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*The
Beacon*

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*“...they will call him
Immanuel”
— which means,
“God with us.”*



Matthew 1:23



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Address Change Requested

Dear WBC family,

The holiday season is upon us and things tend to get a little hectic. I pray that you will not let the busyness of the season get to you and that you can have a full and wonderful time celebrating the birth of Jesus.

While we enter this season that is meant to be festive and happy, I realize that there are many people that do not have an easy time with Christmas. For all of those folks that have a hard time, I want to offer some encouragement.



Pastor Rusty Mullins

First, you are not the only person who experiences the Christmas blues. There are many people who feel similarly. I know that Christmas can be a difficult time for me when I think about my mother and how much she enjoyed this season. She was a lover of Christmas and she loved every aspect – from presents to wrapping, from family to shopping, from carols to the manger – Mary Jean Mullins loved Christmas. Now, as we celebrate the season without her, there is often a deep sense of incompleteness. That can cause me to dwell on her loss or I can choose to allow her to inspire me to make sure that the season and holiday are celebrated well in my house with my children. I want Joshua, Bethany and Rebecca to be excited to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior as I was – it is worth the effort.

Second, maybe we need to realize that there is something to celebrate. I have found some people who have gotten disillusioned about Christmas and want to dismiss all of it because there are aspects that are not in following the Christian theme. As Christians, we know that we are celebrating the fact that God loved us so much that He sent His only Son for us. God, in His wisdom, sent a part of Himself to be our Savior and He did so by sending Him as a baby to unprepared and very nervous teenage parents. Sure, you can say that much of the season has developed into a feeding frenzy for corporations, but the truth of the holiday lives within all believers who are sure to tell the story. While there are people who make a mockery of this wonderful day, we can rest assured that we can celebrate for all the right reasons.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Take a tour of favorite Wythe County homes decorated for the holiday season.

Tour will include:

Wytheville

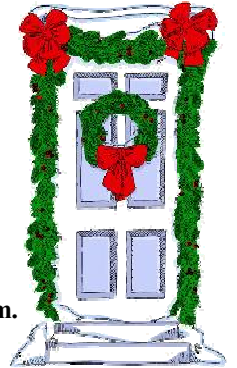
Rich and Lori Formato
George and Wanda Hamm

Crockett's Cove

Jim and Mary Gearhart
Sharon Ball
Cove Presbyterian Church

Date: December 13 • Time: 2 to 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 per person



Other Info: Tickets and maps with scheduled stops available at Wytheville Office Supply, The Farmer's Daughter and at the Haller House on December 13 after 1 p.m. This is a Wythe Arts Council Event

LOOKING FOR THE BEACON ON LINE?

If you are looking for the Beacon on the internet, go to our web site at www.wythevillebaptist.org and click the Beacon tab. This will always display the latest Beacon available.

E-MAIL LIST

If you would like your name added to our e-mail list to receive prayer requests, praise reports, announcements, needs and cancellations please call or come by the church office and give us your e-mail address. This has been a wonderful source to stay in touch with the needs and concerns here at WBC.

IN-HOUSE CHURCH DIRECTORY

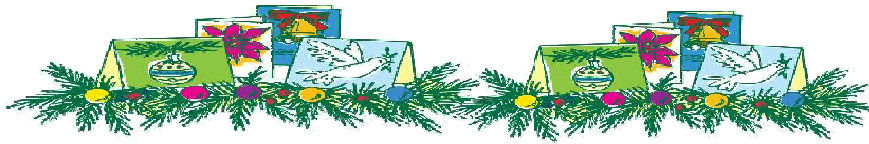
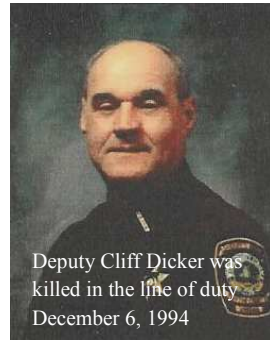
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If any of the above statements pertain to you, we can help. We are diligently working on our new 2010 "In-House Pictorial Directory." If there are any changes that need to be made in the directory please contact the church office as soon as possible. If you need to submit a picture it 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 a.m. and 5 p.m. 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.

**DEPUTY CLIFF DICKER MEMORIAL
BLOOD DRIVE**

Friday, December 4, at the Old Wytheville Community Center, on 4th Street, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Walk-ins welcome, for appointments call: Teny at 228-6005 or Mary Jo at 223-6011.

1-800-GIVE LIFE | arcgivelife.org



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE BGAV

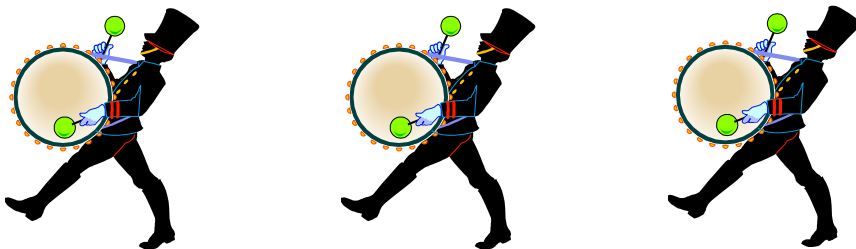
Join us Wednesday night, December 9, at 6:40 p.m., immediately after our Wednesday night supper, as we prepare and then send Christmas Cards to the BGAV leaders, staff, coordinators, and workers. We need your help in preparing approximately 100 cards of greetings and encouragement.

We sent cards to a few of the leaders and workers during the Annual Meeting of the BGVA in November and they were received with surprise and thankfulness. Some said they had never received a card of encouragement before.

Please help us encourage and be a blessing to our leaders and workers in the BGAV as we look past our own wants and wishes and brighten the lives of others.

WYTHEVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce announced that the Wythe County Community Hospital will sponsor the Wytheville 2009 Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 12, beginning at 3 p.m. The theme this year will be “Twas the Night before Christmas.” Deadline for entries will be Wednesday, December 9. Entry forms will be available at the hospital. Make a plan to bundle up the family and join us on Main Street as we celebrate the Christmas Season.



Lastly, I think that there are others who feel very alone during the holidays. Much of the music and literature about Christmas says that it is all about gathering your big family together in order to celebrate together, but that is simply not the case. Christmas has nothing to do with being with a big group of people who look like you, in my case that can be quite frightening. If you read the Christmas story, Mary and Joseph were far from home when the glorious event took place. They had left their home and found themselves in Bethlehem, alone and afraid when God chose to send Jesus to them to care for. Their only visitors were people that many tried to avoid – stinky, different acting shepherds. The arrival of the King of Kings was not in the center of a big family, but rather in a dark stable with unsure parents. You can celebrate Christmas alone as well as you can with a big group.

I was floored and overjoyed to find out recently what one very wonderful senior citizen does for the holidays. Her family does not live close to her, so what she does to celebrate that day is to retrieve some friends from the nursing home and bring them to her house for the day. They eat, laugh and have a wonderful time as they celebrate the birth of their Savior. Who you celebrate it with is not nearly as important as actually celebrating the fact that Jesus was born.

May our Christmas be filled with the truth that makes it all worthwhile – Jesus, the Savior of all, was born!

In His service,



NEWS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

**AND BEYOND
TO HIGHER GROUND**

STEPPIN' UP



*Jennifer Mullins
Minister to Youth
and Children*

STEPPIN' UP (Weekly Worship and Activities grades K to 5th)

Sundays:

8:30 a.m.: Contemporary Praise Service

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School (1st floor)

11:00 a.m.: Traditional Worship Service

Wednesdays:

5:15 p.m.: Little Praises (age 3 – K) and Cherub Chimers

6:00 p.m.: Church wide Dinner

6:40 p.m.: Sonshine Singers (1st-5th grade); Kids-in-Action Mission Group (2nd-5th); Mission Friends (age 3-1st)

STEPPIN' UP: Attention all Sonshine Singers (grades 1 to 6)! Make sure to be here every Wednesday night at 6:40 p.m. to practice for our Christmas Program to be presented on Wednesday night, December 16. Every year many people look forward to this special night in our church and we want to do the best we can to bring praise and honor to Jesus.



**Saturday, December 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.
Birthday Party for Jesus!**

Children in grades K through 6th grade come enjoy pizza, goodies, games, activities and music – all in celebration of the birth of our Savior!

The Theme is **“Emmanuel – God With Us!”**

We will wrap up with a focus on the Christmas story and worship time!

Any adult or youth who would like to assist as extra hands or volunteers – con-

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Traditional and Contemporary Services will join together for a Combined Worship Service on Sunday, December 20. We will join in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior as we lift our voices in song, knit our hearts together in prayer, and receive the word given from God through our Pastor.

Come for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. then stay for service at 11:00 a.m.

There will be no Wednesday night supper or any Wednesday night functions on Wednesday, December 23.

***Christmas Eve Candlelight and
Communion Service***

We will gather together on Christmas Eve, Thursday night, December 24, at 6:00 pm to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will give honor to our Savior with the lighting of candles and partaking of Holy Communion. Please make plans to be with us and celebrate the real joy of Christmas.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25.



*The Church Office Staff wishes everyone
a very Merry Christmas and
a wonderful New Year.*

**THE YOUNGEST OF OUR
CONGREGATION NEEDS YOUR HELP**

We are in need of one person to help in the nursery during Sunday School hour once a quarter and one person to stay during 11:00 a.m. service once a quarter. If you would like to be a blessing in the lives of these children please contact Lisa Long at 686-6369.



GO CAROLING WITH US!

Everyone is invited to go caroling with us. We will assemble at the Wood's home, 430 Nth 11th Street, on Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. We want to have a large group to sing the glories of God in the highest and bless many people in our church and in the community. You don't have to sing good just have a heart to put a smile on someone's face and joy in their heart.



YOUTH I SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Attention all Youth I Sunday School Class members. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 12. We will gather at Lesa and Dale Wood's home for our Christmas Party from 4 to 7 p.m. Bring canned goods for Agape, a wrapped gift not costing more than \$5, and a snack. This could be a wonderful way to introduce a friend to our church family.



LIVE NATIVITY SCENE

The Koinonia Class is planning a live nativity scene during the month of December. Date, time, and place will be posted in your Sunday bulletin when the final decisions are made. Watch your bulletins for more information.



LIVING
Nativity

FAMILY NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

This year our Family Night at Christmas will be held on Wednesday, December 16. Join us in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. for a Christmas program presented by the children of Wytheville Baptist Church. These boys and girls, and their directors, have worked long and hard to bring you the bright sounds of Christmas. Please support them with your prayers and your attendance. Our Wednesday night fellowship supper will follow immediately after the children's presentation in the fellowship hall.



Children's
Christmas Program

HIGHER GROUND

Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 20 – 5:45 to 9:00 p.m.

Youth – We will meet at 5:45 p.m. to go Christmas Caroling throughout our community to various homes sharing the joy of Jesus Christ! Dress according to the weather!

We will need DRIVERS (over 18) for this event! We will return to the church between 7:30-7:40 p.m. for some refreshments, a gift exchange game, and a Christmas devotional time together!

Again – dress for the weather – and dress Christmasy if possible!

If you want to participate in the gift game – bring a gift to exchange (value – no more than \$7) – feel free to be creative! If you wish to bring an extra gift for anyone who may have forgotten – feel free to do so.

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments this night. Youth may be asked to contribute drinks or goodies – if we don't have enough volunteers. This is a GREAT night to bring in new youth – so **invite your friends**. However – to prepare for transportation – please let Jennifer know how many friends you have coming! Thank you!



Higher Ground Schedule for rest of 2009 and beginning of 2010

Wednesday, December 2: Higher Ground (regular time – 6:45-7:40pm)

Sunday, December 6: Church wide Moravian Feast

Wednesday, December 9: Higher Ground (regular time – 6:45-7:40pm)

Sunday, December 13: TBA

Wednesday, December 16: Christmas Family Night: Children's Choir Presentation/Dinner

Sunday, December 20: Higher Ground Christmas Celebration (Caroling, Gift Game & Worship)

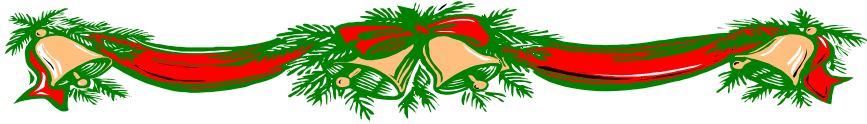
Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Sunday, January 3: Higher Ground resumes regular schedule

Sunday nights (6:00-8:00pm)

Wednesday nights (6:45-7:40pm)

TBA: Higher Ground/Beyond Winter Retreat!



MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST



On Sunday, December 6, beginning at 6 p.m. we will celebrate the Moravian Love Feast. The Love Feast celebrates our love for God and for one another. It is a service of song and Scripture, carols and prayers at which coffee and buns are served. The Adult Choir will present special music and candles will be lit.

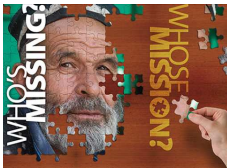
Don't miss this joyful time! We are opening this service to the community. Please help us pass the word and invite your family and friends.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

National Goal \$175 million
WBC Goal \$2,942

November 29—December 6



Who's Missing? Whose Mission?

Focusing on those still missing from God's family and our Great Commission call to reach them.

Who's Missing?

Even after 2,000 years of Christian influence, more than 1.5 billion people are still missing out on the opportunity to hear the Gospel. They are hidden behind cultural, physical, political and language barriers to a Gospel witness. Although there is a small percentage of Christians, the rest are a mix of ancestor worshipper, shamanist, Jewish, Taoist and Sikhist. About 80 unreached people groups still have no contact with the outside world.

Whose Mission?

The Bible says the lost are living in darkness, alienated from God and without hope in the world. But our obedience will give them hope. God calls every church and every believer to be on mission with Him to break down the barriers.

We will have a special missions program on Wednesday night, December 2, beginning at 6:40 p.m. Please join us as we look at missions.

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

On the first Sunday of every month we receive an offering to help those in the community that are struggling to make ends meet. Sunday, December 6, will be our first Sunday and we again ask that you give from the heart. This is a time when families try desperately to find ways to make what little they have stretch so that they can put a smile on their child's face at Christmas. We can help relieve that stress by helping pay a bill so they can have a little extra at this special time of the year.

Thank you for giving from the heart.

Last month:

- You provided meals for five different people living on the streets.
- You provided shelter for three different people.
- You helped with three families' electric bills.



VBMB AND HIGHLANDS ASSOCIATION'S NEWS

HIGHLANDS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Prayer Guide January 2009-January 2010

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.

December

6: Narrows, First, Pastor Search Committee; **13:** New Hope, Rev. Terry Henley; **20:** North Fork, Rev. Fred Brugger; **27:** HBA Associational Staff, David and Becky Plott.

Please keep these in your prayers this month.

HUNGER SUMMIT

When: December 5, 2009

Where: VA Baptist Resource Center, Richmond

Mark your calendars and plan to join Virginia Baptists from across the state as we come together for a day of learning and growing in our ministries to those in our communities that suffer from hunger. This is a follow-up meeting to the popular "Hunger Dialogues" that were held all across the state earlier in the year. We plan to meet in Richmond and have specialists dialogue about the issues that VA Baptists have identified as needing the most attention in our ministries to the hungry. Topics currently include Navigation Government and Legislature Community Needs Surveys, Building Awareness and Excitement Within the Congregation, Training and Keeping Passionate Volunteers, Mentoring, Community Gardening, and New Ministry Models to Serve Those Who Are Hungry. Contact Dean Miller at 800.255.2428, ext. 7264, or dean.miller@bvmb.org for more information

BLAND MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Bland Ministry Center's 2008 Christmas food box project was a great success. 625 boxes were distributed. For Christmas 2009, the Center realizes the boxes will be needed more than ever because of the poor economy. If you would like to donate food, please bring your donation to the church office. We will collect your items there and take them to Bland Ministries. You need to have your donation in no later than Thursday, December 10. The following are the food items needed:

Green Beans	Yams	Mac/Cheese
Corn	Cranberry Sauce	Jiffy Cornmeal Mix
Peas	Applesauce	Stove Top Stuffing
Mixed Vegetables	Instant Potatoes	Frozen Turkeys

You may also make a monetary donation to purchase any of the above items. Please help us make someone's Christmas a little brighter by providing a wonderful Christmas dinner.

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY



FEED THE HUNGRY

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

FOOD FOR CROSSROADS SHELTER

The Good News Sunday School Class will provide a wonderfully prepared meal and deliver it to Crossroads Shelter. Please be advised that you need to call the shelter for the best day to deliver your meal.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

It's almost Christmas and parents are wondering how they are going to provide presents for their children. One place they look is the Children's Clothes Closet. We have had many new families coming to this ministry, therefore, we need your help. If you have any new or gently used children's clothes, shoes, new underwear, t-shirts, socks, coats, mittens, or hats please bring them to the clothes closet down stairs next to the nursery. The leaders of this vital ministry have discovered that there is a limited supply of winter clothes especially from infant to children's size 12. If you would like to make a monetary donation please earmark your check "Children's Clothes Closet" and place it in the offering plate. Due to the Christmas holiday our Children's Clothes Closet will be open Thursday, December 17, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Clothes for those in need



MABEL CRABTREE AND KATHRYN ISAACS CIRCLES

Mabel Crabtree and Kathryn Isaacs Circles will join together on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Williams Fellowship Hall for our annual Christmas celebration. We will enjoy a Potluck Dinner with our husbands and guests. Meat, bread and drinks will be provided. The ladies are asked to bring their favorite side dishes and desserts. This year instead of buying gifts for each other we want to bless those less fortunate. We ask that you bring canned goods for a donation to Agape and gently used **paperback books, of quality content**, for the New River Valley Women's Correctional Facility in Dublin, VA.



CHRISTMAS DINNER



The Kathryn Isaacs Circle is collecting new or gently used children's winter coats in the month of December. If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please earmark your check "Winter Coat Drive." Coats can be taken to the Nursery to be placed in the Children's Clothes Closet.

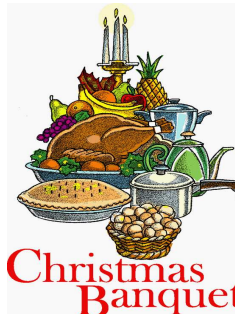
Note: Jeans and winter clothing are also needed in the Clothes Closet. Please see a member of the Circle or Closet Team with questions.

Mrs. Deloris Romero
2637 General Collins
New Orleans LA 70114



Joshua Hall
CPO Box 613
101 Chestnut Street
Berea Kentucky 40403-0001

YOUNG-AT-HEART CHRISTMAS DINNER



Christmas Banquet

The Young at Heart will have their Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Williams Fellowship Hall. Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the Young at Heart. We ask that all of our members bring their favorite side dish and/or dessert. We encourage you to bring your spouse or a special friend. If you plan to attend please call Mary Helen Porter at 228-5358 or George Hamm at 228-0587 and advise them of the number in your party.



You are invited to attend
A Christmas Recital
 presented by the Students of
Catherine Valley
 Sunday,
 December 13, 2009
 3:00 p.m.
 Wytheville Baptist Church



Catherine Valley

WINTER FINANCIAL STUDY

QUICK! BALANCE YOUR CHECKBOOKS AND HIDE YOUR CREDIT CARDS!



Sonny Archer

DAVE RAMSEY is coming to Wytheville Baptist Church. Well, his 13 week DVD led study "Financial Peace University" will be here. This study will be coordinated and led by Anne Laing. Small group discussions will be led by Anne Laing, Sonny Archer and others.

The classes will be held in our fellowship hall on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning January 24, 2010. The study is open to our community. For more information contact Sonny Archer, 625-0102 or 620-6005.



CARRINGTON PLACE WORSHIP

December 5 — Outreach Ministry Team and Higher Ground

December 19 — Church Music Group

2:00 pm • 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.

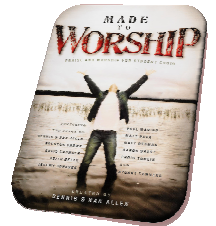
Praise Page

Congratulations to:



Isaiah and Rebekah Garrett, brother Logan and sister Elaina, on the birth of Brooklyn weighing in at 7 lb 1 oz, 21" long, born on November 20 at 5:50 a.m. What a wonderful Thanksgiving blessing. If you would like to send a card of congratulations to the Garretts, their address is: 1084 English Tavern Road Apt. 3, Rustburg, VA 24388.

The Wythe One Voice presentation of "Made to Worship" was a powerful expression of the awesomeness of God. Thank you to Higher Ground, Beyond and the youth in our community who spent hours preparing for this compelling production. Through this wonderful gift we felt the freedom to praise and worship our God.

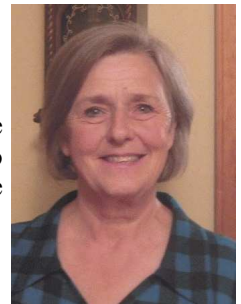


PRAISE THE LORD!! We had 48 Cartons with 631 shoeboxes from our area. 123 boxes came from our church to the best of our knowledge. Thanks go to everyone who helped in any way. We had those who sat in the fellowship hall receiving and processing shoebox gifts, those who prayed, those who packed boxes, and those who loaded the truck. All jobs are important. Thanks to everyone. Thank you also goes to Camrett Logistics for committing a truck and driver to take the boxes to Bristol.

Janet Montgomery and Doris Terry

Praise the Lord for our newest member!

On Sunday, November 1, we were blessed to receive Carol Bailey as a member of our church. Carol comes to us from Bethel Baptist in Midlothian, VA. Please make welcome Carol Bailey.



Dear Church Family,
 Thank you to every one who came to my aid when I fell in the kitchen. I knew as I was being transferred to the hospital that I was in your prayers. Thank you for the phone calls, cards, and visits. It is wonderful to know you have a church family that cares and prays.

Doris Terry

LEWIS GALE HOSPITAL: John Matheny, Jane Crowgey

HOME: Marion Doran, Doris Terry, Brenda Tucker, Frank Stewart, Catherine Simmerman, Kim Taylor, Tim Crandell, O.J. Campbell, Dennis Brown, Velma Roberts, Jim Porter, Mary Huff, Helen Powers, Katie Robson, Ora Bailey, Charles Dunford, Doris LeGuin, Harold Pack, Trooper Jim Porter, Rufus Williamson, Pearl Newberry, Jim Wassum, Joel Campbell-Hilton.

EXTENDED CARE: Gail Pack, Nancy Bryant, Dee Phillips, Wilma Himmelman, Blair Whitt, Dora B. Williams, John and Virginia Watts, Lloyd Linkous.

FAMILY: Pastor Rusty and family; Sonny and Cindy Archer's daughter and son-in-law; Lee Glass' mother; Jim Spraker's cousin, Pete Lawson; Margaret Moore's daughter, Phyllis Slaughter; Zannah McCoury's brother, Billy; Dan and Betty Robinette's son-in-law, Tom Yablonski; Linda Lively's mother, Betty Smith; Venita Wolford's brother and sister; Philip Aker's grandmother, Ann Taylor; Beverly Burke's father, David Ivey; Dan and Paula Moore's brother-in-law, Frank Fisher and Paula's sister, Iris Moore; Sylvia McGhee's mother, also her friend, Willa Mae; Kim Taylor's mother, Peggy Jones, her brother and sister; John and Virginia Watt's extended family, Ann Tooms; Debbie Grubb's father and mother, James and Sue Ingo and sister-in-law, Alice Underwood; Ann Pruet's mother; Betty Matheny's mother and father, Eugene and Sybil Tinnel; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez; Colleen Dunford's nephew, Curtis Simmerman; Velma Roberts' sister, Sylvia Bohon; Lisa Long's family and friends, Jeremy, Sousin Cottrell, Shawn Cottrell.

FRIENDS: Daisy Silva, Sue Waddell, Dale Hedrick, Monica Grubb, Ann Johnstone, Doug Hughes; Travis and Kelly Wyrick's son; Kelly Martin, Reece Johnson, Teresa Tate, Carl Cunningham, Terri Estepp, Natalie Owens, Fran Godfriaux, Jimmy Widener, Smokey Smothers, Margaret Snavely's grandson Keith Dossett, Joe Stanley, Sue Stiltner, Wade Tucker's sister, Carolyn, brother, Jessie, sister-in-law, Peggy; Leigh Ann Coe; Bland Ministry Center.

Our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Kevin Dalton, Jason Crandell, Rob Bracknell, Benjy Bird, Brandon Hall, Cory Todd, T.J. Bilbrey, Thomas Collins, Brandon Wood, Deloris Romero, and any others we may have left out.

PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Rusty is always accessible for any pastoral need. If you would like to make an appointment with the Pastor please notify our church secretary, Jan Stone, by calling the church office at 228-3712. If you call before 9:00 am or after 5:00 pm please leave a message. For pastoral emergencies at night or during weekends, please call the Deacon of the Week.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Delores Nolan, and family, upon the passing of her beloved husband, Steve Nolan. Zannah McCoury, and family, upon the passing of her sister-in-law.



December 2: Spaghetti, Toss Salad, French Bread, Banana Pudding. Pizza for the Kids.

December 9: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Bread, Ice Cream and Cookies. Chicken Nuggets for the Kids.

December 16: Ham, Broccoli Casserole, Sweet Potatoes, Christmas Salad, Rolls, Christmas Desserts. Hot Dogs for the Kids.

December 23: No Wednesday Night Supper or any church functions on this night. *Merry Christmas!!*



Meeting

Wednesday, December 2: Outreach Ministry Team—7:40 p.m.

December Birthdays		
1: Brandi Lynn Talbott	17: Rachel Crowgey	27: James Wassum
3: Kendall Bilbrey	18: Luis Lopez	28: Dee Phillips
4: Holly Montgomery	20: O. J. Campbell	Chris Lambert
6: Mary Evelyn Whitt	22: Carleen Bedwell	29: Mike Cassell
10: Madeline Catron	23: Danny Taylor	31: Teresa Wassum
11: Aaron Garst	Bonnie Wright	Autumn Glass
15: Mae Clemons	25: Forest Newberry	
16: Lesa Wood	Elaine Cantrell	
	26: Betty Matheny	
	Joe Kincer	

NURSERY 8:30 AM

December 6: Diana Lopez
December 13: Kathi Martin
December 20: Brittney Martin
December 27: Olivia Talbott

DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 6: Harold Pack
December 13: Pat Spradlin
December 20: Brian Wolford
December 27: Tommy Anders

NURSERY 11:00 AM

December 6: Gail Pack
December 13: Joe and Jane Crowgey
December 20: Tom and Becky Smith
December 27: Chad and Angela Peters

USHERS

8:30 Team II: Ted Martin, Pat Spradlin, Cole Throckmorton, Tommy Wassum, Dale Wood
11:00 Team II: J.D. Hall, Team Leader Tommy Anders, Mike Cassell, Joe Crowgey, Lee Montgomery, Elton Robinson

EXTENDED SESSION 11:00 AM

December 6: Rodney and Kimberly Whaley
December 13: Lee and Jennifer Glass
December 20: Lee Montgomery and Maria Stoker
December 27: Keith and Tammy Dunagan

TELLERS

Delores Dove and Mary Hall

GREETERS

J.D. Hall and Elton Robinson

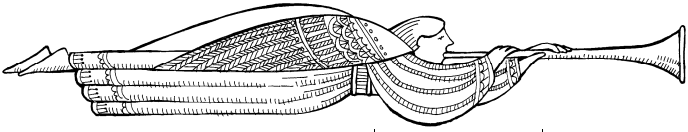
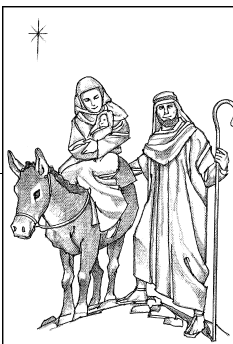
FLOWER MINISTRY

Flower Ministry Team



December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2009 Week of Prayer For International Missions—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Nov. 29 & Dec. 6						
<p>6 Second Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 2:00—4:00 pm Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall reserved by the Wright family</p> <p>6:00 pm Moravian Love Feast Service</p>	<p>7 6:00 pm Mabel Crabtree and Kathryn Isaacs Circles Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 5:00 pm Praise Team Practice 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:40 pm Making cards of appreciation for workers at the BGAV, Sonshine Singers, Mission Friends, Kids-in-Action 6:45 pm Higher Ground and Beyond 7:40 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>10 All food items or monetary gifts for the Bland Ministry's Christmas project should be turned in by this date.</p>	<p>11 3:00 pm Cathy Valley's Recital Practice in the Sanctuary 6:30 am Young-at-Heart Banquet</p>	<p>5 9 am to 1 pm Fellowship Hall reserved by Betty Matheny</p> <p>2:00 pm Carrington Ministry hosted by Outreach and Youth</p>
<p>13 Third Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 2:00 pm Christmas Tour of homes by the Wythe Arts Council 3:00 pm Cathy Valley's Piano Recital 5:00 pm Handbell Practice 6:00 pm Higher Ground</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Family Christmas Night featuring Children's Choirs! Followed by Wednesday night supper 7:40 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>17 2:30 pm Children's Clothes Closet 7:00 pm Church Wide Caroling. Assemble at the Wood's home</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>12 1:00 pm Jesus' Birthday Party for children K-6th grade in the fellowship hall.</p> <p>3:00 pm Wytheville Town Christmas Parade</p> <p>4:00 pm Youth I Christmas Party at the Wood's home.</p>
<p>20 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 pm Handbell Practice 5:45 pm Higher Ground Christmas Party</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 No Wednesday Night Functions</p>	<p>24 <i>6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service and The Lord's Supper</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship No Higher Ground</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 No Wednesday Night Functions</p>	<p>31</p>		
<p>← Pastor Rusty and family on vacation →</p>						