

WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS MINISTRY IN A CHANGED WORLD

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. Some people 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. Some Christians tend 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 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 expressed appreciation for all the prayers and support during her surgeries, sickness and loss of her husband. She reported that the Food pantry is averaging about 50 families a week. The Clothes Closet is only open one day a week, but if CoVid numbers keep falling, 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. The school dental program has started. Over sixty kids have been screened thus far. At Spiller Elementary in Wytheville, at least 20% of those screened had urgent dental needs, one had two permanent front teeth with so much decay, they may not be salvageable.

◆ **Venezuela Ministry:** Pastor Ramon sent pictures of recent activities including a football (soccer) tournament for kids. They provided a meal for 142 as an outreach. In a near-by neighborhood where there is no Baptist presence they will soon start a small cell in a home. They are trying to buy a house in another neighborhood. Pastor Ramon expressed his deep-felt gratitude to our Network for the Resolution that was read at the constitution of the God With Us Baptist Church. Pastor Ramon has accepted the call to be pastor of this newly constituted church. He expressed 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 May.

This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.



Open Door CAFE
MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER
Menu
Spinach and Artichoke Stuffed Chicken Breast
Bacon Wrapped Asparagus
Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Mixed Spring Salad
Homemade Rolls
Layered Strawberry Trifle Dessert
FRIDAY MAY 7TH 4PM-6PM
Please make reservations!
\$25 Donation/Meal
Drive-Thru Pick Up
650 W. Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382
276-227-0212

It's a day you don't want to forget! Make sure to spoil your mother, or special person with a gourmet meal from the Café! We will be hosting this fundraiser in a drive-thru manner with pick up being at the Café. If you are interested in purchasing tickets to reserve your meals please follow this link:

<https://wythehope.salsalabs.org/2021May7thODCMothersDayMeal>

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

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



NOTES FROM OUR INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR

*Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Psalm 65:7, 8*

JERRY STONE

We celebrate Mother's Day this month and as I remember my mother I think back when I was a child and she would sing to me. What a comfort and blessing I felt as her love spilled over me in a song. I learned at her knee the love of music and the joy it brings continues in my life to this day.

Thinking of the love she had for me and blessing me in song, I think of the verse in Zephaniah 3:17 (NLT) that describes the love God has for us and sings over us.

For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

How beautiful is that picture, God is alive with us, God delights in us, God will calm all our fears, God will rejoice and sing over us. Before God even spoke, "Let there be..." He loved you and me. Have we as Christians missed this beautiful picture of God's love. Stop and think of how glorious God's voice must sound. How beautiful and wonderful must be the song God sings over us? Ponder that God's delight is directed at you, God's beloved child.

No one on earth can love you like this; no false god or idol loves like this. God loves you and is so concerned about you that He

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has even numbered the hairs of your head. Do we truly understand how much we are valued by God and shouldn't we in turn treasure God in the same way?

Let's join together in song as we praise and worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Because of God's love,

Jerry

This month we recognize and thank all the folks that helped beautify the exterior gardens of our church.

thank
you!

Thanks go out to Chris Bracknell, Guy Sutphin, Tommy Hilton, Roger Hudson, Gary Taylor, Rhonda Bracknell, and Tommy Anders for their work on the grounds weeding, pruning, and mulching.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF
WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO WBC.**

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!



Children's Clothes Closet

Spring is here and we have summer 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, May 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.



JUNE 2021 BEACON ARTICLES

All June 2021 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, May 17. Thank you for your help in this matter.

For reservations to heaven, please enter **JOHN** followed by the numbers, 3:16.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, life and other planets, please wait until you arrive in heaven for the specifics.

Our computers show that you have already been prayed for today, please hang up and call again tomorrow.

The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday.

If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local Pastor

Thank you and have a heavenly day.

Carroll Stewart
Librarian

thank
you!

Thank you to Bonnie Agnew for the beautiful display set of the Last Supper plus a box of books. The Last Supper has individual ceramic characters of Christ and each of the twelve disciples. It also includes a full-size table with Christ and the disciples sitting or standing around it as we always see in pictures. The table has several plates of bread and drinks sitting on it. It's an excellent display item we can use at Easter for years to come. Thank you Bonnie!

There were 25 to 30 books given to the church library that are in excellent condition. A decision was made to donate at least half of them to Sharon Sowers's home church in Nickelsville. There is a seminary in their church and they need books that the students can use in their new library. We know that the students will benefit from these books.

Submitted by Carroll Stewart

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2021

Each year we are richly blessed to have a law that has proclaimed a day of prayer. This law was signed into effect in 1952. Decades later, America and other nations are still in need of our prayers. It is our responsibility as Christians to pray for all people, in all nations, every day because people are still in need and the Church is still called to pray, care, and share the message.

Our 2021 National Day of Prayer theme is praying and proclaiming a promise of God in our theme verse, 2 Corinthians 3:17,

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.



On Thursday, May 6, please partner with us as we stop from our daily routine to pray and spend time seeking God's mercy, grace, and salvation for all people.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

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

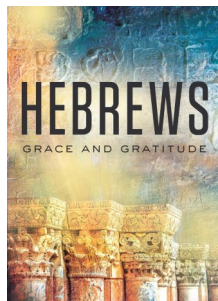
May 5—Hebrews 7

May 12—Hebrews 8

May 19—Hebrews 9

May 26—Hebrews 10

This has been a wonderful in depth study and is enjoyed by all. We hope you will join us.



Memorial Day, May 31, for many Americans, conjures up images of hamburgers, hot dogs, swimming pools, and summertime. But the

last Monday in May serves, most importantly, as a time to honor those who died while fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces. It's a holiday steeped in somber American history and tradition. The day actually began as "Decoration Day," following the Civil War, when mourners placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. Yes, Memorial Day has also come to signify the "unofficial" start of summer, but let's remember the heroes who made it all possible.

Monday, May 31, the church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



GOD'S VOICE MAIL

Most of us have now learned to live with voice mail as a necessary part of our lives. Have you ever wondered what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing the following:

Thank you for calling heaven.

For English press 1

For Spanish press 2

For all other languages press 3

Please select one of the following options:

Press 1 for request

Press 2 for Thanksgiving

Press 3 for complaints

Press 4 for all others.

I am sorry all our Angels and Saints are busy helping others right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to:

God, press 1

Jesus, press 2

Holy Spirit, press 3

To find a loved one that has been assigned to heaven Press 5, then enter his Social Security Number followed by the pound key. (If you receive a negative response, please hang up and dial area code 666)

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HOME: Jerry Stone, Mildred Davis, Gary Carson, Almetta Cruff, 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: Guy and Linda's daughter, Jennifer Dowden; Gary Taylor's extended family, Barry Parrish; 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 friend, Helen Coley, and uncle, George Parks; 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: Christian Sympathy to T.J. Kolis and family upon the passing of his mother, Retired Wytheville Police Detective Donna Tolley Kolis; Teachers, Students, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Garnett and Paula Miller, 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



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Dr. O.J. Campbell upon his 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

Tuesday, May 11: Discipleship—7:00 p.m. on Zoom
 Wednesday, May 12: Staff—4:00 p.m. on Zoom

May Birthdays

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| 1: Kathleen Landrith | 15: Tommy Terry |
| 2: Melissa Byrd | 20: Janet Montgomery |
| Judy Pendleton | 21: Sylvia McGhee |
| 3: Mike Stoker | 23: Todd Ball |
| 4: Teresa O'Roark | Zanah McCoury |
| 5: Becky Hudson | 24: Mary Morgan |
| 11: Clair Veasey | Tommy Hilton |
| 12: Noah Willis | 26: Nancy Herndon |
| | 28: Paul Garst |



DEACON OF THE WEEK

- May 2: Eric Crowgey
 May 9: Guy Sutphin
 May 16: Gary Taylor
 May 23: Tommy Hilton
 May 30: Janet Montgomery

USHERS Team I:

Tommy Anders, Gena Anders
 Joe Crowgey, Carlisle Hostetter

TELLERS






Janet Montgomery, Gary Taylor

GREETERS

Designated Ushers for the month of May

May 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <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	3	4	5 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 7 on Zoom	6 National Day of Prayer	7	8
9  10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	10	11 7:00pm Discipleship meeting on Zoom	12 4:00pm Staff meeting on Zoom 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 8 on Zoom	13 	14	15
16 10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	17 	18	19 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 9 on Zoom	20	21	22
23 10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube	24	25	26 7:00pm Spiritual Conversation on Hebrews 10 on Zoom	27 2:30 to 4:00pm Children's Clothes Closet	28	29
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