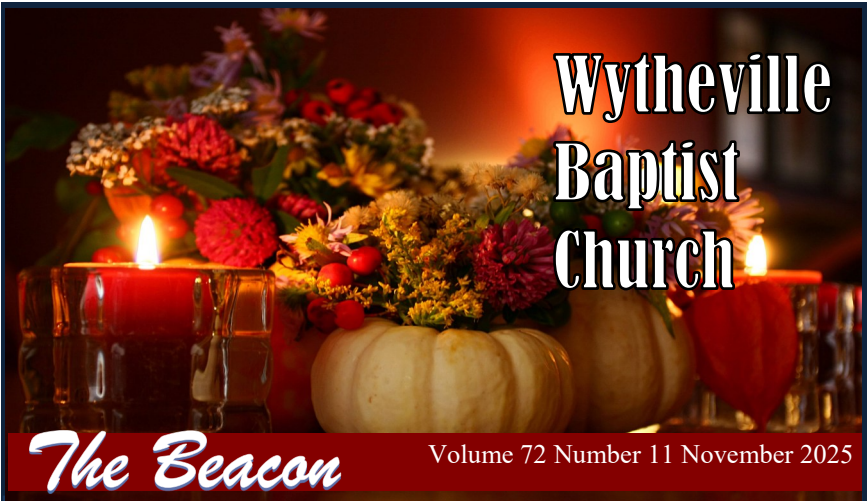




**PASTOR’S THOUGHTS
EXCITING TIMES**

Recently, a tour group of Christian Australians visited our church on a tour of the Eastern United States. They were touring sites to learn about how Christianity came to this country and the different forms it took as it developed. We shared supper with them and a great time of fellowship. After a short devotion, they shared with us some of the ministries they have done to help their churches grow. It was interesting to see that they have the same exact challenges in their country, halfway around the world.

They spoke about trying to reach out to youth and the younger generations. They shared that COVID also devastated some of their church programs and attendance.

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**Boldly
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People got used to not going to church or attending by watching on the internet and have yet to return to attendance in person. These are the same issues we have faced at Wytheville Baptist.

A few things stood out about some of the things they are currently doing to help the churches grow. Their programs are often on Friday or Saturday nights. Plus, a meal or some kind of food is served. Their programs ranged from helping new church members grow on their spiritual journey by having simple study programs to having fun nights open to the community.

We have discussed similar things during our times of prayerful discernment. Currently, we are considering how to open a women's Bible study to the community, and maybe even having a men's Bible study. We have talked about Dinner Church, something done off-site for the purpose of asking people to come to a meal to share Christ with them. We have talked about developing a ministry for caregivers, allowing them some time away for themselves. We have also talked about expanding our ministry to children and their parents.

It is amazing to see the same issues and ideas happening in churches around the world. They described how some of their ideas have been successful to reaching people for Christ. Maybe it is time for us to step in different directions to reach people for God's Kingdom than we have done before.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim

**Step in different directions
to reach people for Christ.**



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

WESTERN BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST NETWORK WEB SITE:

<http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>

- **The next bi-monthly meeting is Thursday December 4, 2025. 6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church.**
- **Care Portal Representative:** Brandy Page shared information about the organization. Care Portal is a Care-Sharing technology that drives action for local kids and families in crisis. She shared that the Department of Social Services, Pregnancy Resource Center, a School or School District can submit a need on the portal. She said churches can be involved in meeting the needs in their area. The needs can be requested only by those families that have children. She cautioned that the families that are helped may not and probably won't become a part of the church that has helped them. Her contact information is: brandy.page@careportal.org.
- **Bland Ministry:** Susan Keene shared that the Dental Program can help students with their dental problems. She shared a before and after picture of a seven-year-old that had never been to a dentist. She said they will have a Veteran's Dental Care Clinic on November 14 for those veterans that don't have dental insurance. She said they gave out 1700 food boxes in August and September. She also shared that she recently visited Bluefield University RAM program with a person from Richmond. This person brought food for the pantry, and they saw how the students are using it. She then told us about the Open House they will have on Wednesday, November 12, from noon-4 p.m. after the BGAV meeting in Abingdon. They will invite those attending the BGAV meeting to stop on their way home to see what the BCM is all about.

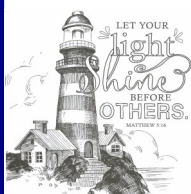
BGAV ANNUAL MEETING

November 10-12, 2025

Highlands Fellowship

Abingdon, VA

WBC can have 15 Messengers at the meeting. If you would like to go, check the office or bulletin board on how to register.



CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

It's Fall Yall! Hope that you're enjoying the beautiful colors of God's palette. Aren't we blessed to live in this part of the country where we get to experience seasons?

Our mission project for October is sending a donation to Mike and Monica Brennan for Hibiscus Haven, a sanctuary for survivors of human trafficking. We are also sending cards of encouragement with a little folding money to children and grandchildren of our church members.

Thank you to all who supported our September mission "Undie Sunday." It was a success because of you!

We look forward to seeing the ladies at our next Open Door luncheon on October 6 at 12:30 and the circle meeting on October 13 at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. Come early and join us for our meeting of the book club at 11:00.

Choose Joy,
Lynn Arnold



CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to all our ladies who helped in any way to make our Wednesday night supper with the Australia Tour group so special. What an amazing time that was.

The ladies met on Monday, October 13, in the fellowship hall. We discussed Operation Shoe Box and decided Circle of Hope would fill 10 boxes for older boys 10-14 years old. At our next meeting, we will fill those boxes.

Susan advised us of the Bland Ministry Open House on November 12, noon to 4:00 p.m. and asked us to come be a part of this event.

We discussed the Young Life Banquet on November 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the meeting center and how we could fill a table.

Our meeting was exciting and full of ministry ideas. Thank you ladies who continue to be a part of Circle of Hope.

Our next meeting will be on November 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All the ladies in the church and their friends are invited.



Jerry Stone Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

This is a beautiful time of the year. The fall colors are washing across the landscape and displaying the handiwork of God. We can turn the air conditioner off and open our windows for fresh air and hear a symphony of birds singing. What a blessing.

The holiday of Thanksgiving is right around the corner and so many of us are getting ready and looking forward to gathering with family and friends for a robust meal. As I sit with my Bible, I realize that Thanksgiving and giving thanks is not an occasional act but a lifestyle rooted in God's Word.

Thessalonians 5:18 says:

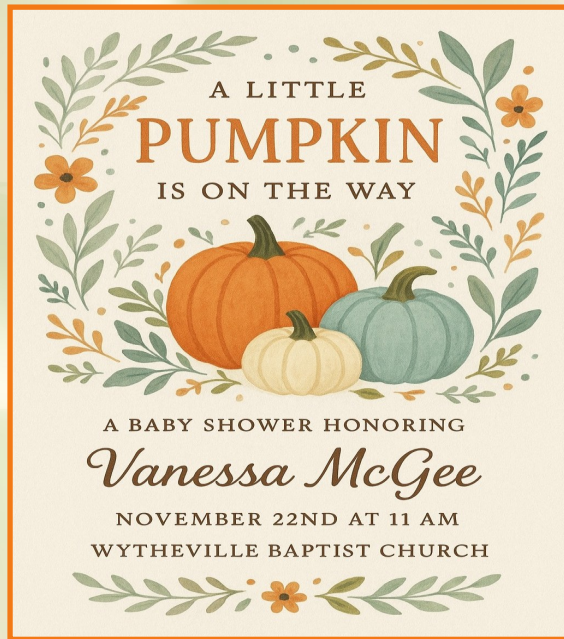
Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

On Wednesday nights we are discussing Discerning the Will of God. This scripture tells us that His Will for us is to thank God not just on one day a year or when things are going good for us; but in ALL circumstances. Sometimes that is hard to do, when things are at their worst, but moments of thanksgiving in those situations become a declaration of trust in God. Take time to look back and see how He has carried us through each day, each trial. When life feels heavy, remember His mercies. They renew us, offering hope and strength for the day ahead. Let this truth shape your heart and lead you to deeper gratitude. Colossians 3:17 says

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Giving Thanks

Jerry



Vanessa is registered at
my.babylist.com/vanessa-lopez-mcgee

JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY

Don't forget our Jigsaw Puzzle Party. We have changed our day to **Thursday**, November 6, at 10:00 a.m. to Noon (puzzles included). We would love for you to join us.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped in any way during Church Street Trunk-or-Treat. WBC and Bland Ministry blessed the adults at each site with a cup of hot soup and then blessed the children as we showed them the love of Jesus.

What a joy to see the children smile and laugh when they received their candy, picked out their slap bracelet with Christian verses on them, and told them they are precious to Jesus. The adults with them are always thankful.



Get those
 running/walking
 shoes out!

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We were able to speak at and then discuss the possibility of using Opihikao Church facility for our church plant. The original contact by missionaries here was in 1823. This area has a slow pace and is untouched by much of the day-to-day life that goes on in some of the cities and town around here. Please pray with us that we are able to use this facility to further the Kingdom of God.



It was such a blessing when we received a call from the leadership of the Big Island Baptist Association asking Monica to be on the executive board. They are interested in her knowledge and experience in dealing with sexual exploitation and trafficking. Please keep Monica in your prayers concerning this offer.

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

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 November.

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 Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Noodles for the months of November and December 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.



DECEMBER 2025 BEACON ARTICLES

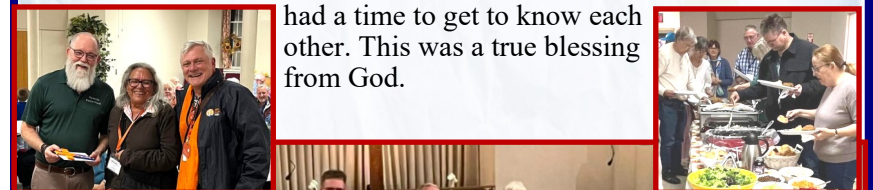
All December 2025 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Thursday, November 13. Thank you for your help in this matter.



On October 18 Deputy Chief of Police Bryan Bard instructed members of WBC on CPR, AED, and First Aid. We were certified to help others in physical need. What a blessing. A big thank you to Deputy Chief of Police Bryan Bard for his time training us.



On Wednesday, October 15, we hosted a tour group from Australia. What an amazing night. We had a meal together, a devotion was given by Pastor Tim, then we had a time to get to know each other. This was a true blessing from God.



IT'S TIME FOR SHOEBOXES!!

We truly believe in this ministry—giving to some of the neediest children in the world and providing them with information that can lead them to the Lord.

Remember that Shoebox Week is November 17-24.

Ideas of items to pack your shoebox: small toys, balls, jump ropes, small musical instruments, school supplies, hygiene items (comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, bar soap (packaged and/or in a container, stick deodorant) socks, tee-shirts, hats, gloves, sunglasses.

DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, liquids, used or damaged items, medicines, candy of any kind, toys promoting violence.

We have empty Shoeboxes at the church ready to be filled. We also ask that you provide \$10 for

FILL THEM WITH



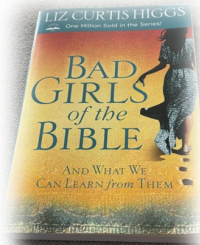
shipping. Decide whether you want to pack your box for a girl or boy and for what age. Fill your boxes and bring them to the church during the week of November 17-24. We ask that you also pray for all the boxes, those who will distribute them, and those who will receive them.

Thanks for your help in advance.



LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Ladies, please join our book club. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We are reading *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will meet once a month before our circle meeting and cover one chapter a month. The book is available on Amazon and other on-line sources. It should be a lot of fun as well as informative. You do not have to be a circle member nor do you have to stay for the meeting. We just want to read about these girls and see if they were really so bad.



The Flower Team will order our Christmas Poinsettias soon. We will be getting red poinsettias. The price will be \$20 per pot. If you would like one or more pots of poinsettias "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" someone special, please fill in the form below, earmark your check "poinsettia" and attach it to the completed form. Place your check and completed form in the offering plate or bring them to the church office no later than noon Wednesday, December 4. We will have a booklet of remembered loved ones on December 14

Please Print Legibly

Your Name _____

Number of Pots: _____

Amount Paid _____

"In Honor Of" _____

"In Memory Of" _____

All orders need to be turned in no later than
Wednesday, December 4.
Please print legibly.

HOME: Zannah McCoury, Rhonda Bracknell, Victoria Willis, Almetta Cruff, Betty and Dan Robinette, Rick Tucker, Rick Walker, Sonny and Cindy Archer, 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, Tom Collins and family, Sylvia McGhee

EXTENDED CARE: Ann Collins, Joe Crowgey, Adren Eldridge, Colleen Dunford

FAMILY: Brenda Farraci's sister, Sandy; Zach Robinson's friend, Marcus Vicors; Alyssa Robinson's friend, Jorie; Linda Lively's uncle, Forrest Ramsey; Lynn Arnold's husband, Rick, son, Adam, and Adam's father, Jeff Phillips; Rick Walker's sister, Sue Turner; Mike and Jenny Stoker's daughter, Maria.

FRIENDS: Janessa Newton, Mr. & Mrs. Kitts, Frances Kennedy, Jason Nipper and his family, Paul Dillow, Gordon family from Rural Retreat, Will Burks and his daughter, Juliauna; Skyler's son, Cole; Tommy and Gena Anders, Linda and Jack Quesenberry, Dee Dee Hoosier, Nancy Mayo, Mike and Monica Brennan's Safe House, Ron Blevins, 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: Jackson and Ragan Bracknell, Thomas Collins, and all others who serve our nation.

PASTORAL CARE: Our Pastor, Rev. Tim Irving, is available to address any pastoral needs. To schedule an appointment with Pastor Tim, please call the church office at 228-3712 or his cell phone: 276-284-1575. For emergencies during nights or weekends, call Pastor Tim on his cell phone or the Deacon of the Week.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Jenny Stoker and her family upon the death of her beloved husband, Dr. Mike Stoker.

The family and friends of Marjorie Wassum upon her death.



November 5: Baked Potato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Veggies and Dip, Crackers, Hawaiian Carrot Pineapple Cake

November 12: Shepherd's Pie, Biscuits, Romaine Salad, Blondies and Ice Cream

November 19: Thanksgiving Meal: Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Pumpkin Roll, Pecan pie

November 26: No Wednesday night supper or other functions.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Meetings

Monday, November 3: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café—12:30 p.m.

Monday, November 10: Ladies' Book Club—11:00 a.m.

Monday, November 10: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Monday, November 10: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Tuesday, November 11: WCMA—8:30 a.m.



November Birthdays

3. Alan Ball

8. Mary Helen Porter

15. Angelo Faraci

17. Linda Hostetter



23. Rachel Hagan

24. Betty Robinette

25. Jackie Carson

27. Emiliano Torres



DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 2: Tommy Hilton

November 9: Roger Clements

November 16: Chris Bracknell

November 23: Jenny Stoker

November 30: Lynn Arnold

USHERS Team II:

Tommy Hilton, Guy Sutphin, Linda Sutphin

TELLERS

Ty King and Tommy Hilton

NURSERY WORKERS

November 2: Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, DeAnne Irving

November 9: Carolyn Clements, Billie Taylor, Ty King

November 16: Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker

November 23: Linda Lively, Diana Torres, Janet Montgomery

November 30: Alyssa Robinson, Rachel Wilson, Diana Torres

November 2025

Count your blessings name them one by one.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Church office closed	1  Fall Back! Remember to move your clocks back one hour.
2 Communion Observed and Benevolence Offering Received 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 9 10:30am Worship Service “Blessing and Woes” Luke 6:20-26 You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	3 12:30pm Ladies’ Luncheon at Open Door Café. 6 to 8:00pm Young Life Banquet at the meeting center. A meal is provided and a guest speaker will talk about Young Life.	4 10:00am A Time of Prayer 	5 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice	6 10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party on the main floor	7 Church office closed	8
9 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 10 10:30am Worship Service “Hope Inside Despair” Job 19:23-27. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	10 11:00am Ladies Book Club in the fellowship hall. 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	11 8:30am WCMA meeting at Presbyterian Church 9:30am Veterans’ Parade in Withers Park 10:00am Veterans’ Ceremony <i>Veterans DAY</i>	12 6:00pm Wednesday night supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice	13 	14 Church office closed	15
16 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall Luke 11 10:30am Worship Service “Less Idleness” 2 Thesalonians 3:6-13 You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	17	18 10:00am A Time of Prayer	19 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will 7:45pm Choir practice	20	21 Church office closed	Baby Shower for Vanessa Lopez-McGhee 11:00 a.m. in Williams Fellowship Hall
23 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 12 10:30am Worship Service “Are You Filled” Colossians 1:9-14. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page	24	25 10:00am A Time of Prayer	26 <i>No Wednesday night supper, Spiritual Conversation, or Choir Practice.</i>	 Church office closed	28 Church office closed	29
30 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 13 10:30am Worship Service “Surprising” Matthew 24:36-44. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page						