

FOR IT IS GOD WHO
WORKS IN YOU TO
WILL AND TO ACT IN
ORDER TO FULFILL
HIS GOOD PURPOSE.

Philippians 2:13

Wytheville Baptist

Pastor's Thoughts

A New Journey to Experience God

The first Sunday of this month we begin a new journey as a community. After completing the twelve-week study *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God* our eight-week study of *Experiencing God in Everyday Life* begins. This is a new stand-alone workbook that will help you to establish both short-term and long-term habits to strengthen your relationship with God. The book goes beyond the foundational habits a Christian should already have as part of their spiritual walk.

These foundation habits are Bible Intake, Prayer, Giving, Community, and Worship. Bible Intake is the habit of reading, listening, and seeking to engage in the scriptures to hear daily from God. Prayer is the primary way we communicate with God. This involves both

The Beacon

October 2026

Special Events

Deacons' Meeting

October 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Quarterly Business Meeting

October 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

Trunk and Treat

October 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

speaking to God and listening for God's voice to us. Giving is how we partner with God in God's work. This happens primarily with financial giving but should also be the giving of time in service for God's Kingdom. Community is being part of a fellowship of believers where you can support others and receive support by sharing of your spiritual journey to serve God better. Worship is attending a community gathering to praise God, listen to God's voice, and respond to God's invitation for a deeper journey with God. Are all five foundation habits part of your daily walk with God? If not, these are a great place to start a deeper experience with God.

Experiencing God in Everyday Life will introduce us to 57 other habits that can help you grow on your spiritual journey. Each week you pick one habit from a list of five to eight to determine if this habit can help you grow in your relationship with God. Between the workbook, the videos, and small-group discussions you will experience a multitude of resources for becoming spiritually mature. All this is designed to help you look deeper into yourself and your relationship with God.

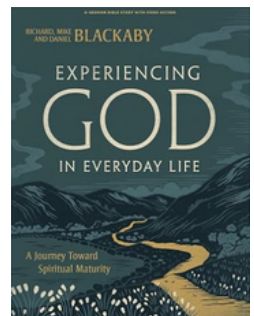
If you have not signed up to be part of this study, please contact me or the church office so we can buy a workbook for you. You will not be alone because 38 people have books and are ready to learn about how to deepen their relationship with God.

Please be in prayer for those in this study. They are expecting an exciting time of experiencing God and deepening their relationship with God.

*Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim*

**Lord, I don't know where all this is going
Or how it all works out
Lead me to peace that is past understanding
A peace beyond all doubt**

Chorus of "Lord (I Don't Know)" by Newsboys





Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

Doris Muncy

Last month's article highlighted the importance of music in worship. Beginning this month, I want to share what music means in the lives of those who participate in our church's music ministry. Two of our choir members, Jenny Stoker and Tim Irving, graciously shared how God uses music to shape their walk with Him.

Jenny is one of our sopranos. She writes: "Very often the songs we sing in choir—or even Christian music on the radio—speak directly to whatever situation I'm facing and provide strength and encouragement in that moment. Keeping the positivity of this music at the forefront helps combat the relentless negativity we see so much of in our current age.

"I enjoy being in the choir. The fellowship, the support, and the laughter build us up and keep us connected to each other and to God. And often the music we sing reinforces Tim's message, helping us carry the truth with us throughout the week.

"I grew up in church, singing in all the children's groups, and I learned piano as well. I continued singing in my college Baptist Student Union and still enjoy music as a wonderful way to spread the gospel. My voice is not particularly noteworthy, but together we blend well, making 'a joyful noise' unto the Lord and hopefully reaching our congregation—and beyond—with the 'music of God.'"

Tim sings either tenor or bass. He writes: "Music feeds my heart and my soul, helping me find better balance in my journey. I do so much daily to feed my mind and increase my understanding, but I need this balance. Music also helps me be more creative as I see how others use words to express a deeper relationship with God.

"Being part of the choir allows me to join a group of people seeking to help others grow closer to God. I enjoy the fellowship as we learn music. Choir practice is a time when I can worship, because Sunday Worship Services are a difficult time for me to worship—I'm trying to keep my thoughts straight for the sermon.

"I serve in the music ministry because it feeds me, as I said above, and I pray that my voice helps others grow in their relationship with God."

We are deeply grateful to Jenny and Tim for sharing their hearts and their experiences in music ministry. Their reflections remind us that God uses every voice and every offering of praise to strengthen His people and to draw us closer to Him. May the Lord continue to bless Jenny and Tim as they serve faithfully, and may He use their gifts to inspire all of us to worship with intention, joy, and gratitude.

Blessings, Doris



Circle Social

Next luncheon is Monday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m.
ALL women and girls, whether you are a member of a Circle or not, are welcome to lunch on the first Monday of each month at Open Door Cafe.

Circle of Light

Next meeting: Monday, October 12, at 12:30 p.m. Brown bag lunch in the fellowship hall.

The Circle of Light appreciates the donations of socks, underwear, hats, and gloves as we observed Undie Sundays. I'm sure that those in need appreciate new clean undies something that we take for granted. Just an FYI if you're cleaning out drawers socks, gloves, hats and scarves in good condition are always welcome in the Blessing Boxes around town.

Our mission action for October is sending cards to our college students and donating to Open DoorCafe.

Happy Halloween.

*Choose Joy,
Lynn Arnold*

Dates to Remember:

November 16-23: Christmas Shoebox Collection (shipping is \$10/box)
Sunday, December 6: Christmas Celebration at Draper Mercantile.
(Dutch treat) and Ornament Exchange

Circle of Hope

Next meeting is Monday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Rebecca Owens of Mountain Movers Ministry was the guest speaker at our September meeting sharing her testimony and story of the ministry. Wow! Please pray for discernment as the ministry is growing rapidly and for a climate controlled storage unit.

We are making plans for the Church Street Trunk & Treat on October 31, at 6-8 p.m. Jan Stone will once again deck out her trunk. We will need candy and helpers to hand it out.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Haylee and Noah's Baby Shower such a success.

Be prepared! At our next meeting in October we are going to start a deep clean of the kitchen. Everyone is welcome.



Downsizing? Decluttering? Extra Household Items?

Mountain Movers Ministry is dedicated to connecting donated items with families in need. They accept a variety of contributions, including:

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Household items
- Clothing
- Linens
- Baby items

They take care of cleaning, inventorying, and storage these items before matching them with the needs identified in our community through churches, schools, and other organizations. Follow the ministry on Facebook to see what current needs they look to fulfill.

The ministry handles the pick-up and delivery of donated items.

If you have items to donate, please reach out to Rebecca Owens at 540-906-0450 or send a message on Facebook.

Upcoming Meetings & Announcements

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is set for Monday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m.



Our **Quarterly Business Meeting** will take place in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m.

- The **Constitution Team** has a motion to amend the By-Laws. You should have received an email containing the proposed changes (copies are available in the church office). Please note that any modifications to the By-Laws require a reading at the first business meeting and a vote at the second. This is the second reading and will be voted on.
- The **Equipping Team** will bring the 2027 Ministry Team Leadership nominations.
- The **Stewardship Team** will present the proposed 2027 Budget.



Tucker Hagan, Nellie Hagan, Granger Wilson, Marisol Torres, Luna Torres, Dawson Grimes, Sawyer Grimes

Children's 5th Sunday Worship August 30th



Max Brown



Tucker Hagan, Nellie Hagan



Vivienne Brown



Nellie Hagan, Corinne Brown, Penny Hagan

Children's Church Teachers

October 4: Diana Torres and Drew McGee
October 11: Diana Torres and Drew McGee
October 18: _____ and Alyssa Robinson
October 25: Kelsey Grimes and _____

Tellers

Ty King and Tommy Hilton

Greeters

Carolyn Clements and Susan Keene

Nursery Workers

October 4: Lynn Arnold and Linda Lively
October 11: Jenny Stoker and Ty King
October 18: Linda Sutphin and DeAnne Irving
October 25: Carolyn Clements and Janet Montgomery

Deacon of the Week

October 4: Cathy Valley
October 11: Janet Montgomery
October 18: Lynn Arnold
October 25: Eric Crowgey



1: Tucker Hagan
11: JoBeth Hilton
17: Eric Crowgey
20: Abby Quesenberry
27: Gary Carson
31: Diana Torres



Jigsaw Puzzle Party

**Thursday, October 1
at 10:00 a.m.**

November 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, October 19.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
27 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” INTRODUCTION 10:30am Worship Service. “Follow Through” Matthew 21:28-32	28	29 10:00am Time of Prayer 6:30 pm Revival at Austinville Baptist
4 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service. "Precious Word" Psalm 19	5 12:30pm Ladies’ Luncheon at Open Door Cafe	8 10:00am Time of Prayer
11 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service “When We Do Not Wait” Exodus 32:1-6	12 12:30pm Circle of Light 6:30pm Circle of Hope	13 10:00am Time of Prayer
18 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service “God Works” Isaiah 45-1-7	19 Beacon Deadline 9:00am Prayer at Hardee’s 7:00pm Deacons’ Mtg	20 10:00am Time of Prayer
25 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service “All You Need to Know” Matthew 22:34-40	26	27 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
30 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	1 Budget Forms Due 10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party	2	3
7 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	8 6:30pm WBRBN mtg at Dublin Baptist	9	10
14 6:30pm Ministry Groups 7:30pm Choir Practice	15	16	17 10:00am Breakfast Church at Fellowship Hall
21 6:30pm Quarterly Business Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	22	23	24
28 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	29	30	31 Trunk & Treat 6-8 pm

“Experiencing God in Everyday Life” meets in the fellowship hall.
You are invited to join us in the choir. All are welcome!

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, September 13, at Claytor Lake Baptist Campground





Dear Wytheville Baptist Family,

The **New Day Laundry Program** began last October, with our first laundry day held on November 5, 2025. This ministry grew out of a simple but pressing need: recognizing both the high cost of doing laundry and the reality that many in our community struggle to afford it. Clean clothes are something often taken for granted, yet for many, they are a weekly challenge.

While this program is not operated by any single church, the family at Wytheville Baptist has embraced the mission wholeheartedly and has become its strongest financial supporter. Since the program's inception, you have contributed \$1,068.25 toward operating costs. Of the \$1,877 used to date, 56.91% has come directly from your generosity. In addition, several members have provided laundry detergent, gloves, and other supplies.

When you learned in August that all previously donated funds had been fully used, you responded with overwhelming kindness. Because of your quick and compassionate giving, the program was fully funded in September and has \$284.50 available for upcoming laundry days, the next on October 7.

A special word of gratitude goes to Diane Ball whose faithful presence and ability to connect with our neighbors have been invaluable. Her support has strengthened both the ministry and the relationships formed through it.

Sincerely, thank you for your care, your generosity, and your willingness to help. Hats off to the following individuals:

Sonny and Cindy Archer
Diane Ball
Dee Nolan
Phyllis Dillon
Lynn Arnold
Rachel Hagan
Cindy Willis

Linda Sutphin
DeAnne Irving
Daniel Burke
Juanita Pritchett
Brenda Faraci
Ty King
Billie Taylor

Carolyn Clements
Linda Lively
Betty Robinette
Sunday School Class
Jenny Stoker
Circle of Hope
Chris and Rhonda Bracknell

As we look ahead, we do so with deep gratitude to you. Your generosity has not only met a practical need but has opened doors for Christ-centered compassion within our community. May the Lord continue to use this ministry and each of you to shine His love in simple, tangible ways. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in Wytheville. May He bless you richly as you serve.

Katie Dinger and Doris Muncy

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 October 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Breakfast Church

church done differently

Third Saturdays of each month

Come to the Table on Saturday, October 17, at 10:00 a.m.

in the WBC Fellowship Hall (new location).

With the cool weather approaching help us get the word out that we are moving indoors to the Wytheville Baptist Fellowship Hall. We are grateful to Open Door Cafe for allowing us to meet at no charge this past summer. Open Door Cafe was a convenient and familiar place for many who attended.

Now that we will be in the Fellowship Hall, we are expanding our outreach to the houses, apartments, and businesses surrounding the church. We are planning to get the word out through door hangers and handing out cards during Trunk and Treat. Look for announcements of when you can join us in distributing the door hangers/prayer walk.

We anticipate more guests therefore we will need more help with breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, and ambassadors each month.

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

Caregivers Ministry



We aim to support shut-ins by providing joy and assistance through actions like sending encouraging cards, making phone calls, visiting, and delivering meals. These interactions foster faith discussions and mutual prayer, enriching lives with Christ's love. For those interested in joining or if you know of someone in need, please contact Brenda Faraci at 276-620-4028.



Thank you to those who donated to September's Mission Action - Undie Sundays.

October's Mission Action is Trunk and Treat. Candy and volunteers are needed.

Our Benevolence Offering



Our Benevolence Offering is dedicated to supporting our active 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.

Prayer Ministries

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

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: Janet Montgomery's cousin Ron Allison, Abby Quesenberry's uncle Ray Eichler, Zach Robinson's father Travis Robinson, Jeff Phillips.

FRIENDS: Tommy Hilton's friend Roger Copenhaver, Melissa Dalton, Bill Durham, Almetta Cruff's friends Patricia Blankenship & Robert Ayers, Jr., 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, October 19,
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

October Happenings

Thursday, October 1: Jigsaw Puzzle Party - 10:00 am

Thursday, October 1: Budget Request Forms due

Monday, October 5: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Cafe - 12:30 pm

Thursday, Oct 8: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network mtg at Dublin Bapt. - 6:30 pm

Monday, October 12: Circle of Light - 12:30 pm

Monday, October 12: Circle of Hope - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 14: Ministry Groups planning meeting - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 17: Breakfast Church in Fellowship Hall - 10:00 am

Monday, October 19: Beacon Newsletter Deadline

Monday, October 19: Prayer at Hardee's - 9:00 am

Monday, October 19: Deacons' Meeting - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 21: Quarterly Business Meeting - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 31: Trunk and Treat - 6:00 pm



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Address Change Requested

***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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