

Wytheville Baptist Church

God is Love

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Living the Best

This year we are focusing on learning about spiritual discernment. This process started a few years ago when we looked at what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We searched through the scriptures reading and studying the passages every Christian should know. The scriptures teach us about the basic principles that God wants every Christian to live if we are going to follow Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. When we know the scriptures well, then we have a great foundation for our spiritual journey.

Last year, the church took a big step to learn more about prayer. Prayer is key to developing and deepening a personal relationship with a loving God who wants a conversation with us every day. Prayer provides an opportunity not only to voice our concerns to God but also to hear God speak personally to us. Silence should always be part

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future
God has
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us, we seek to
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of every prayer; this provides a moment for God to speak to us. The more practiced we are with silence the better we will understand what God is saying to us.

Now we are taking the next step, discerning what God means by the words God speaks to us. We are going to learn first what these words mean for our individual journeys. Once we have a grasp on this, then we will seek to understand what God is saying for our journey as a community. If we can discern what God is asking each person to be and how this fits together in our community of faith, then we can live the best God has for us individually and corporately.

Paul's prayer for the Philippian church is also my prayer for us on this journey together.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV)

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9 AM and on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 PM as we study how to discern God's will as an individual and as a part of the community of faith.

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 February 6, 2025.
- ◆ **Mission Rally/Conference:** Charles Damron said the Rally will be held on Saturday April 5. He said he has requested missionaries and expects responses in January-February. He said 9 churches have signed up to be involved in the Conference. He asked if additional churches want to be involved that they contact him. He also said more information will be forthcoming.
- ◆ **Wayne Coake asked** if we are going to send Pastor Ramon a gift this Christmas. Thomas Cundiff made the motion that we send him \$400. Dave Clonch seconded, and the motion carried.
- ◆ **Charles led in discussion** regarding goals for the Network in the coming year: 1) Charles said we have set the goal that we need to serve the people and our churches. He stressed that we need better participation. 2) The opinion was expressed that the Monthly Dinners need to continue. The suggestion was made to make personal contact before the dinners. 3) Thomas Cundiff said he would like a survey completed by each church regarding the needs within their church/community. He and Charles will work on this survey. 4) The reminder was made that Network funds are available to churches for their special projects. The Finance Team will prepare a reminder to be sent out with the application. 5) We could work again with Lebanon Association in special events and activities. 6) Thomas Cundiff said he has been contacted by a church that is interested in the Network. He will share a copy of the Annual Report 2024 with them. 7) Danny Vaughn said he was asked if the Network would do Revival.

C. F. Damron
WBRBN Missions Development Team



CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Have you thawed out yet? January certainly was a cold wintery month. For those who dislike snow I apologize. I love snow! I pray that it helped restore moisture to the earth that so desperately needed a drink. I promise not to do a snow dance, but the Lord may have other ideas.

Mm good, mm good... Can you finish this slogan? You might be revealing your age if you can. That's what Campbell's soup is, mm good. This was a commercial years ago for Campbell's soup.



During the month of February "Souper Bowl" Sunday will be celebrated by collecting canned soup for our friends in the community that are in need. A shopping cart will be at the front of the sanctuary to collect your donations.

This was such a huge success last year. We blessed and warmed many tummies and hearts through your generosity.

Our circle did not meet in January but look forward to our first meeting of the new year on the Monday, February 10, to see where God is leading us to serve.

Happy Valentines Day dear friends.

Choose Joy,

Lynn Arnold



CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who helped with our January project of helping the Pregnancy Resource Center's Sanctity of Life by contributing NB-3 size diapers. You truly are a blessing to others who need a helping hand.



Please 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, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies, join us!



Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

Jerry Stone

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. Colossians 1:9b

Discerning God's Will for my life and the life of our Community of Faith—I'm very excited to dive into the deep waters of this subject and let the Holy Spirit guide me through this Spiritual Awakening.

Last Christmas a very special couple gave me a calendar for my desk and each day there are thoughts from different writers. The one that reminds me of the journey we are about to embark upon is from Anne Graham Lotz in "God's Story."

The crowning jewel of Creation was man himself. He was created for a distinct purpose. If the purpose is lived out, life is fulfilling. If the purpose is rejected or ignored, life will never be what it was meant to be. Apart from the Creator's purpose, you and I are like a light bulb lying in a meaningless, useless state. We need to fit into the Creator's original design, plugging into the power source—our relationship with Him—if our lives are to be what they were meant to be.

This to me is discernment, living out God's plan and purpose for my life. But how exactly do we know God's plan? How are

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we filled with God's knowledge of His will as it states in Colossians 1:9b. It's not a guessing game trying to figure out God's Will for our lives. God is not hiding this from us. God wants us to know and guide us daily.

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 6:45 p.m. both in the fellowship hall as we discover and grow in Discerning God's Will for our lives and the life of our Community of Faith.

Discerning God's Will,

Jerry



DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE FOR

Roger Clements

Held on November 15, 2024

What an amazing and beautiful service. Please keep Roger and all our Deacons in your prayers.



where everyone belongs

Welcome to Your Self-Help Resource Hub

Empowering You with Tools and Support

At Open Door Community, we understand that life's challenges can be overwhelming. That's why we've created this Self-Help Resource Hub to provide you with valuable tools, guidance, and support to navigate various aspects of your life. Whether you're dealing with personal issues, seeking to improve your well-being, or looking for practical solutions, we're here to help.

How to Use These Resources

Our Self-Help Resource Hub is designed to be user-friendly and accessible. Browse through the categories below to find the information and tools you need. Each section includes practical guides, helpful articles, and links to external resources for additional support.

Need More Help?

If you need personalized support or have specific questions, our team is here to assist you. Contact Us or call us at 276-228-5610. We offer confidential support and can connect you with additional resources tailored to your needs.

Take the First Step Today



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.

Hibiscus Haven was established in response to the urgent need for a safe haven for Native women affected by human trafficking. Understanding the unique challenges faced by these individuals, we are committed to providing a nurturing environment that fosters healing and empowerment.

Our founders, Michael and Monica Brennan, have dedicated over three decades to ministry, with Monica bringing her personal experience as a survivor and her expertise as a licensed mental health therapist to guide our mission. Together, we strive to create a community where love, grace, and support lead to true restoration.

Contact us at www.hibiscushaven.org

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 February.

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 February and March 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.



**MARCH 2024
BEACON ARTICLES**

All March 2025 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, February 17. Thank you for your help in this matter.

JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY

We are excited to invite you to our first fun-filled Jigsaw Puzzle Party, Monday, February 3. We will meet the first Monday of every month and plan to meet upstairs from 10:00 a.m. to Noon (puzzles included). We would love for you to join us.



The Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Cafe follows for anyone wanting to attend. For more information, please contact Caroline Clements: 757-871-5048 or Billie Taylor: 276-228-4204



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT



Carolyn Clements and Susan Keen will provide a "Parents' Night Out" event on Valentine's Day, February 14, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for our church families with young children. Carolyn and Susan will provide dinner, games, and crafts. What a blessing for our young adults to know their children are safe while they enjoy time together or just quiet time.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER UPDATE

During our January 22nd Quarterly Church Business Conference, a subject about the expense for our Wednesday Night Supper was brought up. The fact that the suggested donation for a meal, that has been in place for more than two decades, was discussed. The suggested donations for a meal for the numerous past years are:

Birth to Kindergarten—Free,
1st Grade to 6th Grade—\$3,
6th Grade to Adults—\$5.

With the rise in food prices over these many years, a decision was made to increase the suggested donation for a meal to allow WBC to continue to enjoy our fellowship around the table each Wednesday night to:

Birth to Kindergarten—Free
1st to 6th Grade—\$5
7th Grade to Adults—\$10

These suggest donations will take effect on Wednesday, January 29. This is only a suggested donation for a meal and will in no way hinder people from coming and enjoying a good meal. We welcome everyone and pay what you can.

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



TWICE AS SWEET

On Valentines Day, we show our love;
We express our deep affections.
Those who are important to us
Get cards and sweet confections.



But Christian love is not just for
The ones we hold most dear;
Jesus said "love everyone;"
He made that very clear.

For Christians, it is every day
We should care and love and serve
Everyone we meet in life,
Whether they do or don't deserve.



Let's follow Jesus' good command
To love everyone we meet.
Valentine's Day every day
Will make life twice as sweet.

~By Joanna Fuchs~

Carroll Stewart
Librarian

RICHMOND HOSPITAL: Mary Graham

HOME: Alyssa Robinson, Bill and Cathy Valley, Emery Pruett, Rick Arnold, Ann and Eric Collins, 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

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

FAMILY: Angelo and Brenda Faraci's granddaughter: Jossie; Cathy Valley's cousin, Bill Harris; Rev. Bill Lively's brother-in-law, Sid; Pastor Tim and DeAnne's daughter-in-law, Kate; Mike and Jenny Stoker's daughter, Maria; Almetta Cruff's friend Patricia Blankenship; Lynn Perry's daughter, Cheryl; Diane Ball's daughter and granddaughter, Holly and Trinity.

FRIENDS: Mike and Monica Brennan's Safe House, Ron Blevins, Jack Quesenberry, Barbara and Brian Guy, Jake Hancock, 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: 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:

The family and friends of Glenna Turner upon her passing.



February 5: Veggie Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers, Chips, Veggies, Dip, Brownies and Ice Cream.

February 12: Pancake Supper, Sausage, Bacon, Fruit Salad, Ice Cream Sundaes.

February 19: Chicken Parmesan, Rolls, Green Beans, Jell-O Salad, Cookies and Ice Cream

February 26: Chili, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli and Cheese, Crackers, Apricot Pound Cake.



Meetings

- Monday, February 3: Puzzle Party—10:00 upstairs
- Monday, February 3: Ladies' Luncheon—12:30 p.m. Open Door Café
- Monday, February 10: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Monday, February 10: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Thursday, February 6: WBRBN—6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church
- Tuesday, February 11: WCMA—8:00 a.m. at WBC



February Birthdays

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| 5: Vanessa Lopez | 18: Alec Robinson |
| Linda Sutphin | Ivey Burke Knupp |
| 8: John Willis | 20: Ty King |
| 13: Cole Throckmorton | 25: Bill Valley |
| | 27: Sharon Sowers |



DEACON OF THE WEEK

- February 2: Roger Clements
- February 9: Jenny Stoker
- February 16: Lynn Arnold
- February 23: Eric Crowgey

NURSERY WORKERS

- February 2: Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, DeAnne Irving
- February 9: Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker

USHERS Team I:

Caroline Clements, Susan Keene

February 16: Carolyn Clements, Ty King, Billie Taylor

TELLERS

Ty King, Tommy Hilton

February 23: Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery

February 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>						1
<p>2 Communion Observed Benevolence Offering Received</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Importance of Love” 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and Communion. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am-12:00pm Jigsaw Puzzle Party meets upstairs 12:30pm Ladies Luncheon at Open Door Café.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation on Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network meeting at Dublin Baptist Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Fishing” Luke 5:1-11. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:30pm Circle of Light meeting in the fellowship hall. Bring your Brown Bag Lunch. 6:03pm Circle of Hope meeting in the fellowship hall.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00am Wythe County Ministerial Association meeting 10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>5:00-8:00pm Parents’ Night Out for our church families with young children. <i>Happy Valentines Day!</i></p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Christ is Resurrected” 1 Corinthians 15:12-20. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service “Do Not Fret Over Evil” Psalm 37:1-11,39-40. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	

