

# Memorial Day May 25<sup>th</sup>

## Honoring our Fallen Heroes

Go ye to the graves and decorate,  
Place flags for our boys who have died;  
Kneel down and say prayers for your  
loved ones,  
But know they're still by your side!

Gertrude Tooley Buckingham  
“Memorial Day – 1945”

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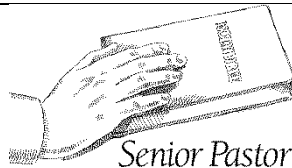
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May 2015



So far 2015 has been a great year for WHBC! I am not referring to the copious amounts of ministry that has taken place so far this year as you might imagine. I am however referring to the Spirit in which our church is working together. I cannot say enough about the individuals in leadership positions who are working hard to support one another. I am simply overwhelmed by the desire of each committee and group to support the common goal that we have of reaching the world with the Gospel message. I have seen staff and lay persons alike change, rearrange, and sacrifice their schedules and their own personal desires for the greater good of the Body of Christ! I am so thankful to each of you for developing this sacrificial attitude in your heart and fostering it in our congregation. I believe that when we put our personal wants and desires on hold in order to accomplish a greater good that we are becoming more and more like Christ.

With all of the encouraging things that have been happening so far in 2015, I am anticipating a great Revival Week, June 7-10.

### June Birthday List

- |    |                    |    |                          |
|----|--------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Frank Piotrowski   | 20 | Robert Antkowiak         |
|    | Charles Veazey     |    | Helen Chappell           |
|    | Shaun Orton        |    | Jean Roberts             |
|    | Frank Piotrowski   |    | Wynonah Thomas           |
| 2  | Calvin Adkins      |    | Wallace Twombly          |
|    | Jennifer Whirley   | 22 | Kellie Lester            |
| 3  | LeAnn Harrison     |    | Crystal Lamm             |
| 4  | Judy Phillips      |    | David Dundalow           |
| 5  | Tom Loden          |    | Samuel Mitchell          |
|    | Kaysea Ramsey      |    | Amy Wright               |
| 7  | Joyce Holley       | 23 | Florence Moon            |
| 8  | Mildred Pride      |    | Bobby Olgers             |
| 9  | Jeanne Lester Rose |    | Jeremy Scott             |
|    | Dwen Marek         | 24 | Patricia "Patty" Beville |
|    | Summer Rush        |    | Timothy Dundalow         |
|    | Katelyn Schmidt    |    | Natalie Francis          |
|    | Micheal Wright     |    | Steven Owens             |
| 11 | Linda Cothron      | 25 | Tara Phillips            |
| 13 | Roger Sullivan     |    | Andrea A. Beville        |
| 14 | Darrin Munford     | 26 | Tracy Dorgan             |
| 17 | Becky Antkowiak    |    | Donald Schmidt           |
|    | Jason Mann         | 27 | Brooke Glasscock Dimaio  |
|    | Brayden Mann       | 28 | Shea Danels              |
|    | Carissa Nichols    |    | Anna Keeney              |
| 18 | Thomas Gunn        | 29 | Tracy Guyette            |
|    | Donna Boyd         | 30 | Barbara Blankenship      |
|    | Rebecca F. Wilcox  |    | Charles Lively           |
| 19 | Tabatha Berry      |    |                          |
|    | Virginia Bragan    |    |                          |
|    | Bessie Munford     |    |                          |

**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!**

## May Birthday List

1	Jeana Finch Brooks	18	Keith Johnson
	John Squires	19	Vivian Conley
	Paul Weyforth		Billy Gibbs
2	Heather Schmidt		Jennifer Simmons
3	Dennis Hoylman	20	Steve Armentrout
5	Butch Henshaw	22	Jordan Brown
	Alan Kissner	23	Nelson Crance, Jr.
6	Nikki Daniels	24	Richard Chappell
	Rainey Cothron		Brack Dunn
	Benjamin Perkinson	25	Aredda Mitchell
7	Becky Pierce		Gail Miller
8	Tim Morini		Bryan Russell
	Pat Kennedy	26	Thomas Russell
	Susan Nauseef		Mary Overton
9	Paul Branch, IV	27	Ronald Shelton
	Gerald Brown		Shirley Harrison
	Ashley McCormick		Karen Slade
10	Kenneth Whirley, Jr	28	Danian Matthew Clark
	Taryn Goodwin	29	Marian Gunn
12	Christopher Bishop		Angela Daniels
	John Glass		Lana Grace Spencer
13	Courtney Sodat	30	Kristie Belvin
	Becky Sowers		Jonathan Dundalow
	Sarah Slade		Robert Tucker
	Michael Spencer		Jason Whirley
	Karly Wynn	31	Jennifer Beville
14	Rudy Phelps		Paul Branch, III
15	Francine Schmidt		Carolyn Dundalow
	Allen Staples		Steve Schmidt
	Margaret Howard		
17	Amy Ruddick		
	George Silvey		
	Jean Carter		
	Lola Holley		
	Karen Myers		
	Josh Via		



Rev. Steve Freeman will be with us for that week and we all need to begin praying that the Lord is going to do a special work through him in our lives. I know there will be some special days of prayer leading up to these services so please look for the announcements about them in the bulletin.

As I conclude my article this month, I simply want to say good job! Let's keep up the good work and pray that the Lord will not allow the enemy to creep in and cause disruption. Let's focus on the task at hand and continue in our love for God and for one another. To God be the Glory!!!

**Until He Comes,**

**Jonathan Dundalow, Galatians 6:9**



## A Note from the Children's Director

Wait! Where did the month of April go? Headed in to the month of May already! I can't believe how fast the months are flying by. I am so grateful for those of you who came out to support our WOL kids this past Sunday night. We are (as always) looking for a few good workers! There are spaces to be filled in the nursery as well as in VBS. Please consider where God would have you to serve. Please take the time to register your children for VBS @westernheightsbaptistchurch.org. In order to simplify we have gone to all online registration. If you need help with this process come see me or call me! This registration is for adults and youth who plan to volunteer as well 😊

## Important Dates:

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – VBS Workers Meeting @ 3:00-4:30. There will be a Child Abuse Prevention Course to follow the meeting.

-New spring /summer schedule begins on 5/3

Sunday nights 5-6 pm we will meet on the following nights  
(May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>).

The children will be learning the VBS music and practicing skits to be presented during the VBS week

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** - Following the morning service, there will be a Child Abuse Prevention Course. This course is for all who work with or plan to work with children here at WHBC. The course is only needed once and takes about 45 minutes to complete.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**- VBS set up—following the morning service, we will begin to prepare for VBS the following day. All VBS workers should plan to stay and help with the set up. We will also be in need of some strong backs to help with moving furniture. We will not be having evening service on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to come out and help us get ready for the children of this community...our community 😊

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** will be our VBS family night. I will be in need of some help for the cookout and clean up. Please let me know if this is something that you can do.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**- Beginning at 12:30, we will have to tear down and reset all furniture for the following Sunday. VBS workers are responsible to tear down their own rooms. We will be in need of some extra help this day as well.

## “His Little Feet” Choir Coming

His Little Feet Choir will be joining us May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM, and we need seven (7) more host homes for the children (each home will host two children with a chaperone). Please consider opening your home; they sleep together in one room and we have air mattresses available if necessary. I promise they will bless you more than you can imagine.

As a reminder, we will need housing for 3 nights – 5/12, 5/13 and 5/14/15. If you're interested in hosting or would like to provide food, please call Becky Antkowiak at 804-898-1829.

Thanks so much for showing God's love to these representatives of Jesus' heart for orphans.

If you could host one or two or more His Little Feet choir members, or bring food, please let Becky Antkowiak know at 898-1829. Thank you!

## **Revival at WHBC starting Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please pray for Brother Freeman as revival draws closer!  
Revival is a time for all of us to examine our hearts and our relationships with the Lord.

**Bring a relative, friend, coworker, or neighbor!**

### **Welcome Horace & Stewart to WHBC!!**

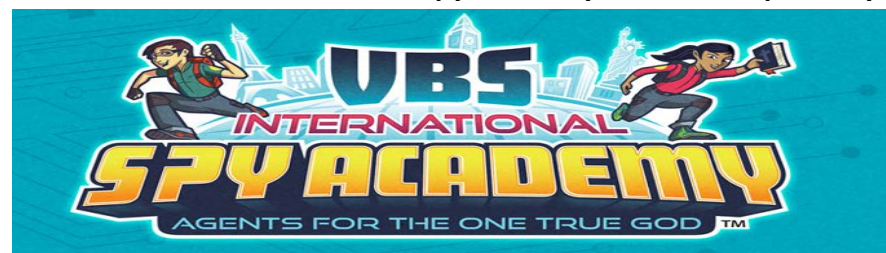
We have two people who have expressed their faith in Jesus Christ. Horace Fenderson III has requested membership to WHBC by letter of transfer from Pine Grove Baptist, and Stewart O'Brien accepts Christ as his savior and requests baptism to confirm his faith.

Please pray for Horace and Stewart as they continue their walk with the Lord.

I know what you are thinking, I want to work VBS but can't do every day....Just let me know your availability and I will plug you in to an open spot. Sometimes volunteers have to call at the last second to say they can't come. I may be able to plug you in to that spot to bridge the gap.

***You could save the day!!***

**VBS –15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> International Spy Academy! 9am-12:00 pm daily**



VBS tee shirts will be available in youth sizes S, M, L as well as Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL, 2x and 3x. Shirts will be \$10 each with all profit going to the VBS offering. I will begin taking orders on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We do ask that you pay for the shirts when you place the order. Thank you all so much for your support of the largest Children's Ministry event of the Year!!

**His servant,**

**April Norris**

## Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 1-2	Children in Action Overnighter (PBA)
May 3	New Member's classes begin @ 9:45 AM VBS Teacher's Workers Meeting, 3:00 PM Child Abuse Prevention Course following Meeting Sunday Night Services (5-6 PM)
May 4	Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 PM
May 6	Senior Adult bible Study, 1 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting, 8 PM
May 9	Youth Ministry Bowling & Ice Cream Outing, 1-4 PM
May 10	"Mother's Day" – Happy Mother's Day
May 13	Senior Adult Bible Study, 1 PM His Little Feet Choir Presentation, 6:30 PM
May 18	WHBC-hosted Blood Drive, 3-7 PM
May 20	Senior Adult bible Study, 1 PM Business & Prayer Meeting, 6:30 PM
May 25	"Memorial Day" – Church Offices Closed
May 27	Senior Adult Bible Study, 1 PM Wednesday Night bible Study, 6:30 PM
June 7	Spring Revival with Rev. Steve Freeman (11 am and 5 PM, Sunday, Mon.-Wed. 630 PM) & Baptismal Sunday "Friend Day Sunday" – bring a friend, Neighbor, or relative to church.

## WHBC Softball Team Schedule 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teams Playing</u>
Tues., May 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm 7:25pm	WHBC vs. Highland Meth. Highland Meth. vs. WHBC
Tues., May 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm 7:25pm	The Heights – Green vs. WHBC WHBC vs. The Heights-Green
Tues., May 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm 7:25pm	WHBC vs. Community Christian Fellowship Community Christian Fellowship vs. WHBC
Tues., Jun. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:20pm 9:15pm	The Heights – Blue vs. WHBC WHBC vs. The Heights- Blue
Tues., Jun. 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm 7:25pm	Mt. Pleasant Bapt. vs. WHBC WHBC vs. Mt. Pleasant Bapt.
Mon., Jun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:20pm 9:15pm	Calvary Bapt. vs. WHBC WHBC vs. Calvary Bapt.
Tues., Jun. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:20pm 9:15pm	WHBC vs. Christian Life Christian Life vs. WHBC
Tues., Jun. 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:20pm 9:15pm	Highland Meth. vs. WHBC WHBC vs. Highland Meth.

***Good Luck WHBC Softball Team!!***

Dear Church Family,

My family and I truly appreciate all of the prayers and support we've received from each of you.

Thank you Vera, Samoa & Diane for taking time to bring us food and to all of you for pitching in to make Brailyn & Ryker feel special also!

**God Bless,**

**Bruce & Megan Faulkner  
& Kids**

**Blood Drive, Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00 – 7:00 PM**

WHBC to host another Blood Drive, Monday, 3-7 PM. Please contact Trisha Johnson if you can give blood and she will set up a time that is convenient for you. If you do not want to schedule a time, please come anyway and we will be glad to take your blood.

The life you save could be your own! God bless you for giving to this much needed cause.

## **May Children's Church Volunteers**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Samoa Allen & Becky Thomas, Ashley McFarland
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup> "Mother's Day"</b>	Craig & April Norris
<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	V. J. & Sarah Slade, April Norris
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Karla Baird & Donna Temple, Melissa Connelly
<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>No Children's Church</b>

## ***Baby Bottle Blessings***

*May 10<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day –*

*June 21<sup>st</sup> (Father's Day)*

- ♥ *Pick up a colorful bottle on Mother's Day*
- ♥ *Fill the bottle up with change, cash or checks*
- ♥ *Bring the bottle back to church on Father's Day*

*All proceeds are tax deductible and will benefit the Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities. Thank you for your donations!*

## May Nursery Workers

Date	Area	Nursery Volunteers
Sunday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Birth	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	3 Yr. Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini
Sunday 5 PM, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Combined	Karla Baird & Janelle Brown
Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	April Johnson & Lisa Witt
Sunday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> "Mother's Day"	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Jennifer Wilson
	Toddlers & 3 yr. Olds	Jody & Faith Driggers
Sunday PM, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	<b>No Evening Service</b>
Wednesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> "His Little Feet Choir"	Combined	
Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Janelle Brown & Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	Chelsi Holderfield & Kathy Tarleton
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas
Sunday PM, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Kristie Belvin & Ashley McFarland
Wednesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> Business Meeting -rescheduled	Combined	Melissa Dear & Donna Temple
Sunday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Cruisers	John & Christine Croarkin
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	John & Heather Mills
Sunday PM May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Jamie Morini & Rachel Wynn
Wednesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Christie Leggett & Judi Tucker

## Notes of Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, delivery of food, all the visits with encouragement and the use of medical equipment before and after my back surgery. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed with a wonderful and caring church family.

**With Much Love,  
The Price/Cothron Family**

Dear Church Family,

Special thanks to Pastor Jon for visiting with me at the hospital every day I was there. Thank you my church family for the visits, cards and most importantly, your prayers, during my illness and recuperation. While I am not 100 percent healed, I am able to get out and still need yours prayers for continued healing.

**Sincerely,  
Susan Goodwin**

Dear Western Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to our church fire relief fund.

Christian friends caring and praying is God's gift to us.

Please pray with us that we might be the beauty out of ashes God desires us to be.

**God Bless,  
Meadows of Dan Baptist Church**



## *Happy Mother's Day*

*May 10<sup>th</sup>*

*We will honor our mothers on Sunday,*

*May 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but, a woman that Feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.*

*Proverbs 31:30*

### *Thought for the Month*

It's bad to lose money, worse to lose a friend, and if you lose faith you've lost it all!

## May Nursery Workers Cont'd

Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	Toddlers	Marty & Karla Baird
	3 Yr. Olds	Ashley McFarland & Amanda Whirley
Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Combined	<b>No Evening Services</b>
Wednesday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Combined	Ashley McFarland & Barbara McCoy



The Ruth Class is still collecting nonperishable food items for the Dinwiddie food bank. Please make sure that packages of food have not been opened. Thank you &

Thank you for your donations.