



**PASTOR'S THOUGHTS  
JOIN WHAT GOD DOES**

When we look back on Jesus' earthly life, we see a principle he followed which was difficult for the religious leaders of his time. It created a major part of the conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders. The religious leaders were concerned about keeping their religious system working the way it had for centuries. They had established rules, guidelines, and commandments that must be followed no matter what else was happening. Sometimes their "extras" made it even harder to be the people of God. Many times, following their ways, took the compassion and love out of being God's people. Jesus showed them a unique way to be God's people. Jesus' principle is summed up in John 5:19 (NIV).

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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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Jesus gave them this answer: “*Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*”

Instead of following set rules and guidelines, Jesus looked around to see what God was doing and then joined God in that work. There were times when God was at work on the Sabbath healing people and Jesus joined God in that work. The religious leaders complained because all work was against the rules of the Sabbath. Other times God was doing a new thing and when Jesus joined in the religious leaders claimed it could not be from God because they had never known God to do that before.

If we are meant to be God’s people in this world, then we should live in the same way Jesus does. Jesus states very clearly that he is not able to do Kingdom work without God first starting the work. If this is true, then we must look around us and see what God is doing. When we see something happening that we know only God can do, then it is a place for us to discuss this question: “How can we join God in this Kingdom work?” God has allowed us to see it, thus inviting us to join God in the growing of the Kingdom of God.

So, now as the people of God at Wytheville Baptist, where do we see God at work around us? We need to look intently, pray deeply, discuss it with each other, and then take a step into the work God is doing among us and around us. If we can do this, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, then we can grow spiritually, and we will see the Kingdom of God grow powerfully in our town.

Because of God’s Love,  
Pastor Tim



- ◆ **WESTERN BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST NETWORK WEB SITE:**  
<http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>
- ◆ **LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** We plan to have our Leadership Team meetings on even numbered months. Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church.  
If the Network can be of any help during this time please let us know and please continue to pray for our country.
- ◆ **VENEZUELA MINISTRY:** Dave Clonch shared that no information has been received from Pastor Ramon, since the internet is non-existent. They continue to receive our money. All information received from Venezuela will be forwarded on to you.
- ◆ **CLAYTOR LAKE CAMP:** - Much needed gravel has been added to the drive. NorthStar Church has indicated they will contribute an additional two loads of gravel. Dave also shared that a Boy Scout leader will donate his labor to install LED lights and a security system once they are purchased by the Camp (being donated). One of the ovens needs to be replaced.  
The Chainsaw Team met Saturday, October 4, (and will meet the first Saturday of each month). He encouraged people who do not have training to operate saws to be involved with dragging brush and helping with maintenance on the saws, so those using the saws can concentrate on cutting.  
A suggestion has been made to install a playground area and a temporary boat dock. Both are being investigated by our insurance company.  
The camp is being used regularly.

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

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



**Stuffed Strut 2020 Sponsorship and**

**Registration Commitment Form**

As the Open Door Café approaches its second anniversary, times are very different from just a few months ago. Our innovative "donate-what-you-can" business model feeding the food-insecure has never been more important, as the number of meals we're serving daily has climbed from 82 per day at year-end in June, to over 140 per day—now a 70% increase in these few months! We've served over 42,000 meals since opening two years ago. Because of health concerns, this year we are putting our annual Thanksgiving Stuffed Strut 5K on pause as an actual event, and asking sponsors and participants alike to consider donating to support the Café. We encourage you to get out and run that morning, to think about those less fortunate and hurt by the pandemic, and if possible to donate. We are foregoing the t-shirt as well, to assure that every nickel of your donation goes to our program. We will send around a snappy digital certificate for you to post and share if you register!

Thank you for your consideration.



**AGREEMENT FORM FOR SPONSORSHIP/REGISTRATION**



Name to be listed on our social media for Sponsorship, if desired: \_\_\_\_\_ Link: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship/Registration amount: \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Other donation amount \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with a check payable to Open Door Café, PO Box 743, 680 W. Main St. Wytheville, VA 24382

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**



**MEET OUR INTERIM CHOIR DIRECTOR JERRY STONE**

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

**PRAISE THE LORD.**

PSALM 150:6

I was fourth in a family of three boys and two girls. Dad was the Pastor of a Pentecostal Church and my mother not only worked outside the home but also maintained a home for her family. One of my brothers, two sisters, and I would sing in harmony with my mother during our worship services. That's where my love of singing for the Lord first began.

At a young age, I found I had a disease called CMT and had numerous surgeries on my feet after which I was confined to a wheelchair for four years. I became bitter and decided I would leave home and amass fame and fortune for myself by singing country music. This path led to a life that spiraled out of control without God.

My mother never stopped praying for me and when I came to my senses in the pigpen and realized I would not live long like this—I cried out to God for forgiveness. God in all His rich mercies filled my heart and life and my love of singing for the Lord was my heartbeat once again.

I am honored that you have elected me to be your Interim Choir Director. Even though it is a challenge to worship in music at this particular time of the COVID-19 protocol, I would like to do one congregational song during our Worship Service with our masks on. Will it sound the same as before COVID—no but we can still Praise the Lord, honor God, and make a joyful noise unto His Name. As scripture says in Psalm 30:4, "*Sing the praises of the Lord, you God's faithful people; praise God's holy name*"—even during COVID-19



# Youth News

Hello once again Wytheville Baptist family,

The youth have had no signs of stopping, continually gathering together (within guidelines) to study, serve and be together. We have enjoyed the last month or so being outside and studying together. We have been meeting Sunday mornings to study through the “Sermon on the Mount,” beginning in Matthew 5, have



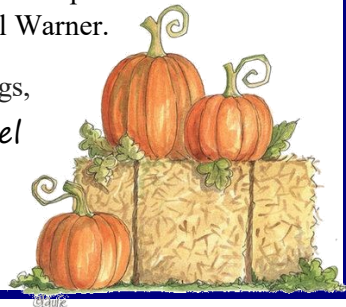
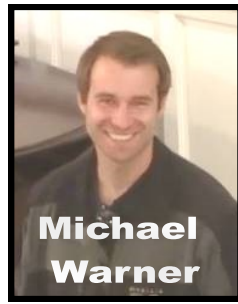
been meeting with other young people in the area through the *younglife* group here in town, and have been meeting on Friday afternoons to study a Christian book that focuses on specific teen issues present for today’s youth. In addition, Gabby has provided a special girls time for a craft or special activity to foster relationships within the group and hopefully attract additional kids.



We plan to continue these times of study and add volunteer time at the open door cafe! We hope this message finds you well, if you have any further ideas, questions or comments please direct them to Michael Warner.



Blessings,  
Michael



## Children’s Clothes Closet



Fall is here and we have warm 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 church office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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, November 19, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.



thank  
you!

Thank you to our Constitution, Equipping, and Library Teams. Constitution Team: Betty Robinette, Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor. Equipping Team: Linda Sutphin, Gena Anders, Delores Dove. Library Team: Carroll Stewart, Dee Nolan. These Team members keep our Church Constitution up-to-date, contacting and prayerfully enlisting people to fill job positions in the church, and keeping our library in order and the library windows beautiful. Their jobs are very important to the life of the God’s church. Let us keep them in our prayers as they give honor to God through their work.

**THANK YOU CONSTITUTION, EQUIPPING AND LIBRARY TEAMS FOR TAKING CARE OF WHAT GOD HAS INTRUSTED TO WBC.**



## DECEMBER 2020 BEACON ARTICLES

All December 2020 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, November 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 November.

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**

We will continue with To-Go style meals. Outdoor seating is now available to enjoy your to-go meals, but you may not seat yourself. Please see a volunteer to be seated. Masks must be worn except for when eating and drinking. Tables are reserved for active eating only of parties of 6 or less, and social gatherings outside of meals are prohibited. 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

**YOU CAN HELP**



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



Following a Wednesday night meal, before COVID struck, several of us who worked with Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry decided that the new regulations that were being imposed on us to be a relay site were too restrictive. We then decided that 15 years as a relay site was enough and we would let some other church fill our spot.

That does not mean that we don't still believe in the mission of this ministry—giving to some of the neediest children in the world and providing them with information that can lead them to the Lord. For anyone who would like to pack a shoebox and bring it to the church, I will personally see that it is taken to a relay site. **Remember that Shoebox Week is November 16-23, 2020.**

*Janet Montgomery*



Dear Church Family,

I want to say Thank You for all your cards, calls, and prayers in my very sad time of the loss of my grand-daughter, Kirsten. It means so much to me to know that I have a church family caring and praying for me and my family the way you do, so thanks again and may God bless you.

Love in Christ,  
Zanah McCoury  
and Family

Dear WBC Family,

Thank you for all your cards, phone calls, flowers, and encouragement while I was in the hospital and then recuperating at home. But most of all thank you for your prayers. You all are a blessing.

In His Hands,  
Jerry Stone



The Flower Team will order our Christmas Poinsettias from Coulter's Florist. This year we ordered red poinsettias with two plants per eight inch pot, wrapped in gold foil, and adorned with a red bow. The price will be \$19.95 per pot. If you would like one or more pots of poinsettias

"In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" someone special, please fill in the form below, earmark your check "poinsettia" and attach it to the completed form. Place your check and completed form in the offering plate or bring them to the church office no later than noon Wednesday, December 2. If Covid-19 protocol allows, we will have a booklet of remembered loved ones on December 13; if not we will have a special email and sanctuary overhead of "In Honor Of" and "In Memory Of" loved ones.

Please Print Legibly

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pots: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

"In Honor Of" \_\_\_\_\_

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"In Memory Of" \_\_\_\_\_

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All orders need to be turned in no later than  
Wednesday, December 2.  
Please print legibly.

# The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

## November 2020

### DRINKING FROM THE SAUCER by John Paul Moore

I've never made a fortune,  
And I'll never make one now  
But it really doesn't matter  
'Cause I'm happy anyhow

As I go along my journey  
I'm reaping better than I've sowed  
I'm drinking from the saucer  
'Cause my cup has overflowed

I don't have a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough  
But with kin and friends to love me  
I think I'm rich enough

I thank God for the blessings  
That His mercy has bestowed  
I'm drinking from the saucer  
'Cause my cup has overflowed

He gives me strength and courage  
When the way grows steep and rough  
I'll not ask for other blessings for  
I'm already blessed enough

May we never be too busy  
To help bear another's load  
Then we'll all be drinking from the saucer  
When our cups have overflowed

*Carroll Stewart*  
Librarian



**WCCH:** Lee Perry

**HOME:** Jerry Stone, Becky Hudson, Adam Lester, Pamela Clark and Phillip Miller, John Claypool, Frances Felty, Kathy Landrith, Jean Moore, Rick Walker, Lynn Arnold, O.J. Campbell, Dan Robinette, Adren Eldridge, Missy Throckmorton, Bill Valley, Sylvia McGhee

**EXTENDED CARE:** Mary Hall, Elton Robinson, Nancy Herndon, Betty and John Matheny, Colleen Dunford, Mae Clemons, Della Dunford, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

**FAMILY:** Jerry Stone's sister, Ann Allen; Adam Lester's father, Andy Lester; Missy Throckmorton's brother-in-law, Mark Armentrout; Zannah McCoury's daughter, Renita K. Martin White; Janet Montgomery's son-in-law, Maurice Johnson; Becky Hudson's cousin, Nancy; Gabby Warner's mother and sister; Michael's cousin, Graham; Almetta Cruff's uncle George Parks and friend, Betty Edwards; Arnie Murdock's brother-in-law, Howard Vest; Daniel Burke's mother, Nellie Burke; Gary and Carla Estep's niece, Lindsey, granddaughter, Everleigh, Carla's mother, and brother-in-law, Ron Femi; Paula Moore, her son, and her sister, Iris Moore

**FRIENDS:** Christian Sympathy to Carolyn Porter and family upon the passing of her son Keith Porter, Teachers, Students, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Sara Leonard, Angel Foster, Martha F. Umberger, Debbie Grubb's brother, Steve Ingo; Phil Tobelmann, Joey Dunn, Jerry Morgan, DeDe and Danny Hoosier, John Viars, Bland Ministry Center, Wythe County, our Nation, and people in Venezuela

**THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Airman Joseph Robinette, Thomas Collins, Gregory Carson 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, we will announce this to our church family and friends. Watch and listen for more information.



## Meetings

Tuesday, November 10: Discipleship—7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 11: Staff—4:00 p.m. on Zoom



## November

### Birthdays

4 Cindy Jarmul  
8 Mary Helen Porter  
12 John Matheny  
17 Linda Hostetter  
22 Della Dunford



BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

24 Betty Robinette  
25 Jackie Carson  
27 Dot Alexander  
29 Jane Crowgey



### DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 1: Chris Bracknell  
November 8: Eric Crowgey  
November 15: Guy Sutphin  
November 22: Gary Taylor  
November 29: Delores Dove

### USHERS Team III:

Danny Sowers, Bonnie Agnew  
Chris Bracknell, Gary Estep

### TELLERS

Janet Montgomery and Gary Taylor

### GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of November

# November 2020

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b></p> <p>Communion Observed Today</p> <p>10:30am Worship Service and Communion in the sanctuary. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube</p> <p>Benevolence Offering Received</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube</p> 	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>7:00pm Discipleship meeting on Zoom</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>4:00pm Staff meeting on Zoom</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube</p> 	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>2:30 to 4:00pm If permissible Children's Clothes Closet</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p>  <p>No Bible Study tonight on Zoom.</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube</p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p> 	<p>30</p> 	<p>7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK</p>	<p>7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK</p>			

BGAV Annual Virtual Meeting

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry 11/16 to 23/2020