

The Witness

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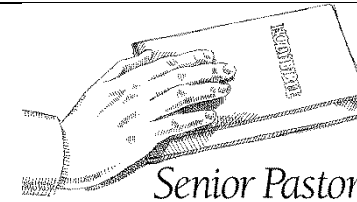
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Recently during Senior Adult Bible Study we were studying Daniel Chapter 10. This is a fascinating passage that shares with us the story of Daniel's prayer to God about the state of the Jewish nation. Daniel is so burdened about the problems they were facing that he spends 21 days seeking an answer before the Lord. Previously in the book of Daniel he prayed a similar prayer and God sent an angel to give him the answer before he finished praying. This time Daniel was forced to wait for 3 weeks for the answer. I am sure that all of us at one time or another have been frustrated and impatient in our prayer life. I think there are some times that we even wonder about the effectiveness of our prayers. Well, in order to discuss the effectiveness of prayer I want to tell you the rest of the Story that is found in Daniel 10. When Daniel began to pray an angel was dispatched with the answer and then was confronted by a demon named the Prince of Persia.

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Persia is the country that Daniel was serving in exile and apparently the demon of that country wanted to make sure that Daniel did not receive God's answer. As Daniel prayed for 21 days a battle raged somewhere between heaven and earth and eventually God's angel prevailed and delivered the message. I wonder what would have happened if during the interim, Daniel had become frustrated and stopped praying. I wonder how the battle might have turned out. Daniel continued to uphold his prayer to the father and kept on asking and seeking God's answer and therefore the battle continued and was won. So, how does our prayer life affect the Spiritual battles that rage all around us every day? Well, I guess that depends on our prayer life? If we are fervently seeking the Lord then the prayer of a righteous man avails much. Although, if we are simply offering up a pittance of prayer for our own welfare, then, I think then not so much. I want us to be challenged as a body of Christ to hold up the rod of prayer in a meaningful way so that the battles we are facing might be won to the Glory of God the Father!!!

**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.*

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 Danels
	Dennis Lipford, Jr.	21	Melissa Dear Connolly
8	Christopher Chappell	22	Daryl Chappell
	Nelson T. Crance	23	James Breeden
9	Jessika Lester		Eva Meredith
10	Cameron J. Key		Tammy Croft
12	Robert Thomas II	24	Harry Simmons
14	Jerome Brown	25	Mallory Wynn
	Aaron Holderfield	26	Ellis Green, Jr.
15	Charity Burnett		Debra Thomas
	Carrie Martin		Sam Comer
	Jack Mayes	28	Eric Schmidt
	Charles Roberts		Christine Kollman
16	Katherine Loden		Marishka Langston
	Debbie Schmidt		Jacob Piotrowski
17	Judi Tucker	30	Gregory Conley
	Rebekah Lovin		
	Gabriele Gibbs		
	Ellen Sarcletti		
	Ashton Zaharek		



October Birthday List

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

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

The summer has come to a close. The children are preparing to head back to the classroom. I ask that you pray for our teachers and the administrators. I ask that you also lift up the students. Thank you for a great summer! Begin with me, praying for next summer. I ask that you would pray for children's ministry, not just the big events, but the everyday opportunities. There are many chances to serve and we need you to be able to grab them. Please help us help the children!

Up coming events

Preschool (Children who are not in Kindergarten yet) **Teddy Bear and me** – September 12th 10Am

Family Movie night under the stars –Sept 26th 6:30 with movie to begin at 7:00

Don't forget our Weekly events!!

Children's Church each Sunday morning for children ages 4yrs-2nd grade (except the 5th Sunday of each month)

Word of Life Club's each Sunday night for children 3yrs-5th grade. Program begins at 5:00 (we will not have Club Sept 6th)

Kids Missions Education and Children's Choir on Wednesday nights. Program begins at 6:30 and ends at 8 (we will soon be beginning our practices for the Children's Christmas Musical!!)

I am here to serve the families of WHBC. If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to call me! I would love to talk to you about any of the opportunities we offer. I welcome ideas and help as well!

HIS servant, April Norris

Note from Our Choir Director

As most of you know, I am a Spring and Summer person, but I do love the smells and colors of Fall and all the excitement it brings with it. We at Western Heights Baptist Church Music Ministry have already begun working on our Holiday music and Christmas cantata "Fear Not Factor" for our Children's Choir which will be performed December 13, 2015 and our Evening of Music as a church will be performed December 20, 2015. If you are interested in singing, acting, performing in any of our choirs this Holiday, please see myself or April Norris. We are so excited about all the events that will be taking place as we usher in the Fall season and we hope you too will be a part of it as well. In parting, I'd like to leave you with this wonderful poem:

The summer now draws to its close,
We bid farewell to long, hot days,
And look towards the autumn time,
With morning dew and evening haze.

The landscape now a quieter place,
Those happy times where we would spend,
Embracing all of Nature's gifts,
Fond memories ours at summers end.

The golden hues of shrubs and trees,
Now herald in the autumn scene,
The countryside will soon be still,
Where busy creatures once had been.

And in the towns and city streets,
Warm coated figures now appear,
The crisp, chill air and morning frost,
Forewarns that winter days draw near.

Then in the homes throughout the land,
Safe from the biting winds that blow,
The people meet with smiles and love,
And gather round the fire's warm glow.

No place here for solemn tales,
With friends and family at our side,
There's magic as the seasons change,
For it brings the joys of Christmastide.

By Roy Burton

Message from the WHBC Clothes Closet

We are getting ready for the Block Party so as you bring out your fall & winter clothing, please think of the Clothes Closet. Maybe you have a coat that you haven't worn in a year or two or those clothes that you thought you would get into again "one day". We have so many in our community that need your help.

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! May God bless you!



***Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 1st!
Fall back 1 hr, Saturday, October 31st!***

So you won't be late for church.

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

October Children's Church Schedule

Date	Volunteers
October 4 th	Samoa Allen & Becky Thomas, Faith Driggers
October 11 th	April Norris
October 18 th	V. J. & Sarah Slade, April Norris
October 25 th	Karla Baird & Donna Lewis, Christie Leggett

October Nursery Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Sunday, October 4th	Birth	Melanie & Shaun Orton
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Karla Baird
	Toddlers	Heather & John Mills
	3 yr Olds	Faith & Jody Driggers
Sunday, 5 PM, October 4th	Combined	No Service
Wednesday, 6:30 PM October 7th	Combined	Kristie Belvin & Donna Temple
Sunday, October 11th	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers	Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas
	3 Yr. Olds	Amanda Whirley & Jennifer Wilson
Sunday, October 11th 5 PM	Combined	Janelle Brown & Heather Gibbs
Wednesday, 630 PM, October 14th	Combined	Donna Temple & April Norris
Sunday, October 18th AM	Birth	Janelle Brown
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Christine Croakin
	Toddlers	
	3 Yr. olds	
Sunday, 5 PM October 18th	Combined	
Wednesday October 21st	Combined	
Sunday, October 25th	Birth	
	Cruisers	
	Toddlers	
	3 Yr. Olds	
October 25th 5 PM	Combined	
Wednesday, 6:30 PM October 28th	Combined	



Western Heights Family welcomes Brailyn Holyman! Brailyn has asked for membership by accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord and wishes to be baptized.

Please pray for Brailyn as she walks her spiritual life journey with the Lord.

Events Coming Up at WHBC
2015

Community Block Party this Month!
Saturday, October 24th!

The WHBC Block Party is planned for Saturday, October 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with a rain date of Sunday, October 25th directly after worship service. Signup sheets for volunteers to help out with the Block Party will be forthcoming. Please contact Kathy Whirley at 720-4573, or Becky Thomas, 586-0632, if you have any questions. Signup sheets are located outside the Fellowship Hall.

Tell your neighbors, friends and relatives and come out and join the fun, fellowship, gospel music, good food and games for the kids & more.

We will have the “Cake Walk” again and please bring your favorite cake.

Thank you in advance for your help to spread God’s love to our community neighbors!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 2-3	Extraordinary Women’s Conference
October 5	Deacon’s Meeting, 7 PM
October 7	Ladies’ Bible Study, 10 AM Men’s & Ladies Bible Study, 6:30 PM
October 11	Brotherhood Breakfast, 8:00 AM
October 14	Business & Prayer Meeting, 6:30 PM
October 17	Laundromat Ministry (WOM), 9 AM
October 18	Distribute Block Party Flyers, 3 PM
October 19	WHBC-hosted Blood Drive, 3-7 PM
October 21	Ladies’ Bible Study, 10 AM Men’s & Ladies Bible Study, 6:30 PM
October 24	Community Block Party, 10-2:00 PM
October 25	Rain date for Block Party
October 28	Ladies’ Bible Study, 10 AM Men’s & Ladies Bible Study, 6:30 PM
October 31	“Light the Night” Family Movie Night, Food and Goodie Bags, 6-8:30 PM

WHBC Associate Pastor/Youth Director

If interested in applying for the WHBC Associate Pastor/Youth Director position, please submit your resume to WHBCPersonnel@gmail.com.

Summary of Duties

Purpose:

- To serve God by joining with Western Heights Baptist Church (WHBC) in its mission to build up a community of fully equipped believers who give glory to God with every aspect of their lives.
- To lead WHBC in developing ministries designed to fulfill the mission of the church as it applies to the youth, who have graduated 5th grade through seniors in high school, and their families.

Work Schedule:

- Minimum 40-hour work week, which should consist of as many ministry activities as possible, which may include working at night, during weekends, and holidays and may require travel.

Responsibility Highlights:

- Oversight, of ministries related to youth with the goal of assisting the pastoral staff in building up a community of fully equipped believers who give glory to God with every aspect of their lives.
- Works in cooperation and under the direction of the Senior Pastor and will support the Senior Pastor of the church in the general leadership needs of the church, such as, but not limited to:
 - Share in worship leadership under the direction of the Senior Pastor.
 - Provide pastoral care support including hospital and home visits, phone calls, counseling & other means of member support in consultation with the Senior Pastor.
 - Assume primary leadership responsibility at church when the Senior Pastor is away on vacation or as the result of other absences.
 - Meet with the Senior Pastor and other staff members at appointed times for coordination of church activities and staff planning.

- Will perform all other duties as deemed necessary by the Senior Pastor, Youth Committee, and/or the Deacon body of WHBC.

Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities Thanks Western Heights!

Thank you members of Western Heights Baptist for your total Baby Bottle Blessing contributions of \$994.72 given in support of the women and babies served at the Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities. Your faithfulness provides hope to women facing life altering decisions in their time of need and confusion. Please pray with us that they will find Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the One who will meet their greatest need in this life and in their life to come. Again, thank you for choosing to partner with us. Our grand total today is \$37,651.29.

**Serving together with you,
Zsa Zsa Johnson**

