

The Witness

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Happy 4th of July!

So how does God work all things together for good? I think it's pretty simple really. He is the almighty creator of all things and there is no evil in this world that He cannot overcome. So many times we are upset, fearful, and even angry when things are difficult. Yet in those times God is showing us His strength, His faithfulness, and even His love, for this world. Many times we run into people in life that have the Spiritual gift of discouragement. Maybe you can sense the sarcasm in that statement since there is no such gift. However, these individuals seem to watch day and night to try and find problems with their brothers and sisters in Christ. Often times they can't find any so they simply manufacture non issues into problems. I have seen this so many times in Christian circles. I have to say that those attacks and accusations have often gotten me down or made me angry. I do not think anyone likes to be falsely accused or constantly berated? However, as I was thinking about Rom 8:28-29 and trying to consider how God was working everything together for good in these situations, I began to realize multiple ways in which God was working them together for good. I will not share all of those ways but I came to realize personally that the constant threat of attack and accusation always kept me focused on doing what was right and trying to be above reproach. In a way, although painful, God was keeping me safe by the threat of attack. It may sound strange, but, I definitely believe that. Also, God has shown Himself to be strong in the midst of these challenges by protecting and defending. I would not have as much confidence in what God can do if I had never seen Him do it.

So, I want to encourage you that if you are struggling or in the midst of a trial, know that God is with you. He loves you and shepherds you even through what feels like the valley of the shadow of death. If God has you in the fire it's to burn off the impurities in your life and make you more fit for His service. Although, I cannot say I am looking forward to more trials, I am thankful and consider those past as all joy knowing that the testing of my faith produces patience and ultimately righteousness. So then let us let the Lord work as He sees fit in our lives to shape us into the image of His Son Jesus Christ knowing that He works all things together for good!!!

**Until He Comes,
Jonathan Dundalow**

Galatians 6:9

July Birthdays

1	Christopher Adkins	19	Chris Allred
2	Blanche Powell	20	Janet Smith
	Joy Lilly	21	Alex Colbert
	Jennifer Wilson		Paul Dimaio
3	Shannon Ezzell Wells		Todd Leek
	Kathy Tarleton		Travis Phillips
5	Diane Reish		Anna Schmidt
	Mark Shaylor		Stoney Whirley, Sr.
6	Terry Branham		Jenna Yates
	Victoria Dear	22	Evannah Glasscock
8	Samoa Allen	23	Stanley Cornett
10	Ryley Allen	25	Ronnie Pierce
	Keith Drewry		Michael Price
11	Haley Williams	26	Bonnie Conley
12	Leura Kay Armentrout		Jill Thomas
	Marlaiana Rose Gibbs	27	Landon Wood
	Willow Leighann Gibbs	28	Blake Bish
13	Michael Adkins		Brittany Hughes
	Priscilla Gibbs		Mary Williams
	Lynsey Faison	29	Shane Elder
14	Erin Dunn		Michael Kidwell
	Victor Slade, Sr.	31	Whitney Gibbs
15	Billy Mills		Pam Kissner
17	Dewey Harrison		
	Alan Neff		
18	Haley Andrews		
	Fran Denny		

August Birthdays

1	Faith Driggers	20	Helen Casey
3	Nick Brockwell		Lorie Edmonds
	Kurstin Lail		Tyler Reed
5	Shawn Wynn		William "Bill" Rose, Jr.
7	Debbie Mills	21	Carol Beasley
9	Christina Collins		Amy Clement
11	Austin Hudson	22	C. J. Harris
12	Jonathan Wilcox	23	Wanda Gibbs
	Kelly LaPlante		Karmin Mitchell
13	Ray Witt		Matthew Rosson
14	Bryan Walthall	24	Lauren Mitchell Hill
	David Dick	25	Tracy Adkins

	Dee L. Beville, Jr.		Gabrielle Bostic
	Ryan Lester		Rhonda Chapman
15	Billy Cizek	26	Stoney Lee Whirley, Jr.
	Zoe Sparks		Chris Volhardt
16	Francis Davis	27	Thomas Adkins
17	Pamela Wilson		Neal Barnes
18	Zackery Gower		Robert Leggett
	Jeffrey Baird	28	Shirley I. Van Scyoc
	Alice Bomurski	29	Sam Barton
	Savannah Rose Chapman		Cameron Lamm
	Kit Russell	30	Daniel Beville
	Ron Sowers		John Howard
		31	Ruby Godbehere



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!

July Children's Church Volunteers

Date	Volunteers
July 5 th	Michelle Stech & Linda Sullivan, April Norris
July 12 th	Mike & Megan Demaline, Rachel Wynn
July 19 th	Jason & Austin Hudson, April Norris
July 26 th	Leslie Bostic & Pam Burton, April Norris

Welcome New Members!!

We have four new people joining WHBC: Alex Perkinson has joined by statement and Connie Warfield, has requested membership by letter from Faith Baptist, Prince George. Sydney & Tucker Hudson (brother & sister), have requested membership to WHBC by baptism.

Please welcome them to our body of believers and pray for Alex , Connie & Sydney and Tucker as they continue their spiritual journey with the Lord.

WOM New Prayer Leader

The WOM is pleased to announce the appointment of our new Prayer Leader, Rachel Mitchell. We believe she will offer vitality, creativity, and the dedication needed. Please support her in her new position and we thank you, Rachel, for answering God's call as our new Prayer Leader! God bless you! **Philippians 4:6-7**

WHBC Blood Drive, July 20th

We will have another blood drive on Monday, July 20th from 3-7 PM. All those interested in giving blood can contact Trisha Johnson for an appointment or just come and they will work you in. Remember to drink plenty of water and eat some iron type foods!

Please plan to come and help save a life!!

Thanks and God Bless You!



Welcome Summer!

Many of us will be on vacation now that school is out, so I am praying that all will have a fun, safe time while spending time with our families. God has entrusted us with many gifts and talents and I would like to encourage you to share them with Western Heights Baptist Church. Our choirs will still be rehearsing and singing throughout the summer and I do encourage you, if you have ever thought of being a choir member but cannot do it throughout the year, take this summer to join us and sing for the pure enjoyment of it and give God the glory! This goes as well for the children and youth. . .

Bonnie

Isaiah 12:5-6 The Message (MSG)

⁵⁻⁶ "Sing praise-songs to GOD. He's done it all!
Let the whole earth know what he's done!
Raise the roof! Sing your hearts out, O Zion!
The Greatest lives among you: The Holy of Israel."

[The Message](#) (MSG)

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Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 1	Senior Adult Bible Study, 1:00 PM Wed. Night Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 PM
July 3	Church offices closed due to 4 th Holiday
July 6	Deacon's Meeting, 7 PM
July 8	Business Meeting & Prayer, 6:30 PM
July 13-17	Centri-Kid Camp, Middleton, MD
July 15	Senior Adult Bible Study, 1 PM

Wed. Night Bible Study and Prayer, 6:30 PM
July 18-24 World Changers/P2 Missions
July 20 WHBC-hosted Blood Drive, 3-7 PM
July 22 Senior Adult Bible Study, 1:00PM
Wed. Night Bible Study & Prayer, 6:30 PM
July 29 Senior Adult Bible Study, 1:00 PM
Wed. Night Bible Study & Prayer, 6:30 PM

Thought for the Month

Education should give a student a strong body with which to work; an imagination to appreciate the beautiful; a heart of love; an intellect to think; a conscience for rightness; a spiritual attitude that acknowledges and worships God.

By Earl Riney

Notes of Gratitude

Staff & Congregation,

We want to thank you for all the support you provided to our family upon the death of Virginia Price. She loved Western Heights Baptist Church. We shall long remember the caring and comfort you provided us.

Ed & Pat

Thank you for the kind words & delicious desserts.

It was so nice of you to think about us. Also, we loved the handwritten notes & pictures that the children sent us.

Thanks again!

Lorraine Campbell & Brenda Brown

“Bright Stars”

Thank you for all the delicious goodies and the kind thoughts and letters.

You have blessed us today. What a wonderful way to start “Teacher Appreciation Day 2015”.

**Love,
The Faculty & Staff at
Southside Elementary School**

Dear WHBC Family,

Thank you so much for all the love, support, calls, flowers, visits & food during Susan’s sudden passing.

Thank you Pastor Jon & Cindy for your comfort at a very difficult time. Thank you Pastor for a very nice service. Thanks Morgan for your special contribution.

Thanks to the Benevolence Committee and those who provided food for the meal following the service. Also, thanks to the support staff for their hard work.

**In His Name,
Ronnie & Taryn Goodwin**

WHBC Committees’ Job Descriptions

If you are interested in seeing what a committee’s responsibilities pertain to please look on the bulletin board across Kathy Whirley’s Sunday School Classroom. They are highlighted in yellow.

Thank you in advance for your interest in giving of your time and talents for the Lord.

The Nominating Committee

Fireworks Safety Tips

- *Don't lean over fireworks when lighting*
- *Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks*
- *Point fireworks away from homes, dry grass & brush & bushes, leaves and flammable substances (all objects that will burn or fireworks will do damage to).*
- *Do not try to relight an unfired firecracker*
- *Do not let children handle fireworks unattended (even sparklers) as they get up to 1,200 degrees! Glows sticks are good for children to use & they can be just as fun!*
- *Have a hose or bucket nearby to douse out a possible fire.*
- *Best idea – leave the fireworks to the professionals & enjoy the show!*

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!!!

WHBC Weekly Schedule

SUN.

8:00 am Brotherhood Breakfast (2d Sun.)	12:00 pm Super Seniors (3 rd Tues)
9:45 am Sunday School	
11:00 am Morning Worship	6:00pm Adult Choir Practice
5:00pm One Church Bible Study	7:00pm Orchestra Practice

WOL & Youth Bible Study

WED.

1:00pm Senior Adult Bible Study

**No Evening Services in July
No Brotherhood Breakfasts months
of July and August**

6:30pm Wed. Night & Prayer
Business Mtg. (2d Wed)

2d Mon.

7:00 pm Deacon's Mtg
Children in Action

Children's Choir Practice
Youth Bible Study
(7th- 12th)

7 :00pm Youth Choir Practice

4th of July – Independence Day

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the 13 colonies from Great Britian occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the US independent from Great Britian. After voting for independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a committee of five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author, Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4th. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife, Abigail:

“The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns bells, bonfires, & illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.”Letters from John Adams to Abigail, 3 July 1776, Adams Family Papers, Mass. Historical Society

Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, signers of the Declaration of Independence, later to serve as presidents, died on the same day, July 4th, 1826