



BLOUNTVILLE BEACON
BLOUNTVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Pastor's Portion:

Happy New Year!

Will Graham is coming. The grandson of the evangelist Billy Graham and the son of Franklin Graham the founder of Samaritan's purse is leading a celebration in April. The Session along with the Bama organization has endorsed this event and is hoping you will participate. On February 1, our church will host what is called a Christian Life and Witness service, a preliminary observance prior to the main event in the spring, several members of our church will have leadership in the gathering. We hope you will attend. The Mission committee will provide refreshments. This should be an exciting event in the life of the Tricities. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

In the Meantime,

May the Lord richly Bless you
Pastor Brad

**Blountville Presbyterian Church
Is Alive and Well**

The Congregation has maintained great participation during the Christmas season. The attendance at the Sunday Service Choir Concert was about 75. Over 65 people attended the Christmas Eve Service. Keep inviting your family, friends and neighbors to Blountville Presbyterian Church. Also continue to keep Pastor Brad and the Session in your prayers. Together we can maintain a vibrant congregation to honor God.

Snow Schedule

During the winter months snow and ice can interrupt the flow of church events. If Sullivan County schools are closed, week-day functions are cancelled at the church. **Sunday services are cancelled only by action of the Session.** If there is a change this will be announced by the robo phone system.

Family Night Supper

Our January Family Night Supper will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 17th. Several people will be bringing soup. You can bring soup or a covered dish, along with a dessert. Bread would also be a good choice. Anything you bring will be gladly eaten. (Or just bring yourself.) Larry Pierce will instruct us about the new tax laws for 2018, so have your questions ready.

Will Graham Tri-Cities Revival

BAMA is taking leading role in bringing about this event which will take place at Freedom Hall in Johnson City April 27th-April 29th. In preparation, we at BPC will be hosting a training session for volunteers on Thursday, Feb. 1st 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Most of this service will be in the sanctuary with refreshments and small groups in the fellowship hall. The Mission Committee members are asking for help serving the refreshments. Contact Shelby, Sue or Linda.

Session

Thanks are extended to retiring Elders Jerry Hicks, Sue O'Dell and Bob Sanders. We are grateful to Dorothy Dulaney, Carl Grubbs and Charles Mays for joining the Session and to Doris Hicks for becoming a Trustee. The Installation of New Officers will be soon.

Souper Bowl of Caring

As is usual on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4th, the cooking pots will be at the Church entrances to collect a can or soup and a **dollar (or more) to help feed the needy.** The food will be given to the BAMA Food Pantry and the money will be given to 5 Cents/A/Meal offering.

Theologian in Residence

*Again this year, Tusculum College will host the TIR Lecture Series on each Tuesday in February. The topic this year is **The Reformation.** The morning sessions are from 10:00 AM til 12:15 and then lunch is provided. There is a short wrap up session after lunch. Several people from BPC are signed up to attend. More information is on the bulletin board.*

January Birthdays

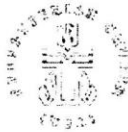
1 – Sue O'Dell
2- Brenda Grubbs
5 – Beth Ann Long Platfoot
8 – Mabel Leonard
13- Justin Hobbs
22- Sarah Brinser
25- Sarah Brinser (little Sarah)
31- Charlie Hall
31- Betty Harr

January Anniversaries

26 – Tom and Karol Light
31 – Bill and Doris Hicks
(If you have corrections, additions, or deletions to the list, please contact Doris Hicks ASAP.)

Blountville Presbyterian Church Events – January 2018

Monday, Jan. 1 st	New Year's Day	
Wednesday, Jan. 3 rd	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Saturday, Jan. 6 th	Epiphany of the Lord	
	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Hardee's	8:30 AM
Sunday, Jan. 7th (Baptism of the Lord)	Morning Worship with Communion	11:00 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
Monday, Jan. 8 th	Remove Christmas decoration from Sanctuary	4:30 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 9 th	Circle I – 10:00 AM; Circle III – 2:00 PM	
Wednesday, Jan. 10 th	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday, Jan. 11 th	Mission Committee Meeting	4:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 13 th	Elder Training	10 AM -12 Noon
Sunday, Jan. 14th	Morning Worship; 5 Cents/A/Meal Offering	11:00 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 17 th	Family Night Supper	6:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 20 th	Elder Training (Repeat of last week's training)	10AM-12Noon
Sunday, Jan. 21st	Morning Worship	11:00 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Session Meeting (present members + new)	3:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 24 th	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 28th	Morning Worship	11:00 AM
	Food for BAMA Food Pantry	
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 31 st	Choir Practice	7:00 PM



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