

WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Beacon

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS STARTING BACK AND ANEW

Fall is a time of starting school and getting back into a routine. These routines happen even for families without children. I am looking forward to us taking the next step toward more activities in the church building. We have one month before starting back to activities as we did before COVID-19. As we think about Sunday School, Wednesday night suppers, and Trunk or Treat, there is still much to be done to get ready.

Over this next month, we need many hands to help with one of our larger tasks, cleaning the Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen. It has been 16 months since we have used these areas for anything at the church. These areas need deep cleaning, the pantry needs restocking, and other supplies need to be inventoried. If you can help in any

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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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way for any length of time, please let us know. We hope to be able to start Wednesday night suppers sometime in September.

The weekend after Labor Day, September 12 at 9:15 AM, we will start Sunday School again. If you are a member of Sunday School, contact your teacher to get a copy of your material so you will be ready on this first Sunday.

On September 12, we will also start Fellowship Groups. These will be groups of eight to ten people meeting together to discuss a basic concept of the faith, centered around two scriptures each week. Instead of a teacher, a facilitator will keep the group centered on the topic for the week. This first Sunday, everyone who would like to be involved will meet in the Sanctuary to discuss how these Groups will work and determine how many groups we will have to start. These Fellowship Groups will have two goals:

- 1) Learn the scripture references of some of the basic concepts of the faith (such as Assurance of Salvation, Assurance of Answered Prayer, Assurance of Guidance, Assurance of Forgiveness, etc.).
- 2) Fellowship with other people in the church on a personal level through sharing our spiritual journeys with each other.

All groups will cover the same topic each week. This will allow you to discuss the scriptures with people from other groups. Every two to three months, you will move to a different group giving you an opportunity to fellowship with more people in our community of faith. Please spend some time in prayer about being part of one of these groups.

If you have questions about our fall plans, please contact me so we can talk about them.

Pray now about how God would like you to be more involved in our community of faith.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



with the Lord of our Associate Pastor Brother Jorge Varela and my beloved wife Morella because of the Covid 19, also Jorge's wife was infected and other relatives, neighbors, and I, but thanks to the Lord we managed to heal, some are in the process of recovery. It has been a very painful time.

In two weeks, I must travel with my son Luis to Caracas to leave him for a month with his grandparents and family. I will spend a week in Caracas with them and also burying my wife's ashes, then I return to Maturín to continue working with our church.

Next week, God willing, before traveling I have already agreed to meet with several families from our church to continue the work of providing food and caring for children and the elderly.

We are working in two sectors, Brisas de Oriente and El Chaparral, between both sectors we were serving more than 200 children and adults.

We know that our beloved brother and Pastor Dennis Jones and family are not there in Dublin, they have moved to another city. We are very grateful to the Lord for their lives. He spent a long time here in Venezuela, he was a pastor in a church that I later pastored for 17 years, they met my wife and her family. We are also praying that it is the Lord guiding his operation. [surgery]

Brother Charles, on behalf of our church and on my behalf, we want to thank you for all the help and support that we have received from you during all this time. From the Dublin Church Network. [Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network] It has really been such a blessing during this [difficult] time that we are living through. Several days before departing with the Lord, at the height of her convalescence, my wife told me: "My love, keep going forward with the Lord's work and take great care of our son." That's what I plan to do.

I appreciate your prayers for me and my son Luis and also for the work we are doing here and once again thank you for all the support you have given us. God bless in a special way all the churches in Dublin [the Network], Pastor Dennis Jones and you as the Chairperson of the Network.

Greetings and blessings,
Pastor Ramón Tovar

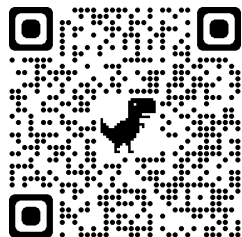
As we look forward to the future, please continue to pray for our Network churches and our country.

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



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◆ **Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site:**

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

◆ **Leadership Team meeting:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 5, 2021, 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 shared that a check list will be used when leaving the Camp and should be used to report any problems. He also said they are working with the insurance company so liability will be paid for the number of people and the length of time used (rather than the number for a 24-hour period).

◆ **Venezuela Ministry: The following is a note from Pastor Ramon Tovar, Venezuela, received on July 19:**

Greetings.

Beloved brother, Charles Damron, I am Pastor Ramón Tovar, from Maturín Venezuela. I have seen fit to send you this letter.

Beloved brother at this time and just under a month our Church "God with us" and our families are living the pain and sadness of the departure

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JERRY STONE

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

*The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.*
Zephaniah 3:17

Oh, Praise the Lord!

I stand in amazement; the renovation of the choir room is 95% completed, the hallway has been cleaned up and cleared of unused and unnecessary items, and the choir has been practicing. They are ready to lead the congregation in victorious singing. God is so good, and the folks here at WBC have outdone themselves by working with me in the choir room and giving monetary gifts that allowed us to purchase everything we needed to enhance the organization and beauty of our music department. On Sunday, August 1, we will loudly and joyfully sing to the glory of God for all He has done for us.

The Bible states in Zephaniah 3:17 that 1. God is with you, 2. God takes **great** delight in you, and 3. God will rejoice over you with singing. **HALLELUJAH!** That lit my fire and made me want to shout!! If God rejoices over us with singing, should we not REJOICE and JOYFULLY SING to the glory of God?

Nehemiah 12:40-43 talks about two choirs; Nehemiah, half the officials, as well as priests with their trumpets, plus the women and children. These people gave great sacrifices, rejoicing because God **had given them great joy**. It goes on to say, "*The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.*" May I rephrase this just a bit and say, "The sound of rejoicing at WBC could be

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heard far away.” Wouldn’t it be wonderful if people from all over Wythe County and the surrounding areas came seeking God because they could hear the sound of rejoicing at WBC?

I invite anyone who would like to make a joyful noise to come to choir practice every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. as we practice our music in preparation to lead the congregation in song. Join us; we need you!

I remain excited with anticipation of what God is going to do in the lives of our congregation and the music department.

WHAT A BLESSING!
HALLELUJAH!
GOD IS GOOD!

Jerry



thank you!

This month we recognize our Trustees. We remember and honor Dr. O.J. Campbell for serving as Trustee for numerous years until his passing this past April. Tommy Anders has agreed to fill this position and carry on this responsibility. Danny Sowers and Joe Crowgey have also served for many years and continue to serve as Trustees. Trustees serve as legal representatives in all transactions of the church for its protection. These men serve an indefinite time at the pleasure of the church. They will represent the best interest of the church in all matters. Please remember these men in your prayers as they protect, uphold, and pray for WBC.

**THANK YOU TO OUR TRUSTEES
FOR TAKING CARE OF WHAT GOD HAS
ENTRUSTED TO WBC.**



Children’s Clothes Closet

School begins this month and we have school clothes in WBC Children’s Clothes Closet. These children’s clothes are free to the community 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 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday or 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday.

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, August 27, 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.



SEPTEMBER 2021 BEACON ARTICLES

All September 2021 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, August 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 August.

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 has reopened and there are plenty of seats inside and on the patio. This is a place where anyone can get a good meal free of charge or by donation. They are open for lunch Monday thru Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Open Door Café is located at 650 W. Main Street next to Hope Inc. and is open to the public.

Did you know ... Open Door Café caters. If you are interested in feeding a large crew, contact the café at 276-227-0212



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring canned vegetables for the months of August and 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.

Join us at our Church Picnic

The Fellowship Team invites our WBC family and friends for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp on Sunday afternoon, September 12. Games of horse-shoes and cornhole will be available beginning around 2:00 p.m.

We will be blessed to have Jerry Stone sing for us, beginning around 4:00 p.m. Around 5:30 p.m., we will have a potluck with fried chicken and BBQ provided. We ask that you bring a side dish and dessert to complement the meal. After the dinner, Pastor Tim will have a devotion before we return home.

Directions: Take I-81 N to Exit 98. At the stop sign turn Right onto Cleburne Blvd/Old Route 100 Rd. Turn left onto Hance Road, turn left onto Davis Road, Turn left onto Newbern Road/Wilderness Road. Turn right at Tows Ferry Road and go to the end of this road. Take a right thru the gate into the Baptist Camp.

Put the following address in your GPS/Phone: 4337 Tows Ferry Road, Dublin, VA 24084. This will get you to the end of the road and then take a right into the Baptist Camp.



SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

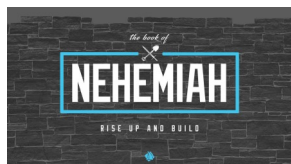
Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for our Spiritual Conversation on the book of Nehemiah. Contact Pastor Tim or the church office to receive your invitation via email to join our time of study. The schedule is:

August 4: Nehemiah 4

August 11: Nehemiah 5

August 18: Nehemiah 6

August 25: Pastor Tim on vacation, there will be no meeting on this night.



We hope you will join us as we study Nehemiah and how we can apply God's Word to our lives.

PASTOR TIM ON VACATION

Pastor Tim will be out of the office on vacation Monday, August 23, and will return on Monday, August 30. Retired Rev. Scott Thayer, Treasurer of the Wythe County Ministerial Association, will fill the pulpit on Sunday, August 29. Please keep Pastor Tim in your prayers for a restful week and that he will return excited and ready to lead us in fully reopening our church.

SEPTEMBER COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 12, at 9:15 a.m., we will start our Sunday School classes and our new Fellowship Groups. For those who would like to participate in a Fellowship Group, please come to the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. There you will see a demonstration and a discussion of what these groups will be doing.

Wednesday, September 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m., we will gather in the fellowship hall for a meal and Bible Study. The cost of this meal is infant thru Kindergarten is free; 1st thru 6th grade is \$2; 7th grade thru adults is \$5 per person. All first-time attendees are our guests and eat for free.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



The Tender Heart: Life After the Death of a Spouse by Richard L. Mabry.

Offering hope and healing for the brokenhearted, *The Tender Heart* addresses the heart-wrenching pain of losing a spouse. Working from journal entries after the death of his wife, Richard Mabry uses his own journey as a stepping-stone to a practical discussion of the grief process, offering help on such topics as:

1. Finding a support group
2. Resigning your commissions
3. Combating funeral flashbacks
4. Reviewing the souvenirs of a lifetime
5. Facing holidays
6. Remembering an anniversary

He connects with readers in a new way that makes them say "Yes, I feel that way" and "That might work for me—maybe I should try it." There are at least 20 more subjects he discusses in this book.

Carroll Stewart

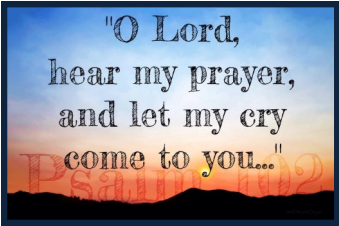


The following is a poem written by a local poet, Becky Irving, that many of you may know.

Mixed Blessings

In everything broken from Covid-19
Let us try to find good, through the heartache we've seen
Like dinner together' home cooked meals.
Without the hustle and bustle, it helped families to heal.
The creative wells, bursting at seams.
The time left sitting still, helped many realize their dreams.
When jobs had been lost, many found a new passion.
For when push came to shove, it drove them to action.
We came to miss smiles, hugs, and handshakes.
It's amazing what we miss with a little bit of space.
And in heartache and pain, fear and frustration,
We leaned closer to God, with faith filled anticipation.
And as things start to shift, as they will, this won't last.
I hope we rise in our future, from these lessons of past.

(Submitted by Jackie Carson)



WCCH: Ann Collins, Rehab unit

HOME: Adam Lester, Tom Collins, Missy Throckmorton, Frances Felty, Rick Walker, Lynn Arnold, Dan Robinette, Bill Valley, Jean Moore, Lee and Lynn Perry

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

FAMILY: Cheryl Murdock's brother-in-law and sister; Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Canada; Janet Montgomery's daughter, Mary Johnson; Cathy Valley's brother and niece, Stan Taylor and Kim; Eric and Ann Collins's daughter, Mary Collins-Gili; Almetta Cruff's mother, uncle, George Parks, and boyfriend, Ronald Kennedy; Pat Anderson's Pastor and wife, Rev. Rob and Shannon Haynes; Bonnie Agnew's sister, Bobbie Gilliam; Jackie Carson's daughter, Tracy Robinette; Daniel Burke's mother, Nellie Burke; Paula Moore and her son

FRIENDS: Teachers, Students, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Connie Moore, Tim Clemons, Jason, John Viars, DeeDee Hosier and Bland Ministry Center, Wythe County, our Nation, people in Venezuela and their Pastor, Ramon.

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 upon the passing of Mae Clemons

We will begin our Wednesday night suppers on September 15. Make plans to be here and bring your family and friends. Stay for Bible Study following our meal.



Meetings

Thursday, August 5: WBRBN—6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church
Wednesday, August 11: Staff—10:30 a.m. in the conference room



August Birthdays

- 1 Kay Horney
- 2 Joe Crowgey
Collin Phillips
- 11 Carolyn Porter
- 14 Jenni Bird
- 16 Earl Cherry, Jr.

- 19 Dan Robinette
Bill Lively
- 20 Mary Cathrine Gili
- 25 C.A. Terry, Jr.



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY



DEACON OF THE WEEK

- August 1: Guy Sutphin
- August 8: Gary Taylor
- August 15: Tommy Hilton
- August 22: Janet Montgomery
- August 29: Chris Bracknell

USHERS Team IV:

Betty Robinette, Roger Hudson
Zanah McCoury, John Willis


TELLERS

Janet Montgomery and Gary Taylor

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of August

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Benevolence Offering Received</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>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Nehemiah 4 via Zoom</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership meeting at Dublin Baptist Church</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	6	7
<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>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>10:30am Staff meeting in the Conference Room</p> <p>7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Nehemiah 5 via Zoom</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Practice</p> 	13	14
<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> 	17	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Nehemiah 6 via Zoom</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	20	21
<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>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>NO Spiritual Conversation tonight. Enjoy this time with the Lord.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:30 to 4:00pm Children's Clothes Closet</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	27	28
<i>Pastor on vacation 8/23 to 29/2021</i>						
<p>29</p> <p>10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary with guest speaker, Rev. Scott Thayer. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church</p>	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Church Office Hours Monday thru Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</p> </div>			

