



**PASTOR'S THOUGHTS
A NEW STEP FORWARD**

Pressure, stress, and anxiety fill our world today. All three boil over into every part of life and affect so much in our society. The pandemic has brought on so many changes to the way we do life and accomplish things. The job market has changed, schools are open for attendance one day and closed the next week, plus churches are just starting to learn the new paradigm where not everyone is present for Worship Service. This is just the tip of the iceberg that we will be dealing with for many months to come.

It is at times like this the church can be an instrument of calmness and change in our world. God has been

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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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working to prepare us for this day. We are people who have been shown the Kingdom of God, the blessings of God, and the compassion God has for this world. Not everyone has been given the gifts we have to be able to see the presence of God in this world. It is time for us to look deep within God's Word and share the promises of God with this confused and frustrated world.

One scripture that can bring help and healing at this time is 1 Peter 5:6,7 (NIV).

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

It can be our desire to separate these two verses and just cast all anxiety on the Lord and expect God to fix it now. Verse 6 talks about a prerequisite to the casting of all our anxiety. We first must humble ourselves. This is a lesson that can be extremely hard for our world and is also hard for Americans. We have been taught to grab our bootstraps and pull them tight, stand on our own two feet, and seize the opportunity before us and thus overcome it by our hard and steady work.

These two verses start with the acknowledgment that we cannot overcome all life presents us. We must admit that only God has the wisdom and capability to overcome what is happening around us. It requires us to take a lower position than we want to take in life and a willingness to say, "I am not able to handle this situation and must let go of the control I think I have over it." When we can do this, then we can cast all our anxiety upon God, fully knowing God's compassion will carry us through the tough places in life.

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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. 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.

VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS: – Dennis Jones shared that the internet is essentially down in Venezuela. He has not heard from Pastor Ramon recently. The church continues to meet in small groups and giving food to the area families. He also shared that because the other Latin American countries are also suffering, some of the Venezuelan people are attempting to come back into Venezuela, but the officials are allowing a limited number of people a day to come into the country.

BLAND MINISTRY: Clothes Closet: The Clothes Closet was only open two days in the month of July. It has been slow getting back up and going, due to not being open on Tuesdays. We have cut down to only being open once a week to be able to accommodate the number of people allowed in a gathering.

Food Pantry: The food pantry is still not seeing as many clients as we did before the pandemic. Our pantry is still operating on a drive-thru basis. Our volunteers have been able to return, which has helped immensely.

Bluefield College: The pantry at the college has continued to see 20-30 students throughout the summer. Athletes have begun returning to campus. We will see an increase in the number of students coming in and out of the pantry.

Claytor Lake Camp - The roof is close to being completed. The monthly cleaning is going well. The schedule:

September – Calvary Church
October – Wytheville Church
November – Trinity Church

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 1. 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

OCTOBER 2020 BEACON ARTICLES

All October 2020 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Thursday, September 17. Thank you for your help in this matter.



You have honored God by continually giving of your tithes and offerings and this brings Glory to God. Thank you for your steadfast love for our Lord and Savior and your church family.

By His Grace,
Stewardship Team



Thank you to our Pastor-Church Relations Team and our Personnel Team. Pastor-Church Relations Team: Sharon Sowers, Cathy Valley, and Rick Walker. Personnel Team: Billie Taylor, Carlisle Hostetter, and Tom Collins. 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 PASTOR-CHURCH RELATIONS
AND PERSONNEL TEAMS FOR TAKING CARE OF
WHAT GOD HAS INTRUSTED TO WBC.**

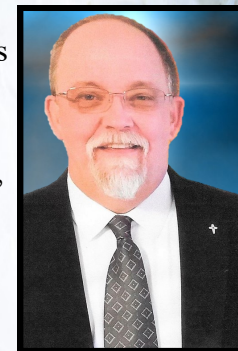
WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH APP

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.



It is the right time for us to model humility for this world by acknowledging God's wisdom and ability to care for us during this pandemic. May you be able to step lower, release the control of managing this situation, and help others to do the same.



Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

PANDEMIC CHANGES

It is especially difficult to write this article knowing I will be leaving my position of Minister of Music and Worship on October 15. The pandemic has hit all of us really hard, some more than others. By God's Grace, I have not been ill, but the hope of supplementing my part-time position with the sale of my properties in Belize has been put on hold indefinitely. With the Belize airport and tourism closed, the supply of US dollars in Belize is very scarce. It has also put a hold on the funds of potential buyers. I've therefore had to face the reality that unless God performs a special miracle (which He has done many times in my life) I must seek full-time employment.

With my family heavily quarantined in Texas, my best chance of full-time employment during this pandemic is in Memphis, TN. I lived

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there seven years and it is the headquarters of my ministry C. A. Outreach Ministries, Inc. I have many Christian friends and contacts there—many in full-time Christian service. I went to Memphis a few weeks ago to see how the Lord was leading ... if this was where He wanted me to serve Him.

During my time there, it was one confirmation after another, with a miracle or two thrown in. It did not take long to become evident that He was calling me back to serve Him where I first learned of a personal relationship with Jesus and gave my total life to Him—whatever He wanted me to do, wherever He wanted me to go ... an amazing full circle. And He has supplied my needs there —friends in Memphis are letting me stay in their home until I can find employment. I have been blessed.

Yet ... that means I must leave my dear friends at Wytheville Baptist Church who have encouraged me, prayed for me, loved, and given me so much. But I will save the final good-bye for next month as I look forward to the upcoming weeks of continuing to serve you. I would like to express my deep appreciation to Rhonda Bracknell and Rick Walker for supplying our music when the church reopened. They said they would be willing to sing and play anytime no one else was able to come. What a blessing that was to our congregation, not to mention to me.

And without Daniel Burke, Jonathan Stoker, and Gary Carson, well, there would be no live-streaming and very little sound. Thank you, guys, for your continued faithfulness and hard work.

Yes, the pandemic has brought restrictions in our corporate worship. But there is no restriction in the Spirit Who has been known to do some of His greatest works in the hardest of times. So Lord, please open our hearts to Your Spirit's working in a new and powerful way, in spite of the restrictions ... and maybe even because of them.

In this Hope,
Judy

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.



YOU CAN HELP



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring canned vegetables for the month of September 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.



It's back-to-school time and we have school 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, September 24, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

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14. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manger.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one on you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who follow the lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the oppossums was st. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony which is another name for marraige.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

Carroll Stewart

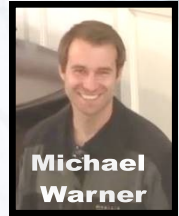
DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

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 September.

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.

Youth News



Hello Church Family,

The youth have finally been able to find a meeting method that adheres to social distancing and mask guidelines. We have been so excited to be able to be somewhat in physical proximity again! As we begin to inch closer to normality we are encouraged by some new ideas that have emerged. In addition, the youth are going through the Gospel of John and are currently in Chapter 4. We have also been blessed by the youth department's partnership with Younglife and Wyldelife and have been praying for new ideas of how to reach youth in the current climate. The entire method of reaching kids from within the school system has had to be entirely revamped. The school system has even reduced the first nine weeks to an entirely online learning semester, making the ability to reach kids even more difficult. However, we have been praying that God would give us ideas or ways to reach the parents and kids. It appears that He has answered as we have been given an opportunity to reach those families that have no access to internet or tutoring. We pray that God would soften the parents and kids towards us and give us additional means, ideas, and skills to help those in need. If you have any additional ideas, information, or questions please direct them to Michael Warner. We hope this message finds you well!

Blessings,

Michael

KATHRYN ISAACS AND MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE NEWS



The Kathryn Isaacs/Mabel Crabtree Circle will not meet until further notice.

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

An Update from Mike Pugh about Hope Packs

I thought I would update everyone on the current status of Hope Packs. The school administration has been super with their partnership and is doing all they can to develop a means by which we get food to our children during these most challenging times. Here are the program and plans that I feel we should use as of right now.

School lunches will be delivered by the cafeteria and school bus teams at the beginning of school on September 8. Students will have two options for meal service; 1) pick up at their home school cafeteria or 2) pre-order a meal for bus stop delivery through their home school. All ten Wythe County public school cafeterias will participate in this program. On the bus route, the food will be delivered to the same locations as if the children were being picked up for school.

We will have Hope Packs available for both scenarios on each Thursday or Friday based on locations and the number of packs needed. We will make sure that packs are at all ten cafeterias before the scheduled pick up for the students and also on each bus before it begins their scheduled lunch runs to the bus stops.

We shall sort and pack as normal on Wednesday mornings and evenings as I don't see a need to change that process.

The numbers will be higher than normal due to the circumstances but we will prepare as many as needed to make sure every child receives packs. We will wait for the first week of school to get an idea from the school as to how many meals were delivered. Our first Hope Packs delivery will be Thursday, September 17, and Friday, September 18. I would like for our first Wednesday pack night to be September 9.

We may have to adjust a few things we do but I know that together we'll make sure that every child receives Hope Packs and we won't let them go hungry on their weekends.

Our first pack date is very close and I look forward to seeing everyone again and thank you in advance for the amazement of your character that you show each and every day.

Stay safe and healthy but don't forget to be happy as well.

My best
Mike

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

September 2020

Since everyone is thinking about schools right now, we have a few chuckles for you from a Catholic Elementary school test. Children were asked questions about the Bible. The following statements were written by the children; they have not been retouched nor corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.

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HOME: Janet Montgomery, Kathy Landrith, Judy Collier as she begins a new chapter in her life and ministry, Jean Moore, Rick Walker, Lynn Arnold, O.J. Campbell, Glenna Turner, Dan Robinette, Adren Eldridge, Missy Throckmorton, Bill Valley, Sylvia McGhee



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

FAMILY: Adam Lester's father, Andy Lester; Carroll Stewart's son, Tim; Missy Throckmorton's brother-in-law, Mark Armentrout; 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; Zannah McCoury's daughter, Renita K. Martin White; 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 and students everywhere, Debbie Grubb's brother, E.B. Ingo, Jerry Morgan, Sara Lenard, Beth Ferrell, Carolyn Walters, 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, 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:

The family and friends of Doris Terry upon her passing



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, September 9: Staff—4:00 p.m. on Zoom

Monday, September 14: Last day to turn in all Budget Request Forms

September

Birthdays

- 1 Victoria Willis
- 2 Russ Throckmorton
- 4 Timothy Burke
- 8 Mark Alderman
- 9 Clayton Wright
- 10 Stephen Collins
- 16 Michael Warner



- 17 Jamie Claypool
- Tommy Wassum
- 18 Dede Cresap
- Colleen Dunford
- Jim Spraker
- 22 Lisa Crowgey
- 25 Cindy Booher
- Belinda Horney
- 26 Tommy Anders
- 27 Aaron Crowgey

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- September 6: Danny Sowers
- September 13: Chris Bracknell
- September 20: Eric Crowgey
- September 27: Guy Sutphin

USHERS Team I:

- Tommy Anders, Gena Anders
- Joe Crowgey, Carlisle Hostetter

TELLERS



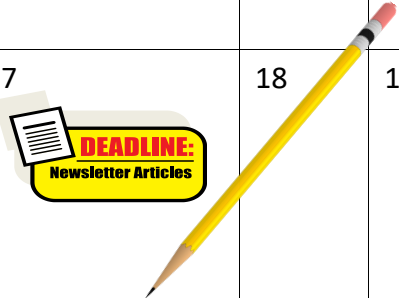
- Ty King and Tom Collins

GREETERS

- Designated Ushers for the month of September

September 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK	3	4	5
6 10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	7	8 SCHOOL BEGINS WCPS will move to a 100% virtual instruction model for all students.  7:00pm Discipleship meeting on Zoom	9 4:00pm Staff meeting on Zoom 7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK	10	11	12
13 10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	14 Last day to turn in all Team's Budget Request Forms	15 9:00am WCMA meeting, place TBA	16 7:00pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom THE BOOK OF MARK	17 	18	19
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