

WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS MOVING DEEPER IN RELATIONSHIPS

As we approach summer, there will be a difference from last year. Things are beginning to open without restrictions for those who are vaccinated, and people will be able to travel to visit family and friends. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and seek ways to experience the opportunities and enjoy what God has given us. For many people, it has been over a year since traveling and enjoying another place with family and friends. I look forward to especially visiting my kids and grandkids.

However, remember our weekly gatherings for Worship and the opportunity to gather on Zoom on Wednesday nights. These two things have helped us stay

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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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connected throughout this pandemic. If you have not joined us on Wednesday nights and need a link to join, please send me an email, and I will send you the link. We will continue to step forward in doing things here at church as we are able. I am hoping by September that we can start our Fellowship Groups on Sunday mornings. Plus, sometime this fall, gathering again for Wednesday nights. The choir will begin to gather and practice for Sunday Worship Services. We will be able to experience God in multiple ways as we spend more time together again.

The spiritual journey has not stopped because of the pandemic. It has given additional opportunities and, in a lot of cases, extra time to spend with God, seeking to know God's will for our community of faith. I pray you have added spiritual disciplines to your journey and will maintain them for the rest of your life.

Please remember there are those around us who still need to hear about the salvation and eternal life God has for them through Jesus Christ. As opportunities present themselves, each of us needs to share how we started our relationship with God. If you do, it could make an eternal difference for someone else.

As always, I am here to assist and guide you on your spiritual journey of becoming more like Christ. I can suggest resources and practices that will help you to know God better and experience in deeper ways the grace and peace God has for you. God has an excellent plan for us as the community of faith on the corner of Spring and Church streets. How will you deepen your activity in God's work in our community?

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 meeting will be Thursday, June 3, 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 the Food pantry is averaging about 50 families a week. The Clothes Closet is only open one day a week, but as the COVID numbers drop, they plan to reopen for the second day of each week. The Bluefield College food pantry is being utilized heavily. We certainly appreciate the support provided to us by the network.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Venezuela Ministry:** Pastor Ramon continues to express appreciation for our prayers and financial assistance.

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 June.

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

The Wythe County Sheriff's Department, Open Door Café, and the Wytheville Baptist Church thanks the Good News Sunday School Class for obtaining and delivering meals and tokens for meals from the open Door Café to the Wythe County Sheriff's Department. The class provided 50 meals to the men and women who put their lives on the line everyday to keep us safe. Everyone greatly appreciated this blessing.



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, and Peanut Butter for the month of 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

The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang:

*"He is good;
his love endures forever."*

Then the temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.

2 Chronicles 5: 13-14

PRIASE THE LORD! The masks have come off, the Plexiglass is gone, all the seats are available, and we are in the process of bringing our choir back together. What a blessing!

Did you notice in the verse above that we have an illustration of what happens when we sing from our hearts in praise to God. In the scripture, as their songs of praise rose from the temple, God's presence filled it. What a fantastic example for us if we lift our voices in genuine praise; God, through the Holy Spirit, will fill our true sanctuary—our hearts and lives—with His presence. But let us remember, there is a big difference between just playing music and singing songs for our pleasure and singing praise and honor to our Lord.

When we sing praises to God, our attention focuses on the One who saved us, who gave us eternal life, and who will always love us. Also, when we sing praises to God, our struggles shrink, our complaints lessen, and our worries diminish. It builds up our faith and honors the Lord.

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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!

I send a big THANK YOU to Roger and Becky Hudson for their hard work in helping me clean and organize the choir room. To Angie and her nephews from Grace Point Ministry for transporting all our unneeded furnishings and music to her establishment and to West Virginia where she helps others; also to Mildred Davis for making our beautiful curtains.

We are still under renovation but will soon invite everyone to come see our new choir room.

WHAT A BLESSING!
HALLELUJAH!
GOD IS GOOD!

Jerry



thank
you!

This month we recognize and thank Emery Pruett for his ministry here at WBC. Every week, Emery comes to the church to change our marquee with a selected saying, a Bible verse, words of encouragement, or announcements for our community to read. He always comes into the office with a kind word, a smile, laughter, and a love for his Savior.

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



Children's Clothes Closet

The temperature is rising 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, June 24, 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.



JULY 2021 BEACON ARTICLES

All July 2021 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, June 16. Thank you for your help in this matter.

6. Be the First to Apologize. Pride is poison to a relationship; forgiveness is a healing balm. You can untangle many of the problems in relationships with these simple words: *I'm sorry*. If you begin to thaw the ice, it will soon melt away.

7. Listen More Than You Talk. Listen more to hear the *heart* of the other person, not just the words. Try to understand both those you like and those you don't, and you'll find that you have plenty of friends and few enemies.

8. Be Respectful. We all respond better to those who treat us with respect. Be sure to accord others the same dignity that you would like to receive. The Golden Rule still works.

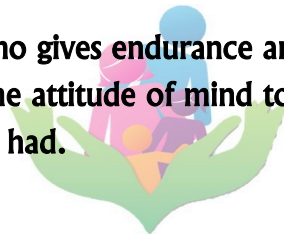
9. Laugh, Laugh, Laugh! Develop the habit of finding humor in every situation, and you'll find less tension and greater harmony in your relationships. Don't take life too seriously. Be willing to poke a little fun at yourself. Find the lighter side of your situation, and every problem will be easier to solve.

10 Remove the Plank from Your Own Eye. Jesus said in Matthew 7:3-5 that before we attempt to remove a speck of sawdust from someone else's eye, we should remove the plank from our own eye first. Or we should examine ourselves before being critical of others.

Carroll Stewart

Librarian

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement
give you the same attitude of mind toward each other
that Christ Jesus had.



Romans 15:5

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



*Remember all the fathers in our
congregation on
Sunday, June 20,
and wish them a
“Happy Father’s Day.”*

*Remember all the special men
in your life
and wish them a
“Wonderful Day in the Lord.”*

The church office will resume regular hours June 7.
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.

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!

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

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

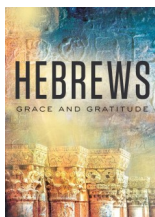
June 2: Hebrews 10:19-39

June 9: Hebrews 11

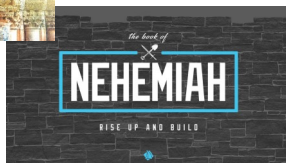
June 16: Hebrews 12

June 23: Hebrews 13

June 30: Introduction to Nehemiah



Hebrews has been a wonderful in-depth study and is enjoyed by all. We hope you will join us while we study the last chapters of Hebrews and then as we begin to study Nehemiah.



COMMUNION OBSERVED

Join us Sunday, June 6, as we observe Communion during our Worship Service.

THE CDC REPORTS

The CDC reports people fully vaccinated against Covid-19 do not need to wear masks or practice social distancing indoors or outdoors. We have taken the ribbons off the pews to allow people to sit where they wish during Worship Service. We ask that you respect other's personal space and remain vigilant in washing your hands. If you feel sick, please stay home until you feel better and watch the service live on Facebook.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



Ten Rules For Relationships taken from the book titled "**If Only I Could Relate To The People I'm Related To**" by Stan Toler, pages 153-155. This is a book given to the church library by Bonnie Agnew.

1. **Always Say Hello.** Always be the first one to say hello. Acknowledging another person's presence is a great way to get a relationship off on the right foot.
2. **Smile.** A friendly smile will warm up any room and can even break the ice between people in conflict. Did you know that it takes seventy-two muscles to form a frown but only fourteen to smile?
3. **Be Generous.** Decide to be a giver. Be willing to help out, lend a hand, run an errand, or make a contribution. That goes for your time, your talent, and your treasure. Always give to others more than you take. Bless others, and you'll be blessed yourself. We get along better when we work together.
4. **Remember Names.** Everyone loves to hear the sound of his or her name. Make an effort to remember names, and use them frequently.
5. **Forget Mistakes.** Make the decision that you will not hold others faults against them. Accept the fact that the people around you are less than perfect. Don't make little problems into big ones, and you'll have few big problems.

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HOME: Gary Carson, Missy Throckmorton, Adam Lester, Frances Felty, Rick Walker, Lynn Arnold, Dan Robinette, Bill Valley, Jean Moore

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

FAMILY: Janet Montgomery's daughter, Mary Johnson; Frances Felty's daughter, Amanda Baumgardner; Cathy Valley's brother, Stan Taylor; Lee and Lynn Perry's daughter, Sharlene Perry; Carla Estep's granddaughter, Everleigh; Ann Collins' friends, Steve and Sally Sboray; Almetta Cruff's boyfriend, Ronald Kennedy; Pat Anderson's Pastor and wife, Rev. Rob and Shannon Haynes; 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, Jason, 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:

Allene Taylor and family upon the passing of her son, Carlos Taylor, of Bristol, VA.

Carroll Stewart and family upon the passing of her brother-in-law, Dennis Jones

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

Thursday, June 2: WBRBN Leadership meeting—6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church
 Tuesday, June 8: Discipleship—7:00 p.m. in the church parlor
 Wednesday, June 9: Staff—10:30 a.m. in the conference room

June Birthdays

1 Carol Bailey
 6 Carlisle Hostetter
 7 Wynette Yontz
 8 John David Claypool
 9 Emery Pruett
 10 Pat Collins
 Marjorie Wassum
 11 Lee Perry



12 Joel Campbell-Hilton
 Delores Nolan
 Cheryl Murdock
 20 Thomas Comber
 22 Delores Dove
 24 Carroll Stewart
 Claire Wilhelm
 29 Constance Vanover

DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 6: Chris Bracknell
 June 13: Eric Crowgey
 June 20: Guy Sutphin
 June 27: Gary Taylor

USHERS Team II:

Tommy Hilton, Becky Hudson
 Guy Sutphin, Glenna Turner

TELLERS

Ty King and Tom Collins

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of June

June 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The church office will resume regular hours June 7. 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 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 10:19-39 via Zoom	3 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	4	5
<p>6 Communion Observed Benevolence Offering Received 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>	7	8 7:00pm Discipleship meeting in the church parlor	9 10:30am Staff meeting in the Conference room 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 11 via Zoom	10 	11	12
<p>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</p>	14	15	16 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 12 via Zoom 	17	18	19 
<p>20 Happy Father's Day 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>	21	22	23 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 13 via on Zoom	24 2:30 to 4:00pm Children's Clothes Closet	25	26
<p>27 10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary. You can also see the service on</p>	28 	29	30 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation an Introduction to Nehemiah			