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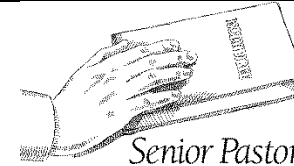
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The past few weeks here at WHBC have been extremely busy. The sounds of saws, nail guns, and the smell of paint have been a regular occurrence. I am extremely pleased with all of the hard work that has gone on. It is encouraging to see these much needed renovations come to fruition. I personally would like to thank each and every one of you for the time and effort that you have put in to maintaining the building that God has entrusted to us. This building is a tool to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and over the last several weeks you all have worked hard to sharpen that tool. So many different ministry spaces have been brightened and now reflect the welcoming nature of their occupants. I truly believe that visitors will feel welcome and that members will be encouraged when they attend here. I know every day that I come in and see the improvements

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made so far, it makes my day a little brighter. So, as we work to maintain the space God has entrusted to us, let's not forget that the temple of the Holy Spirit is our hearts. Let's make sure that we also work hard to maintain our walk with the Lord and make sure that He is welcome in our hearts. We must constantly repair the damage of sin through repentance and allow the Lord to paint over the stains of sin on a daily basis. God's work through His Holy Spirit in our lives helps us not only to welcome His purpose and will for our lives but also encourages others to become a part of the body of Christ. It is my prayer that our hearts will reflect His love for us and His love for those around us. I am also praying that His Love and Lordship over our lives will be reflected in the building that we worship Him in. So, as we move forward, let's work hard to listen to the moving of His Holy Spirit individually and corporately. I believe that God is preparing us for greater things here at WHBC and I am sure the enemy would like nothing greater than to try and interfere. However, greater is He who is in us than He who is in the world. So, let's continue to move forward without fear always striving to maintain the unity of the Spirit through our own humility and submission to Him. God bless you all and keep up the good work for the Lord!!!

**Until He Comes,
Jonathan Dundalow, Galatians 6:9**

March Birthdays

1	Jim Lafoon	22	Jason Hudson
	Michael Clemens		Edward Slade
	Joseph Wray		Debbie Zimmerman
3	Michael Edmonds	23	Mike Brown
4	Alicia B. Weyforth		Cynthia Reese
	David Criswell, Jr.		Betsy Berry
5	Robert "Bobby" Belvin		Kim Lovin
	Conner Danels		Wendy Crance
6	Robert "Robbie" Bishop	24	James Robertson
	Phyllis Reish	25	Megan Demaline
7	Keri Eley		Artie Daniels
	Tynecia Taylor		Chris Hayes
8	George Holley, Jr.	26	Paul Chapman
	Debra Grammer		Marland Cook, Jr.
	Cheryl Price		Virginia Price
	Carolyn Williams		Beverly Swinson
12	Ann Holderfield	28	Kimberly Green
13	Chris Dimaio		Walter Witt, III
	Chelsi Holderfield	29	Crystal Arrington
14	Henry Beals, Jr.		Betty Mayes
	Leslie Bostic		Taylor Perkinson
	Rachel Canaday		Rebecca Price
	Keri Eley	30	Amanda A. Spencer
	Megan Thomas		Michael Hayes
	Alisha H. Young		Shannon Pannill
15	Donnie Bostic	31	Gregory Guyette
	John Miller		Holly Johnson
	Ashley McFarland		Rita Louk
	Patty Pletcher		
	Justin Storey		
16	Dyllon Bostic		
18	Emily Wenzel		
20	Renee Allred		
	Pamela Cunningham		
21	Elizabeth "Liz" Marshall		
	Preston Westmoreland		
	April Johnson		

February Birthdays

1	Joshua Massey	15	Alexandra Welch
2	Allen Burton		Wallace Markert
	Danny Mitchell	16	Ann Cunningham
	Jimmy Johnson		Brian Banner
	Brady Slade		Rickey Ingram
4	Caleb Morini	17	Mike Demaline
	Lauren Marshall		Carolyn Hogue
	Angela Neddo	18	Justin Banner
5	Mark Joyce		Allen Burton
6	Lee Harrison, III		Tiffany M. Henshaw
	Stanley Kidwell		Millie Howland
	Jeff Lovin	19	Deonte Spicer
	Chase Wade	20	Jarrett Munford
7	Shelby Lail	21	Kim Stanek
	Cassidy Lamm	22	Eunice Finch
	Sarah Mitchell		Timothy Francis
	Mike Nauseef		David Williams
8	Sandra Drewry	23	Rachel Newton
	Randy Adkins		Brittney Mitchell
	Mary Wade		Ronald "Jake" Wood
	Jimmy Walker	24	Linda Fischer
	Sandra Lafoon		Tina Blair
	Timmy Morini		V. J. Slade, Jr.
9	Danny Kinton	25	Dustin Jones
	Timothy Francis, Sr.	26	Brenda Olgers
	Sandy-Anderson Slade		Bonnie Perkinson
10	Robert Belvin		Frank Zaharek
	Cannon Haines	27	Patti Mitchell
	Rebecca Staples Foley		Kenzey Wynn
11	Amanda Jarrell	28	Matthew Belvin
	Levi Mitchell		Jennifer Twombly
12	Mike Demaline		
	Dianne Harrison Barton		
13	Charles Daulton		
	Dustin Grissom		
14	Edith Chasteen		
	Henry Hogue		
	Will Neddo		
	Sue Freudig		
	Bryson Michael Rickman		

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



A Note from the Children's Director

I truly hope you are enjoying the beginning of 2015. We are seeing some much needed improvement to our building! I would just like to say thank you to all who have given of their time and talent to accomplish this huge task. What we can do together is so much greater than what we can do separately. I am so thankful for the willing spirit that fills this place when there is a job that needs to be done. Praise be to God.

--Looking forward to February & March--

***Feb. 3- Good News Club Winter Session Begins (2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10 3/17, 3/24 ,3/31).** We are always in need of help for club. Please if you have not contacted me, and you would like to be a part, now is the time! (april4whbckids@gmail.com)

***Feb. 28th @ 5:00** – Time for You and Me- “Winter Wonderland” Children (4yrs-6th grade) should choose one adult to attend this fun fellowship with them. Adults should get excited to play games, eat dinner, and spend some quality time one on one with the child.

***March 14th** – Children’s ministry training event. The SBCV will be hosting a training event at Mount Pleasant Baptist, if you work with children and have time, please plan to attend. I will have to register for this free conference.

***March 22nd** – Presentation of the Children’s Easter Musical, “Halleluiah, What a Savior” @ 5:00 pm

***March 28th** – Preschool Easter Egg Hunt @ 10am. We are looking forward to getting together to gather eggs and celebrate our risen Lord.

VBS week will be June 15th – 19th



**HIS servant,
April Norris**

Super Seniors

The Super Seniors will meet at WHBC on February 17th at 12 PM. Come out and bring your favorite dish and enjoy the time together.



We have one person professing her faith in Jesus Christ and wishes to become a member of Western Heights. Ina Thorne has requested membership by baptism. Please pray for Ina as she continues her life journey walking with the Lord!

**Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for
World Changers/P2 Missions
Saturday, March 7th @ 6 PM**

Come out and enjoy a delicious Italian spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings and dessert cooked by our own WHBC chefs to support the youth going to World Changers/P2 Missions 2015 scheduled to go on July 18-24.

Thought for the Month

*I would rather live my life as if there is a God & die to find out there isn't, than live as if there is not a God & to die to find out that there is. **Albert Camus***

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Local Church Family,

Words cannot express how much the Dinwiddie High School Football Team appreciates the Thursday night meal(s) you provided. Dinwiddie is a very special community, and that is evident in your willingness to minister to our players with delicious food, great fellowship, and encouraging words through scripture.

Please know your love for Jesus Christ and being His servant does not go unnoticed. You have touched many lives and planted seeds by ministering to our players.

Thank you for supporting Dinwiddie football in so many ways.

**Sincerely,
Coach Billy Mills**

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Offering WHBC goal for this year is \$7,000. Please pray and seek God's direction in your life concerning the amount He would have you give. The special Week of Prayer will be March 1-8. The goal is to retain the current USA Missionaries and hopefully to have more!

Acts 1:8



Now that 2015 is in full swing, so are our choirs in full swing. We have just started preparing for Easter (believe it or not) and would like to invite you to come join us for this very special time of celebrating our Lords death and resurrection!!! Our children meet every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:00 and we are working on "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" and the adult choir practices every Tuesday night from 6:00-7:00. We are working on the Easter Cantata, A.D. . I am very excited as we get these practices under way. If you or your children would like to participate in either musical but cannot sing in our regular choir, this is your moment! Please feel free to see or contact April Norris or myself of any questions or concerns you may have about participating in either choir. God is doing amazing things here at Western Heights Baptist Church and I am hoping you will want to be a part of it.

Bonnie Perkinson

February Children's Church Volunteers

Date	Volunteers
February 1	Bryan & Ashley McFarland, Donna Temple
February 8	Keith & April Johnson, April Norris
February 15	Christine Croarkin & Linda Sullivan, April Norris
February 22	Shawn & Rachel Wynn, Michelle Stech

February Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Sunday, Feb. 1st	Birth	Heather Gibbs & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers	Marty & Karla Baird
	3 Yr Olds	Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas
Sunday, Feb. 1st	Combined	
Wednesday, Feb. 4th	Combined	Pam Burton & April Norris
Sunday, Feb. 8th	Birth	Keith & April Johnson
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers	Christie Leggett & Diane Reish
	3 Yr. Olds	Samoa Allen & Becky Pierce
Sunday, Feb. 8th	Combined	Jamie Morni & Stephanie Batey
Wednesday, Feb. 11th	Combined Business Mtg.	Melissa Connelly & Christie Leggett
Sunday, Feb. 15th	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Jennifer Wilson
	Toddlers	Jody & Faith Driggers
	3 Yr. Olds	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
Sunday, Feb. 15th	Combined	Janelle Brown & Stephanie Batey
Wednesday, Feb. 18th	Combined	April Norris & Lisa Witt
Sunday, Feb. 22th	Birth	Janelle Brown & Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	Chelsi Holderfield & Kathy Tarleton
	Toddlers	John & Heather Mills
	3 Yr. Olds	Ray & Lisa Witt
Sunday, Feb. 22th	Combined	Kristie Belvin & Stephanie Batey

Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
February 3	Winter Session of Good News Club
February 11	Business Meeting – no Bible Studies
February 23	WHBC Blood Drive, 3-7 PM
February 28	You & Me Fellowship (4 yrs old-6 th Grade), 5 PM
March 1-8	Week of Prayer Annie Armstrong Missions & Offering
March 6-7	Angela Thomas' Beautiful Life Conf.
March 7	World changers/P2 Missions Spaghetti Dinner, 6 PM
March 8	Brotherhood Breakfast, 8 AM
March 20-21	WOM Ladies Retreat @ Camp Kehukee
March 22	Children's Easter Musical
March 28	Easter Egg Hunt (Preschool), 10 AM Widows & Widowers Banquet
March 29	Adult Choir Easter Musical, 5 PM

Brotherhood

There will be no Brotherhood Breakfast in February and the breakfasts will resume on Sunday, March 8th. Hope you will come and join us for the good food and fellowship.

Women on Mission News

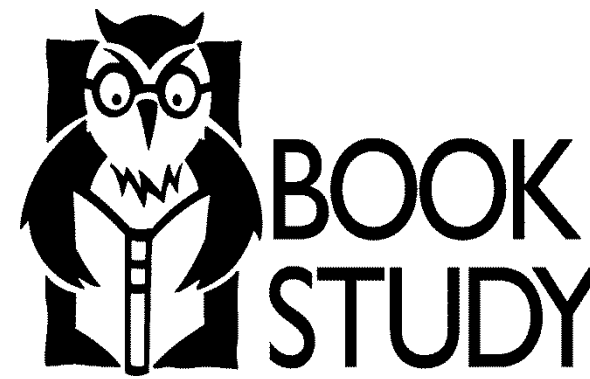
The WOM have some great opportunities to make ladies aware of. Be on the lookout for more information on each activity on the WOM bulletin board, flyers in classrooms, monthly newsletters, and in the bulletin. Mark your calendar for these upcoming events that you don't want to miss.

- **Friday, March 6th – Saturday, March 7th, Angela Thomas' Beautiful Life Conference at Greensboro, NC, tickets \$30 plus hotel accommodations;**
- **WHBC Women on Mission Annual Ladies Retreat, Friday, March 20th – Saturday, March 21st @ Camp Kehukee.**
- **Pricilla Shirer Live Simulcast, Saturday, April 25th @ Lisa Witt's Home, a small Group simulcast, \$20/person.**
- **Extraordinary Women's Conf., Friday, October 2nd – Saturday, October 3rd @ Roanoke Civic Center, for discounted rate on tickets, use code **Belvinkroa15** by **March 27th**. It is a good idea to order the Chic-Fil-A lunch when you register. E-Women hotel info will be coming soon.**

See Lisa Witt or Kristie Belvin if you have any questions.

February Nursery Cont'd

Wednesday, Feb. 25 th	Combined	Chelsi Holderfield & April Norris
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The Library Has Moved!!!

Come one, come all, to see the new and improved library at WHBC. Yep, that's right. The library has done some **Sprucing up**, reorganizing of material and we have even moved to a new room. The library is now located in Room 119 next to the water fountain near the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you come by and check us out. We have books for all ages and subjects. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carolyn Dundalow and Mr. Keith Johnson.

