

Wytheville Baptist Church

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS GOD'S PLANS AND IMPATIENCE

Prayerfully discerning God's will for our church can bring impatience and anxiety for us. What is God asking us to do? Will it be something outside of what we feel comfortable doing? How much longer will we spend time discerning? Shouldn't we take some action and get to work now? How much will it cost financially? How much of my limited time will I need to give to accomplish what God has for us?

These are all good questions to bring to the discernment process. How we answer these questions can also tell us where we are in the process of trusting God. If we believe God only wants the best for us and that God will reveal the best to us then it should help us to take the time needed.

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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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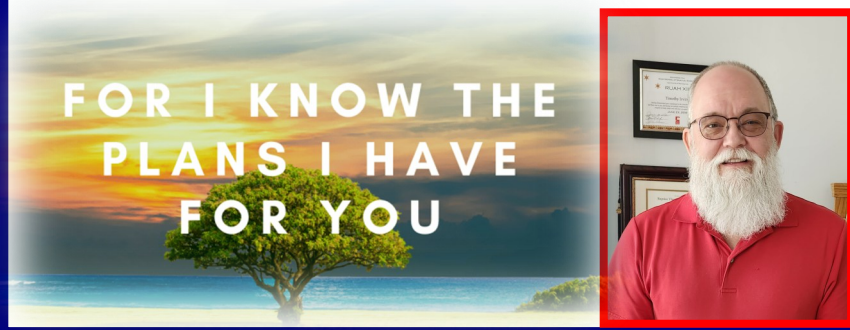
There are times when God needs to put things in order and in the right place before proceeding forward. If we become anxious and impatient, jumping too soon into the future, then we could ruin the best God has planned for us.

Most people have a desire to control situations, especially ones with an unknown outcome. Our vision of the future can only be preserved by setting up the dominoes in the pattern that makes sense to us. Two problems with this view. Every person has their own specific pattern to create the outcome they believe is best. Plus, many believe their vision of the future is the only possible good outcome. I want to ask you to consider this quote from one of Francois Fenelon's letters.

The future is in God's hands, not yours. God will rule it accordingly to your need. But if you seek to forecast it in your own wisdom, you will gain nothing but anxiety and anticipation of inevitable trouble. Try only to make use of each day; each day brings its own good and evil, and sometimes what seems evil becomes good if we leave it to God, and do not forestall [God] with our impatience.

Please take some time to digest this quote. Are you ready to allow God room to put things together and in the right time?

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 , at Dublin Baptist Church.**
- **The Network Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025.**
- **Bland Ministry:** Dee Dee Hoosier shared that over 1000 families are being served through the food pantry, 250 families each week. And she shared that 500 families have been served by the Clothes Closet. She said they have received a donation of dog food, both for adult dogs and puppies. She said it is available to animal and rescue shelters. The mission teams are coming each week doing repairs on houses and will be coming through the end of October. She said they are getting bids for the construction of the new Dental Clinic; bids are due by August 26. The Annual Back-to-School event saw 92 at the "Foam Party" for elementary students; the high school students will have their event next week.
- **Hearts and Hammers:** Dave Clonch shared that a Mission Team from SC assisted H&H in building 2 new ramps and a team from Ohio assisted in building one ramp. One of the things they do is witness during work and they have seen results. He said they have one more ramp to do this year.
- **Venezuela Ministry:** Charles Damron shared that the latest letter from Pastor Ramon saying before Sunday morning service children are feed breakfast and then the families are fed after service. In his prayer requests he included a request for the groups doing discipleship training. He led a group of six and now those six will lead two discipleship groups of six people each; with currently 18 people who are in discipleship.

C. F. Damron
WBRBN Missions
Development Team

CIRCLE OF LIGHT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We're very excited to air our laundry this month!

Now that I have your attention, we will once again collect BRAND NEW underwear and socks during the month of September for those in our community who are in need. Little did we know last year when we did this project that some of our friends and neighbors would lose their belongings due to flooding from Hurricane Helene. HIS timing is perfect. You all blessed these folks with items that we take for granted. Laundry baskets will be placed under the clothesline to collect donations. Men, women, and children appreciate new undies.



Showers and love have been in the air. A wedding shower for Emmie King and her fiancé was held last month, and a wedding shower for Noah Willis and his fiancé will be held on September 6. Hope you will join us in wishing these couples the very best.



The ladies' luncheon will be held on the first Tuesday (9/2) this month due to Labor Day. The next circle meeting will be held on September 8. We would love to have you!

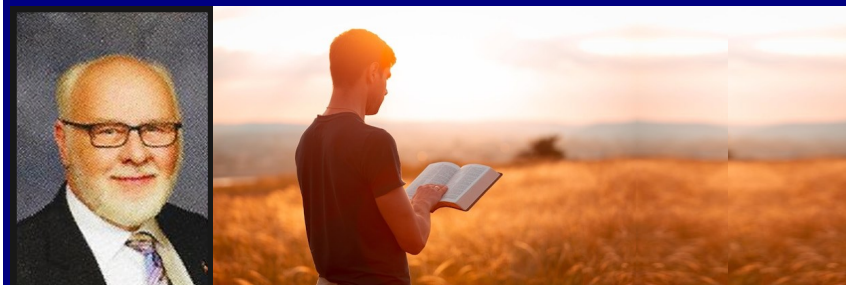
Choose Joy, Lynn Arnold



CIRCLE OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to the ladies in Circle of Hope who helped make Emmie King's Bridal Shower beautiful. We are working along side Circle of Light in promoting "Undie Sunday" during September and Noah Willis and Haylee Roger's Bridle Shower on September 6.

Don't forget to join us for our next meeting on Monday, September 8. We always meet for prayer with others in the community and Luke from Young Life at one of the school's parking lots at 6:30 p.m. then return to the church for our regular meeting in the fellowship hall. Ladies, come join us!



Jerry Stone Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

There is a plaque in the church office that reads:

What am I
I am myself a Word spoken by God
Can God speak a word that
Does not have meaning?
~Thomas Merton~

Today, many people define themselves by their status, possessions, wealth, appearance, and even other people's opinions, which can lead to insecurity, feelings of being less, and a loss of identity. Satan loves to plant doubts in our minds, and we, at times, blindly surrender to the fake identities he throws our way.

Satan even dared to confront and tempt Jesus face to face and then through others by saying:

"If you are the Son of God...do this"

Jesus never doubted who He was because He knew who His Father was, God Almighty, and He knew His purpose here on earth. Jesus never questioned His identity when Satan or others came against Him; He simply used scripture as His shield and weapon against evil.

We, as Christians, have the assurance that God Almighty is our Creator, Preserver, Transcendent, Mighty, and Strong. He is God, all Sufficient, our Provider, and Sanctifier. Our Peace, Shepherd, and Righteousness. He is always with us. So why should we be defined

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by anyone or anything other than God?

Today, I ask you, who or what are you defined by? God Almighty or our enemy. Always remember you are a vital part in the kingdom of God and carry this with you always:

YOU are a Word spoken by God

Can God speak a word that

Does not have meaning?

~Thomas Merton, Paraphrased~

A Word spoken by God,

Jerry



Highlights from Parents' Afternoon Out on August 16



We played
Cornhole



We ate pizza
and colored.



We made
water
balloons and
drew on the
sidewalk.

**WE
HAD
FUN!**



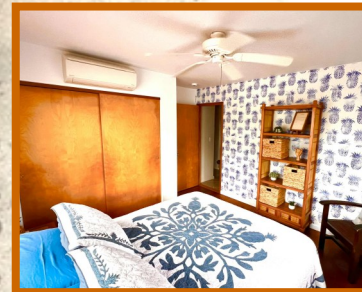
A very special thank you to our friends and partners at GFL for their \$7,500 donation to the Open Door Cafe. This donation is a part of their Full Circle Project, designed to give back to the local communities that they serve. We are grateful to our partners and community who believe in our mission. Your support makes supporting our community's most vulnerable populations possible.



It was great to hear from those of you who sent a note of encouragement this past month! I can't express how much it means to us to hear from you when we are so far away. You can easily send us a note by texting us at our phone number or by email: 605-863-2347 or twoshadowsbrennan@gmail.com



As far as the girl's rooms, here are some photos of what they look like because of people like you who sent donations to make their lives better.



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

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 September.

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 canned vegetables for the month of September 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.



OCTOBER 2025 BEACON ARTICLES

All October 2025 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned into the church office no later than Thursday, September 18. Thank you for your help in this matter.

It's time for

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

The Fellowship Team invites our WBC family and friends to a day of fellowship at Claytor Lake Baptist Camp on Sunday afternoon, September 7. If you would prefer, meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. and caravan to the lake, carpooling is suggested, or you can meet us down at the campgrounds. The lake is available for fishing. There will be games including horseshoes and cornhole boards. At 5:30 we will have a meal together. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish and dessert to compliment the meal. At 6:30 we will have a short vesper service.



Directions: Take I-81 N to Exit 98, at the stop sign turn right onto Cleburne Blvd./Old Route 100 Rd., turn left onto Hence Rd., turn left onto Davis Rd., turn left onto Newbern Rd./Wilderness Rd., turn right at Towes Ferry Rd. and go to the end of this road, take a right into the Baptist Camp.

Put in the following address in your GPS/Phone:

4337 Towes Ferry Rd, Dublin, VA 24084

This will get you to the end of the road.

Take a right into the Baptist Camp.



JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY

Don't forget our Jigsaw Puzzle Party. We are excited to get together again on **Thursday, September 4**, at 10:00 a.m. to Noon (puzzles included). We normally meet the first Monday of every month but Labor Day is Monday, September 1. We would love for you to join us.



Please join us for
Haylee Rogers and Noah Willis'
Wedding Shower
September 6 at 2:00 PM
WBC Fellowship Hall
Haylee and Noah
are registered at
Target and Amazon



ALMA HUNT OFFERING
for Virginia Missions

**Don't forget the Alma Hunt
Offering for Virginia Mission.**

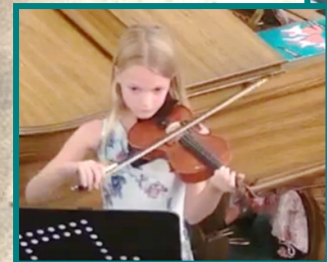
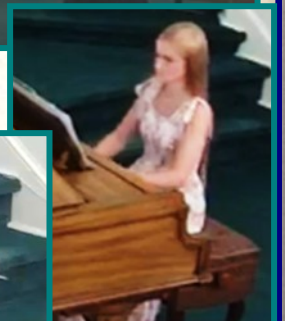
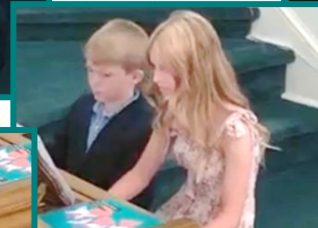
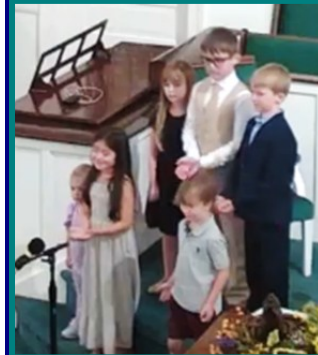
SEPTEMBER 7-14, 2025

ALMAHUNT.ORG



Sunday, August 24, was an amazing Sunday when the children and youth filled our sanctuary with special music that glorified God in the highest. The WBC Children's Choir opened with two songs they learned, then the Hagan and Brown children played select pieces on the piano, cello, and violins. AMAZING! A big thank you to

Cindy and Sonny Archer, Cathy Valley, Rachel Hagan and Jerry Stone for helping put this wonderful service together in Honor of our Lord.



HOME: Pastor Tim, Betty and Dan Robinette, Rick Tucker, Rick Walker, Sonny and Cindy Archer, Dee Nolan, 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: Jerry Stone's brother, John; Zach Robinson's father, Travis; Alyssa Robinson's family, Cortney Robinson, and 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; Brenda Faraci's sister-in-law; Pam Clark's friend, Linda Crockett; Rick Walker's sister, Sue Turner; Alan and Diane Ball's son, John; Mike and Jenny Stoker's daughter, Maria.

FRIENDS: Skyler's son, Cole; Tommy and Gena Anders, Rev. Danny Collins and Pat, Linda and Jack Quesenberry, Dee Dee Hoosier, Nancy Mayo, 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, 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: Thomas Collins and all others who serve our nation.

PASTORAL CARE: Our Pastor, Rev. Tim Irving, is available to address any pastoral needs. 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



Lord In Your Mercy,
Hear Our Prayer



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Lynn Perry and family upon the passing of her sister, Brenda.

The family and friends of Marjorie Wassum upon her passing.

September 3: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Pound Cake

September 10: Sloppy Joes, Buns, Cole Slaw, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Fruit Cobbler and Ice Cream

September 17: Broccoli Cheddar Chicken, Rolls, Fruit Salad, Cottage Cheese, Cookies and Ice Cream

September 24: Meat Loaf, Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Chocolate Caramel Cake



Meetings

Tuesday, September 2: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café—12:30 p.m.

Monday, September 8: Circle of Light—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Monday, September 8: Circle of Hope—6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Tuesday, September 9: WCMA—8:30 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church



September Birthdays

1 Victoria Willis
4 Timothy Burke
11 JoBeth Hilton
17 Roger Clements
21 Gary Carson



22 Lisa Crowgey
28 Penny Hagan
29 Dawson Grimes
31 Diana Torres



DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 7: Eric Crowgey
September 14: Tommy Hilton
September 21: Roger Clements
September 28: Chris Bracknell

NURSERY WORKERS

September 7: Linda Sutphin, Billie Taylor, DeAnne Irving
September 14: Carolyn Clements, Ty King, Billie Taylor

USHERS Team IV:

Billie Taylor and Zanah McCoury

September 21: Lynn Arnold, Lisa Crowgey, Jenny Stoker


TELLERS

Guy Sutphin and Lynn Arnold

September 28: Linda Lively, Veronica Lopez, Janet Montgomery

September 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>	<p>1</p>  <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> <p>12:30pm Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Café.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party on the main floor</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:00pm You are invited to a Wedding Shower for Haylee Rogers and Noah Willis in the fellowship hall.</p>
<p>7 <i>Communion Observed and Benevolence Offering Received</i> Happy Grandparents Day! 9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 1 10:30am Worship Service "Count First" Luke 14:25-33 2:30pm Church Wide picnic at Claytor Lake Campground You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>8 12:30pm Circle of Light Women's Ministry meets in the fellowship hall. Bring your Brown Bag Lunch. 6:30pm YL Prayer at GW Middle School parking lot. 7:00pm Circle of Hope Women's Ministry meets in the fellowship hall.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am WCMA meeting at St. John's Episcopal Church</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p> <p><i>Alma Hunt offering for Virginia Missions</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 2 10:30am Worship Service "Judgment" Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall Luke 3 10:30am Worship Service "Is it Over?" Amos 8:4-7 You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45pm Spiritual Conversation Discerning God's Will 7:45pm Choir practice</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Growing in Christ in the fellowship hall studying Luke 4 10:30am Worship Service "Before Too Late" Luke 16:19-31. You can also see the service on Wytheville Baptist Church Facebook page</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am A Time of Prayer</p>				