

Wytheville Baptist Church

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS THERE COMES A TIME

The spiritual life should be filled with reading scripture, praying, attending church, studying the Bible, and interacting with other people. We should constantly be learning more about our relationship with God and how to grow on our journey. The best spiritual journeys are the ones that seek God in everyday activities. We should be looking for the mountain top experiences in all our adventures every day. When we look for those experiences, we can hear God call to us and ask us to take a deeper step on the spiritual journey. This step could be a benefit just for us, or it could help a great number of people.

For us to experience blessings, we will need to take a step. There are very few times when blessings precede the step you

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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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need to take. The disciples learned this by living with Jesus for three years. Matthew 14:22-33 is one of those times when taking a step was required to experience a new blessing. Jesus just finished teaching the crowds and sent the disciples across the lake while he stayed to pray. The disciples are still traveling by boat at dawn when Jesus comes walking on the water to them. They are fearful that it is a ghost. Jesus answers them by saying, "Do not worry, it is only I." Peter, wonderful and so willing to talk, says, "If it is you, then tell me to come to you." Jesus calls him to come, and Peter steps out of the boat and walks to Jesus. Peter does well and experiences an incredible blessing until he cares more for the situation around him than keeping his eyes on Jesus. Jesus saves him and helps him back into the boat. Peter would never have experienced a new blessing if he had remained in the boat.

There are times when we learn about the new blessings and experiences God has for us as we live our spiritual lives. These new things often require a step from us. Yet so many people would rather stay in their comfortable place. It is as though Jesus says come and we say, "That is too difficult!" It would have been more comfortable for Peter to stay in the boat and just wait for Jesus to come aboard.

There will come a time soon, as we talk about what God wants us to do as a church, that we must take a step. Will you dare a step when God calls to see what happens?

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

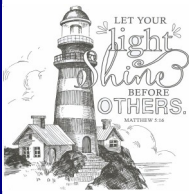
WESTERN BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST NETWORK WEB SITE:
<http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>

- **The next bi-monthly meeting is Thursday, October 2, 2025 , 6:30 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church.**
- **The Network Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025, 3:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship, Hiwassee.**
- **Mission Rally/Conference:** Charles Damron reviewed the results of the Survey. He asked that we be in prayer for a project to do during the Rally. He said the Rally is scheduled for April 25-26, 2026; please contact Charles Damron.
- **Radford University BCM** – Chris Leeper shared that students will be coming on campus soon for the new year. He said an area church built a new deck on their building. The Leadership Retreat will be held next week. With more seniors this year, he expects to have a good year. He plans to do studies on the gospels and the students continue witnessing on the campus. He requested prayer for Michael who has health issues. He is doing better and will return to work at VT in September.
- **VT BCM-** Will Sams, Associate Director, said about 60 alumni did work on their building. He shared that he, Eli, and Darrell went to Oklahoma for a meeting. He said the Leadership Team training will be soon with 2 new interns. He requested prayer as they welcome new students.

C. F. Damron
WBRBN Missions
Development Team

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 p.m. and the circle meeting on October 13 at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. Come early and join us for our first meeting of the book club at 11:00 a.m.

Choose Joy,
Lynn Arnold



CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to the ladies in Circle of Hope who helped make Haylee Rogers and Noah Willis' Wedding Shower beautiful.

We meet on Monday, September 8, in the fellowship hall after gathering at the elementary school to pray with others in our community for Young Life, their leader Luke, the children and youth, and their parents, the teachers and workers in the school system, and anyone who enters the doors of the schools. What a blessing to be part of such an important organization in our community.



Cindy Archer passed out a map of the location of the Blessing Boxes to those in attendance. Hygiene items and food items with pop-top lids are desired. Maps were provided by Katie Dinger, President of Blessings Wythe Love. Cindy also brought up the Young Life Banquet on November 3. She discussed the possibility of our circle inviting 7-8 friends and sponsoring a table.

Doris Muncy brought up the ministry of washing clothes for the homeless and elderly. Doris will gather more information for us and bring it to the next meeting. This could be a possible ministry for our church to supply detergent, etc.

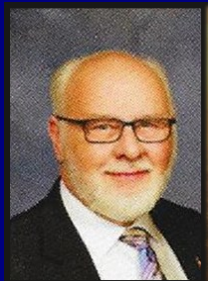
Our next meeting will be on October 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



PASTOR-CHURCH RELATIONS TEAM

October is the month when we emphasize our appreciation for Pastor Tim and DeAnne and celebrate our Pastor's leadership. It has been a wonderful year as we learn more about Growing in Christ, Discerning God's Will, and what God speaks to us through the Pastor's sermons. We truly have experienced spiritual growth as we work together to further the Kingdom of God.

The Pastor-Church Relations Team has set Sunday, October 12, to honor Pastor Tim and DeAnne. This would be a wonderful time to express your appreciation to Pastor Tim and DeAnne for their nine years with us with a monetary gift and a note or card of appreciation. There will be a basket in the Sanctuary for your monetary gifts and cards on Sunday morning, October 12. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we honor our Pastor and DeAnne.



Jerry Stone Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

Did you know there are numerous events (more than I wanted to count) on raising awareness for various causes in October? October seems to have an abundance of causes and something for everyone. Our WBC family feels it is even more important to honor our Pastor and his wife not just on one day in October, but every day in the year. Pastor Tim has an extremely important position in our community of faith. He's led people to the Lord, changed lives by example, led us through scripture, taught wisely, and maintained a life in God's Word and prayer. The Bible tells us to honor our Pastor and his wife on a regular basis, as we see in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13:

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

Honoring our church's leaders goes all the way back to Apostle Paul. Paul encouraged the congregations to give "double honor" to the elders who lead the people. He entreated Christian communities to acknowledge those "who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord, and who admonish you." He believed that holding these spiritual leaders "in the highest regard in love because of their work" is crucial to Christian beliefs.

We need to follow Paul's example and honor our Pastor always.

In honor of Pastor Tim,

Jerry



GET READY!

IT'S ALMOST
HERE!

STRUT YOUR
STUFF TO STOP
HUNGER

Open Door
CAFÉ

STUFFED STRUT
5K RUN/WALK

STUFFED STRUT
TO END HUNGER

November 27th, 2025
8 am
REGISTER NOW

Open Door Cafe
www.opendoorcafewytheville.org
650 W Main St.
Wytheville, VA 24382

WWW.STRUTWYTHEUS.ORG



Don't forget Mike and Monica Brennan's ministry at Hibiscus Haven, a sanctuary for survivors of human trafficking.

From high profile cities in the United States to remote locations around the world, human trafficking is a relatively silent epidemic that impacts communities everywhere. For this reason, God laid it on the hearts of Mike and Monica to intervene for young women and help them find peace, safety and the love of God.

Prayers and Blessings for 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 October.

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 October, 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.



NOVEMBER 2025 BEACON ARTICLES

All November 2025 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Monday, October 20. Thank you for your help in this matter.



**TEAM UP WITH SOMEONE AND SHOW THE
LOVE OF JESUS ON**

Friday, October 31

Set-up 5:30 p.m., Trunk-or-Treat 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tear down and clean up at 8:00 p.m.

AGAIN THIS YEAR the response from our community for this year's Church Street Trunk-or-Treat (CSTOT) has been overwhelming. The folks who decorated their trunks and passed out candy, hugs, and smiles last year will be back this year; **PLUS**, we have people requesting spots as well as other churches. We will secure formal permission from the Town of Wytheville to shut down Church Street so that we may love on the children of our community safely.

What we need, is for you to team up with others to decorate a trunk, fill it with candy, and greet the children and adults with Christian love as they come by! We need to fill the street with Christians telling adults and children, "God loves you" as they give out candy. We need to show our community love and kindness. This is a **vital part** of our community outreach ministry.

A few things on our immediate "to do" list:

1. **PRAY** for those we will greet.
2. **PRAY** for God to lead you where He can use you best.
3. Get geared up to love on the children of our community.
4. Have your team start stockpiling candy for your site (we have in the past given out 1,000 pieces of candy) .
5. *Get ready for big smiles when you tell a child they are beautiful and precious in God's eyes.*

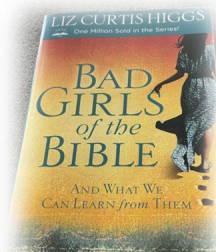
WE ARE HOSTING AN AUSTRALIAN TOUR GROUP

On Wednesday night, October 15, we will host a tour group from Australia. This group, of about 35 people, is touring the United States, visiting churches, religious sites, Christian museums, and so much more. They are looking forward to joining like-minded people across the ocean to glory in God's Creation.

We are honored that this tour group will join us for Wednesday night supper, a short study on Discerning God's Will, and then lots of conversation among us, allowing us to get to know each other better. What a glorious night this will be. You don't want to miss getting to know these Christian Australians, listening to their accent while they listen to our Southern drawl.

LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Ladies, please join our book club. Our first meeting will be on Monday, October 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be 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 first "bad girl" in the book is Eve. 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.



CALLED CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, October 12

Immediately after Morning Worship Service, 11:30 a.m.

To affirm new Deacons for 2026

JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY

Don't forget our Jigsaw Puzzle Party. We are excited to get together again on **Monday**, October 6, at 10:00 a.m. to Noon (puzzles included). We would love for you to join us.



Sunday, September 7, we enjoyed our Annual Church-Wide Picnic at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp Grounds. Here are some highlights of the day. We had a wonderful time together.



HOME: Pastor Tim, Linda Sutphin, 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: Mike Stoker, Joe Crowgey, Adren Eldridge, Colleen Dunford

FAMILY: 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; Almetta Cruff's friend, Shelby Taylor; Pam Clark's friend, Linda Crockett; Rick Walker's sister, Sue Turner; Mike and Jenny Stoker's daughter, Maria.

FRIENDS: 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 Ragen 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.

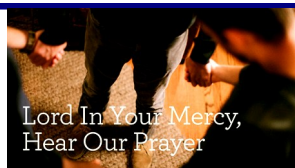


CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Lynn Perry upon her death.

The family and friends of Allene Taylor upon her death.

The family and friends of Barbara Guy upon her death.



October 1: Parmesan Chicken, Green Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls, Brownies and Ice Cream

October 8: Lasagna, Toss Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding

October 15: Supper for Australian Visitors—Fried Chicken, Biscuits, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Deviled Eggs, Macaroni and Cheese, Apple Pie, and other Desserts and Sides

October 22: Baked Potatoes, Chili, Broccoli, Cheese, Crackers, Corn Bread, Cookies and Ice Cream

October 29: Pork Roast, Dressing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Blondies and Ice Cream



Meetings

Thursday, October 2: WBRBN at Dublin Baptist—6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 6: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café—12:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 12: Called Church Business Meeting—11:30 a.m.
Monday, October 13: Ladies' Book Club—11:00 a.m.
Monday, October 13: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Monday, October 13: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Tuesday, October 14: WCMA at WBC—8:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 19: WBRBN Annual meeting—3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 20: Deacons'—7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22: Quarterly Business—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

October Birthdays

2 Tucker Hagan
11 JoBeth Hilton
17 Eric Crowgey



21 Lydia Troy
Gary Carson
27 Grant Throckmorton
31 Diana Torres

DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 5: Chris Bracknell
October 12: Jenny Stoker
October 19: Lynn Arnold
October 26: Eric Crowgey

USHERS Team I:

Carolyn Clements, Susan Keene

TELLERS

Janet Montgomery and Gary Taylor

NURSERY WORKERS

October 5: Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, DeAnne Irving
October 12: Carolyn Clements, Ty King, Lynn Arnold
October 19: Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker
October 26: Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery

October 2025

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

5 **Communion Observed and
Benevolence Offering Received**

9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 5
10:30am Worship Service “Cry Out and Realize” Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page

12 **Pastor Appreciation**

9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 6
10:30am Worship Service “Endure and Study” 2 Timothy 2:8-15. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page
Called Church Business meeting following Worship Service to affirm new Deacons.
2:00-4:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved by Kelsey Grimes

19 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall Luke 7
10:30am Worship Service “Written Internally” Jeremiah 31:27-34 You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page
3:00pm The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Annual Meeting at Grace Fellowship, Hiwassee.

26 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 8
10:30am Worship Service “When Faithful God Repays” Joel 2:23-32. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook

6 10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party on the main floor
12:30pm Ladies’ Luncheon at Open Door Café.

13 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 meets in the fellowship

20 7:00pm Deacons’ meeting
DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

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7 10:00am A Time of Prayer

6:30pm Pastors and Spouses’ Network Dinner at Sal Jr.s’ Restaurant, Fairlawn.

14 8:30am WCMA meeting at WBC
10:00am A Time of Prayer

21 10:00am A Time of Prayer

28 10:00am A Time of Prayer

1 6:30pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will
7:45pm Choir practice

8 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will
7:45pm Choir practice

15 6:00pm **We will host an Australian tour group at our Wednesday Night Supper and our 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will**
7:45pm Choir practice

22 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:45pm **Quarterly Church Business meeting**
7:45pm Choir practice

29 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God’s Will
7:45pm Choir practice

2 6:30pm Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network meeting at Dublin Baptist Church

3 Church office closed

10 Church office closed

17 Church office closed

24 Church office closed

31 Set up on Church Street between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat will begin at 6:00 pm and run until 8:00 p.m. Then clean up.
Let’s show the children the love of Jesus

