



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We are approaching an exciting and important time for Wytheville Baptist. For the first six months of this year, we studied Prayerful Discernment. We have taken time to know what it is, how to do it, and the scriptural basis for it. We have put together a framework to help us narrow the field. Now beginning this month on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 PM, we will discuss how we will proceed as a church to do God's will. This is not about finding a program that was successful at another church. This is not about making sure we have all the programs other churches currently do. This is about what is God asking us as a church to do for the Kingdom. It is about how God has gifted and prepared us for this time and this town. If we can determine God's will for our com-

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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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munity of faith and make a deep commitment to it, we cannot fail because this is God's desire for us.

We need to take into consideration the skills and talents of people who are currently part of our community of believers. Our current resources (finances, building size, and time availability) need to be part of our process also. Please do not sell yourself short, because God has gifted each person greatly in skills, talents, resources. I believe it will be bigger than we think we can do. The ministry God is preparing for us will lead people to Christ, will show them how to grow in Christ, and will help other churches grow also. It will require us to follow through on what we have started because there will be forces trying to stop us in the spiritual realm.

If you have not been a part of the process so far, please consider attending on Wednesday evenings. Every member has been given some part of insight by God on the direction we should go. We need to hear all voices prior to making any decisions. At this time somebody's "two cents" can turn on a light that will cause all the pieces to fall in place.

I believe through prayer and times of study God has gifted this church with resources and people for such a time as this.

Will you be part of the process?

Because of God's Love,

Pastor Tim

As each one has received a special gift,
employ it in serving one another as
good stewards of the
manifold grace
of God.

1 Peter 4:10



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

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

- **The next bi-monthly meeting is Thursday, Aug 7, 2025, at Dublin Baptist Church.**
- **Thomas Cundiff** read the letter from Mountain Top Church: "We at Mountain Top Baptist Church would like to be considered to join your Network. We feel that after learning all the ways that you are helping the community and each other, that we would be a good partner with you. Thank You, Pastor Robert Hall, Deacon Robert Bryant." Motion was made to accept Mountain Top Church as a provisional member until the Annual Meeting October 2025; seconded by Dave Clonch. Charles stated that at the Annual Meeting a representative of the church will attend and ask to become a full member of the Network. Motion passed.
- **Venezuela Ministry:** Charles Damron shared that the latest letter from Pastor Ramon expresses appreciation for the funds the Network sends, but more appreciation for the prayer support. Pastor Ramon said over 60 children are fed on Sunday mornings and then the families are fed after service. They collect food, mattresses, clothing for those that have experienced flooding. He asked for prayer for the funds for his son's next semester's expenses.
- **Bland Ministry:** Charles told Dee Dee Hoosier it was good to see her again. She introduced Riley, a summer intern. Dee Dee shared that over 800 families are being served through the food pantry. She suggested that VT and RU consider sending students to help on the 4th Thursday of each month to help with "Work Force", 4:00-6:00 p.m. to distribute food. Last week they had 70. She said the transition to become independent is moving ahead. They are in the middle of the home repair season. The golf tournament was in June. The funds will go toward home repair. She expressed appreciation for the prayers offered during her surgery and recovery.

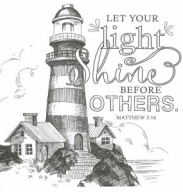
C. F. Damron
WBRBN Missions
Development Team

The Women's Ministry leaders and their guests are invited to the WBRBN Ministry Dinner held at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant, 5281 Alexander Rd, Dublin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5.



CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Hope that everyone enjoyed time off from some of our church meetings and activities. The month of July is a time to sweat, reflect, sweat, rest, sweat, and gear up for fall. I think that we all needed a break but I'm looking forward to Circle meetings, and Wednesday night Bible study. I've missed you!



A HUGE thank you for your donations of school supplies. Your generosity blesses and lessens a burden to many. It is so expensive to get the kids back in school, especially for those with multiple children. I'm sure that these supplies will be appreciated! I'm always proud to say these supplies came from Wytheville Baptist Church when I deliver them. Our mission action for August is a monetary donation to Hope Packs. Heads up, Undie Sunday will be coming up in September. Watch for the clothesline.

We invite all ladies to join us for lunch on Monday, August 4th at Open Door at 12:30 and our circle meeting/brown bag lunch on Monday, August 11th in the fellowship hall at 12:30.

Choose Joy, Lynn Arnold



CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to the ladies in Circle of Hope who take part in our mission outreach endeavors. We are working along side Circle of Light in preparation for Emmie King's Wedding Shower on August 30. Watch for more information to come.

Don't forget to join us for our next meeting on Monday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies, come join us!



Jerry Stone Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

It's harvest time, and don't you just love all the fresh fruits and vegetables that are being harvested this month? There are apples, pears, blueberries, cantaloupe, squash, sweetcorn, tomatoes, and watermelons. My mouth is already beginning to water.

We have many in the church today who have tilled the ground, planted the seeds, watered, and cared for the plants, and then patiently waited for the harvest when they can enjoy the fruits of their labor. There are also those in the community of faith who are filled with seeds of love, kindness, talents, and resources which, if used for God's purpose, will harvest souls for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Remember the old saying, "You reap what you sow." This saying can hold great significance not only in the harvest of food but also in the harvest of souls. That's not just a saying, it's scripture:

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

This also goes hand in hand with Discipleship. We are called by God to be disciples. "As you are going, make disciples." "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Just like the man who plants his garden and then waits to receive his bounty, are we as Christians diligently planting seeds, telling others how to have a relationship with God, and patiently waiting to see those souls come to Jesus. If we do our job, we will see others truly blessed by God, but know that in God's time, we will see fully **all** the bounty of our discipleship.

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Hosea 10:12

Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord until he comes and showers His righteousness on you."

I ask you, is your heart plowed and planted with seeds of God's love? Are you spreading seeds of discipleship, watering them and patiently waiting to see the harvest?

Galatians 6:9

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Spreading seeds,

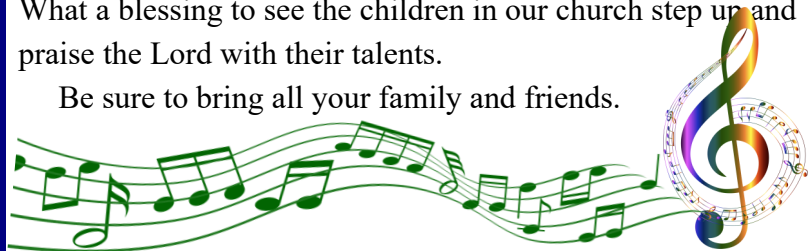
Jerry

4TH SUNDAY SING

LET'S SING PRAISES TO THE LORD!

This month we have decided to do something a little different for our 5th Sunday Sing. Since Pastor Tim will be on vacation on the fourth Sunday, we decided to change the 5th Sunday Sing to the 4th Sunday Sing. So get ready for the 4th Sunday Sing on August 24 at 10:30 a.m. Plus we are going to highlight the children. The children will sing, they will play the violin, piano, guitar, and maybe even have a few surprises for us. What a blessing to see the children in our church step up and praise the Lord with their talents.

Be sure to bring all your family and friends.



Please sign-up now to secure your place. Sign-up at the church, call the church office to sign-up, or email the church office. Help us stay safe and be able to help others in time of a health crisis.

CPR TRAINING

Get Certified. Save A Life, You'll Be Glad You Did.

The Wytheville Police Department and
Deputy Chief of Police Bryan Bard

Will be offering a free
CPR, AED, First Aid Class to the
Wytheville Baptist Church
Saturday October 18th, 2025
9:00am to Noon

Class starts promptly at 9:00 am
Must arrive on time and attend the full class
to be certified.

Deadline to sign up is October 1st, 2025
Limited to first 25 people.



Dear Women's Ministry,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift toward our safe house! As soon as it is all put together, I will make sure to send a photo.

Thank you for being "Jesus" to so many of these ladies!

Prayers and Blessings,
Mike and Monica Brennan
Youth Evangelism Strategies
Hibiscus Haven

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.



AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

YOU **CAN** HELP



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.



SEPTEMBER 2025 BEACON ARTICLES

All September 2025 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, August 18. Thank you for your help in this matter.

GET READY! GET READY! GET READY!

FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC



The Fellowship Team invites our WBC family and friends to a day of fellowship at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp on Sunday afternoon, September 7. If you would prefer, meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. and caravan to the lake, carpooling is suggested, or you can meet us down at the campgrounds. The lake is available for fishing. There will be games including horseshoes and cornhole boards. At 5:30 we will have a meal together. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish and dessert to compliment the meal. At 6:30 we will have a short vesper service.

Directions: Take I-81 N to Exit 98, at the stop sign turn right onto Cleburne Blvd./Old Route 100 Rd., turn left onto Hence Rd., turn left onto Davis Rd., turn left onto Newbern Rd./Wilderness Rd., turn right at Towes Ferry Rd and go to the end of this road, take a right into the Baptist Camp.

*Put in the following address in your GPS/Phone:
4337 Towes Ferry Rd, Dublin, VA 24084
This will get you to the end of the road.*

Take a right into the Baptist Camp.



PARENTS' AFTERNOON OUT

Parents' Afternoon Out will be Saturday, August 16, from 11:00-1:30. Lunch and fun will be provided. If you would like your child/children to attend, please let Cindy Archer, Susan Keene, or Carolyn Clements know. We are planning a picnic with summertime activities for the kids.



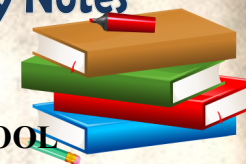
JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY

Don't forget our Jigsaw Puzzle Party. We are excited to get together again on Monday, August 4, at 10:00 a.m. to Noon (puzzles included). We will meet the first Monday of every month unless we have to cancel for any reason. We would love for you to join us.



Mark Saturday, August 30, on your calendars. The Women's Ministry is planning a wedding shower for Emmie King on that date and we want you there to celebrate with us. There will be more information about the shower in the near future. So, watch your emails and announcements.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

~ Kenn Nesbitt ~

"Dear students, the summer has ended.
The school year, at last, has begun.
But this year is totally different.
I promise we'll only have fun.
We won't study any mathematics,
and recess will last all day long.
Instead of the pledge of allegiance,
we'll belt out a rock-and-roll song.

We'll only play games in the classroom.
You're welcome to bring in your toys.
It's okay to run in the hallways.
It's great if you make lots of noise.

For homework, you'll play your Nintendo.
You'll have to watch lots of T.V.
For field trips, we'll go to the movies
and get lots of candy for free.

The lunchroom will only serve chocolate
and triple fudge sundaes supreme."

Yes, that's what I heard from my teacher
before I woke up from my dream.

Carroll Stewart
Librarian



HOME: Rick Tucker, Rick Walker, Bill Lively, Dee Nolan, Dolores Dove (home in New Orleans), Paula Moore, Bill and Cathy Valley, Emery Pruett, Ann and Eric Collins, Alan and Diane Ball, Danny and Sharon Sowers, Carroll Stewart, Jackie and Gary Carson, Pamela Clark, Joel Hilton, Missy Throckmorton, Dan and Betty Robinette, Tom Collins and family, Sylvia McGhee

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

FAMILY: Cory Miller's sister, Tanya; Lynn Perry's sister, Brenda; Tommy Hilton's friend, Danny; Linda Lively's uncle, Forrest Ramsey; Lynn Arnold's husband, Rick, son, Adam, and Adam's father, Jeff Phillips; Brenda Faraci's sister-in-law; Pam Clark's friend, Linda Crockett; Rick Walker's sister, Sue Turner; Alan and Diane Ball's son, John; Angelo and Brenda Faraci's granddaughter, Josie; Mike and Jenny Stoker's daughter, Maria; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity.

FRIENDS: Linda and Jack Quesenberry, Dee Dee Hoosier, 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, Barbara and Brian Guy, Young Life and Luke, 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 Tovar, and his family; people in Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

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.



Lord In Your Mercy,
Hear Our Prayer

August 6: Sandwich Supper: Meat, Cheese, Bread, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Potato Salad, Veggies and Dip, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert.

August 13: Parmesan Chicken, Rolls, Spaghetti Salad, Brownies and Ice Cream.

August 20: Lasagna, Toss Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding

August 27: Salad Supper: Chef Salad, Jell-O Salad, Cornbread Salad, Apricot Pound Cake.



Meetings

Monday, August 4: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café—12:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 7: WBRBN at Dublin Baptist Church—6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 11: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Monday, August 11: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Tuesday, August 12: WCMA—8:30 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church

August Birthdays

2 Joe Crowgey
19 Dan Robinette
Bill Lively
30 Barbara Guy



DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 3: Eric Crowgey
August 10: Tommy Hilton
August 17: Roger Clements
August 24: Chris Bracknell
August 31: Jenny Stoker

USHERS Team III:

Danny Sowers and Chris Bracknell

TELLERS

Ty King and Tommy Hilton

NURSERY WORKERS

August 3: Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, DeAnne Irving

August 10: Carolyn Clements, Ty King, Lynn Arnold

August 17: Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker, Lynn Arnold,

August 24: Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery

August 31: Alyssa Robertson, Rachel Wilson, Diana Torres



August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>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</div>					1 Church office closed	2
3 <i>Communion Observed and Benevolence Offering Received</i> 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Meaningless” Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14,2:18-23. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	4 10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party on the main floor 12:30pm Ladies’ Luncheon at Open Door Café.	5 10:00am A Time of Prayer 6:00pm WMU and Women Ministry leaders’ dinner is on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at the El Ranchero Restaurant in Dublin.	6 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice	7 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	8 Church office closed	9
10 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Those Who Fear God” Psalm 33:12-22. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	11 12:30pm Circle of Light Women’s Ministry meets in the fellowship hall. Bring your Brown Bag Lunch. 6:30pm Circle of Hope Women’s Ministry meets in the fellowship hall.	12 8:30am WCMA meeting at St. John’s Episcopal Church 10:00am A Time of Prayer	13 All Student Grades, first full day of school! 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice	14	15 Church office closed	16 <div>11:00am to 1:30pm Parents’ Day Out</div>
17 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “God Fills the Earth” Jeremiah 23:23-29. 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 Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice	21	22 Church office closed	23
24 NO Growing in Christ 10:30am 4th Sunday Sing Worship Service highlighting our children and youth.	25	26 10:00am A Time of Prayer	27 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice	28	29 Church office closed	30 Wedding Shower for Emmie King. More information to come.
31 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “New Type of Mountain” Hebrews 12:18-29. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook						