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While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

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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

A Quiet Time

When you begin the spiritual life, the first thing is to learn how to give God time to speak to you. Many Christians will go a long time on the spiritual journey wondering why God does not speak to them. This requires setting down new habits and lifestyles that were not part of your former life. The habit which brings the most help is having a daily Quiet Time. This is a time set aside in a quiet place where you can spend time reading scripture and listening to God. The Christians who learn to establish this as a daily practice will grow the most in their spiritual journeys.

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Quiet Time is a very simple practice which only requires a few tools. Gather together at a quiet place a Bible, a notebook, and a pen/pencil. Some people will tell you to also have a devotional guide. I would encourage you just to have a Bible. This time is about hearing what God has to say to you, not to learn how God has spoken to others during their Quiet Time. The notebook is for writing down your thoughts during this time and to note the words you have heard from God. If you keep this practice of writing down what happens it will be easy to see the thread God is speaking to you throughout these times.

Here is an outline for this time with God:

- 1) Take a few deep breaths to set aside everything else before being present to God.
- 2) Pray asking the Holy Spirit to open your ears, eyes, mind, and heart to grasp what God is saying to you.
- 3) Read a small section of scripture slowly and at least three times. I encourage people to start this practice with the Gospel of John. Look for anything that seems to draw your attention.

- 4) Take some time to reflect on the word or phrase that captures your attention.
- 5) Reread the passage again slowly giving eye and ear to what stood out before.
- 6) Make some notes (maybe just a couple of words or simple phrases) about how you feel God speaks to you through what captured your attention.
- Pray asking God to help today's message take root within your mind and heart.

Quiet Times have been practiced by many who have walked the spiritual journey through the years. The longer you do this the greater the impact is on your life and the easier it becomes to hear God speak to you.

If you have any question or would like some help with establishing a Quiet Time, please feel free to contact me.

May God bring great blessings to you through a daily Quiet Time.

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim



- Venezuelan Christians: The situation continues to worsen as prices are now rising every few hours. But God is continuing to answer your prayers as the video from pastor Ramon shows his church feeding starving people in their area both physically and spiritually. Thank you for praying for the Venezuelan Christians as they minister under terrible living conditions.
- Bland Ministry And Hearts & Hammers Chapters: Of the ten ramp projects funded by the NRV Disability Resource Center, six have been completed and the one funded by the Agency on Aging is also finished. We are currently working with Bland Ministry's to assign mission teams to complete the remaining four projects. Two of the ramps completed were for members of Network churches.
- 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:** At the deacon's dinner and the last Leadership Team meeting we talked about deacon training, teaching children, and reaching the social media generation. I am working with Steve Collins our BGAV field strategist and Tom Stocks to schedule late fall or early spring training.
- Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly Inc.: As we reported earlier, 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 started this one in August), install seamless guttering, replace windows, add bathroom vent fans, replace the shelter electrical box, and last but not least painting of the entire building inside and out along with the garage.

The donated T1-11 Hardie board siding is now in storage at the camp. The scouts removed the damaged siding on the southwest end and hauled it away. Members from Dublin and Trinity Baptist removed the old roof overhang on that end and installed building wrap. The Hardie shingle siding for the gable ends was order.

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

We thank the following churches for agreeing to clean the Baptist Camp. September-Trinity Baptist, October-Wytheville Baptist.

f 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.

Please pray for our churches as they spread the gospel.

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

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- Camp Youth Activity: This activity was canceled due to lack of interest. Maybe we can organize something for our youth in the summer of 2020.
- Martha Damron reported to the group on Thursday night that we will not be participating in the Marion Baptist latch key kids program next summer.
- The last Ministry dinner for this year is for Treasurers on 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 p.m. in the Dublin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Hardee's) on September 5, 2019.

- Bunk House Trailer: The Bunk House Trailer is returning from its North Carolina assignment. Volunteers are needed to prepare a parking area at the Baptist Camp. Remember the Bunk House will be available for your church's use while it's at the camp while waiting for its next assignment.
- WMU/Women's ministry dinner group:
 - ◆ Hygiene Kits—Please find instructions and list of items needed for a Disaster Relief Hygiene kit. The group decided to maintain a minimum of 200 kits ready to load in the Bunk House Trailer during the 48 hour period we will have before the trailer leaves for its next disaster. Since the kits are the first thing needed when the trailer arrives at a disaster site, it will be great to have them there for victims moving into emergency shelters.
 - ♦ Assemble the following items in a 1-gallon Ziploc plastic bag. Make sure the bag will close easily. Then find a collection location and drop off your bags! A list of collection sites is available on our website at BGAVDR.org.
 - We are able to accept the following small or travel-sized items, placed in 1-gallon sealable/Ziploc plastic bags: Soap Shampoo Deodorant Washcloth Comb/brush Facial tissue Shaving cream/razor Toothbrush/toothpaste Feminine hygiene products and diapers will be packaged separately.
- ◆ Jail Christmas cards—At the women's dinner meeting we heard from Toni Trueheart regarding 2,000 stamped Christmas cards she will need for the NRV Regional Jail this year. Toni said she will add 1,100 leftover cards from last year which will allow her to distribute 3 cards to each inmate.



NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

WHY SING AND WORSHIP GOD?

In his younger years, C. S. Lewis struggled deeply with the concept of God needing our praise and worship. He was taunted by an image of God demanding everyone to constantly tell Him how great He was, just as a vain woman would do. Since pride was the original sin and so heinous that God kicked Satan and his angels out of heaven and down to the earth, how could God be guilty of the same sin—in fact, of any sin?

Yes, Satan demanded worship for himself out of pride, but truly God commands us to worship and sing to Him out of His love for us. Well, you say, what is the difference?

Lewis admitted later that he had not previously understood, "it is in the process of being worshiped that God communicates His presence to men."

At the Gatlinburg WorshipLife Conference which I attended, Michael Kelley—Director for Lifeway Group Ministries—dealt with this question as he used Psalm 96 to show why God commands us to sing.

Kelly noted we tend to take the Lord's gifts and hold them in our hearts in place of Him. So one reason God commands us to sing is to declare the truth that only God is worthy to be treasured in our hearts. This is just one part of His love for us—He doesn't want us to be so satisfied with the earth's pleasures that we settle for second best.

Mr. Kelley spoke of how God ministers to us in the three elements of worship: PAST, PRESENT, and FUTURE.

 Remembering and singing about the things God has done in the PAST gives us confidence for the future. Our circumstances may not change, but our perspective will.

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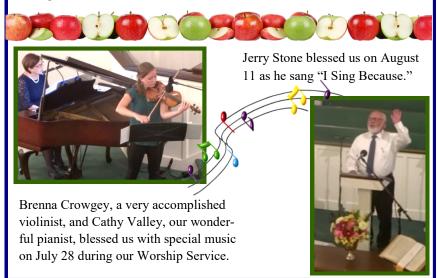
- In the PRESENT, we often let our emotions control our lives instead of faith in God. He used the example of a train to explain that instead of the locomotive being our emotions, faith should be the driving force of our life, followed by decisions as the second car, and emotions as the third. As we sing, faith begins to replace our emotions. Mr. Kelley even contended that the best time to worship is when we don't feel like it!
- Singing about our FUTURE in Him reminds us of that glorious day when Jesus will return for us and take us to the home He has prepared for us.

There are many other reasons God commands us to sing and worship Him in song—not to mention the joy we have in sharing our love with Him—but it's certainly not because He has pride and needs our compliments. He loves us and knows we need all He offers in His Sweet Presence as He inhabits our praise.

So let us resolve to obey our Lord by singing and worshipping Him in song, not letting a particular song or the quality of our voice hold us back from the joy that awaits us in worship, as we commune with God.

Together in Him,

Judy



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.



WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH APP

Look for the Wytheville Baptist Church app where you will be able to download and have access to submit a Prayer Request, read the Beacons, Calendar, get Directions, hear the Sermons, open The Bible, compile a Journal Page, Link to Church Facebook Page, **Online Giving,** and much more.



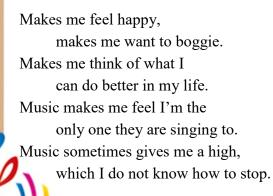
If you are having problems finding, downloading, or setting up this app, contact Daniel Burke or Pastor Tim.



The church office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Our Youth Director, Michael Warner, will be our special speaker Sunday, September 22. Come support this wonderful young man.

MUSIC



Written by: Almetta M. Cruff 8/21/2019

THE BROOKSIDE

The area is calm and bright,
the wind is blowing softly.

The flowers are swaying their own way.

The trees and bushes are reaching
towards the sky to reach
the sun and air.

Listen, what do you hear?

The magic is here,
just think to yourself,
what do you feel?

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Youth News



Hello Church Family,

The youth have been consistent in continually meeting during the July break, studying at various public locations together as well as venturing out into the community to provide a public display of Christ. The month of August provided our students with the ability to practice what we have studied. Learning and studying are great, however, the main idea is to provide and teach our students to practice and live what is being taught. We are striving to provide some necessary knowledge and examples of what "living the Gospel" looks like, but now we will provide more opportunities to live and display this model in the community. Christianity is simple in concept. Jesus tells us the Law is broken down twofold; Love God with all you are and love your neighbor. Jesus even goes so far as to love his neighbors (us) to the point of death on a cross. We want this reality to become ingrained in our students, reorienting these priorities above all else. We hope this message finds you well. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas please direct them to Michael Warner.

Michael

Our Youth Director, Michael Warner, will bless us on Sunday, September 22, as he fills the pulpit in Pastor Tim's absence and brings us a message that God has given him.

KATHRYN ISAACS AND MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS



Our September meeting will be Tuesday the 10th, 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





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The children are back in 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 under-

wear, t-shirts, or socks; bring them to the clothes closet down stairs next to the nursery.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please earmark your check "Children's Clothes Closet" and place it in the offering plate. The Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, September 26, 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.





OCTOBER 2019 BEACON ARTICLES

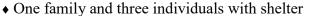


All October 2019 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, September 18. Thank you for your help in this matter.

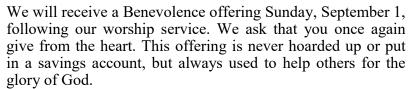
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DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

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



- ◆Two household with their electric bill
- ♦One family with their rent



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. 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 canned vegetables for the month of September to help feed those in need in our community. Please, no glass containers.

WBC considers it a privilege to help the Agape Food Pantry distribute food on the second Saturday

of every month beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please contact Chris and Rhonda Bracknell or Guy and Linda Sutphin.



Young-at-Heart

us at Old Stage Restaurant, 1090 E. Main Street, Wytheville, (between Thompson Tire and Enterprise Rent-a-Car) at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17. Join us for good food and fellowship and bring a friend.





The Sheriff's Chaplain Corps will sponsor a 9/11 Memorial Service Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at the Wytheville Baptist Church at 12:00 p.m. Please attend and support our Sheriff's Department and Chaplains.

Our 2019 Trunk-or-Treat event will be held Thursday, October 31. Church Street will be closed again

this year so we can bless the large



number of children and adults coming. We need everyone to help with prayer, candy, decorating your car, deciding upon your costume, and getting ready to love on the community. There was over a thousand adults and children who came last year. Please help us this year with your participation.

WBC ANNUAL CHURCH WIDE PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS



What a great WBC Picnic we had at the Baptist Campground! It was so much fun with a lot of wonderful fellowship, tons of laughter, and tables full of food! The music by *Heaven Bound* had us all tapping our feet and Pastor Tim's devotion fell right in line with some of the songs *Heaven Bound* performed. Forty-five people enjoyed this day and there were many who helped pull this event together.









The Nellie Bausell Library Notes September 2019

Disciples are Made not Born by Walter A. Henrichsen shows us how to help others grow to maturity in Christ. So what is a disciple and how are we to make them? This book explains and illustrates the process of disciple-making that Jesus taught and modeled. This is a practical, biblical approach that revolutionized the ministry of hundreds of thousands of Christians as they learned how to multiply themselves in the lives of others.

Disciple-making is challenging, to be sure. But as we are faithful to Christ's Great Commission, we'll experience the fulfillment that comes from being faithful to the life mission to which God has called us. Our Pastor would like for all of us to read and study this book.

The Tithe by George A.E. Salstrand shows us the minimum standard for Christian giving. This is a very old book (1952) that was given to our church by John Matheny in 1973. It only has 53 pages. Here is an excellent guide to an intelligent practice of Christian stewardship. The main body of the book consists of an examination of the outstanding Scripture passages dealing with the tithe and Christian giving. One chapter discusses the writings of Church leaders on tithe-giving in order to show the understanding of the early church leaders about what the Word of God teaches on this subject. Come check it out.

Carroll Stewart

HOME: John and Betty Matheny, Rick Walker, 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: Gary and Carla Estep's daughter, Ashley; Bill Lively's sister, Nancy Crockett, Chris Bracknell's mother

FRIENDS: Mike and Betty Powers, Becky Ward, 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 SYMPATHY TO Frances Felty, her brother, Rick Walker, her sister, Sue Turner and their families upon the passing of Frances' son, Ted Baumgardner

September 4: Sandwich Supper: Meat, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Macaroni Salad, Veggies, Dip,

Chips, Pickles, Brownies and Ice Cream

September 11: Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Cole

Slaw, Pickles, Chocolate Dream Dessert

September 18: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls,

Pound Cake and Fruit

September 26: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, French Bread, Corn,

Peach Fluff



Meetings

Thursday, September 5: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership

Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Wednesday, September 11: Staff—5:00 p.m.



September Birthdays

- 11 Victoria Willis
- Russ Throckmorton
- Timothy Burke
- Mark Alderman
- Clayton Wright
- 16 Michael Warner
- 10 Stephen Collins
- 17 Jamie Claypool Tommy Wassum
- 18 Dede Cresap Colleen Dunford Jim Spraker
- 22 Lisa Crowgey
- 25 Cindy Booher Belinda Horney
- 26 Tommy Anders
- 27 Aaron Crowgey



DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 1: Delores Dove September 8: Janet Montgomery

September 15: Danny Sowers September 22: Eric Crowgey

September 29: Chris Bracknell

USHERS Team I:

Tommy Anders, Gena Anders Joe Crowgey, Carlisle Hostetter

TELLERS

Ty King and Tom Collins

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion 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 4:45pm Adult Choir fellowship 5:00pm Adult Choir practice	2 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	3	4 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Children's Choir Practice and Youth Group Bible Study 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	5 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	6	7
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