



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS IS IT NEEDED?

We have not met at church now since March 11 when we last met for supper, Prayer Meeting, and Bible Study. On that night we finished studying the book of Revelation and set our sights on starting a study of the Gospel of Mark. How things have changed and now look so different. We have been able to continue our Prayer Meetings and the Discipleship Classes through the Zoom platform. Both of these gatherings have been a great encouragement to the people who have joined and taken part.

Other activities in which we have taken part in the past have also been missing from our lives. Things like working out or gathering with others at the Rec Center. Other

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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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organization meetings we are part of in our community have also been missing from our schedules. Even watching sports as a past time has not been part of our weeks, whether it be community or professional sports.

There have been some positives during this time. We have in some cases connected deeper with family and friends through technology and social media. Families have had the opportunity to spend time together getting to know one another better. Some have used this time to further their studies in the Bible and develop a better relationship with God.

However, what will happen when we arrive at the “new normal” for life? We are waiting to get back to “normal” and that will not happen again. It will only be a “new normal” in the days ahead. The question is: What will be part of your “new normal”? I venture to say some of the items and activities we have set aside will be able to stay on the sidelines of our lives instead of being in the center.

I want to encourage you to spend time in prayer about each thing that will be part of your “new normal.” Plus I want to go even one step further and ask you to give more priority to your relationship with God, your relationships within the church, and your relationships with your family and friends.

Are you willing to use this opportunity of finding a “new normal” as an opportunity to truly seek God more, instead of chasing after so many other hobbies and activities? It will take some soul searching and deep inner reflection to come out the other side of this as a person God can use more deeply.

Because of God’s Love,
Pastor Tim



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

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

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

We had planed to have our Leadership Team meetings on even numbered months. Due to the continued restrictions there will be no leadership team meeting in May. We will see what the situation is by June. 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



Sunday, May 10, 2020

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

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

— Proverbs 31:25-28



NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

WAITING FOR EASTER!



We are truly living in troubled times which call for faith-stretching. Pastor Tim's encouraging messages on Facebook and YouTube have done just that and kept us connected. I would also like to thank Gary Carson for stepping up to the plate to place online previous church solos and choir selections. How wonderful it is to see our choir and soloists singing in our beautiful sanctuary. It reminds us that God is still in control and that we will meet once more when it is safe to gather. That Sunday we will celebrate with a special Easter service, sharing a renewed faith and deeper joy because of what the Lord has brought us through.

Because how much like the original Passover and Resurrection Day we are still experiencing . . . sequestered in our homes protected by Jesus's blood as the death angel passes over . . . remaining hidden inside, just as the early disciples did after the crucifixion.

The following was shared by Allison Lanza, a friend of my cousin Kathy Smith, which I pray will encourage you as it has me:

"The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, that Jesus had risen. But it seemed too good to be true. They were living in a time of such despair and such fear. If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really have won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end?

Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over and morning had broken,

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that God's love was the most powerful of all, even though it didn't seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided, they went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth.

This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say!

This year we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like."

So, in the waiting, take heart. For, as Baptist Pastor S. M. Lockridge first said, "It's Friday, but Sunday's a-comin'!"

With great anticipation,

Judy

Youth News

Hello Church Family,

First, we want to say that we hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this extremely odd time. We have never experienced or seen anything like this on a global scale before, but we hope everyone is doing well and staying occupied. The youth have been advised to remain at a distance from each other so no "in-person" activities have been hosted. We have been blessed with the ability to use Zoom as most of you have been able to do. We hope that the virus will be under control and eliminated soon. We hope this message finds you well and we pray you had a blessed Easter at home. He has risen! If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please direct them to Michael or Gabby Warner. Blessings!"

Michael



Michael
Warner



Dear WBC Family and Friends:

1 Corinthians 15:58 *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

We thank each one of you for being steadfast in prayer for each other, staying in God's Word, and maintaining your giving. 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 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.



National Day of Prayer 2020



KATHY BRANZELL WILL GRAHAM NICK HALL MICHAEL W. SMITH



HARRY JACKSON ANDREW PALAU BLAIR LINNE ROBERT MORRIS



JIM CYMBALA GABRIELLE DOOM BILLY WILSON

ALONG WITH OTHER LEADERS FROM ACROSS AMERICA!

PRAY
GOD'S GLORY
Across the Earth
Habakkuk 2:14



NATIONAL BROADCAST

MAY 7, 8 TO 10 PM ET

ON GODTV, DAYSTAR, MOODY BROADCASTING,
FACEBOOK LIVE, AND MORE

The National Day of Prayer will NOT be canceled nor postponed.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is risen and He reigns! It is with that knowledge that we can press on in these unprecedented days and challenges; being found faithful and fruitful in prayer. Although our community may not be able to gather together this year as in years past, the combined prayers we pray can and will be multiplied and amplified.

Across our homes, neighborhoods, cities, states, nation and the world, through many creative and innovative ways, can still "Pray God's Glory Across the Earth!" Join with us during this day to lift your voice to God.

Psalm 5:3 *In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.*

A Note from Mike Pugh and Hope Packs

Hi Pastor Tim and the Wytheville Baptist Church congregation, I hope this note finds you all happy, healthy, and safe.

I just wanted to take a minute and ask that you share a message with your church and all the wonderful people that attend.

I want to personally say that I hope all are doing well and are being vigilant in their safety of themselves and others to stay safe and healthy and help to stop the spread of this virus that is affecting us all. I want to say thank you for all that you do for myself and all of those children that you guys personally feed during the school year.

Although it is a much smaller group doing so, we continue to make sure that our children do not go hungry on their weekends, and with the challenges that we face, the numbers and needs are greater than normal. We shall share right at 1,000 hope packs this week alone which is a higher number than we usually do. Thanks to the partnership of both the Bland and Wythe school systems, we are partnering with each to share packs as they distribute meals to the school children each week.

We are doubling the number of packs at Bland currently and at the three high schools in Wythe the numbers grow each week. What is important to note is, that not all parents that pick up meals are taking hope packs which shows that the 1,000 packs that do and shared are more important to those families than ever. Nothing is going to waste here and every pack is used where needed.

It fills my heart with hope and faith for all of the wonderful things we are doing together to feed our friends, neighbors, and strangers alike.

To protect all of my friends and follow the guidelines, we are only allowed 10 people tops to pack which keeps the number to a small group. I put your health and safety first and foremost and will do all to protect every member of our "packs family" and cannot sing the praise of those that are giving it their all to be here for our children. We are all blessed to know folks like Wytheville Baptist Church and I shall be eternally grateful.

So, I just want to say I miss each of you but thank you for all that you do and your wonderful partnership. Hopefully, soon we'll all be back together in a new way but still, our hearts remain together no matter the distance.

I send my very best wishes to you all.

Mike Pugh

CHURCH UPDATE FROM PASTOR TIM

Dear Wonderful and Faithful Members of Wytheville Baptist,

This is a very difficult time with many questions which are hard to answer at this time. Almost everyone asks, "When are we going to be able to gather as a community again?" This depends mostly on how soon the Coronavirus runs its course and when those in State leadership positions relax restrictions. When it looks like we are able to gather again, word will be passed to people so you can prepare for that day. It will be a great day of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the community of faith.

The great thing is that the church is not held back in any way. We can continue to reach out and support others in so many ways. I appreciate those who are calling, texting, emailing, and mailing our community of faith. This has brightened so many people's day and brought encouragement to them. Please continue doing this because it makes a difference.

It has been so great to see so many gather on Wednesday nights through the Zoom platform for a time of prayer. We have had 25 together for a time of sharing, fellowship, and prayer. If you have not joined us and would like to, please email me (42rebus@gmail.com) and I will send you an invitation link for the meeting.

The Discipleship Class continues their weekly meetings to prepare for helping others in the fall through further classes. This has been an incredible time of blessing and spiritual growth for all involved. Pray, asking God to speak to you about your joining a class in the fall. Yes, it will be a challenge but it will also contain awesome blessings for all those involved and for Wytheville Baptist. This will help our church to grow and



It's warmer outside and we have spring and 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, May 28, 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.



JUNE 2020 BEACON ARTICLES

All June 2020 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, May 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 May.

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 months of May and 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.

reach out into our community leading others to Christ. I encourage you to speak to those involved so they can share with you personally about this journey.

I also want to express my great thanks for your continued financial support during this tough time. Our offerings continue to be about the same as when we gathered for each Sunday. May God bless you in tremendous ways for being so faithful in your giving.

My prayer for you is that God will continue to shine a light on your spiritual journey during this difficult time.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



KATHRYN ISAACS AND MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS

Our regular meeting scheduled for Monday, May 6, has been cancelled as well as our Women's Spring Tea scheduled for May 9.

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 Baptist Campground at Claytor Lake. 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



Our May 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 to see if there is interest to start up Children's Church for the children. The children would be present in the sanctuary for the 1st part of the service, then would go with two workers downstairs to the large room for a prepared session. 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.

Please prayerfully consider if you could be a part of this very important ministry, and let one of us on the team know.

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

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



THE ROCK, THE ROAD, AND THE RABBI was written by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel. In this book you will have the exciting opportunity to discover the truth of the Bible and learn what many passages in Scripture really mean. You will experience the Rock (Jesus), the Road (the Holy Land), and the Rabbi (the Word of God) as you have never experienced them before! Come deeper as we explore the land of Israel and mine the treasures of God's Word together. There is so much more!"

VOICES OF THE FAITHFUL is a devotional book for every day of the year. It has inspiring stories of courage from Christians serving around the world with Beth Moore and friends who put their lives on the line for God. The nearly 300 missionaries in this book have given up everything to be on the front lines of the faith and make a difference in their corner of the world. They encounter God in dramatic ways with each life restored, each fear overturned, each prayer answered, each miracle witnessed. And in return, God keeps building their courage, their fire, their full-throttle devotion to Him.

With His help, they are changing the world one child, one neighbor, one co-worker, one farmer, one mother, one community leader at a time. Here are some of their most amazing experiences from life on the edge, to clue you in to what God is doing around the world. To provoke you to do something in your corner of the world. To call you to your own life of extreme devotion and heroic faith.

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, Nancy Herndon, Sylvia McGhee



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

FAMILY: 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's sister, Iris Moore; Chris Bracknell's brother, James Bracknell;

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.

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, May 8: Staff—5:00 p.m. on Zoom

May Birthdays

1: Kathleen Landrith
2: Melissa Byrd
Judy Pendleton
3: Mike Stoker
4: Teresa O'Roark
5: Becky Hudson
8: Stacy Terry
11: Clair Veasey
12: Noah Willis



15: Tommy Terry
20: Janet Montgomery
21: Sylvia McGhee
23: Todd Ball
Zanah McCoury
24: Mary Morgan
Tommy Hilton
25: Linda Osborne
26: Nancy Herndon
27: Camden Mahan
28: Paul Garst

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 3: Guy Sutphin
May 10: Gary Taylor
May 17: Delores Dove
May 24: Jenny Stoker
May 31: Danny Sowers

USHERS Team I:

Tommy Anders, Gena Anders
Joe Crowgey, Carlisle Hostetter

TELLERS






Janet Montgomery and Gary Taylor

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of May

May 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p> <p>Ephesians 3:20, 21</p>					1	2
<p>3</p> <p>10:30am Worship with Pastor Tim on his Facebook page (Tim Irving) and on the Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page at 11:00am</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>6:40pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom</p>	<p>7</p> <p>National Day of PRAYER</p> 	8	9
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<p>17</p> <p>10:30am Worship with Pastor Tim on his Facebook page (Tim Irving) and on the Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page at 11:00am</p>	<p>18</p> 	19	<p>20</p> <p>6:40pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom</p>	21	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>10:30am Worship with Pastor Tim on his Facebook page (Tim Irving) and on the Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page at 11:00am</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Discipleship Class on Zoom</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:40pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom</p>	28	<p>29</p> 	30