

# Wytheville Baptist Church



## *The Beacon*

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### PASTOR'S THOUGHTS FOUR MONTHS LATER

Since January, we have been talking about spiritual discernment. Our conversations have produced ideas that were expressed both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We have discussed the strengths and weaknesses of our community of faith. We talked about important ministries that we currently are involved with helping. We have looked at the needs of our town and county. We recognize that the building is underused but also a great asset. We have hosted some events that have allowed people from different churches to come together for training and preparation for building the Kingdom. We know the finances are available to increase the ministry of the Kingdom. All this work and conversa-

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tion has increased our excitement for doing and participating in God's Will for our local community of faith.

Our next few months will involve deeper discussions about doing God's will. Are we willing to only do God's Will and nothing else? Are we willing to give of our time, energy, talents, and skills to do God's desire for our community? Are we willing to find a place for every member of the church in God's desire for us? Are we willing to make a commitment and to see through what God asks of us? These are only a small portion of the questions for the next part of the journey.

We can do this because it is God's Will. Will it be tough and difficult at times? Yes, that is the nature of the work God has for us. Will God provide the power, resources, training, and ability? Yes, because this is the work God has planned for our community of faith. Will the church grow as a result? Yes, each person who commits to be part plus follows though will grow spiritually and new people will join our community of faith also.

If we take part in God's Will for Wytheville Baptist, excitement and joy will abound and this church will become a leader in the revival of God's people in Wytheville.

Because of God's Love,  
Pastor Tim

*Doing God's Will*  
MATTHEW 7:21-23





## ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Notes from our Minister of Music  
and Worship

### Jerry Stone

I am still shouting *HALLELUJUAH!* for our Easter Service.  
*Jesus is Alive!* What a blessing!

When I got into my quiet time at home I began to reflect, I stopped and thought about what Jesus went through during His last days on earth so that I could have a life in Him. He entered Jerusalem with the people praising and honoring Him. Then the chief priest and elders start to question His authority. We saw and felt the attitudes of the people growing dimmer, plots and schemes being made against Him, and the clouds of despair began to gather and grow dark. His friend and disciple betrayed Him. Jesus was arrested, brutally beaten, and spit upon. Then we heard the sound of the nails piercing the hands and feet of Jesus as they nailed Him to the Cross. After all that had been done to Jesus, and while suffering upon the cross, did He lash out at the people. No, He simply said, “Father, forgive them...”

I had to stop and think—when we are doing our best with the help of the Holy Spirit, and others in the Community of Faith or even those outside the church smile at us then mistreat, abuse, lie about, even plot against us; can we stop and say, “Father forgive them” as Jesus did?

I Thessalonians 5:14-15 says:

<sup>14</sup> *And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient*

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*with everyone.<sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.*

One of the best examples I could give of joy, love, forgiveness, and encouragement is Mary Graham. She will be sorely missed. She was my encourager—my Barnabus. She showed kindness, compassion, and positivity. She would be the first to say, “Jerry, you need to forgive them.” She would in love remind me of my Christian duty.

Let us all strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. This is the Love and Will of God.

Striving to do better,

*Jerry*



On Palm Sunday, April 13, a child was dedicated to the Lord.

Zachary and Alyssa Robinson  
Dedicated and promised to raise

Claira Joy Robinson

In a Christian home.

We thank and praise our Lord for this wonderful family.





The Worship team would like to thank Sonny and Cindy Archer, and Roger Clements for their contributions in setting up the cross and draping it with a cloth for Good Friday,.....

adorning it for Palm Sunday with palms, .....



and beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday.

Christ is risen!

He is risen Indeed!

Alleluia!

## **JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY**

Don't forget our Jigsaw Puzzle Party.

We are excited to get together again on

Monday, May 5, 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.



## **National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 1, 12:00 p.m. Please stop at noon and pray with our community for God's Will to be done.



## **Run for the Wall**

Run For The Wall® (also known as RFTW) is an organized cross-country motorcycle ride to honor our veterans, their families and friends and to raise awareness of those still missing – Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA).



Run for the Wall bikers will arrive in Wytheville Wednesday, May 21, and depart on Thursday, May 22. Show your support for these men and women by coming out to greet them as they travel to Washington.

**May 7:** Parmesan Chicken, Fruit Salad, Cottage Cheese, Rolls, Cookies and Ice Cream



**May 14:** Meat Loaf, Biscuits, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Strawberry Shortcake.

**May 21:** Tacos/Burritos, Chips, Cheese, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Tomato, Lettuce, Guacamole, Fruit Cobbler and Ice Cream

**May 28:** Salad Supper: Chicken Salad, Rolls, Jell-O Salad, 7 Layer Salad, Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert.

## Meetings

Monday, May 5:	Jigsaw Puzzle Party—10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 5:	Ladies' Luncheon—12:30 p.m. Open Door Café
Monday, May 12:	Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Monday, May 12:	Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

## May Birthdays

1. Kathleen Landrith
- 3: Mike Stoker
- 5: Becky Hudson
- 8: Andrei Stoker
- 12: Noah Willis



- 15: Zachary Robinson
- 20: Janet Montgomery
- 21: Sylvia McGhee
- 23: Zanah McCoury
- 24: Tommy Hilton

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

- May 4: Lynn Arnold  
May 11: Eric Crowgey  
May 18: Tommy Hilton  
May 25: Roger Clements

### USHERS Team IV:

Billie Taylor and Zanah McCoury

### TELLERS



Ty King and Tommy Hilton

### NURSERY WORKERS

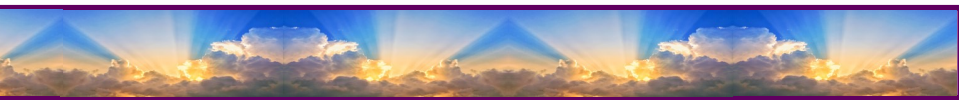
- May 4: Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, DeAnne Irving  
May 11: Carolyn Clements, Ty King, Billie Taylor  
May 18: Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker  
May 25: Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery



# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<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><b>4</b></p> <p><i>Communion Observed and Benevolence Offering Received</i></p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service “Reinstating Peter” John 21:1-19. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Jigsaw Puzzle Party</p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> Ladies’ Luncheon at Open Door Café.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>  <p><b>9:00am</b> Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service “Those in Heaven” Revelation 7:9-17. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> Circle of Light meeting in the fellowship hall. Bring your Brown Bag Lunch.</p> <p><b>6:03pm</b> Circle of Hope meeting in the fellowship hall.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>8:00am</b> WCMA meeting</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service “All Will Be New” Revelation 21:1-6. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer</p>
<p><b>25</b><b>9:00am</b> Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service “Leading Vision” Acts 16:9-15. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	 <p>Church office closed</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> A Time of Prayer</p>





Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2  Church office closed	3 
7  <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday night supper <b>6:45pm</b> Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will <b>7:45pm</b> Choir practice	8 	9 Church office closed  <b>5:00pm</b> Relay for Life in Withers Park  Relay for Life	10 
14  <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday night supper <b>6:45pm</b> Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will <b>7:45pm</b> Choir practice	15 	16  Church office closed	17 
21 <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday Night Supper <b>6:45pm</b> Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will <b>7:45pm</b> Choir practice  <b>Run for the Wall</b>	22 	23  Church office closed	24 
28 <b>6:00pm</b> Wednesday Night Supper <b>6:45pm</b> Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will <b>7:45pm</b> Choir practice	29 	30 	31 

**HOME:** Almetta Cruff, 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:** Roger and Carolyn Clements son, Lewis; Brenda Faraci's sister-in-law; Angelo Faraci's brother; 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 friends, Teresa Duncan and 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.

**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.



**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:** The family and friends upon the passing of Mary Graham.

Carroll Stewart and her family upon the passing of her sister, Gloria Byrd.

## The Nellie Bausell Library Notes



*In Loving Memory of  
Mary Graham*



### Ode to the Sunflower's Joy

Oh, sunflower, with your joy so bright  
A spirit so pure, forever in flight  
With every moment, you light up our soul  
A true inspiration, forever whole  
In your presence, our troubles disappear  
Our hearts at ease, forever so dear  
Your vibrant energy, a source of inspiration.  
A true delight, in every situation  
Oh, sunflower, a symbol of joy so true  
A beauty that fills our life anew  
An ode to your eternal spirit of glee  
A sight forever cherished, forever free.

*~Dan Higgins ~*

**Carroll Stewart**  
Librarian

## **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 May.

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**

YOU **CAN** HELP



Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for the months of 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.



## **JUNE 2025 BEACON ARTICLES**

All June 2025 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Thursday, May 15. Thank you for your help in this matter.





where everyone belongs

Have you tried  
breakfast at Open  
Door Cafe yet?

Stop by  
Monday-Friday  
7 to 10 a.m.

**Open Door**  
CAFÉ

**BREAKFAST MENU**

**DRINKS**

<b>DARK HOLLOW COFFEE</b>	2.00
Locally roasted Dark Hollow Coffee	
<b>SWEET/UNSWEET TEA</b>	2.00
<b>BOTTLED WATER</b>	2.00

**SANDWICHES**

<b>TEXAS TOAST</b>	5.00
Egg, Cheese Choice of Sausage or Bacon	
<b>HOMEMADE BISCUIT</b>	4.00
Egg, Cheese Choice of Sausage or Bacon	

**BURRITOS**

<b>BREAKFAST BURRITO</b>	5.00
Egg, Cheese, Onion Choice of Sausage or Bacon	
<b>TRASHCAN BURRITO</b>	6.00
Egg, Cheese, Bacon, Sausage, Onion, Green Pepper Optional topping: Pepper or Sausage Gravy	

**CINNAMON BUNS**

<b>BEST CINNAMON BUN</b>	5.00
Homemade, fresh baked cinnamon bun	

**Make it a Combo!**

Add \$2 to any breakfast item and  
get a drink and hashbrowns

**A LA CARTE 3.00**

BISCUITS AND GRAVY • TEXAS TOAST AND GRAVY • BREAKFAST  
POTATOES AND GRAVY • HASHBROWNS



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](http://www.hibiscushaven.org)

We now have a contract on our house! So, we can now move forward on  
some things. We have estimated that the move alone will be about \$12,000.  
This includes shipping our vehicle, a rental car while we wait for our truck to  
arrive by ship, lodging while we wait to close on the safe house, airline tick-  
ets and shipping of some personal items. We would appreciate some finan-  
cial help with this if anyone is in a position to donate to this.

Another opportunity to partner with Hibiscus Haven is concerning the  
furnishings for the many girl's bedrooms. This includes bedroom furniture,  
bedding, decorations etc. This would be a great project for youth groups,  
Women's Ministry, Sunday School Classes, or a group of friends. Once we  
arrive there, we will immediately acquire a P.O. Box so folks can send care  
packages without us publicizing the actual location. Security is a high priori-  
ty for us.

Thank you for all you have done and we always ask for your prayers.

*Mike and Monica Brennan*



## CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

I don't always wake up grumpy. Sometimes I let him sleep. LOL! Seriously I'm not always pleasant in the morning. I need coffee, shower, and a song to get me going.

This morning the song was "Sweeter as the Days Go By." I found my joy! Who can be grouchy with those lyrics? His love gets richer, deeper, fuller, and sweeter. My morning song sets the tone for my day as it plays a 24 hour loop in my head. Try it, find your joy in song.

Our circle will be collecting PAPERBACK books during the month of May for the "guests" at the New River Valley Regional Jail. The only restrictions are no hardback books and no true crime. I've been informed that they love mysteries but will read most anything. This is an opportunity to purge your old books and share with those who face daily boredom. There will be a bookshelf in the sanctuary to collect the books.

Our next ladies luncheon will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Open Door at noon thirty. Maybe it will be warm enough to eat outside. The next circle meeting will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall at 12:30. Please join us.

Choose Joy,  
Lynn Arnold



## CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to the ladies in Circle of Hope who help take part in our mission outreach endeavors. Working alongside Circle of Light in Mission projects is a blessing and a delight.

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, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies, join us!



# 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.**

**Hearts and Hammers:** Dave Clonch shared that the first Mission Team is from southside. They will assist H&H in building the new ramp for the Disability Resource Center at their new facility. The building supplies have been delivered. They are preparing for the summer projects.

**Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly** – Mark Patton reported for Thomas Cundiff. He said the Camp opened April 1. He and Dave Clonch asked for prayers for the Camp Directors that have health issues. He said the power supply to the building has been corrected. He asked that churches sign up on the cleaning schedule.

**WMU** – Martha Damron said she has requested that \$1,000 be put in the budget for the stamps for the Christmas cards; she also shared that she suggested that church members purchase 4 stamps a month, also to place a container in the church to collect change that will purchase stamps. She reminded the group that the Mission Rally is on April 5 at Cambria Church and the Conference April 6; she asked that pastors call and remind their WMU leader of the Rally.

Pictured is the Venezuela Church led by Pastor Ramon



C. F. Damron  
WBRBN Missions Development Team



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Wytheville VA 24382

***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.***

#### **YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

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