

WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

HE IS NOT HERE
HE IS RISEN
AS HE SAID

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The Beacon

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS COMMITMENT TO SHARE

There are two important parts to the spiritual life which need a strong commitment in our lives. We should share how to accept Jesus Christ as a personal Savior with those who do not know him. Plus, we should share with our sisters and brothers in the community of faith the current concepts God is teaching us. Without these as part of our lives, the whole community (inside and outside the church) lacks a deeper knowledge and understanding of God's will.

God uses us to reach people who have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Everyone has their own story about how they came to know Jesus Christ. God can use your story to touch

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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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people God brings you in contact with each day. There are people who have followed a similar life as yours and you may have the most impact on them. I am not talking about inviting them to church; I am talking about sitting down with them face-to-face and sharing the very basics of inviting Jesus Christ into their life. If this is something you do not know how to do, please let me know and we can talk about this together. It is important to the continuing of our community that you know how to help people accept Jesus Christ's work for them.

God is always about speaking to us and sharing with us on the spiritual journey. Sometimes what God shares with us can be a great help for someone else or even the community of faith. The tendency of some Christians is to see their walk with God as a very private event that they never talk about. This is not a biblical idea of the spiritual journey. Our learning on our journey with God should be shared with other people because it may help them, encourage them, or inspire them to walk in a deeper way also. Think about it, when was the last time you shared with another Christian the latest concept God shared with you? If it has been a while, you are missing out on one of the greatest and most wonderful parts of Christian fellowship.

Be serious with yourself and evaluate your spiritual life and your commitment to these two tasks. Take the opportunities God supplies to learn how to do them better. Even call your pastor and seek to learn how to do them better so you will influence the people of this world, an effect that has eternal consequences.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- ◆ Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site:
<http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>
- ◆ **Leadership Team meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 1, 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.
- ◆ **Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly:** Dave Clonch asked that churches sign up on the cleaning schedule for the Camp. The schedule so far: August – Calvary Church; October – Trinity Church. Please contact a member of the Camp Board of Directors to be included on this schedule.
- ◆ **Bland Ministry Center:** We are getting calls from our mission teams that still plan on spending weeks with us this Summer. Dee Dee and David will need to discuss if teams are able to come and how they might be able to help out with the H&H projects.
- ◆ **Venezuela Ministry:** God is With Us Baptist Church has been constituted as a church and is doing well.
- ◆ **Network Business Distribution of Funds:** Charles Damron said since our Network is doing so well financially we need to be about missions and asked for a suggestion. Dave Clonch made a motion that the Finance Team bring options of using our monies to our next meeting.
- ◆ **Missions Conference 2021:** Date for Mission Fair – Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Dublin Baptist Church, set up at 1:00 pm, meet and greet from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Date for Mission Conference – April 18, 2021 to be held at Network churches location in the morning and evening as scheduled by the churches.

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

In His service,
Charles Damron, Moderator/Director
Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

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 April.

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

Per Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's Executive Order, the following must be adhered to in order to visit the Open Door Café, HOPE Ministry Center or HOPE Packs:

Any person over the age of five must wear a mask or facial covering at all times while entering, exiting, traveling through, or spending time at the HOPE Ministry Center, the Open Door Café, or the indoor area for HOPE Packs.

Exceptions to these guidelines include: An individual who is in the act of eating or drinking on premises of the Open Door Café, children under the age of five, a person seeking to communicate with a hearing-impaired person, for which the mouth needs to be visible, anyone with a health condition that keeps them from wearing a facial covering.

Hours are Monday—Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY



Please bring Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, and Peanut Butter for the months of April, 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.



JERRY STONE

NOTES FROM OUR INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR

This is why it is said:

*“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”*

Matthew 21:9

EASTER!

The season reminding us of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. ***“He is Alive!”***

Recently I heard the Contemporary Christian song, “Rise Up” by Cain. The words of this song stirred my heart and soul and made me realize that because Jesus lives, we, as believers, have been given the awesome promise of resurrection power. Power to live a Christian life, power to overcome evil, power to RISE UP and tell others about what Jesus has done for all mankind. I began to ask myself have we as Christians become comfortable in our tombs, are we happy just hearing about this promise of power in our life without ever claiming it; or at other times never really realizing the strengths that God has gifted us as believers.

The words echoed in my mind over and over:

“Come on and rise up, take a breath,

You're alive now

Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us

Out from the grave like Lazarus

Rise up, rise up, rise up”

We are alive with resurrection power! Like Lazarus, Jesus is calling us from the grave to RISE UP! To worship Him in

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spirit and truth, to sing God's praises, to RISE UP with boldness and tell of God's mercy and grace to all we come in contact with, and truly become steadfast in the knowledge that we are the sons and daughters of the King, and we are *ALIVE* in Christ!

Praise the Lord! Let us RISE UP! Let us go out and in boldness telling others! Let us wake up, rise up, and Christ will shine on us. Hallelujah and Amen!

Because Christ Lives,

Jerry

thank
you!

This month we recognize and thank all the men and women who have served as Sunday School Teachers. These positions did not stop when Covid-19 hit. Even though we did not meet, they continued to pray for and stay in contact with the people in their class. They are also ready to take up this vital position again when it's possible to meet for Sunday School.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
WHO SERVE NOW
AND HAVE SERVED IN THE PAST
FOR TAKING CARE OF
WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO WBC.**

Dear Church Family,

How can I ever thank you enough for all your prayers, cards, and calls during the time of my family's deep loss of my dear son-in-law, Felix Romero. You helped me through it all. We all feel God's presence with us during this time of grief.

God Bless you for your loving hearts,
Dolores Dove

Children's Clothes Closet



Spring is here and we have lighter 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. The Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, April 22, 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.

You can also listen to the sermons live on Facebook by searching for Wytheville Baptist. The services are also on YouTube. Thank you to Gary Carson for providing these links.



MAY 2021 BEACON ARTICLES

All May 2021 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Tuesday, April 20. Thank you for your help in this matter.

PASTOR TIM ON VACATION

Pastor Tim will be out of the office the week of April 5 to 9. He has Easter Monday off per the Pastor-Church Covenant, will take vacation days on Tuesday, April 6, to Thursday, April 8, and then will have his Sabbath day off Friday, April 9. Pray for Pastor Tim as he draws closer to the Lord.

NO SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION APRIL 7

There will be no Spiritual Conversation Wednesday, April 7. Take this time to listen for what God is saying to you.

DEACONS MEETING

The Deacons will meet at the church Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Please join us for the Quarterly Business Conference Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. in WBC's sanctuary as we conduct the business of the church.

All Chairpersons please email a copy of your report that you will present to the Conference to Linda Lively at linda.l.lively@gmail.com on or before Tuesday, April 20, or have your report typed out and hand it to her after you present your report at the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Erin and Michael Recachinas upon the birth of their daughter, Ann Marie Recachinas, born March 12, at 5:11 a.m. weighing 8lbs. and 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Cindy and Jack Jarmul, and her great-granddaddy is Emery Pruett.

AVAILABILITY OF WORSHIP SERVICES ON FACEBOOK

Praise the Lord! Daniel Burke has made it possible to see our complete church services on Facebook **even if you don't have a Facebook account.**

Go to our website at wythevillebaptist.org and click on the Sermons tab. This will open a new page; find the sermon date you would like to see and then click on Facebook (Complete Service). There you will be able to worship and receive the message.

Spread the word and let others know about what's available to them.

THANK YOU DANIEL!



Due to the precautionary measures we are taking to keep everyone as safe as possible, we will broadcast our Maundy Thursday Service live on Facebook Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.; there will be no in-person service. This will give everyone the advantage to view and participate in this service with your family in the comfort and safety of your home. This service will be uploaded to YouTube also. We will have Communion Cups available in the church office for those who would like to take Communion with us on that night. Please come by the church office before noon on Thursday, April 1, to get your Communion cups.

There will be no community-wide Good Friday Service. Please stop sometime during this day to spend time with the Lord and remember the sacrifice Jesus gave for you.



Easter Morning

Sunday, April 4

10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Worship Service in WBC's sanctuary. You can also watch this service live on Facebook and then it will be uploaded to YouTube.

SPECIAL MISSIONARY SPEAKER APRIL 18



Sunday, April 18, during our 10:30 a.m. worship we will be blessed by our Missionary Speaker. Phil Nelson, originally from East Tennessee, is a graduate of Carson-Newman University. While working as a public accountant in Chattanooga, Phil went on a short-term mission trip with his church. Those two weeks led to two years as an IMB Journeyman missionary, followed by the seminary in Texas, and a career missionary appointment in Asia.

After nearly a decade overseas, Phil was called to a church in TN in 2001 as the Pastor of Missions. In 2008, Phil re-employed with the International Mission Board in a state-side mobilization role. His responsibility and passion as a church mobilizer are to help churches personalize their involvement in missions by resourcing, coaching, and encouraging pastors and leaders toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



THE LETTER

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me too. I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest- and I waited. You never came. It hurt me - but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you sleeping last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight upon your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awoke and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

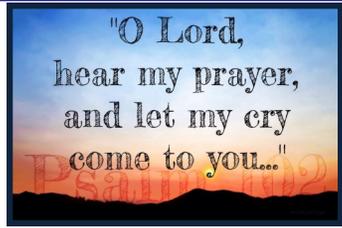
If you would only listen to me! I love you! I try to tell you in blue skies and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in colors of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean, and bigger than the biggest need in your heart!

Ask me! Talk with me! Please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you! I won't hassle you any further. It is YOUR decision. I have chosen you and I will wait.

I love you. Your friend,
Jesus

Carroll Stewart
Librarian

HOME: Gary Carson, Almetta Cruff, O.J. Campbell, Pamela Clark, Missy Throckmorton, Adam Lester, Frances Felty, Jean Moore, Rick Walker, Lynn Arnold, Dan Robinette, Bill Valley



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

FAMILY: Ann Collins friends, Steve and Sally Sboray, Almetta Cruff's friend, Helen Coley; Pat Anderson's Pastor and wife, Rev. Rob and Shannon Haynes, Guy and Linda's daughter, Jennifer Dowden; Jerry Stone's brother, John Stone; Bonnie Agnew's sister, Bobbie Gilliam; Jackie Carson's daughter, Tracy Robinette; Adam Lester's father, Andy Lester; Daniel Burke's mother, Nellie Burke; Paula Moore and her son

FRIENDS: Teachers, Students, First Responders, Medical Personnel, John Viars, DeeDee Hosier and 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:

The family and friends of Mary Huff upon her passing

Jackie Carson and family upon the passing of her brother-in-law, Dave Hunsicker, of Florida

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, April 13:	Discipleship—7:00 p.m. on Zoom
Wednesday, April 14:	Staff—4:00 p.m. on Zoom
Tuesday, April 20:	Deacons'—7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday, April 21:	Quarterly Business Conference—7:00 p.m. at the church

April Birthdays

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| 1 Danny Sowers | 17 Rhonda Bracknell |
| 3 Evelyn Comber | 18 Tom Collins |
| 5 Jenny Stoker | 22 Brett Booher |
| 8 Andrei Stoker | 24 Eric Collins |
| Lee Harrell | Katie Wright |
| 9 Mary Graham | 25 Missy Throckmorton |
| Pam Newberry | Ann Collins |
| 15 Pamela Moore | Adam Lester |
| Judy Rankin | 29 Billie Taylor |



DEACON OF THE WEEK

- April 4: Gary Taylor
 April 11: Tommy Hilton
 April 18: Janet Montgomery
 April 25: Chris Bracknell

USHERS Team IV:

Betty Robinette, Zanah McCoury
 John Willis, Roger Hudson

TELLERS

Emery Pruett and Guy Sutphin

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of April

April 2021



Join us live on Facebook as we observe Maundy Thursday Service



No community-wide service

				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU... 7:00 pm	2 GOOD FRIDAY IT IS FINISHED	
4 Easter Sunday RISE UP! and Worship our Savior <i>Benevolence Offering Received</i> 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 There will be no Spiritual Conversation tonight. Take this time to listen for what God is saying to you.	8	9	10
<i>Pastor Tim's vacation days.</i>						
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 Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 6 on Zoom	15	16	17
18 MISSIONARY SPEAKER 10:30am Our Worship Service will be blessed by a Missionary Speaker, Phil Nelson. This service will be held in the sanctuary. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	19	20  DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles 7:00pm Deacons meeting at the church.	21 7:00pm Quarterly Business Conference in the church sanctuary	22 2:30 to 4:00pm Children's Clothes Closet	23	24
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