

The Witness

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In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. I Thessalonians 5:18



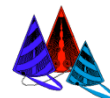
Thanksgiving is upon us again and very soon Christmas will be here again if the Lord tarries. This time of year, I am always reminded of how many things I have to be thankful for. First and foremost this holiday season, I am reminded my debt of forgiveness to the Lord. He has paid a price in His own blood to redeem me of my sins. Beyond that though he has not only forgiven me, but, He has also made me a part of the Body of Christ. I think often times we overlook this wonderful gift from the Lord. He adopted us into His family that is filled with folks just like us that are far from perfect but working towards the day that He perfects us. He has allowed us to work together in His name to peel back the darkness of this world and shine His glorious light to all nations.

I know as we work together we often times can rub each other the wrong way. It can be painful and even difficult being a part of this adopted family. However, even when we rub each other the wrong way God can use those situations to sharpen us as iron sharpens iron. He takes our failures and our frustrations and works them together for good. He uses this family to set us straight when we need it and to rejoice together when it's called for. It's a wonderful and many times mysterious thing being a brother in the Lord's family but I am thankful for it. I am thankful not only though that the Lord let me be a part of His family but also I am grateful that you are a part of His family too. This church body means an awful lot to me. I love each and every one of you even when we don't find ourselves getting along. I just want you to know this holiday season that when I am thinking about the things I am thankful for my church family is at the top of my list. God bless you all and have a great thanksgiving!!!

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

December Birthday List

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Rhianna Mathias | 17 | Debbie Chappell |
| 2 | James Burnett | | Cameron Lewis |
| | Cheri Owens | | Dennis Sullivan |
| | Tammy Van Scyoc | | Kayleigh Whirley |
| 3 | A.J. Ricci | 18 | Andrew Chappell |
| | Rena Leslie | | Kalah Wood |
| 4 | Pam Burton | 19 | Gwen Dunn |
| | Paul Hoylman | | Chip Pletcher |
| 5 | Nancy Holthouser | | Heather Rote |
| | Jamie Lafoon | 20 | Stephen Beasley |
| 6 | Brian Price | | Ashton Mellott |
| 8 | Drew Berry | | Christine Ramsey |
| | Linda Sullivan | | Loretta Smith |
| | Edith Vaughan | 21 | Ellen Massengale |
| 9 | Alexandra Via | | Joshua Kollman |
| 10 | Kenneth Debose | | Adam Wells |
| 11 | Jade Cook | 22 | Heather Summers |
| 12 | Sarah Breeden | | Faye Veazey |
| 13 | Edward Cunningham | 23 | Harvey Tarleton |
| | Raleigh Norris | | Jessica Allred |
| 14 | Flora Ainsley | 24 | Kendall Walker |
| | Beverly Mathias | 25 | Debbie Banner |
| 15 | Betty Edgerton | | Ray Gooch |
| | Jonathan Neddo | 26 | Patricia LaPlante |
| 16 | Jeremy Cecchettini | | Marty Baird |
| | | | Ernest Harrison |
| | | | Judy Schmidt |
| | | | Phillip Vollhardt |
| | | 27 | Cassandra Sullivan |
| | | 29 | Andrea Henna |
| | | | Bryce Witt |
| | | 31 | Tammy Luck |



Happy Birthday!!!!

November Birthday List

1	Maggie Rickman	19	Steven Conley
2	Jackson Baird		Frances Farrish
3	Mildred Randolph		Jackie Maitland
4	Patty Fallin		Lisa Witt
5	David Russell	20	Charles Poole
	Joyce Wallace		Scott Porter
6	Christine Croarkin		Kathy Whirley
	Dennis Lipford, Jr.		Caitlyn Danels
8	Christopher Chappell	21	Melissa D. Connelly
	Nelson T. Crance	22	Daryl Chappell
9	Jessika Lester	23	James Breeden
10	Cameron J. Key		Eva Meredith
12	Robert Thomas II		Tammy Croft
14	Jerome Brown	24	Harry Simmons
	Aaron Holderfield	25	Mallory Wynn
15	Charity Burnett	26	Ellis Green, Jr.
	Carrie Martin		Debra Thomas
	Jack Mayes		Sam Comer
	Charles Roberts	28	Eric Schmidt
16	Katherine Loden		Christine Kollman
	Debbie Schmidt	29	Richard Lane
17	Judi Tucker		Marishka Langston
	Rebekah Lovin		Jacob Piotrowski
	Gabriele Gibbs	30	Gregory Conley
	Ashton Zaharek		

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



A Note from the Children's Director

Hello WHBC parents and family members. November will be beginning soon. Please continue to be in prayer for the Good News Club. We have 91 Sutherland children and could really use some more help. Mid-November the fall Good News Club session will be over and we will be looking forward to our winter session beginning in February. Please HELP!! WOL is also going strong at 45 kids, we could use some additional help there as well. What it is all about? Contact me and let's see what we can do to get you plugged in.

At WHBC we have lots of children. Praise God, little sweet faces everywhere! That includes the nurseries: infants: cruisers, toddlers, three year olds, oh my!! I would love to talk to you about how you could help! One way is prayers; please pray for the safety of the workers and children. Another way to serve, we have opportunities not just on Sundays.

Our annual Children's Thanksgiving and Shoe Box Packing Party is around the corner, November 8th at 11 AM. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend this fun, filling event. Please sign up on the bulletin board across April's office, the children's Facebook page or simply call the church office and ask to be added. Please bring items to fill boxes if you can. As a side note to members, if you have extra items that would not fit in your boxes, we would love to have them!

We also have the Parents Night Out scheduled, Friday night, December 12th from 6-10 PM—please get your kids signed up for this as well. Thank you and have a great month!

Lastly, as we speed toward the Holidays and the joy they bring; consider looking deep for those in need. We have so many in our community who are struggling. Could you help?

**HIS servant,
April Norris**

Attention All Kitchen Users

We are experiencing an infestation of ants and mice in the kitchen area. It was recently discovered open bags of sugar in the cabinet inundated with ants, in addition to food and liquid spills on the countertops. In order to rid the ant and mouse problem, their food source must be eliminated! Please wipe up all spills and close and secure food items. We want you to enjoy our clean and sanitized kitchen as much as we enjoy providing these services to you.

Thank you.

Kitchen Committee



What a blessing it is to serve the Lord through the Church Clothes Closet!

Because of your donations, we were able to meet and assist several families during the Church Block Party. It seems we are always in need of children's clothing. At this time, all boy and girl sizes are needed.

Also, if anyone has a twin mattress that is no longer needed, we have a family that could use it.

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.



***Sunday, November 2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends
Fall back Saturday, November 1st so you won't be
late for church!!***

We have one new person professing his faith in Jesus Christ and wishing to join our body of believers here at Western Heights. Brady Slade, desires membership by baptism. Please give your good wishes of encouragement to Brady and pray for him and his family as he continues to walk his spiritual journey through life with the Lord.



Backpack Ministry Started in October!

Our first delivery to Sutherland Elementary School started on Thursday, October 2nd. We have 25 children signed up for this ministry. The ministry runs through the school year. We will need continued donations. Thank you for your generous donations!

**Old Jewelry Needed for
Bingo Games at Dinwiddie Health
and Rehab.**

If you may have any old jewelry you are not wearing anymore and looks good, Carolyn & Henry Hogue could use as gifts for those who win playing bingo at Dinwiddie Health & Rehab. Also, if you would like to give a donation to the bingo game prizes, you can let Carolyn know if you have any jewelry to spare or a donation to give.

Thank you in advance!

Thought for the Month

For every minute spent organizing an hour is earned!

Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 3	Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 PM
November 6-9	College for a Weekend @ Liberty Univ.
November 8	Children's Thanksgiving Dinner & Shoe box packing party, 11 AM
November 9	Brotherhood Breakfast for Our Veterans and Active Military and their families, 8:00 AM
November 16	New Members Class starts (all interested invited), 9:45 AM
November 18	Super Seniors Meet at WHBC, 12:00 PM
November 22	Lottie Moon Kickoff Tea Party, 9 AM-4 PM
November 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service, 6 PM
November 30-Dec. 7	Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Missions

November Children's Church Volunteers

Date	Volunteers
Nov. 2nd	Samoa Allen & Becky Thomas, Chelsi Holderfield
Nov. 9th	Keith & April Johnson, Christie Leggett
Nov. 16th	Mike & Megan Demaline, April Norris
Nov. 23rd	Jason & Austin Hudson, April Norris
Nov. 30th	No Children's Church

November Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Sunday, Nov. 2th	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Schmidt
	Cruisers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	Toddlers	Christy Leggett & Diane Reish
	3 Yr Olds	Tina Blair & Barbara McCoy
	Children's Church	Samoa Allen & Becky Thomas, Chelsi Holderfield
Sunday, 5 PM, Nov. 2th	Combined	Stephanie Batey & Ashley McFarland
Wednesday, 7 PM Nov. 5th	Combined	April Norris & Barbara McCoy
Sunday, Nov. 9th	Birth	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers	Marty & Karla Baird
	3 Yr Olds	Ashley McFarland & Jennifer Wilson
	Children's Church	Keith & April Johnson, Christy Leggett
Sunday, Nov. 9th	Combined	Stephanie Batey & Jamie Morini
Wednesday, 7 PM Nov. 12th	Combined	Christy Leggett & Donna Temple
Sunday, Nov. 16th	Combined	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Birth	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Cruisers	Becky & Judy Pierce
	Toddlers	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
	3 Yr Olds	Mike & Megan Demaline & April Norris
Sunday, 5 PM, Nov. 16th	Children's Church	James & Charity Burnett
Wednesday, Nov. 19th	Combined	April Johnson & April Norris

Music Director Notes

"Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!" ~ Humbert Wolfe

As we approach these next couple of months, our choir will be focusing on Christmas music. . .The Adult Choir will be presenting "CHRISTMAS, A Treasured Anthology". What beautiful music and message it brings.

Our Children's Choir will be working on "A Night of Carols". More to come on that! If you would like to be a part of these presentations, please feel free to join us.

Adult Choir meets - Tuesday 6-7:00

Orchestra meets - Tuesday 7-8:00

Children's Choir meets - Wednesday 6:30-7:00

Youth meet - Wednesday 7:00-7:30

Just FALL on in and join us. . . . We'll be waiting!

**Yours in Christ,
Bonnie**

November Nursery Schedule cont'd

**Thank You All Who Came Out on Monday,
October 13th to Give Blood!!**

October 13th was a wonderful day! We had 42 people willing to donate blood. However, we received 37 good donations. Praise the Lord we exceeded our goal by 2. Our next opportunity at WHBC will be February 23rd, 2015. Thanks to all of you who came on Monday!

Trisha



Brotherhood Notes

Veteran's Day Breakfast – Sunday November 9th, 8 AM

All veterans and active military and their families are invited to breakfast in the fellowship hall on Sunday, November 9th at 8 AM to honor our veterans and active duty and their families. We hope to see you there!

Date	Area	Nursery volunteers
Sunday, Nov. 23 rd	Birth	Janelle Brown &
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Jennifer Wilson
	Toddlers	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	3 Yr. Olds	Ray & Lisa Witt
	Children's Church	Jason & Austin Hudson
Sunday, Nov. 23 rd	Combined	Stephanie Batey & Rachel Wynn
Wed., Nov. 26 th "Thanksgiving Eve", 6 PM	Combined	Stephanie Batey & Kathy Powell
Sunday, Nov 30 th	Birth	Janelle Brown & Melissa D. Connelly
	Cruisers	Chelsi Holderfield & Kathy Tarleton
	Toddlers	James & Charity Burnett
	3 Yr. Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini
	Children's Church	No Children's Church
Sunday, Nov. 30 th	Combined	No Evening Services



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

As you gather around the table with family and friends, don't forget to thank our Lord for the bountiful blessings He keeps giving us. Not just food, but, our health, families, friends and the most of all the freedom to come into His house to worship him. We are blessed in our land of the free and the home of the Brave! Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wednesday, November 26th at 6:00 PM.