



# Wytheville Baptist Church

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## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS Spiritual Journey

How would you describe your spiritual life? Would you say, "I joined the church, was baptized, and have attended for several years?" Or "I still seek to know God better daily and realize my spiritual life is a continuing ongoing journey that I will never finish." These two statements form either end of a broad spectrum of the Christian life. Most people will find themselves somewhere in between. I am understanding more and more each day that my spiritual life is a continuing journey. God has called me to help others see this in a better understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

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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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A daily journey of looking for God working around me always brings a dynamic day filled with blessings. This even happens during tough times and disappointments. Realizing the Holy Spirit is walking each day with me, guiding me, and encouraging me to step more in the direction to be like Jesus Christ is an exciting way to live. It is much better than listening to the negative influence of this world.

Every day is an opportunity to learn or see a new way that God loves this world and me. Every day I can choose to see the blessings God is pouring down. Every day I can look for ways God is revealing God's self to me. I have come to a place where it is necessary to eat the spiritual food God provides each morning. Throughout my day, I spend many moments talking with God about everything.

Yes, there have been times in my life when I have not been this conscious of God during the day. As I look back on those times, I see times when I became frustrated and was unaware of God's love for me. I lived a life that reacted to events around me, not a life that sought to bring God's love to people who needed it. I can see so many moments when I missed the very blessings God was pouring on me.

So, now I seek each day to connect with God more deeply. I do not want to miss the presence of God or the blessings God is trying to give me. I do not want to live a single day without coming to know God better.

Do you have this same passion? Please search your heart and find the answer because God's desire is for you to live a continuing ongoing growing spiritual journey.

Because of God's Love,  
Pastor Tim



### SELECT MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 3, 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>

- **Announcements:**

- 1) **Leadership Dinners:** Keith reminded everyone that the Leadership Dinners are held at El Ranchero Restaurant, 5239 Alexander Rd, Dublin (near Walmart Supercenter). These dinners are provided by the WBRBN. The schedule is:  
Music Leaders October 3, 6:30 p.m.

- **Evangelism Efforts:** Keith introduced David Sizemore. Rev. Sizemore shared that he would like to see Lebanon Association and our Network churches partner together to strengthen our evangelism efforts. He asked that we first join in prayer regarding this. He suggested that maybe we could have a combined prayer effort to build a relationship to do missions together. Charles shared that he had spoken with Andy Barnes, Field Strategist, who indicated he is willing to do anything to help partner together.

- **Meetings:** Keith reminded us that our next meeting is Thursday, October 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Dublin Baptist Church. The Annual Meeting is October 15. He shared that he hopes to generate more interest in the meeting – to be more than sharing reports. Possible music groups and speakers were discussed.

Blessings,  
C. F. Damron  
Mission Team Coordinator

## Pastor – Church Relations Team Report

September, 2023

The Pastor–Church Team met on September 7, 2023. They have approved and submitted a position notice for Interim Pastor to the Baptist General Association of Virginia and our local Network. The Team will complete the request form for the 2023-2024 Budget this month.

We are very excited to have begun “The Prayer Course: An Eight Week Journey Through the Lord’s Prayer,” which includes the study of How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People, to equip us to lead small groups during the church’s time of renewal during Pastor Tim’s Sabbatical. Each of us has already learned new insights about what prayer is, what it can mean to our lives, and how to have a deeper walk with God through prayer. We believe this is going to be a delightful adventure.

Thank you for your patience and your prayers through this process. Please continue to pray for Pastor Tim, each member of the team, and the search for the Interim Pastor that the Lord wants to send to us.

Sincerely Submitted,  
Cathy Valley



### **KATHRYN ISAACS AND MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE**

The Circle met on Monday, September 11, at 12:30 p.m. for a “Brown Bag” Luncheon in the Williams Hall. There were 14 ladies present. What a blessing that was. After some discussion, the ladies decided to meet socially for lunch on the first Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. This month we will enjoy our lunch at Open Door Café on Monday, October 2. Ladies, please join us and bring a friend.

Our regular meetings will remain on the second Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our next regular meeting will be October 9. Remember to bring your “Brown Bag Lunch.”

During our September meeting, there was an enthusiastic discussion as the group selected Mission Projects for the 2024 year. Cathy Valley circulated the “Sonshine Project” list for sign-ups and stated that an updated list would be distributed in October.

The Mission Action Project for October will be “The Open Door Café.” The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Janet.

Ladies, join us as we serve God, pray collectively, work on our mission projects, and fellowship together.

# Thank You

**PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY**  
*We appreciate your faithful service.*

Fall is in the air, and it is the time of year when we express our appreciation to our Pastor and his wife. The Pastor-Church Relations Team has designated Sunday, October 29, 2023, as Pastor Appreciation Sunday, a day to honor our beloved Pastor Tim and his wife, DeAnne. We invite each of you to a pot-luck luncheon, in Williams Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Worship Service. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert, the meat, drinks, etc. will be furnished. There will be a gift bag in the back of the Sanctuary for cards, notes, and love gifts. If you need to bring your expressions of love and gratitude before that date, you may bring it to the church office, or give it to one of the Pastor-Church Relations Team members. If you wish to give through a check, please mark it in the memo line as Pastor Appreciation, or put it in an envelop designated Pastor Appreciation.

Sincerely,

Tommy Hilton  
Ty King  
Dee Nolan  
Linda Sutphin  
Cathy Valley, Chair,





## Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

### JERRY STONE

Do you see God all around you? Do you see God in the most simple -everyday things? Is God in everything you do? Yesterday I was writing a note to a friend and as I spelled out the word October I stopped and looked at each letter and all at once I was looking at



*Our  
Christ  
Triumphant  
Offers  
Bounteous  
Eternal  
Redemption*



I stopped, jumped up and said, "Thank You, Jesus!" I will never look at the word October in the same again. Life is full of God's little surprises in our lives and we need to embrace them. Do we take time to stop from our busy lives and really look around and see all that God has done for us? I am still learning to do just that.



*Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.  
Remember the wonders he has done*

1 Chronicles 16:9-12a

Looking to Jesus,

*Jerry*



## THE OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

### IN WAYS CAN DONORS, BUSINESSES, BODIES OF FAITH, AND OTHERS CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAFÉ'S MISSION?

To offer gift-based dining, the café depends on generous contributions from a variety of charitable giving sources, including donations, major gifts, grants, and special events. These gifts subsidize the costs of operating the café while providing meals at or below the cost.

Supporters can:

- Pay it Forward - Donate anonymously, by credit card, or by purchasing gift tokens/cards to hand out to someone you know.
- Sustain Our Mission - Join our subscription-giving program with a monthly recurring gift of \$10 or more.
- Book Open Door Catering - Open Door Café is your community gathering place for celebrations, family dinners, community announcements, and more. Hire Open Door Catering for your next event! All proceeds benefit the Open Door Café.



Spread the Word of God by telling others to listen to the Sunday morning message by logging on:

[www.wythevillebaptist.org](http://www.wythevillebaptist.org)

then click the Sermons tab.



Once there, people will find each Sunday's sermon plus all the previous sermons of the past months. Thank you to our Multi-Media Team Leader, Daniel Burke and cameraman, 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 October

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 Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Noodles for the months of October, November, and December 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 noon. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please contact Guy and Linda Sutphin.



### NOVEMBER 2023 BEACON ARTICLES

All November 2023 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned in to the church office no later than Thursday, October 19. Thank you for your help in this matter.



Join us on Sunday, October 29, at 10:30 a.m. as we **Praise our Lord with Song**. There will be congregational singing, the Choir will have special singing; we will have trios and soloists and special guests.

Invite someone you would like to introduce to our church. Bring your friends and family. Come looking for a blessing and be a blessing to someone.



**thank you!**

Thank you to Chris and Rhonda Bracknell for sharing their bountiful harvest with the church. Thank you to Guy and Linda Sutphin for sharing their vegetables and honey.

Thank you to Eric and Lisa Crowgey for sharing their corn with our Wednesday night folks. Thank you to Pastor Tim, Daniel Burke, and Jonathan Stoker for fixing the computer issues in the sound booth. May God bless each of you ten-fold for the blessing you have given to the church family.



*We are blessed!*

*Meet our newest members.*

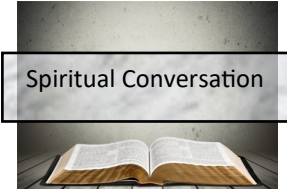
Roger and Carolyn Clements  
Joined September 10, 2023  
Thank you Lord for this blessing.



## 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:

October 4 : Deuteronomy 26  
October 11: Deuteronomy 27  
October 18: Quarterly Business Conference  
October 25: Young Life Presentation



Spiritual Conversation

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

We have a Wednesday Night Children's Program for Preschoolers at 6:45 p.m. in the nursery.



**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 31  
BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Church Street will open as a safe place for children from Wytheville and the surrounding area to

come have fun with Trunk-or-Treat.

This is not an event to advertise, promote, or seek new members for any particular church. This is a time for Christians to come together and show the love and light of God to our community by greeting each child, parent, or friend with a smile, kind word, handshake, hug, a piece of candy, or just by saying Jesus loves you. There are over 1,000 opportunities on this night to let your light shine for God.

To join those in our church family who will be letting their light shine on this night, call the church office for more information and get your name on the list for a parking spot.

We need your prayers and if you can't decorate a car or participate, consider donating a bag or two of candy.

*The possibilities for decorating your trunk emphasizing the love of Jesus are endless.  
Just Google Trunk-or-Treat for Jesus ideas.*

## The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



*Counseling Through Your Bible Handbook...Providing Biblical Hope and Practical Help for 50 Everyday Problems.* By June Hunt.

An Indispensable Guide Filled with Biblical Hope for the hurting. No matter what the problem is, God doesn't leave us without hope or help. The Bible is richly relevant when it comes to the difficult dilemmas we all face. Within these 50 chapters, you will find spiritual wisdom and compassionate counsel on even the hardest issues, such as....

Anger & adultery      fear & phobias      alcohol & drug abuse  
guilt & grief      codependency & cults      rejection & rape  
depression & worry      self-worth & suicide.

The guidance in this handbook is grounded in Scripture, which --- when used properly--- has the power to pull us out of life's ditches and put us on the road to inner freedom and fulfillment. These spiritual truths have proven to be life-changing for those who have listened to June Hunt's commonsense counsel. If you are looking for answers or want to help others, you'll find this the ideal resource to use alongside your Bible.

*Carroll Stewart*  
Librarian

**HOME:** Dee Nolan, Emery Pruet, Jackie Carson, Pamela Clark, Joel Hilton, Jean Moore, Lynn Perry, Lynn and Rick Arnold, 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:** Joe and Jane Crowgey, Marjorie Wassum, Adren Eldridge, Mary Hall, Colleen Dunford, Rosalene "Posey" Heath

**FAMILY:** Janet Montgomery's sister-in-law, Kay Parrish; Guy and Linda Sutphin's great granddaughter; Lewis Powell, Almetta Cruff's aunt, Nancy Parks Maye; Carla Estep's son, Christopher Sheppard and his family, and her mother, Peggy Asbury; Mike and Jenny Stoker's daughter, Maria; Carroll Stewart's brother and his wife, Jimmy and Dee Canada; Lynn Perry's daughter, Cheryl; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity.

**FRIENDS:** Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Rev. Ann Blair upon her passing; Rob and Gale Kern; Jake Hancock, Sean Smith, Chris, Mark and Mary Boenke's daughter, Bridget; Harold Cochran, Mike and Patty Compton and family; Andrew Wilson, Dawson, Eric J., Bill, Barbara Guy, 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, Hawaiian Island of Maui, Morocco, Libya,

**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.

**October 4:** Oven Fried Chicken, Broccoli, Cheese, Rolls, Jell-O Salad, Salted Caramel Apple Cake

**October 11:** Lasagna, Toss Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding

**October 18:** Pork Loin, Stuffing, Gravy, Green Beans, Baked Apples, Poke Cake

**October 25:** Veggie Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers, Veggies, Dip, Blondies, and Ice Cream



## Meetings

Every Tuesday: A Time of Prayer—10:00 a.m.  
 Thursday, October 5: P-CR/Sabbatical & Staff—1:30 p.m. and WBRBN meeting at Dublin Baptist—6:30 p.m.  
 Monday, October 9: KIMC Circle at WBC—12:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, October 10: WCMA—8:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday, October 11: Staff—10:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday, October 17: Deacons'—1:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 18: Quarterly Church Business—6:45 p.m.  
 Thursday, October 19: PCR/Sabbatical & Staff—1:30 p.m.  
 Monday, October 30: Discipleship—3:00 p.m.



## October Birthdays

11 Judy Austin		21 Lydia Troy
JoBeth Hilton		Gary Carson
17 Eric Crowgey		24 Allene Taylor
Lynn Perry		27 Grant Throckmorton
		31 Diana Lopez Torres



### DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 1: Janet Montgomery  
 October 8: Delores Nolan  
 October 15: Jerry Stone  
 October 22: Chris Bracknell  
 October 29: Jenny Stocker

### USHERS Team I:

Roger Hudson, Becky Hudson,  
 Susan Keene

### TELLERS

Ty King and Tommy Hilton

# October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <b>Communion Observed</b> <b>Benevolence Offering Received</b></p> <p><b>9:00 to 10:00am</b> Principles of Faith meets in the fellowship hall and is studying The Lectio Series <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service "Repent and Live" Ezekiel 18:25-32. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page.</p>	<p>2 <b>12:30pm</b> Ladies' Social Lunch at the Open Door Café</p>	<p>3 <b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer <b>6:30pm</b> Leadership Dinners for Music Leaders held at El Rancho Restaurant, 5239 Alexander Rd, Dublin (near Walmart Supercenter). These dinners are provided by the WBRBN.</p>	<p>4 <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall <b>6:45pm</b> Spiritual Conversation in the fellowship hall on Deuteronomy 26 <b>7:45pm</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 <b>1:30pm</b> Pastor-Church Relations/Sabbatical Team and Staff meeting  <b>6:30pm</b> Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church</p>	<p>6 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <b>9:00 to 10:00am</b> Principles of Faith meets in the fellowship hall and is studying The Lectio Series. <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service "Bad Tenants" Matthew 21:33-46. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page.</p>	<p>9 <b>12:30pm</b> KIMC Circle will meet in WBC's fellowship hall. Bring your Brown Bag Lunch.</p>	<p>10 <b>8:00am</b> Wythe County Ministerial Association meeting. <b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>11 <b>10:30am</b> Staff meeting  <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall <b>6:45pm</b> Spiritual Conversation on Deuteronomy 27 in the fellowship hall <b>7:45pm</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>13 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 <b>9:00 to 10:00am</b> Principles of Faith meets in the fellowship hall and is studying The Lectio Series. <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service "In Your Mind" Philippians 4:8,9. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer <b>1:00pm</b> Deacons' meeting</p>	<p>18 <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall <b>6:45pm</b> <b>Quarterly Church Business meeting in the fellowship hall</b> <b>7:45pm</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 <b>1:30pm</b> Pastor-Church Relations/Sabbatical Team and Staff meeting</p> 	<p>20 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>22 <b>9:00 to 10:00am</b> Principles of Faith meets in the fellowship hall and is studying The Lectio Series. <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service "A Rock Cleft" Exodus 33:12-23. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>25 <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall <b>6:45pm</b> Young Live presentation <b>7:45pm</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <b>9:00 to 10:00am</b> Principles of Faith meets in the fellowship hall <b>10:30am</b> Pastor Appreciation and 5th Sunday Sing. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page.</p> 	<p>30 <b>3:00pm</b> Discipleship meeting</p>	<p>31 <b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer</p>  <p><b>5:00pm</b> Church Street Closed for you to prepare your car <b>6:00pm</b> <b>TRUNK-OR-TREAT</b> <b>8:00pm</b> Church Street Reopened</p> 	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Church Office Hours</b> Monday thru Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday—Closed</p> </div>			