

WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



A View From Your Interim Pastor

June 2015

Pat and I find it hard to express our thanks for your kindness and love, especially during Pat's heart attack and recover. To say that you are a very special people is an understatement. We find ourselves loving you more with each week that passes. As you read your Beacon—we will have completed almost two months. To see two new Professions of Faith and other movements during the invitation is an indicator that our Lord is working. The attendance for worship is really

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picking up, but please let me encourage you to be involved in Bible Study through Sunday School and Wednesday night. Here we receive the tools we need to live out the dedication we have committed to Christ.

When Jesus visited His hometown in Luke 4:14—30, He felt a sense of rejection. WHY? Was it because of the questions the community had about His birth? Was it because He was from the lower class of the community? Rejection is never fun! Surely Pat, Brad, and I have never felt this sensation at WBC. Please join us in Sunday School and Worship, looking beyond self and feeling the Spirit of Christ that is moving in this place. It is a fresh and wonderful Spirit.

This is the day of refreshing that I see, and I admit, that this is easier for me as one coming from the outside. I also feel that there is a lot that the Lord is up to—and we don't want to miss it!

We love you all,

Pastor Danny



HIGHLANDS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER GUIDE

The Missions Committee of the Highlands Baptist Association requests all the congregations remember these Pastors and Staff in their prayers.

June 7:	HBA Assoc. & Staff	David and Becky Plott
June 14:	Castle Rock	Rev. Gary Poff
June 21:	WMU Officers and members for HBA & ERBA	
June 28:	Dublin	Rev. Dennis Jones—Staff

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

*Remember all the fathers in our congregation
on Sunday, June 21,
and wish them a*

“Happy Father’s Day.”

*Remember all the special men in your life
and wish them a*

“Wonderful Day in the Lord.”



Invite your father, or a special man that you care about, to join you at church on Father's Day; then treat him to a fun afternoon at the Chautauqua Festival in Elizabeth Brown Park and enjoy all the wonderful Gospel and Praise music.



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honoring an individual, we often are encouraged to give them a hand of applause. Some hands are soft while some are rough and work-worn. Either way, our hands are magnificent instruments for a multitude of purposes.

One of the ways we use our hands is to help others in need. In remembering the virtues of a godly woman, the writer of Proverbs 31 noted, "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy." That's not just a noble quality for women but for all of us who are part of God's family.

You've extended your hands to the needy through your gifts to Mission:Dignity. Whether you used a hand to write a check or to click a computer mouse for an online gift, every dollar you've shared will find its way into the hands of an aged pastor or his widow in the days ahead.

Your gift helps people like George and Vivian Smith from Mississippi who served small churches in four different states. On one of their assistance applications, they told us "Mission:Dignity has been the hand of God to keep us going."

Babbs Thomas's husband, William, died in 2004 after being in pastoral ministry for 57 years. She

wrote a note of gratitude recently: "Thank you for all your help throughout the year. As long as my husband was alive, I never gave much thought to finances. Now that I am alone it is such a blessing to be in such good hands and I truly thank the Lord for you and your assistance."

Let me add our appreciation for being the hands of Christ extended to George, Vivian, Babbs and nearly 2,000 others whose lives are made more comfortable and secure because you share generously. Your gift is not a handout but, rather, a hand up that assures they can pay their bills and live with dignity in their remaining years.

Thanks again for being part of our Mission:Dignity family. Even if your hands never make it on display in a major hospital, the impact of what you have done will not soon be forgotten. May God multiply the blessings from the work of your hands and pour his favor out on you as you touch the lives of others.

Grace and peace,
John Ambra
Director of Development

Thank you, church family, for giving to help those who have given their lives to the ministry.

V. B. S.

2015 Theme:

The Life of Moses

July 12-16

Classes for children, youth, and adults.

Snack Supper: 5:30 p.m.

VBS: 6:00—8:00 p.m.

We Need You!



ARE YOU READY FOR VBS?

If God is leading you to be a teacher, helper, or guide during VBS, then contact Bonnie Agnew, Billie Taylor, or Amanda Phillippie TODAY!

**REMEMBER,
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Youth News

Branded 2015 Longaberger Basket & Thirty-One Bingo!

Saturday, June 6, at 5:00 p.m.

Wytheville Moose Lodge #394 in Wytheville, Virginia

Play all games for one price! Bingo Packets are \$30 which includes 20 games of bingo, 2 bonus bingo games, and 10 raffle tickets. No sharing packets. Extra games, bonus games, and raffle tickets will be available. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and games begin at 6:00 p.m. Concessions will be available.

Please come out and support the Branded 2015 youth/young adult conference to be held **August 15, 2015** in Elizabeth Brown Park.

We need the help of our community, and surrounding communities, to continue to grow and enhance this outstanding youth gathering which reaches out to Southwest Virginia. This year's event

promises to be our best yet with guest bands consisting of *All Came As One* from Max Meadows, VA, and *Handmade* from Damascus, VA. Our special speaker will be Jason York of Central Church in Charlotte, NC, along with a host of youth talent offerings. **Join us!**



HELPING OTHERS

Every year WBC sets up a yearly budget, and we always include a line for Mission:Dignity annuity gifts. This is financial assistance sent to aged retired pastors or their widows to help them meet their monthly expenses. Because of your faithful giving, you have made it possible for WBC to send a gift every month to bless these special people. The following letter is from John Ambra, Director of Development, GuideStone Financial Resources SBC. He writes:

They are the work of Dr. Adrian Flatt, former chief of orthopedic surgery at the hospital and a professor who specialized in anatomy and hand surgery for decades. In 1962, he began a hobby of creating plaster molds of hands which he later cast in bronze. At first, he focused on surgeons' hands just to show the diversity of physical features among doctors. But later, Flatt's work expanded to include famous people like Walt Disney, Louis Armstrong, Dr. Seuss, Winston Churchill and Dwight Eisenhower.

MISSION:DIGNITY

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us. (Psalms 90:17)

Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas is known as one of the top medical facilities in the country with top-shelf surgeons, state of the art equipment, and quality care from staff. But if all you follow are the "best of" listings in popular magazines, you might miss one of the most fascinating aspects of this great hospital.

The lobby of BUMC's Truett Hospital building features a display of over 100 bronzed hands.

Seeing this exhibit not only evokes memories of well-known persons but also causes you to think about the incredible gift of your own hands. At the end of your arms, and mine, are God-given tools that can cut down mighty trees one day and perform intricate work the next. We cradle children and grandchildren with our hands but also use them to protect ourselves from danger. We can heal or hurt, build up or tear down.

If we need assistance, we ask if someone can lend us a hand. In

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WBC Children's Clothes Closet has summer clothes for children in our community. These clothes are free to any child in need of them. We always have new families that utilize this ministry. If you have any new or gently used children's *summer* clothes, shoes, new underwear, t-shirts, or socks bring them to the clothes closet down stairs next to the nursery. The Children's Clothes Closet will be open Thursday, June 25, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.



COMMUNITY FOOD KITCHEN

The Community Food Kitchen is open every Monday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for those who are in need of a meal.



If you would like to help feed those less fortunate, please consider sending a check to Hope Ministries, P.O. Box 987, Wytheville, VA 24382, and earmark your check "Community Food Kitchen."

Spread the Word of God by telling others to listen to the Sunday morning message by logging onto:

www.wythevillebaptist.org
then click the Sermons tab.

Once there, people will find each Sunday's sermon plus all the previous sermons of past months. Thank you to our Multi-Media Team Leader, Daniel Burke, for providing this link for us to enjoy.



Bland Ministry Center is sponsoring the first ever Bear Jam—an outdoor Christian Rock event on **Saturday, June 13** at Bears Sports Complex in Bastian, VA. The event will feature Dove Award winning band **Building 429**.

Tickets for the event will be priced at \$10 per ticket. Bring your lawn chairs. No coolers or alcohol permitted. The gate will open at 4:00 p.m. and Bear Jam 2015 will begin at 7:00 p.m.

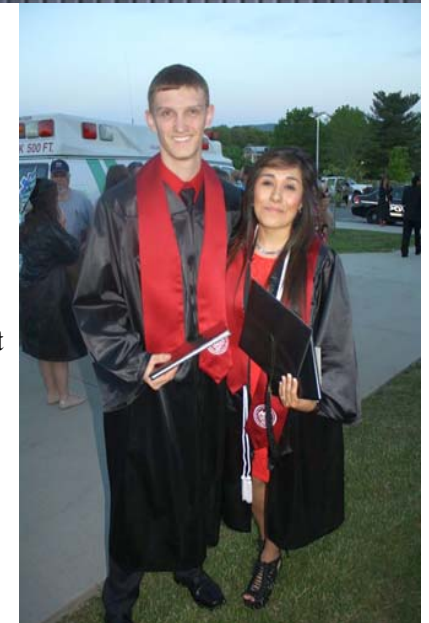
Join our Student Ministry as they enjoy this event.

Log onto <http://www.blandministrycenter.org/#!bearjam/c1cay> for more information.

Congratulations to:

Diana Hernandez Lopez
and
Clayton Douglas Braxton Wright

Graduates of
Wytheville Community College
2015





**Kathryn Isaacs and
Mabel Crabtree Circle News**



We give praise and thanks to God for another wonderful Women's Spring Banquet. On Saturday, May 9, we enjoyed delicious food, fabulous fellowship, special music by our Women's Ensemble, and inspirational sharing from Ms. Pat. Thank you to all who helped make this banquet a success.

The next Circle meeting will be June 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Williams Hall. Hostess will be Cathy Valley, and the program will be presented by Janet Montgomery. The Mission Action Project for June will be Agape. All ladies are invited to attend.

Praise the Lord!

Interim Pastor Danny Collins
and his lovely wife Pat Collins
Joined WBC May 3, 2015



Libby Osburn
Made a Profession of Faith
May 10, 2015
and is a
Candidate for Baptism

Kaitlyn Phillipie
made a Profession of Faith
May 3, 2015
and is a
Candidate for Baptism



**DON'T FORGET OUR
BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

The purpose of the Benevolence offering—to help others in need. Last month you helped:

- ◆ Three people with a room for a night
- ◆ One family with gas for their car
- ◆ Two families with their electric bill
- ◆ Two families with their rent.

We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, June 7, following our worship service. We ask that you once again give from the heart. This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.

Thank you for giving from the heart.

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, and Peanut Butter for the month June to help feed those in need in our community. Please, no glass containers.

WBC considers it a privilege to help the Agape Food Pantry distribute food on the second Saturday of every month beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please contact Chris and Rhonda Bracknell, Guy and Linda Sutphin or Lee Montgomery.





Welcome to:

Rylan Christian Tate
born May 4, 2015,
weighing 7lbs. 15oz. and
21 inches long.

Rylan's proud family:
Parents—Logan and Brandy Tate,
Grandmother—Sue Talbott,
Great Aunt—Bonnie Agnew

To Everyone at Wytheville Baptist Church,

Thank you so very much for my beautiful white rose to congratulate us on the birth of our new baby boy! I so appreciate the sweet thoughts and prayers from all of you! We are beyond blessed, and are so very thankful that God chose us to be Rylan's parents

Thanks and love, Brandy, Logan and Rylan Tate

Dear WBC Family:

Words are so inadequate to describe our deep appreciation for your love and support these past few weeks. Thank you for the calls, visit, beautiful cards, and you prayers! We love you all so much.

Love In Jesus, Pat and Pastor Danny

Dear Friends,

Bryan and I want to extend our thanks for your love, prayers, thoughts, and support during our loss of Bryan's precious mother in England. Your kindness and love have been very comforting to us. Thank you sincerely.

As well as a time of loss, we are also in a time of excitement for the future and a new chapter in our lives. As of June 10 our new address will be 117 Walnut Manor Dr., Fincastle, VA 24090-4028. We will miss you all and keep you close in our thoughts and prayers.

Again, thank you for all your many acts of kindness and support.

Until heaven and then forever, love,
Ceryl and Bryan Walker



The Wytheville Baptist Church Family thanks Guy Sutphin and Chris Bracknell for cleaning and waxing the fellowship hall and the hallways on all three floors. Thank you to Rhonda Bracknell for your help in this endeavor.

The floors are beautiful and they helped make the Women's Spring Banquet extra special. You all are wonderful and an asset to our church family.

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Many thanks to Tommy Hilton for taking time out of his busy day to drive our Young-at-Heart group to the African American Heritage Museum/Wytheville Training School Cultural Center on Tuesday, May 19. We met at WBC fellowship hall for our lunch and then visited the museum. It is a very interesting part of Wytheville's history. Most of us were surprised to learn that the school has been here since the late 1800's and was in operation until 1952.

The Center has computer classes, GED classes, after school tutoring, internet access, and one-on-one literacy programs available to anyone in the area wanting to sign up for a small fee. They are limited to what they can offer due to lack of funds. They request that we help make others aware of their facilities and programs. This is a non-profit community organization. The center accepts donations.

If you were not able to join us, you missed a good history lesson.

Our June 16th meeting will be lunch at the Wohlfahrt Haus Matternhorn Lounge. Please contact Doris Terry to reserve your seat.

Deadline for all July Beacon articles, events, dates, and times will be Monday, June 22.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



On Tuesday, June 9, Williams Fellowship Hall is reserved by Dottie Alexander.

The sanctuary and fellowship hall is reserved for the Carpenter/Worrell wedding rehearsal and rehearsal dinner on Friday, June 12.

The sanctuary is reserved on Saturday, June 13, for the Carpenter/Worrell wedding.

There will be no regular church functions on Wednesday, June 24, due to the Chautauqua Festival in Wytheville. Join us in Elizabeth Brown Park

July Jubilee

COMING-JULY 24-26

"This is the year of Jubilee"

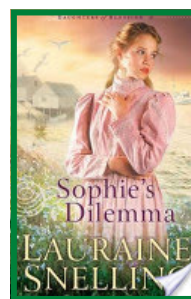
All is forgiven and the price is paid in full!

On the weekend of July 24, 25, and 26 our church will host a Spiritual Renewal experience called "July Jubilee." Taken from the Biblical concept of The Year of Jubilee, the weekend will feature Dale and Gilda Riddle of The Riddle Evangelistic Association. We will share a covered dish dinner on Friday night, meetings in the Sanctuary and also meetings on Saturday afternoon. The guest will lead us in Sunday School and worship on Sunday Morning the 26th.

Please pay close attention to your bulletins and to next month's Beacon for detailed information. For now—clear your calendar for this important, life changing, church changing event. "July Jubilee" July 24,25,26.



We have about 15 books by Janette Oke—here is another one. **When Tomorrow Comes**: Christine and her brother, Henry, grew up in the Delaney family as loved and nurtured as if they had been born to Elizabeth and Wynn. Now adults and facing life decisions, they both have come through major milestones in their journeys toward a strong, mature faith of their own. Henry has found the love of his life, and he and Amber are planning their wedding. But Christine has borne the pain and loss of a broken relationship, and the healing of her heart and emotions has just begun. How will she find her way.....



Lauraine Snelling is the author of **Sophie's Dilemma**. She couldn't wait to leave the Red River Valley. Certain she can't live without Hamre Bjorklund, the impetuous Sophie Knutson rejects her father's request to postpone her marriage until after graduation and convinces Hamre to elope. But far from her family, Sophie finds that life as a fisherman's bride in Ballard, Washington, is not all she envisioned. Pregnant and lonely while Hamre is away at sea, she hires on at a fish cannery, only to be fired after fainting on the job.



Plain Perfect is an Amish story by Beth Wiseman. On the rolling plains of Lancaster County, PA, Lillian Miller is searching for her grandparents' house—and so much more. After years of neglect and abuse, she's turning to a lifestyle of simplicity among the Amish to find herself.

Jackie Carson donated all three books.....Thanks, Jackie.

Carroll Stewart

June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 7:00pm Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle	2	3 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Youth Program 6:40pm Adult Bible Study, Kids Wythe A Mission: RA and GA 7:30pm College Students	4 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 7:00pm Choir Practice	5	6 Branded 2015 Longaberger Basket & Thirty-One Bingo! 
7 <i>The Lord's Supper & Benevolence offering received</i> 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service, Splash Children's Church 6:30pm Higher Ground Youth	8 11:30am Community Food Kitchen	9 11:00 AM Fellowship Hall Reserved by Dottie Alexander - Retired Teachers meeting	10 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Youth Program 6:40pm Adult Bible Study, Kids Wythe A Mission: RA and GA 7:30pm College Students	11 11:30am Community Food Kitchen 7:00am Choir Practice	12 3:00pm Carpenter/Worrell Wedding Decorating 6:00pm Carpenter/Worrell Wedding Rehearsal	13 10:00am WBC at Agape Food Pantry 1:00pm Carpenter/Worrell Wedding 4:00pm Bear Jam in Bastian
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Chautauqua Festival in Wytheville