

## Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

August 7, 2025

### Dublin Baptist Church

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#### Present

Charles Damron, Moderator, Pastor, Austinville Church  
Wayne Coake, Treasurer, Member, NorthStar Pulaski Church  
Linda Lively, Secretary, Member, Wytheville Church

Dee Dee Hoosier, Director, Bland Ministry Center  
Chris Leeper, Director, RU BCM  
Will Sams, VT BCM  
Eli Ragsdale, VT BCM

Lynn Arnold, Member, Wytheville Church  
David Clonch, Member, Dublin Church  
Martha Damron, Member, Austinville Church  
Bryan Gough, Pastor, Trinity Church  
Charles Hull, Member, Trinity Church  
Mark Patton, Member, Fairlawn Church  
Jan Stone, Member, Wytheville Church  
Danny Vaughn, Member, Calvary Church

#### 1. Charles Damron opened the meeting.

2. **Charles Hull** introduced Bryan Gough, pastor of Trinity Church. Charles welcomed him to the Network.

3. **Charles Damron** asked Bryan Gough to lead the opening prayer.

3. **Radford University BCM** – Chris Leeper shared that students will be coming on campus soon for the new year. He said an area church built a new deck on their building. The Leadership Retreat will be held next week. With more seniors this year, he expects to have a good year. He plans to do studies on the gospels and the students continue witnessing on the campus. He requested prayer for Michael who has health issues. He is doing better and will return to work at VT in September.

4. **VT BCM-** Will Sams, Associate Director, said about 60 alumni did work on their building. He shared that he, Eli, and Darrell went to Oklahoma for a meeting. He said the Leadership Team training will be soon with 2 new interns. He requested prayer as they welcome new students.

5. **Minutes** of June 5, 2025, meeting was approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Wayne Coake brought the Treasurer's Report for June 2025 and July 2025. The Ending Balance for June was \$22,090.22; for July \$23,829.30; and the Vanguard Emergency Fund was \$35,166.99. *See the attachments for more details.*

7. **Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly Treasurer Report** – David Clonch shared the report (*attached*). The ending balance was \$6,900.91. He said that the new postal system schedule of fewer pickups from the post office makes getting payments to our suppliers on time a problem.

8. **Finance Team** - FOR INFORMATION: The Finance Team has been working to find the solution of continuing to send US dollars to Pastor Ramon. They are no longer able to send the way they were. They think they will be able to work with a bank in Florida. Danny Vaughn made

the motion, Dave Clonch seconded, that the Treasurer use the new system to send US dollars to Pastor Ramon. The motion was approved.

**9. Bland Ministry:** Dee Dee Hoosier shared that over 1000 families are being served through the food pantry, 250 families each week. And she shared that 500 families have been served by the Clothes Closet. *She said they have received a donation of dog food, both for adult dogs and puppies. She said it is available to animal and rescue shelters.* The mission teams are coming each week doing repairs on houses and will be coming through the end of October. She said they are getting bids for the construction of the new Dental Clinic; bids are due by August 26. The Annual Back-to-School event saw 92 at the “Foam Party” for elementary students; the high school students will have their event next week.

**10. Hearts and Hammers:** Dave Clonch shared that a Mission Team from SC assisted H&H in building 2 new ramps and a team from Ohio assisted in building one ramp. One of the things they do is witness during work and they have seen results. He said they have one more ramp to do this year.

**11. Claytor Lake Baptist Assembly** – Mark Patton said Thomas Cundiff had surgery earlier in the week and Charles Hull will have surgery on the 18<sup>th</sup>. He reported they have continued to try to find ways to discourage the Canada Geese from being on the property because the geese are getting smarter. *He said a Workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 27. Painting and clearing brush need to be done. He said they have the equipment needed to do the work. The Directors plan to do prep work so a lot can be accomplished that day. He asked that volunteers come out that day.*

*The cleaning schedule for the summer is: September – Fairlawn; October – Calvary.*

**12. WMU** –Martha Damron requested that churches collect stamps and Christmas cards to meet our Network goal of 2400 stamped cards.

**13. Venezuela Ministry:** Charles Damron shared that the latest letter from Pastor Ramon before Sunday morning service and then the families are fed after service. In his prayer requests he included a request for the groups doing discipleship training. He led a group of six and now those six will lead two discipleship groups of six people each; with currently 18 people who are in discipleship.

**14. Mission Rally/Conference:** Charles Damron reviewed the results of the Survey. He asked that we be in prayer for a project to do during the Rally. He said the Rally is scheduled for April 25-26, 2026; please contact Charles Damron.

**15. Ministry Dinners:** Charles said the venue for the Ministry Dinners will be changed. The Chairperson of Deacons and spouses will have their dinner in September. *The location will be announced later.* Pastors will meet October 7.

**16. Announcements:**

- Trinity Church has a new pastor and will have Homecoming August 10.
- Fairlawn Church has a community garden. The need is great in that community. Mark Patton said there is a “tent city” of homeless. He invites contributions of food items.
- Wytheville Church – Lynn Arnold shared that Jan Stone, Administrative Assistant and Jerry Stone, Music Director, are both retiring at the end of the year. She asked for any Recommendations. Linda Lively shared that Pastor Tim was recently contacted about hosting an Australian group on October 15 that will be touring.

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- Dublin Church – Dave Clonch shared that a new Search Team continues the search for a new pastor.
- Charles Damron shared that Danny Collins is serving as pastor of Cecil's Chapel.
- Austinville Church – Martha Damron shared that their "Coat of Many Colors" thrift store is seeing results; they recently had 7 people from the community.
- Calvary Church – Danny Vaughn shared that in the one and a half years the pastor has been there; their attendance has doubled. He said they use Facebook for daily devotions; they post pictures of Wednesday activities and other information during the week. He said they will have Homecoming August 18.

**18. The next bi-monthly meeting is the first Thursday in October– October 2, 2025.**

**19. The Network Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025.**

**20. Dave Clonch** led in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Lively, Secretary