



Wytheville Baptist Church

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THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

THANK YOU

I would like to express my thanks to the church for allowing me a time to go on Sabbatical. What a valuable experience it has been for me. I spent time meditatively reading both *The Way of Perfection* by Teresa of Avila and *The Spiritual Canticle* by John of the Cross. Both have been transforming for my love relationship with God and my prayer life.

I want to express also my great thanks to Bill and Linda Lively for stepping in while DeAnne and I were gone. I have heard great and

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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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wonderful things about your ministry over the last three months. You both made it an easy transition for the church.


The Church-Pastor Relations Team also deserves a great deal of thanks for the hard work over the past two years. They spent a great deal of time and many meetings discerning, praying, learning, and preparing to help the church through this time. I look forward to spending more time with this wonderful team as we plan for the future of Wytheville Baptist.

In the two weeks I have been back, I have heard about the exciting time the congregation has had. I still need to hear more of the stories about what happened while I was gone. I am convinced from what I have heard that God has wonderful plans for the future of our church. For us to live into these plans, each person will need to step up and step into the journey God has planned for us. I am looking forward to how God will grow and use us in the Town of Wytheville and beyond.

Because of God's Love,

Pastor Tim

The Next Step On Our Journey



WESTERN BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST NETWORK WEB SITE:
<http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>

- ◆ The next bi-monthly meeting is 6:30 p.m. on August 1, 2024.
- ◆ **MINISTRY DINNERS:** 6:30 p.m. at El Ranchero, 5239 Alexander Rd, Dublin (near Walmart)
 - August 6 - WMU/Women's Ministry
 - September 10 - Deacons
 - October 1 - Music Leaders
- ◆ **BLAND MINISTRY:** DeeDee Hoosier reported a victory – The signing of the deed transfer for the property was Monday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. “
Also reported the Food Pantry served 657 families, 1,170 individuals. The Clothes Closet served 175 families with 676 lbs. of clothing. Two dentists have recently been hired. The Director is from Charlotte and the lead dentist is from Wytheville. They will begin August 1. The BMC has begun an Appalachian Trail Ministry, called “Trail Magic” serving breakfast to hikers on Wednesday’s.
DeeDee expressed appreciation to the Network for the new addition to their office building and the equipment in the warehouse.
- ◆ **HEARTS AND HAMMERS:** Dave Clonch shared that teams are coming from Dublin, GA, and Simpsonville, SC. They will stay at the Church on Main’s lodge at the Camp. They will build two ramps and do a ramp repair.
- ◆ **CHARLES DAMRON** shared a thank you card received from Larissa Richards, CEO of the Pregnancy Resource Center, for the \$1,000 donation for their new facility in Wytheville. He said the grand opening was May 14

C. F. Damron
WBRBN Missions Development Team



CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The next Circle Meeting will be August 12 at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies don't forget your "Brown Bag Lunch."

CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We invite all our ladies and their friends to join us. Please pray and think about mission outreach projects that we can do in the future.

The Anchor Holds



**The Circle of Light and the Circle of Hope
Women's Ministry
Invite you to join us in
WBC's Williams Fellowship Hall to**



**SHOWER THE
BRIDE-TO-BE**

VANESSA LOPEZ

**Sunday Afternoon,
August 18, 2024
2-4 p.m.**

The couple is registered at
Target and Walmart

**We pray blessings upon Andrew McGee and Vanessa Lopez
as they begin a new chapter in their life together.**



Notes from our
Minister of Music
and Worship



Jerry Stone

Folks love summertime; being able to get out, watch things grow, get fresh veggies from the garden, go fishing, camping, or swimming—but *WOW!* It has been extremely hot and humid this summer! My dog doesn't even want to go outside. We will have a string of "Extreme Heat Alerts" and then there will be days of regular summer weather only to rise again to unbearable. And to think, it's not been as hot as those who live in the western states.

This is one reason I look forward to cooler weather, with a gentle breeze, and the sun warming my face. This will be a time of refreshing.

Can we find that beautiful, abundant, life giving refreshing in our Christian walk. Absolutely!

Peter says in Acts 3:19:

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...

Proverbs 3:7-8 states:

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

We all sin and fall short of the glory of God, but if we ask for forgiveness, God is faithful and will refresh us with the cool breeze of His Holy Spirit and the warmth of Jesus' love to shine upon us. Now that is truly a blessing!

Enjoying the warmth of Jesus,

Jerry

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR
5TH SUNDAY SING ON JUNE 30**



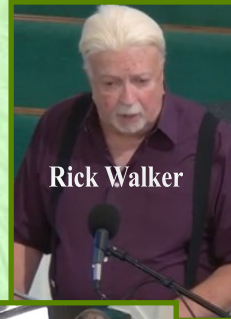
Granger & Lena Wilson



Janet Montgomery & M.J. Johnson



Sonny & Cindy Archer



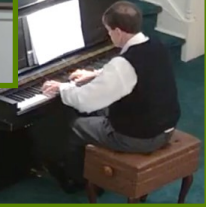
Rick Walker



Alan Ball



**Delores Nolan, Jerry Stone,
Sonny & Cindy Archer, &
Pianist Jim Spraker**



**Special Guest Soloist
Tabitha Manuel**



A gift was presented to Pastor Bill Lively for being our Interim Pastor while Pastor Tim was away. A thank you to Linda, his wife, for supporting Pastor Bill while he served.

What an amazing 5th Sunday Sing. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this Worship Service in Song.



Our unique **GIVE:EAT** community café model depends on generosity and giving! In addition to dining at the café, there are multiple ways you and the community can support our zero hunger mission while enjoying a great meal, engaging one another over the community table, as *everyone eats Wythe us!*

Pay it forward. Make a donation online by credit card, in person at the café, by mail, or by purchasing gift cards to hand out to someone you may know.

Make a sustaining gift. Join our subscription giving program with a monthly recurring gift of \$10 or more. As a token of appreciation, monthly givers receive incentives and rewards with specific items or opportunities in accordance with their gift size. Rather than a merchandise subscription during the holiday season, donors may gift a subscription donation in their friend or loved one's name.

Everyone Eats Wythe Us means that your donations go directly to serving up great food and ending hunger in our community. Open Door Café is a subsidiary of Open Door Community (formerly Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence, Inc.), a 501 c 3 non profit).



**Youth Evangelism Strategies—Missions to
Wind River Indian Reservation, Wyoming**

Our consistent church folks brought the children in to camp and this has had a visible impact on their faith. Five young people came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ the first week of camp! We had them from ages 4 to 18. They have memorized the 10 Commandments. We started an incentive contest for scripture memorization. Most of our regular attendees have already learned most of the Roman Road. Many of the children are from tough places but some are from the worst places. Please pray for them all!

Mike and Monica Brennan

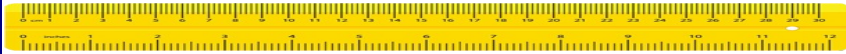


DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

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 Open Door Community to help those in our community who need help. This offering will be received during the month of August.

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.



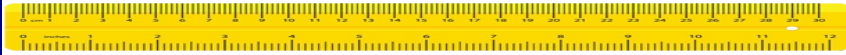
YOU CAN HELP



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring canned vegetables for the months of 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.

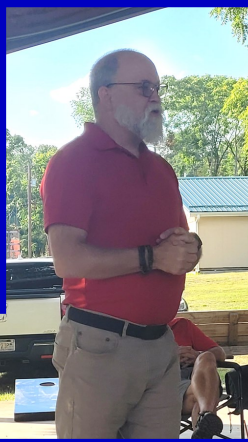


**AUGUST 2024
BEACON ARTICLES**

All August 2024 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, August 19. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR
CHURCH WIDE PICNIC ON JULY 14**

We enjoyed a good time and good food!

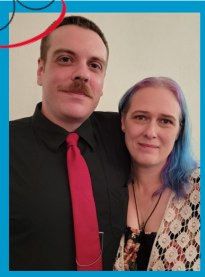


DeAnne and Pastor Tim Irving spoke to us about the blessing they received from the Sabbatical, what they learned, and what their passion is for the coming days.

What a wonderful afternoon!



Who joined the WBC family!



Corey & Felicia Miller
Joined July 14, 2024

Go by and meet them, they are truly a blessing to WBC.

PASTOR-CHURCH RELATIONS TEAM

AUGUST 2024

The Pastor-Church Relations Team members wish to express our appreciation to Interim Bill Lively and Linda for their faithful dedication to WBC during Pastor Tim's Sabbatical, a job well-done. We happily welcome Pastor Tim and DeAnne back to our congregation.

The finale to Sabbatical/Renewal time, the Church-wide picnic at Claytor Lake on July 14, was a great success. The picnic was well-attended, the food was delicious, and the sharing by DeAnne and Pastor Tim was interesting and informative. This time has been enriching for them, providing many opportunities for spiritual growth, deepening their relationships with God, and with each other. We anticipate the next step as we move forward as the body of Christ.

If you missed the beneficial book study, you may still receive a book from the church office or a PCR team member. We would be happy to share with you how to access the 8 videos that accompany the book.

Please continue to pray for this team, our Pastor, DeAnne, and our church.

Cathy Valley

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



We welcome children to the Church Library where they can find a book just for them!

Open A Book

Open a book
And you will find
People and places of every kind;

Open a book
And you can be
Anything that you want to be;

Open a book
And you can share
Wondrous worlds you find in there;

Open a book
And I will too,
You read to me
And I'll read to you.

~By Jane Baskwill~

Carroll Stewart, Librarian



The beautiful restoration
of the church grounds
was lovingly provided by
Joel Hilton and Missy Throckmorton
"In Memory Of"
Dr. O.J. and JoAnn Campbell.

HOME: Roger Clements; Gary Taylor, Emery Pruett, Dolores Dove, Rick Arnold, Ann and Eric Collins, Danny and Sharon Sowers, Carlisle Hostetter, Carroll Stewart, Jackie Carson, Pamela Clark, Joel Hilton, Lynn Perry, Glenna Turner, Betty and Dan Robinette, Rick Walker, Bill and Cathy Valley, Tom Collins and family, Missy Throckmorton, Sylvia McGhee

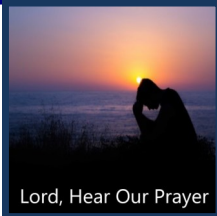
EXTENDED CARE: Diane Ball, Joe Crowgey, Marjorie Wassum, Adren Eldridge, Colleen Dunford

FAMILY: Sharon Sowers' brother; Ty King's daughter, Ellie, and brother-in-law, Bryan King; Linda Lively's friend, Barbara; Janet Montgomery's friend, Betty Branch; Lynn Arnold's son, Adam; Zack Robinson's grandmother, Carolyn; Dee Nolan's sister-in-law, Brenda Edge; Cindy Archer's friend, Robin Edmiston; Mike Stoker's father, Bobby Stoker, and Mike and Jenny's daughter, Maria; Almetta Cruff's friend Don Brady; Glenna Turner's daughter, Tanya Bridges; Cathy Valley's friend, Cheryl Shaver's mother, Gwen Mullins; Lynn Perry's daughter, Cheryl; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity.

FRIENDS: Tom and Becky Smith's son Andrew, Berry Collins' granddaughter, Sierra; Jack Quesenberry, Barbara and Brian Guy, Jake Hancock, 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, Israel, and Palestine.

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.



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Mary Hall upon her passing.

Ann and Eric Collins upon the passing of Ann's sister, Pat Bretches.

Veronica Lopez and her family upon the passing of her father.



August 7: Sandwich Supper: Meat, Cheese, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Chips, Dips, Apricot Pound Cake.



August 14: Parmesan Chicken, Green Beans, Pasta Salad, Brownies and Ice Cream.

August 21: Lasagna, French Bread, Toss Salad, Banana Pudding.

August 28: Salad Supper: Chicken Salad, Croissants, Jell-O Salad, Cornbread Salad, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert.

Meetings

Thursday, August 1: WBRBN at Dublin Baptist Church—6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 5: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café—12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 6: WCMA—8:00 a.m.

Monday, August 12: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Monday, August 12: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

August Birthdays

- 2 Joe Crowgey
- 19 Dan Robinette
- Bill Lively



DEACON OF THE WEEK

- August 4: Eric Crowgey
- August 11: Delores Nolan
- August 18: Jerry Stone
- August 25: Chris Bracknell

USHERS Team III:

Danny Sowers, Chris Bracknell





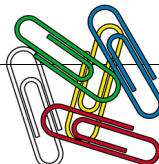

TELLERS

Janet Montgomery & Gary Taylor

NURSERY WORKERS

- August 4:** Carolyn Clements, Rhonda Bracknell, Ty King
- August 11:** Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker
- August 18:** Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery
- August 25:** Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, Lynn Arnold

August 2024

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>				<p>1</p> <p>6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network meeting at Dublin Baptist Church.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Communion Observed Benevolence Offering Received</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Holy Food” John 6:24-35 and Communion. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:30pm Ladies Luncheon at Open Door Café.</p>	<p>6 8:00am Wythe County Ministerial Association meeting 10:00am A Time of Prayer 6:30pm Women’s Ministry leadership dinner at El Ranchero Restaurant in Dublin. Dinner is paid for by WBRBN. A great time to network.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Praying the Psalms 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>10</p> 
<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Set Off, Put On” Ephesians 4:25-5:2. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>12:30pm Circle of Light in the fellowship hall. Don’t forget your Brown Bag lunch. 6:30pm Circle of Hope in the fellowship hall.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>14 1st Day of School</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Praying the Psalms 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “An Invitation” Proverbs 9:1-6. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page 2:00-4:00pm Wedding Shower for Veronica Lopez in Williams Fellowship Hall.</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>21 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Praying the Psalms 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Lord Hear Our Prayer” 1 Kings 8:22-30. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Praying the Psalms 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>31</p> 