

Wytheville Baptist Church



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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

CAN I DO THE SAME?

Think about a day this past week and everything that happened throughout the day. There were moments of busyness and maybe there were a few moments to rest. There were tasks that had to be done, and some were even the simplest of tasks. At the end of day, there was probably still a list of things undone. You may have even said, "Tomorrow, I will complete all the other tasks."

Now imagine at some point during the day, Jesus came into your day with a simple request. "Give me a drink." (John 4:7). This did happen for the Samaritan woman! Pause and think about this for a moment.

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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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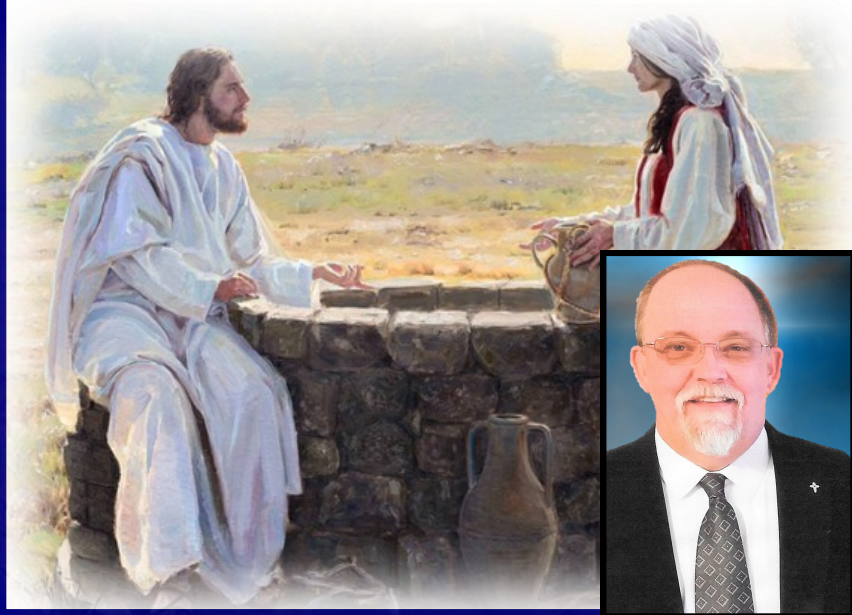
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My thought upon reading this scripture was “Would I have something to offer to Jesus?” Then I wondered, would I notice that Jesus had asked me for something simple? Would I take my time to share my life and presence with Jesus as he is willing to do for me?

The Samaritan woman took time from the busyness of her life to be present to Jesus and to dialogue with him. These few moments not only changed her life but also the life of a whole village! She took a risk; she paused for a few moments and was greatly transformed!

Am I willing to take the same risk?
Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim





Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

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

TO CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS OF THE WBRBN

Press Release - Mission Rally: Missions on the Move

The Missions Development Team of the Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network and Wytheville Baptist Church invites you to take a closer look at mission work around the world at the Mission Rally on Saturday, April 5, 2025, to be held at Cambria Baptist Church, Christiansburg, beginning at 6:00 pm. This special mission program will inspire you with stories of how God uses His workers to change lives and how missions are moving throughout our state, nation, and the world.

Learn more about our missionaries ministry at the Mission Rally! How they demonstrate the life-saving work in the area where God has placed them. How they live and work in communities where there is no Christian presence and share the gospel through wholistic ministry, by providing medical care, teaching agricultural skills, offering literacy programs, and giving Bible studies. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jeff Ginn, Vice President of Mobilization, International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Network invites all who are dedicated to sharing the gospel with hard-to-reach people groups to continue supporting our missionaries and other life-changing mission projects. The Mission Rally will explore a unique, behind-the-scenes look at how mission work is making a difference in people's lives for Christ around the world, in Virginia and in our local communities. Attendees will discover reasons why the Network churches can celebrate mission work and the biggest opportunities in moving mission forward. All are welcome to attend this free event.

For more information please contact, Linda Lively at:
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C. F. Damron
WBRBN Missions Development Team



CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Spring has sprung! I love this time of the year when the days grow longer and warmer. One can see God's artistry at work as the grayness fades away. The sun shines brighter and the skies are bluer. The trees and grass turn green and the flowers bloom. It's a reminder that he's alive and creates rebirth in my soul.

Our mission focus for April is the Baptist Christian Ministry at Radford University. For years we traveled to Radford and served them a hot meal. Last year we decided due to logistics it would be preferable to send them a check to purchase pizza, snacks or whatever they might need. This is a very worthwhile ministry to these young people, and they are most appreciative.

Please take note that our next ladies' luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 2 at 12:30 at Open Door Café. We usually meet on the first Monday but there was a scheduling conflict this month. Our next circle meeting will be on Monday, April 14 in the church social hall at 12:30. We would love to have you join us.

Happy Easter. He arose. Hallelujah, Christ Arose!!!
Choose Joy,
Lynn Arnold

CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to the ladies in Circle of Hope who went with us to pray around the pole at Scott Memorial for Young Life Ministry before we had our meeting. What a blessing that was. Also, thank you for the food you brought to feed the workers at the Bland Ministry Dental Clinic. They were truly blessed by you.

As always, pray and think about another mission outreach project that we can do in the future. At our next meeting we will discuss and make a decision on the project God wants us to be involved with. We will meet on Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies, join us!



Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship



Jerry Stone

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Lamentations 3:22-24

Last month on the 20th of March a renewal of the spring season began. April continues with an awakening of colors, lush fields of green grass, and trees adorned with new buds ready to burst open. The sun is warm, and God's hand of creation and life has moved in an amazing way. You can see the birds actively building their nests and the animals beginning to come out of their winter safe place. Amazing and beautiful.

During the year there is a beginning and end to our four seasons. God renews these seasons every year and we look forward to that. But how much greater is it to know that God's love NEVER ceases, and God's mercies NEVER come to an end. They are NEW EVERY morning. "Praise the Lord." We don't have to wait for a whole year to pass before God's love and mercies are renewed. The first thing every morning, when I open my eyes, I whisper, "Thank you Lord for another day," I know without a shadow of doubt God loves me and has renewed His promise of love and mercy toward me.

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As we continue to study *Discerning God's Will*, have you found God's peace and mercy new every morning as He speaks to you through His Word? Has God impressed upon your heart while in prayer concerning the perfect direction He wants you to go. God has done these things for me, and I know God will do the same for you!

Great is God's Faithfulness,

Jerry



*Oh come, let us sing to the **Lord**; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalm 95:1-2*

Join us Sunday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m. as we sing songs of praise and glory to our Lord. Our special guest group will be **All 4 Him**. This is not a service just to hear good gospel music. This is a service to raise our voice in thanksgiving and praise for all God has done for us.

Come and bring your family and friends.



SOUP AND THE WORD

Soup and the Word is a special time to bring Christian brothers and sisters together from different churches in the area. We gather on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon for a song of praise, a brief devotional reminding us of the price Jesus paid for us, and then a lite lunch of hot soup and sandwiches. The remaining dates and locations are as follows:

April 1: Soup & the Word—St. John's Episcopal—12 Noon
 April 8: Soup & the Word—Wytheville Presbyterian—12 Noon
 April 15: Soup & the Word—Mt Pleasant UMC—12 Noon



where everyone belongs

Our mission at Open Door is to create equitable and sustainable housing opportunities for our community, and this includes helping people afford to maintain their current home.

If your household makes \$85,000 or less, is located in Wythe, Smyth, or Bland counties, our new Community Builds program can provide a vast array of home maintenance at or below our actual cost.

We hold a Class A license and are fully insured. Let our property maintenance team help you get those maintenance items completed.

This program will reserve a select number of spots that are fully discounted work for seniors and veterans on a lower fixed income. These full discount spots are very limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Hibiscus Haven is a sanctuary where healing begins for survivors of human trafficking.

Nestled in the heart of Hawaii, our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and restore the lives of those who have been exploited. This is a place of peace and refuge.

Contact us at www.hibiscushaven.org

Survivor Support Services

Our holistic approach includes a wide range of services to support survivors at every stage of their journey.

From immediate rescue to long-term rehabilitation, our resources are here to help.

Safe Housing

Temporary and long-term housing options in a safe, nurturing environment.

Counseling & Therapy

Individual and group counseling sessions led by licensed mental health professionals.

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 Hope Ministry to help those in the community who need help. This offering will be received during the month of April.

This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY



Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for the months of April, May, and June 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.



May 2025 BEACON ARTICLES

All May 2025 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, April 16. Thank you for your help in this matter.

SUNRISE SERVICE HE IS RISEN

7:00 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Service at Wytheville Presbyterian Church with special guest speaker, Rev. Misti McCreary of St. Paul UMC, followed with breakfast.



No Principles of Faith

10:30 a.m.—Easter Worship Service at Wytheville Baptist Church. Bring your family and friends!



BGAV MISSIONARY SPEAKER

On Sunday, April 5, Cadance Tyler will be our BGAV Missionary speaker. She serves as the Impact Missions Camp Coordinator and a BCM Campus Minister at Longwood University. She lives in Keysville, Virginia with her husband Adam and their two children. Cadance is a graduate of Shepherd University and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, and she considers it a privilege to have ministered to young adults in both church and community settings since 2013.

WBC is responsible for providing a meal (church wide or individually) after the service for Cadance and her family. We will receive a love offering which will be mailed to the WBRN Treasurer. All love offerings will be pooled together and split evenly between all the missionaries that came to speak at the conference.

LOÖK!

Who has joined the
WBC family.

Angelo and Brenda Faraci
Joined March 10, 2025



DEACONS' MEETING

Deacon's meeting for the April has been moved to Monday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONFERENCE

We will meet for our Quarterly Business Conference Wednesday, April 30, at 6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Deacons please make every effort to be there.



Dinner Church Encounter: A Food to Faith Initiative

WBC will host Dinner Church Encounter on Monday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a 1

-day training event, beginning with rich theological history of the dinner church vision, and progresses throughout the day toward more practical insights that would enable a leader or group to imagine hosting a Dinner Church in their own community. You still have time to register at:

FreshExpressions.com/event/FoodtoFaithWytheville

\$15 BGAV affiliate

For questions contact Jon Davis / jon.davis@freshexpressions.com



JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY

We will not meet for our Jigsaw Puzzle Party during the month of April. We will gather again on Monday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m.



The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



HE IS RISEN

He is risen! Christ the holy,
He the Christ who once was slain;
He the earth-born, lone and lowly,
Bursts the tomb and lives again.
Grace divine to men abounded.
Grave, sin, hell, are all confounded.

He is risen! Men despising,
Truths of God revealed in time;
Risen! to His foes surprising,
To His friends a joy sublime;
Risen? yes, alive forever,
Christ, of endless life the giver.

Risen! risen! every nation
Join the universal joy;
Let the song fill all creation.
Men and angels' tongues employ,
Sadden'd hell and gladden'd heaven.
Death is conquered, Christ is risen!

Risen! risen! joy forever,
Christ is victor, death in chains.
Grave shall gain dominion never,
Jesus lives, Messiah reigns!
Thrill the earth with the glad story.
We shall reign with Him in glory!

~ Poet: Ellwood Haines Stokes ~

Carroll Stewart
Librarian

HOME: Almetta Cruff, Mary Graham, Lynn Perry, Paula Moore, Billie Taylor, Alyssa Robinson, Bill and Cathy Valley, Emery Pruett, Rick Arnold, Ann and Eric Collins, Alan and Diane Ball, Danny and Sharon Sowers, Carlisle Hostetter, Carroll Stewart, Jackie and Gary Carson, Pamela Clark, Joel Hilton, Missy Throckmorton, Dan and Betty Robinette, Rick Walker, Tom Collins and family, Sylvia McGhee, Rick Tucker

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

FAMILY: Eric and Ann's son, Thomas Collins; Pam Clark's friend, Linda Crockett; Rick Walker's sister, Sue Turner; Almetta Cruff's friend, Denise Grego; Alan and Diane Ball's son, John; Angelo and Brenda Faraci's granddaughter, Josie; Pastor Tim and DeAnne's daughter-in-law, Kate; Mike and Jenny Stoker's daughter, Maria; Lynn Perry's daughter, Cheryl; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity.

FRIENDS: Darrel and Nancy Mayo, Art and Shaina Mertz, Matthew and Lacey Abate's son, Grayson; Sam Dickerson's sister, Bertha; Mike and Monica Brennan's Safe House, Ron Blevins, Jack Quesenberry, Barbara and Brian Guy, Bland Ministry Center, the lost, those dealing with addiction, those dealing with depression, 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: 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.



April 2: Chicken Casserole, Confetti Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Rolls, Dirt Dessert

April 9: Barbecue, Buns, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Tater Tots, Brownies and Ice Cream

April 16: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Lemon Bars

April 23: Lasagna, Toss Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding

April 30: Sandwich Supper—Meat, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Chips, Dip, Veggies, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert



Meetings

Wednesday, April 2: Ladies' Luncheon—12:30 p.m. Open Door Café
 Monday, April 14: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
 Monday, April 14: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
 Monday, April 28: Deacons'—7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 30: Quarterly Business Conference—6:45 p.m.



April Birthdays

1: Danny Sowers
 5: Jenny Stoker
 8: Andrei Stoker
 9: Mary Graham
 11: Brenda Faraci



17: Rhonda Bracknell
 18: Tom Collins
 24: Eric Collins
 25: Missy Throckmorton
 Ann Collins
 29: Billie Taylor



DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 6: Tommy Hilton
 April 13: Roger Clements
 April 20: Chris Bracknell
 April 27: Jenny Stoker

USHERS Team III:

Danny Sowers, Chris Bracknell

TELLERS

Janet Montgomery, Gary Taylor

NURSERY WORKERS

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

April 2025



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 10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> <p> 12:00pm Soup and the Word at St. John's Episcopal</p>	<p>2 12:30pm Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café. 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Church office closed</p>	<p>5 6:00pm Western Blue Ridge Mission Rally at Cambria Baptist Church, 1310 Cambria Street NE, Christiansburg, VA</p>
<p>6</p> <p> MISSIONARY SPEAKER</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am BGAV Missionary Speaker, Cadance Tyler. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>7 9am to 3:30pm BGAV Dinner Church Training No Jigsaw Puzzle Party today.</p>	<p>8 8:00am WCMA meeting 10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> <p> 12:00pm Soup and the Word at Wytheville Presbyterian</p>	<p>9 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Church office closed</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p> Communion Observed and Benevolence Offering Received</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "Ready for the Week" Isaiah 50:4-9a. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>14 12:30pm Circle of Light meeting in the fellowship hall. Bring your Brown Bag 6:03pm Circle of Hope meeting in the fellowship hall.</p>	<p>15 10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> <p> 12:00pm Soup and the Word at Mt. Pleasant UMC</p>	<p>16</p> <p> DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p> Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>18</p> <p> Church office closed</p>	<p>19</p>
<p> NO Growing in Christ 10:30am Worship Service "From Gardener to Savior" John 20:1-18. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>23 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Church office closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>Pastor Tim and DeAnne on vacation 4/21 to 27/2025</p>						
<p>27 NO Growing in Christ 10:30am <i>Sunday Singing Worship Service with All 4 Him.</i></p> <p></p>	<p>28 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting</p>	<p>29 10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>30 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Church Business Conference 7:45pm Choir practice</p>			