



## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

### KNOWING GOD'S PRESENCE

One of the stories I love is found in 1 Samuel 3. Young Samuel who has not yet learned how to know God's presence and voice is helped by Eli. Take a moment to read this passage before finishing this article. Samuel was given to Eli, the chief priest of the Temple at the time, to be raised in the Lord's presence. During the night Samuel hears a voice and thinks Eli is calling him. It even takes Eli a few minutes to discern that God is speaking with Samuel. After some instruction, Samuel hears a clear message from God. This message is foundational to Samuel's walk with God.

There are people, who hear and experience God, yet sometimes they do not rec-

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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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ognize it as God nor do they know how to respond. Just as Eli did for Samuel, someone needs to come alongside them and help them to discern their experience with God. This is something the church should be helping people to discern. Yet, just as Samuel was already in the Temple, many are already part of the church and have great difficulty discerning God's presence and voice. The ability to discern God's presence and voice is the very foundation of our relationship with God.

Not only would the church have a more dynamic life, but our town and county would experience healing and wholeness if people better knew God's presence and voice. Imagine for a moment the love, peace, forgiveness, grace, and mercy that would exist between people when we can discern God's calling and guidance for us on our spiritual journey. This would be transformational to the church and the town of Wytheville.

If you have made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ, you have heard at least once God's voice and have experienced God's presence. It can and does happen repeatedly. Sometimes we are like Samuel and confuse the message, thinking it comes from another direction. As the church is experiencing a paradigm shift in how we operate, it is even more important for us to experience God.

If you would like to learn more about how you can experience God's presence and hear God's voice in a deeper and fuller way, please contact me. I want to see the transformation God has in store for us when as a community we know God's presence, voice, and guidance.

Because of God's Love,  
Pastor Tim



thank  
you!

Thank you to our Flower Team, Fellowship Team, and Outreach Team. Flower Team: Linda Hostetter, DeAnne Irving, Joel Campbell, and Missy Throckmorton. Fellowship Team: Becky Hudson, Carla Estep, Janet Montgomery. Outreach Team: Guy Sutphin, Chris Bracknell, Chuck O'Roark. These Team members keep our church beautiful, bring us together in Christian fellowship and fun, and lend a helping hand to our church family and the community. 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 FLOWER, FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH  
TEAMS FOR TAKING CARE OF  
WHAT GOD HAS INTRUSTED TO WBC.**



- ◆ **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, October 1, 6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church. Hope to see you in there as we plan the Annual meeting. If the Network can be of any help during this time please let us know and please continue to pray for our country.

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



## NOVEMBER 2020 BEACON ARTICLES

All November 2020 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, October 19. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Remember to **turn your clocks back** on Saturday, October 31, so you will be at church on time Sunday, November 1, ready to **Praise the Lord**.



Following a Wednesday night meal, before COVID struck, several of us who worked with Operation Christ-

mas 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*

## CHURCH NEWS



## PASTOR APPRECIATION

### “ACTS OF KINDNESS AND ENCOURAGEMENT”

October is Pastor Appreciation month at WBC. Your Pastor-Church Relations Team suggests that anytime during October show your appreciation for Pastor Tim and DeAnne with cards, notes of encouragement, or any way you choose to let them know we love and support them. On Sunday, October 18, you may drop your cards into a gift bag at the back of the Sanctuary. If you are unable to attend worship services at this time, you may mail or drop your cards into the mail slot on the door of the education wing of the church.



Judy Collier

### FINAL NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

In my last Beacon article, I stated that “unless God performs a special miracle (which He has done many times in my life) I must seek full-time employment.”

While searching for a full-time Christian position in Memphis, TN, I did not know that the Lord had prepared a position for me as wife and help-mate to a wonderful Christian man—Billy Weir. I’m reminded of the words to a contemporary praise song, “Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness, that’s Who, that is Who You are.” And truly He has shown Himself to be that and much more in my life.

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So as I look forward to a joyful life as Mrs. Judy Weir, I am also saddened to leave my dear friends at Wytheville Baptist Church. There are so many unforgettable memories of cantatas, caroling, worship services, VBS, staff meetings, Sunday school meetings, and parties, etc. And I'll not forget how church members pitched in on the spur of the moment to help me pack my first U-Haul load. What would I have done without you! But what I will remember the most is the precious friendships, upon which I have relied: friendships full of prayer, Christian love, support, laughter, joy, and pain ... friendships that will travel with me wherever I go.

One of the greatest privileges I have been given as Minister of Music and Worship is the privilege of leading this wonderful Body of Christ in Christian worship. Experiencing the flow of the Holy Spirit through our corporate musical worship and your response to His movement is one I will never forget and always cherish.

Through the prayers and support of Wytheville Baptist Church, I believe I have changed and grown into a better person. You have strengthened me to be able to walk into this wonderful new life with deep joy. I want to thank each of you for the unique part you have played in my life. I thank God for my five years at Wytheville Baptist Church. Your prayers have sustained me in my service.

"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

*EPHESIANS 3:14-21*

With love and in that hope, *Judy*



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, October 22, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.



Grace Fellowship, Dublin, VA, is sponsoring a time of prayer for our nation and we want all of our community churches to join us for this time of prayer. We feel that we need prayer more now than ever before and prayer is the only way things will change.

#### **YOU ARE INVITED TO A TIME OF PRAYER**

**DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020**

**TIME: 4:00 PM**

**LOCATION: CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND**

Put the following address in your GPS:

4337 Towes Ferry Rd, Dublin, VA 24084

This will get you to the end of the road.

Take a right into the Baptist Camp.

Please note that this is a time devoted to nothing but prayer. We are going to be praying for our nation, for our nation's leaders, the upcoming election, our communities, the COVID-19 pandemic, and anything else that may be burdening your heart at this time. This is a non-denominational event despite the fact it is being held at the Baptist Campground. All Bible-believing and teaching area church leaders and members are encouraged to attend. For more information please call Pastor Jason Aker at 276-613-2581.



### **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 October.

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 October, 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.

## **Youth News**



***Hello Church Family,***

It is that time again and the youth have been getting back in the swing of things. After our first week back in the building, the youth decided to start meeting again. We have been blessed with different ideas about meeting and have been able to meet at Elizabeth Brown Park, before Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m. We have resumed our study of John and are currently moving from chapter 4 into chapter 5. The goal is to take and understand this information, not as head knowledge, but as an understanding of who Christ is and who we are. We then aim to take this into the various communities we are exposed to and love those people there, regardless. Also, the youth (Mckayla, Kim, and Kylie) have been meeting with Younglife here in town, exposing us to additional kids and adults who not only talk favorably of youth but are active in reaching and teaching youth in this community. Lastly, we have been blessed with the idea of a Friday night Bible study and activity. This has allowed us to be seen in public doing activities together as we aim to express love for each other. John 13:35 states, *"They will know you are My disciples, if you love one another."* We hope these activities will display that love as well as bring us closer together as members of Christ's body. We may not all look, act, or think the same but we are all part of His body, which is indicative of a body's parts. We hope this message finds you well. Once again we would like to offer assistance to anyone in need. Please, let Gabby or I know and we will help. We love you all and hope each has a blessed month!"

Blessings,

*Michael*



## QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Held in WBC Sanctuary

An email will be sent to members of our congregation which will include Third Quarter Financial Report, 2021 Budget, Minutes from our last Business Conference, and recommendations from Teams in preparation for our October 21 Business Conference. There will be no paperwork handed out on that night. We will meet in the sanctuary and as required we will wear facemasks and social distance. If you can not print these reports out, please stop by the church office between the hours of 9:30 and noon before October 20 to pick up a copy.



### MINISTRY ORGANIZATIONAL TEAMS:

The Equipping Team, with the approval of the Pastor, has decided to leave the Team Members as they are on the existing Organizational Teams, without persons rotating off, because of the special situation for this year due to COVID 19. Most persons who would be going off, have been asked to stay on their particular Teams for an additional year, and have agreed to do so. If you are on a Team and you wish to resign that Team, please contact a member of the Equipping Team so that other arrangements can be made. The Equipping Team consists of Gena Anders, Delores Dove, and Linda Sutphin. Otherwise, we will work together based on the 2020 document entitled, "Ministry Organizational Structure" (now to be the 2021 document—with just a few changes). We look forward to being able to be active and hands-on in the future.

## The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

October 2020

**Do you know and live by the Beatitudes that Jesus taught his Disciples in Matthew 5:1-12 or...**

### **The Devil's Beatitudes**

Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to go to church on Sunday, for they are my best workers.

Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's and teacher's mannerisms and mistakes, for they will get nothing out of the service.

Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own church, he is an important member to me.

Blessed are they who do not Go to church on Sunday evening, they cause the world to say the church is failing.

Blessed are they who gossip, for they cause strife and division, which pleases me much.

Blessed are they who are easily offended, they soon get angry and quit.

Blessed are they who do not give of their tithes and offerings to carry on God's work, they are my helpers.

Blessed is he professes to love God but hates his brother, he shall live with me forever.

Blessed are the troublemakers, for they shall be called the children of the devil.

Blessed is he who has no time to pray, he will be an easy prey.

Blessed are those who are always trying to get even, I hope they will never die.

Blessed are those who are always planning something for Sunday's for this keeps them from going to church and Sunday School.

~by Garland T. Philips~

*Carroll Stewart*  
Librarian



**HOME:** Jerry Stone, Jesus Esquivel, Frances Felty, Kathy Landrith, Jean Moore, Rick Walker, Lynn Arnold, O.J. Campbell, Glenna Turner, Dan Robinette, Adren Eldridge, Missy Throckmorton, Bill Valley, Sylvia McGhee

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

**FAMILY:** Missy Throckmorton's grandson, Silas, and brother-in-law, Mark Armentrout; Zannah McCoury's daughter, Renita K. Martin White; Adam Lester's father, Andy Lester; 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; 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:** Teachers, Students, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Martha F. Umberger, Debbie Grubb's brother, Steve Ingo; Phil Tobelmann, Joey Dunn, Jerry Morgan, Sara Leonard, 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.

#### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Zannah McCoury and family upon the passing of her granddaughter, Kristen Jones.

Linda Sutphin's aunt, Ruth McCoy, and Ruth's family upon the passing of her husband.

Jerry Stone's sister, Ann Allen, and Ann's family upon the passing of her husband, Rev. Benny Allen.



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

Wednesday, October 14: Staff—4:00 p.m. on Zoom  
 Tuesday, October 20: Deacons'—7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 21: Quarterly Business in Sanctuary—7:00 p.m.

## October

### Birthdays

10 Allison Huff  
 Mary Huff  
 11 Judy Austin  
 JoBeth Hilton  
 14 Jeffery Meade



17 Eric Crowgey  
 Lynn Perry  
 21 Gary Carson  
 22 Mabeline Robinson  
 24 Allene Taylor  
 27 Grant Throckmorton  
 31 Diana Lopez

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 4: Gary Taylor  
 October 11: Delores Dove  
 October 18: Jenny Stoker  
 October 25: Danny Sowers

### USHERS Team II:

Tommy Hilton, Becky Hudson  
 Guy Sutphin, Glenna Turner





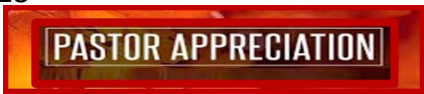

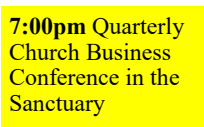



### TELLERS

Emery Pruett, Guy Sutphin

### GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of October

# October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  6:30pm WBRBN Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	2	3
4  10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	5	6  	7  7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK 	8	9	10  4:00pm Prayer service at Claytor Lake Baptist Campground sponsored by Pastor Jason Aker and Grace Fellowship. 
11  10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	12	13  7:00pm Discipleship meeting on Zoom	14  4:00pm Staff meeting on Zoom  7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK	15	16	17
18   10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	19  	20  7:00pm Deacons' meeting	21  	22  2:30 to 4:00pm If permissible Children's Clothes Closet	23	24  
25  10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	26  	27	28  7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK	29  	30	31  There will be no Church Street Trunk-or-Treat this year due to Covid-19 restrictions