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Merry Christmas!



Christ the Savior is Born!

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2014 is nearly in the books and a new year is coming quickly on the Horizon. As I reflect on 2014, I can honestly say that it has been a good year even though it has not been an easy year. I think the members here at WHBC are to be commended for coming together during difficult times and persevering to do God's work. Your faith in the Lord over the last year has been inspiring, the moving of the Holy Spirit among His people has been encouraging, and your generosity has been awesome! I am sure that like everyone we will look back over the last year and remember some things that were not so pleasant. However, God works all things together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. I honestly believe that 2014 is a key brick in the Spiritual foundation of WHBC. Even though some things have been difficult they have served to make us stronger and have helped us to see that God is faithful to His promises. My prayer is that we will continue to build on the firm foundation of God's word in 2015, and work hard to finish 2014 strong.

Over the last several weeks, we have seen four in our congregation accept Christ, and have added several members to our body. We ended our Samaritans Purse Shoebox Drive with more than 200 boxes which is a great praise to the Lord! Thanks to all who supported Rahab's Rope on Sunday and you are helping to end human trafficking. Also, let's prepare for Christmas Caroling on the 14th at 5 p.m. following our Children's musical, and don't forget about our annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Last, and certainly not least, please be sure to bring in your nonperishable foods for the deacon-led Christmas Food Basket Ministry that will provide families in need with food for Christmas. I am grateful to pastor a congregation that reaches out to the world in so many ways. You guys are awesome because you serve an awesome God! Keep up the good work and know that as you serve the Lord your life matters and you are making a difference in eternity. **To God be the**

Glory and Merry Christmas!!! **Until He Comes,**
Jonathan Dundalow, Galatians 6:9

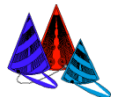
January Birthdays

1	Cindy Dundalow	19	Holli Fischer
3	Travis McDaniel		Frank Glazier
4	Creed Fallin	20	Dakota Blankenship
5	Collin Branch		Michael Crance
	William Gibbs	21	Shannon Seay
6	Pamela Williams		Wendy Chapman
	Chris Kollman IV	22	Scarlett Yates
8	Andy Eubank		Melanie B. Orton
9	Virginia Bishop		Mille Dear
	Michael Guyette		Bailey Witt
10	Jon Elsea	23	Jacob Mitchell
	Michael Guyette	24	Keith Schmidt
11	Jorja Allen		Marie Smith
	Coleson E. Branch		Elsie Eley
	Megan Brockwell		Jean Gibbs
12	Matthew Allen		Preston Ramsey
	Kirsten Basham		Robert Swinson
	Jane Stallings	25	Pamela J. Munford
	Brittany Carr	26	Wendy Sue Evans
13	Bobby Harris	27	Nicole Claiborne
	Lauryn Marek		Robert Ingram
	Wayne Ivey	28	Johnny Howard
14	Rachel Rush Wynn		Gerry Howard
15	Kim Lane		Vera Mitchell
17	Barbara N. Adkins		Stephanie Lamm
18	Brigitte Gomez	29	Emma Berry
	Hanna L. Barton		Michael Wade
	Christy Miller	30	Brian Connelly
	Morgan Dundalow		Barbara McCoy

These are names of individuals who are either church members of WHBC or are enrolled in our Sunday School. Please advise the church (733-8172) of any additions or corrections. Thank you!

December Birthdays

1	Rhianna Mathias	17	Debbie Chappell
2	James Burnett		Cameron Lewis
	Cheri Owens		Dennis Sullivan
	Tammy Van Scyoc		Kayleigh Whirley
3	A.J. Ricci	18	Andrew Chappell
	Rena Leslie		Kalah Wood
4	Pam Burton	19	Gwen Dunn
	Paul Hoylman		Chip Pletcher
5	Nancy Holthouser		Heather Rote
	Jamie Lafoon	20	Stephen Beasley
6	Brian Price		Ashton Mellott
8	Drew Berry		Christine Ramsey
	Linda Sullivan		Loretta Smith
	Edith Vaughan	21	Ellen Massengale
9	Alexandra Via		Joshua Kollman
10	Kenneth Debose		Adam Wells
11	Jade Cook	22	Heather Summers
12	Sarah Breeden		Faye Veazey
13	Edward Cunningham	23	Harvey Tarleton
	Raleigh Norris		Jessica Allred
14	Flora Ainsley	24	Kendall Walker
	Beverly Mathias	25	Debbie Banner
15	Betty Edgerton		Ray Gooch
	Jonathan Neddo	26	Patricia LaPlante
16	Jeremy Cecchettini		Marty Baird
			Ernest Harrison
			Judy Schmidt
			Phillip Vollhardt
		27	Cassandra Sullivan
		29	Andrea Henna
			Bryce Witt
		31	Tammy Luck



Happy Birthday!!!!



A Note from the Children's Director

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday, Jesus ☺ This month, we will all have many things to do and many places to go. Please don't lose sight of the true meaning of the season. Give to others because Jesus gave to us. Live that abundant life that He gives. Be the light in your community and your workplace. Have a great month!

Upcoming Events:

- Parents Night Out – Dec. 12th from 6-10 PM. Children should bring a bagged dinner and wear comfortable clothing. The committee will provide crafts as well as a movie and popcorn. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend so please sign up to help us prepare for the proper number of children!

- Children's Choir performance and Christmas Caroling in the community on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 PM.

- Fas Car – January – more details to come ☺

We are in need of people who love the Lord and His children. Interested in serving in the Nurseries? We have four nursery rooms at WHBC and need a total of 8-10 people each Sunday. Lots of people help already, but, we need some more. Please search your heart and think about serving in the nursery. Those interested must have a background check, take the Child Abuse Prevention Course, and have been a member for 6 months. Know that your service to these children would be a service to the Kingdom! WHBC would be grateful for your help and you would be making a difference in the lives of children here at WHBC!

**HIS servant,
April Norris**



What a blessing it is to serve the Lord through the Church Clothes Closet!

Because of your donations, we were able to meet and assist several families during the Church Block Party. It seems we are always in need of children's clothing. At this time, all boy and girl sizes are needed.

Also, if anyone has a twin mattress that is no longer needed, we have a family that could use it.

Thank you for your continued contributions and support. Without your donations, this mission would not be possible. May GOD bless you!

Matthew 25:40: Inasmuch as ye have done it unto me of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Thank You for Your Donations of Jewelry for the Bingo Games!

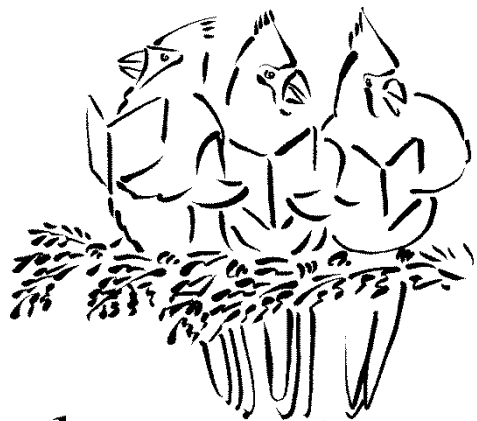
We had good response for good, old jewelry that still looks great Thank you and if you would like to donate for prizes for the Nursing Home Bingo games, please give to Carolyn or Henry Hogue. Thanks again and God bless all of you!

Reserving the Church Fellowship Hall

Please check with the church administrative assistant first before placing date on church calendar located in kitchen. The church office has the master scheduling calendar/list and the date you put down may not be available.

Thank you!

Praise the Lord! We have 5 new people professing their faith in Jesus Christ and wishing to join our body of believers here at Western Heights. Madyson Holderfield, Marissa Stech, Megan Thomas, Rachael Canaday & Stanley Black. Madyson, Marissa & Megan desire membership by baptism. Rachael desires membership by letter and baptism. Stanley desires membership by letter. Please give your good wishes of encouragement to Madyson, Marissa, Megan, Rachael & Stanley, and pray for them as they continue to walk their spiritual journey through life with the Lord.



Christmas Cantata

Music Director Notes

It's hard to believe that Fall is in full swing and Winter is fast approaching! There is a lot going on at Western Heights Baptist Church. Our Children's Choir has been working very hard on putting together a nice program to share with you on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 PM. Please come out and support them and be blessed. Afterwards, our WHBC family will go out Christmas Caroling. . . . If you have a loved one you would like to remember this holiday season, there will be slips of paper in the bulletin this week through December 14th. Please just write their name on the paper and put back into the offering plate as it is passed, or give to myself or April Norris. The Children's Choir meets every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:00 PM upstairs in the choir room. Our Adult Choir will be presenting "Christmas, A Treasured Anthology" on December 21st at 5:00 PM. You will not want to miss out on this one! Have a blessed Thanksgiving and looking forward to a peaceful, wonderful holiday season!

**Yours in Christ,
Bonnie**

December Children's Church Volunteers

Date	Volunteers
Dec. 7 th	V. J. & Sarah Slade
Dec. 14 th	Lisa Witt & April Norris
Dec. 21 st	Tim & Jamie Morini, April Norris
Dec. 28 th	Donna Temple & April Norris

Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 1	Deacon's Meeting, 7 PM
December 3	Senior Committee Meeting, 1 PM
December 12	Parent's Night Out, 6-10 PM
December 13	Marty Baird's S.S. Class Christmas Party, 6:00 PM
December 14	Baptismal Sunday, 11 AM Children's Choir presenting "Christmas In Heaven", 5 PM & Christmas Caroling in the Community
December 20	Deacons Distribution of Christmas Food Baskets
December 21	Adult Choir Christmas Cantata, "Christmas, a Treasured Anthology", 5 PM
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Service, 6 PM
December 25	Merry Christmas! - Jesus Is the Reason for the Season!
Dec. 30-Jan. 1	Youth at Winterfest

December Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Wednesday, Dec. 3 rd	Combined	April Norris & Lisa Witt
Sunday, Dec. 7 th	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	Christine Croarkin & Amanda Whirley
	Toddlers	John & Heather Mills
	3 Yr Olds	
Sunday, 5 PM, Dec, 7 th	Combined	Kristie Belvin & Stephanie Batey
Wednesday, 7 PM Dec. 10 th	Combined	Christie Leggett & Chelsi Holderfield
Sunday, Dec. 14 th	Birth	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Cruisers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	Toddlers	Ashley McFarland & Jennifer Wilson
	3 Yr Olds	Keith & April Johnson
Sunday, Dec. 14 th	Combined	Children's Musical Presentation Caroling
Wednesday, 7 PM Dec. 17 th	Combined	Fellowship – No Nursery
Sunday, Dec. 21 st	Birth	Heather Gibbs & Andrea Beville
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers	Becky & Judy Pierce
	3 Yr Olds	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
Sunday, Dec.21 st Adult Choir Christmas Cantata	Combined 5:00 PM	
Wednesday, Dec. 24 th "Christmas Eve"	Combined 6:00 PM	Craig & April Norris
Sunday, Dec. 28 th	Birth	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers	Faith & Jody Driggers
	3 Year Olds	Samoa Allen & Becky Pierce
Sunday, Dec. 28 th	Combined	No evening services
Wednesday, Dec. 31 st	Combined	No Evening Services



December 14 @ 5 PM the WHBC Children will be presenting their Christmas carol selections with a special song, "Christmas in Heaven". We will be remembering those who are celebrating "Christmas in Heaven" ...

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December 21st @ 5 PM the Adults will present their Christmas Cantata, "CHRISTMAS, A Treasured Anthology". What beautiful music and message it brings.