

The Beacon

November 2026

Special Events

Trim Shrubs & Pull Weeds
November 7 @ 9:00 a.m.

Special Called Business Mtg.
November 8 after worship

Pastor's Thoughts

Pastor's Report from the
Quarterly Business Meeting on October 21st

Our ministry within the community continues to grow. We have three prayer boxes at different locations within the community. These can be found at Jo Jo's Attic, Sweetbirds Farm Stand, and Wytheville's Smallest Church. Fifteen to twenty-five requests are collected each week and prayed for during Tuesday morning prayer time. We also have a prayer box in the sanctuary for worship attenders to submit requests. Plus, there is a group of people meeting on the third Mondays of each month to have a prayer time at Hardee's. This has been well received by the community and workers there. Many prayer requests are submitted here also. Our Wednesday prayer time often centers on church members, family, and friends.

Another aspect of our community ministry is the

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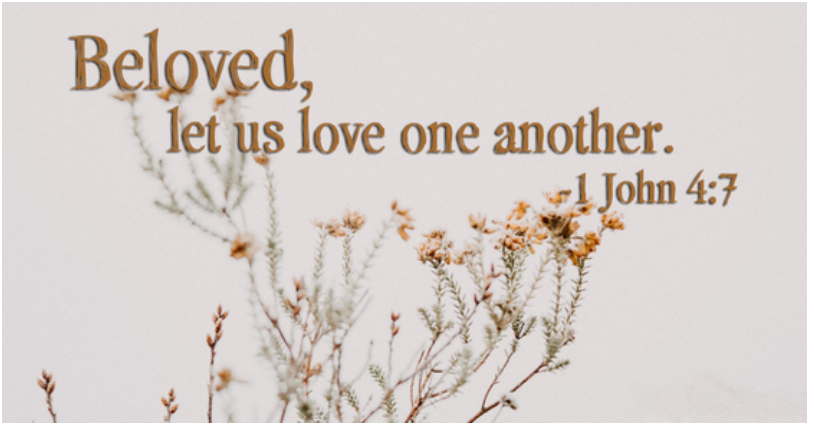
Breakfast Church on the third Saturday morning of each month. With the arrival of cooler weather, we have moved this event to the Fellowship Hall. We have some people who come every month and there are always new guests. This is a time of having a meal together and then a short time of worship. The goal is to get to know them personally so we can share more deeply with them about salvation and living for Jesus Christ.

Ten days from now, we have another opportunity to show the love of God on Church Street. Trunk or Treat is a time when we can smile and greet families to help them know the church cares about them and wants to share Jesus Christ with them. I know there are some who question why the church is involved in a celebration of Halloween. Jesus says we should go where the people are and meet them in whatever condition we find them. So maybe we cannot get them to come on Sunday morning, but we can purposefully meet them when they gather at our front door. Please consider coming with a smiling face to greet our neighbors as they walk past our door.

There are many people within the church involved in these ministries. I am very thankful to all the people who have helped in any way to establish these ministries. If you have yet to help us reach out into the community, please come and join us as we seek to spread the love God has for this world.

Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim





Notes from our Minister of Music and Worship

Doris Muncy

We have had the pleasure recently of hearing from our choir members through solos and special songs. A special word of congratulations goes to Tim Irving for his first solo in front of the church on September 20. Well done, Tim—kudos on a wonderful job on *"Mansion Over the Hilltop."* Speaking of wonderful jobs, Alan Ball recovered beautifully from previous technical difficulties and delivered a stirring rendition of *"The Lord's Prayer"* on September 27. The women's section of the choir performed *"Ancient Words*" on October 4 and received high praise. On October 11, Jerry Stone offered his usual wonderful delivery with *"It Is No Secret."* Finally, but certainly not least, Gary Taylor delivered a superb solo of *"I Won't Let Go"* on October 18. Thank you to all these singers for sharing their gifts with our church.

Last month, we had the joy of hearing from Jenny Stoker and Tim Irving as they shared what music means to them and why they love being part of our church's music ministry. This month's highlighted choir member is Dee Nolan. Dee is one of our altos. She may appear quiet, but she's fierce! When asked about the reasons for her music ministry, she writes, "I LOVE to sing! I think that it is in my DNA! I have been told that my father and his brothers would hide behind the tobacco barns and harmonize in perfect harmony. They were asked to sing on the radio but were too shy to do it.

"As a child we stayed at my grandmother's house in the country. More times than not she would stand me and my 2 siblings up in front of that one room church to sing.
I started piano lessons from the elderly pianist at that little church when I was 7 years old. Joel Campbell-Hilton, Susie Johnson and I formed a trio in the 1990s. We sang not only in church but many community functions. I sang alto … that's what I 'hear' when music plays. Joel sang tenor and Susie sang soprano.

"Music touches my soul often times when words do not. There have been times that music has affirmed that God is with me both in good times and in the bad. Being a member of the choir is like having a great big family. We laugh, we sometimes cry and we always know that we can depend on each other to 'make a joyful noise' unto the Lord either in song or deeds."

Thank you, Dee, for your service. It is a pleasure to serve with you!

Blessings, Doris

Women's Ministry

Ladies Luncheon

Next luncheon is Monday, November 2, 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.

Save the Date:

Sunday, December 6

Christmas Celebration

at Draper Mercantile
3054 Greenbrier Road, Draper, VA 24324
(Dutch treat) and Ornament Exchange

THEE Draper VILLAGE

Circle of Hope

Next meeting is Monday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m.

We had good fun and fellowship as we started to deep clean the kitchen. We will continue this work at the November meeting.

Also for our November meeting, we are collecting items for Christmas Shoeboxes. We are targeting the 10-14 age group but will accept items for any age group. We have already purchased 10 "Shoes That Grow" from Because International. These sandals adjust in four places to expand five sizes, protecting a child's feet longer. During Children's Church the WBC kids will assemble the shoeboxes.

Come join us!



Collection Point: West End Methodist Church

(1030 W. North Street, Wytheville)

Monday, November 16	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18	12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Thursday, November 19	12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Friday, November 20	2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, November 21	2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, November 22	1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Monday, November 23	9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Go to **www.samaritanspurse.org** to learn how to pack, gift suggestions, labels, and more. Shipping is $10/box.

Circle of Light

Next meeting: Monday, November 9, at 12:30 p.m.
Brown bag lunch in the fellowship hall.

We're entering that busy season. I hope that as you thank the Lord for all your blessings that you will take a moment to think of those who aren't as fortunate. There are many in our community that are cold and hungry. There are several blessing boxes around town (one here at the church) where you can bless someone with personal hygiene items or food. When grocery shopping pick up a box of granola bars, a can of Spaghetti O's, or some other item. To whom much is given, much is expected.

During the month of November, we will be collecting Christmas cards for our friends at the regional jail to send to their loved ones. There will be a mailbox in the sanctuary to collect them. Stamped cards are preferred but we won't turn down unstamped cards. Donations of stamps or cash to purchase stamps will be accepted. To clarify, these should be new cards and envelopes – Do not write on them.



As I count my blessing this month, I am especially thankful for my church family!

Choose Joy,
Lynn Arnold





Thank You!

We would like to express our great thanks for the Appreciation Lunch and Game Time. It was a wonderful time! It is a great privilege to serve as your pastor and secretary. We deeply love and enjoy being at Wytheville Baptist Church.
Because of God's Love,
Pastor Tim and DeAnne

What are your favorite Christmas Carols?

Fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or give to Doris Muncy. She would like to have them by November 20th.







Calling All Men

(and really anyone who would like to help)

Saturday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m.
We will gather at the church to trim the shrubs & pull weeds. The more hands that help, the quicker the work will go.

If you have any questions, contact Roger Clements

Children's Church Teachers

November 1: Carolyn Clements and Jenny Stoker
November 8: Rachel Wilson and Kelsey Grimes
November 15: Rachel Wilson and Lisa Crowgey
November 22: Rachel Wilson and Lisa Crowgey
November 29: Lisa Crowgey and _____

Nursery Workers

November 1: Alyssa Robinson and Diana Torres
November 8: Lisa Crowgey and Jenny Stoker
November 15: Billie Taylor and Lynn Arnold
November 22: Lynn Arnold and Alyssa Robinson
November 29: Linda Sutphin and Rachel Wilson

Tellers

Guy Sutphin and Lynn Arnold

Greeters

Tommy Hilton, Guy and Linda Sutphin

Deacon of the Week

November 1: Tommy Hilton
November 8: Roger Clements
November 15: Cathy Valley
November 22: Janet Montgomery
November 29: Lynn Arnold

NOVEMBER

3: Alan Ball
5: Granger Wilson
8: Mary Helen Porter
15: Angelo Faraci
17: Linda Hostetter
22: Susan Keene
23: Rachel Hagen
24: Betty Robinette
25: Jackie Carson
27: Emiliano Torres





Jigsaw Puzzle Party

Thursday, November 5
at 10:00 a.m.

December 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, November 19.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service. “Leading Astray” Micah 3:5-12	**2** 12:30pm Ladies’ Luncheon at Open Door Cafe	**3** 10:00am Time of Prayer
8 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service. "Public Commitment" Joshua 24:14-25 *Special Called Mtg-Deacon Election*	**9** 12:30pm Circle of Light 6:30pm Circle of Hope	**10** 10:00am Time of Prayer
15 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service “Complacent Ones” Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	**16** 9:00am Prayer at Hardee’s	**17** 10:00am Time of Prayer
22 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service “The Good Shepherd” Ezekiel 34:11-16	**23**	**24** 10:00am Time of Prayer
29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00am “Experiencing God in Everyday Life” 10:30am Worship Service. “Moldable Clay” Isaiah 64:1-9	**30**	**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
4 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	**5** 10:00am Jigsaw Puzzle Party	**6**	**7** 9:00am Trim Shrubs & Pull Weeds
11 6:30pm Ministry Groups 7:30pm Choir Practice	**12**	**13**	**14**
18 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	**19** Beacon Newsletter Deadline	**20**	**21** 10:00am Breakfast Church in Fellowship Hall
25 *No Evening Activities*	**26** **Thanksgiving**	**27**	**28**
2 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	**3**	**4** 10:00am Decorate Church for Christmas	**5** 6:00pm Christmas Parade

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

Hibiscus Haven



Aloha, Ohana!

As I write this, we are under a hurricane warning from Hurricane Nolo. Most people who were hit by Lala are still cleaning up from that hurricane. We had Lala then Moke, Lowell and now Nolo. We are about as prepared as we can be considering the circumstances.

Although there has been a lot of trials this past month, the gospel is still going out, people are being discipled and fellowship grows! And for the next three months I don't expect much to change. October, November, and December are some of the busiest months and we are looking forward to what God is doing.

We have a young man who wants to be discipled and join our church. He helped with summer camp and is a valuable asset to me.

Thank you all for your support!

Mike and Monica Brennan

Open Door Cafe

The Stuffed Strut 5K is more than a race—it's a chance to come together, get moving, and support Open Door Cafe's mission to end food insecurity in our community.

Our goal is to have 400 runners and walkers join us this year, and every registration gets us one step closer!

Whether you are racing for a personal best, walking with friends and family, pushing a stroller, or simply joining in the fun, there is a place for you at the starting line.

Register today at **www.strutwytheus.org** and invite someone to strut alongside you!





Agape Food Pantry

1355 W. Spring Street, Wytheville

Food Distribution:
Second Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Thursday at 12:00 p.m.

Donations of non-perishable items may be placed in the basket in the sanctuary.

Hope Packs

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
at Open Door Cafe

Thank you to those who volunteer each week with the 800-900 packs that are given out to all the area schools so kids have food for the weekend.



Tommy Hilton, Pastor Tim, Roger & Carolyn Clements, Guy & Linda Sutphin.
(Not pictured-Ang & Brenda Faraci, Daniel Burke)



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.

I want to take this opportunity to give more information on the SWVA Crossroads Coalition for Orphan and Foster Care and on CarePortal—two vital initiatives working together to support vulnerable children and families throughout our region.

The SWVA Crossroads Coalition is a Christian ministry committed to strengthening families and ensuring that children can thrive in safe, stable environments. Our mission is to unite churches, businesses, agencies, professionals, and advocates to meet the needs of vulnerable children and the families who care for them across the crossroads area of Southwest Virginia.

Becoming operational in our area in 2021, CarePortal is an innovative technology platform that allows local churches, organizations, and individuals to respond quickly to specific needs identified and vetted by child welfare agencies and our local public schools. When a child or family faces challenges, CarePortal mobilizes community support to meet those needs swiftly and effectively.

Wytheville Baptist Church launched its CarePortal response team on May 13, 2025. Since that time, our team has responded to 49 requests out of 216 received (22.69%). The economic impact of these responses totals $19,413, and we have had the privilege of serving 89 children in our community.

With Christmas approaching, the number of needs listed in CarePortal will increase significantly, offering even more opportunities to show Christ's love to vulnerable children and families. If this outreach ministry resonates with you and you feel led to participate, now is a wonderful time to join our response team. Please contact me to get involved.

Blessings,
Doris Muncy



Trunk or Treat

Thank you to all those who helped in any way to bless the children and show the love of Jesus at Church Street Trunk-or Treat. A special thanks to Jan Stone for her wonderfully decorated trunk.

What a joy to see the children smile and laugh when they receive their candy, pick out their colored Jesus bracelet, and told they are precious to Jesus. The adults with them are always thankful.

The light of Jesus shining in a dark place.

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

The Network's Annual Meeting was Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Dublin Church with 28 attending representing 10 churches.

A highlight of the meeting was the vote to receive New River Fellowship as a new member church. The pastor, Jordan Secrist was present.

Bland Ministry Center, Virginia Tech Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Radford University Baptist Collegiate Ministry and Pastor Ramon Tavor in Venezuela each expressed appreciation for the prayer and financial support they receive from the Network and individual churches. They each expressed they couldn't do their work without this support. Pastor Ramon also sent a report of his church's work of the past year.

A special prayer request was made for Thomas Cundiff, member of Trinity Church. He has stepped back from his positions as the chair of the Claytor Lake Camp Directors and Moderator of the Network due to health problems.

I am personally very proud of WBC's involvement and support of the Network. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative.

Linda Lively, Secretary of the Network



Message from Pastor Ramon September 26, 2026

Greetings, dear Pastor Charles.

God bless you. Thanks be to the Lord, my foot is doing quite well; the doctor has discharged me. Although I haven't been able to do physical therapy, I feel better every day.

I've resumed my normal ministry activities: visiting, discipleship, and preaching.

Please extend our gratitude to the sister church that sent us that offering. May God bless them abundantly. Thank you, thank you. Thank you to the Network for your help and for keeping an eye on us.

In these past two weeks, thirteen (13) new people have been visiting our church. Five of them made decisions of faith in the last two Sundays. Tomorrow we begin discipleship with them (8).

In the midst of all the trials and difficulties we've faced, God has blessed us. Thank you for your prayers; please continue to pray for our church.

Pray for Carlos and Luis; they are part of my team, and the church loves them very much. But they also have many struggles. Next Monday, I will begin a pastoral seminar with them for their ministry training.

God bless you and thank you. Pastor Ramon Tovar

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Tommy Hilton and family upon the passing of his cousin Teresa Phillips

HOME: Paisley Robinson, 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: Gary & Jackie Carson's grandson Oliver, Rick Walker's relative Jessica Townsend, Linda Lively's aunt Peggy, Ang Faraci's brother Richard, Cindy Willis' father Vick Inman, Janet Montgomery's cousin Ron Allison, Jeff Phillips.

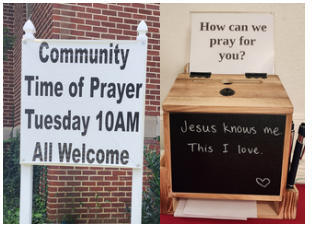
FRIENDS: Nancy Hammons, Brandi Page, Susan Hardwood, Chris Raines, Jeff Baumgardner, Roger Copenhaver, Melissa Dalton, Bill Durham, Patricia Blankenship, Robert Ayers, Jr., Danny Carpenter, Dr. Feliciano Jusay, Jim Elwood, Jo-ella Burnett, Kimberlyn Hart, Drema Greenlief.

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.

Congratulations to

Noah and Haylee Willis on the birth of James "Jamie" Martin Willis on October 23. John and Cynthia Willis are the proud grandparents.



The Table

Community Prayer Time
Monday, November 16,
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

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 November 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Caregivers Ministry

Those interested in joining or if you know of someone in need, please contact Brenda Faraci at 276-620-4028.



Breakfast Church

church done differently

Third Saturdays of each month

Come to the Table on **Saturday, November 21**, at 10:00 a.m.
in the WBC Fellowship Hall

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



Special Called Business Meeting

Sunday, November 8, after the worship service for the election of Deacons.
Chris Bracknell and Jenny Stoker have agreed to serve as
deacons for the term of 2027-2029.



Monday, November 2: Ladies' Luncheon at Open Door Cafe - 12:30 pm
Thursday, November 5: Jigsaw Puzzle Party - 10:00 am
Saturday, November 7: Shrub Trimming & Weed Pulling - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 8: Special Called Business Meting - Deacon Elections
Monday, November 9: Circle of Light - 12:30 pm
Monday, November 9: Circle of Hope - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, November 11: Ministry Groups planning meeting - 6:30 pm
Monday, November 16: Prayer at Hardee's - 9:00 am
November 16-23: Christmas Shoebox Collection Week @ West End Methodist
Thursday, November 19: Beacon Newsletter Deadline
Saturday, November 21: Breakfast Church in Fellowship Hall - 10:00 am
Wednesday, November 25: No evening activities
Sunday, November 29: First Sunday of Advent

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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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