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*Happy New Year and Blessings
In 2015*



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The New Year is upon us and 2015 is full of opportunity for you and for the WHBC family. This time of year many people are making New Year's resolutions, and planning on how their lives will be different in the coming year. Often times, we begin the new year with the best of intentions and then by February, we have let them go by the wayside. Last January, I decided that I needed to lose some weight and began the process to do so. One of the greatest things that I learned along the way was that goals are good but daily progress is better. Often times we give up on our resolutions because we don't meet our goals. The key to success isn't always meeting our goals but rather doing something every day that is profitable towards those goals. I began running on the treadmill last year, and set lofty goals of an hour or 5 miles and many days due to the nature of my schedule, I couldn't hit those goals. However, I could do 20 minutes or get a couple of miles in. Those days were the difference makers because they kept me from being discouraged. I decided that to accomplish something every day was success and it kept me from being discouraged. I want to challenge you spiritually in 2015 to run the race that God has for you. Sure, we would like to accomplish great and lofty things every day. However, what will really make the difference is if we make sure to accomplish something however small, every day. Maybe it's reading a verse of scripture, maybe it's a random act of kindness? Increase your giving by one percent or increase your giving to one percent if you aren't giving at all. These seemingly small choices make all the difference and will win the day in 2015. I know we all have lofty goals this year personally and corporately, but what will get us there is doing the little things every day. Three hundred and 65 days of little things for the kingdom multiplied by the hundreds of members of the body of Christ equals a great impact in this world over the next year. So, I encourage you to be faithful in a few, and know that the Lord entrusts us with the more when we do so. God Bless and Happy New Year!!! **Until He Comes, Jonathan Dundalow, Galatians 6:9**

February Birthdays

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|----|------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 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 S. 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!

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



A Note from the Children's Director

Happy New Year! 2015 is going to be a great year for WHBC Children's Ministry. We are looking forward to what God has in store for the children.

Please join us for these upcoming events:

January 4th WOL Resumes

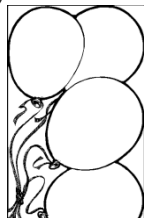
January 11th @ 5:00 PM WOL Fas Car. We request that children bring hot wheel/matchbox cars and friends who have not heard the gospel

January 18th Target for WOL level 2/Silver

I would also like to let everyone know that Good News Club at Sutherland Elementary will be beginning again in February to March. I am looking for willing volunteers to serve each Tuesday. Please let me know if you are available.

HIS servant,
April Norris

Happy Birthday!!!!



**Yours in Christ,
Bonnie**

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!

Music Director Notes

December has truly been an amazing month in the life of Western Heights Baptist Church music ministry. If you are willing. . . God will make you ABLE. . . . So true! I have been blessed to be able to encourage people to sing when they did not think they were able to. . . Both of our Christmas performances were more than I dreamed possible. With the help of our amazing audio and visual team and dedicated choirs, we DID IT!!! Less than 10 minutes after the Adult Cantata, I was asked, "So, what are we going to do for Easter". I'm so grateful that we have so much music to choose from and those so willing to sing with me as Director, and even though I joke about it being "All About Me", I know we sing for the LORD!

As we approach the New Year, I pray for healing in the hearts of those who are hurting, strength for the weak, and disheartened, love to those who do not feel lovely! My husband, Ivan Perkinson, never left anyone that he didn't say, "PEACE". . . So I pray PEACE to all my WHBC friends and family as we enter into His gates with Thanksgiving and into HIS courts with praise and prayer upon our lips. . . . God bless us, everyone and "PEACE" in 2015!

Flowers

Due to low participation and expense, there will no longer be fresh flower arrangements placed in the sanctuary for Sunday Worship service. Seasonal arrangements will be made and placed there starting January 1st. Anyone wishing to place fresh flowers in the sanctuary, can still do so by calling the Flower Mart, 804-732-8267 and ordering directly. Thank you.

WHBC Clothes Closet

As we begin the New Year, I wanted to share with you the blessing that the clothes closet is to me as well as those we have assisted.

There have been times that we did not have the size needed but after looking in bags left in the clothes closet the exact size was there.

This is just one of the ways I have seen GOD work. Someone needed a mattress, bed, sofa, or child's car seat. In all of these cases, I got a call within a matter of days and God fulfilled the need.

Some of those that we have assisted, returned outgrown clothes in exchange for the next size, so you see, the clothes are continued to be passed on for others.

We have touched the lives of many people and these people have touched me. I have met many people that I now call my friends.

I want to extend a special "thank you" to the Sunday School classes that sponsored families during the Christmas season. Each family was very appreciative.

Thank you for supporting this ministry. Without you, and your generosity, we could not fulfill this need. Please continue to pray for each one that we are introduced to, and, not only the physical need, but the spiritual need.

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

Benevolence Committee

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all that provided food for the Virginia Bragan family. Great are the faithful people!

The Benevolent Committee often receives many grateful compliments from the families we serve. I want to pass these compliments on to you. Without your continued support of this ministry (and culinary talents), it would not be possible. If you are interested in becoming a member of this phenomenal team, contact any committee member.

Thank you!
Benevolent Committee

Thought for the Month

Trust an unknown future to a known God.

Notes of Gratitude

To Our Precious Church Family,

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the love and support shown before and after Tim's surgery. You will never know how much it means to us.

Special thanks to Pastor Jon, Charlie Roberts and Donnie Schmidt for the calls and visit.

Tim & Marie Price

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all my "family" at Western Heights for all your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, visits, the delicious food, and errands you ran for me. I don't know what I would have done without you!

Pat Kennedy

Dear Western Heights Family,

We would like to thank you for all the food, cards, calls and prayers for our family during Mama's recent passing. She was a wonderful Mother and such a great role model. We have so many treasured memories to cherish.

Your sincere words of encouragement were such a blessing to us. Praise God for our family of God.

**Sincerely,
"The Haddon Girls"
Penny, Betty, Brenda & Sue**

January Children's Church Volunteers

Date	Volunteers
Jan. 4th	Faith & Jody Driggers & April Norris
Jan. 11th	Craig & April Norris, Karla Baird
Jan. 18th	Samoa Allen, Becky Thomas & April Norris
Jan. 25th	V.J. & Sarah Slade, Melissa D. Connelly

Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 7	Ladies Bible Study, 10 AM & 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study, 6:30 PM
January 11	Fascar Event, 5 PM
January 25	Romania Soup Fund Raiser, 12:30 PM
February 3	Winter Session of Good News Club begins
February 23	WHBC Blood Drive, 3-7 PM
March 20-21	WOM Ladies Retreat @ Camp Kehukee

January Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Sunday, January 4th	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Pam Burton & Donna Temple
	Toddlers	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	3Yr. Olds	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
Sunday, January 4th PM	Combined	Kristie Belvin & Ashley McFarland
Wednesday, Jan. 7th	Combined	April Norris & Judi Tucker
Sunday, January 11th	Birth	Janelle Brown & Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	Chelsi Holderfield & Kathy Tarleton
	Toddlers	James & Charity Burnette
	3Yr. Olds	Ray & Lisa Witt
Sunday, January 11th	Combined	Fas Car – No Nursery
Wednesday, January 14th	Combined Bus. Mtg.	Faith Driggers & Ashley McFarland
Sunday, January 18th	Birth	Michael and Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	Christine Croarkin & Amanda Whirley
	Toddlers	John & Heather Mills
	3 Yr. Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini
Sunday, January 18th	Combined	James & Charity Burnette
Wednesday, January 21st	Combined	Craig & April Norris
Sunday, January 25th	Birth	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Cruisers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	Toddlers	Keith & April Johnson
	3 Yr. Olds	Jennifer Beville & Ashley McFarland
Sunday, January 25th	Combined	Karla Baird & Janelle Brown
Wednesday, January 28th	Combined	April Norris & Jamie Morini

Dear Western Heights Church Family,

Thank you so much for the \$100 bonus you gave me this year! I really appreciate it.

**Thanks,
Trisha Johnson**

Dear WHBC Church Family,

The Staff of Western Heights thanks you for our Christmas bonuses. It certainly came in at a great time during the season of Christmas.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year – 2015!

WHBC Staff

Dear Church Family,

The Norris family would like to say thank you to our Church Family. The recent loss of Craig's Mother, Nancy, was difficult. We are very blessed to be a part of the family of God at WHBC. Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, calls, hugs, and food. It is truly a gift to know and feel your love and support during such a difficult time.

**Sincerely,
Crag, April, and Raleigh Norris**



Happy New Year!!

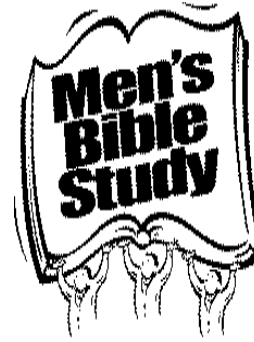
“Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas & progress!”

*“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year” – **Ralph Waldo Emerson***

*“Hope Smiles from the threshold of the year to come, Whispering ‘it will be happier’ – **Alfred Tennyson***

*“Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you have always wanted to do but could not find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you do not think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. You will look 10 years younger. Do not be afraid to say, I love you. Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world” –**Ann Landers***

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and each new year find you a better person.”
- Ben Franklin



***Men and Women Bible Study
Starting Wednesday, January 7th***

***Start the New Year Right Diving into God's
Holy Word***

Join Us for Bible Study

***Ladies: Wed., Jan. 7th, 10 AM & 6:30 PM
Classes***

Men: Jan. 7th, 6:30 PM only