

WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS PREPARING TO REBUILD

Now the new normal life we have been looking for over the past year is here. COVID restrictions in our state have been dropped and the state of emergency has been lifted. Does this mean we do not need to be careful about disease and sickness? No, it means we have once again come to a new understanding of how germs are spread and what we can do to stop them. Now is a time to rebuild and restore things.

The church has an opportunity now to rebuild and be the people God needs in Wytheville to reach those who do not know God. Our Worship Services are open, and we are lifting our voices in songs to God. We are beginning to make plans for Sunday School and Fellowship

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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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Groups in September. We are looking to restart Wednesday night meals together again sometime this fall. We should be looking now at how to reach the people God is asking us to minister to and how to especially reach those who have never started their relationship with God.

It is time for us to consider what we can do to rebuild the church. On Wednesday nights, our Spiritual Conversations will center on the book of Nehemiah. The Hebrew nation was beginning to return to Jerusalem after the Exile. They found the city in great disrepair and the walls protecting the city mostly gone. It was time to rebuild and there were those in opposition seeking to keep them from doing it. Nehemiah gathers the people, organizes them, and sets about the rebuilding as people tried to stop them.

We are going to examine the truths in the book of Nehemiah and see how we can apply them to our time. As we rebuild after a pandemic and gather God's people back together, it is a time to center on where and how God is asking us to minister. This is a time where it is easiest to step in new directions of ministry. We need to reach out to people, we need to be ready for them to come, and we need to acknowledge there will be opposition.

Please join us for these conversations on Nehemiah. If you need a link to join us on Zoom, please let me know. You can also listen to them later on the Church's Facebook page. I would enjoy talking with you about what God is saying to you about the future ministries and fellowship at Wytheville Baptist Church.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



number of people and the length of time used (rather than the number for a 24-hour period).

The cleaning schedule so far: August – Dublin Church; October – Trinity Church. He also asked that the cleaning be done at the beginning of the month. If you would like to help, please contact Dave Clonch

Bill Thomas said the Boy Scouts love the Camp. They have cut more brush and moved the limbs that the Chainsaw Team had cut. One of the gentlemen involved put new lights on the inside of the building. He shared that the Disaster Response Team has cut the trees and brush around the pump house.

♦ **Venezuela Ministry:** Dennis Jones shared from an email received from Pastor Ramon. He said they have started youth work in another new area. They continue to meet in small groups. He said they are looking at a larger house to purchase for a meeting place and are praying for the funds. *The motion was made and seconded that the Network send \$2500 to Pastor Ramon to go toward the purchase of the property. The motion carried.*

Christian Sympathy to our Venezuela Pastor, Ramón Tovar, and his family upon the passing of his wife, Morella, and to the family and friends of Pastor Jorge, Associate Pastor in Venezuela, upon his passing.

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

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

♦ **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.

♦ **Bland Ministry Center:** Director Dee Dee Hoosier reported that Mission Teams are starting to come back, Bluefield College still has students on campus and the food pantry is being heavily used, Thursdays are 'Free Produce Day' from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. Folks can drive up to the warehouse and receive a bag of produce and whatever food items that are extras. These are not seconds or in bad shape. We have been blessed and will share. There is not a geographic limit on who can come get this food. Today 102 cars came through. We have a new dentist – Carolyn Muller. If any Wythe County church is having a back-to-school distribution this summer or any kind of event and would like us to set up, be present, or even just give you some hygiene kits to pass out, please let us know; we still need a transit van or station wagon or SUV to haul our dental equipment to different schools.

♦ **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

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NOTES FROM OUR INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR

JERRY STONE

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

John 8:31-36

INDEPENDENCE DAY! For me, Independence Day is every day because God graciously, mercifully, and lovingly saved me and now I am no longer dominated by sin in my life. Do I still fall short? Yes, I do, but I return to God asking for forgiveness, and God is faithful to forgive and restore.

The verses above tell me "IF" we remain in God's Word (*hold to my teaching, verse 31*), God has promised that 1. we are indeed God's disciples 2. we will know the truth 3. the truth will make us free.

I noticed in verse 31 it says, "*To the Jews who **had** believed him,*" and I stopped and wondered about this and thought, are these Jews who believed at one time and now they have grown cold and have hardened their hearts. Do they not realize when they say, "... *and have never been slaves of anyone ... How can you say that we shall be set free?*" the sin of pride has entered their hearts.

Oh, that we never forget or grow cold to the fact that we all fall short of the glory of God but "IF" we remain in God's Word we are His disciples and sons and daughters that have a permanent place in God's family forever and the Son has set us free indeed. That's shout'en ground to me—"Praise the Lord."

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Remember to mark your calendars—on Thursday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. I invite anyone who would like to join the choir to come to the choir room as we begin to practice our songs in preparation to lead the church in victory the first Sunday in August. Join us; we need you!

Thank you to all those who contributed money in order to help renovate the choir room. Everyone is invited to come by and see how we are progressing with our new Choir Room.

I am looking forward with excitement and anticipation to 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 and thank Cathy Valley for her dedication in being the Piano Accompanist here at WBC. Thank you also to Mary Graham who plays for Cathy when she is out or leading the music. Both ladies are amazing at what they do and bring the joy of the Lord to us through music. Thank you ladies for your dedication.

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



Children's Clothes Closet

It's summer time and we have summer 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, July 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.



AUGUST 2021 BEACON ARTICLES

All August 2021 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, July 19. 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 July.

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.

They can always use volunteers. If you would like to become a volunteer at the Open Door Café, go to:

<https://www.opendoorcafewytheville.org>

then click the Volunteer tab. On their website you can also find information about their menu for the day, a gallery of pictures, how to donate to this worthy cause and so much more.

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring canned vegetables for the months of July, 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

After much deliberation, the Wythe Arts Council is so excited to present our 2021 season. This year, in order to provide the safest possible live event, we will be hosting Chautauqua Thursday, July 29 through Sunday, August 1. Additional Chautauqua programming will be held the week leading up to those dates, and will be announced soon. We will also be featuring online access to many of our Chautauqua related events, so that those who wish to participate virtually may do so. Our other events are currently "To Be Determined", but we hope to bring you as many live, high quality events throughout the year as we can. For more information, go to www.Wythe-Arts.org. In order to kick off this year's events, we will be introducing a new event at the beginning of the summer: stay safe and stay tuned for more information!

With gratitude,
Wythe Arts Council, Ltd.

CELEBRATION AND STREET FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 3, 2021, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Main Street, Wytheville • www.DowntownWytheville.org

Patriotic Kids Parade

Kids Splash Zone

Live pottery & demonstrations

Artist, Maker, and Craft vendors

6+ bands at multiple venues

Prize giveaways

Touch a Truck event

Kids Splash Zone

Cruise in

Fireworks

**Supporting local businesses
and much more!!**

SEE YOU THERE!

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:

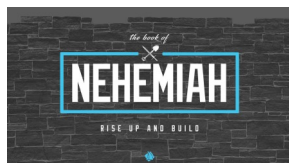
July 7: Nehemiah 1

July 14: Nehemiah 2

July 21: Quarterly Church Conference

July 28: Nehemiah 3

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



Six Month Giving Statements

You will soon receive your six month financial statement. If you have any questions about your statement, or do not receive your statement by July 15, please notify the church office.

***Our next Quarterly Church Business Conference
held in the sanctuary
Wednesday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m.***



A special thank you to my Church family, and especially to Guy and Linda Sutphin for your prayers and kindness during my surgery and recovery at home.

Tom Collins

Janet Montgomery thanks everyone for your prayers for her daughter, Mary Johnson. The doctor was able to remove the tumor and save the kidney. There is no need for chemo or radiation. Please continue in pray for a complete recovery. God is so good!

Janet Montgomery

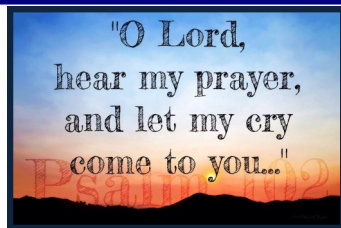
The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down Life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's Grocery Store.
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide;
And when I came to, I was standing inside.
I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care."
Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store.
And all you could not carry, you could come back the next day for more.
First, I got some Patience. Love was in the same row.
Further down was Understanding.
You will need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of Wisdom; a bag or two of Faith.
I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost for He was all over the place.
I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run the race.
By then, my basket was getting full; but I remembered I needed Grace.
I didn't forget Salvation for Salvation is free.
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill.
For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.
As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayer. I just had to put that in.
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run into Sin.
Peace and Joy were plentiful. They were on the last shelf.
Songs and Praises were hanging near; so I just helped myself.
Then I said to the angel, "How much do I owe?"
He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
Again, I smiled at him and said, "How much now do I really owe?"
He smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

Carroll Stewart
Librarian

HOME: Glenna Turner, Adam Lester, Tom Collins, Ann 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, Betty and John Matheny, Colleen Dunford, Mae Clemons, Della Dunford, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

FAMILY: Carroll Stewart's brother, Jimmy Canada; Janet Montgomery's daughter, Mary Johnson; Cathy Valley's brother and niece, Stan Taylor and Kim; Carla Estep's granddaughter, Everleigh; Eric and Ann Collins's daughter, Mary Collins-Gili; Almetta Cruff's 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, **Christian Sympathy to** our Venezuela Pastor, Ramón Tovar, and his family upon the passing of his wife, Morella, and to the family and friends of Pastor Jorge, Associate Pastor in Venezuela, upon his passing. Tim Clemons, Joe McAfee, Jason, John Viars, DeeDee Hosier and Bland Ministry Center, Wythe County, our Nation, people in Venezuela and their Pastor, Ramon and his wife, Modella, and family

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

Wednesday, July 7: Personnel Team begins meeting with staff—10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, July 14: Staff—10:30 a.m. in the conference room
 Tuesday, July 20: Deacons'—7:00 p.m. at the church
 Wednesday, July 21: Quarterly Church Business Conference—7:00 p.m. at the church
 Tuesday, July 27: Discipleship—7:00 p.m. in the church parlor

July Birthdays

1 Daniel Burke
 7 Mandy Phillips
 Gail Pack
 8 Doug Roope
 11 Dale Yontz
 13 Ellie King
 Emmie King
 Doris Muncy



15 Almetta Cruff
 17 Gary Taylor
 18 Gary Estep
 Gena Anders
 23 Mary Katherine Claypool
 26 Rosalene Heath
 27 Bill Carter
 29 Pamela Dawn Clark

DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 4: Tommy Hilton
 July 11: Janet Montgomery
 July 18: Chris Bracknell
 July 25: Eric Crowgey

USHERS Team III:

Danny Sowers, Bonnie Agnew
 Chris Bracknell, Gary Estep

TELLERS

Emery Pruett and Guy Sutphin

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of July

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Monday



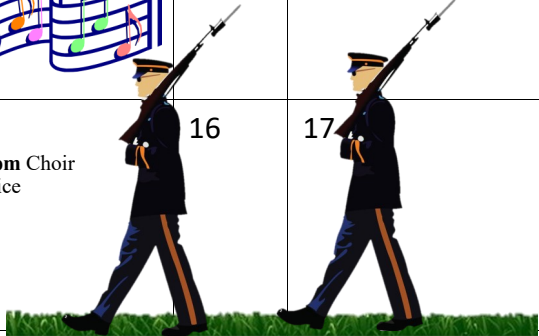


Tuesday

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Saturday

<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>				1	2	3 3:00 to 10:00pm Fourth of July Celebration & Street Festival – Main St., Downtown Wytheville
 Independence Day <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 Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day	6	7 10:30am Personnel Team begins meeting with staff 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Nehemiah 1 via Zoom	8 7:00pm Choir Practice Resumes in the Choir Room 	9	10
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	14 10:30am Staff meeting in the Conference Room 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Nehemiah 2 via Zoom	15 7:00pm Choir Practice 	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 1:00 to 6:00pm Wythe-Bland Diabetes Health Fair, Withers Park, 300 N. 4th Street, Wytheville, VA. For more info call 276-250-1056 or email wytheblandcommserv@gmail.com Door prizes, exhibits, screenings, healthy snacks, cooking demo and much more 	19 	20 7:00pm Deacons' meeting at the church	21 7:00pm Quarterly Church Business Conference held in the sanctuary	22 2:30 to 4:00pm Children's Clothes Closet 7:00pm Choir Practice	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 7:00pm Discipleship meeting in the church parlor	28 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Nehemiah 3 via Zoom	29 CHAUTAUQUA IN THE PARK July 29 to August 1 www.Wythe-Arts.org	30	31