



# Wytheville Baptist Church

*The Beacon*

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## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

### Our Spiritual Growth

The church has experienced great spiritual growth this year. We are the same group of people with some new members yet we are a great deal more. The Holy Spirit has led people to take deeper steps on the journey. I am excited about how God is moving in our community of faith.

I continue to pray that when people recognize they are hungry for spiritual food they will have the boldness to eat what God is supplying. God will never allow us to have a lack of spiritual food. There is always an abundance of spiritual food for each day. We never have to eat leftovers nor do we have to look far for the next meal. Yet, I have seen during my ministry people who have not eaten for weeks and even months. I am praying

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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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every day for you to eat the spiritual food in front of you. God wants you to have a daily diet of spiritual food not to binge eat spiritual food. What spiritual food can you eat today?

When you see dynamic spiritual growth across the community of faith, it means God is preparing us for a new work. Remember our main purpose as Christians living on the earth is to help others know about and accept the work of Jesus Christ. God desires for all people to be saved and for us to share with them how they can have salvation. Your spiritual growth means God wants you to enter deeper into an area of ministry to help build the Kingdom of God.

As a community of faith, it is time for us to discern once again about the path forward for our church. Who are the people God is softening to come into relationship with God? Where do you see God asking us to step out in faith? These two questions are important for the future of Wytheville Baptist. We need to talk with one another about how we see God working at this time.

I am convinced God has a much bigger future for us as a community of loving believers in this town. Will we see what God is showing us? I truly believe there are people in our congregation who are already aware of what God desires from us. Will we discuss what we are seeing with each other?

Because of God's Love,  
Pastor Tim



**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 Rancho, 5239 Alexander Rd, Dublin (near Walmart)  
September 10 - Deacons  
October 1 - Music Leaders

Below are photos of the progress being made on the church building that will be home to God with Us Baptist Church in Maturín, Venezuela. The house is located next to Pastor Ramón's house where the church currently meets. The work began early August. They had to reinforce the roof in order to take down some walls. When finished, it will have space for around 100 people. Please pray that God would favor them with good weather, safety, strength and knowledge so people will be blessed.



C. F. Damron  
WBRBN Missions Development Team





### CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Circle met on August 12, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. in the Williams Hall with 13 ladies participating. (Nine women attended the "Ladies Social Luncheon" at the Open Door Café on August 5) Special guests Martha Damron and Carolyn Burton

from the Austinville Baptist Church, were among the attendees. Chairperson Lynn Arnold welcomed everyone, Janet Montgomery presented the Devotion based on Colossians 3:9 – 10, Prayer Requests were given and Lynn led the prayer for those mentioned.

A beautiful Bridal Shower was given for Vanessa Lopez on Sunday, August 18, by Circle of Light and Circle of Hope. Vanessa received many beautiful gift to use in her new home. Janet Montgomery reported that Shoeboxes will be collected once again in November. There was a time of sharing with the ladies from Austinsville Baptist Church and how we might we might work together on future projects.

Due to Labor Day being on Monday the 2nd of September, our Ladies Social Luncheon at Open Door Café will be on Tuesday, September 3, at 12:30. The next regular Circle Meeting will be September 9 at 12:30. Don't forget your Brown Bag Lunch.



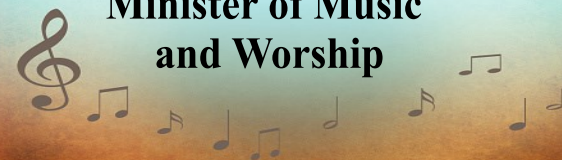
### CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*The Anchor Holds*

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. During the August meeting, the ladies agreed to help with Hope Packs Wednesday evening, September 18. We will meet at Open Door Café at 5:00 p.m. We invite all our ladies and their friends to join us as we assemble Hope Packs for children in Wythe and Bland Counties that don't have enough to eat. Please pray and think about another mission outreach project that we can do in the future.



### Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship



### Jerry Stone

God created us with the ability to sing and make music. God loves to hear us praise Him in song. Don't worry if you can't stay in tune, on pitch, or in rhythm. God loves you and savors the sweet fragrance of your love shown to Him through song.

#### When we praise God in song during Worship, we are:

*Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart. Ephesians 5:19*

#### As we go through our day we should:

*Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalms 105:2*

#### What happens when we continually sing God's praise:

*He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. Psalms 40:3*

That is why I am inviting everyone to be here on Sunday, September 29 for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing. Let's lift the roof with our true and loving praise to God through song and let the world know who our Savior is.

Sunday, September 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.

WBC Sanctuary

Invite your family and friends.

Singing to God,

*Jerry*



# Thank You!



A huge “Thank You” goes out to Duke’s Printing for providing WBC with these two very large signs. One enhanced our prayer study and the other is inviting our community to join us in prayer. What a blessing!



A “Prayer Box” has also been added in JoJo’s Attic on Main Street and prayer requests have already been placed in the box. God is moving in an awesome way because of your willingness to pray. Come join the Time of Prayer every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. If you cannot join us, stop at 10:00 a.m. and pray. You may not be here physically but you will be in spirit and God will hear you wherever you are.



## Pastor-Church Relations Team September 2024

The Pastor-Church Relations Team will continue to “promote communication and a healthy relationship between the pastor and people of the church.” (Constitution) The current team consists of Linda Sutphin, Ty King, and Cathy Valley, Chair. We express our deep appreciation to Deacons Delores Nolan and Tommy Hilton for their dedication and invaluable help on the Renewal Team as we planned and implemented Pastor Tim’s Sabbatical and the Church’s Renewal. Thank you, Dee and Tommy.

The Pastor-Church Relations Team will resume the prescribed schedule of team meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2024, at 1:30 P.M., Wytheville Baptist Church. Please remember to pray daily for Pastor Tim and our church.

Blessings, Cathy

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



Exciting things are happening on the Safe House front! Even now, we have young ladies on the Wind River Reservation that need a home of refuge to escape trafficking. We have already been working towards their rescue. We ask you to search your heart and commit these young ladies to prayer. Sadly, often rescuing takes the form of buying somebody out of modern-day slavery. Furthermore, it takes having a safe home to move them to; one that is Christ centered, confidential, remote, with an environment that accommodates and promotes healing and where Monica can provide trauma based, Christ centered, mental health counseling.

According to all the statistics, rescue ministries, law enforcement and people in the know, one of the greatest needs right now is facilities with which to lace those rescued. It would be unconscionable and sadly lacking to place them in a secular, austere multi-bed facility when they need so much more! We have never felt God pressing us as hard about anything as He is about this need. We are sure that He is using all our past and has shaped us for such a time as this. We are praying diligently and have set a goal to raise a \$100,000 by the end of the year for the safe house. Monica recently wrote, “Tolerance of trafficking is the acceptance of ignorance in the most horrific tyranny. It is in total opposition to the alignment God has with those suffering as His image bearers.” Therefore, we want to give everyone the opportunity to put feet to their knowledge and prayers and donate to this need. Simply designate on your check that you give to your church “Safe House” and it will get to us. Also please feel free to call us at any time for more information at (605) 863-2347.

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 September.

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 month of 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.



**OCTOBER 2024  
BEACON ARTICLES**

All October 2024 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Tuesday, September 17. Thank you for your help in this matter.



*Baptism Sunday,*

*August 25, 2024*

*Corey and Felicia Miller*



Thank  
you  
Lord

for  
the  
blessings

on  
our  
lives.

Amen

thank  
you!

If you haven't seen it yet, we have new flooring in the downstairs ladies' restroom and new flooring and paint job in the church office. There were many that

helped with these projects including Dee Nolan who helped pick out flooring design, paint colors, and wall decor plus she helped paint; Pastor Tim who helped disconnect and move all the computer equipment; Jerry Stone helped with the electrical; Guy Sutphin and his grandson, Colton, helped move furniture out of the office, and Corey Miller helped move furniture back into the office and reconnect equipment. Many hands helped upgrade these two rooms in the church and we are so blessed to have a church family willing to jump in and help with different projects in our church.



**ALMA HUNT OFFERING**

*for Virginia Missions*

**September 8-15, 2024**

**WBC OFFERING  
GOAL**

**\$1,000**



## The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



**We welcome everyone to the Church Library where they can find a book just for you!**

### **DON'T COUNT THE YEARS**

Don't count the years - they matter not,  
Count only the dreams that the years have brought,  
The happiness and the faith so dear,  
The moments rich you have treasured here.

Don't count the years - only the smiles,  
Or the peace you have known on the weary miles,  
The laughter you've shared and the friends you've made,  
Each magic hope that shall never fade.

Years are but numbers - 'tis living that counts,  
A heart that knows joy - small or large amounts,  
A mind filled with loving eliminates fears,  
Count every blessing - never the years.

*Carroll Stewart*  
Librarian



**HOME:** Mary Graham, Roger Clements, Diane Ball, Emery Pruett, Dolores Dove, 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

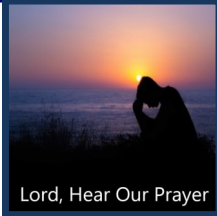
**EXTENDED CARE:** Joe Crowgey, Marjorie Wassum, Adren Eldridge, Colleen Dunford

**FAMILY:** Felicia Miller's friend, Marsha; Sharon Sowers' brother; Ann Collins brother-in-law, Ken Bretches; Ty King's brother-in-law, Bryan King; Lynn Arnold's son, Adam; Dee Nolan's sister-in-law, Brenda Edge; Cindy Archer's son-in-law, Glenn Brown, and friend, Robin Edmiston; Jenny Stoker's brother-in-law, Mike Cortellesi, and Mike and Jenny's daughter, Maria; Almetta Cruff's friends Don Brady and Jackie; Glenna Turner's daughter, Tanya Bridges; Lynn Perry's daughter, Cheryl; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity.

**FRIENDS:** Mike and Monica Brennan's Safe House, Becky Purdue, Kathy Bloomfield, 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.

**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.



**September 4:** Sloppy Joes, Buns, Cole Slaw, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Texas Sheet Cake.

**September 11:** Broccoli Cheddar Chicken, Rolls, Fruit Salad, Cottage Cheese, Cookies and Ice Cream.

**September 18:** Meat Loaf, Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Blondies and Ice Cream.

**September 25:** Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Cranberry Salad, Chocolate Pound Cake.



## Meetings

- Tuesday, September 3: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café—12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 10: WCMA—8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 10: WBRBN Deacons' Dinner at El Ranchero—6:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 9: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Monday, September 9: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall



## September Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Victoria Willis   | 17 Roger Clements |
| 2 Russ Throckmorton | 18 Dede Cresap    |
| 4 Timothy Burke     | 22 Lisa Crowgey   |
|                     | 26 Tommy Anders   |



### DEACON OF THE WEEK

- September 1: Eric Crowgey
- September 8: Lynn Arnold
- September 15: Eric Crowgey
- September 22: Delores Nolan
- September 29: Jerry Stone

### USHERS Team IV:

Gary Taylor, Billie Taylor, Glenna Tunner

### TELLERS





Ty King and Tommy Hilton

### NURSERY WORKERS

- September 1:** Carolyn Clements, Rhonda Bracknell, Ty King
- September 8:** Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker
- September 15:** Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery
- September 22:** Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, DeAnne Irving
- September 29:** Carolyn Clements, Rhonda Bracknell, Ty King

# September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <b>Communion Observed</b> <b>Benevolence Offering Received</b></p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "From Within" Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 and Communion. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	 <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> <p>12:30pm Ladies Social Lunch at Open Door Café</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Praying the Psalms 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8  HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "Trusting God Fully" Psalm 125. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:30pm Circle of Light in the fellowship hall. Don't forget your Brown Bag lunch.</p> <p>6:30pm Circle of Hope in the fellowship hall.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00am Wythe County Ministerial Association meeting</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> <p>6:30 p.m. WBRBN Deacons Dinner at El Ranchero, 5239 Alexander Rd, Dublin (near Walmart) Dinner is provided by WBRBN.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Praying the Psalms 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>14</p> 
<b>Alma Hunt offering for Virginia Missions</b>						
<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "Controlling the Tongue" James 3:1-12. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>5:00pm Circle of Hope meets at Open Door Café to pack Hope Packs</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Praying the Psalms 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>  <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "Let God" Jeremiah 11:18-20. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>		<p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Praying the Psalms 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am <b>5th Sunday Sing</b> Worship Service. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p> 					