



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Seeing God's Work Around Us

The beginning of Moses' ministry has captured my attention. A burning bush that is not burning causes Moses to turn aside from his busy life of herding sheep for his father-in-law. As he approaches he hears the Lord of the entire universe speak to him about what is going to happen. It is at this point, we often concentrate on God's call on Moses' life to become a great leader. How fortunate that Moses hears this call and walks in the ways the Lord has for him. Yes, Moses does struggle with the call. Yes, Moses does tell the Lord that God has picked the wrong person. Yes, Moses does finally make the commitment and becomes the leader which does become the standard for all other leaders in Hebrew history.

However, there is a part of what the Lord says which is often overlooked.

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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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Read these verses (Exodus 3:7-8b (NIV)) carefully to see what the Lord says first to Moses before calling him.

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey"

God says, "I have already decided to save my people because they have cried out to me." Then God tells Moses, "I want you to be their leader." We tend to emphasize the call of Moses over the decision the Lord has already made. If Moses had decided not to follow God, God was still going to save the people.

There are times we know what needs to be done and sit down to plan out how to do the work. Once we have put a plan together, we then ask God to bless our plan for the sake of the Kingdom. Sometimes it works and sometimes we fall flat. We then try to understand what happened. It was so successful when other churches have done it. Why did it not work here? I have learned there are times when God does not want us to follow how someone accomplished Kingdom work. God is already busy accomplishing the work and we need to see it and just join in with God.

In the past three months, I have seen God do some things around us which are different than what I know is happening in other churches. I am studying this and wondering, is God about a new or different work than what has happened here in the past? Do we need to change some of our plans so we can join God in what God is doing at Wytheville Baptist?

These are just some beginning thoughts for me. What are you seeing God do around us? I would love to hear your thoughts.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



of meetings planned, including a tour of the Bunk House and Chain Saw trailers at the Saturday session. For more details contact Charles Damron at 540-639-1255.

•**CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.:** Hardy board shingles were installed on the northeast gable in late November. Facia and Soffit were installed on the front of the building in early December 2019.

• 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 web master.

•**FREE DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING:** On January 18, BGAV will offer an Introduction to Disaster Response course followed by specialized Chainsaw certification training (including a classroom safety portion and a hands-on fieldwork portion). The Introduction to Virginia Baptist Disaster Response (VBDR) is classroom based and provides an overview of why we respond to disasters, how we organize and operate our responses, and what we do to help communities affected by disaster. Upon completion of this training, participants will be credentialed to serve with VBDR clean up teams, support teams, and mass feeding teams (additional online training is available for clean up and mass feeding which participants are encouraged to complete before joining a team, but "hands on training" will also occur in the field when you join a response).

The additional "hands on chainsaw training" will credential participants to be chainsaw operators with VBDR. Please come prepared to work outside most of the afternoon (sturdy shoes and warm (not loose fitting) clothing and safety glasses are required).

The Introduction course will begin at 8 am at the Baptist Camp 4353 Towes Ferry Rd, Dublin Virginia 24084. Chainsaw training will begin at approximately 10 am. You may come to either or both training. Ordinarily, the introduction course costs \$25 per person but as a "thank you" for the hard work and dedication the Network has given in building the bunk trailer, this training is being offered to you at no cost, so please come take advantage of the opportunity to be prepared to serve when disaster strikes. Please sign up for the training at <https://vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/s1rtbken1hnwkn2/> and coupon code **BLUERIDGE** (this will ensure that you will be able to register for free. Without the code, it will ask you to pre-pay the \$25 registration fee). The Network will provide lunch, at the camp, around noon.

May our Lord and Savior continue to richly bless us in the New Year.

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

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

•**NETWORK ANNUAL REPORT:** The 2019 Book of reports is available on the Network website listed below.

•**PASTORS DINNER:** January 7 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 spouse will be able to attend. We have had to move our dinners from Shoney's because of their extremely poor service.

•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 January 2, 2020.

•**WMU/WOMEN'S MINISTRY:**

Hygiene Kits: Thanks to your efforts we now have 223 completed hygiene kits ready and waiting when the Bunk House Trailer moves out to a disaster.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: You did it! The WMU and Women's Missions groups surpassed their goal of 2,000 stamped Christmas cards for the inmates to send their families at Christmas. Because of you every person in the Regional Jail had at least three cards to send their loved ones. Thank you for showing God's love.

•**VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS:** Pastor Ramon and his family send their thanks to you for the Networks continued support of their ministry and the more than generous Christmas gift you sent to his family.

•**BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS CHAPTERS:** We plan to complete six projects in Giles and or Pulaski counties with mission teams from the Bland Ministry Center this summer. Hearts and Hammers will work with the NRV Disability Resource Center to obtain funding from the State of Virginia..

•**BLAND MINISTRY:** Would it be possible for your church to send a team to the Bland Ministry Center and help them one or two days in 2020? This should not be a strain on any of us and would be a tremendous help to their much needed ministry. Please let Dee Dee (276-688-4702) know if and when your team would like to work.

•**SPRING MISSION CONFERENCE:** Thanks to all who are hosting a missionary during our March Mission Conference. Charles has a great series



Judy Collier

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT



After a joyous celebration of the Light of the World descending to earth for our salvation, we begin the month of January services with epiphany on January 5th. It is on this Sunday that the church commemorates the wise men following the star to find the Holy Child of Light and offer Him gifts. We too must search for the Light of the World and continually give ourselves wholly to Him as our only reasonable gift. Then we also begin to take on His character and become the light of the world to lead others to Jesus.

What better New Year's resolution can we make, than a total commitment to Jesus for all He has given up and suffered on our behalf.

And as you ponder where the Lord would have you share your light in 2020, I hope you will prayerfully consider joining the sanctuary choir. The beginning of the New Year is a perfect time to visit our choir rehearsals. Come and see if this might be an area in which the Lord would like you to serve. Rehearsals resume January 5 after a two-week holiday break. We will then be starting new music and preparing for the beautiful season of Easter. We meet at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings to prepare for the services and rehearse from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings to learn the music. There is also a need for volunteers to organize and file music if you would like to become a part of the music department in that area.

I pray your New Year will be filled and overflowing with God's very best for your life and that of your family's as you seek His path for your journey on earth.

Joyfully in His Light,

Judy



I personally want to thank the choir, media team, narrators, and Cindy Jarmul who wrote the narration, for their beautiful presentation of *The Light ... Who was ... and is .. and is to come*. Your hard work and faithfulness blessed each one of us. I have received high praise for you and your gift of love to our congregation. So may the Lord bless you and your family this Christmas "exceedingly, abundantly more than you can ask or think..." for your love for and service to our precious Lord, the Light of the World. Keep shining your light for Him!

With grateful joy,
Judy Collier



Youth News

Hello Church Family,

The Month of December brought new insights. We have been praying for innovation, ideas, resources, and additional persons for assistance. Needless to say, God has been providing. While some ideas didn't work out, additional ones have been given in their place. We are extremely hopeful that these ideas will lead to the youth of Wytheville beginning a repaired relationship with their Creator as well as stimulating a closer relationship with those that have an established one. We hope 2020 will cause our youth to replicate discipleship. They have learned the past year and now we hope to begin the replication process as the Spirit leads, (sharing, growing, and going). If you have any insights, questions, or concerns please direct them to Michael Warner.

Michael



To the wonderful folks who blessed me on Wednesday night December 18. Once again you have outdone yourself in showering me with gifts. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to cook for you—it is my utmost pleasure.

Thank you all,

Dear Church Family,

What a lovely surprise to see our deacon, Janet, at our door with a delicious fruit basket! Thank you for including us in this thoughtful reminder that we are loved and cared for.

We appreciated Janet's visit and the fruit very much.

Love and blessings,
Bill and Cathy

I would like to thank our wonderful deacons for the beautiful fruit basket you gave me. The fruit basket is such a wonderful tradition that brings much joy and sense of appreciation to all the recipients. May your Christmas in return overflow with blessings from the fruit of your labor and love.

Gratefully with love,
Judy Collier

To WBC and our Deacons:

Many thanks for the great basket of fruit delivered to me by Tommy Anders. That many pieces of fruit will take me a while to eat, but all of it will be enjoyed. This is a very much appreciated mission by our deacons. May God bless each of you for your ministry at WBC.

Because He lives,
Carroll Stewart

Dear Church Family,

Each year when I receive your fruit basket, I am especially grateful for my church family.

I am reminded of how this church has ministered to me and I am encouraged in knowing of your continued support. Thank you for all that you have done for me.

In His love,
Bonnie Agnew

We both would like to thank the Deacons for the fruit basket and their ministry to the members of the church. We appreciate all you do to show care and compassion to those connected to Wytheville Baptist.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim and DeAnne

thank
you!

Dear WBC Deacons,

Thank you so much for remembering me in such a special way. The fruit basket was beautiful and delicious. I have really enjoyed it.

Love to you all,
Doris Terry

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards after my latest operation. I'm sure your prayers were a big help in my recovery. We couldn't do without you.

Thank you to the Deacons for the beautiful fruit basket. We have truly enjoyed it.

Blessings to all,
Jane and Joe Crowgey

Dear WBC,

Many thanks for the nice fruit basket delivered to me by Jenny Stoker. I'm enjoying it. I also enjoyed very much my nice visit with Jenny.

Marjorie Wassum

Dear Deacons,

Thank you for always being there for us as a church family. A special thank you to Janet Montgomery for being our family Deacon and letting her love shine through to us. The wonderful fruit basket we received has been a real blessing, greatly enjoyed, and appreciated.

In His Hands,
Jerry and Jan Stone

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

DESIGNATED GIFTS 2020

At the October Business Conference, the Church decided to eliminate a number of the Designated Gifts line items. This does not include any of the Savings line items. The Church asks that you please give to the General Budget thus allowing the Church as a whole to decide how to use the funds. When people give to a Designated Gift, the funds are locked to that purpose only and cannot be used for general needs. If you give to a Designated Gift line item that no longer exists, you will be asked if the Church can place it in the General Fund allowing the church community to decide how to use the funds. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Below is a list of the only line items which remain.

Agape	Nellie Bausell Library Fund
Alma Hunt	Outreach Ministry Team
Annie Armstrong	Poinsettias
Benevolence	Shoe Box Ministry
Bereavement Meals	Special Project
Clothing Closet	Wednesday Night Supper
Lottie Moon	World Hunger

RECORDS OF CONTRIBUTION

You will receive your record of contribution for 2019 by January 15, 2020. If you do not receive your statement, or if there are any errors, please contact our Financial Secretary, Ty King.



TITHING ENVELOPES

Our Offering Envelopes for 2020 will be ready for pick-up the latter part of January. The boxes of envelopes will be placed on the table in the main hallway under the Library windows. The boxes will be in numerical order and an alphabetical list of names will be provided with assigned envelope numbers. Please note your box number may have changed from last year. If you cannot find your box or do not have an assigned tithing number and would like one, please contact the church office at 228-3712.



PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list published in our bulletins and Beacons has become very long. Some on our prayer list have inadvertently been left on the list after our prayers for them have been answered. Therefore, we will purge the list and start fresh. We ask you to carefully look over the list of names and if there is someone you would like left on the prayer list, please call the church office. All other names will be removed from the list the last of January and a new list will be published in our February Beacon and again in our bulletins.

We thank everyone who sacrificially stood in the gap for others.



But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7



You can keep our children stay 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, January 23, 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.



FEBRUARY 2020 BEACON ARTICLES

All February 2020 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, January 15. 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:

- ◆ Four individuals with shelter for the night
- ◆ One family with their electric bill



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, January 5, 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. 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 fruits and vegetables for the months of January, 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.

KATHRYN ISAACS AND MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS



Our next regular meeting for the Circle will be Monday, January 6, with Cathy Valley as hostess and Lynn Arnold will have the program.

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



Young-at-Heart

Our January 20, 2020, Young-at-Heart meeting will be right here in the WBC Fellowship Hall. Be sure to bring a brown bag lunch and a story, a poem, a tall tale, a song, or anything you would like to share with us. This is what we have done for the last few years because the weather is not the greatest in January. Surely each of you can come up with something to share and it would be nice if someone would volunteer to make us a dessert—that could count as your share in the program. Come prepared with something to share and a friend. Hope to see all of you here...

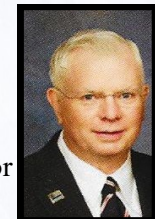
Carroll Stewart



Congratulation to our new Deacons who will serve a three year term.



Guy Sutphin



Gary Taylor

Please keep all our Deacons in your prayers.

Thank you to Tommy Anders, Tommy Hilton, and Janet Montgomery for serving your allotted time as Deacons. You are an integral part of our church body and greatly loved.

LOOK WHO JOINED WBC IN 2019



Gabriella Warner



Lee and Lynn Perry



Kathleen Landrith

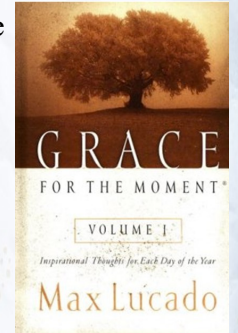


Jeffery Meade

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

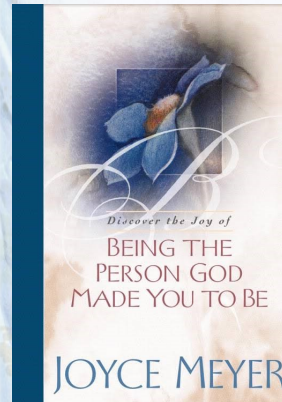
January 2020

We have two new devotional books to share with you. *Grace for the Moment* by Max Lucado is a book that has Inspirational thoughts for each day of the year. Test this question: What if God's only gift to you were His grace to save you. Would you be content? You beg Him to save the life of your child. You plead with Him to keep your business afloat. You implore him to remove the cancer from your body. What if His answer is, "My grace is enough." Would you be content?



Being The Person God Made You To Be by Joyce Meyer.

You will never sense fulfillment in life unless you reach the goal of being yourself. Don't share with others; just concentrate on fulfilling your potential. Jesus came to bring restoration to our lives. One of the things He came to restore is a healthy, balanced self-image. Be patient with yourself. Keep pressing on and believe that you are changing every day.



Carroll Stewart

HOME: Francis Felty, Judy Collier, 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 (187 Barney Bay Lane, Rocky Mount, VA 24151)



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

FAMILY: Doris Terry's daughter-in-law, Bonnie Terry; Guy and Linda Sutphin's granddaughter, Hope; Paula Moore's sister, Iris Moore; Chris Bracknell's mother and brother, James Bracknell; Cathy Valley's sister, Susan Smith, and sister-in-law, Laura Taylor

FRIENDS: Martha Umberger, Patricia Martin, John Viars, Jo Witten, Barbara Johns, Lilly, Ayden Morris, Bryan Walker, Steve and Sally Sboray, Mike and Betty Powers, Bob 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.



January 8: Spaghetti, Toss Salad, French Bread, Peach Fluff

January 15: Parmesan Chicken, Green Beans, Jell-O Salad, Chocolate Graham Dessert

January 22: Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Cole Slaw, Macaroni and Cheese, Poke Cake

January 29: Meat Loaf, Green Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, Blondies and Ice Cream



Meetings



Thursday, January 2: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church
Staff—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 8: Church Council—7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 13: Deacons' —7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 20: Church Business Conference—6:40 p.m.
Wednesday, January 22: Church Business Conference—6:40 p.m.

January Birthdays



1	Wanda Hamm	7	Collin Phillips
	Maria Stoker	9	Keith Dunagan
	Bryson Booher	10	Pastor Tim Irving
4	Lynn Arnold		Mary Hall
5	Carla Estep	15	Jerry Stone
	Chris Bracknell	16	Brenda Tucker
	Glenna Turner		Cynthia Inman-Willis
	John Claypool	19	George Hamm
6	Pauline Moore	23	Linda Lively
	Jesus Alfredo Esquivel		Sara Wingard
		26	Rick Tucker
		27	Jonathan Stoker
		28	Adren Eldridge
		31	Cathy Valley



DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 5: Danny Sowers
January 12: Chris Bracknell
January 19: Eric Crowgey
January 26: Guy Sutphin

USHERS Team 1:

Tommy Anders, Gena Anders
Joe Crowgey, Carlisle Hostetter






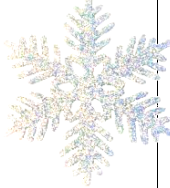

TELLERS

Emery Pruett and Guy Sutphin

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of January

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Jesus loves you snow much</p>			1  <p>NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER OR ANY REGU- LAR CHURCH FUNCTIONS</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	2 <p>6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church</p>	3	4 
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