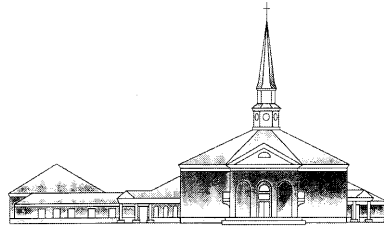


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(Monday – Friday)

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AS WE JOURNEY...IN THE INTERIM

Years ago, I heard a story about the pioneer, Daniel Boone. He once was a guide to people looking for a place to settle, taking travelers through the mountains and valleys of Southeastern Kentucky. As the story goes, one of the pioneers once asked Dan if he had ever been lost in those lush hills. He paused briefly, rubbed his chin, and said, "No, never been lost; but I *have* been *bewildered* every now and then!"

Church ministry, as with most other emotional "systems," can sometimes be just that-bewildering! The presence of individual and congregational anxiety always morphs into the loss of imagination. This leads to the incapacity to identify the deeply-imbedded issues and to create options to resolve these issues.

One of the downsides to congregational anxiety is impatience—and that it propels a church to move more quickly than wisdom

demands in order to get where the church wants and needs to be. Therefore, as we begin our journey together, I would ask you for four things:

- To pray daily for the West End Baptist Church Community of Faith, both gathered and scattered, as we lean into these days of transition.
- To pray for me as I seek to understand the unique culture of the WEBC.
- Patience for all of us; see this time, not as something you have to endure until you call a "real" pastor to lead you, but as one of the most important opportunities in the church's history to clarify the vision and mission that will define who you are as a church. To do otherwise would be the functional equivalent of picking the fruit before it is ripe and ready.
- Because it is not a "throw away" time, I would urge you to encourage those who have stepped away from the frontlines to return and to join hands with us as we cobble together the WEBC that God



September

- 02– Betsy Mullen
- 03– Debbie McKenzie
- 04– Doris Luck
- 05– Helen Minetree
- 06– Rebecca Jarratt
- 08– Alan Askew
- 10– Rose Winnie
- 13– Virginia Gwaltney
- 18– Debra Herald
Jayme Ramsey
- 20– Diana Leighty
- 21– James Wall
Hannah Beckner
- 22– Ava Brendle
- 23– Ruth Marable
Kathy Askew
- 24– Joyce Ellison
Queen Lifsey
- 25– Edna Nunnally
- 26– Excie Carter
Jason Rhodes
- 27– Lois Pettway
- 28– Paula Wallace
- 29– Charlie Lowery
- 30– Brigitte Coleman

October

- 01– Dwight Hilton
- 02– Matthew Winnie
- 03– Leah Morgan
- 07– Ashley Lewis
- 08– Lauren Willoughby
- 09– Lucille Sadler
- 10– Horace Fenderson
- 11– Charles Leatherman
- 14– Joanne Sessums
Terry Allen
- 16– Joey Haire
Kaitlyn McCraw
- 17– Ellen Sarcletti
- 18– Scott Winnie
- 19– Alice Hogwood
Shirley Willoughby
- 21– Martha Newton
- 22– Mary Lou Barr
- 24– Charlotte Marks
Rafaela Wells
- 25– Martha Frazier
Wendell Lifsey
- 27– Charles Franck
- 29– Frank Smith
- 30– Elizabeth Bishop



Children's Church September 2010

- 05- Melba Felty & Taylor McCraw
- 12- Claire Baxter & Jacob Titmus
- 19- Dianne Haraway & Haley Faries
- 26- Betsy & Kenneth Mullen



Junior High Weekend is scheduled for October 8, 9, and 10th. The theme is, "Power Surge." Reservations have been made, deposits complete and all paperwork turned in. Now is the time of waiting and anticipation!

Deacons of the Week

September

- 05- R. Hotchkiss & W. Willoughby
- 12- E. Titmus & T. Allen
- 19- Millie & Ken Wright
- 26- Carol & Whitey Lunsford

September Bus Schedule

- 05- Mike Barr
- 12- T. Burnett
- 19- Charles Franck
- 26- Jason Gunn

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Cooks:

September

- 01- NO Dinner
- 08- Elder Team
- 15- Wright/Baxter Team
- 22- Rhodes Team
- 29- Moore Team

has called it to be.

Thank You for allowing me to be a part of your journey. I really do look forward to walking with you through the months ahead.

Blessings for a Sacred Pace as you continue your journey to discover, discern, and clarify God's will and direction for the West End Baptist Church.

Tad (my preferred nickname)



The Fall Church Picnic hosted by the Fellowship Committee is scheduled for Sunday,

September 26 immediately following the 11 AM worship services. Please sign up outside the office if you plan to attend! If you have any questions please see Mark Moore.

The Annual Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 2 from 8 AM- 1 PM. We will need volunteers to work the church booth, food booth, and direct traffic. So clean out those closets and garages and join us for a fun filled day with the community!



Cleaning out the church attic is a job. As one lone property and space member hauled down the boxes, I went through each one finding enough craft supplies that would make Michaels blush. There, were the findings of long lost materials thought lost forever or thrown away. Now they are safe and secured in storage containers out in the garage. Box after box, one item at a time, neatly placed items are on the shelves of the Sunday School Supply Room. Years of VBS, parties, and other items were put away out of sight or given out at the county fair. Old hand sewn stuffed Jesus bears were given to a group to be used to make Christmas shoe boxes.

I listen to those who clean and organize the kitchen and hear the same concerns. How much wasted money and supplies we have gone through! Let us all be better stewards by doing an inventory of supplies before anything is purchased!

Carol McCann



A Hymn History: In the Garden

Inspired by Jerry Mize's beautiful alto saxophone rendition of this song from the August 15th service, I have chosen to feature "In the Garden: for this month's Hymn History. The following story is taken from "101 Hymn Stories" by K. Olbeck.

In 1912, C. Austin Miles was asked to write a hymn text that was "sympathetic in tone, breathing tenderness in every line; one that would bring hope to the hopeless, rest for the weary, and downy pillows to dying beds." Miles' recorded his own account of the writing of this hymn, which occurred in March of 1912: " I drew my Bible towards me; it opened at my favorite chapter, John 20, whether by chance or inspiration, let each reader decide. That meeting of Jesus and Mary had lost none of it's power to charm. As I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene... the light faded, and I seemed to be standing at the entrance of the garden... a woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came to the tomb, upon which she placed her

hand, she bent over to look in, and hurried away...(later reappearing), she leaned her head upon her arm at the tomb, and she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing, and so did I. I knew it was He... I awakened in full light, gripping my Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music."

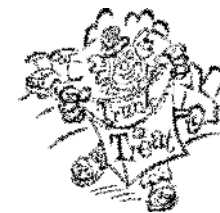
Matt's Meandering

It's that time! September means back to school, no more vacation! Now wipe that frown off of your face!!! Adult, youth, and children's choir practices are full throttle! Handbells choirs and both men's and ladies' ensembles are back as well! Now is the time to join. If you are interested, please see Matt Smith.



The BIC (Brothers in Christ) will begin their monthly breakfast gatherings at Giuseppe's starting on Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 AM. Bring a friend or neighbor!

During the months of September and October WEBC will be accepting donations of much needed baby supplies. The Petersburg Pregnancy Crisis Center has asked for our help. A list of needs has been placed in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. Please bring all items to the church office, monetary donations are being accepted as well. Thank you!



Time to get ready for Tuck or Treat! We are asking everyone to please bring in bags of individually wrapped candy and place them in the boxes outside the church office. We will also need volunteers with trucks or cars who would like to participate in the fun! Trunk or Treat is on Sunday, October 31 from 6-8 PM in the church parking lot.

Alma Hunt Offering

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unwavering dedications to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time. The offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptist).

Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture of WMUV and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). The annual goal and allocation of funds are directed by a committee composed of equal representation from the WMUV Board of Trustees and the BGAV Executive Board.

Our goal at WEBC is \$1500.00, and you can give throughout the month of September. When you give to the Alma Hunt offering for Virginia Missions, you are opening doors for those who seek to share the love of Christ and for those who have yet to hear His message of salvation.