiving morning, and everyone will be finished in time to warm up and eat a big turkey dinner.

For more information contact: *info@opendoorcafewytheville.org* or call 276-228-6280, Ext. 211 or 276-227-0212.

Bring a stroller, your pet on a leash-EVERYONE's Welcome!





Proceeds benefit HOPE and the Open Door Café, a social enterprise donate-what-you-can restaurant! www.opendoorcafewytheville.org #EveryoneEatsWytheUs

## Children's Clothes Closet

It's getting cold outside and WBC has clothes for the children in our community and surrounding areas 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. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, November 21, 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.



### DECEMBER 2019 BEACON ARTICLES

**DEADLINE Newsletter Articles** Due to November's busy schedule, all December 2019 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, November 13. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### **DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

The purpose of the Benevolence offering-to help others in need. Last month you helped: Helping Hands

- One individual with shelter for a night
- Two households with their electric bill
- •A propane heater to help a family heat their home
- •One family with their water

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, November 3, 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, 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. and Wednesday, 5:00 to 7:00 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.opendoorcafewytheville.org then click the Volunteer tab.



### **AGAPE FOOD PANTRY**



Please bring Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Noodles for the months of November and December 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.



It's time for my yearly plea to all of you for help in a very important mission project-Operation Christmas Child. Wytheville Baptist Church

7 It's Time For Shoeboxes!!



will once again be a Relay Center. We will have hours of operation each day between November 18-25 and we need your help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to volunteer.

We would like to have our church surpass our collection amount from last year and I am challenging our membership to pack 155 shoeboxes. Ideas to pack your shoebox: small toys, balls, jump ropes, small musical instruments, school supplies, hygiene items (toothbrush, bar soap in plastic bags, comb, washcloth), socks, teeshirts, hats, gloves, sunglasses.

DO NOT INCLUDE—toothpaste, liquids, medicines, candy of any kind, toys promoting violence.

Use an empty average size shoebox or a shoebox size plastic box. We also ask that you provide \$9 for shipping. Decide whether you want to pack your box for a girl or boy and for what age. Fill your boxes and bring them to the church during the week of November 13-20. We ask that you also pray for all the boxes, those who will distribute them, and those who will receive them.

Thanks for your help in advance. Janet Montgomery and Doris Terry

EVERY SHOEBOX GIFT YOU PACK HELPS SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO REACH CHILDREN WORLDWIDE WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE AND THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

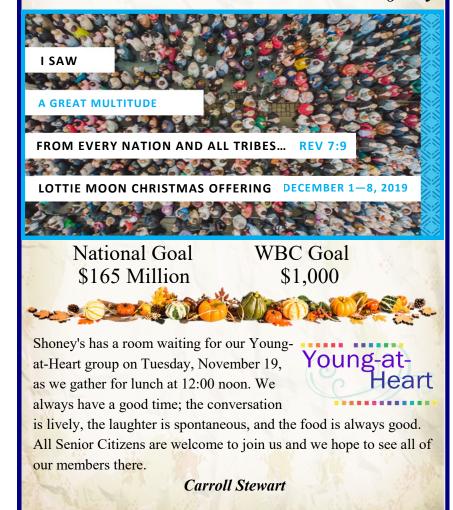


### KATHRYN ISAACS AND MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS S WMUV

Our next meeting will be held Monday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. in Williams Fellowship Hall. Our Mission Action Projects will be Resource Center. Our Hostesses will be DeAnne Irving and Cathy Valley will have the program.

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

Janet Montgomery





Heaven Came Down: Jesus Shows us How To Treat One Another was written by Lynn Anderson. Jesus encountered many diverse people in His time—religious people like the Pharisees, lonely people like the man at the pool, frightened people like the adulterous woman, and mistreated people like the blind beggar-and He treated them all just as He would hope to be treated.

Learn how to treat the people God has put into your world the way Jesus treated the people in His world. Adapt the same principles Jesus followed in handling everyday encounters, and you will be inspired to love like Jesus did, to "love your neighbor (and family and friends) as yourself. You can learn how to be more like Jesus in your heart: available, sensitive, helpful, and creative—as creative as the uniqueness of each person God is pleased to touch through you.

Max Lucado wrote God Came Near. He came, not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror but as One whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. The hands that held Him were un-manicured, calloused, and dirty. Max Lucado views the Savior who walked among us through a distinctly human lens. He speaks plainly to those of us who prefer to keep Jesus distant and predictable : "Don't do it. For heaven's sake, don't. Let Him be as human as He intended to be. Let him into the mire and muck of our world."

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Carroll Stewart

**HOME:** Glenna Turner, Rick Walker, Elton and Mabeline Robinson, O.J. Campbell, Dan Robinette, Adren Eldridge, Missy Throckmorton, Sylvia McGhee, Bill Valley, Nancy Herndon

**EXTENDED CARE:** Betty and John Matheny, Colleen Dunford, Mae Clemons, Della Dunford, Bea Shearwood, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

**FAMILY:** Paula Moore's sister, Iris Moore, Chris Bracknell's mother

**FRIENDS:** Christian Sympathy to Donna Stone and family upon the passing of her brother, Gary Catron; Sara Wingard and family upon the passing of her sister ,Carole Spaulding; MiMi Heldreth and family upon the passing of her father, Bobby J. Hansen.

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Debbie Lacey, Bryan Walker, Ayden Morris, Paxton, Steve and Sally Sboray, Mike and Betty Powers, Becky Ward, Rob Litton, Robbie Foster, 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 SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Beatrice Shearwood upon her passing.

Paula Moore and her family upon the passing of her sister, June Blankenship of Ridgeway, VA, November 6: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, green Peas, Apple Cobbler and Ice Cream November 13: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Cranberry Jell-O Salad, Pumpkin and Pecan Pie



Rolls, Cranberry Jell-O Salad, Pumpkin and Pecan Pie November 20: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Veggies, Dip, Chips, Crackers, Brownies and Ice Cream November 27: No Wednesday night supper or any church functions.



## November 2019 Count your blessings name them one by one.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3 Daylight Savings</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9
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<b>Benevolence Offering Received</b> 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 4:45pm Adult Choir fellowship 5:00pm Adult Choir practice	<b>7:00pm</b> WMU meet- ing in Williams Fellowship Hall		6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Children's Choir Practice and Youth Group Bible Study 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	<b>6:30pm</b> Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church		<b>10:00am</b> WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry
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