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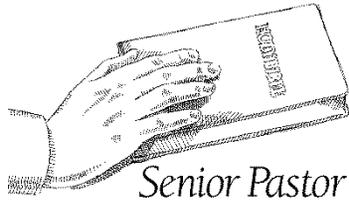
“Happy Thanksgiving”
Count Your Blessings!



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When my father returned from Vietnam in 1968 he didn't exactly receive a hero's welcome. Many of our soldiers were not well received by those whom they had been fighting for. However, in a recent trip to an army navy surplus store my son Timothy was given the chance to purchase something from the store. When asked what he wanted he decided that all he wanted was a patch in memory of the more than 50,000 men and women who died there in Vietnam. He also wanted to display that patch in his bedroom in memory of his grandpa who fought there. As I marveled I thought that his grandpa would have been mighty proud. Many times in life we don't receive what we may deserve for the sacrifice we make for others. Often times our service to the Lord goes unnoticed by many. However, it is never overlooked by the Lord. I want you to remember as you serve others and the Lord and keep the greatest commandments that your reward is in heaven. Our father sees every tear that is shed and the sweat of hard work on every brow and he richly repays those who toil in his vineyard. We also need to remember that the seeds of sacrifice we sow may not be appreciated by our current generation. We may only see the dividends of our service paid in generations to come much like Timothy.

In conclusion, I want to say again thank you to all of our veterans. I also want to thank all of you who have sacrificed

December Birthday List

1	Rhianna Mathias	17	Debbie Chappell
2	James Burnett		Cameron Lewis
	Cheri Owens		Dennis Sullivan
	Tammy Van Scyoc		Kayleigh Whirley
3	Ellie Conley	18	Andrew Chappell
	A.J. Ricci		Kalah Wood
	Rena Leslie	19	Gwen Dunn
4	Pam Burton		Chip Pletcher
	Paul Hoylman		Heather Rote
5	Nancy Holthouser	20	Stephen Beasley
	Jamie Lafoon		Ashton Mellott
6	Brian Price		Christine Ramsey
8	Drew Berry		Loretta Smith
	Linda Sullivan	21	Ellen Massengale
	Edith Vaughan		Joshua Kollman
9	Alexandra Via		Adam Wells
10	Kenneth Debose	22	Heather Summers
11	Jade Cook		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	Bryce Witt

November Birthday List

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

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!

for the Lord to make WHBC possible today. I assure you that this generation and many to come appreciate your sacrifice and endurance. I believe that the foundation that's been laid is a strong one to be built on for years to come. God Bless!

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

Thought for the Month

*Whatever comes our way in life, God has a hand in it
& will see us through it.*



A Note From The Children's Director

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We as Christians should be thankful the whole year. What are the things that make you thankful this year? For me it is serving a living God, having a family that is healthy and happy and seeing children come to know the Lord!! I will ask you again...What are you thankful for?

There is a lot happening in the month of November and December.

Ongoing weekly Children's Choir practices each Wednesday night @ 7

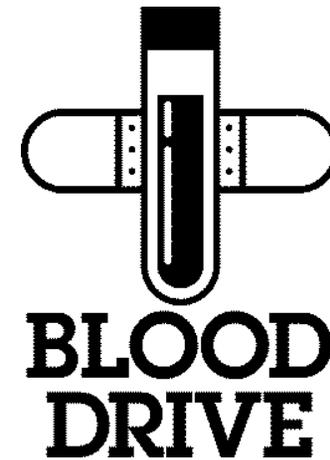
Nov. 7th- Children's Thanksgiving Lunch and OCC packing party @ 11-1. We will have lunch beginning at 11. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the nursery hall if you plan to attend. After lunch we will pack shoe boxes. Children and parents should bring items to fill boxes. We will try to pack as many boxes as possible so come ready to work 😊 I have a lot of puzzles and toys already donated. Items needed are listed on the OCC website.

Nov. 10th – GNC Kick off at Sutherland Elementary!! We are always in need of workers for this awesome opportunity to reach children with the Gospel of Jesus!!!!!!

Nov. 25th — no Choir/ drama practice

Dec. 2nd and 9th – 6:30-8 will be our final rehearsals and all children participating should be in attendance.

Dec. 12th Dress rehearsal and Lunch 10-1—all children singing and speaking in this year's Christmas play, "Fear Not Factor" are required to attend... Children should wear/bring costumes. Children should have their speaking lines memorized by this time!!



Thank you for being the giving type...

With the willing efforts of 41 people, we were able to gather 38 good units of blood which will save 114 lives!!

We are also giving strength, hope and courage to those people we touch.

We as blood donors support the fighters, admire the survivors, honor the taken, and never give up hope...

Thanks for your generosity. Your next opportunity to give will be Monday, February 22, 2016. Please mark your calendars!!

Thanks,
Trisha



Message from the WHBC Clothes Closet

Praise the Lord for the many people that visited the clothes closet during our block party! We had 69 individuals visit the clothes closet. Thank you to the many that have donated in the past few weeks. It is wonderful to open the door and see all of the donations. We are running low on children's clothes. Some of our sizes are completely gone. If you have children that have outgrown their clothes, please consider donating them. We have so many in our community that need your help.

May God Bless you!

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

Dec. 13th –Presentation of “Fear Not Factor” begins at 5:00

That should get us through the month of November and December. Thank you all for everything that you do to make children's ministry what it is. I love working for the King beside each of you!

HIS servant, April Norris

Notes of Gratitude

Western Heights Church Family,

Philippians 2:4, “Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but, also to the interest of others”. We at Sutherland Elementary School wish to thank the wonderful and kind members of Western Heights Baptist Church for the generous donations of school supplies for our students. You give so much and we, parents, and students, are so very appreciative. Thank you seems so inadequate but it is heart-felt and sincere. What a friend we have found in your great church.

In addition to all that you do, this year you also provided six new fans for community members in need. Our cup is overflowing. Again, thank you.

Sutherland Elementary School Family

Dear WHBC Church Family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, and food sent to our family during the sad time of mourning my mother, Louise Brockwell.

A special thank you to Pastor Jon for coming to our need at the hospital, and for the Chappell's hand of love.

Rick, Megan, Nick & Starr Brockwell



November Children's Church Schedule

Date	Volunteers
November 1 st	Christie Leggett, Tim & Jamie Morini
November 8 th	Becky Thomas, Karla Baird & Linda Sullivan
November 15 th	Lisa Witt, John & Christine Croarkin
November 22 nd	Faith Driggers, Jody Driggers, & Pam Burton
November 29 th	<u>No Children's Church</u>

Dear WHBC Church Family,

On behalf of our son, Travis, words cannot begin to express our heartfelt thanks to each and every one for the prayers, phone calls, text messages, visits, food, flowers and memorial gifts. Travis knew no strangers, with a heart full of love and kindness. He enjoyed life to the fullest and he enjoyed operating his machines.

“Playing in the Dirt”

With Our Love and Prayers,

Gene, Judy, Travis, Jr., Beth, Tara & Seth

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is not searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40: 28-31

November Nursery Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Sunday, November 8th	Birth	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Cruisers	Christie Leggett & Diane Reish
	Toddlers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	3 yr Olds	Ashley McFarland & Melissa Dear
Sunday, 5 PM, November 8th	Combined	Janelle Brown & Kathy Whirley
Wednesday, 6:30 PM November 11th	Combined	April Johnson
Sunday, November 15th	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers	John & Christine Croarkin
	3 Yr. Olds	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
Sunday, November 15th 5 PM	Combined	Heather Mills & Heather Gibbs
Wednesday, 630 PM, November 18th	Combined	Judi Tucker
Sunday, November 22nd AM	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers	Keith & April Johnson
	3 Yr. olds	Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas
Sunday, 5 PM November 22nd	Combined	Donna Temple & Ashley McFarland
Wednesday November 22nd	Combined	
Sunday, November 29th	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Karla Baird
	Toddlers	John & Heather Mills
	3 Yr. Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini
Sunday November 29th 5 PM	Combined	

Dear WHBC Family,

Thank you all for the many cards, phone calls, visits, and delicious food brought to my family during our loss of Randy. Our family will always be “grateful” for the love shown at the most difficult time of our lives.

God bless you all!

Betty, H.R., Kim, Olivia & Alex



Western Heights welcomes four new people to our church family: Brailyn Holyman, who has asked for membership by accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord and wishes to be baptized. Adrian & Kate Taylor, by letter from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and wishes to be baptized, and, Jennifer Wegman accepts Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord and wishes to be rebaptized.

Please pray for Brailyn, Adrian, Kate, and Jennifer as they continue their spiritual walk with Jesus Christ.

Events Coming Up at WHBC
2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 2	Deacon's Mtg, 7 PM
November 4	Ladies Bible Study (10 AM & 6:30 PM) – last one for ladies! Men's Bible Study, 6:30 PM
November 7	Children's Thanksgiving Dinner/ Shoebox Packing, 6 PM
November 8	Brotherhood Breakfast, 8 AM
November 11	Business Mtg & Prayer, 6:30 PM
November 12	Dinwiddie Football Team Meal, 6:30 PM
November 15	Veteran's Day Celebration
November 18	Bible Study & Prayer, 6:30 PM
November 21	Ladies Paint Night, 5:00 PM
November 25	Thanksgiving Eve Svc., 6:00 PM
November 26	“Happy Thanksgiving” – Church Offices Closed



**We Will Celebrate & Honor Our Veterans on
Sunday, November 15th**

We will be celebrating and honoring our Veterans on Sunday, November 15th. We ask that veterans and current service military wear their uniform or a portion of their uniform on Sunday, November 15th. Please bring in pictures of your military veterans in uniform and other uniformed members (active & inactive) of the military that are in our congregation. This includes all other uniformed members such as police, fire fighters, EMTS, etc. We will show pictures of our members of active or inactive duty members (veterans) on Sunday, November 15th. In addition, if you would like to put something in about “in memory” of a loved one (service member) also please give us this information. Please give pictures to the Church Administrative Assistant by Thursday, November 12th. Thank you!



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IS NEVER FREE

Happy 10th Alive day-November 7, 2015; today is our 10th Alive Day... Wow-incredible!!! 10-years-I share this special day with brave and courageous Soldiers and Noncommissioned officers: Aaron Owen, Remi Ramirez, Bryan Jordan, Julius Howard, Cody McNutt, and our interpreter.

Our Stryker was attacked by a suicide vehicular borne improvised explosive device, SVBIED (a car bomb) while on patrol in Mosul, Iraq causing our Stryker (armored-vehicle) to roll off of a bridge landing upside down 30 feet below the bridge we were crossing. While others are cursed-never forget that day; I am blessed not to have any memory of that day and little to no memory of the week leading up to that day. What I know from the most part of that day; I was told by others. Because no one was killed or died in our attack I would say God was protecting us for some purpose and still has a plan to use us in His great plan. I can't thank everyone enough involved with our site security, first-aid and evacuation as well as the doctors, nurses, therapist, and family that took care of us for years after our attack. I will forever be grateful and in their debt. Everyone did an amazing job. Thank you for all your service to our great Nation; God bless and I wish you-all the very best...It was an honor to serve as your 1sg...(562d En, Co.172d SBCT, Ft. Wainright, AK).

Mark E. Shaylor MSG, US Army Retired, Petersburg, VA. Only 2 defining forces have ever offered to die for you...Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. *One died for your soul, the other for your freedom.*



Hello Western Heights Family!

Allie and I are so excited to begin our journey with you this month. We know that God has placed us here in His sovereignty, and we trust that He has great plans in store for this church! I cannot wait to dive right in here with the Student Ministry and begin to get to know our students and the Student Leaders. I believe wholeheartedly that the heart of ministry is relationship, especially with our youth! I cannot wait to take part in adult ministry as well! I am excited to both teach and learn as I spend time with our congregation, and we grow in the Lord together! I hope in the coming months that I will be able to spend time with all of you individually, so that I can get to know you and your families. We have a lot to learn as a young family, and with our first child on the way, we know that God was at work in placing us here at Western Heights Baptist Church, where we can grow as a family in the Lord, and learn from godly families along the way!

We are extremely excited for what God has in store for Western Heights Baptist Church, and we hope you are too!

God Bless,
Pastor Dustin and Allie Harris