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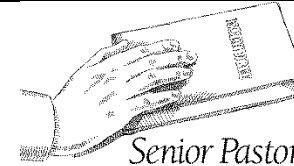
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Easter is right around the corner and I am so excited! This Easter Sunday, April 5th, we will be worshipping in two services at 830, and 11 with Bible Fellowship at 9:45. Also, that Sunday there will be a breakfast at 7:30 that everyone is invited to attend. I hope that this Easter you will not only plan to attend, but I hope you will take this opportunity to invite someone to join you. Surveys have shown that when you invite your friends to attend church with you they are twice as likely to attend then if a stranger invites them. Also, by inviting them on a major holiday like Easter, it raises their chances of attending exponentially. Over the next month as the ground thaws and the snow stops falling, I hope we will get out into our community and share not only the Gospel of Christ but a warm invitation to WHBC. I have to say that our fellowship is becoming more inviting every day and our reputation in the community is growing in a positive way.

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Recently, I saw someone online ask about where they should attend church. There were many suggestions but WHBC was mentioned multiple times in very positive ways. What made it so special was that these individuals were not all church members either. I hope these types of things encourage you to do something kind for your neighbor this week in the name of Jesus. After all, we love WHBC and realize that promoting the work of the Lord here is important. However, loving the Lord is the greatest commandment and our reason for living. So let's make our lives count and work hard to exalt our Savior as we prepare to celebrate His sacrifice on the cross. God bless you all and see you Sunday!!!

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



Sunday, March 8th

Spring up one hour on Saturday before you go to bed, March 7th so you won't be late for church Sunday morning! Happy Spring!!

April Birthday List

| | | | |
|----|-----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Michelle R. Stech | 18 | Michael Via |
| 2 | Joseph "Joe" Keeney | 20 | Jennifer Baird Key |
| 3 | Jessica Neddo | | Dan Martin |
| 4 | James Underhill | 22 | Gilbert Marek |
| | Linda Lewis | | Patricia Johnson |
| 5 | Howard Brandon | | Shelley Danels |
| | April Norris | | Marie Price |
| 6 | Layne Michael Spencer | 23 | Brooke Mitchell |
| | James "Matt" Via | | Otis Hill, Jr. |
| 7 | Richard McCoy | | Justin Brown |
| 8 | Jesse Wray | 24 | Kenneth Silvey |
| | J.D. Steele | | Gloria Staples |
| 9 | Patrick Antkowiak | 26 | Heather M. Whirley |
| | Mike Beals | 27 | Lauren Boyd |
| 10 | Rebecca "Becky" | | Daniel Lipford |
| | Thomas | | |
| 12 | Elbert Townsend, Jr. | | Gerald (Sam) Berry |
| 13 | Camille Fischer. | | Julie Massey |
| | Harper Mills | | Elaina Renee' Orton |
| 14 | Meredith Ligon | 28 | Haley Ramsey |
| 15 | April Cothron Price | | Sharon Wade |
| | Colby Slade | 29 | Mike Freeman |
| 16 | Vicki Evans-Reith | 30 | Johanna C. Munford |
| | Katie Leggett | | Rachel Mitchell |
| 17 | Sherry Breeden | | Seth Seay |
| 19 | Dave Barton | | |

March Birthdays

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|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 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 | | |

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

Calling all families...calling all families... Come one and come all. Get involved! See what we are all about.

***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, "Halleluiaah, What a Savior" @ 5:00

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

***April 18th** – Children's Spring Event ---SKYZONE!!! We will leave church at 9:10 for a 10:30 jump time. We will jump for 1 hour and stop for pizza at Cici's. Cost per child will be \$8. Please sign up if you plan to attend. (we will be in need of several adults to be chaperones ☺) We should return to church at 1:30. All children must have a electronic waiver filled out. Go to <https://richmondstore.skyzone.com/waiver/>

***April 26th** – Final awards for WOL @ 5:00 - We would love to have our church family come to watch the children receive their awards and share in a nacho dinner.

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the delicious food, cards, call, visits and abundance of love that was shown during our mother's illness and upon her death. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

**With Grateful Hearts,
Family of Doris L. Harrison**

Dear Western Heights Church Family,

To all who selflessly contributed to the Romania Mission Trip that is soon to be; I thank you from the bottom of my heart. There was a 14-month period of financial distress, and God called me to go. You responded to the need. The Apostle Paul quoted Psalm 112:9;

As it is written:

*"He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever."*

Joe Keeney

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

Come out Saturday 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.

Note from the WHBC Clothes Closet

We have been extra busy during these last few weeks. We have been able to help two families that had house fires and many that needed warm coats and clothes. We are in need of children's clothing for the winter. All sizes are needed.

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 my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

March Nursery Workers

| Date | Area | Nursery Volunteers |
|--|------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday, March 1 st | Birth | Michael & Amanda Spencer |
| | Cruisers | Christine & John Croarkin |
| | Toddlers | Shawn & Rachel Wynn |
| | 3 Yr. Olds | Tim & Jamie Morini |
| Sunday PM, March 1 st | Combined | Stephanie Batey & Ashley McFarland |
| Wednesday, March 4 th | Combined | Barbara McCoy & Donna Temple |
| Sunday, March 8 th | Birth | Donnie & Leslie Bostic |
| | Cruisers | Donna Temple & Jennifer Wilson |
| | Toddlers | Marty & Karla Baird |
| | 3 Yr. Olds | Bryan & Ashley McFarland |
| Sunday PM, March 8 th | Combined | Stephanie Batey & Jamie Morini |
| Wednesday, March 11 th Business Mtg. | Combined | Faith Driggers & Donna Temple |
| Sunday, March 15 th | Birth | Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs |
| | Cruisers | Lea & Rachel Mitchell |
| | Toddlers | Keith & April Johnson |
| | 3 Yr. Olds | Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas |
| Sunday, March 15 th | Combined | Karla Baird & Rachel Wynn |
| Sunday PM, March 22 nd | Birth | Shaun & Melanie Orton |
| | Cruisers | Jarrett & Johanna Munford |
| | Toddlers | Christie Leggett & Diane Reish |
| | 3 Yr. Olds | Samoa Allen & Becky Pierce |
| Sunday PM, March 22 nd Children's Easter Musical | Combined | No Nursery |
| Wednesday, March 25 th | Combined | Chelsi Holderfield & Judi Tucker |

Brotherhood Notes

The next Brotherhood Breakfast is Sunday, March 15th at 8 AM. Hope you will come and join us for the good food and fellowship. On Saturday, March 21st the men will meet at the church at 8 AM to cut wood. Please come if you can. Thank you!

Bingo Presents for the Nursery Home

As many of you know, Henry & Carolyn Hogue help with the bingo games at Dinwiddie Health Care. They are in need of presents for bingo winners! Some suggested items:

Socks, sockies, brush & comb, little packs of tissues, snacks (cookies, chips, candy (for those that can eat it), etc. Compact puzzles, books, coloring books, crayons, baby dolls, magazines, old magazines/newspapers from the 40's or 50's to bring back good memories. Writing tablets, pens, lap blankets, weaved baskets to put items in, memo sheets, stationary, and stamped envelopes, pretty inspirational bookmarks or pretty pictures or poems on them, compact reading lights, stuffed animals, sweat shirts, powder, etc.

You can bring your gifts to the church office or give to Henry and Carolyn.

Thank you for helping with this great mission!

Thought for the Month

Live prayerfully. The life you save may be your own.



WHBC Births

We have three new additions to our WHBC church family. Three boy babies born in January & February:

Congratulations to Lauren & Ethan Hill on the birth their new son, Callum Elliott Hill, born Wednesday, January 21st weighing 7 lbs, 14 oz. and 21 inches long.

Congratulations to Steven & Amanda Whirley on the birth of their son, Shane LeeRoy Whirley, born on Friday, January 23rd at 2:45 PM weighing 5 lbs, 8 oz. and 19 3/4 inches long.

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Congratulations to Jason & Lori Sturt on the birth of their new son, Gunner Michael Sturt, born Tuesday, February 3rd, weighing 8 lbs, 8 oz., & 20.5 inches long.

March Nursery Cont'd

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| Sunday, March 29th | Birth | Levi & Vera Mitchell |
| | Cruisers | Mike & Megan Demaline |
| | Toddlers | Jody & Faith Driggers |
| | 3 Yr. Olds | Keith & Debbie Schmidt |
| Sunday, March 29th Adult Easter Musical | Combined | Stephanie Batey & April Norris |

March Children's Church Volunteers

| Date | Volunteers |
|------------------------------|--|
| March 1st | Leslie Bostic & Pam Burton, April Norris |
| March 8th | No Children's Church |
| March 15th | Mike & Megan Demaline, Christie Leggett |
| March 22nd | Jason & Austin Hudson, April Norris |
| March 29th | John & Heather Mills, April Norris |



Our Blood Drive on February 23rd was another success!! We had 42 people come out to donate blood and got 42 good units saving 126 lives. Praise God for this life saving event and our next blood drive is May 15th.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Many folk ask the question, "Why is the Shamrock the National Flower of Ireland?" Saint Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagans. Saint Patrick worked & strived to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. St. Patrick described himself as a "most humble minded man, pouring forth continuous thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped idols and unclean things had become the people of God."

The story holds that he converted the warrior chiefs and princes baptizing them and thousands of their subjects in the "Holy Wells" that still bear his name.

Saint Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish; anything green, and gold, shamrocks and luck most importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for prayers for missionaries worldwide.

Why it is celebrated on March 17th is that it is the day that St. Patrick died. With the exception of restaurants and pubs, almost all businesses close on March 17th in Ireland as a celebrated religious holiday, as well as, many Irish attend mass, where March 17th is the traditional day for offering prayers for missionaries worldwide before the serious celebrating begins.

While St. Patrick's Day is not designated as a National Holiday, it is celebrated by many people, especially those of Irish descent.

Women on Mission News

Hello Prayer Warriors! Please visit often the Prayer Garden. There is a new "praying wall," and when the weather breaks, there will be new flowers planted. We have appreciated the reality that several have been using the Prayer Garden, and may it continue! Also, ladies we have reached the halfway mark with our Prayer Partners! We hope this experience has been a blessing for you all and that we can continue to pray for many things as a result of the Prayer Garden and our Prayer Partners. Thank you all for your support!

Also, 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.

- **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.**

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

Events Coming Up at WHBC

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| March 1-8 | Week of Prayer Annie Armstrong Missions & Offering |
| March 2 | Deacon's Meeting, 7 PM |
| March 4 | Ladies' Bible Study – 10 AM & 6:30 PM (Final Session) |
| | Men's Bible Study, 6:30 PM |
| March 6-7 | Angela Thomas' Beautiful Life Conf. |
| March 7 | World changers/P2 Missions Spaghetti Dinner, 6 PM |
| March 8 | Daylight Savings Time |
| March 11 | Business & Prayer Meeting, 6:30 PM |
| March 15 | Brotherhood Breakfast, 8 AM (A Reschedule) |
| March 20-21 | WOM Ladies Retreat @ Camp Kehukee |
| March 22 | Children's Easter Musical, 5 PM |
| March 28 | Easter Egg Hunt (Preschool), 10 AM |
| March 28 | Widows & Widowers Banquet, 6 PM |
| March 29 | Palm Sunday Adult Choir Easter Musical, 5 PM |



Easter Sunday Services, April 5th

Two Worship Services

7:30 am Breakfast for Everyone
(Bring a guest)

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Bible Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

No Evening Services

**The Cross is the only Ladder high enough to touch
heaven.**

Accept Jesus Today!