

**Boldly
 returned 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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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS	PASTOR'S THOUGHTS
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thank God for the beauty around me and for allowing me to have the ability to hike and run.

As I think about it, there is not a part of the day when prayer is not part of what I am doing. Prayer for me is an ongoing continuing conversation with God which often only pauses while I sleep. When I wake in the middle of the night, prayer often starts again. You could say prayer is a lifeline that provides daily substance for me. Prayer is my spiritual food for the continuing journey God is always asking me to take. Prayer allows me to share the depth of my heart with my Creator and provides time for me to hear God speak into the deepest parts of my heart.

I do not think I could live without this ongoing continuing prayer. Some of my favorite books are about prayer. Part of my vacation last month, I spent reading a wonderful book I hope will guide me in preparation for my sabbatical on prayer next year. I realize there is so much for me to learn in this area. I want to develop a better sense of hearing God speak during times of prayer.

I wonder how people live without prayer as I have daily now for so many years, yet they do. Prayer is a discipline I have developed over three decades, little by little. I want to lead you to develop a similar habit in your daily life, even as I learn more about prayer.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



TO ALL OUR LADIES

If you are a mother or step-mother, or someone who does not have children but are a mentor in the faith, a prayer warrior, or teacher of scripture; we wish you all...



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

SELECT MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2023 MEETING

The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network website can be reached by searching the name or by copying and pasting

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

- **Hearts and Hammers:** Dave Clonch shared that they worked with a mission team from Dublin, GA, for the 5th year to build ramps. They built a ramp in Pearisburg. H&H also installs temporary ramps. H&H purchased a temporary ramp for the Dublin, GA, group to use in their area and purchased one to be used in Bland County. H&H plans to build 3 more ramps in Pulaski County this year.
- **Claytor Lake Camp:** Dave Clonch reported for Thomas Cundiff that a workday with people from 5 churches was held to cut brush on the property. He also shared that, as Abbie Kramer reported, the mission team from Radford and VT also worked. He said the windows have been purchased and will be installed. He said the Boy Scouts will clear another area. The cleaning schedule is: May – Calvary August – Dublin June – Fairlawn September – Trinity July – Cambria October - ??

Blessings, C. F. Damron, Mission Team Coordinator

ATTENTION LADIES:

KATHRYN ISAAC & MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE

Dear ladies of Wytheville Baptist Church and friends,

Please join us in the fellowship hall on Monday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. for a time of devotions, prayer, and discussing ideas how to serve and minister to our church and community. Any and all ladies are welcome.



You are cordially invited to a

baby shower

to celebrate Zach and Alyssa Robinson's new addition to the their family,

Claira Joy Robinson

Saturday, May 27, 2023
Wytheville Baptist Church
Williams Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.

Alyssa is registered at
<https://www.babylist.com/list/vgenhuwih>



**Notes from our
Minister of Music
and Worship**



JERRY STONE

I first want to express my utmost appreciation for all those who participate in our Choir. You have sacrificed your time and talent to give praise to the Lord through music and I am so blessed to be able to lead this group of people. I pray for you always that God will bless you as you have blessed me and the church.

“Don't just sing; lead worship!”

I will begin using this statement to encourage our Choir to be bold in their ministry of music. 2 Chronicles 5:13-14 says:

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.

Music of praise to our Lord has always been an important part of the worship service because it will soften a heart to the moving of the Holy Spirit. Then as the scripture is read and the message is given, God will move in a wonderful and powerful way to draw that heart closer to Him. Music, scripture, and the message go hand-in-hand to encourage and uplift the congregation, give assurance, draws others to Christ, and put the enemy on the run.

When an enemy came against Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20, he called the people of Judah to fast and seek God. Then Jehoshaphat

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stood and prayed, “Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel, and he told all the people, “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.” Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise Him for the splendor of His holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.”

As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against their enemy.

The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

Why is this relevant for us today? Our Choir is also to lead our folks in singing and praise to honor and experience God in worship so that He can bring us victory against the enemy and to claim His promises.

Singing Praises to God,

Jerry

**NATIONAL
DAY of Prayer**

Join us in Elizabeth Brown Park Thursday, May 4, at 12:00 noon for National Day of Prayer. This is a time when people from our community gather for a time dedicated to prayer.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.



CHILDREN’S CLOTHES CLOSET

The weather is getting warmer and we have spring and summer clothes in our 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 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please earmark your check “Children’s Clothes Closet” and place it in the offering plate. The Children’s Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, May 25, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

JUNE 2023 BEACON ARTICLES

All June 2023 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday May 17. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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 and Camera Man, Gary Carson, for providing this link for our encouragement, learning, and inspiration.



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 remainder 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 is always used to help others for the glory of God.

Thank you for giving from the heart.



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 helps 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 Guy and Linda Sutphin.



“Stewardship is a core value of our organization. We strive to be good stewards of both donor contributions and the natural environment,” said HOPE Executive Director Andy Kegley. “Solar power will reduce our operating cost structure to help deliver our zero hunger and housing-first services more efficiently to more people in need while helping us use clean energy.”

PASTOR-CHURCH RELATIONS TEAM REPORT

The Pastor-Church Relations Team has been very busy since our January report. In January we were meeting bi-monthly. In February we realized we needed to meet weekly to complete the application for the Lilly Clergy Renewal Foundation grant. In February, the team worked out the duties and compensation for the interim pastor. The team is now working on a Church-Interim Pastor Covenant.

On March 2, the final edit was done, a required letter was received from Attorney Scott Farthing regarding tax-free status, and the video was approved. The application was completed and submitted. The church was notified that the application was received and accepted. The team adjourned for a well-deserved break. Our next meeting will be May 18, at 1:30 p.m.

My heartfelt thank you to the members of this team, Dee Nolan, Tommy Hilton, Ty King, Linda Sutphin, and Pastor Tim, for their endurance, diligence, faithfulness, and plain old hard work! They have eagerly taken on anything they have been asked to do. We are very proud of the finished application. Everyone was emailed a copy of the submitted forms, including the video. Jan will provide you with a hard copy if you let her know you would like to have one. Thank you for your prayers as we wait to hear from the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program in late August of this year. We will continue to meet monthly and prepare for this Sabbatical time as we wait.

Cathy Valley, Chairperson



BIBLE STUDY FOR CHILDREN

After the meeting on Monday, April 24, we have made some changes to the previous announcement concerning Sunday School for children. After discussion, we decided to move this Bible Study for our children from Sunday morning to Wednesday evening following the Wednesday night meal. The class will be held in the Nursery during the Adult Bible Study from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. We decided to begin with only preschoolers for now and add other study classes for children as needed. Parents can attend the Wednesday night Bible Study and their children will receive Bible stories and other appropriate activities. We are in the process now of finding the procedure for having our workers complete a background check. If anyone is interested in being a part of this service, please contact the church office. We will need more workers as this program grows. Please keep this in your prayers as we begin this service.

**DAILY QUIET TIME WITH GOD
ENCOUNTER SERIES**

The second Wednesday of each month our Spiritual Conversation will include a video and discussion on *Daily Quiet Time With God*. If you would like to preview this video series or can not be with us and would like to watch the series, you can view them by copying and pasting the following address onto the Internet,

https://www.24-7prayer.com/podcast_series/be-still/

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

Please join us in the fellowship hall every Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m. as we delve into our Spiritual Conversation on the book of Deuteronomy. The schedule is:

- May 3: Deuteronomy 16
- May 10: Video and Discussion on *Daily Quiet Time with God*
- May 17: Deuteronomy 17
- May 24: Deuteronomy 18
- May 31: Deuteronomy 19



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



Thank you to our Constitution Team—Billie Taylor, Diane Ball, Linda Sutphin, and Bill Valley—who ensure our Constitution and By-Laws are up-to-date and correct.

**THANK YOU FOR BRINGING GLORY TO GOD
AND TAKING CARE OF WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO WBC.**

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



A Portrait of Jesus by Joseph F. Girzone

There are countless paths to follow when seeking spiritual guidance, but thousands of years of religion and theology cannot replace the premier example that Jesus himself set for us. This book recaptures the truth of Jesus that is presented to us in the Gospels and gives a compelling vision of the person Jesus' contemporaries must have known.

In His most powerful work, Girzone seeks to personify Christ in the minds of readers by asking some simple questions: What did people see in Jesus as He walked down the street? How did He approach others, and what would these people take away from meeting Him? What do His actions tell us about how we can live our lives today?

It is Girzone's empowering and loving understanding of the heart of Christianity that will make this book a groundbreaking classic in the tradition of his *Joshua* and *Never Alone*.

Carroll Stewart
Librarian



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

HOME: Jean Moore, Lynn and Lee Perry, Lynn and Rick Arnold, Pamela Clark, Glenna Turner, Eric and Ann Collins, Betty and Dan Robinette, Rick Walker, Bill and Cathy Valley, Tom Collins and family, Missy Throckmorton, Sylvia McGhee

EXTENDED CARE: Marjorie Wassum, Adren Eldridge, Mary Hall, Colleen Dunford, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

FAMILY: Janet Montgomery's son-in-law, Maurice Johnson; John and Cynthia Wills' children, Noah and Victoria; Mike and Jenny Stoker's daughter, Maria; Carroll Stewart's sister, Darla Walters, and niece, Mendy; Lee and Lynn Perry's daughter, Cheryl; Eric Garrison's mother, sons, son's grandparents, and friends; Sean Smith's friend, Richard; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity

FRIENDS: Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Lt. Dewey Clemons Jr. upon his passing; Dawson, Eric J., Bill, Andrew Wilson, Dr. Jessee, Barbara Guy, Tim Clemons, DeeDee Hoosier and Bland Ministry Center, The lost, Those dealing with addiction, Those dealing with depression, Teachers, Students, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Wythe County, our Nation, people in Venezuela and their Pastor, Ramon, and his family; people in Ukraine, Turkey, Syria

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Airman Joseph Robinette, Thomas Collins, 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.



May 3: Sandwich Supper, Meat, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Veggies, Chips, Dip, Apricot Pound Cake

May 10: Pork Loin, Stuffing, Gravy, Green Beans, Baked Apples, Cookies, Ice Cream

May 17: Lasagna, Toss Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding

May 24: Salad Supper: Chicken Salad, Rolls, 7-Layer Salad, Jell-O Salad, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert

May 31: Barbecue Chicken, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Pasta Salad, Chocolate Pound Cake



Meetings

Every Tuesday:	A Time of Prayer—10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 8:	WCMA—9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 8:	KIMC Circle meeting—6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10:	Staff—10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 18:	Pastor-Church Relations/Sabbatical Team—1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23:	Discipleship—3:00 p.m.

May Birthdays

1: Kathleen Landrith	20: Janet Montgomery
3: Mike Stoker	21: Sylvia McGhee
5: Becky Hudson	23: Todd Ball
11: Clair Veasey	Zanah McCoury
12: Noah Willis	24: Mary Morgan
15: Zach Robinson	Tommy Hilton



DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 7: Chris Bracknell
 May 14: Jenny Stoker
 May 21: Tommy Hilton
 May 28: Janet Montgomery

USHERS Team IV:

Gary Taylor, Billie Taylor
 Glenna Turner

TELLERS

Guy Sutphin and Rick Walker

May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	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—Closed</p>	1	2 10:00am A Time of Prayer	3 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation on Deuteronomy 16 7:45pm Choir Practice	4 12:00pm Elizabeth Brown Park NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	5 Church Office Closed	6
<p>7 Communion Observed Benevolence Offering Received</p> <p>9:00 to 10:00am Principles of Faith meets in room 218/220 on main floor 10:30am Worship Service. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page or Wytheville Baptist Church YouTube</p>	8 6:30pm KIMC Circle in the fellowship hall	9 9:00am Wythe County Ministerial Association meeting 10:00am A Time of Prayer	10 10:30am Staff meeting 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Video and Discussion on <i>Daily Quiet Time with God</i> 7:45pm Choir Practice	11	12 Church Office Closed	13
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