



# WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

#### REACHING MORE PEOPLE

In the past few months, the church has done many things differently. This happened not because we were looking to change things or to be innovative in how we reached people. It happened because we could not connect in the same old ways which we had for many years. This has been a struggle for some to have to learn new ways of doing and being church. Some have held back just waiting for things to go back to the old traditional ways of being church. If we are to maintain a connection as a community of faith some of these new ways will need to remain for quite a while yet.

One positive thing has happened since churches have found ways new ways to be the church. New people who have never attended church services are starting to make a

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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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connection with faith communities. I have seen this happen with doing a sermon live from home. Some people watch, comment, like, and share who have never been to a Worship Service at Wytheville Baptist. Not that I want to continue preaching to just a camera; I am looking forward to once again gathering together and preaching to a community of faith. Just as this current situation of the Coronavirus hit us, we were starting to broadcast our services live on our Facebook page for the benefit of those who could not attend. New people were watching then also. It may be time for us to invest in being present in the digital world with a larger emphasis. By doing this we will be able to spread and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a larger section of people. A task in which the church has been called by God to be actively finding ways to do.

Two verses have meant a lot to me throughout my spiritual journey; they are Ephesians 3:20,21 (NIV).

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

God will always do more than we can ask or imagine by working in and through us. This is God's desire for the people of any community of faith. Plus God does this work by the power that is at work inside us. Is it time for us to take a bigger step in spreading the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ by continuing and expanding some of the new ways we are currently doing? As your pastor, I think it is the right time for us to continue in our new ways. We are reaching more folks in this current generation in an avenue that some are more comfortable than many of us. Maybe this is the "immeasurably more" God is seeking to do through us at this time.

Because of God's Love,  
Pastor Tim



• **WESTERN BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST NETWORK WEB SITE:**

<http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>

We had planned to have our Leadership Team meetings on even numbered months. Due to the continued restrictions, a June meeting has not been confirmed. We will see what the situation is by July. If the Network can be of any help during this time please let us know and please continue to pray for our country. We will keep you updated as things develop.

• **MINISTRY DINNERS:** These dinners are suspended until we are able to have a Leadership meeting to determine a new schedule.

• **VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS:** Please continue praying for our brothers and sisters as they minister to those in their neighborhood. The virus is now in Venezuela and because of the lack of medical facilities and supplies, things will probably get worse for them.

• **BLAND MINISTRY:** Please continue praying for Dee Dee and her husband, Danny. Both are now undergoing treatment following their cancer surgery.

As we look forward to the future, please continue in pray for our Network churches and our country.

In His service

Dave Clonch

Moderator/Director, Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network



## HOPE'S REQUESTS FOR YARD WORK HELP

HOPE has received two requests from Wytheville Residents for help with housekeeping, getting their yard mowed, and taking out trash.

The first is a man who is about to have knee surgery and he needs help with housekeeping and lawn care for six to eight weeks. His mower needs repair, but he has a brand new weed eater.

The second is an elderly lady who needs help with mowing her yard and taking out her trash. She has had recent back surgery and is in a back brace. The person that was helping had a stroke. This client has a mower and a weed eater, both are gas powered, both are new. The weed eater is two cycle (needs oil mixed with the gas).

If anyone is interested call Gary Slemph at HOPE Inc. (276-228-6280, Ext. 253, [intake@wythehope.org](mailto:intake@wythehope.org)) and he will give you more information.

Thank you very much for all you do in our community.



thank  
you!

Thank you to Pastor Tim and our Deacons for their research, planning, and finding essential products to clean our church in anticipation of our church opening after we enter Phase II. This has not been an easy process but they have our safety and well being at the forefront of their decision making. Let us keep them in our prayers as they keep us safe.

**THANK YOU, PASTOR TIM AND DEACONS,  
FOR CARING ABOUT THE SAFETY  
OF OUR CONGREGATION.**



Judy Collier

## NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

### LONGING TO SING ... TOGETHER!

Whether we have a good voice, or what we might consider a mediocre or bad one, we were created to sing God's praises—together—for all eternity. But there is a large void now—which I believe is also true for those who say they don't like to sing.

As I review the songs from our church services which Gary Carson has placed on the church website and YouTube, the memories of our singing together bring me much joy, yet remind me of the vacuum this virus has brought. The virus is a vicious thing, especially to vocal music—which I'm sure makes our enemy very happy. For you see, vocal singing involves deep breathing and expelling air to a much greater distance than just speaking, putting all to greater risk. This is why, even after we are able to gather physically, we may not be able to immediately sing corporately.

But I assure you that much research is being done on ways to safely bring vocal music back into church worship, for this is a worldwide concern. Further distancing and increased ventilation are required among other things. Some churches with high ceilings and ceiling fans, plus windows that open for cross ventilation may be able to open earlier with congregational singing than we can ... IF they can acquire the needed sanitizing agents which have become so rare.

Our concern is first for the safety of our members and visitors, so I don't know when we will be able to physically sing together again, but:

(1) We can sing aloud with the videos. Besides being spiritually uplifting, singing aloud also helps strengthen our lungs to resist the effects of the virus.

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(2) We can also sing to the Lord while imagining ourselves surrounded by our beloved congregation. For our hearts, minds, and spirits were miraculously created to be able to join together in song without being physically together ... we are not limited by time and space while in the Lord. I somehow believe that when we ask the Lord to help us sing in our hearts with our brothers and sisters in Christ, even the angels will join in the chorus!

So, until we can join together in song, may our faithful Lord fill this longing with His loving Presence and the voices of His Heavenly Choir.

In that hope,

*Judy*

**KATHRYN ISAACS AND  
MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE  
NEWS**



Our Circle doesn't have regular meetings in June and July and in place of the August meeting we encourage everyone to attend the Church Picnic which will be held on Sunday, August 2, at the Claytor Lake Baptist Campground. Our regular meetings will resume in September. We will keep you updated of any changes in dates.

Ladies, please keep our church family, community, state, and nation in your prayers. Keep in contact with each other through phone calls, text messages, emails, and cards of encouragement.

*Lynn Arnold, Chair*



**Colossians 1:3-6** *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.*

Dear WBC Family and Friends:

We Praise the Lord for your steadfast conviction in maintaining your monetary giving to God. Because of your continuing commitment to tithing, the church is able to maintain normal expenditures and also help others in our community. Again, thank you for being so faithful in your giving.

You can still give by logging onto the church's website at [wythevillebaptist.org](http://wythevillebaptist.org) and clicking the GIVING tab, by going to MyChurchApp/Wytheville Baptist on your cell phone, mailing your offering to the church, or come by the church and slip your tithing envelope through the mail drop on the entrance door to the main hallway of the church. Your tithes will be used for expanding His Kingdom.

\In His Hand,  
Stewardship Team

**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.



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

TRAIN A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT TURN FROM IT.

PROVERBS 22:6



## Sunday, June 21, 2020

We honor all fathers whether they are our paternal fathers, our Spiritual fathers, or a friend. On this day contact him with a phone call, a card, Facebook, Zoom, or if possible with a hug and a smile. Pray for him and show your love for him always.

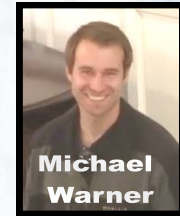
*Grace and Peace*

TO YOU FROM  
**GOD**  
OUR FATHER  
AND  
**THE LORD**  
**JESUS CHRIST.**

I Corinthians 1:3



# Youth News



**Michael  
Warner**

***Hello Church Family,***

We wanted to take this time to hopefully pass along some encouragement. The youth have stayed connected through various social media platforms, but the sad reality of being unable to meet and be in physical proximity to fellow brothers and sisters is still present. We hope that you all are doing well and staying safe and healthy during this extremely odd time. Yet, even in the midst of this unsure hour we remain encouraged of our future reality, when all things will be brought to their fulfillment (Rev. 21). Remember, your identity is truly and solely established in Jesus Christ alone (Gal. 2). As His adopted God loves you, gave His Son for you, and is coming again to take you to Himself (Eph. 3; Jn 14). (In addition, I am not shouting "End Times, End Times!" or trying to cause a panic).

If anyone needs anything from physical, emotional, spiritual, or a prayer request, we are here for you and anyone is more than welcome to contact us. We will help meet whatever need is asked or point you to someone who could meet it, if we were unable to do so.

We love you brothers and sisters! Stay safe and healthy!

If you have a need please email me and I will do whatever needs to be done!

[mkwarner35@gmail.com](mailto:mkwarner35@gmail.com)

Blessings,  
*Michael*

# CHURCH UPDATE FROM PASTOR TIM

Dear Wonderful and Faithful Members of Wytheville Baptist,

The Deacons met to discuss what we need to do before opening the church for only Worship Services again. We have decided we will not open until at least Virginia moves to Phase 2 of reopening.

We need to determine first what guidelines and cleaning procedures we will use once we open. By state requirements, we are required to clean after each Worship Service. We need to find and purchase cleaning supplies/equipment at a reasonable cost. Once we have our guidelines and cleaning procedures complete we will distribute them to the church prior to opening.

Please remember until a vaccine is developed for COVID-19, guidelines and procedures may change frequently.

We want to do everything we can to keep people safe as we move back to gathering again.

I would also like to thank you for your continuing financial support for the Church. May God continue to bless you and your family during this time.

Because of God's Love,  
Pastor Tim

## NEW BIBLE STUDY—THE BOOK OF MARK

**Beginning Wednesday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m.**

(*NOTE TIME CHANGE*), Pastor Tim will begin a Bible Study on the Book of Mark. Pastor Tim will bring this to us over Zoom. If you would like to join this study, contact Pastor Tim and let him know you would like to join.



It's summer time and we have summer clothes in 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; please bring them to the clothes closet down stairs next to the nursery when the church opens back up.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please earmark your check "Children's Clothes Closet" and mail it to the church or drop it in the mail slot on the door leading to the main hallway. If permissible, the Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, June 25, 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](http://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.



## JULY 2020 BEACON ARTICLES

All July 2020 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Thursday, June 18. Thank you for your help in this matter.





### DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

Our Benevolence offering is divided between helping our members and regular attendees in a time of need and the rest is sent to the Wythe County Ministerial Association and administered by Hope Ministry to help those in the community who need help. This offering will be received during the month of June.

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 IMPORTANT HEALTH & SERVICE NOTICE**

Due to the importance of protecting the volunteers and customers, until further notice, the Open Door Café will be closed for eat-in meals.

Open Door Café will be offering “To Go” meals for anyone that requests one to ensure #EveryoneEatsWytheUs.

Monetary donations are still gladly accepted and needed as we work to serve all. The hours will remain 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### AGAPE FOOD PANTRY



Please bring Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, and Peanut Butter for the month of June 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.



# Chautauqua 2020

A letter to our community:

The Chautauqua Festival has been brought to you by the Wythe Arts Council for over 35 years and is a signature event for Wytheville, Wythe County, and all southwest Virginia.

The COVID-19 public health situation has forced us to reevaluate the plans for this year's event and required some tough decisions. Because of the uncertainty of what we will be facing in the next several weeks and the associated significant impacts to our planning and fundraising efforts, we have been forced to cancel Chautauqua as we know it for 2020.

This is not a decision we arrived at lightly, but the Wythe Arts Council Board must do what it thinks is best for the organization and the community at-large. Our festival was set to start just days after the expiration of the current order, and it's not certain when large-scale public gatherings will be permitted after that.

We're appreciative of the tremendous efforts already undertaken by those involved in working toward this year's festival, and we look forward to redoubling our efforts in the future. Chautauqua will be back in full force in 2021 and we hope you'll join us for a week full of arts, entertainment, and education.

In the meantime, we will be planning other events and ways to celebrate the arts within our community. We are working on plans to move some events online and are discussing postponement of some other elements of Chautauqua. Even though our festival in the park won't be happening this June, we remain dedicated to our common cause.

The Chautauqua Festival only happens because of the dedication, efforts, and support of dozens of partners, sponsors, patrons, vendors, and volunteers. We thank everyone in advance for their understanding – we'll be reaching out to you in the coming days.

We thank you for the support you've shown Chautauqua and we hope you'll continue despite this year's disruption.

With gratitude,  
Wythe Arts Council, Ltd.



Our June meeting has been cancelled. Please watch and listen for updates on the new date and place for our next meeting.

*Carroll Stewart*

The Youth-Children-Preschool Team would like for you to prayerfully consider being a part of this very important ministry. Let us know now so we can plan and prepare for the time we can safely open the children's department again. This would include a brief Bible lesson, then possibly an easy craft, coloring, activity, music, or short video (there is a TV in the room). We have some material on hand, and ideas can also be obtained from the Internet. We would need at least two teams of two workers to do this. Let one of us on the team know that you want to touch the lives of children.



Team Members,  
Jenny Stoker, Chairman  
Dede Cresap  
Teresa O'Roark.

**Wohlfahrt Haus  
Dinner Theatre**

During this time of uncertainty, we have decided to postpone our monthly gatherings at the

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre. When we can safely gather in groups again, we will notify you by emails, Sunday announcements, or the Beacon of information when we will book reservations for dinner and a production. For more information, contact Doris Terry.

# The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



Since we haven't been at church for over two months, I haven't been able to find a couple books to recommend for your reading pleasure. But for a quick read, we have lots of paperback suspense books that are Christ centered and are pretty good. However, there is one special book I'd like to encourage you to read. You don't have to go anywhere to get it. Most likely, you have several copies of this book in your house. With all the extra time we have right now, I'd like to encourage you to spend as much time as you can in God's Word every day. Just think of all the blessings you will get from doing that. It is the most precious book we'll ever read. If you do need a copy, we have several new ones in the library and lots of old ones. They could be yours just for asking.

We can start our free time reading by studying and memorizing (if possible) Pastor Tim's suggestion of Matthew chapters 5 through 7. As you already know there is so much wisdom and advice in those three chapters. The Sermon on the Mount was not given as a way of salvation for the lost, but as a way of life for true believers. It was instruction for those who had responded to Jesus' invitation to "repent". There are many sections in the Sermon on the Mount. If each of us would take one part and study it thoroughly every day or two, after a couple weeks we would know exactly how we should be living each day. May God bless all of us as we read and study His Word every day.

*Carroll Stewart*



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



**EXTENDED CARE:** Nancy Herndon (Heritage at Lowman, PO Box 444, White Rock, SC 29177), Betty and John Matheny, Colleen Dunford, Mae Clemons, Della Dunford, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

**FAMILY:** Guy and Linda Sutphin's daughter, Jennifer; Sharon Sowers' sister; Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Canada; Daniel Burke's mother, Nellie Burke; Zanah McCoury's daughter, Renita K. Martin White; Gary and Carla Estep's niece, Lindsey, and granddaughter, Everleigh; Paula Moore, her son, and her sister, Iris Moore; Chris Bracknell's mother and brother

**PRAISE:** Bill and Linda Lively's niece and baby, Sarah and baby Harper, are doing well and are home.

**FRIENDS:** Keith and Becky Harrell, Sara Lenard, Beth Ferrell, Carolyn Walters, Faith Niday, Clayton Smith, DeDe and Danny Hoosier, Martha Umberger, John Viars, people in Venezuela, Wythe County, and Bland Ministry Center

**THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Airman Joseph Robinette, 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**

Jeff Meade upon the passing of his father and another family member.

**When a decision is made pertaining to having Wednesday night suppers and Bible Study, we will announce this to our church family and friends. Watch and listen for more information.**



**Meeting**

Wednesday, June 10: Staff—5:00 p.m. on Zoom

**June Birthdays**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Carol Bailey        | 12 Joel Campbell-Hilton |
| 2 Alice Mellon        | Delores Nolan           |
| 6 Carlisle Hostetter  | Cheryl Murdock          |
| 7 Wynette Yontz       | 20 Thomas Comber        |
| 8 John David Claypool | 22 Delores Dove         |
| 9 Emery Pruet         | 24 Carroll Stewart      |
| 10 Pat Collins        | 29 Constance Vanover    |
| Marjorie Wassum       |                         |
| Susan Morgan          |                         |
| 11 Lee Perry          |                         |



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

- June 7: Chris Bracknell  
 June 14: Eric Crowgey  
 June 21: Guy Sutphin  
 June 28: Gary Taylor

**USHERS Team II:**

Tommy Hilton, Becky Hudson  
 Guy Sutphin, Glenna Turner

**TELLERS**

Ty King and Tom Collins

**GREETERS**

Designated Ushers for the month of June

# June 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 p.m. Discipleship Class on Zoom	3 7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK	4	5	6
7 10:30am Worship with Pastor Tim on his Facebook page (Tim Irving) and on the Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page at 11:00am	8	9	10 4:00pm Staff meeting on Zoom 7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK	11	12	13
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