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They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Psalm 145:5

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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

Spiritual Vision

As we get older, one thing normally happens to everyone, we all begin to lose our ability to see well. Sometimes it means we need to have glasses for reading and sometimes it is glasses for seeing at a distance. Some people need glasses for both. There are people who try to exist for as long as they possibly can without getting glasses. There is something about having to admit we can no longer see as we once did. Almost no one wants to admit that they are getting older.

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A similar thing happens within the church. When most people come to Christ, they have a desire to share with their friends about the new life they have found. They are excited and want others to have the same joy and experience the incredible blessings of a God who loves deeply and forgives. They may not know how to tell the story of Jesus Christ fully but they do know what difference coming to Jesus Christ makes. So with great enthusiasm, they tell what they know.

Often in a matter of a few years, people will stop telling others about Jesus Christ and salvation. It is at this time their spiritual vision focuses on a narrower and narrower field. Now it becomes more and more about just going to church on Sunday's and maybe Wednesday's for their personal interest or sake. Maybe now they go to try to cover over guilt feelings about their spiritual journey or lack of journey. They may even desire to see others come to Christ for salvation but very few will share about how to accept Christ.

I want to challenge you to look up and observe the world around you. Ask God to help you see the people who need

salvation. Pray that God will first give you better eyesight and then pray God will give you the words to speak about the Christ who changed your life. Consider the words of the Apostle Paul:

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:14 (NIV)

We need to see the people around us as those who have not heard and ourselves as people who must speak so they can hear.

Are you willing to allow God to give you a better spiritual vision for others?

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



We have learned that the meal served after the Sunday morning worship service is the only food some people have for the day. Thank you for praying for the Venezuelan Christians as they minister to the people around them, under these terrible living conditions..

- **BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS CHAPTERS:** Nine ramps have been completed and a set of stone steps replaced so far this summer. Next week we will be working with the last mission team of the season to complete the 11th and final project for the year.
 - **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.
 - **TRAINING:** Dan Agee is working with the BGAV Disaster Relief Response Team to schedule chainsaw safety training for those interested in working with the crews that arrive first to clear roadways and homes with downed trees
 - **CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.:** The work we outlined in last month's update continued in August. This weekend the Scouts will be installing T1-11 siding on the exterior bathroom walls and they hope to begin installing Hardie board shingle siding in the gable. The new bathroom windows have been installed by Network volunteers.
 - We thank all the churches for agreeing to clean the Baptist Camp this season. 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 web master.

Please pray for our churches and our Annual Meeting.

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

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- **Our WBRBN Annual Meeting** is October 6, 2019 at Calvary Baptist Church located at 1400 Floyd Hwy. North, Floyd, VA. Registration begins at 2:00 with the meeting being called to order at 3:00. Each member church is encouraged to send up to ten messengers as their voting representatives.
- 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 October 3, 2019.
- **BUNK HOUSE TRAILER :** The Bunk House Trailer is now located at the Baptist Camp. As soon as we can get power to the trailer it will be available for your church's use while it waits for the next disaster assignment.
- **WMU/WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Hygiene Kits: The women's mission groups are working to have a minimum of 200 Disaster Relief Hygiene kits ready to load in the Bunk House Trailer when it's called into service next time. We will have just 48 hours to get everything loaded and the trailer on its way. Disaster victims moving into emergency shelters will be glad to see the kit you've put together for them..

JAIL CHRISTMAS CARDS: The NRV Regional Jail will need an additional 2000 stamped Christmas cards this year to go with the 1100 left over from 2018.
- **VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS:** Even though the situation continues to worsen pastor Ramon and his congregation are working to expand their efforts to feed people of another church.

Thank You

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

We Appreciate Your Faithful Service

The Pastor Relation Team invites you to help us celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 13 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and following the service a potluck meal in the Williams Fellowship Hall in honor of Pastor Tim and his wife DeAnne. The church will provide the meat and you are asked to bring a side dish and dessert.

A Pastor never checks out. He is a pastor all of the time. Let us love, encourage, and support him as he seeks to fulfill all of the duties of the ministry. On October 13 a gift bag will be at the back of the church and we are asking that you show your appreciation in whatever way you feel led along with a personal note. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Tommy Hilton, Sharon Sowers, Cathy Valley

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Now we ask you brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.



NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

GOD SINGS OVER US!

As I was thinking about our communion with God as we worship, a scripture came to mind from Zephaniah 3:17—that God rejoices over us with singing. Wow! I was stunned to realize that the Holy Spirit not only brings songs to our minds but God Himself is singing love songs over those of us He has redeemed!

The NKJ version of Zephaniah 3:17 reads: “The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” The NIV version translates “quiet you” as “in His love he will no longer rebuke you.” Further explanations of “rejoice over you with singing” consistently relate that God’s singing is loud and boisterous, even a cry—that God has so great a love and joy for His redeemed children that He spontaneously bursts into loud, demonstrative song. The text translated directly from Hebrew states, “He will dance for joy over you with singing.” This brought to mind the incredibly joyful circle dances of the Hebrew people as they sing. I had to stop and try to grasp that God really loves His delivered children that much!

Zephaniah 3:17 is the only place in the Bible that says God sings. And the only thing that makes God burst into joyous song is the children He has saved through the blood of Jesus.

How rich would our worship be if we could only comprehend that, as we praise God, He is singing in joyful, boisterous Love over us—that He is no longer rebuking us, but sees us through the blood of Jesus with an unimaginable Love!

In the presence of a Holy God, it’s sometimes difficult to forget our sin: sin that God has already forgotten. Yes, He

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4. Start stockpiling candy (one person alone gave out 1,000 pieces of candy last year) or bring a bag of candy to the church office for others to give out..
5. Get ready for giggles, squeals of excitement, photo ops, smiles, and lots of hugs.

How will you decorate your trunk?

If you don’t have any ideas for your trunk, you can type in “interactive trunk or treat ideas”

on your search bar on the internet and find hundreds of ideas.



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 .



Join us at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater Friday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. for a delicious meal and production of *A Ring of Fire*. The story of the legendary "man in black" told through his music, taking you on a journey of passion, humor, and salvation. *Ring of Fire* features over 30 great hit songs such as "I Walk the Line", "Folsom Prison Blues", "Jackson", and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken", all performed by a talented cast of singer/musicians. It will be a celebration of one of the greatest musical superstars of our time and the "world's most famous rebel"—Johnny Cash!





Thursday, October 31

Set-up 5:30 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Tear down and clean up 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The response from our community for this year's Church Street Trunk-or-Treat (CSTOT) has been overwhelming. The folks who decorated their trunks and passed out candy, hugs, and smiles last year will be back this year; **PLUS**, we have had several small businesses and race car drivers requesting spots as well as other churches. We have received formal permission from the Town of Wytheville to shut down Church Street so that we may love on the children of our community safely.

If you feel led to donate candy, it would be greatly appreciated.

WBC will serve Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, and Hot Chocolate during this event which has been a **HUGE** success in the past. SPUMC will serve soup and WPC will serve desserts.

What we need, is for you to decorate your trunk, fill it with candy, and greet the children and adults as they come by! We need to fill the street with WBC folks and cars and show our community love and kindness. This is a **vital part** of our community outreach ministry.

A few things on our immediate "to do" list:

1. **PRAY** for those we will serve.
2. **PRAY** for God to lead you where He can use you best.
3. Get geared up to love on the children of our community.

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vehemently HATES SIN, but totally LOVES US. Just as if a family member has cancer—the more we LOVE our dear one, the more we HATE the cancer that is destroying them. So when the cancer of our sin is cleansed through the blood of Jesus, God bursts into continuous song as He sees His precious child the way He created him to be.

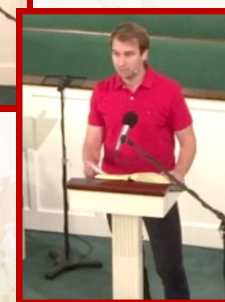
I pray God will help our spirits hear His constant love song over us. What joy it is in a marriage when our spouse truly understands how much we love them. There is completeness then that endures. And that's what God wants from us: our total love encompassed by the joyful awareness of how much He truly loves us. Of course, it won't be until glory that we can grow into that full understanding—for then we will be in His loving presence as He sings His precious love songs to us. But may our worship on earth continue to deepen into this sweet communion with the Lord, knowing we are **TOTALLY** loved as we express our love to Him.

In this hope,

Judy



What an amazing service we had on Sunday, September 22. Jerry Stone sang, Noah Willis read the scripture, and Michael Warner brought us the message.





The Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 26, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. The *Touring Sunshine Puppet People Show* from Mount Carmel, TN, will present their blacklight show twice that day titled "The Allelujah Harvest Celebration." There will be a Bouncy House/Slide, games, concessions and more.

What we need for the Fall Festival

- Volunteers for games and the bouncy house
- Someone to operate the popcorn machine
- Register the children that come
- Someone to hand out drinks
- Two people to help in the kitchen to serve volunteers and puppet show people lunch.
- We need desserts for lunch

Dede Cresap has graciously said she will provide the lunch for our volunteers and puppet show people.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions, please see Dede Cresap.

Children's Clothes Closet



There is a chill in the air 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. The Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, October 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.



NOVEMBER 2019 BEACON ARTICLES

Due to October's busy schedule, all November 2019 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, October 16. 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 individuals with shelter for a night
- ♦ One household with their electric bill
- ♦ One family with their rent
- ♦ One family with their water
- ♦ One family with a car seat for their child



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, October 6, following our worship service. We ask that you once again give from the heart. This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.

Thank you for giving from the heart.



Thank you for all you do! Thank you for the car seat, you all are a true blessing from God!

God bless you,
Little Jaxson and his family



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

YOU CAN HELP



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

Youth News



Michael Warner

Hello Church Family,

The youth have continued our study through Revelation and should be done at the end of October. We have really enjoyed interpreting and speculating the reality of this prophecy. In addition, the book of Exodus has been our counterpart and we have enjoyed seeing the similarities between both books. Next, the youth have also been venturing out being part of two activities this past month and hopefully continuing into October, before sports kick start. We hope to provide additional opportunities for the surrounding community's youth to come and participate with us. If you have any additional ideas please contact Michael Warner. We hope this message finds you well!"

Michael



We saw "Overcomer" at a theater in Abington and was blessed beyond belief ; each of us was faced with the question—what defines you?



*Praise the
Lord
for our new
members.*

Lee and Lynn Perry joined on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

Please make welcome Lee and Lynn to the WBC family.



**KATHRYN ISAACS AND
MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS**

Our next meeting will be held Monday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. in our Williams Fellowship Hall. Our Mission Action Projects will be College Cards and Resource Center. Our Hostesses will be Veronica Lopez and Linda Sutphin.

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



Papa Tasos Restaurant, 1965 East Main Street, is where you will find our Young-at-Heart group on October 15, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, even if you're not a Senior Citizen. We have a lot of fun eating our lunch and goofing off.



Come and join us!!

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

October 2019

This is a Guidepost's Book titled *Angels, Miracles, and Messages: True stories of how God revealed His presence in His mysterious ways*. Inside, you will find more than 55 true stories gleaned from Guideposts magazine's inspiring "His Mysterious Ways" column; stories of how God moved on behalf of ordinary people in extraordinary ways to accomplish His purposes and to reveal Himself.

It is a testimony of love and faith that will inspire and encourage you, and an invitation that beckons you to open your heart to the possibility of being met by a God for whom all things are possible.

Sidetracked Suspicions by Emily Thomas is another Guidepost's Book. Blue Hill is celebrating it's first-ever Railroad Days Festival, and the main event is an antiques appraisal and auction. Contributions come from many of the townspeople, but the most valuable item—an ancient Chinese vase worth ten thousand dollars—has been donated anonymously. The benefactor has asked that the proceeds from the vase go to the Blue Hill Library but Anne barely has time to wonder who could be so generous before the vase is stolen and replaced with a fake. Worse yet, Wendy seems to be the prime suspect in the crime! To clear her friend's name Anne must find the real thief and missing vase before the auctioneer starts the bidding.

Carroll Stewart

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

EXTENDED CARE: Glenna Turner, 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; Cathy Valley's sister, Susan Smith; Chuck and Teresa O'Roark's nephew, Keith Wells

FRIENDS: Christian Sympathy to Mary Beth Rodgers and family upon the passing of her husband, Dr. William Rodgers, 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.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18



October 2: Parmesan Chicken, Green Peas and Red Potatoes, Cauliflower and Broccoli Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Caramel Cake

October 9: Beef Stew, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Baked Apples, Apricot Pound Cake

October 16: Baked Spaghetti, Toss Salad, Garlic Bread, Banana Pudding

October 23: Ham, Biscuits, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Jell-O Salad, Chocolate Pound Cake

October 30: Chili, Baked Potatoes, Toss Salad, Broccoli and Cheese, Cookies and Ice Cream.



Meetings

Thursday, October 3	Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
Sunday, October 6:	WBRBN Annual Meeting—3:00 at Calvary Church
Wednesday, October 9:	Staff—5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 21:	Deacons'—7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 23:	Church Business Conference—6:40 p.m.



October Birthdays

7 Joe McAfee
10 Doris Terry
11 Judy Austin
JoBeth Hilton



17 Eric Crowgey
21 Gary Carson
22 Beatrice Shearwood
Mabeline Robinson
24 Allene Taylor
27 Grant Throckmorton
31 Diana Torres



DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 6: Tommy Anders
October 13: Tommy Hilton
October 20: Janet Montgomery
October 27: Delores Dove

USHERS Team II:

Tommy Hilton, Becky Hudson
Guy Sutphin, Glenna Turner

TELLERS

Emery Pruett and Guy Sutphin

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of October

October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 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 WBRBN Annual Meeting Registration 3:00pm WBRBN Annual Meeting 4:45pm Adult Choir fellowship 5:00pm Adult Choir practice	7 7:00pm WMU meeting in Williams Fellowship Hall	8 12:00pm Retired Teachers meeting in Williams Fellowship Hall	9 5:00pm Staff meeting 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Children's Choir Practice and Youth Group Bible Study 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	10 	11	12 10:00am WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry
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We Appreciate You Grand Service