



# Wytheville Baptist Church

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## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

### Unanswered Prayer

We, as a church, have done much this year to learn more about prayer. We are growing deeper in this vital discipline of faith. Through our Tuesday morning prayer times, we have seen God answer many of our prayers. These prayers have grown richer and richer through the two and half years that we have gathered. Our group has grown little by little through the years and we are being asked by others to pray specifically for requests and many more concerns. If you have not come on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM, please attend and see how God is working through this time.

Some of our prayers however have not been answered. Many we are still holding up to God and looking for an answer. We continue to stack our dominos as Pete Greig encouraged us to do when we do not

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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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see our prayers answered. However, sometimes we have deep questions about why God has not answered these prayers. These unanswered prayers can cause us to shy away from prayer and to lose faith in praying. How do we continue forward when unanswered prayers exist?

This leads us to our next prayer course study. Pete Greig has written a book called God on Mute. Along with this book, there is a video series called *The Unanswered Prayer Course*. One quote that stands out to me from Pete, “The Bible is more honest about unanswered prayer than the church is willing to be.” I have watched the first two videos and begun reading the book. WOW! They are just as powerful as the previous series you did while I was on Sabbatical.

We are going to start this series on Sunday, September 29, at 8:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall and Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 PM. As with the How to Pray book, Sunday and Wednesday will be the same video each week. We are starting at both times 15 minutes earlier because the videos for this series are about 30 minutes instead of 15 minutes. This is a five-week course, and we will finish it in November. A member of the church, who believes deeply in what we are doing, has given the money to purchase books for those who want to attend. If you do not have a book yet, they are available in the church office.

Please consider attending as we continue to learn and deepen our understanding of prayer together. I expect we will grow as a church in a powerful way through this study.

Because of God’s Love,  
Pastor Tim

**GOD  
ON  
MUTE**

*Engaging the Silence*



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

- ◆ The next bi-monthly meeting is 6:30 p.m. on October 3.
- ◆ **MINISTRY DINNERS:** 6:30 p.m. at El Ranchero, 5239 Alexander Rd, Dublin (near Walmart)  
October 1 - Music Leaders
- ◆ **BLAND MINISTRY:** DeeDee Hoosier reported the following:  
“Thank you to WBRBN for the use of the Camp on July 20 for BMC’s company picnic. Approximately 25 people were in attendance and had a great time using this great facility. The mission teams are still working on projects and will continue throughout the summer into early fall.  
“We are currently averaging 725 food boxes per month (households served). April – 166 families 475 individuals 725 pounds, May - 171 families 679 individuals 676 pounds, June - 177 families 416 individuals 682 pounds, July - 139 families 404 individuals 492 pounds.  
“Recently I asked the volunteers that receive food boxes to calculate what the total cost of items received would be if purchased in the stores. A total of \$384 was calculated. The home food delivery program is averaging approximately 45 Bland County families per month. We are about to open to Grayson, Carroll and Galax Counties for dental services. They have just recently reopened their free clinic, but unfortunately have been unable to staff the clinic. Dr. Filanova will work 4 days a month at this clinic providing care to the residents of these counties. The land has been transferred out of ERBA (East River Baptist Association) and into BMC’s name. We are still waiting on the 501c3 confirmation.”
- ◆ **WBRBN ANNUAL MEETING:** Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. The place will be discussed at the October 3 WBRBN meeting at 6:30 p.m., Dublin Baptist Church.

C. F. Damron  
WBRBN Missions Development Team





### CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We had a great time at the Ladies Social Luncheon at Open Door Café on September 3. There were 9 ladies present. Our Circle met on September 9, at 12:30 in the Williams Hall with 13 ladies participating. Chairperson Lynn Arnold welcomed everyone, took Prayer Requests and led the prayer for those mentioned. She gave the Devotion entitled, "Laughter Really Is Good Medicine", based on Psalm 40:16. September Mission in Action Project was College Cards and a monetary gift was put inside the 6 cards, and given to Janet Montgomery who sent them out. Janet Montgomery reported that Shoeboxes will be collected in November. There was a time of sharing and laughter with our friends from the Austinsville Baptist Church and how we might work together.

The October Ladies Social Luncheon at Open Door Café will be on Monday, October 4, at 12:30 p.m. The next regular Circle Meeting will be Monday, October 14, at 12:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring your Brown Bag Lunch and a friend.



### CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

During the September meeting, Cathy Valley gave a devotion, we discussed how we can help the CarePortal—SWVA coalition for Orphan and Foster Care—with items for immediate needs, and helping the Ladies Ministry in Austinsville with their "What You Can Pay" Thrift Store for their community. We also discussed how we could be a part of helping establish Mike and Monica Brennan's Safe House for girls and women who are caught up in sex trafficking. Please pray and think about another mission outreach project that we can do in the future. Our next meeting will be October 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



### PASTOR-CHURCH RELATIONS TEAM

October is the month when we emphasize our appreciation for Pastor Tim and DeAnne and celebrate our Pastor's leadership. It has been an unusual year for us, with our Pastor's Sabbatical and the church's renewal. We have experienced spiritual growth while we were apart, and we have reunited in seamless harmony.

The Pastor-Church Relations Team will host a fellowship luncheon to honor Pastor Tim and DeAnne on Sunday, October 27, immediately following the Worship Service, in Williams Fellowship Hall. The church will supply the meat and drinks. We ask that you to bring sides and/or desserts. This would be a good time to express your appreciation to Pastor Tim and DeAnne for their eight years with us in a note or card. There will be a basket for notes and cards in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, October 27. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this wonderful time of fellowship.



## Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

### Jerry Stone

During our Worship Service on September 15, Pastor Tim brought us a message from James 3:1-12 appropriately named “Controlling the Tongue.” The verse that especially shown a light on my own failures was verse 9.

*NIV: With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. The Message: With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image. Curses and blessing out of the same mouth!*

This stood out like the Luxor Sky Beam—by far the strongest beam of light in the world—that shone straight into my heart and soul. I had to go to God and ask for forgiveness and strength to do better in His sight.

Now when the Enemy comes against me and I want to lash out at someone with my words, I have to remember it’s not people I’m fighting as it says in Ephesians 6:12

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

To help me remember not to speak hurtful words and to control my tongue, I continually repeat Psalm 19:14:

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Working on Controlling the Rudder,

*Jerry*

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



We can be known for many things. We can stand for many things. An honest look around and you’ll see what is truly important to people. I have found that this is discoverable by the things we sacrifice for—those are the things most valuable to us! I’m sad to say that when we look around America these days, we see that people have distracted themselves with their own personal pleasures. We must feel for each other, empathize with the hurting, care for the marginalized! If our country is going to survive, we must regain our dignity! We must become known for righteous causes! We can ignore the present situation, but we cannot ignore the consequences when we ignore the situation. Instead of being known as the largest consumer in the child sex trade, we can be known as the leader in wiping it out! It is clear in the gospels that Jesus had a heart and bias for the underdog, those put down or pushed down by society. Alistair Begg said, “The story of the good news is that our messed up, broken lives may be restored, refreshed, renewed, and put back together in a better version than before as a result of what Jesus has done.” This is the ministry that we have been called to! You are a part of this! We cannot do this without you! You can become a “Kahu” for the victims! A Kahu is a guardian, one entrusted with the protection of someone precious, someone cherished.

We will be at WBC on Wednesday night, October 16, to speak about a Safe House to help get girls/women out of the vicious and abusive cycle of sex trafficking. Please join us

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 October.

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 October, 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.



### **NOVEMBER 2024 BEACON ARTICLES**

All November 2024 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, October 21. Thank you for your help in this matter.



### **START PACKING THOSE SHOEBOXES**

Don't forget to help us show God's love through the power of a simple shoebox gift and the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child need to be filled very soon and remember to include the \$12.50 donation to help ship your box. While school supplies are at a low price now, think about purchasing a few things to put in those special shoeboxes for children around the world.

Shoe Box ministry is from November 18-25, 2024 .



Dear Members & friends of WBC,

Many thanks to all for the many visits, calls, cards and loving gifts.

I am definitely on the mend, especially with all your prayers, caring, and thoughtfulness. I am most humbled and appreciative.

Sincerely,  
Mary Graham

Dear WBC Family and Friends,

Thank you for all the beautiful cards I received while I was away during my chemo treatments and then while I was recuperating after my surgeries. I am very grateful for my church family.

God bless you all,  
Jackie Carson

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, help with transportation to and from doctors and hospital appointments, and the food you provided. All of kindness has meant so much and was such a blessing. I still have a ways to go before I can get back to church and ask that you continue to remember me in your prayers.

Love to you all,  
Diane Ball



Thursday, October 31

Set-up 5:30 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tear down and clean up at 8:00 p.m.

The response from our community for this year's Church Street Trunk-or-Treat (CSTOT) has been overwhelming. The folks who decorated their trunks and passed out candy, hugs, and smiles last year will be back this year; **PLUS**, we have people requesting spots as well as other churches. We have received formal permission from the Town of Wytheville to shut down Church Street so that we may love on the children of our community safely.

*What we need, is for you to decorate your trunk, fill it with candy, and greet the children and adults with Christian love as they come by!* We need to fill the street with Christians telling adults and children, "God loves you" as they give out candy. We need to show our community love and kindness. This is a **vital part** of our community outreach ministry.

*A few things on our immediate "to do" list:*

1. **PRAY** for those we will greet.
2. **PRAY** for God to lead you where He can use you best.
3. Get geared up to love on the children of our community.
4. Start stockpiling candy for your site (we have in the past given out 1,000 pieces of candy) .
5. Get ready for big smiles when you tell a child they are beautiful and precious in God's eyes.
6. Think of a Christian theme to decorate your car.

## The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



### WISDOM

Are any of you wise or sensible? Then show it by living right and by being humble and wise in everything you do. But if your heart is full of bitter jealousy and selfishness, don't brag or lie to cover up the truth. That kind of wisdom doesn't come from above. It is earthly and selfish and comes from the devil himself.

Whenever people are jealous or selfish, they cause trouble and do all sorts of cruel things. But the wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine, and sincere. When peacemakers plant seeds of peace, they will harvest justice.

James 3.13-18

Carroll Stewart  
Librarian



**LEWIS GALE HOSPITAL MONTGOMERY**

**COUNTY:** Dolores "Dovey" Dove

**HOME:** Mary Graham, Roger Clements; Diane Ball, Emery Pruett, Rick Arnold, Ann and Eric Collins, Danny and Sharon Sowers, Carlisle Hostetter, Carroll Stewart, Jackie 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:** Joe Crowgey, Marjorie Wassum, Adren Eldridge, Colleen Dunford

**FAMILY:** 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 and Jennifer Lawson; Glenna Turner's daughter, Tanya Bridges; Lynn Perry's daughter, Cheryl; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity.

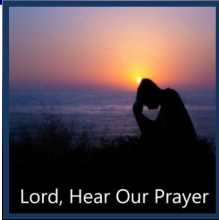
**FRIENDS:** Christian Sympathy to David Delp's family and friends upon his passing, Kathy Bloomfield's family and friends upon her passing ; Mike and Monica Brennan's Safe House, Becky Purdue, Ron Blevins, Tom and Becky Smith's son Andrew, Berry Collins' granddaughter, Sierra; Jack Quesenberry, Barbara 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, Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia.

**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 SYMPATHY TO:**

Linda and Carlisle Hostetter and family upon the passing of Linda's brother-in-law, Foye Frye, of Marion.



**October 2:** Sloppy Joes, Buns, Cole Slaw Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Brownies and Ice Cream

**October 9:** Oven Baked Chicken, Rolls, Jell-O Salad, Broccoli and Cheese, Poke Cake

**October 16:** Pork Loin, Dressing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Apple Crunch, Ice Cream

**October 23:** Baked Spaghetti, Meatballs, Toss Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding

**October 30:** Chili, Chips, Crackers, Baked Potatoes, Toss Salad, Broccoli and Cheese, Chocolate Caramel Cake

**Meetings**

- Thursday, October 3: WBRBN at Dublin Baptist—6:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 7: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café—12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 8: WCMA—8:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 14: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Monday, October 14: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Tuesday, October 15: PCR Team—1:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 20: WBRBN Annual meeting—3:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 21: Deacons'—7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 23: Quarterly Business—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

**October Birthdays**

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|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 10 Jameson Garrison |  | 21 Lydia Troy         |
| 11 Judy Austin      |  | Gary Carson           |
| JoBeth Hilton       |  | 24 Allene Taylor      |
| 17 Eric Crowgey     |  | 27 Grant Throckmorton |
|                     |  | 31 Diana Torres       |

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

- October 6: Chris Bracknell
- October 13: Jenny Stoker
- October 20: Lynn Arnold
- October 27: Eric Crowgey

**USHERS Team I:**

Becky Hudson, Susan Keene

**TELLERS**

Ty King and Tommy Hilton

**NURSERY WORKERS**

- October 6:** Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker
- October 13:** Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery
- October 20:** Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, Lynn Arnold
- October 27:** Carolyn Clements, DeAnne Irving, Ty King

# October 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>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:30pm Video 1 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i>, concerning unanswered prayer. 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church office closed</p> 	<p>5</p> 
<p>6</p> <p><b>Communion Observed</b> <b>Benevolence Offering Received</b></p> <p>8:45am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall, a study on Video 2 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i>, concerning unanswered prayer. 10:30am Worship Service “A Problem with Evil” Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Communion. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:30pm Ladies Social Lunch at Open Door Café</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00am Wythe County Ministerial Association</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:30pm Video 2 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i>, concerning unanswered prayer. 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Church office closed</p> 	
<p>13</p> <p>8:45am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall, 10:30am Worship Service “A Hold on You” Mark 10:17-31. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>14</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>15</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> <p>1:30pm Pastor Church Relations Team meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:30pm Special guest speakers Missionaries Mike and Monica Brennan 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Church office closed</p> 	
<p>20</p> <p>8:45am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “My Refuge” Psalm 91:9-16. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page 2:30pm Registration for WBRBN Annual meeting 3:00pm WBRBN Annual meeting (place to be determined)</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>7:00pm Deacons’ meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:30pm Quarterly Business Conference 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:45am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall, a study on Video 3 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i>, concerning unanswered prayer. 10:30am Worship Service “I Want” Mark 10:46-52. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page 11:30am A Pastor-Appreciation Luncheon for Pastor Tim and DeAnne in the fellowship hall.</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:30pm Video 3 of <i>GOD ON MUTE</i>, concerning unanswered prayer. 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Set up on Church Street between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat will begin at 6:00 pm and run until 8:00 p.m. Then clean up. Let’s show the children the love of Jesus</p>		