

# The Witness

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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*

*Two men looked through prison bars: One saw mud, the other, stars!!!!*

## **October Birthday List**

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

## 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 Neal Maitland	20	Kim Bostic Allen Marshall
5	Jamie Morini Cheryl Strawmyer	21	Betty Barnes Danielle Dickenson Wyatt Lail
8	Kay Belvin Michele Fee Patsy Westmoreland	23	Dawn Twombly
9	Kenny Ezzell Karla Baird Wayne Boyd Nathan Kissner	24	Marty Burks Tim Reish Berkley Simmons
11	Phyllis Chobanian Martin Dorgan Caitlin Neddo Blayne Tucker	26	Lynda Slade Barbara Huddleston Alma McMillion
12	Chris Price Jeff Christian	28	Jeffrey Lail Cody Mills
13	Jordan Lafoon Michelle Joyce Reed Marie Lively	29	Patricia Crance Amy Underhill
15	Anna Heller Clark Donna T. Lewis	30	Janelle Brown Mark Gower Kevin Kissner Scott Wynn
16	Becky Harris		



### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 10Am

**Family Movie night under the stars** –Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 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-2<sup>nd</sup> grade (except the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)

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

**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 summer begins to close and fall is fast approaching, I am reminded of the scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1a (NIV), ***“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.”***

Several of our children have moved up to YOUTH choir this fall and although I am sad to see them leave CHILDREN’s choir, I am thrilled to have them in the youth. Our kids have been working throughout the summer on songs they will be presenting in the worship service soon. You won’t want to miss out on that! As we begin to build up both choirs the next couple of months, please be in prayer for them, not only at WHBC, but as they return to their schools. Pray for the bus drivers, teachers and all those who work with our children.

If you know of a child/youth who might be interested in joining our choir, we meet every Wednesday night (6:30-7:00- kids) & (7:00-7:30- Youth). I look forward to seeing everyone . . .

We will be doing a children’s play this year and will need everyone’s help and encouragement!

The Adult choir will be preparing a night of music in December and can’t say how excited I am about that! I am truly blessed to work with such wonderful and dedicated choir members who are always supportive of me. If you would like to be a part of the adult choir, please join us on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00. I’m looking forward to all the exciting things going on in the music ministries at WHBC!

I Love September

I love September . . .  
with all its golden leaves  
I watch as they flutter  
to the ground upon the breeze.

Once brilliantly green,  
clinging happily to a tree  
now they fall like snowflakes  
forming a golden sea.

We had a wonderful turn out for the open house clothes closet on Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We were able to assist 12 families and 18 individuals.

Thank you to the church Brotherhood for providing 10 backpacks and school supplies for our friends that come to the clothes closet for assistance.

Also, thank you to all that have donated to the clothes closet. Without you, this ministry would not be possible.

Please continue to pray for each one that we are introduced to and not only the physical need but the spiritual need.

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



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***WHBC Have Two New Baby  
Girls Born!!***

*Congratulations to Bill & Jeanne Rose on the Birth of  
a  
New Great Granddaughter!!*

*Christine Victoria was born at on Thursday,  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 PM. She weighed 8 lbs, 3 ozs.*

*God bless the parents, the new baby, and the  
Rose Family.*

**&**

*Congratulations to the Burnett Family  
on the birth of their new baby girl, Marielle Ruth  
Burnett, born Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at  
8:04 AM. Marielle weighed in at 9 lbs, 1 oz &  
21" long.*

*She is the new daughter of proud parents, James &  
Charity Burnett and their families.*

Fresh and crisp underfoot,  
my feet love to walk  
on top of September's path  
where leaf's begin to talk.

As summer drifts to sleep,  
fall changes its golden color  
and the full beauty of autumn  
unfolds all of its fiery wonder.

Soon the rains will come,  
damping my beautiful autumn  
and the fallen leaves will melt  
into winter's chilly slumber.

I love September . . .  
with all its golden leaves  
they remind me in each season  
it's to Jesus ~ I must cleave!

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**September Children's Church Schedule**

Date	Volunteers
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Samoa Allen & Becky Thomas, April Norris
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bryan & Ashley McFarland & Donna Lewis
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	V. J. & Sarah Slade, April Norris
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Craig & April Norris, Karla Baird

## September Nursery Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Wednesday, 6:30 PM September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Combined	April Norris & Lisa Witt
Sunday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Melanie & Shaun Orton
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Karla Baird
	Toddlers	Heather & John Mills
	3 yr Olds	Faith & Jody Driggers
Sunday, 5 PM, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	<b>No Service</b>
Wednesday, 6:30 PM September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Kristie Belvin & Donna Temple
Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers	Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas
	3 Yr. Olds	Amanda Whirley & Jennifer Wilson
Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup> 5 PM	Combined	Janelle Brown & Heather Gibbs
Wednesday, 6:30 PM, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Donna Temple & April Norris
Sunday, September 20 <sup>th</sup> AM	Birth	Janelle Brown
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Christine Croakin
	Toddlers	Keith & April Johnson
	3 Yr. Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini
Sunday, 5 PM, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Donna Lewis & Ashley McFarland
Wednesday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> 6:30 PM	Combined	April Norris
Sunday AM, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	
	Cruisers	Christie Legget & Diane Reish
	Toddlers	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
	3 Yr. Olds	Mike & Megan Demaline
Sunday 5 PM, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Kathy Whirley & Melissa Dear
Wednesday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Combined	April Norris & Judi Tucker

## Notes of Gratitude

Thank you for your outpouring response and support to the family of Susan Goodwin.

We are often approached by family members expressing their gratitude. We are quick to inform that our ministry could not be possible without God's blessing, and His faithful people who provide food, money, time, and energy. We appreciate all that you do. If you are interested in joining this phenomenal team, contact any committee member.

### **The Benevolence Committee Romans 12: 15-16**

**(Note: Due to the church office getting a new email address, this note of thanks was late coming and was meant for the July Newsletter!)**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for praying for me and all the cards. I am improving with my back pain and thigh pain and my leg is better. God is so good. I especially want to thank Pastor Jon and the Wednesday night group for laying hands and praying over me! We serve a Great God and have a great church!

### **Anna Keeney, Psalm 91, verses 14-16**

Please welcome Ellen Sarclettii to Western Heights Baptist Church. Ellen has joined Western Heights by letter from West End Baptist.

Please pray for Ellen as she continues her spiritual walk with the Lord.

## Events Coming Up at WHBC 2015

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### **Community Block Party Coming Up, Saturday, October 24th!**

The WHBC Block Party is planned for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with a rain date of Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> directly after worship service. Signup sheets for volunteers to help out with the Block Party will be forthcoming.

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>
September 1	WHBC Ladies get-together, 630-8:00 PM
September 2	Senior Adult Bible Study, 1 PM Wed. Night Bible Study & Prayer, 6:30 PM
September 7	Deacon’s Meeting, 7 PM
September 9	Senior Adult Picnic, 1 PM Business & Prayer Meeting, 6:30 PM
September 12	Preschool Teddy Bear & Me, 10AM
September 13	Brotherhood Breakfast, 8 AM
September 16	Senior Adult Bible Study & Prayer, 1 PM Wed. Night Bible Study & Prayer, 6:30 PM
September 23	Senior Adult Bible Study, 1 PM Wed. Night Bible Study & Prayer, 6:30PM
September 30	Senior Adult Bible Study, 1 PM Wed. Night Bible Study & Prayer, 6:30 PM
October 2-3	Extraordinary Women’s Conference, Roanoke Civic Center

**WHBC Senior Adult “Bring a Friend”  
Picnic  
(All Senior Adults Invited)**

**When:** Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM

**Where:** Lee Memorial Park, Petg.  
1615 Defense Rd.  
Petersburg, VA

Come join us for our Senior Adult “Bring a Friend” Picnic! Bring a snack box of chicken for you & your friend, & sides, drinks, desserts will be furnished. Also bring a lawn chair for you & your friend. Come & enjoy the fellowship & meet a new friend! Signup sheets are on the Senior Adult bulletin board next to the Dorcas Sunday School Class.

RSVP – any questions, contact Adult Senior Committee: Linda Cothron, Barbara Huddleston, Carolyn Dundalow & Sam Berry.

**WHBC Administrative Assistant Position**

If interested in applying for the Western Heights Baptist Church Administrative position, please submit your resume to a member of the Personnel Committee (Terry Branham, [tb7435@att.com](mailto:tb7435@att.com), Jamie Morini, [eljamie1@aol.com](mailto:eljamie1@aol.com), Kim Kidwell, [skrbtm@comcast.net](mailto:skrbtm@comcast.net), or Pam Burton, [burtions4u@comcast.net](mailto:burtions4u@comcast.net)).



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prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school."

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Amen

## ***THANK YOU!!!***

Ignite Campus Ministries would like to thank all the individuals that made donations to assist with move in days at Richard Bland College

Without your donations we would not have been able to reach the physical needs of the students and their families moving into the dorms.

Please continue praying for Ignite and the opportunities we will have this semester to reach the students.

If you are interested in helping with Ignite Campus Ministries throughout this Fall semester please contact Karmin or Rachel Mitchell at:  
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Until All Have Heard,  
Rachel & Karmin Mitchell  
Acts:20:22-24