



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Even for This One

It was Jesus' last meal with the disciples (John 13:1-11). He got up from the table, removed his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around himself. He then began to wash the disciples' feet. This is a task that was normally done by a servant. We see Peter proclaim that he is not going to allow Jesus to do this for him. Peter felt as though the Lord should not be washing feet. In the end, Peter allows Jesus to wash his feet because he does not want to miss being part of the community.

There is a part of this passage that is quite often overlooked. All the disciples were present when Jesus served them by washing their feet. Yes, Jesus even washes the feet of Judas Iscariot fully knowing Judas plans to betray him. How

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*Youth Pictures by
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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.**

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could Jesus do this for the one who will bring great sorrow to him and to many disciples? With an example of serving even someone who betrays, what does this mean for our service?

There are times when we only want to serve those who graciously accept what we have done for them. We want to help those who will transform their lives and make better choices in the future. Yet, Jesus does for one who will make bad choices. Should this inform our ministry? Are we willing to help and serve those even when they continue to choose the wrong way to go?

God has placed Wytheville Baptist in a very important place within Wytheville. We exist on top of a continuously flowing spring which served as the water source for the town for many years. In the last Staff Meeting, we talked about how this could help us to visualize God's calling for us as a community. The spring flows into the stream which runs through Elizabeth Brown Park. Living

flowing waters flow out from under our church to join the rest of the community of Wytheville. In these waters, anyone can come to wash their feet here and experience a refreshing.

As people in our community experience the members of Wytheville Baptist, do they experience refreshing waters flowing from the Kingdom of God? Do we exist in our community helping even those who will continue to make poor choices? Can this spring which flows out from under the church be an image that informs and enlivens our ministry?

I would be excited to hear your thoughts as the Staff continues to discern what God is sharing with us for the future of Wytheville Baptist.

Because of
God's Love,
Pastor Tim



ting us started. They are scheduling one or two teams to work at the Bland Center this month. If your church can send a team this spring please contact a member of the Centers staff at 276-688-4702 and schedule your visit. Please pray for DeeDee. She is having surgery on the 17th and will be recovering for the next several weeks.

♦ **CONNECTION CONFERENCE:** Cambria Baptist Church is hosting a connections conference on February 7 and 8. They hosted a great conference about four years ago and this one looks to be even better. Please plan to attend, it will be time well spent.

♦ **SPRING MISSION CONFERENCE:** Thanks to all who are hosting a missionary during our March Mission Conference. Charles Damron has a great series of meetings planned, including a tour of the Bunk House and Chain Saw trailers at the Saturday session. Charles still has three openings on Sunday nights, four on Monday nights, and three on Tuesday nights for churches who would like to have one of the missionaries speak at their church. For more details contact Charles Damron at 540-639-1255.

♦ **CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.:** Fascia and Soffit are being installed on the northeast gable of the building. Our work was delayed due to our Disaster response training Saturday, January 18.

Dublin Baptist is planning a sunrise service at the camp and anyone interested in attending and watching the sunrise over the lake and enjoy an experience of a lifetime is welcome to participate. More details will be available in next month's update.

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, Mark 540-577-1943 or Robert the webmaster.

Thanks to our Heavenly Father for blessing us each day.

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

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- ♦ **VBS DINNER:** Tuesday, February 11, at El Ranchero located beside the Walmart shopping center in Dublin. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please let me know if you and your guest will be able to attend.
- ♦ 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 Thursday, February 6, 2020.
- ♦ **WMU/WOMEN'S MINISTRY:**
Christmas cards: You did it! Because of you, every person in the Regional Jail had four cards to send their loved ones this Christmas. May God bless you for your generosity.
- ♦ **VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS:** During the Christmas season Pastor Ramon and his congregation started evangelizing a very large neighborhood in front of the community where they live. The area is very poor and the houses (shacks) are made of tin with dirt floors. The day after Christmas they went from house to house delivering a liter of oatmeal to as many homes as they could. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters as they feed the poor around them spiritually and physically.
- ♦ **BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS CHAPTERS:** Started working this week with the NRV Disability Resource Center to obtain funding from the State of Virginia for projects in Giles and or Pulaski counties.
- ♦ **BLAND MINISTRY:** Last month we asked if your church would be willing to send a team to the Bland Ministry Center and help them one or two days in 2020? Thanks to Dublin Baptist for get-



Judy Collier

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN ACTION

This February includes not only Valentine's Day but also Ash Wednesday—the first day of Lent, preparing our hearts for the sacrificial love gift of the Lord.

As I considered these two special “love days” in February, I turned to the Lord's definition of love found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a.

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

What if this Valentine's Day we prayerfully—as the Lord leads—give our Lord and our loved ones a commitment to grow in one of these areas? Maybe become more patient, kinder, less self-seeking? And for Lent to give up maybe our tendency to be easily angered, to dishonor others, or to keep account of wrongs?

How would this change our relationships? Our worship? Our church? Our witness to the world?

Please pray that in our February worship services, we will be lifted to a closer day by day love-walk with the Lord and therefore with all others.

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” *1 John 3:18*

With this hope,

Judy

*Choir rehearsals are Sundays from 10–10:30 a.m. and 5–6 p.m.
Now is a wonderful time to join the choir!*

Youth News

Hello Church Family,

It is no surprise that acquiring youth has been a difficult task. We have attempted and tried multiple ideas as well as some others that were not as well liked. However, our task and drive have not diminished. God has provided us with some encouraging glimpses in the month of December and we are sure He will provide for our church in the necessary fashion by His definition and timetable. I have had the pleasure of gaining resources through other Churches and organizations in the area that have allowed us to get plugged in deeper in both the Middle and High School systems. As far as events have gone, this past New Year's we hosted a New Year's Eve party that had a great turn out. We have finished our study of Revelation! We are growing closer together and continue to provide an inviting atmosphere where all youth are welcome to come, live and laugh with us. We hope this message finds you well. If you have any questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Warner.

Michael



**New Year's Eve
2019**



THE GOSPEL: HERE AND NOW!

FRIDAY—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7-8, 2020

**CAMBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH
1310 Cambria Street Northeast
Christiansburg, VA 24073**

We open our doors for members and guests of our churches to come together and connect. In our connecting, we learn that we are not alone in the work of the ministry we have before us. In our connecting we learn that other churches may be struggling with the same issues, but have found creative ways to reach out and engage our communities.

We have good news! As the Church, we cannot wait until our calendars are set, our programs are ready, our finances are secure... we have to share the good news here and now. We must find creative ways to get the message out—here and now. We must take action—here and now!

Friday, February 7, 2020

Concert at 6:30 p.m., Main Session at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Concert at 9 a.m., Main Session at 9:30 a.m., Breakouts at 10 a.m.

- *Great Fellowship*—Learning from each other
- *Local*—no need to get hotel reservations!
- *Free*—Lunch provided, just let us know you're coming so we can plan accordingly.
- *Childcare available*—Just let us know by contacting the church office

Contact us at 540-382-2490, register at Eventbrite.com, or let your Pastor know of your interest in attending so we can plan accordingly.

thank
you!

Dear WBC Deacons,

Many thanks to Eric Crowgey for the lovely fruit basket he delivered to me from WBC deacons. I really enjoyed the fruit and it was much appreciated.

Blessings to one and all,
Jean Moore

Dear All,

Thank you for the fruit basket—so Christmassy! Wishing you all a wonderful New Year and Many, many blessings!

Blessings,
Kathy Landrith

Dear Deacons and Church Family,

Thank you for remembering me at Christmas with the beautiful fruit basket. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you also to Chris Bracknell for delivering it to me and the nice visit we had. I miss you all very much.

Love to you all,
Adren Eldridge

Thank you to Guy Sutphin and Chris Bracknell for mounting shelves in a room behind the sanctuary in order to allow easy access to decorating items that are used in the Library window and bulletin boards.

The Library Team

Dear Wytheville Baptist Church,

Thank you for your gift to the Wythe County Ministerial Association in 2019. Your contribution has helped us send three county High School Seniors to college. Thank you for all you do to share God's love in our community.

Peace,
Pastor Colleen Montgomery
Wythe County Ministerial Association Treasurer



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger in their own communities. It began with a simple prayer:

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world—as they collect food for the homeless, food to the hungry, and compassion to those in need.

On Sunday, February 2, 2020, our youth will have a basket at each door leading into the sanctuary. They ask us to bring cans of food and fill the baskets. This food will then be taken to the Agape Food Pantry.

Help our youth help others?



at the wonderful group of WBC folks who helped pack bags for HOPE Packs Community Backpack Program on Wednesday, January 22. This is a program to ensure that young students in Wythe and Bland counties have food to eat during weekends and holidays. Thank you to Michael and Gabby Warner, Pastor Tim, and Becky and Roger Hudson.



**KATHRYN ISAACS AND
MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS**



Our next regular meeting for the Circle will be Monday, February 3, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Robinette with Janet Montgomery giving the program and Betty Robinette serving as hostess.

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

Lynn Arnold, Chair

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

March 1-8, 2020

Many North American cities could reasonably be called pre-Christian. Even in the traditional "Bible Belt" Christianity is being pushed to the margins. In the midst of this, God is bringing the nations to our shores and offering unprecedented opportunities for the gospel.

The Church in North America is also the primary source for funding and sending missionaries, so the spiritual health of North America impacts mission work around the globe.

At the North American Mission Board, we see a mission field that needs the hope of the gospel. With your partnership, we're committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses.



Children's Clothes Closet



It's still **cold** outside and you can keep our children warm this winter by visiting the WBC Children's Clothes Closet. These children's clothes are free and we always have new families that utilize this ministry. If you have any new or gently used children's clothes, shoes, new underwear, t-shirts, or socks; bring them to the clothes closet down stairs next to the nursery.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please earmark your check "Children's Clothes Closet" and place it in the offering plate. The Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, February 27, 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.



MARCH 2020 BEACON ARTICLES

All March 2020 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, February 17. Thank you for your help in this matter.



DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

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

- ♦ Three individuals with shelter for the night
- ♦ One family with rent



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, February 2, 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.opendoorcafewytheville.org> then click the Volunteer tab.



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

YOU CAN HELP



Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for the months of February and March 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.

Join us at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre on Friday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m. as we enjoy a delicious meal and watch the production *Forever Plaid*. This production is one of the most popular and successful musicals in recent memory. This deliciously goofy revue centers on four young, eager male singers, killed in a car crash in the 1950's on the way to their first big concert and now miraculously revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never was. After having completed their Mission of Harmony, our men in plaid must return to the cosmos. Although they may be gone, through this production their dreams live on forever. Contact Doris Terry today and reserve your tickets for this fun-filled night.



Young-at-Heart

On Tuesday, February 18, at 12:00 p.m. we will gather in Williams Fellowship Hall for a time of fun and fellowship. Bring your bagged lunch and a friend. Drinks and dessert will be provided. If someone would like to bring a dessert for the group, it would be greatly appreciated.

Carroll Stewart

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 26, at 6:40 p.m. we will observe our Ash Wednesday Service which begins Lent, a time of penance, reflection, and fasting that prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. ***Now is the time for you to bring your palm branches to the church office from last year's Palm Sunday service*** so Pastor Tim can prepare ashes for this very special service. This year we will gather in the Sanctuary right after supper. Join us as we worship.



Share the Love

A Valentine fundraiser for H.O.P.E

Join us on Saturday, February 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Open Door Café for a Valentine-making fundraiser. For \$25, you and your child can make and take home 24 unique Valentines. Each additional child is \$10. Make a special one for your teacher! All materials are provided. Eight designs are available or design your own with our colorful paper, glitter, glue, ribbon, lace, rubber stamps and stickers.

Preregister by calling Open Door Café at (276) 227-0212,
or emailing

info@opendoorcafeytheville.org

It promises to be a morning of fun and
creativity for a great cause!

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

♥ February 2020 ♥

Miracles from Heaven: a Little Girl and Her Amazing Story of Healing by Christy Wilson Beam who wrote this book about her daughter. For Christy and Kevin Bean, faith meant one foot in front of the other as they lived life in the shadow of their middle daughter Annabel's devastating illness. Diagnosed with an incurable, life-threatening disorder, little Anna persevered through years of pain and invasive testing and treatments. Her childlike faith inspired everyone around her, but Christy's heart shattered when an exhausted Anna finally told her, "Mommy, I just want to go to Heaven with Jesus where there is no pain." Two weeks later, Annabel had an accident that nearly took her life. In the days that followed, she quietly shared a stunning story of visiting Heaven, meeting Jesus, and being guided by the light of a guardian angel.

Jesus: Yesterday, Today, Forever was written by Bruce Marchiano. So come with us now! Let your imagination wander back a couple of thousand years. Hear the shofar's trumpet call to worship echoing across the hills and valley's of ancient Israel.

There's talk of a new prophet, you know—a carpenter from the town of Nazareth in Galilee. It is said He speaks with truth and acts with compassion such as no one has ever seen before.

Come! Stand in the courts with Him, share a meal by His campfire. Laugh with Him, weep with Him. Look into His eyes, feel the warmth of His embrace, peek into His heart, glimpse the salvation of your very soul... This is a pictorial storybook about the life of Jesus for Adults.

Carroll Stewart

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



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

FAMILY: Missy Throckmorton's grandson, Miles; Lynn Arnolds' husband Rick, Gary and Carla Estep's niece, Lindsey; Paula Moore's sister, Iris Moore; Chris Bracknell's brother, James Bracknell;

FRIENDS: Christian Sympathy to Steve Vinson and family upon the passing of his wife, Bobbie. Pray for Clayton Smith, DeDe Hoosier, Martha Umberger, John Viars, 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:

Carroll Stewart and her family upon the passing of her brother-in-law, Terry Walters

Gary and Carla Estep and their family upon the passing of Gary's sister

February 5: Pancakes, Toppings, Bacon, Sausage, Baked Apples, Ice Cream Sundaes

February 12: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Pickles, Veggie Tray, Valentine Dessert

February 19: Chicken Pot Pie, Caesar Salad, Mixed Fruit, Brownies and Ice Cream

February 26: Lasagna, Corn, French Bread, Tossed Salad, Banana Pudding



Meetings

Monday, February 3: Kathryn Isaacs & Mabel Crabtree Circle—7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 6: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
Wednesday, February 12: Staff—5:00 p.m.

February Birthdays

5: Vanessa Lopez	20: Ty King
Linda Sutphin	Robert Herndon
8: John Willis	24: David Martin
9: Frances Rochelle	25: Bill Valley
13: Cole Throckmorton	27: Sharon Sowers
18: Ivey Burke	29: Terry Moore
Chuck O'Roark	
19: Denise Burton	



DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 2: Guy Sutphin
February 9: Delores Dove
February 16: Jenny Stoker
February 23: Danny Sowers

USHERS Team II:

Tommy Hilton, Becky Hudson
Guy Sutphin, Glenna Turner

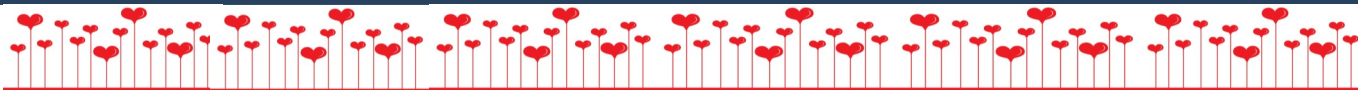
TELLERS





Janet Montgomery and Gary Taylor

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of February

February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.</p>					<p>1</p> <p>Fellowship hall reserved by Dede Cresap</p>
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