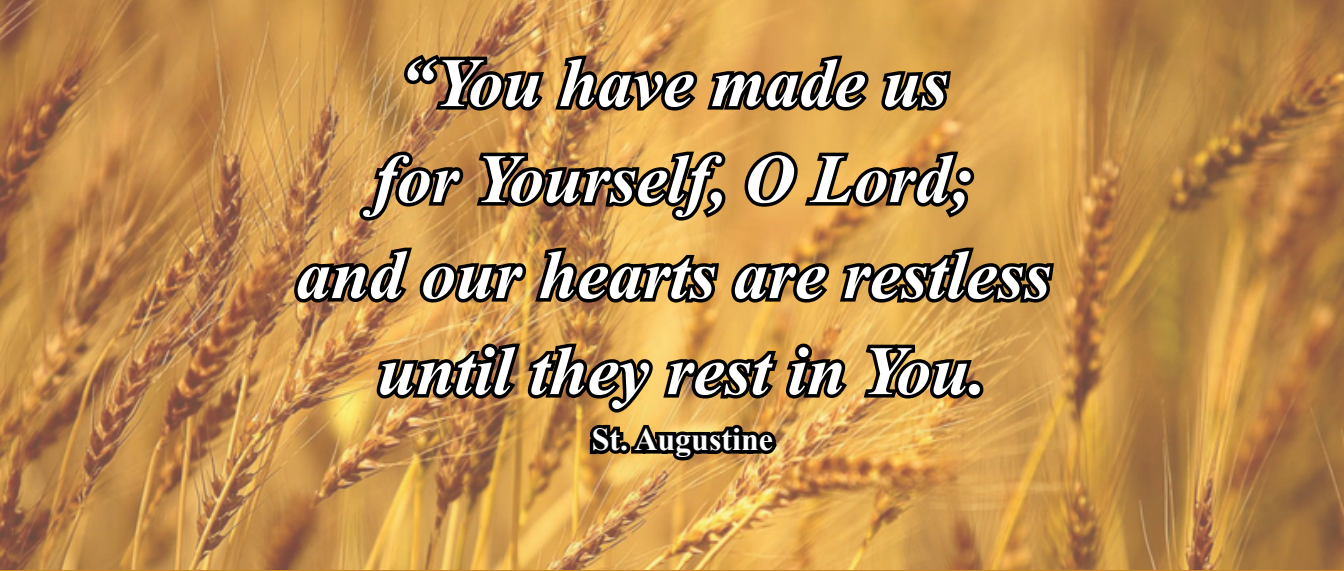




***“You have made us
for Yourself, O Lord;
and our hearts are restless
until they rest in You.***

St. Augustine

Wytheville Baptist Church

The Beacon

September 2026

Pastor's Thoughts

Seeing God Everyday

On September 6th, we finish *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby. It has been a joy to study this wonderful book again. The new videos with Richard and Mike Blackaby (Henry's son and grandson) helped me to see the insights of this study in a new light. The basic insight is that knowing and doing God's will is centered in a daily intimate relationship with God. Through this deep relationship you come to know God's activity around you and where God is inviting you to join God in what God is planning to do.

I am going to take September 13th and 20th for us to discuss all we have learned from this study and how we can apply it to our church and community. If you were not a part of the study, I would like to invite you to attend to hear people's insights from this study. The

Special Events

Willis Baby Shower

September 5 @ 11:30 a.m.

Church Picnic at Claytor Lake

September 13

Breakfast Church

September 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

Prayer at Hardee's

September 21 @ 9:00 a.m.

Parents's Afternoon Out

September 26 @ 11:30 a.m.

people who have shared with me have talked about how it opened their eyes to understanding what God wants from us and how God empowers us. In one way, this study has been a mountaintop experience. Now the question is how we continue to grow spiritually from this point in our journey. Or how do we move from the mountaintop to the valley of everyday life and grow toward spiritual maturity?

This is a moment when I can see God's hand in our journey! A new study was just released this summer, *Experiencing God in Everyday Life*. Richard and Mike are joined by Daniel, another son of Richard's, in this study about establishing practices in our everyday life that will help us to see God's activity in our everyday moments. There are habits or spiritual practices they have found helpful for us to experience. The goal of this study is to show us how to hear God in our everyday life.

I plan to do an introduction for this study on September 27th at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The study is structured in the same way as the previous book by helping you to get in God's Word five days a week. However, you choose each week of this eight-week study which habit you would like to try; up to eight are suggested. There are videos to guide us each week, so our Sunday morning time will have the same structure.

Do you desire to see and hear God's activity everyday of your life? Are you wanting to know what God is currently saying to you? Then please ask questions and come join us on Sunday mornings this month.

*Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim*





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

Music has been part of God's story from humanity's earliest days. Scripture introduces Jubal as "the father of all who play the lyre and pipe" (Genesis 4:21), showing that musical creativity is woven into creation itself. As Israel's journey unfolds, music becomes a powerful language of worship and remembrance. After the Red Sea crossing, Miriam and the women lifted tambourines in praise (Exodus 15:20–21), marking one of Scripture's earliest worship celebrations. In the wilderness, God instructed Moses to use trumpets to gather the people and announce sacred moments, revealing that music served both spiritual and practical purposes.

The high point of biblical music comes with King David, whose psalms continue to shape worship today. David organized skilled musicians, filling temple worship with harps, lyres, cymbals (1 Chronicles 15:16), and songs expressing joy, lament, repentance, and hope. Even the prophets used music to accompany their messages, reminding God's people that true worship must flow from sincere hearts.

In the New Testament, after the Last Supper, Jesus and His disciples sang before going to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30). Paul later encouraged believers to strengthen one another through music (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

Music remains vital today because it reminds us of God's truth, unites us in worship, and expresses what words alone cannot. It strengthens hearts, lifts burdens, and creates space for the Holy Spirit to work. Just as in Scripture, music continues to shape our faith and give voice to our deepest longings.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Colossians 3:16, ESV).

*Blessings,
Doris*

Circle of Light Women's Ministry

Next meeting: Monday, September 14, at 12:30 p.m.

Brown bag lunch in the fellowship hall.

It's time for Undie Sunday again – IYKYK. For new folks who may be surprised to see underwear on display in the sanctuary this is a mission action to collect NEW undergarments for those in need. It's always a fun way to help out those less fortunate in our community.

During the month of September baskets will be placed under the clothesline to collect all sizes of underwear and socks. This year we are going to expand our wish list to include winter hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens to put in the Blessing Boxes around town.

Your support and encouragement of our mission actions is very much appreciated.

*Choose Joy,
Lynn Arnold*



Circle of Hope Women's Ministry

Next meeting is Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m.

During last month's meeting we made plans for the Haylee and Noah Willis Baby Shower, upcoming mission projects for Trunk or Treat and Christmas Shoe Boxes.

Please remember to bring items for the Blessing Box which we can restock then, but we will also let the kids at Parents' Afternoon Out fill it up as well.

Parents' Afternoon Out is: Saturday, September 26, 11:30-2:00 p.m. RSVP to Carolyn Clements. Helpers are also needed.

Experiencing God in Everyday Life

Book 2

Introduction

**Sunday, September 27,
at 9:00 a.m.**

This is a stand-alone study.

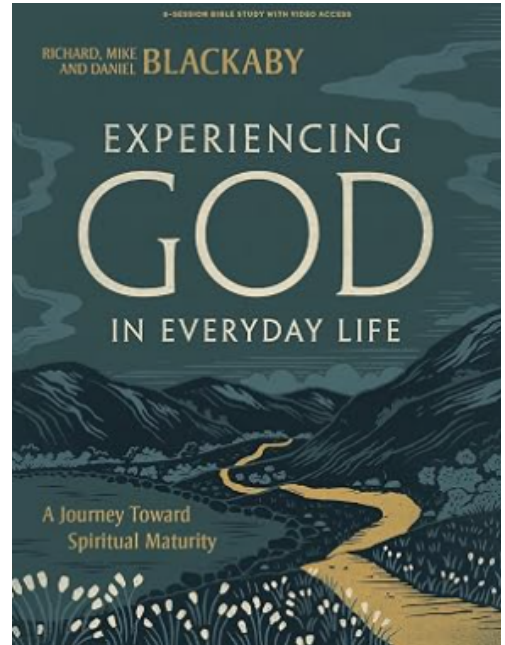
*The previous study, Experiencing God: Knowing and
Doing the Will of God, is not required.*

Many of us meet God in a mountaintop moment—
a powerful experience with the living God—
but then don't know how to move forward from
that place.

The reality is, our Christian lives are not lived on the mountaintop but on a winding path of ordinary, often mundane, sometimes difficult days. The Christian life is a daily journey of learning to experience God and follow Jesus.

God's story is unfolding as God pursues His eternal purposes in our world, and God invites us to join Him. Some days may require major leaps of faith, but more often we'll take small steps of faithfulness in the everyday moments of our lives.

This study will help you experience God on the mountaintops and every day between.



Please sign up so we can order enough books.

Children's Church Teachers

September 6: Kelsey Grimes and Jenny Stoker

September 13: Kelsey Grimes and Rachel Wilson

September 20: Diana Torres and Drew McGee

September 27: Jenny Stoker and Carolyn Clements

Tellers

Janet Montgomery and Gary Taylor

Greeters

Billie Taylor and Zannah McCoury

Nursery Workers

September 6: Ty King and Linda Lively

September 13: Carolyn Clements and Ty King

September 20: Lynn Arnold and Rachel Wilson

September 27: Diana Torres and Billie Taylor

Deacon of the Week

September 6: Lynn Arnold

September 13: Eric Crowgey

September 20: Tommy Hilton

September 27: Roger Clements



1: Victoria Willis

17: Roger Clements

18: Colleen Dunford

28: Penny Hagan

29: Dawson Grimes



Jigsaw Puzzle Party

**Thursday, September 3
at 10:00 a.m.**

October Beacon Articles

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

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.
- **5:00 p.m. (*Time change*)** We'll gather for a meal together. The church will provide the meat and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- **6:00 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.



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
30 9:00am "Experiencing God" 10:30am Worship Service. Our Children Lead Worship	31	1 10:00am Time of Prayer
6 9:00am "Experiencing God" 10:30am Worship Service. "Watch" Ezekiel 33:7-11	7 Labor Day <i>Office Closed</i>	8 10:00am Time of Prayer 12:30pm Luncheon at Open Door Cafe 6:30pm Deacon & Spouse Dinner @ Sal Jr's Restaurant
13 9:00am Assimilating Experiencing God 10:30am Worship Service "Live as You Are Convinced" Romans 14:1-12 CHURCH PICNIC @ CLAYTOR LAKE	14 12:30pm Circle of Light 6:30pm Circle of Hope	15 10:00am Time of Prayer
20 9:00am Assimilating Experiencing God 10:30am Worship Service "God's Abundant Blessings" Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	21 9:00am Prayer at Hardee's	22 10:00am Time of Prayer
27 9:00am Experiencing God Everyday Introduction 10:30am Worship Service "Follow Through" Matthew 21:28-32	28	29 10:00am Time of Prayer 6:30pm Revival at Austinville Baptist

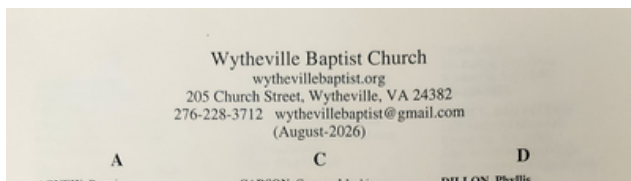
A Nursery and Children's Church are offered every Sunday during Worship.

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
2 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	3 10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party	4	5 11:30am Haylee & Noah Willis Baby Shower
9 6:30pm Ministry Groups 7:30pm Choir Practice	10	11	12
16 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	17 Beacon Newsletter Deadline	18	19 10:00am Breakfast Church at Open Door Cafe patio
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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!



Updated Church Directory

Stay connected with one another! Copies are available on the table in the sanctuary and in the church office.

Caregivers Ministry Group

As members of the Care Ministry group here at Wytheville Baptist we strive to bring some joy and help as needed to the shut-ins of our church and community. It is our goal to assist where we can by lightening the load if we can. Something as simple as sending cards of encouragement to let them know we are thinking of them, phone calls to check if they need anything, or dropping in for visits to cheer them. Providing meals and desserts will also let them know they are not forgotten. The visit rewards them as much as it does us. In sharing we have faith discussions and pray for one another.

Let us all choose to be Christ's ambassadors of good will and enrich each others' lives with His love.

Brenda Faraci



If you would like to become part of this ministry, planning sessions are the second Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. 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 September 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Breakfast Church

church done differently

Come to the Table on Saturday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m.

at Open Door Cafe patio.

The Come to the Table ministry has become a place where God continually reveals His heart through a simple meal and conversations. Although I initially decided not to participate, the Lord gently led me to attend the first breakfast at Open Door Café. There, I met a young man excited and preparing for a new job working with horses. I was so thankful I could encourage him in the Lord. This set the tone for what God intended this ministry to be.

In the following month, I connected with a man devoted to his animals and seeking a home where they could thrive. I was grateful for the opportunity to encourage him spiritually.

After praying daily for these individuals, I asked God to send someone new. In August, God brought a young woman facing significant challenges. She shared that she had come hoping someone would just listen to her. My heart was filled and I kept thinking how blessed I was to be the one to listen and encourage. As I introduced her to others, she welcomed prayer, and the presence of God filled that space. It was a moment of profound unity and joy.

Joy unspeakable and full of glory!

Today say yes to God, come be a part of Come to the Table ministry, and be a part of God's plan to reach out to others and be a blessing as you show the love of Jesus through a meal and simple conversation.

Jan Stone

For more information or help provide food, contact Cindy Archer 276-620-7003.

Prayer

V.A. HOSPITAL: Ang Faraci

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, Carroll 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: Abby Quesenberry's uncle Ray Eichler, Cindy Archer's cousin Bobby Thompson, Zach Robinson's father Travis Robinson, Brenda Faraci's family members Frank & Margaret and Fran Norman, Jeff Phillips.

FRIENDS: Linda Lively's friend Christine, Lisa Crowgey's friend Reanne Harr, 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.



The Table

Community Prayer Time

Monday, September 21,

at Hardee's 9 a.m.

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Everyone is welcome!

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

Ministries

**There are several ways to request prayer and
join in the prayer ministries.
(You don't have to pray out loud, your presence makes a difference.)**

WEEKLY:

Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. Community Time of Prayer

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

MONTHLY:

Third Mondays @ 9:00 a.m. at Hardee's

Prayer Box in the Sanctuary

On the table in the sanctuary is a Prayer Box where you may submit requests. You can do this anonymously if you prefer. This box is similar to the ones located at the Smallest Church, Sugarbirds Farm, and JoJo's Attic.

These requests will be prayed for at the Community Prayer Time on Tuesdays.



Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests by your phone. These are anonymous, neither your phone number nor email is seen by the church.



Baptisms on August 16th



John Muncy



Angelo Faraci



Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

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).

September 8th – Deacons & Spouses

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



"We we will rejoice in thy salvation, and we will lift up an ensign in the name of our God; May Jehovah grant all your requests."
Psalms 20:5

Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

It is a blessing to be able to greet you and inform you a little about the great things that the Lord continues to do in our lives and in our beloved country, receive a big hug from the God With Us Baptist Church from Maturín, Venezuela. A little more than a month ago an earthquake hit our beloved country, although the greatest tragedy happened in our Capital region and the State of La Guaira, sadness and pain spread far and wide of our country. Immediately and when this type of event happens, our The Lord's guided church decides:

1. Together with other churches in the region we joined the collection centers to collect meals, clothing, medicines, and send them to our convention venue National Baptist in the city of Caracas. All proceeds were given to churches and families and people affected by this tragedy. Still, after 40 days after this tragedy, aid and spiritual support continue to be sent to many families affected.

2. That tragedy greatly affected our lives, as many acquaintances, friends, our relatives and those of our church lost their lives, others lost their houses, property and relatives. Through phone calls and visits we were by the side of many of them. Many people have not yet been found. The official number of deaths so far is 6,125, but we believe that this number exceeds 10,000 people.

On 22 July at 7 p.m., while in our church I suffered an accident, moving building material. The weight was too much (over 400 pounds of weight) fell on my right foot and was caught under the materials. My son, Luis and an older woman from our church were present and they managed to help me, but they could not lift the material to release my foot. As the Lord helped me, I sat up a little and was able to help them and my foot came out. The next day the doctor checked me and I had X-rays. Thank the Lord I had only fractures in the second and third toes of my foot, apart from the pain. I think the greatest weight fell into the hands of my dear Heavenly Father who protected me. Today, 14 days after the event, I'm improving a lot and I can walk, although I must continue for a month and a half of rest.

During this we have appointed two people from our church, who have worked for me during this time and that I will be assisting in the coordination of the ordinary activities of the church.

Thank you my brothers and sisters for all the support and help we have received from you. We continue to pray for every church and pastor in the Network, for all its projects and its growth. May the Lord continue to bless you and using every day.

Pastor Ramón Tovar

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Thursday, September 3: Jigsaw Puzzle Party - 10:00 am
Saturday, September 5: Baby Shower for Haylee and Noah Willis - 11:30 am
Monday, September 7: Office closed - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Cafe - 12:30 pm *(Date change)*
Tuesday, September 8: Deacon & Spouse Dinner - 6:30 pm (at Sal Jr.'s Restaurant)
Wednesday, September 9: Ministry Groups planning meeting - 6:30 pm
Monday, September 14: Circle of Light - 12:30 pm
Monday, September 14: Circle of Hope - 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 17: Beacon Newsletter Deadline
Saturday, September 19: Breakfast Church at Open Door Cafe patio - 10:00 am
Monday, September 21: Prayer at Hardee's - 9:00 am
Saturday, September 26: Parents' Afternoon Out - 11:30 am
Sunday, September 27: Intro. Experiencing God in Everyday Life - 9:00am



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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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