us, we seek to be inventive and resourceful while encouraging one another on a deeper spiritual journey.



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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

WYTHEVILLE

SET ASIDE AND TAKE UP

There is a time in each of our lives when we realize enough is enough. Then we may go one step further and realize enough is too much. We might decide it is time to weed things out and let go of some things. As we examine the things we have and the sentimental importance of those things, it may become hard to separate ourselves from them. This happens with our schedule and routine also. There are many things we have done a certain way for many years and have a difficult time changing. Thank God for the season of Lent. This season helps us to set aside and to take up.

Lent has for many centuries been a time when Christians set aside and did without something to understand what Jesus Christ did for us by coming and dying

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on the cross. Jesus had all the rights and privileges of heaven and he set these aside to help us come to know God. He walked here on earth as a human who was also fully God to bridge the gap between us and God. Then Jesus completely gave himself upon the cross to die for our sin, as an atonement to right a broken relationship. The story of the Gospel also includes his resurrection, demonstrating God's complete victory over death. All this is so overwhelming to consider and especially to understand. So for centuries. faithful followers of Jesus Christ have at least set something aside to try and understand better Jesus Christ's work for us.

Christians have also taken up something new during the time of Lent to allow God deeper access to their lives. This deeper relationship with God results in a transformation of the individual and the community when we do this together. Often times what happens is a setting aside of a certain

activity or routine scheduled item and then using that time to practice a spiritual discipline. The disciplines which are normally added are personal Bible study, more time in prayer, a deeper devotion time, a time of fellowship with another reflecting on God's action in our lives, or time in solitude to better hear God's voice. All of these disciplines have eternal values and allow us to be more open to living God's will for this world.

I challenge you during this time of Lent, a time to prepare for Good Friday and Easter, to find things in your life to set aside and to take up a spiritual discipline so your relationship with God will grow ever deeper and richer.

Because of God's Love, Pastor Tim



- **CONNECTION CONFERENCE:** The Cambria connections conference February 7 and 8 was very revealing for those who were able to attend. We received new insight into ways to better serve God and do our part in the fulfilling the great commission.
- Spring Mission Conference: Thanks to all who are hosting one or more missionaries during our March Mission Conference. Charles has a great series of meetings scheduled, including a tour of the Bunk House and Chain Saw trailers at the Saturday session located in the Family Life Center and parking lot of Dublin Baptist Church, 100 Hawkins St. and Rt. 100, across from Hardee's in Dublin. Charles still has one opening on Sunday night, four on Monday night, and two on Tuesday night 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 installation on the north east gable, front and back of the building should be completed on Monday the 17th. That will leave only the southwest gable Fascia and Soffit for that part of the job to be finished.
- EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: Dublin Baptist is planning an Easter Sunrise service at the camp starting at 6:45 a.m. Anyone interested in attending and watching the sun rise over the lake are welcome to participate.

 There will be a roaring fire in the fire pit so please plan to attend.

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.

Please remember to pray for Peggy Brugger and her family in the home going of Fred.

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

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- The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site is http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork
 The next Leadership Team meeting will be at 6:30 pm in the Dublin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Hardee's) on March 5, 2020.
- MINISTRY DINNERS: The following dinners are planned at El Ranchero restaurant beside the Walmart parking lot in Dublin starting at 6:00 pm; March 10—Administrative Assistants/Secretaries, April 7—Youth directors, May 12—Music directors, June 9—Sunday School and small group leaders, July 7—Deacon Chairs, August 11—WMU and Ladies Mission group leaders.
- VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS: Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters as they minister to those in their neighborhood and the dirt floored homes nearby.
- BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS CHAPTERS: We are finalizing plans for two mission teams scheduled to arrive April 5. The Georgia team, who helped with the Baptist Camp's new roof, will be working in the Bland area while Hearts and Hammers work with a team from Northern Virginia on two ramps in Pulaski County.
- **BLAND MINISTRY:** Thanks to Dublin Baptist for getting us started. They were unable to send anyone in January but their team did work February 12 in the clothing area. 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. Thanks for praying for Dee Dee. She is recovering nicely from surgery but still awaiting answers on what further cancer treatment will be required.



NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

OH HAPPY DAY

On February 16th, the choir was excited to welcome Kathy Landrith as a new choir member. She recently joined the church and we are grateful she has chosen to share her gifts with us. Michael Warner attended the same evening to support his wife Gabby as she visited the choir rehearsal. Gabby plans to continue as a visitor to see if this is how the Lord is leading her, and we are so delighted to have her. Visiting a choir rehearsal is an option for everyone. No commitment is required until you would like to make one. Kathy's and Gabby's participation is a true encouragement to the choir; please pray about joining us also.

As the choir is preparing music for Lent and Easter, we are also having fun working on "Oh Happy Day," and are enjoying learning "My Prayer" – a beautiful duet sung by Celine Dion with Josh Groban and also with Andre Bocelli.

Additionally, I would like to encourage everyone to come to Soup and the Word at 12:00 p.m. each Tuesday during Lent. It is such a blessing each year to meet with neighboring churches in preparing our hearts for Easter. The fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ outside our walls strengthens our unity in the Body of Christ which I know our Lord delights in.

My prayer is that, during this most holy of seasons, our hearts

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will be opened to the Lord in increasing depth ... that new life in Him may spring forth in our lives and overflow to all those around us and in our community.

In that hope,

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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,

We are so blessed to have God constantly helping us with ideas. Since we began this journey back a little over a year ago, God has



continued to bless us with ideas. We are also blessed with the opportunity to access the schools directly through means of additional part-time work within the schools. We hope and pray that this will be a great means of building relationships with kids ranging from elementary school to high school. The kids that are continually coming are now in the process of studying the book of John and Exodus. In addition, worldview concepts will be utilized in hopes of cementing a biblical worldview and providing our students with the ability to understand, defend, and promote their faith. Our goal is that their faith will be established as their own, leaving the common notion of "that's just how I was raised" with no further explanation. We hope this message finds you well. We look forward to continuing our work in the community as we pray for God to draw additional kids, youth, families, and seniors to our gathering. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please direct them to Michael Warner.

Michael

H.O.P.E. INC.

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

The Open Door Café celebrated its first anniversary in November 2019. In that first year they served 22,000 meals powered by 15,138 volunteer hours. Half of the meals were subsidized through the generosity of community patrons and some grant funding. They also received funds by winning the 2019 BB&T Lighthouse Spirit Award which brought in \$5,000 and there were several successful fundraisers. What an amazing way to help those in our community that would otherwise go without a meal.

HOUSING PROGRAMS:

H.O.P.E.'s Housing Programs and staff were able to impact over 600 households with services from assessments to assistance in rental properties, meeting needs for regional housing challenges, and addressing social determinants of health.

HOPE PACKS

This is a weekly food supplement program for students in Wythe and Bland schools. They distributed nutritional food packs to 18 schools in Wythe and Bland counties. Every week, approximately 900 bags are packed with food. Because the program uses double bags, that means 1,800 bags are used each week. They also distributed approximately 185 packs per week over the summer break. *If you can help* by bringing your plastic shopping bags to the church, it would greatly help Hope Packs. Even better—if they are doubled. Hope Packs goes through 68,000 bags each school year!

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5





Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Wytheville Baptist Church Sanctuary.

Good Friday Service Friday, April 10, at 12:00 noon at St. Mary's Catholic Church



Easter Morning

Sunday, April 12

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Special speaker, Rev. Tim Irving; breakfast to follow in their fellowship hall

9:00 a.m. Prayer in the Conference Room

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at WBC

10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Worship Service at WBC



SPRING MISSION CONFERENCE

Mission Fair—Saturday—March 21, 2020 2:00 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, VA

Ministry organizations (see list below) will provide information at the Mission Fair. This is an opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with the missionaries and to learn about other ministries within the New River Valley and Southwest Virginia. Come and learn more about how the Cooperative Program and your mission giving is working to reach people all over the world and right at home.

There will be mission projects opportunity for the children and adults. Viewing of the Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Disaster Relief Bunk House Trailer and Chain Saw Trailer is an added attraction.

Please notify Charles Damron, 540-639-1255 or email cfdamron@gmail.com if you have any questions about the fair.

BOOTHS AT THE FAIR:

MISSIONARIES: Clarks (Taiwan); Jalbert (Japan, Spain, Maine); Burns (South Korea, South Africa); Fleet (NAMB Canada); Mabe (Kazakhstan); Phillips (Blacksburg Mission Leader to the Dominican Republic)

ORGANIZATIONS: IMB and NAMB Missionaries; Bland Ministry Center; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Pregnancy Resource Center of the New River Valley; Virginia Tech Baptist Collegiate Ministry; Radford University Baptist Collegiate Ministry; Baptist Global Response; International Mission Board (SBC) Church Mobilization; and Dublin Baptist Chapter of Hearts & Hammers.

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SPECIAL MISSIONARY SPEAKERS AT WBC

Sunday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m.

Armand and Naoko Jalbert

Armand is from St. Petersburg, FL and served in the U.S. Navy from 1967-1977. While stationed on his first ship in Sasebo, Japan, he met Naoko Jinnai in March 1968 and they were married in August 1969. They have two children, three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.



While on shore duty in Yokohama, Japan, they felt God was calling them to missionary service; so Armand left the Navy to attend college in Graceville, FL, where he earned a Bachelor of Theology degree and then earned a Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Armand and Naoko served churches in Florida, New Orleans, Maine, and Virginia. They were appointed Missionary Associates with the SBC to Spain from 1986-1990, and later they were appointed North American Missionaries in Maine from 1991-1997. They served as independent missionaries to Japan under the sponsorship of the Japan Baptist Convention from 2009 - 2014. Armand retired from the pastoral ministry in May 2019 and they now live in Chilhowie, VA.

Wednesday, March 25, at 6:40 p.m.

Missionary Tim

Born Feb. 22, 1960. Born again in 1976 at a revival service. I have lived most of my life in Madison, NC. In 1989 I graduated East Carolina with a degree in special education. From 1990-2000 I worked in the pubic schools of Rockingham County in Exceptional Child Program. Then I joined "the company" and moved to Ukraine. From 2002-2011 I served in Ukraine then in 2012 to the present I am serving in Kazakhstan.

I'm looking forward to getting back in the USA and being with you all.



It hasn't warmed up yet but you can still keep your children warm 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, March 26, 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.



APRIL 2020 BEACON ARTICLES

DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles

All April 2020 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, March 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. Our offering is received on Sunday, March 1.

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, 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

Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for the month of 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, March 2, 7:00 p.m. in the Williams Fellowship Hall. Projects for March are Bland Ministry and Hope Backpacks.

We are blessed to have a guest speaker, Candace Saul. Candace will share about her mission trips to Standing Rock Reservation, North Dakota. These mission trips are sponsored by the Alma Hunt Offering. A favorite activity done during the week of these mission trips is tie-dye. Candace is in need of white t-shirts that are 100% cotton in a variety of sizes: young children to adults. She is also looking for additional people to join the team for the week of July 26-31. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions, contact DeAnne Irving. 276-284-0456 or deanneirving8@gmail.com.

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

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.

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.



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Soup and the Word

Join us at 12:00 noon for **Soup and the Word** every Tuesday leading up to Easter. This is a gathering with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we share a hot bowl of soup, a sandwich, and a devotion reminding us of the price Jesus paid for us. We meet at noon each week to accommodate people's lunch hour. The dates and locations are as follows:



Wytheville Presbyterian Church March 3

March 10 St. Paul United Methodist Church

Wytheville Baptist Church March 17

March 24 West End United Methodist

Wytheville Presbyterian Church March 31



Join our Young-at-Heart group as we participate with other churches in our community at Soup and the Word on Tuesday, March 17, 12:00 noon here in

WBC's fellowship hall. This is another way to bring to mind what the Lord has done for us.

Carroll Stewart



A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wytheville Baptist Church sanctuary to discus a Warming Shelter for Homeless Men. Carol Johnson, Coordinator for Homeless Shelters in Radford, VA, will be our guest speaker. For further information please see Betty Robinette.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes 3 March 2020

The God of Second Chances: Experiencing His Grace for the Rest of Your Life by Stephen Arterburn. A second chance—all of us have needed one at some point in our lives. As children, we beg our parents to give us "just one more chance." As adults, we turn our pleading to God for another opportunity, just to start over again.

In this book, the author takes us through his own journey of pleasure-seeking and ambition to a life-changing encounter with the reality of God's grace. Arterburn is painfully honest, sharing his personal experiences with sexual immorality that culminated in the abortion of his child. It was then, desperate and at the end of himself, that he cried out to God for a second chance.

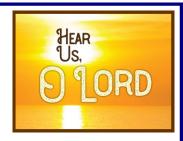
Through his willingness to share his struggles, Arterburn helps us to confront our failures and reach out for God's restorative touch. In doing so, we will learn what it is to be restored to God through unconditional surrender and receive healing from the scars left by our own mistakes.

Bill Hybels is the author of *Too Busy NOT to Pray*. For many years this book has stood as a classic on prayer, helping Christians all over the world slow down to draw near to God. During those years, the world certainly hasn't slowed down. If anything, the pace intensity and number of distractions have only increased.

Brokenness and pain seem to have increased as well, with news of civil war, poverty, broken families, and sex-trafficking touching us daily. The urgent need for prayer is clear, but busyness still keeps many of us from finding time to pray.

Carroll Stewart

HOME: Delores Dove, 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: Zanah McCoury's daughter, Renita K. Martin White, Jackie Carson's sister, Charryl Hunsicker, 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 the family of Hayden Horney upon his passing, to the family and friends of Bobbie Loufi upon her passing. Pray for Faith Niday, 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



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Mary Graham and her family upon the passing of her husband, Ronnie Graham

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

March 4: Oven Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Pineapple Cake

March 11: Chili, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Broc-

coli and Cheese, Cookies and Ice Cream

March 18: Barbecue, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Texas Sheet Cake and Ice Cream

March 25: Nachos with Cheese, Green Chili Chicken Enchiladas, Guacamole, Salsa, Spanish Rice, Apricot Pound Cake

Meetings

Monday, March 2: Kathryn Isaacs & Mabel Crabtree Circle—7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 5: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leader-

ship Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church

Tuesday, March 10: Discussion meeting for a "Warming Center for

Homeless Men"—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11: Staff —5:00 p.m.

March Birthdays

- 4 Guy Sutphin Bonnie Agnew
- 6 Veronica Lopez
- 8 Doug Roope
- 12 Rev. Danny Collins
- 15 Roger Hudson

- 18 Jan Stone
 Thomas Collins
 21 Caroline Booher
 - 26 Jean Moore



DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 1: Delores Dove
March 8: Eric Crowgey
March 15: Guy Sutphin
March 22: Gary Taylor

March 29: Chris Bracknell

USHERS Team III:

Danny Sowers, Bonnie Agnew Chris Bracknell, Gary Estep

TELLERS

Ty King and Tom Collins

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of March

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