

Wytheville Baptist Church



Be fishers of men

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS SEARCHING FOR GOD'S WILL

God has a great plan and desire for our community. God wants us to understand that plan and step into ministry where God is already active around us. Since the beginning of this year, God has been opening avenues for us to understand this plan. Excitement levels during our meetings and Worship services continue to grow. We are seeing answers to prayer every week. There is no doubt God is at work among us building and preparing us for a wonderful future as a church. We are helping one another by sharing what we see God doing and saying to us.

We have completed five months of learning and talking about prayerful spiritual discernment. Our discussions happen mainly on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We have begun walking the path toward dis-

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Loving, Growing, Sharing, Serving

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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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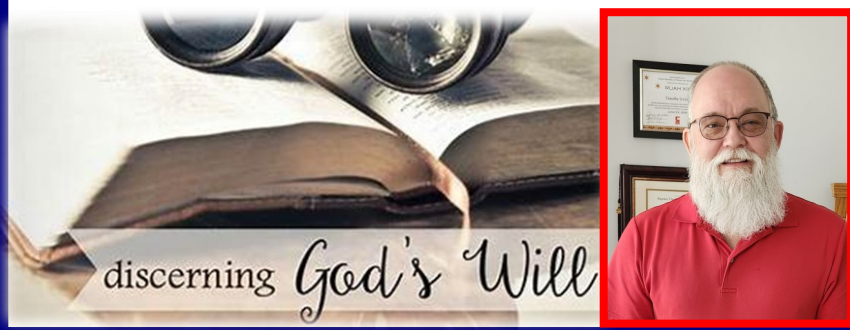
cerning God's will for our church community. Our framing statement is: What area of ministry does God want us as a church to start, center on, or continue? The ministries we participate in currently, we should continue to maintain during this time of discernment. Some of these ministries are in need now of expansion so we can maintain the current attendance. There is a place for more people to help in some of these areas such as Children's church and Children's Wednesday night activities. Consider if God is asking you to help in these programs so we can assist our youngest ones to know how God is calling them.

You may not attend either Sunday morning or Wednesday evening discussions. I ask you consider making a commitment to be part of our discussions about the future direction of our church. The whole congregation needs to experience what you think God is sharing with us about the future. This journey of spiritual discernment is about coming together as a community and sharing the words God has for us. If some of God's words are not shared with the community, we may miss or misinterpret God's plans for us.

This journey is about finding and living God's will for Wytheville Baptist. Currently, we are not fully aware of the details. Yet we know it involves sharing the story of God's work through Jesus Christ and helping people to grow into mature Christians

Are you going to be part of God's will for Wytheville Baptist?

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

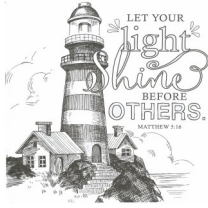
WESTERN BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST NETWORK WEB SITE:
<http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>

The next bi-monthly meeting is Thursday – June 5, 2025.

Venezuela Ministry: Charles Damron shared that the latest letter from Pastor Ramon includes 10 prayer requests. Pastor Ramon expresses appreciation for the funds the Network sends, but more appreciation for the prayer support.

Pictured is the Venezuela Church led by Pastor Ramon

C. F. Damron
WBRBN Missions
Development Team



CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Many thanks for supporting our May mission project. The guests at the New River Regional Jail appreciate the new (to them) paperback books. Did you pray for them when you brought your books to church? I did; one never knows the circumstances that brought them there.

Our mission project for June is a monetary donation to Agape. We are also planning a workday at the Bland Ministry. If you would like to go with us, we would love to have you. If you've never been you would be amazed at all that they do. We haven't set a date yet but when we do I'll send an email with the details.

Just a reminder that our ladies luncheons are held on the first Monday of the month at Open Door Café at 12:30 p.m. and our circles meets on the second Monday at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Choose Joy,
Lynn



CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to the ladies in Circle of Hope who take part in our mission outreach endeavors. Working along side Circle of Light in Mission projects is a blessing and a delight. During our May meeting, the Circle of Hope double bagged plastic bags for Hope Packs.

A new project we are looking at is to help supply the needs of a new teacher in our community. We will purchase items to fill his/her class room. If you know of a new teacher just beginning in our community, please let Susan Keene know. We will also be helping with the Children's Fun Picnic on Saturday, June 7.

Don't forget to join us for our next meeting on Monday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies, come join us!



Jerry Stone

I must admit, one of my favorite chapters in the Bible is Psalm 62. In this chapter David does not tell God of his great needs, describe his present crises, or give God his wish list. He asks God for nothing but is trusting and praising God alone.

David begins in verses 1-2 with :

***Truly** my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.*

***Truly** he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.*

These verses make my heart sing when I speak them out loud and from the heart. It is an absolute in my life that God is my salvation, my rock, my fortress. In those quiet moments with God, He speaks to me, loves on me, and gives me direction.

There are times when I want to reason things out—I need to just believe; when I'm busy with work—I need to be still; when I want to walk my path instead of the direction God would have me walk—I need to obey. I need to *"Be still and know that I am God"* Psalm 46:10a

David also talks about those who would bless him with their mouth, but curse inwardly. Those who would lie and try to bring him down. But David does not feed into this. He has **calm confidence** in God and he tells his soul to **wait silently** for God alone.

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Has this ever happened to you? Have others deceived you or hurt you with words? David says *“I will not be shaken.” Psalms 62:6b* Our trust must lie only in God. We cannot have one foot upon the rock and another upon the sand because if we do, we will sink. Has someone tried to bring you down? Know this—*“If God is for me, who can be against me?” Romans 8:31b.*

David encourages others to trust in God at all times to pour out their hearts before God because God is a refuge for them. Sounds like discipleship to me. Isn't that what we are to be about? Telling others that God is our only salvation, a refuge in troubled times, our rock, our provider, someone who will never leave us or forsake us. God is love!

David follows with don't put your trust in man or riches because both will fail you. Only God is worthy.

The next few verses 11 and 12 remind me of what we have been studying —Discerning God's Will. What is God's Will for our community of faith? *“One thing God has spoken”—“Power belongs to God.”* It doesn't belong to us. Know that any power that we hold is as God's representative. As God's representative, we are to bring people to Christ and help them grow spiritually.

Two things I have repeatedly heard—with you, Lord, is unfailing love, and God rewards everyone according to what they have done. Are we working hard to show and tell others that God is love and to advance the Kingdom of God?

I hope this chapter in the Bible brings you renewed strength, trust, joy, and a true desire to tell others about God as it did me.

Finding rest in God,

Jerry



OUR ANNUAL IMPACT

196
**Families helped in
homeownership.**

3
**First Time homeowners
under contract.**

31,047
Café meals served

20
**First Time homeowners
purchases**

2,500
Nights of shelter provided.

36,000
Hope Packs delivered



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

We are on schedule! This past month has been a flurry of activity! “Thank you!” doesn't seem like enough to say when you depend on someone as much as we depend on God's people to support, pray and love us to the uttermost places.

It's never easy going from one place that you've ministered in to, again, start all over. Especially when that includes moving far away from your family. We do know that there have been an incredible number of things accomplished here. But that doesn't make it easier when you think of the life-changing decisions that were made, the work that was done, the seeds that were planted, and the people who came to Jesus. However, as I've said many times, we serve at the discretion of the King of kings. Jesus is our administrative and spiritual leader, and it is not ours to question why. The last few months have revealed that God's timing is perfect.

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 June.

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 month of 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.



JULY 2025 BEACON ARTICLES

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

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

OUR 5TH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IN SONG

Be sure to be here on Sunday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. as we Praise the Lord with music. Our guest singers this month are:

“The Riches”

Be sure to bring your family and friends.



PARENT'S AFTERNOON OUT

Parent's Afternoon Out, will be Saturday, June 7, 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, June 2, 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.

CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL 2025



Balloon Glow,
Friday, June 20, 7 to 9 p.m.

Parade Through Downtown
Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m.



Craft Show, Games on the Lawn,
Lisa's School of Performing Arts,
and much more. Sunday, June 22.



Monday, June 23, to Saturday, June 28
A Week Full of Fun and excitement.
Come Join Us.



Due to the Chautauqua Festival being held in Elizabeth Brown Park, there will be no Wednesday night activities on June 25.



The announcement below is an invitation to any family with children 18 and under to receive a 5-day box meal distribution each week. Please pass the word along to help families feed their children.



FREE Summer Meals

May 26 - August 18

Register Today!

Families with children 18 and under can scan the QR Code to register for 5-day box meal distributions at your local site. When filling out the form, please select the site you will pick up from. You may only enroll for ONE site during the summer.

FEEDING SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Feeding Southwest Virginia is an equal opportunity provider. <https://feedingswva.org>

The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



Fisher of Men

O Lord, thinking of fish I become aware today
That when You were walking along the human pathway,
You called Your followers to be fishers of men
As into the highways and byways them You would send.

They would no longer be catching fish, but humans souls
Their words and actions the suffering of others consoles,
Lord Jesus they were to daily go forth in Your name
The wondrous beauty of the Gospel message to proclaim.

As Your disciples fishers of men were to be
Guiding others along to the pathway of victory,
So I too am commissioned to be a fisher of men,
To reach out to others to help their rebellion end.

~ Ed ostrom ~

Carroll Stewart
Librarian

HOME: Bill Lively, Dee Nolan, Brenda Faraci, Dolores Dove (home in New Orleans), Almetta Cruff, Paula Moore, 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: Mike Stoker, Joe Crowgey, Marjorie Wassum, Adren Eldridge, Colleen Dunford

FAMILY: Linda Lively's Uncle, Forrest Ramsey, Lynn Arnold's son, Adam, and Adam's father, Jeff Phillips; Brenda Faraci's sister-in-law; Jackie Carson's sister, Cheryl; Eric and Ann's son, Thomas Collins; Pam Clark's friend, Linda Crockett; Rick Walker's sister, Sue Turner; Almetta Cruff's friend, Teresa Dunford; 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: Jeff Phillips, 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, 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.



Lord In Your Mercy,
Hear Our Prayer

June 4: Broccoli Cheddar Chicken, Romaine Salad, Rolls, Cookies and Ice Cream

June 11: Baked Spaghetti and Meatballs, French Bread, Toss Salad, Banana Pudding

June 18: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and all the fixings, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Watermelon

June 25: *Chautauqua Festival in the park. No Wednesday night activities.*



Meetings

Monday, June 2:	Jigsaw Puzzle Party—10:00 a.m.
Monday, June 2:	Ladies' Luncheon—12:30 p.m. Open Door Café
Thursday, June 5:	WBRBN—6:30 p.m. Dublin Baptist Church
Monday, June 9:	Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Monday, June 9:	Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall



June Birthdays

6 Carlisle Hostetter	18 Alyssa Robinson
9 Emery Pruett	Lewis Powell
10 Marjorie Wassum	21 Claria Joy Robinson
Susan Morgan	22 Dolores Dove
11 Diane Ball	24 Carroll Stewart
12 Joel Campbell-Hilton	25 Cindy Archer
Delores Nolan	29 Constance Vanover



DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 1: Chris Bracknell
June 8: Jenny Stoker
June 15: Lynn Arnold
June 22: Eric Crowgey
June 29: Tommy Hilton

NURSERY WORKERS

June 1 Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, DeAnne Irving
June 8: Carolyn Clements, Ty King, Lynn Arnold
June 15: Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker, Lynn Arnold,
June 22: Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery
June 29: Alyssa Robinson, Diana Torres, Rachel Wilson

USHERS Team IV:







Carolyn Clements & Susan Keene

TELLERS

Guy Sutphin & Lynn Arnold

June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Observed and Benevolence Offering Received 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "Jesus Will Come Again" Revelation 22:12-21. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook	2 10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party 12:30pm Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café.	3 10:00am A Time of Prayer	4 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice	5 6:30pm WBRBN meeting at Dublin Baptist Church.	6 Church office closed	7 Parent's Afternoon Out! 11:00 to 1:30 pm. The children will enjoy a picnic, games, and activities
8 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "A Common Language" Genesis 11:1-9. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	9 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.	10 8:00am WCMA meeting 10:00am A Time of Prayer	11 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice	12 Church office closed	13 Church office closed	14
15  9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "Poured Into" Romans 5:1-5. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	16 	17 10:00am A Time of Prayer	18 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice	19	20  Church office closed 7-9:30pm Balloon Glow at WCC 	21 <i>Chautauqua in Wytheville begins.</i>
22 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service "Be Here" Luke 8:26-39. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	23 <i>Chautauqua in Wytheville</i>	24 10:00am A Time of Prayer	25 No Wednesday night activities.	26	27 Church office closed	28
29 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall 10:30am Worship Service in SONG with special guests THE RICHES. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page. 				<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>		