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*October is
Pastor Appreciation
Month*



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Address Change Requested

Dear WBC family,

I hope you are doing well as we transition from the heat of summer to the cool down of fall. I must admit that I am ready for some cooler weather even if summer was not very “summery” this year.

As many of you know, I hesitate to preach a series of sermons. I have always preached what I call “living sermons” that come out of what is happening in our church/community/country/world at that particular moment. I do not like having months planned ahead because I know that if something happened in the church I would have to respond with a sermon of hope and help.

So, this was a stretch for me to plan seven messages at the end of the summer all based on one theme – the statements Jesus made about Himself in John – the so called “I am” statements. However, I must admit that it has actually been a pleasure to preach the related sermons. I am not searching for that nugget in the large pit – instead I am focusing on a passage for an entire week. I have enjoyed this series of sermons very much and I’m sure I will do similar things in the future.

What has really spoken to me from this series is the idea that Jesus came for us. He tells us so over and over in His “I am” statements.

First, He tells us that He is the Light of the world. With Jesus, we will never find darkness. He is our light. Then we read about Jesus being the Door and the Good Shepherd. Jesus is the one way into Heaven and He is the protector of His flock while we are still here on earth. Just as important is the fact that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, He defeated death, hell and the grave and provides life for us now and forever.

We have also discussed that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, the key to our entire life. With Him, we lack nothing. Our last two declarations are that He is the True Vine, He is in control of His harvest. Lastly, we will look at the fact that Jesus told His disciples and the rest who watched Him be taken back to Heaven that He will be with us always even to the end of the world.

While I have enjoyed the study of these scriptures, I have also been convicted by them. Do I really see Jesus in that way? Is He my Good Shepherd? Do I treat Him like the Way, the Truth and the Life? Am I living out what I say I believe that Jesus is in my life?

The answer was obvious, not so much. While I read and proclaim that He is my Truth, I still find myself not living up to the standard that His Truth represents. While I say He is my Life, I know that I am still a selfish human who wants things my way and sometimes gets upset when things don’t fall the way I want.



Pastor Rusty Mullins

HOME: Bill Lively, Beatrice Shearwood, Catherine Simmerman, Lauren Horney Lawson, Kim Taylor, Tim Crandell, O.J. Campbell, Dennis Brown, Lloyd Linkous, Velma Roberts, Jim Porter, Mary Huff, Helen Powers, Katie Robson, Ora Bailey, Charles Dunford, Doris LeGuin, Steve Nolan, Gail & Harold Pack, Trooper Jim Porter, Rufus Williamson, Pearl Newberry, Jim Wassum, Joel Campbell-Hilton.

ETENDED CARE: Nancy Bryant, Dee Phillips, Wilma Himmelman, Mary Chapman, Blair Whitt, Dora B. Williams, John and Virginia Watts.

FAMILY: Pastor Rusty and family; Lee Glass’ mother; Cathy Pugh’s daughter, Carole Pugh; Jim Spraker’s cousin, Pete Lawson; Michele Weese’s grandmother, Mae Myers; Margaret Moore’s daughter, Phyllis Slaughter; Zanah 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; Janet Warden; 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 Pruett’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: Doug Hughes; Donnie Repass; Travis and Kelly Wyrick’s son; Kelly Martin, Reece Johnson, Teresa Tate, Carl Cunningham, Terri Estepp, Natalie Owens, Fran Godfriaux, Richard Burress, Jimmy Widener, Smokey Smothers, Margaret Snavely’s grandson Keith Dossett, Joe and Sue 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, Daniel Kilgore, 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: Allan and Lisa Long and family upon the passing of Allan’s father, Rex Long. Dennis and Missy Throckmorton and family on the passing of Dennis’ father, Roger Throckmorton. J. D. and Mary Hall and family on the passing of Mary’s nephew. Paul and Michelle Garst and family upon the passing of Michelle’s Uncle Lucien. Bill and Linda Lively and family upon the passing of Linda’s aunt, Helen Smith.

October 7: Barbecue, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Texas Sheet Cake. Corn Dogs for the Kids.

October 14: Chili, Toss Salad, Loaded Baked potato, Broccoli and Cheese, Cookies and Ice Cream. Pizza for the Kids.

October 21: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green beans, Bread, Jello Salad, Apricot Pound Cake. Chicken Nuggets for the Kids.

October 28: Mexican Dinner, Nachos and Cheese, Salsa, Guacamole, Tacos (soft and crunchy), Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Brownies. Hot Pockets for the Kids.



NOVEMBER

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

Monday, October 19: Deacon—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21: Church Business—6:40 p.m.

October Birthdays

	JoBeth Hilton	24 Dorothy Hamilton
	12 Isaiah Garrett	Allene Taylor
1 Richard Martin	14 Joshua Hulette	25 Ronnie Moore
Samuel Long	17 Eric Crowgey	Hayes Groves
7 Joe McAfee	20 Cory Grubb	27 Grant Throckmorton
8 Lee Montgomery	21 Carolyn Roberts	29 Nathan Crandell
Shirley Evans	Isaiah Blankenship	30 Olivia Talbott
10 Doris Terry	Gary Carson	Lindsey Wood
Allison Huff	22 Beatrice Shearwood	31 Diana Lopez
Mary Huff	Mabeline Robinson	Ann Carter
11 Samuel Long	Dennis Brown	Alex Peters
Judy Austin	23 Rachel Cherry	

NURSERY 8:30 AM

October 4: Sally Bess
October 11: Jennifer Bilbrey
October 18: Delores Dove
October 25: Veronica Lopez

NURSERY 11:00 AM

October 4: Betty Robinette
October 11: Becky Smith
October 18: Daniel and Christian Newberry
October 25: Mary Hall

EXTENDED SESSION 11:00 AM

October 4: Nick and Elaine Cantrell
October 11: Daniel and Beverly Burke
October 18: Lisa Crowgey and Erin Veasey
October 25: Allan and Lisa Long

DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 4: Tommy Anders
October 11: Nick Cantrell
October 18: Lee Montgomery
October 25: Danny Sowers

USHERS

8:30 Team II: Ted Martin, Pat Spradlin, Cole Throckmorton, Tommy Wassum, Dale Wood
11:00 Team II: Jody Taylor, Team Leader Brett Booher, Dennis Brown, Tommy Hilton, Harold Pack, Brian Wolford

TELLERS

Brenda Tucker and Gena Anders

GREETERS

Cathy Brown and Bill Valley

FLOWER MINISTRY

Flower Ministry Team

I pray that the clear message of Jesus' own words will continue to penetrate my heart. I want to know Him more fully and I want to know Him in the most personal way possible. I pray that is a desire of your heart as well.

In His service,

Rusty Mullins

PASTOR APPRECIATION

The month of October is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastor and pastoral family for their hard work, sacrificial dedication, and selfless service. Appreciation of our pastor and his family should not be limited to just one month out of the year, but designating this month for that specific purpose gives us an opportunity to ponder the special ways our pastor brings a blessed friendship into our lives.

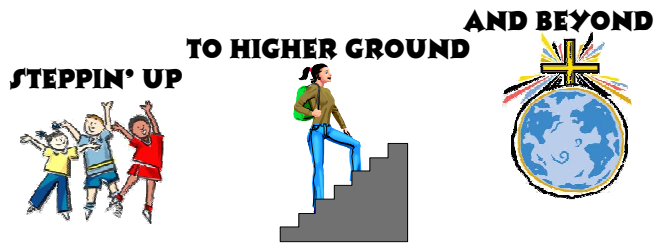
Pastor Rusty has responded in obedience to God's call to serve in His kingdom, and God has entrusted to him one of the most precious of assignments – the spiritual well-being of His flock through leadership of our congregation. We need only consider the growth of our church, the new opportunities for ministry, the new programs and classes, the new energy provided by our youth and children, and the saved souls to see that God has richly blessed Wytheville Baptist Church through Rusty's and Jennifer's leadership.

The extensive hours required and the challenge of ministering to many different people in our congregation and in our community can be very demanding, exhausting, and even discouraging at times. That is why we need to provide prayer support and to express our appreciation and affirmation to Pastor Rusty, Jennifer, and family throughout the year.

We will be having a special expression of appreciation later in October, but, especially throughout this month, each of us needs to provide encouragement to our pastor through praying for him and his family, through encouraging words, through personal notes or cards, or just by giving them a hug and telling them you love them.

Thank you from your,
PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

NEWS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



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: Fall Friday Night LIVE!, October 2, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wassum's farm. You will find us between 450 and 595 Nye Springs Road. For children grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Come enjoy hot dogs, smores, games, Bible time, worship and a prayer walk! Dress for the weather. ***If we have rain or storms we will move the event to the church.*** However, if it is simply cold we will still have it at the farm. So dress accordingly. Our theme: Fall into God Arms!

HIGHER GROUND AND BEYOND: Wythe One Voice project – “Made to Worship”

This project is for our middle school, high school, college students, young adults and beyond. We invite anyone from the area churches to come and be a part as well. We even have college students learning it while away at school. We are preparing for a special worship presentation of music, scripture, and testimony. It's not too late if anyone wants to plug in and be a part of this important project. We practice every Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and every Wednesday from 6:45 to 8 p.m. We will present this program in Wytheville Baptist Church on November 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. each night.

*Thank you for passing the word
and for keeping this special project in your prayers.*

Higher Ground (6th-12th grade): Every Sunday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (after Wythe One Voice)

Beyond (adults – age 18-30): Every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. during the Sunday School hour.

Both have fellowship events coming up – TBA.

THE NELLIE BAUSELL LIBRARY NOTES

OCTOBER 2009

The Prayer of Jabez for Teens was written by Bruce Wilkinson.

This quote is for teenagers from Mr. Wilkinson about the book. “I show you how to pray a daring prayer that can shape each day of the rest of your life. It's short --- only one sentence with four parts and found in a part of the Bible most people don't often read. But I believe it contains the key to the most exciting and significant life you could imagine.”

We have three books in the **Cape Refuge series** written by Terri Blackstock. These are suspense novels taking place on a fictitious island called Cape Refuge, an island off the coast of Savannah, Georgia. Many of Mrs. Blackstock's ideas for life in Cape Refuge came from nearby Tybee Island. Book 1 is “**Cape Refuge.**” Book 2 is “**Southern Storm.**” And Book 3 is “**River's Edge.**”

Origami, Anyone? We have two books about the craft that someone has given us. **Origami Animals** by Hector Rojas and **50 Nifty Origami Crafts**. All you need is a piece of paper and scissors. The clear instructions and easy - to - follow patterns will show you how.--- With the ancient art of origami - you can capture the spirit of entire animal kingdom. You can learn to do lions, kangaroos, elephants, birds, spiders and many more critters. Looks like fun!!

These are a couple of older books that might interest the teenagers. **Under God: What Does it Mean to be a Nation Under God?** was written by Toby Mac and Michael Tait of **dcTalk** fame. Where have we been as a nation and where are we going? Using unforgettable accounts of both famous and little-known Americans, Under God tells the stories of men and women of faith who forged our nation. Against these stories of light, these authors also examine the dark side of America's legacy, for it is only under God that there will be “liberty and justice for all.”

Living Under God: Discovering Your Part in God's Plan was written by Toby Mac and Michael Tait of **dcTalk** fame. What part will you play? Justice, sacrifice, unity, humility --- these principles and many more were first portrayed in the lives and events of the Bible, then practiced thousands of years later by many heroes from America's past. You can explore those same virtues and learn how to apply them to your life today. “Discover the Heroes of Our Past, Become a Hero for the Future.”

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YOUNG-AT-HEART

On Tuesday, October 13, the Young-at-Heart group will travel to Tamarack in wild, wonderful, West Virginia to view the state's showcase for fine arts, handcrafts, and Appalachian cuisine. Hopefully, the fall foliage will be at its peak. We will board the bus at 9:30 a.m. in front of the church.



Please mark November 10 on your calendar. We plan to visit UVA Wise which was formerly the Wise County Poor Farm. Further details will be in the November Beacon

SONSHINE SINGERS

Beginning Wednesday night, October 7, at 6:40 p.m. our Sonshine Singers, led by Kim Aker, will have practice during our Kids-in-Action time. We will incorporate our mission study and choir practice so more children can participate. The Cherub Chimers and Little Praises' practice will remain at the regular time of 5:15 p.m. If you have questions please see Kim Aker.

MABEL CRABTREE CIRCLE



The Mabel Crabtree Circle will meet Tuesday, October 5, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Betty Matheny will be our hostess, our program leader will be Janet Montgomery. Our mission action project is College Cards and Bland Ministry. All ladies of our church and community are welcome to be a part of this wonderful mission minded group.

WMU CHRISTMAS CARDS

The WMU will be collecting Christmas Cards with *STAMPED* envelopes for the New River Valley Women's Correctional Facility in Dublin, VA. Please bring your cards to the church as soon as possible. There will be a collection box on the table in the main hallway. Personnel at the prison are overjoyed at your generous donations in past years and say this helps the morale of the prisoners.



CARRINGTON PLACE WORSHIP

October 3—Community Outreach/
Missions Team

October 17—Kathryn Isaacs Circle
2:00 p.m. in 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.

SCRAPPIN' SILLY

Scrappin' Silly will be a "Crop Till You Drop" event in October. It will begin on Friday night, October 23, at 6 p.m. and will go until you can crop no more. Bring a snack to share for the evening. We will resume at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 24, and will go until that afternoon at 6 p.m.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday and the cost will be as follows:

- Friday night only (6-12 midnight) - \$6
- Saturday only (8 a.m.- 6 p.m.) - \$15
- Friday and Saturday together will be \$18



Lesa Wood

As always you will have access to Lesa's supplies, but will need to bring your own scissors, adhesive, and cutter.

Call Lesa Wood ASAP at 228-2458 to reserve your spot because seating is limited. This special event will take the place of our October 15 meeting.

Tea Party



WMU ASSOCIATIONAL FALL MEETING

The WMU Associational Fall Meeting will be held October 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Fairlawn Baptist Church, 6758 Oxford Street, Radford, VA 24141, (540) 639-5049. The theme will be an "Old Fashioned Tea Party." Wear a tea party hat. There will be refreshments provided. If you would like to participate in this event please see Ann Pruett.

KATHRYN ISAACS CIRCLE

The Kathryn Isaacs Circle will meet Monday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Deena McAfee will be our hostess and Kathy Reynolds will be our program leader. Our mission focus will be Transient Coupons and a Children's Coat Drive. We will lead the worship time at Carrington Place on Saturday, October 17. The devotions will be led by Jenny Stoker.

WHAT A HUGE BLESSING

Thank you to the Celebration Committee, led by Harold and Gail Pack, for working many long hours to bring us a wonderful day full of praising our Lord, memories, and awesome fellowship as we commemorated our Homecoming and Reunion Celebration 2009 on Sunday, September 27.

The Combined Homecoming Celebration Service was awesome with a combination of contemporary and old time gospel music provided by the Praise Team and Adult Choir. The children blessed our hearts as they sang to the glory of God. Pastor Rusty, who was energized by the Holy Spirit, brought us a wonderful message from God that stirred our souls. What an awesome service!

On Saturday before our big celebration there was a tremendous amount of rain that could have dampened our spirits, but by the grace of God and the Packs who would not give up, we moved our gathering to the fellowship hall and had a meal together that none could top. Lee and Janet Montgomery's son-in-law, Shane Comber, cooked roast beef that was superb, everyone brought food to share, and we all ate our fill and visited for hours. A big thank you to all who stayed and cleaned up the fellowship hall and restored it to its normal set-up.

Thank you again for everyone's help in making this Homecoming Celebration one to remember.

Thank You!



Jim Spraker

We will honor a truly wonderful and talented man, James Spraker, who has given 30 plus years of service to the Wytheville Baptist Church. We have set aside Sunday, October 18, as a day to give back a very small portion of what this wonderful man has given us. Jim is a highly accomplished musician and accompanist and has given to this church more than words could ever express. Thank you Jim. You have truly blessed WBC with your time, talent, and unwavering dedication. May God richly bless you for the glory you have given Him through your music.

To Our Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express the profound thankfulness we feel for each of you and for the prayers you have offered on behalf of Lauren, Michael and our family. Your expressions of love and concern with cards, phone calls, visits, e-mails have carried us through these past two months of Lauren's illness. We thank our God for each of you!



Wayne and Belinda Horney

SHOEBBOX MINISTRY

Once again Wytheville Baptist Church has taken on the role of Relay Center for Operation Christmas Child (aka) Shoebox Ministry. This year's collection week will be November 16 to 23, 2009. I have always been proud of the efforts Wytheville Baptist Church has made on behalf of those in the world who



have so little. I fervently ask for several things from you, members of my church. I ask that you pray for all those shoeboxes and the gift of eternal salvation they will show to the unloved. I ask that you pack a box or more as you see fit and are financially able. I ask that you support financially the transportation costs of each box, which is \$7. I ask that you give as

you are able of your time in helping man the Relay Center. As we contemplate the beginnings of Advent and the Christmas season, we all have much in the way of material possessions. Let us be willing to give to those who have so little or nothing. I believe that a church who is as mission minded as ours should be able to easily fill 175 shoeboxes. I thank you in advance for your help with this my "pet" project. Again Doris Terry will be my right and left hand woman on the job. In the near future we will place forms in the back of the church of times we will be open to receive shoe boxes and a place for you to sign-up when you can be here to help pack those shoe boxes for shipping. There will also be brochures on how to pack your shoe box and what you can and cannot put in the box.

*Thank you,
Janet Montgomery
Doris Terry*

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

The leaves are turning and the wind is beginning to blow. Cold weather is almost here and parents, who have little, are searching for winter clothes that will keep their children stay warm. Our Children's Clothes Closet will be open Thursday, October 22, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The ladies who organize this vital ministry have been working hard putting away summer clothes and laying out winter clothes. They have discovered that there is a limited supply of winter clothes especially from infant to children's size 12. Therefore, 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. If you would like to make a monetary donation please earmark your check "Children's Clothes Closet" and place it in the offering plate.



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.

October

4: Blacksburg, Dr. Tommy McDearis and Staff. **11:** Blacksburg Korean, Rev. Chung Hyun. **18:** BSU-VA Tech, Rev. Darrell Cook; BSU-Radford, Jennifer Mullins; BSU-NRCC, Rev. Randy McDaniel. **25:** Calvary, Rev. Randy McDaniel

Please keep these in your prayers this month.

Empowering Leaders

SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

“An Encounter With God”

When: October 2-3, 2009

Where: Highlands Fellowship Church, Abingdon

Time: Friday 6:30—9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. (beginning with fellowship time)

Cost: FREE!

Keynote speakers for the event:

- Dr. Jim Henry, Former pastor of First Baptist Church Orlando, Florida, and former SBC President
- Dr. John Upton, Executive Director of the VBMB and former missionary to Taiwan
- Paul Brewer, missionary with North American Mission Board
- Mrs. Jeanette Henry, wife of Jim Henry and conference leader
- Jimmie Davidson, pastor of Highlands Fellowship Church.

Along with speakers and discussion groups there will be a special women's conference session on Saturday morning, led by Jeanette Henry. Topics for discussion will include “Know It Is Him,” “Healing from the Hurts,” “The Daily Walk,” “I Can't Hear You,” and many other tools and sessions that provide help and encouragement. Childcare will be provided.

Please call the church office if you plan to go and if you plan to sing in a 200-member choir from area churches along with other special singers. This wonderful choir will help lead the worship time. If you plan to be in the choir you will receive practice tapes. The choir will meet at 6 p.m. on Friday for rehearsal.

Visit www.vbmb.org/empoweringleaders/sw-leadership-conf.htm for more information.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and concern during my recent hospital stay and then time of rest. I have now returned to by beloved choir here at WBC and work at the middle school.

God Bless You All,
Sara Wingard

Dear Wytheville Baptist:

Thanks so much for your genuine concern, calls, e-mails and visits during the recent illness and death of my father. God has taught me many valuable things during this process and one of those is that we can help others through prayer, compassion and service. I am thankful for my Dad's life and your friendship.



Warm regards,

Allan Long & Family

To the Good People of Wytheville Baptist Church,

It is with my sincere thanks and deepest gratitude that I send these words of thanks to you all. Your kindness and generosity meant more to me and my daughter than you can ever know. This kindness has touched my heart deeply.

The money has helped all of the family to be able to go and see Carole when she needed her family during this difficult time. It was a blessing from God to us all.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, concerns, and thinking of us. I pray that God will wrap His loving arms around each of you and keep you always in His care.

Please accept my humble thanks again from all of us.

Your Custodian,



Cathy Pugh

Dear Wytheville Baptist Vacation Bible School,

On behalf of the Agape Food Pantry, I would like to thank the Vacation Bible School for the \$633.71 gift plus the donation of 175 canned goods. Over 500 families are helped each month which includes from 1300 to 1500 people. It takes about \$5,500 each month to fund this service so you understand how valuable the continued support is.

Again, we thank you, and I apologize that this note is so late.

Betsy Ely

Correspondent, Agape Food Pantry

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY



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

FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD FOR CROSSROADS SHELTER

The Koinonia Sunday School Class will provide a wonderfully prepared meal and deliver it to Crossroads Shelter on Sunday, October 11.

WOMEN'S CLOTHES NEEDED

The Crossroads Shelter has put out a plea for *women's clothing*.

Ladies, if you have any clothes that you are thinking of giving away (any size) please take them to the Crossroads Shelter or neatly pack them up and bring them to the church office and Lisa Long will deliver them to the shelter.



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, October 4, will be our first Sunday of the month and we will again ask that you give from the heart. There are boxes that our children made that are prominently placed on the table in the main hall across from the church office and on the table at the back of the sanctuary. These boxes will provide a place to put your offering. 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.

Last month:

- You helped seven families with their electric bill. All of which had children in the home.
- You provided lodging for a young couple living on the streets.
- You helped repair a young couple's car who was stranded in Wytheville so they could continue traveling home before the baby was due.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Have you ever thought about having Sunday School on Sunday night? Mike Cassell sure has! Mike felt the Lord was preparing him to lead a class on Sunday evenings. Beginning Sunday, October 4, at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Mike will start a casual adult Sunday School class on a trial basis through Sunday, November 29. So if you happen to miss class on Sunday morning or you would just like to fellowship and share with others within our church family outside of your morning class in a relaxed atmosphere on Sunday evenings, Mike has you covered!



Mike Cassell

FALL PRAYER EMPHASIS 2009



Last spring, during the month of April, we had our Spring Prayer Emphasis Services, which was a wonderful blessing and great success. We learned more about our church family through the testimonies of different individuals, sang, and went to the Lord in prayer as a corporate body of believers.

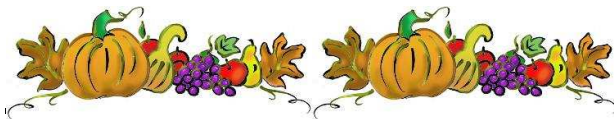
This month we will again turn our attention to prayer. We will have various church members give their testimonies of what God has done for them, we will sing praises to our Lord, and then turn our attention to prayer.

Our *Fall Prayer Emphasis 2009* will begin on Monday, October 26, and end on Wednesday night, October 28. So pass the word about this powerful gathering and let us begin now to focus on coming together with bended knee as we seek God's Will for the work to be done.

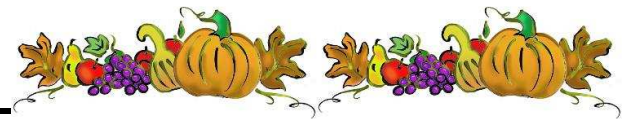
THE MEN ARE COOKING BREAKFAST!



On Sunday morning, October 18, at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall the men of our church will begin serving breakfast. You don't want to miss this opportunity! There is no place in town that can compare to the delicious food that our men prepare! The folks that attend our Traditional service can enjoy breakfast between 8:30 and 9:45 a.m., and our Contemporary folks can join us after the 8:30 a.m. service. Come early and enjoy breakfast, stay for Sunday School, and plan on having a wonderful morning here at WBC.





October 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center">PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR PASTOR, JENNIFER AND THEIR FAMILY.</p>				1	2 6:30 pm Southwest Leadership Conference "Encounter With God" 6:00 pm FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE! at the Wassum's	3 9:00 am Southwest Leadership Conference "Encounter With God" 2:00 pm Carrington Ministry hosted by Community Outreach/Mission Team
<p>4 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 5:00 pm Handbell Practice 5:30 pm Wythe One Voice 6:00 pm Beth Moore "Breaking Free" and Mike Cassell's Sunday School Class 7:00 pm Higher Ground</p> <p align="center"><i>The Lord's Supper</i> <i>Benevolence Offering Today</i></p>	5 7:00 pm Mabel Crabtree Circle	6 	7 5:00 pm Praise Team Practice 5:15 pm Little Praises and Cherub Chimers 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45 pm Wythe One Voice/Higher Ground and Beyond 6:40 pm Adult Bible Study, David Jeremiah "Captured by Grace", Sonshine Singers, Mission Friends, Kids-in-Action 7:40 pm Outreach Ministry Team Meeting, Adult Choir Practice	8	9	10
<p>11 Koinonia Class to prepare and deliver a meal to Crossroads Shelter</p> <p>8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 5:00 pm Handbell Practice 5:30 pm Wythe One Voice 6:00 pm Beth Moore "Breaking Free" and Mike Cassell's Sunday School Class 7:00 pm Higher Ground</p>	12 6:30 pm Kathryn Isaacs Circle Meeting	13 9:30 am Young-at-Heart will travel to Tamarack in WVA.	14 5:00 pm Praise Team Practice 5:15 pm Little Praises and Cherub Chimers 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45 pm Wythe One Voice/Higher Ground and Beyond 6:40 pm Adult Bible Study, David Jeremiah "Captured by Grace", Sonshine Singers, Mission Friends, Kids-in-Action 7:40 pm Outreach Ministry Team Meeting, Adult Choir Practice	15	16	17 10:00 am WMU Associational Fall Meeting at Fairlawn Baptist Church 2:00 pm Carrington Ministry hosted by the Kathryn Isaacs Circle Tentative Church wide trip to Peaks of Otter.
<p>18 James Spraker Day</p> <p>8:30 am <i>Breakfast served</i> in the Fellowship Hall; Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 5:00 pm Handbell Practice 5:30 pm Wythe One Voice 6:00 pm Beth Moore "Breaking Free" and Mike Cassell's Sunday School Class 7:00 pm Higher Ground</p>	19 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	20	21 5:00 pm Praise Team Practice 5:15 pm Little Praises and Cherub Chimers 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:45 pm Wythe One Voice/Higher Ground and Beyond 6:40 pm Church Business Meeting, David Jeremiah Class, Sonshine Singers, Mission Friends, Kids-in-Action 7:40 pm Adult Choir Practice	22 2:30 pm Children's Clothing Closet	23 6:00 pm Scrappin' Silly "Crop Till You Drop"	24 8:00 am Scrappin' Silly "Crop Till You Drop"
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