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THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

The Next Step

We took the time over the last three years to discern, plan, and carry out a big project. The sabbatical was a benefit for the church. All have learned greatly about prayer and the many aspects of prayer. The *How to Pray* study and the *Prayer Course II*, that we are currently doing about unanswered prayer, have been so helpful. God is using all this work to prepare us for a bright and wonderful future.

When God teaches us more about the spiritual life it is not just for our benefit. The material we learn should be passed on to others to help them grow spiritually. There are many in our community who could benefit from our learnings on prayer. Have you considered how you can

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**Boldly
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journey.**

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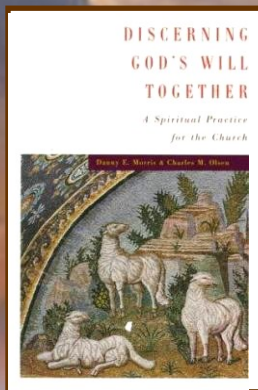
help someone deepen their prayer life from what you have learned?

I wonder now, what is the next big thing God wants us to join God doing to grow our church and expand our ministry in the community? We know how to hear God speak, we know how to plan, and we know we can carry a project to completion. It is time to listen deeply to God again and discuss with one another what God is asking for us to do as the next step in building God's Kingdom.

Starting in January we will study the book *Discerning God's Will Together* by Danny E. Morris and Charles M. Olsen. I am planning to put together a six-to-eight-week study based on this book. Then we will begin a process of talking about the big step God is asking us to take next. Make plans to be part of this study and the ongoing process.

God will provide everything we need to take this next step. Begin now asking God to reveal clearly to us what we need to begin planning for a grand step further into the Kingdom of God.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



The Flower Team will order our Christmas Poinsettias soon. We will be getting red poinsettias. The price will be \$20 per pot. If you would like one or more pots of poinsettias "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" someone special, please fill in the form below, earmark your check "poinsettia" and attach it to the completed form. Place your check and completed form in the offering plate or bring them to the church office no later than noon Wednesday, December 4. We will have a booklet of remembered loved ones on December 15

Please Print Legibly

Your Name _____

Number of Pots: _____

Amount Paid _____

"In Honor Of" _____

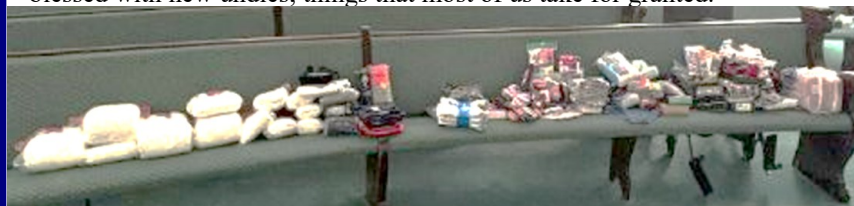
"In Memory Of" _____

All orders need to be turned in no later than
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Please print legibly.

CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The support for Undie Sundays during the month of September was overwhelming. Thank you once again for your generosity. God's timing is amazing as the need for underclothing was great after the recent flooding. The items were taken to Open Door to be given to those in need. Because of you, many were blessed with new undies; things that most of us take for granted.



We will be collecting **STAMPED** Christmas cards during the month of November for the inmates at the NRV Regional Jail to send to their loved ones. Please take note that they must be stamped; we will be providing stamps this year. A mailbox will be placed at the front of the sanctuary to collect the cards.

The next lady's luncheon will be on Monday, November 4 at 12:30 at the Open Door Cafe. We would love to have you join us for a lot of laughter, friendly conversation, and great food.

Also, if you haven't joined a circle you're missing out! The Circle of Light meets on the second Monday of the month for a brown bag lunch at 12:30 in the fellowship hall and Circle of Hope meets at 6:30 on that evening in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you next month.

I wish you Joy, Lynn



CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Anchor Holds



During the October meeting, Cynthia Inman Willis gave a devotion, we discussed our pledge of \$1,000 for Mike and Monica Brennan's Safe House, a commitment to make two Flood Buckets, and how we can bless the Torres family. We also discussed how we can help the Pregnancy Resource Center during January's Sanctity of Life by asking our congregation to donate diapers. Before closing, the ladies packed snack bags with juice, chips, and Rice Crispy Treats for the Bland County Bible Club. Please pray and think about another mission outreach project that we can do in the future. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies, join us!



Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship



Jerry Stone

My wife, Jan, and I were relaxing one afternoon while watching a movie on TV. One character in the movie, an elderly woman, was very concerned about a young girl having the basic items she needed. The lady's husband immediately told her to be careful about this situation and not get involved. She turned to him and said, "I don't remember the words be careful in the Bible!" That statement hit me hard and I had to look into this further. I know Ephesians 5:15-17, talks about to carefully walk in God's Will, Deuteronomy 6:25 tells us to be careful to do all of what God commands, Joshua 1:8 talks about be careful to do according to all that is written in God's Word. But these are not what her husband was talking about. He didn't want her to get into a bad situation or get hurt. I believe she had more discernment about God's Will than he did. She had more concern about her walk with the Lord; he had more concern about her worldly walk.

I understand his love and concern for her safety but I applaud her willingness to obey God. Pastor Tim always says "Love is looking out for other's best interest even though it may cost you."

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I ask you, are you being careful in your walk with the Lord, careful to do what God commands, careful to do according to what's written in scripture? Or do you walk carefully in the world overly concerned about getting into a bad situation or hurt.

In the Palm of His Hand,
Jerry



IT'S TIME FOR SHOEBOXES!!

We truly believe in this ministry—giving to some of the neediest children in the world and providing them with information that can lead them to the Lord.



Remember that Shoebox Week is November 18-25.

Ideas of items to pack your shoebox: small toys, balls, jump ropes, small musical instruments, school supplies, hygiene items (comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, bar soap (packaged and/or in a container, stick deodorant) socks, tee-shirts, hats, gloves, sunglasses.

DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, liquids, used or damaged items medicines, candy of any kind, toys promoting violence.

We have empty Shoeboxes at the church ready to be filled. We also ask that you provide \$12.50 for shipping. Decide whether you want to pack your box for a girl or boy and for what age. Fill your boxes and bring them to the church during the week of November 18-25. We ask that you also pray for all the boxes, those who will distribute them, and those who will receive them.

FILL THEM WITH



Thanks for your help in advance.

Janet Montgomery

Youth Evangelism Strategies—Missionaries to Wind River Indian Reservation, Wyoming



My job as the writer of an article for the newsletter is to inform and encourage you about what God is doing through this ministry. In the nearly 30 years that we have been writing, we have seen many things come and go and we want you to know that we are sold out to Jesus! We will continue to do whatever He calls us to, no matter how dangerous or irrational it may seem. (1 Corinthians 1:27 *But*

God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.) I bring this up because I was recently asked about the dangers of rescuing those caught up in human/sex trafficking and the evil of the cartels. I have to say, yes! It is always concerning! As Monica is my first ministry, we have discussed this many times. I wanted to make sure that she knew the dangers because she tends to lead with her heart! We have concluded that we serve at the discretion of the King of kings and the worst that anyone can do to us is to send us straight to Heaven. So, wherever He leads. We have also met many Christians that are willing to do this also and we feel that we are in good company.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who came to the Lord this summer (35 children and 1 adult)!

Please pray for those who believe that they've been forgotten.

Please pray for traveling mercies.

Please pray for those to whom the "good news" is great news!

God bless,

Mike and Monica Brennan



Don't forget to support the Open Door Café that serves all guests regardless of their ability to pay.

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 November.

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 Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Noodles for the months of November and December 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 Guy and Linda Sutphin.



DECEMBER 2024 BEACON ARTICLES

All December 2024 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Thursday, November 13. Thank you for your help in this matter.

OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS

In case you did not hear, Diana and Antonio Torres' house suffered considerable water damage during the hurricane. They are also expecting a baby Boy, Emillio, to be born soon. We would like to help this couple out by gathering items they will need for this baby. The Circles of Hope and Light are encouraging the members of our church to help this couple.

Items suggested are: Parent choice sensitive skin wipes (Walmart), Diapers, Socks, Onesies, Sleepers, Burp Cloths, 0-3 month size Clothes, Sleep Sacks, and Swaddles.

The circles will be collecting these items for the Torres family until Monday, November 11, which is our regular meeting date. Ask anyone in the circle about this church opportunity.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

WBC will be ringing bells at both doors of Walmart on Friday, December 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. The time slots are 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m., and 8-9 p.m. If you would like to participate by donating 1 hour of your time, contact Guy Sutphin (276-228-5939). Call soon to reserve your desired time. It is fun and a real blessing, knowing you are helping others.



Truly, you can make a difference with every ring. The funds you raise as a Salvation Army bell ringer will make a year-round impact in your community through social services assistance, homeless shelters, disaster relief, children's programs, rehabilitation services, anti-human trafficking, and more.

Donations in the red kettle stay local—directly impacting the lives of your neighbors by helping them in their time of need. When you ring the bell, you're making change happen.

Pastor-Church Relations Team November 2024

The Pastor-Church Relations Team met on October 15, 2024. The budget proposal for the Pastor's Salary was reviewed as submitted to Stewardship Team. Linda Sutphin was elected as Chair for 2025, replacing Cathy Valley, who will be rotating off the team. Ty King was elected Secretary for the coming year. As the outgoing chair, I express my deep gratitude to Dee Nolan and Tommy Hilton for serving with this team as we worked diligently toward the grant submission, planned activities, Congregational activities for the Renewal period, and faithfully carried out those plans. My heartfelt thank you to Linda for her accurate, complete and timely minutes, and to Ty for working out the budget, scheduling Loretto and the food for the Prayer Retreat, and her creativity. What a blessing it has been to see God working through these gifted and committed team members! I am privileged to have been a part of it.

Remember the Pastor-Church Relations Team serves as the liaison between the Pastor and Congregation. Please utilize this team if you want to discuss any issue you may be having concerning the church or the Pastor. The team will meet January 16, 2025, unless there is a need to meet before that time. Please pray for our Pastor, our Church, and this Team.

With gratitude,
Cathy Valley



THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped in any way to bless, the children and show the love of Jesus at Church Street Trunk-or-Treat. What a joy to see the children smile and laugh when they receive their candy, pick out their colored bracelet with "Jesus Loves You" on it, and told they are precious to Jesus. The adults with them are always thankful.

The light of Jesus shining in a dark place.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



FRIENDS

There are those who pass like ships in the night.
Who meet for a moment, then sail out of sight
with never a backward glance of regret;
folks we know briefly then quickly forget.

Then there are friends who sail together through
quiet waters and stormy weather
helping each other through joy
and through strife.

And they are the kind who give
meaning to life.

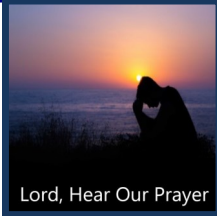
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Carroll Stewart
Librarian



Called Church Business meeting Sunday, November 10, at 11:30 a.m. to elect two new Deacons to begin serving January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027. Nominees are Tommy Hilton and Roger Clements

HOME: Mary Graham, Diane Ball, Emery Pruett, Rick Arnold, Ann and Eric Collins, Danny and Sharon Sowers, Carlisle Hostetter, Carroll Stewart, Jackie and Gary Carson, Pamela Clark, Joel Hilton, Glenna Turner, Betty and Dan Robinette, Rick Walker, Bill and Cathy Valley, Tom Collins and family, Missy Throckmorton, Sylvia McGhee



EXTENDED CARE: Dolores Dove, Joe Crowgey, Marjorie Wassum, Adren Eldridge, Colleen Dunford

FAMILY: Pam Clark's sister and husband, Alan and Lorie Buchanan; John Willis' brother-in-law; Janet Montgomery's sister-in-law, Kay Parrish; Cindy and Sonny Archer's son-in-law, Glenn Brown, and friend, Robine Edmiston; Felisia Miller's friend, Marsha; Sharon Sowers' brother; Ty King's brother-in-law, Bryan King; Lynn Arnold's son, Adam; Dee Nolan's sister-in-law, Brenda Edge, and her friend's granddaughter, Aria Montgomery; Jenny Stoker's brother-in-law, Mike Cortellesi, and Mike and Jenny's daughter, Maria; Almetta Cruff's friends Jean King, Jennifer Lawson, and Brenda May; Glenna Turner's daughter, Tanya Bridges; Lynn Perry's daughter, Cheryl; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity.

FRIENDS: Christian Sympathy to Claudine Luck upon the passing of her husband, Gibo Luck; Mike and Monica Brennan's Safe House, Becky Purdue, Ron Blevins, 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, WYVE, Young Life, Teachers, Students, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Wythe County, our Nation, people in Venezuela and their Pastor, Ramon Tovar, and his family; people in Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine, Friends and Family affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

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.



CHRISTIAN SYMAPTHY TO: Emery Pruett and his family upon the passing of his niece, Joy Sue Pruett Deskins.

November 6: Chicken Parmesan, Rolls, Confetti Cole Slaw, Fruit and Cottage Cheese, Cherry Yum Yum



November 13: Veggie Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Veggies and Dip, Chips, Crackers, Brownies and Ice Cream

November 20: Thanksgiving Meal: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Cranberry Jell-O Salad, Pumpkin Roll

November 27: *No Wednesday night supper, Spiritual Conversation, or Choir Practice*



Meetings

- Monday, November 4: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café—12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 10: Called Church Business Meeting—11:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 11: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Monday, November 11: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Tuesday, November 12: WCMA—8:00 a.m.



November Birthdays

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| 3. Alan Ball | 22. Della Dunford |
| 4. Cindy Jarmul | 24. Betty Robinette |
| 8. Mary Helen Porter | 25. Jackie Carson |
| 17. Linda Hostetter | |



DEACON OF THE WEEK

- November 3:** Delores Nolan
- November 10:** Jerry Stone
- November 17:** Chris Bracknell
- November 24:** Jenny Stoker

NURSERY WORKERS

- November 3:** Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker
- November 10:** Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery

USHERS Team II:

- Tommy Hilton, Guy Sutphin, Linda Sutphin

- November 17:** Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, Rhonda Bracknell




TELLERS

- Janet Montgomery, Gary Taylor

- November 24:** Carolyn Clements, DeAnne Irving, Ty King

November 2024

Count your blessings name them one by one.

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 Church office closed	2  Remember to move your clocks back one hour.
<p>3 Communion Observed Benevolence Offering Received 8:45am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall, a study on Video 4 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i>, concerning unanswered prayer. 10:30am Worship Service “Eternal Redemption” Hebrews 9:11-14 and Communion. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>  <p><i>Fall Back - Daylight Savings Time Ends</i></p>	4 12:30pm Ladies Social Lunch at Open Door Café	5 10:00am A Time of Prayer 	6 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:30pm Video 4 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i> , concerning unanswered prayer. 7:45pm Choir practice	7	8 Church office closed	9
10 8:45am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall, Video 5 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i> , concerning unanswered prayer. 10:30am Worship Service “Only a Handful” 1 Kings 17:8-16. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page . 11:30am Called Church Business Meeting for the purpose of electing two Deacons to serve beginning January 2025.	11 <i>Veterans DAY</i> 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.	12 8:00am Wythe County Ministerial Association 10:00am A Time of Prayer <i>BGAV Annual Meeting</i>	13 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:30pm Video 5 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i> , concerning unanswered prayer. 7:45pm Choir practice	14  Pastor Tim will be out of the office.	15 Church office closed	16
17 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall, . 10:30am Worship Service “When?” Mark 13:1-8. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	18	19 10:00am A Time of Prayer	20 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation 7:45pm Choir practice	21	22 Church office closed	23
24 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Even Greater” Psalm 93. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	25	26 10:00am A Time of Prayer	27 <i>No Wednesday night supper, Spiritual Conversation, or Choir Practice.</i>	 Church office closed	29 Church office closed	30