REJOICE always; PRAY without ceasing; in everything GIVE THANKS;

For this is GOD’S will for you in Christ Jesus.

1Th 5:16-18
Dear WBC family,

First, I want to thank you for your encouraging words, cards and gifts given to my family during Pastor Appreciation Day last month. Being a pastor can be a difficult job, but the tough times are far outweighed by the blessings when you are serving such a wonderful group of loving fellow believers. I am very grateful for having the chance to serve this special church.

Also, I want you to know that the re-visioning group has been hard at work and hope to have some of our ideas to discuss with the church in the next few months.

I’m sure things will slow down during the holidays, but when we are finished celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and the new year, we will prepare for a time to discuss our findings with the church.

I want to personally thank the re-visioning team for their willing effort. This process has asked them to go beyond the normal call of duty and they have responded in a loving, willing fashion, which is essential to accomplish our goals.

So, are you ready? Are you geared up for the excitement of the season that is upon us? From the beginning of November until the conclusion of bowl season, which seems to get longer every year, our country pauses to celebrate. The first month we focus on being thankful and remembering our history. We recall the early colonists and the Native Americans who chose to help instead of destroy them. We remember how our country has come through some very difficult times, two world wars, numerous financial crisis, tense relations between fellow Americans, etc. In the end, it seems that America has emerged on the other side, often injured and weak, yet together and blessed.

It seems to me that we don’t see things like that so much anymore. Americans are divided in many different ways and it seems that some of the groups will only be happy if everyone agrees with them. It is a feeling of winning a battle of the collective American soul and nothing short of a sharp paradigm shift to their liking will suffice. To look at life this way is to forget how America became what it is. As the presidential election ends and we dive into the holidays, may we take a step back and realize that we are extremely blessed and whatever the future holds for our country, we are all still Americans.

I firmly believe that God has blessed our country. I believe that the survival of the colonists and the charity of the Native Americans was not due to mere human spirit, but touched by the Holy Spirit. I believe that God allowed America to form into a place of peace and freedom and yet at various points in our history we have lost that truth and become increasingly self-centered virtually fighting to get God out of the picture. Yet God is bigger than that. You don’t have to believe in Him in order for Him to exist. He is, was and forever will be regardless of what His creation thinks or wants. I think that it is very important for our country, at least those of us who call ourselves believers, to unite and thank God for His many blessings.

May we, as a blessed country, rise up and say thank you. We have much to be thankful for.

In His service,

Pastor Rusty Mullins

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls and cards at the passing of our mother, Maude Hale.

Love,

Sid and Jackie Kitts and Melanie Hemphill

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all of our church family for your prayers, visits, calls, cards and food during our recent loss of Dan’s mother, Catherine Robinette. We are so appreciative of all you have done for us. God has truly blessed us through our friends.

God’s continual blessing on you,

Dan and Betty Robinette

Just a note to thank you, Rev. Rusty, and members of WBC for your cards, visits, prayers and support for mom, Maude Umberger, while I was having knee replacement surgery at WCC. Surgery went well, two weeks in Extended Stay for physical therapy were most helpful and now I’m home receiving outpatient physical therapy and getting better with each new day. I am thankful and most blessed by your support.

Love,

Lynne Perry

Thank you to Eric Crowgey, his family, and Wytheville Baptist Church for the beautiful gourds that I received. I appreciate them so much and they have added to the beauty of my fall decorations.

Madeline Catron

What a wonderful surprise I found on my doorstep. The gourds were beautiful and very much appreciated. This thoughtful gift of kindness will be remembered always.

Henrietta Price

Thank you to my WBC family and Eric Crowgey for the lovely bag of gourds I received. I was so pleased at the thoughtfulness of this gift.

Rivers Davidson

Thank you to our WBC family, Eric Crowgey and all those who gave of their time. The gourds were a beautiful gift of love and we appreciate the thoughtfulness very much.

Dorothy Hamilton and Jan Stone
We will soon be ordering our Christmas Poinsettias. This year we are ordering red poinsettias with gold foil and white bows. The cost will be $15.95 for a single pot and $24.95 for a double pot. We will be ordering from Sandy’s Florist this year. If you would like to order one or more poinsettias “In Honor Of” or “In Memory Of” someone special please fill in the form below, earmark your check “poinsettia” and attach it to the completed form. Then place both in the offering plate or bring them to the church office before noon Monday, November 24. We will have a booklet of remembered loved ones on December 9.

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All orders need to be turned in no later than noon Monday, November 24.

HANGING OF THE GREENS
We will have a glorious service of the “Hanging of the Greens” on Sunday, November 30th, beginning at 6:00 pm. Come join us as we look at the meaning of the Chrismons, sing praises to our Lord and read from the Holy scripture.

DECEMBER BEACON ARTICLES

Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays all articles for the December Beacon must be turned into the church office no later than Monday, November 17th.

news for CHILDREN, YOUTH And Young Adults

To Higher Ground

Steppin’ Up

Jennifer Mullins
Minister to Youth and Children

Wednesday’s: 5:30 pm Children’s Choirs—Sonshine Singers, (grades 1-6), Little Praises (Preschool) and Cherub Chimers.
6:40 to 7:30 pm: “Kids In Action” (grades 2 to 6) and “Mission Friends” (Pre K to 1st grade). Each week following our church wide supper, our children will come together for learning and fun as they find out more about how they can know and serve our Lord Jesus.

STEPPIN’ UP (1st-6th grade)
Attention ALL children in grades 1st-6th!
Friday • November 7th • 6:00 to 7:30 pm • Friday Night LIVE!
The first Friday of each month we have Friday Night LIVE which is a wonderful time of children’s worship. The night includes fun worship music, interactive Bible & prayer times, cool activities, and light refreshments! This is for all children of our community in 1st to 6th grade, so pass the word to your friends, neighbors and family! I will have a special reward for the kids if we have over 40 children there. So help me invite as many children as possible.
This year’s theme is “Getting to Know God” which includes “exploring His character; learning His names; and experiencing His holy nature in our lives”. It is a fun time as the children get excited about knowing and having a relationship with God – the One who loves them most! November’s Friday Night LIVE theme is….”Jehovah Shalom – God is our Peace!”

If you would like to be a helper for these Friday Night LIVE events, I encourage you to call me asap. I need extra hands and extra adults to greet and love on these children as well as to help with activities and supervision. Thank you for your support and your prayers as we create a fresh new year of “Getting To Know God” for our children.
HIGHER GROUND (7th-12th grade)
Sundays: 6:00 to 7:30 pm Higher Ground Youth Group.
(Come early so that we can start right at 6:00 pm sharp!)
Strengthen good Christian friendships through FUN fellowship & sharing…
Strengthen your walk with Jesus Christ through His Word and prayer…
Strengthen your witness for Christ through accountability and worship.
Enjoy an opportunity to grow in the Lord and …
be the new generation that truly seeks His face and lives for Him!

Wednesdays: 6:30 to 7:30 pm Higher Ground Youth Group
Come experience worship, “Making A Difference” time followed by God’s Young Men/Girls In Faith Together.

Christmas Amazing Race – December 19-20
Sign-up Deadline – November 12
(see announcement below)

BEYOND (18 to 30)
Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45 am
  Sunday: November 2nd, 9th and 16th we will meet at 7:00 pm
  Friday, November 21st we will meet.  Time and Place TBA.

ATTENTION WBC family!
On December 19th and 20th, we are having an event for youth (6th grade & up), college-age and adults called the Christmas Amazing Race! The goal of this event is three-fold: to celebrate together the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, to serve and minister to others in need within our community and to enjoy fellowship together during this special Christmas time; all in a creative, fun way.  This will be our third Amazing Race, but this one is unique in that everything done will be centered on Christmas!  I ask you all to pray that God is glorified, Christ is honored and the fellowship will be blessed as we celebrate Him in this way.

Besides prayer, there are other needs.  This event takes a lot of legwork and volunteer support.  Please look over this list and consider how you could possibly help.  Contact me if there is any area where you can help.

Station volunteers needed.  It’s SO easy too!  Basically, there are various stations throughout the Wytheville area where teams will have to complete a task (whether a ministry task or silly task).  When they arrive, you hand them their task assignment and when they’ve completed it you hand them their next clue.  When all the teams have come through your spot, then you are finished.  It’s very easy, a lot of fun, and not time-consuming.  I need about 6 volunteers for Friday night the 19th and about 10 volunteers for Saturday the 20th.

Cookie baking stations.  One project is to bake quick “slice & bake” cookies and wrap them nicely to take to folks.  We need volunteers who will let us use your kitchen as a place to do this.  All supplies will be provided.

SIMPLE CHURCH: Returning to God’s Process for Making Disciples
Monday, December 3, 2007 9:30am - 2:30pm
What are we trying to accomplish with persons in our churches?  To simply keep them busy?  If you're interested in accomplishing something more intentional and significant, join us for this one-day seminar featuring Eric Geiger, co-author of SIMPLE CHURCH: Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples.  More information is available here.  To register, please contact the Southwest Virginia Christian Leadership Network by phone at 866.223.9344 or by email at gary.chapman@vbmb.org.

OUR BEACON ON THE CHURCH WEB SITE
Log onto the WBC Web site at www.wythevillebaptist.org and see your Beacon.  Here at Wytheville Baptist Church we are always looking for ways to grow and reach out to others.  One of those ways is to start displaying our church Beacon on our church Web site.  This will not only reach many but will also save money for the church.  If you do not have a computer or are not on the internet we will still send you a hard copy of the Beacon, but you must let us know you want to remain on the mailing list.  As of January 1, 2009 we will only send hard copies of the Beacon to those who have placed their names on the list to receive one.  This will save on paper, ink and postage.  Again, you can now log onto our Web site at www.wythevillebaptist.org and see our Beacon.

IN-HOUSE CHURCH DIRECTORY
We are diligently working on assembling our new “In-House Pictorial Directory”.  If you did not have your picture taken for our directory you still have time to submit one.  This can be a professionally made picture, even a digital picture taken on vacation.  This picture does not have to be anything fancy we just want a picture of your smiling face.  You can bring your photo to the church office Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.  You can e-mail the photo to wythevillebaptist@yahoo.com, or you can mail them to the church office at 205 Church Street, Wytheville, VA 24382.  When you supply the office with your photo accompany it with everyone’s name as you would like it in the directory, address, phone number and everyone’s birthday.  This will also help us update all church files.  If you would like the photo back please make the church office aware of your wishes.

This is not just for church members but for everyone!  Young and old, youth, families, singles, members, non-members.  People would like to know everyone who comes to our church.

So please help us out and get your photo to us.
**HIGHLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS**

At the HBA Annual Meeting October 12 at Calvary Church, Floyd, these WBC members were elected to serve:

- O.J. Campbell, Trustee and Claytor Lake Directors member
- Keith Dunagan, Chair of Youth Committee
- Joel Campbell-Hilton, Time, Place, and Preacher Committee member
- Bill Lively, Chair of Constitution & By-Laws Committee
- Linda Lively, Executive Board member and Nominating Committee member
- Rusty Mullins, Evangelism Committee member
- Mary Helen Porter, Joint Advisory Committee member
- Bill Valley, Finance Committee member

Thank you to each one that has agreed to serve in these capacities! The next meeting of HBA is February 5, 2009 at Dublin Church.

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**Prayer Guide January 2008-January 2009**

The Missions Committee of the Highlands Baptist Association requests that all the congregations in the association remember the Pastors and Staff in their prayers. As our churches pray for each other, a spirit of unity and boldness will move our associational churches closer to the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God, here, on earth.

**November**

- 2: Belspring, Rev. Darrell Linkous
- 9: Blacksburg, Dr. Tommy McDearis and Staff
- 16: VA Tech BSU, Rev. Darrell Cook, Campus Minister and Staff
- 23: Blacksburg Korean, Rev. Chung Hyun
- 30: HBA Associational Staff, David and Becky Plott

Please keep these in your prayers this month.

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**185th BGAV Annual Meeting**

**November 11-12, 2008, Roanoke, Virginia**

Come join us at the 185th Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia as we consider "Who's My Neighbor?" This year we are looking at ways of reaching beyond the church doors to meet and serve "neighbors" in our community, our state, and our world. Connect 2008 features speaker Tony Campolo and musician Kate Campbell, as well as special messages from Larry Holland and David Coffey, breakout sessions, the ministry fair, and more. Visit the Connect 2008 website for more details.

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**Christmas Caroling**

Christmas Caroling is part of our evening as well. Please contact me if you know of a person, couple or family who would particularly be blessed by some carolers. I am trying to compile a nice long list. (Some of you may have carolers come by your home as well.)

**Need you to pass the word and invite youth, college students and adults who may be interested in participating in the Christmas Amazing Race.** It is a wonderful outreach event as we celebrate, serve others, worship, and fellowship together in Christ’s love. We have found that this is popular among all.

**Each team will need an adult driver** – over age 21 (because that is our chaperone age cut off). Drivers are encouraged to stay at our stop-over location with the teams, but aren’t required to do so. They would just need to come back to pick up the team to continue the race on Saturday morning.

**Sign-up Deadline for Christmas Amazing Race participants/racers** (grades 6 and up) is November 12. Cost will be $5 to bring with them for the race.

**Sign-up Deadline to be a volunteer is ASAP. Thanks so much!**

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL (YOUTH I) • NOVEMBER EVENTS**

**Christmas Caroling**

- **Middle School Game Night**
  - **Friday, November 7, 2008 • 6:00 to 9:00 pm**
  - Cindy Jarmul’s House • 595 Century Court
  - Wytheville, VA
  - See You Then!!
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At 36 years old he recognized he would never be the singer his father was nor would he be the soul winner he had dreamed he wanted to be. The year was 1892 when he took up his pen and began to write hymns. Finally he had found his calling. Within three years the world was singing hundreds of his songs and among them his favorite No Not One (Baptist Hymnal page 181). In 1897 he wrote what is considered as his most popular gospel hymn Higher Ground (Baptist Hymnal page 484).

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS (1897)
Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love.... Psalms 107:31

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Composer: Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921)

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The more than 375 trees which were decorated last year range in height from 6 feet to more than 90 feet. Only live trees are used. The number of lights on individual trees varies with the height, diameter and fullness of the trees. As few as 500 lights and as many as 5,000 lights may be used on one tree.

One of the favorite spots for viewers is the lake which is situated near the heart of town. Here are 33 trees, ranging in size from 12 to 40 feet, which ring the lake. The reflection of the lights in the water adds to the beauty of the scene. A fountain, located in the center of the lake, jets water 75 feet into the air. Lights shining on the fountain go through a sequence of red, green, blue and amber about once every ten seconds. At the lake, a 46 foot wide lighted image of Old Man Winter blows snowflakes into the air.

While much emphasis has been placed on the lighting of trees, this represents only a portion of the effort that goes into the preparation for Christmas. The town residents play a big part as they decorate their doors in original styles according to their own personal feelings. This gives a special expression of “Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas” from the townspeople to their visitors. A life-size nativity scene and life-size figures of carolers, complete with music, add to the effect.

More than 200 wreaths adorn lampposts throughout the town. Santa and his reindeer, a display that is nine feet tall and seventy feet long, are featured as part of the annual tradition. Spot and flood lights are used in varying colors throughout the town to accent the scenes and to give special effects to the trees and surrounding scenery. Chrono-chime bells, mounted on a 30 foot structure located at the Community Center, play Christmas carols during the Christmas season.

Carrington Place Worship
November 1 — Beyond Sunday School Class
November 15 — Youth I and Youth II Sunday School Class
2:00
Unit B Lounge

Please join us as we lead worship with these wonderful folks who are unable to attend worship at their home church. We meet in the Unit B Lounge at 1:30 to visit our church members who live there and invite them to join us for worship which begins at 2:00. You will be blessed as we endeavor to share the Lord’s blessings with others.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Everyone, no matter what age, is invited to join us every Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on the Soccer Field at George Wythe High School for a rousing game of flag football. For more information or if you have questions please contact Chad Peters at 276-970-3029.
LET'S GO ON A CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP!!
Saturday, December 13, 2008
Billy Graham Library
http://www.billygraham.org/BGLibrary_Index.asp
and
McAdenville, North Carolina
http://www.mcadenville-christmastown.com

Leave WBC at 10:00 am and return late that evening
You are invited to join our church family on a day trip to Charlotte, North Carolina to visit the Billy Graham Library, followed by dinner together. We will then drive to McAdenville, North Carolina for a night-time viewing of Christmas Town, USA

A beautiful small textile town decked out for the holidays!!
Join us for a wonderful day of fellowship! Cost: $30.00 per person plus the cost of your dinner. Sign-up deadline: November 20, 2008. Full payment must be made at the time of sign up. Registration forms and payment envelopes will be available in the church office and on the back table in the sanctuary. All registration forms and payments must be turned into the church office.

We need 50 people to make this trip happen!! All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend!! If we have fewer than 50 registered by November 20, our trip will be cancelled and all money returned.

Tour service provided by Evergreen Tours
Call Cindy Jarmul (228-4461) or Rusty Mullins (228-3712) with questions.

Christmas Town, USA, McAdenville, North Carolina
The Christmas Town Tradition • 1956 - 2008 • Our 53rd Year
The quiet little town of McAdenville, which lies along the South Fork River in Gaston County, N.C., comes alive in spectacular fashion each year as Christmas draws near. Almost overnight, the small textile town is transformed into “Christmas Town, USA.”

In 1956, the McAdenville Men’s Club conceived the idea of using lights to decorate a few trees around the McAdenville Community Center. With the permission of town officials and Mr. W. J. Pharr, President of Pharr Yarns, nine trees were decorated the first year. Mrs. Pharr suggested the use of red, white and green lights, the traditional colors of Christmas. Later, at Mrs. Pharr’s suggestion, the trees around the lake were decorated and the manger scene became the focal point of the Christmas decorations. The reaction to these early efforts was so favorable that each year the number of decorated trees has been increased. By 2004, more than 375 trees were giving off a warm holiday glow to the town and surrounding area.

Today, and for more than twenty years, Mr. J. M. Carstarphen, Chief Executive Officer of Pharr Yarns, has been instrumental in carrying on this tradition. His support, along with the continuing cooperation of company management and townspeople alike, has ensured that McAdenville will be a special place at a very special time of year when almost every home and evergreen tree

MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE
Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3rd, at 7:00 pm at the church. Janet Montgomery will be our hostess. Janet will also be our program leader. Our Mission Action Project will be Crossroads Shelter and Tray Cards. Come join with the ladies of our church as we make an impact on our community, nation and world through prayer and giving.

WMU NEWS
Six WMU members attended the Fall Associational Meeting at Blacksburg Baptist Church on Saturday, October 18. Barbara Booher, Betty Robinette, Catherine Simmerman, Doris Terry, Cathy Valley, and Norma Jean Wolford enjoyed a delicious brunch provided by the members and an informative program on caring for the homeless. We would like to thank the church for the donation of 170 stamped Christmas cards and 201 paperback books for the New River Valley Women’s Correctional Facility. We know they will be greatly appreciated by those incarcerated there.

ATTENTION WBC FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Mission help is needed in Nouakchott, Mauritania located in northwest Africa. For more information please contact Pastor Rusty Mullins or George Hamm.

If you would like to learn more about Nouakchott, Mauritania log onto http://www.africaguide.com/country/mauritan/index.htm
**SCRAPPIN’ SILLY**

The November Scrappin Silly will be on Thursday, November 13th at the home of Lesa Wood from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. This will take the place of the regular 3rd Thursday meeting. This will also be the last Scrappin Silly for the year so everyone needs to come on out and work on their Christmas gifts or Christmas cards.

**AGAPE FOOD PANTRY**

Agape has asked that we bring Peanut Butter for the months of November and December to help feed those in need in our community. Please, no glass containers.

**CHILDREN’S CLOTHES CLOSET**

Cold weather is here and parents, who have little, are searching for winter clothes that will keep their children warm. If you have any new or gently used children’s winter clothes, coats, mittens or shoes, new underwear, t-shirts, or socks, please bring them to the clothes closet down stairs next to the nursery. *We especially need boys’ clothes from new born to 10 years old.* If you would like to make a monetary donation please earmark your check “Children’s Clothes Closet” and place it in the offering plate.

Our clothes closet will be open Thursday, November 20th, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Please help us pass the word.

**FOOD FOR CROSSROADS SHELTER**

The Margaret Sutherland Sunday School Class will provide a wonderfully prepared meal and deliver it to Crossroads Shelter on Sunday, November 9th.

**BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

*How did our offering help last month:*  
- We helped a young man purchase a bus ticket so he could get home.  
- We have provided heaters to four families.  
- We helped keep the electricity on for seven families.  
- We helped provide lodging for an elderly man living on the streets.  

On Sunday, November 2nd, we ask that you give to the Benevolence fund. This offering is used to help those in our community that are struggling to make ends meet. You may earmark your check “Benevolence Fund” and put it in the offering plate, give your offering to the ushers who will be at the doors as you leave or place it in the boxes that our children made that are prominently placed on the table in the main hall across from the new church office and on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you can not give on this specified Sunday you may place your offering in the boxes at any time. These boxes are checked daily and all offerings are placed in the Benevolence Fund. Thank you for giving from the heart.

Pastor Rusty will be out of town on Sunday, November 2nd and during his absence on this date Allan and Lisa Long will bless us with their testimonies pertaining to their trip to Juarez, Mexico during our 8:30 and 11:00 am worship service. You don’t want to miss this blessing.

Communion will be observed on November 9th, the second Sunday of this month.
In late September, Lisa and I had the privilege of traveling to Juarez, Mexico to serve with the Engineering Ministries International in work to design a new children’s home for Rancho Los Amigos. Rancho is a Christian facility that is 100% donation supported and managed by Youth with a Mission in El Paso, Texas. The children’s home sits on a site of about six acres in the heart of Juarez, and is the home to 32 wonderful children. Juarez is a town of close to two million and as a border town has a reputation as an unruly place. Engineering Missions International conducts short term missions across the globe and coordinates special teams of design professionals who can offer their services toward a common God led goal.

Our team consisting of architects and engineers from across the United States was tasked with the design concept for a new children’s home that would house double the current number. Our team met with the administrators of the home and facility in order to determine need requirements. We also met with local contractors and professionals to determine best construction practices. Along the way we worked alongside each other, the staff and children of Rancho, and marveled at their resolve and dedication to serving Christ in such a difficult environment. Their attention to serving the community and discipline offered a little island of civility in an otherwise hostile area. Lisa was one of several “domestic engineers” who served the team and worked directly with the children in classes.

The compound was completely surrounded by block walls for security purposes – and during recent flooding, these walls had collapsed and flooded several buildings on site. In addition to this problem, an open sewer runs right through the compound with little hope of the government addressing the problem any time soon. The new building design will place the children at the highest point on the site, safely from storm waters. Their current building is really a series of adobe structures added one onto another. While kept remarkably clean by the children themselves, the existing structure is cramped, leaking and unstable in some locations.

We wish to thank all those at Wytheville Baptist for your prayer support, financial support and concern. It was heartening to know that our brothers and sisters were praying for us and caring for our children while we were gone. Our team will continue to work through the winter on completing the design and with God’s blessing eventually raise up a building that will be filled with love.

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you” John 14:18

Allan and Lisa Long
The Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, on Hwy. 52 North, will host a Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday evening, November 25th, beginning at 7:00 pm. During this service we will be encouraged to continually devote ourselves to prayer, ever staying alert in it with thanksgiving, always giving praise to God for the wonderful gifts He has bestowed upon us. The gift of salvation, healing, provisions, the beauty of the world around us, our families, a church family and the list goes on and on. We will also reverently come to the table and partake in Holy Communion. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this awe-inspiring service.

After joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesday night our WBC church family will not have any regular Wednesday night functions, November 26th.

THE NELLIE BAUSELL LIBRARY NOTES

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The Complete Book of Bible Promises is by J. Stephen Lang. Human promises are temporary, fragile, and often just downright meaningless. But the promises of God recorded in the Bible are trustworthy, proven and infallible. No human difficulty--- no human being --- is excluded from them. This is the most comprehensive Bible-Promise Book ever.

Stories of Prayer for a Healthy Soul is compiled by Christine Anderson. Included in these pages are quotes from great Christian authors like Billy Graham, Max Lucado, Joni Eareckson Tada, Oswald Chambers, Corrie Ten Boom and many others. This book will speak to you of the power of prayer in your everyday life.

We have a new Hardy Boys book for our junior readers. The House on the Cliff is by Franklin W. Dixon. This is a mystery that some of our ten to twelve years old children would enjoy reading. Another one for our young readers. Gold Rush Adventures is by Edith McCall. The ship had brought him and his men safely to California. Here lay the land of golden dreams. Cassidy is the first book in the Big Sky Dreams series by Lori Wick. This story takes place in the Montana Territory in 1880. A seamstress by trade, Cass Norton, makes her living sewing for folks of Token Creek, her life is rich. What time her growing business doesn’t take, her friends and church family fill. But Cassidy hasn’t always lived in Token Creek, and few people know anything about her family or past.

By Hook or by Crook: How God shaped a Fisherman into a Shepherd is written by Jill Briscoe. This book shows us how Jesus grows a shepherd’s heart in selfish people and uses them to change the world. And no one better illustrates these truths than the man called Simon whom the Lord changed “by hook or by crook” into the man called Peter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Thomas and April Caddy, and family, upon the arrival of Lydia on October 24, 2008, at 4:20 am, weighing 6 lbs 14 ozs. and 20” long.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Dan and Betty Robinette, and family, upon the passing of Dan’s mother, Catherine Robinette.

Ruth Guy, her daughter, Lynda Lindinger of Texas, and family upon the passing of Lynda’s husband.

Pastor Rusty, and family, upon the passing of his great uncle, Yule Mullins.

Jim and Mary Helen Porter upon the passing of Mary Helen’s sister-in-law, Myrtle Large.

Dee Phillips, and family, upon the passing of her son, Ralph Phillips

Chad and Keisha Stuart, and family, upon the passing of Chad’s grandmother.

Chris Hovencamp, and family, upon the passing of his grandfather, Wayne Hovencamp, Sr.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Kevin Dalton and his family, Jason Crandell, Rob Bracknell, Benjy Bird, Brandon & Laura Hall, Cory Todd, Byron Reed, T.J. Bilbrey, Thomas Collins, Brandon & Lindsey Wood, Deloris Romero, Tommy Munsey, Daniel Kilgore, and any others we may have left out.
Nov. 5: Baked Potato Soup, Crackers, Pickles, Jello Salad, Pimento Cheese and Ham Salad Sandwiches, Cookies and Ice Cream. Hot Dogs for the Kids.

Nov. 12: Turkey and Dressing, Gravy, Rolls, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Pumpkin and Pecan Pie. Chicken Nuggets for the Kids

Nov. 19: Lasagna, Salad, Corn, French Bread, Peach Fluff. Pizza for the Kids.

Nov. 26: No Church functions on this night. Have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

**November Birthdays**

2 Annalee Britt
4 James R. Porter
11 Cindy Jarmul
Anna Smith
Ryan Claypool
Allan Long
6 David Hay

**NURSERY 8:30 AM**

Nov. 2: Michelle Garst
Nov. 9: Lesa Wood
Nov. 16: Natasha Wood
Nov. 23: Cathy Valley
Nov. 30: Bonnie Wright

**NURSERY 11:00 AM**

Nov. 2: Norma Jean Wolford
Nov. 9: Venita Wolford
Nov. 16: Eric and Ann Collins
Nov. 23: MiMi and Lindsey Heldreth
Nov. 30: Philip and Kim Aker

**EXTENDED SESSION 11:00 AM**

Nov. 2: Rachel Crowgey and Maria Stoker
Nov. 9: Allan and Lisa Long
Nov. 16: Steve and Delores Nolan
Nov. 23: Brett and Cindy Booher
Nov. 31: Jody and Ashley Taylor

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 2: Mike Caswell
Nov. 9: Eric Crowgey
Nov. 16: George Hamm
Nov. 23: Allan Long
Nov. 30: George Archer

**USHERS**

Team II: Jody Taylor, Team Leader
Brett Booher, Dennis Brown
Tommy Hilton, Harold Pack
Brian Wolford

**TELLERS**

Tammy Dunagan and Bill Valley

**GREETERS**

Cathy Brown and Bill Valley

**FLOWER MINISTRY**

Barbara Booher

Beginning Monday, November 17th and ending on Sunday, November 23rd, our church will once again be a Relay Collection Center for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes filled with small toys, personal hygiene items, candy and information on the love of our Savior are often the only Christmas children around the world will have. Be a part of this ministry!! Fill a box (plus $7.00 postage), make a monetary donation for a shoebox to be filled ($20 per box), or help with the $7.00 postage fee per box, help at the collection center, pray, all of these are needed. Our hours of operation during that week are:

Monday through Tuesday—by appointment only
Wednesday and Thursday—4:00 to 6:00 pm
Friday - 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Saturday - 12 noon to 6:00 pm
Sunday - 2:00 to 6:00 pm

At the end of the day on Sunday we will need help to pack the truck. The goal for Wytheville Baptist Church is 175 shoeboxes. This is a very reasonable goal for our church. Pick up a brochure on the back table with specific directions for packing the shoeboxes. Look for further information in the Sunday bulletins in November or call the church office, Janet Montgomery or Doris Terry. Thanks for helping to provide Christmas for children around the world.

**Thank you,**
Janet Montgomery and Doris Terry

Bethany Mullins made a profession of faith during the 8:30 am service, Sunday, October 19, 2008. She will be baptized in the near future.

“Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.”

Mark 9:37