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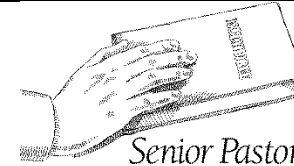
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September 2014



The fall is finally here and we are gearing up for another great year here at WHBC with new committees, budgets, and scheduling for the 2014-15 year. I hope if you are on a new committee that you will begin with prayer. Not only prayer that the Lord will guide you as a group, but also prayer that He will protect you and your groups from the enemy. We know that the enemy is going to try to bring chaos to God's plan over the next year but we also know that God is greater than any enemy we may face. Since God is abundantly able to accomplish all things we need to seek His face and ask for His direction through prayer. I also encourage you over the next year to determine where God wants you to be serving. We all know that God has a plan for our lives and some things He wants us to do are pretty obvious. Such as, we need to worship, give, and serve Him. However, specifically where He

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wants us to serve often times becomes a difficult question to answer. I would encourage you to be in prayer about where the Lord wants you to serve in the next year.

There are still some positions available on committees but there are also opportunities to serve behind the scenes with Good News Clubs, Nursery, Brotherhood, Women on Mission, Block Party, Word of Life, Youth, etc. I know that God has equipped us for every good work and I pray that we will get to work fulfilling His calling on our lives. September 17th we will be kicking off our new Wednesday night program and begin with a Bible Study by Dr. Danny Aiken on Biblical Marriage in a Broken World. If you have not signed up please do so on the bulletin board outside of the pastor's office. Also don't forget that revival is in the near future and Dr. Brian Autry will be with us October 19th- 22nd. Please plan on being here to hear what the Lord is going to share with us through Dr. Autry.

In conclusion, I want to encourage us all to get ready for a great year! We are seeing summer come to a close but our church year is just heating up. So let's work hard and pray hard as we prepare to serve the Lord together in 2014-2015.

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

## **October Birthday List**

1	Teresa Harrison Lea Mitchell	16	Karen Ventimiglia Phillip Morini, Jr.
2	Kimberly Price Ronald Goodwin	17	Ricky Fallin Shirley Underhill
3	Susan Loden		Chad Underhill
4	Rose Dooley Wanda Motley	18	Layla Berry Craig Norris
5	Anne Cizek		Rebecca R. Wilkerson
7	Heath Lane	19	Chris Underhill
8	Sherry Clemens Patty D. Piotrowski	20	Brandy Finch
	Susan Goodwin	21	Kim Kidwell
	Austin Mostoller	22	Rick Brockwell JoAnna L. Dundalow
	Michael Rickman	23	David Spain
9	Rebecca R. Haase Tim Price	24	Candice Lane
10	Judith Wolfrey Ricky Allen	26	Howard Burnette, Sr. Williard Nunnally
11	John A. Eubank George Dooley	27	Cathy Branch Crystal Ford
12	Helen Heller Judy Branch	28	Nicki Adkins William Cogle
	Nathan Daniels	30	Mitzi Branham
14	Laura Dunn Hudson Lane	31	Amanda Whirley
15	Judy McGregor Dana Gibbs		

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

## September Birthday List

1	Heather Hughes Jackie Wells	17	John Croarkin Billy Spain
2	Elizabeth Branch Judy Pierce		Cannan Mills Bryan McFarland
3	Eva Petree Doolittle Jody Driggers Tori Sanders	18	Jerald Stallings Jonathan Flack Jennifer Lail
4	Paul Leslie Reda Demaline	20	Allen Marshall
5	Jamie Morini Cheryl Strawmyer	21	Betty Barnes Danielle Dickenson Wyatt Lail
8	Michele Fee Patsy Westmoreland	22	Corey Grant
9	Kenny Ezzell Karla Baird Wayne Boyd Nathan Kissner	23	Dawn Twombly
11	Phyllis Chobanian Martin Dorgan Caitlin Neddo Blayne Tucker	24	Marty Burks Tim Reish Berkley Simmons
12	Chris Price Jeff Christian	26	Lynda Slade Barbara Huddleston Alma McMillion
13	Jordan Lafoon Michelle Joyce Reed Marie Lively	28	Jeffrey Lail Cody Mills
15	Anna Heller Clark Donna Temple	29	Patricia Crance Amy Underhill
16	Doris Harrison Becky Harris	30	Janelle Brown Mark Gower Kevin Kissner Scott Wynn



## A Note from the Children's Director

It seems like yesterday that we were “celebrating summer” and now we are getting ready to send the children back to school. I want to ask you all to be in prayer for the students, teachers, parents, administrators and bus drivers. It used to be a no brainer to send your children off to class knowing that they would be safe. That is no longer the case, we must rely on God for His strength to get us through. We must put them into His arms and trust His plan. Cast all your anxieties on Him, for He cares for you. Pray also for our teachers, they face some of the same fears. Pray that their lessons will be clear and understood. Pray that they will be open to the struggles of the individual child so that they may meet every educational need of each one they encounter. Pray that God will protect our bus drivers and the precious cargo they carry. Pray for principals and guidance counselors that they will have the resources to assist in each of the vast situations they see.

I would also like to ask you to be in prayer for our Good News Club! It looks like we will be beginning the club in October. I had the chance to meet with the new Principal, Mrs. Powell, on Monday. It is shaping up to be a great year as we serve at Sutherland again. This will be our third year serving the Sutherland Elementary School through Good News Club. If you would like more info on participation in the club, please contact me! I would love to talk about it with you! We are in need of some more team members 😊

As a final note about school, please pray for the start of the Backpack Blessing Program. Our Dinwiddie School Board will be voting on it in the September meeting. We could begin as soon as October. We will be in need of donations of certain items that will be disclosed

later. Please keep this opportunity to feed children at the forefront of your mind. Let's be willing to meet the need in this way and show them God's Love.

Word of Life has kicked off for the new year and we are going strong. Forty-three students are registered to participate. If you have children who are 3 yrs – 6<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to participate in the club please let me know! There is always room for more. I would also like to ask you to pray for our leaders.

Samoa Allen, Jason Hudson, Levi Mitchell, Christine Croarkin, Faith and Jody Driggers, Shaun and Melanie Orton, April Johnson, Susan Loden, Mike Price, Melissa Shaylor, and Millie Dear, as well as Christie Leggett, Chelsi Holderfield, Melissa Dear, and Donna Temple.

Thank you all for your willingness to serve our children through this program! 😊 I will be having an interest meeting for the 2015 Centri-Kid Camp on September 7<sup>th</sup> following the morning service. This is a time to come and learn about Centri Kid Camp and decide if you and or your child want to attend. There will be a \$50 fee to reserve each spot due at the meeting.

If you are interested in serving in the children's ministry in any capacity please see me. I would love to talk to you about what we do and why. There is always need for more people to serve.

**HIS servant,  
April Norris**

## **School Starts September 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

Please pray for our students, teachers, bus drivers, counselors & all the staff in our schools all across America and abroad.

### **Pray for their:**

- . Their Safety
- . Hard work to excel
- . Students to be disciplined and set a good example for others.
- . Overall enjoyment being back in school learning and being with their friends.

***Romans 13:4 – “The authorities are God’s servants, sent for your good.***



What a blessing it is to serve the Lord through the church Clothes Closet! The Back to School event was a great success. We were able to assist approximately 30 people.

Thank you for your continued contributions and support. Without your donations, this mission would not be possible. May GOD bless you!

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

### **Thought for the Month**

Those that have sunshine in their lives, cannot keep it from others. Let us **Shine** our **Sunshine** for Jesus & others!

### **Youth Notes**

Over the last several months, WHBC students have been challenged not only to know *what* they believe, but *why* they believe it. The question of why is a much harder question to answer, but it is one that unbelievers are asking in today's world. 1 Peter 3:15 commands believers to "always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." We want to be people who know the truth we believe in, but also people who are able to share that truth convincingly with others. Outsiders of the Christian faith no longer believe that the church has the correct answers about life, salvation, and eternity. Instead, the world is increasingly skeptical of any "religious" institution and as a result they approach believers with many tough questions.

What would you say to someone who asked you "How do you know that God exists" or "Why should I trust the Bible over holy books from other religions" or yet "why would a merciful and good God allow people to suffer?" These are questions that the world is asking of the Christian faith, and we are the people they seek out for answers. Do we believe that there are good answers to these questions? Absolutely Yes! However, they are not simple or easy. Being able to "defend" your faith (or tell someone why you believe what you believe) not only helps you answer the questions of others, but it actually strengthens your faith along the way. When someone asks us a question we do not know the answer to, it can temporarily cause us to question our faith. Yet, as we pursue the answers to these questions we grow stronger in the Lord and are more convinced that His Word is true and we can trust Him.

For a good starting point with some of these questions, I would recommend a couple of books to you, both by author Alex McFarland. "The 10 Most Common Objections to Christianity" explores 10 difficult questions about the Christian faith and answers them briefly but powerfully. For parents of children or teens, "The 21 Toughest Questions Your Kids will Ask about Christianity: And How to Answer them Confidently" provides important answers that children need as they grow in the Lord. I have several copies of each book in my office for anyone who would like delve a little deeper.

**In Christ,**

Jeffrey Baird

## Brotherhood News

Thank you all who brought in school supplies for our School Supply Giveaway and for those who took a part in helping on Saturday. We were able to give away 40 backpacks, served meals, and gave clothes away from the Clothes Closet!

The RA & GA Vegetable Garden was also a success and thank you all who helped with the garden, GAs & RAs and their leaders. We were able to give away a lot of good veggies to our church family.

Please continue to pray about the Backpack Ministry; if you are willing to organize and assist with this ministry, please let Richard McCoy or Ronnie Pierce know. This ministry will take each of us working together as a church body to maintain our commitment. We should be praying for these children and their families.

Our next meeting is September 14, 2014 at 8 AM.

**Ronnie Pierce,  
Brotherhood Ministry**

## Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 7	Centri-Kid Camp Interest 2015 Meeting, 12:15 PM
September 8	Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 PM
September 14	Brotherhood Breakfast, 8:00 AM
September 17	Marriage Bible Study & Prayer Time, 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting, 8:00 PM
September 18-Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Bible Study (tentative)
September 26-27	EWomens Conference in Roanoke, VA
October 6	Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 PM
October 11	2014 Laundry Mat Ministry (WOM) - Kick off Block Party
October 12	Community Block Party & Shoe Box Kickoff, 12:15 – 4:00 PM
October 13	Blood Drive, 3-7:00 PM
October 19-22	Fall Revival –Dr. Brian Autry (SBCV)

## Nursery Schedule Cont'd

Sunday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers	Ray & Lisa Witt
	3 Year Olds	Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas
Sunday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Rachel Wynn & Paid Worker

## ***WHBC Block Party, Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>***

*Block Party is immediately after worship services. Signup sheets for volunteers to help out are around the church.*

*Come out and join the fun, fellowship, gospel music, good food, & games for the kids and more.*

*Please bring your favorite cake for the “Cake Walk”.*

*Thank you all in advance for your help to help show God’s love to our neighborhood.*

### **Note from the Music Director**

What a great summer this has been at Western Heights Baptist Church. . . . I want to say a personal "thank you" to all of the Adult, Youth, and Children’s choir members who have been so faithful in their attendance throughout the summer!

Now, with that being said, time to get back into the swing of things.. I'd like to encourage anyone who has never been a part of these choirs to come sing with us and for those who have been away for a while , we'd love to have you back. Bring a friend or two with you!

Adult Choir meets - Tuesday night from 6:00-7:00

Children’s Choir meets on Wednesday night at 7:00

Youth Choir meets on Wednesday night at 7:30

Orchestra practice is Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:00. If you have not been a part of this ministry, have an instrument, and would like to join us, please come! We welcome you!

***Psalms 150:4 says: "praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals."***

**Bonnie**

## September Children's Church Volunteers

Date	Volunteers
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Karla Baird, Brian & Melissa Connelly
Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Unknown, Training, April Norris
Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Unknown, Training, April Norris
Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ray & Lisa Witt, Leslie Bostic

### Our Church Is in Need of 1& 2 Grade Teacher (Combined) and Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Please search your heart to see if you could either be a 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday School teacher or a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Teacher.

Our Sunday School Director is looking for these two teachers to fill these much needed Sunday School spots and could use a couple extra fill ins, when needed.

Please let Jarrett Munford know if you could fill one of these much needed positions in our Sunday School Department.

Thank you in advance!

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;”*

**Romans 12: 6-7**

## September Nursery Workers

Date	Age	Nursery Volunteers
Wednesday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Combined	No Evening Services
Sunday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Cruisers	John & Heather Mills
	Toddlers	Keith & April Johnson
	3 Year Olds	Becky & Judy Pierce
Sunday, 5 PM, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Ashley McFarland & Paid Worker
Wednesday, 7 PM September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Tina Blair & Barbara McCoy
Sunday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Cruisers	Christine Croarkin & Amanda Whirley
	Toddlers	Marty & Karla Baird
	3 Year Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini
Sunday, September 14 <sup>th</sup> 5 PM	Combined	Jamie Morini & Paid Worker
Wednesday, 7 PM September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	April Johnson & April Norris (6:30-8 PM)
Sunday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	Toddlers	Christine Leggett & Diane Reish
	3 Year Olds	Jennifer Beville & Ashley McFarland
Sunday, 5 PM, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Combined	Karla Baird & Paid Worker
Wednesday, September 24 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	Combined	April Norris & Lisa Witt (6:30-8 PM)





***Brad & Patty's Wedding  
Reception***

***Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
2-5 PM***

***We would like the pleasure of your  
company at our wedding reception  
following our recent marriage.  
The reception will be at our home.***

***9414 Boydton Plank Rd.  
N. Dinwiddie, VA 23803***

***The wedding in Pennsylvania was  
wonderful and now we would like to  
celebrate our union with friends.***

***RSVP to Patricia at 804-481-1710 by  
September 1, 2014***

**Notes of Gratitude**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful sympathy plant and for opening your church to our family.

**May God Bless and Keep You,  
Bill, Catie & GinnyDrewry**

Church Family,

I would like to thank my church family for the cards, food, visits, messages, flowers and most of all your prayers. Thank you for being there for me and my family. Thank you again Jon for the service; it was great. Thanks for honoring his wishes.

**Love Always,  
Jennifer S. Lail &  
the Shifflett family**

Dear WHBC Family,

Thank you very much for helping with the Richard Bland College – Ignite Campus Ministries Move-in Day! Thank you to the individuals, families, and Sunday School classes that helped provide snacks, waater, financial donations, your support through prayer, and those who came and offered your time to help move students into the dorms.

No matter what role you participated in, we were able to spread God's love throughout the Richard Bland College campus! We were able to hand out 200 gift bags, over 300 bottles of water, and Gatorade, and over 300 bags of chips to the students and families!! We had over 60 students sign up to learn more about Campus Ministries and we know God is going to do amazing things through these students who are seeking to learn more about Him!

Continue to be in prayer as we begin to hold meetings over the course of the semester. Pray that God will touch the lives of the students that attend the Bible studies and for the students who we will come in contact with during the semester.

**Thanks again and God bless,  
Rachel Mitchell  
Ignite Campus Ministries  
Matthew 5:14-16**