



Wytheville Baptist Church

The Beacon

August 2026

Special Events

***Breakfast Church
at Open Door Cafe patio
August 15 @ 10:00 a.m***

***Prayer at Hardee's
August 17 @ 9:00 a.m.***

***Rest and War Book Study
August 29 @ 10:30 a.m.***

***Church Picnic
at Claytor Lake
September 13***

Pastor's Thoughts

Planning for God or Joining with God?

There is a common misconception in the Christian life. Many believe we should use our resources to plan, design, and carry out a work as a church that would make God happy. This could mean doing a neighborhood or community study to find the greatest need. It may involve bringing together other church and community organizations as partners in the work. Once we put it all together, then we should ask God to bless it for the spreading of the Gospel and the growth of King's Kingdom. Then we need to work as hard as possible to carry the work through to completion. Many churches and organizations use this path to have successful ministries.

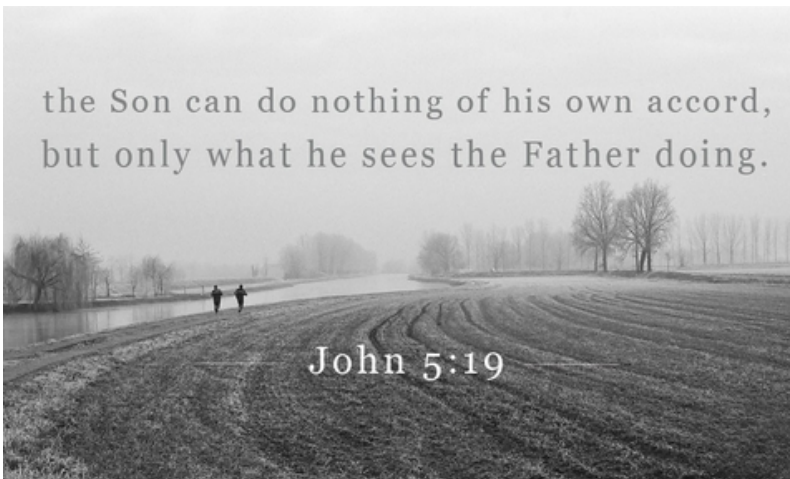
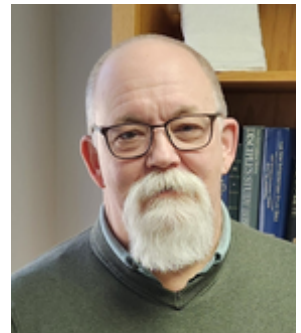
If you have been studying *Experiencing God* with us over the past two months, then you know this is not the

pathway we have been learning. Henry Blackaby suggests a completely different pathway. We should look to see where God is working already and then adjust what we do to join God in God's work around us. Through many examples in the workbook and the videos, we have seen how this pathway produces abundant fruit in bringing people into a relationship with God. The Bible speaks repeatedly about God speaking to God's people and inviting them to join God. Jesus even says in John 5:19, "I can only do what I see the Father doing."

If this is the example of scripture, then why do we spend time planning, designing, and asking God to bless our idea of what God wants us to do? Would it not be more efficient to join God and allow God to work through us in a work already started by God? Yes, it could mean we do something differently than in the past, and it could mean something new altogether. However, walking the pathway with God and allowing God's resources to live through us would mean we accomplish so much more than we have in the past.

Are you willing to participate in joining God in God's work that is already happening around us?

*Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim*



Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship ***Doris Muncy***



August brings the familiar pattern of back-to-school. Students return to classrooms and prepare to learn lessons that will shape their future. Contemplating this season reminds me of something I once naively believed—that education ended the day I graduated and I would know all I needed once the tassel was turned.

Boy, I was very mistaken!

Life continues to rehearse me, often sending me back to the opening measures of lessons I should have mastered long ago. Patience, trust, humility, forgiveness... often it feels like I'm back in "Christianity 101" relearning these basics. Yet, praise the LORD, God never tires of leading me through the same passages, helping them take root in my heart.

Scripture shows Him as a faithful, gentle director:

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go." (Psalm 32:8)

"I am the Lord your God who teaches you what is best for you." (Isaiah 48:17)

He guides us with the steady tempo of grace, shaping our character measure by measure. Even when we miss the notes... or lose the rhythm... or falter in the melody... He stays with us, patiently helping us find our place again.

As students return to school, may we remember that we, too, are lifelong learners in God's choir. And may we rejoice that our Teacher never gives up on us but continues tuning our hearts to sing His praise.

"My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes." (Psalm 119:171, ESV)

Blessings,

Doris

Circle of Light Women's Ministry



Although the Circle of Light did not have a regular meeting during the month of July, we met to discuss the last chapter of *Bad Girls of the Bible* followed by our monthly lunch at Open Door Cafe. The book study was fun, and we had some in depth conversations about these women and their circumstances. We also attended the Church Basement Ladies at the Wohlfahrt Haus with other ladies from the church. The show was excellent and everyone enjoyed the time of fellowship.

Our mission action "Christmas in July" was a success. We collected many useful school supplies for students in our area. Thank you for always being so supportive of our projects. We will send a monetary donation to Agape Food Pantry for our August mission action.

We look forward to seeing what fall holds for us as we serve.

Choose Joy,

Lynn Arnold



Circle of Hope Women's Ministry

Our next meeting is Monday, August 10, at 6:30 p.m.



At our July meeting we toured the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) a non-profit medical clinic and Christian outreach for Southwest Virginia with locations in Wytheville, Radford and Blacksburg. PRC offers hope through free and confidential testing and ultrasounds; education, counseling and mentoring; and material support. Learn more at their website: www.prcsupport.com.

The date of the next Parents' Afternoon Out has been changed to: Saturday, September 26, 11:30-2:00 p.m. RSVP to Carolyn Clements. Helpers are also needed.

***Thank you to all who brought in school supplies for our
July Mission Action Project***



Our Benevolence Offering

Our Benevolence Offering is dedicated to supporting our active members and participants in times of need, with the remaining funds directed to Open Door Community, to assist those within our community who require help. Rest assured, this offering is never stored away or placed in a savings account; it is always utilized to aid others for the glory of God. Thank you for your heartfelt contributions.



Children's Church Teachers

August 2: Lisa Crowgey and Kelsey Grimes

August 9: Lisa Crowgey and Kelsey Grimes

August 16: Lisa Crowgey and Rachel Wilson

August 23: Diana Torres and Drew McGee

August 30: Music Sunday

Nursery Workers

August 2: Ty King and Janet Montgomery

August 9: Alyssa Robinson and Diana Torres

August 16: Billie Taylor and Linda Lively

August 23: Lynn Arnold and Lisa Crowgey

August 30: Jenny Stoker and Rachel Wilson



19: Dan Robinette

19: Bill Lively

29: Luna Torres

Tellers

Guy Sutphin and Lynn Arnold

Greeters

Danny Sowers and Chris Bracknell

Deacon of the Week

August 2: Eric Crowgey

August 9: Tommy Hilton

August 16: Roger Clements

August 23: Cathy Valley

August 30: Janet Montgomery



Jigsaw Puzzle Party

**Monday, August 6
at 10:00 a.m.**

September Beacon Articles

If you have content for the Beacon, please submit your articles, announcements, meetings, events, and other contributions to the church office by Monday, August 17.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT
PARENTS' AFTERNOON OUT!

GARDEN TEA PARTY



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

11:30-2:00

RSVP TO TO CAROLYN AT 757-871-5048



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 9:00am "Experiencing God" 10:30am Worship Service. "Wrestling Match" Genesis 32:22-31	3 12:30pm Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Cafe	4 10:00am Time of Prayer 6:30pm WBRBN Women's Ministry Dinner
9 9:00am "Experiencing God" 10:30am Worship Service. "Keeping Focus" Matthew 14:22-33	10 12:30pm Circle of Light 6:30pm Circle of Hope	11 10:00am Time of Prayer
16 9:00am Experiencing God 10:30am Worship Service "If Only the Crumbs" Matt. 15:21-28	17 9:00am Prayer at Hardee's	18 10:00am Time of Prayer
23 9:00am Experiencing God 10:30am Worship Service "Willing to Not Follow Rules" Exodus 1:8-2:10	24	25 10:00am Time of Prayer
30 9:00am Experiencing God 10:30am Worship Service - Song Service by the Children	31	1 10:00am Time of Prayer

A Nursery and Children's Church are offered every Sunday during Worship.

Worship services can be viewed live on Facebook and later on our website and YouTube.

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	6 10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party 6:30pm WBRBN Mtg	7	August 1 August 8
12 6:30pm Ministry Groups 7:30pm Choir Practice	13	14	15 10:00am Breakfast Church at Open Door Cafe patio
19 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	20	21	22
26 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	27	28	29 10:30 am Rest and War Book Study
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Growing in Christ (Experiencing God) meets in the fellowship hall.
You are invited to join us in the choir. All are welcome!

The Table

Community Prayer Time
Monday, August 17, at Hardee's
9 a.m.

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month.



Everyone is Welcome!

This prayer group is in addition to the regular Tuesday prayer group.

For more information, contact Lynn Arnold 540-239-7081

Caregivers Ministry Group

Mission:

Our goal is to provide warmth and support to the incredible caregivers balancing the joy and responsibility of caring for their loved ones!



We offer a variety of assistance, including:

- Taking a moment to give caregivers a well-deserved break
- Preparing a meal
- Providing transportation
- Simply listening to their experiences

If you have a passion for helping others, we invite you to join our group of supporters!

For more information, contact Brenda Faraci 276-620-4028

Our Ministry Groups

Join us for planning sessions, held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Let's come together to reach out and minister to others.

Our next session is **August 12, at 6:30 p.m.**

Come to the Table (Breakfast Church)

Come to the Table on Saturday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m. at Open Door Cafe patio.

Our Breakfast Church gathering on July 18 is proof that fellowship nourishes the soul just as a good meal nourishes the body. After inviting the community to join us for food, drinks, singing, and one of Jesus' parables, we were blessed to welcome fifteen guests and sixteen ambassadors who served, greeted, and shared God's love.

From the start, guests laughed, shared stories, made new connections, and experienced the joy of a church family opening its doors wide. Our ambassadors served with grace and love—offering food, drinks, smiles, and a warm welcome that helped every person feel seen and valued.

The morning was especially meaningful because of the deep sense of connection we felt as we gathered. The patio filled with kindness, care, and the blessing of being together. In these simple moments, we sensed the warmth of the Holy Spirit and were reminded that God meets us where we are.

Breakfast Church is one of the sweetest expressions of hospitality in our congregation. July's gathering reminded us once again that when we serve with love, God multiplies the harvest. We are already looking forward to the next one on Saturday, August 15. We hope to see you there!

For more information, contact Cindy Archer 276-620-7003, Doris Muncy 276-620-7061



Community Book Study
Saturday, August 29,
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Prayer Ministry

*Christian Sympathy to the family
and friends of Adren Eldridge.*

HOME: Rick Walker, Guy Sutphin, Janet Montgomery, Jan & Jerry Stone, Almetta Cruff, Dan & Betty Robinette, Rick Tucker, Dolores Dove (New Orleans), Paula Moore, Bill & Cathy Valley, Ann & Eric Collins, Alan & Diane Ball, Danny & Sharon Sowers, Jackie & Gary Carson, Joel Hilton, Missy Throckmorton, Tom & Bonnie Collins, Sylvia McGhee

EXTENDED CARE: Joe Crowgey, Colleen Dunford, Caroll Stewart

OUR MISSIONARIES: Mike and Monica Brennan, Pastor Ramon Tovar

CONNECTED MINISTRIES: Bland Ministry Center, Young Life (Luke Gross), Hope Packs, Open Door Café & Community, Agape Food Pantry.

FAMILY: Zach Robinson's father Travis Robinson, Brenda Faraci's family members Frank & Margaret and Fran Norman, John Growl, Gary & Jackie Carson's granddaughter Annabel, Jeff Phillips.

FRIENDS: Almetta Cruff's friends Patricia Blankenship & Robert Ayers, Jr., Doris Muncy's friend Sandy Peters, Danny Carpenter, Dr. Feliciano Jusay, Brenda Faraci's neighbor Jim Elwood, Phyllis Dillon's friend Jo-ella Burnett, Kimberlyn Hart, Paula Waller's friend, Drema Greenlief.

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 at night or on weekends, call Pastor Tim on his cell phone or the Deacon of the Week.



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

The next meeting is Thursday, August 6, 2026, at Dublin Baptist Church - 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Dinners: Ministry Dinners are the first Tuesday of the month: at Sal Jr's Restaurant in Fairlawn at 6:30 p.m. (In the Walmart Shopping Center).

August 4th– Women's Ministry

September 8th – Deacons & Spouses



Wow, I can't believe it's already been a year since I joined the YoungLife mission here in Wythe County. This past school year, WyldLife got off to a slow start. It was difficult to get to the school, and we only had two leaders, me included. Then, in the spring semester, Kassie and Chase Arnold came to one of our monthly prayer meetings at Scott Memorial Middle School. Chase and Kassie decided to become WyldLife leaders shortly after they came to our prayer night.

During this semester, I was coaching middle school track and building valuable relationships with several students. Throughout the spring semester, Chase, Kassie, Stacey, Annie, and I met bi-weekly at Starbucks to pray for Scott Memorial Middle School students, as well as plan our very first WyldLife Club.

Finally, after a whole school year of prayer and showing up, we held our first WyldLife Club on April 28, 2026, at Withers Park. Twenty-five Scott Memorial Middle School students came to our first Club. Twenty-Five students heard about Jesus Christ. Christ's gracious love was present on that April night. Then on May 19, we had our second Club of the year. Five students came to Club.

At first, the WyldLife team was discouraged. However, we realized that of these 5 students at our second Club, only one had been present at our first Club. Four new students heard about Jesus Christ. Once again, Christ's gracious love was present on that May night. Of the two WyldLife Clubs this year, 29 Scott Memorial Middle School students heard the Good News of our Good Lord. Some of these students heard the Gospel for the first time in their lives. Oh, how great is our God.

The WyldLife team is looking forward to beginning this school year with a full team of leaders, whose hearts ache for every middle schooler to know King Jesus. This school year, we will have Club every other week, and we look to begin Campaigners in the fall semester. It is an honor to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with these students.

Luke Gross

Youth Evangelism Strategies

Hibiscus Haven



Aloha, Ohana!

WOW! It has been a great month so far! So often, these days, people will boast of what God is doing by saying, "The church is really growing." The book of Acts puts it this way, "The Word spread." We are just sharing the Word and watching God do great things! We recently had 5 decisions for Jesus!!!

We are teaching the keiki (children) to memorize scripture and basic principles of the faith. We want to thank those who make free summer camp possible! Making camp free to the youth of our area is only free to them. It costs God's people time, money, prayer, and sometimes exhausting long days. We are praising God for you!

Mike and Monica



Save the Date

for the Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, September 13, at Claytor Lake Baptist Campground

The Fellowship Team invites everyone
to an afternoon filled with fellowship, fun, and delicious food.

Schedule:

- **2:00 p.m.:** meet at the church to carpool and caravan to the lake, or you can go directly to the campground (directions below).
- The lake is open for fishing, and we'll have games like horseshoes and cornhole.
- **5:30 p.m.:** We'll gather for a meal together. The church will provide the meat and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- **6:30 p.m.:** A short vesper service will follow.

Directions:

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

For your convenience, input the following address into your GPS:

4337 Towes Ferry Rd, Dublin, VA 24084. This will guide you to the end of the road, where you can take a right into the Baptist Camp.





Monday, August 3: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Cafe - 12:30 pm

Tuesday, August 4: WBRBN Women's Ministry Dinner - 6:30 pm (at Sal Jr.'s Restaurant)

Wednesday, August 6: Jigsaw Puzzle Party - 10:00 am

Monday, August 10: Circle of Light - 12:30 pm

Monday, August 10: Circle of Hope - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 12: Ministry Groups planning meeting - 6:30 pm

Sat., August 15: *Come to the Table* - Breakfast Church at Open Door Cafe - 10:00 am

Monday, August 17: Prayer at Hardee's - 9:00 am

Monday, August 17: Beacon Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, August 29 : Rest and War Book Study - 10:30 am



205 Church Street
Wytheville VA 24382

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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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