

The Witness

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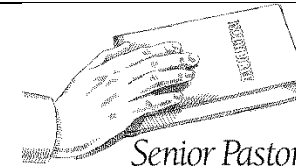
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I can honestly say that the Spring time this year is more than welcome after the long hard winter we've had. As I am writing this, I am looking at a forecast that doesn't include some type of wintery precipitation for the first time in months. I can't wait for the warm sunshine and the green leaves of Spring here at WHBC. It seems to me though that I am looking forward to Spring with a greater expectation this year due to the long winter. I think this expectation for Spring can translate over into our Spiritual lives. Many times we spend months or years in what seems like a Spiritual winter and find ourselves longing for the "Sun" to shine again in our lives. Those times are often so difficult to endure whether personally or corporately but they cause us to appreciate the better times in our lives that are full of Growth in the Lord. I am thankful that the Lord allows winters in the seasons of our lives because they remind us of our dependency on His provision. I believe that this Spring as we enjoy the warm sunshine physically, we can also look forward to a change of season Spiritually here at WHBC. I know personally I have been experiencing a change of season and I believe I see signs of growth sprouting all over the congregation. So, in conclusion I believe that as you till your gardens for the Spring you

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should also be sure to let the Lord plow the garden of your heart in preparation for the season that's to come here at WHBC. This year as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, let's surrender ourselves to the moving of His Spirit and prepare His fields for Growth.

"To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1"

**Until He Comes,
Jonathan Dundalow
I Timothy 4:12**



Good Friday & Easter Services Schedule

- 6:00PM Good Friday Worship
- 7:30AM Sunrise Easter Breakfast (All invited)
- 8:30AM Early Easter Worship Service
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Regular Easter Worship Service

No Evening Services on Easter

May Birthday List

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|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | Jeana Finch Brooks
Carolyn Hoylman
John Squires
Paul Weyforth | 17 | Amy Ruddick
George Silvey
Lola Holley
Jean Carter |
| 2 | Heather S. Gibbs | | Karen Myers |
| 3 | Dennis Hoylman | | Josh Via |
| 5 | Alan Kissner
Butch Henshaw | 18 | Keith Johnson |
| 6 | Nikki Daniels
Rainey Cothron | 19 | Vivian Conley
Billy Gibbs
Jennifer Simmons |
| 7 | Becky Pierce | 20 | Steve Armentrout
Brodie Maitland |
| 8 | Jacob Chapman
Tim Morini
Pat Kennedy
Susan Nauseef | 22 | Jordan Brown |
| 9 | Paul Branch, IV
Gerald Brown
Ashley McCormick | 23 | Nelson Crance, Jr. |
| 10 | Kenneth Whirley, Jr
Taryn Goodwin | 24 | Richard Chappell
Brack Dunn |
| 12 | Christopher Bishop
John Glass | 25 | Aredda Mitchell
Gail Miller
Bryan Russell |
| 13 | Courtney Sodat
Becky Sowers
Sarah B. Slade
Michael Spencer
Karly Wynn | 26 | Thomas Russell
Mary Overton |
| 14 | Rudy Phelps | 27 | Ronald Shelton
Shirley Harrison
Karen Slade |
| 15 | Francine Schmidt
Allen Staples
Margaret Howard | 29 | Marian Gunn |
| | | 30 | Kristie Belvin
Jonathan Dundalow
Robert Tucker
Jason Whirley |
| | | 31 | Paul Branch, III
Jennifer Beville
Carolyn Dundalow
Steve Schmidt |



A Note from the Children's Director

April Birthday List

1 Michelle R. Stech	18 Michael Via
2 Joseph "Joe" Keeney	19 Dave Barton
3 Jessica Neddo	20 Jennifer Baird Key
4 Neil Ferguson	Dan Martin
James Underhill	22 Gilbert Marek
Linda Lewis	Patricia Johnson
5 Howard Brandon	Shelly Danels
Hope Lane	Marie Price
April Norris	23 Brooke Mitchell
6 Layne Michael Spencer	Otis Hill, Jr.
James "Matt" Via	Justin Brown
7 Richard McCoy	24 Neil Ferguson
8 Jesse Wray	Kenneth Silvey
Hailey Lane	Gloria Staples
J.D. Steele	26 Heather Martin
9 Patrick Antkowiak	27 Lauren Boyd
Mike Beals	Daniel Lipford
10 Rebecca Thomas	Gerald (Sam) Berry
12 Elbert Townsend, Jr.	Julie Massey
Timothy Wilson	Elaina Renee' Orton
13 Camille Fischer	28 Haley Ramsey
Harper Mills	Sharon Wade
14 Meredith Ligon	29 Mike Freeman
15 April Cothron Price	30 Johanna C. Munford
Colby Slade	Rachel Mitchell
16 Vicki Evans-Reith	Seth Seay
Katie Leggett	
17 Sherry Breeden	

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!



We are about to put what seems like the longest winter in the books. I like snow and all but am excited to have warmer weather and longer days. I know the children are itching to get out and ride those new bikes they received as Christmas gifts all those months ago. There is lots happening in the coming days and weeks, hold on with me and let's see what the Lord has for us to do for HIM.

We are winding some of the children's programs down for the year. As I write, we are 2 weeks away from the end of Good News club...to those whom have been a part of the week to week clubs, thank you! It has been a great year and we have seen the children grow to trust you. I pray that God will continue to nurture the seeds we have planted. His word does not return void! To those who have prayed for us and contributed financially, thank you! We feel your prayers and are very thankful for the opportunities presented to us because of your generosity.

We are also nearing the end of the WOL club for the season. As of this Sunday, March 30th, we have one more regular club meeting on April 6th. "Target" is April 6th. Children should have all work toward **level turned in?** by this night. The following week is Palm Sunday and we will not have club to allow for the adult choir Easter Musical. It will be @ 5:00. **We will provide nursery for children birth-4yrs beginning at 4:45.** Our WOL awards will be April 27th @ 5:00. Please plan to be in attendance and celebrate an awesome year of learning and growth in the knowledge of our Lord! The children have worked so hard, and we are so very proud of them. We will also celebrate this night with an Ice Cream Social!

Other important Dates...

***April 5th @ 10 AM Teddy Bear and Me Preschool Egg Hunt.** Please get signed up to attend if you haven't already! Bring a friend ☺

***Good Friday Service...April 18th @ 6:00.** We will provide nursery for children birth- 4yrs beginning at 5:45.

April 27th** VBS teachers meeting following the morning service at 12:30. Please come and see what great plans we have for the children to learn about Jesus this summer. Come if you are sure of where you should work... come! If you are unsure of how to serve...come! JUST COME! We need you to make this a success for the children and the Kingdom. ***Weird Animals VBS is June 23rd-27th.

Looking Forward!

May holds shorter Sunday night services... Children will meet from 5-6 on May 4th May 18th May 25th June 1st and June 8th.

We will have Baby Dedications on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

VBS SET UP AND Decorating Day is June 22nd!

Are you ready, LETS GO! Be a part of this fun and exciting ministry to children at WHBC ☺

**HIS servant,
April Norris**

Thought for the Month

Ask God to take away your bad vices and replace them with all good things. God is all powerful and sovereign.



Praise the Lord! We have three people joining Western Heights Baptist Church during this time. The Kidwell Family, Stanley, Kim and Michael.

Welcome Stanley, Kim and Michael. Please pray for them as they continue their spiritual walk with the Lord.

GA Mailbox Relocated

To be more visible and easily accessible, the GA Mailbox has been moved from the Children's Wing to the 1st floor next to the Ruth Class, Helen Heller's Sunday School Class. A small donation of 25 cents per card will be appreciated. Thank you for using the GA mailbox for your card distribution.



Women on Mission News
Upcoming Women's Opportunities

Notes from the WHBC Clothes Closet

Pajamas & Brunch and Priscilla, Oh My!
Lifeway Presents
Priscilla Shirer LIVE Simulcast
Saturday, April 5, 2014 @ Lisa Witt's House
9:30 am – until

Come join us at Lisa Witt's house for a Priscilla Shirer LIVE "small group" Simulcast. Take a break from your busy routine to get in the Word with your church family & friends. Plan to come, bring your favorite brunch item to share, wear your most comfortable clothes – YES, pajamas are allowed—and be ready for a day of rich, biblical teaching with Priscilla and soulful, uplifting worship with Anthony Evans (Priscilla's brother). There may be a \$10-\$20 fee for participation in this simulcast.

RA & GA Sleepover
May 2-3 @ Camp Kehukee

RA & Dad and GA and Mom Sleepover is planned for May 2-3 from 6 PM to 11 AM at Camp Kehukee, 17414 Shands Rd, South Prince George VA 23875.

Space is limited

RSVP Becky Thomas 804.586.0632

Thank you so very much for the recent donations to the WHBC Clothes Closet. Your generosity has been overwhelming. We are staying busy assisting those in need.

Recently, we were able to assist a Dinwiddie family that lost everything in a house fire. We have also assisted those that need spring & summer clothing.

We are still in need of new or gently used girls clothing, sizes 3T-14. We cannot seem to keep children's clothing. Thank you for the donation of children shoes. These are always needed.

Due to limited space, please do not give toys and electronics. Thank you for supporting this mission and God bless you!

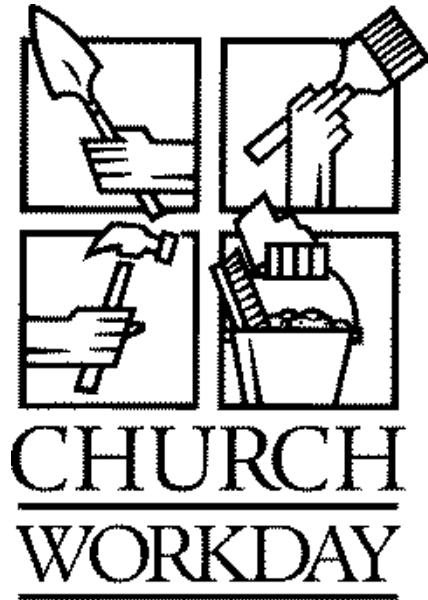
Matthew 25:40 Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

April Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Wednesday, April 2 nd	Combined	Keith & April Johnson
Sunday, April 6 th	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers & 3 yr Olds	Diane Reish & Christie Leggett
Sunday, 5 PM, April 6 th	Combined	Donna Temple & Paid Worker
Wednesday, 7 PM April 9 th	Combined	Barbara McCoy & Tina Blair
Sunday, April 13 th AM	Birth	Melissa Connelly & Patty Dudley
	Cruisers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Donna Temple & Jennifer Beville
Sunday, April 13 th 5 PM	Combined	TBD-Easter Cantata
Wednesday, 7 PM April 16 th	Combined	April Norris
Sunday, April 20 th AM	Birth	Committee Members
	Cruisers	Committee Members
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Committee Members
Sunday, 5 PM, April 20 th	Combined	No Evening Service
Wednesday, April 23 rd 7 PM	Combined	Melissa D. Connelly
Sunday AM, April 27 th	Birth	Janelle Brown & Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	Kathy Tarleton & Chelsi Holderfield
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Becky & Judy Pierce
Sunday, April 27 th 5 PM	Combined	Final WOL Awards
Wednesday, April 30 th 7 PM		April Norris

Events Coming Up at WHBC 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 5	Teddy Bear & Me Egg Hunt (Preschool birth-5), 10 AM Priscilla Shirer Live Simulcast, @ Lisa Witt's house, 9:30 AM
April 15	Super Seniors @ Kenwood Methodist, 12 PM
April 18	Good Friday Service, 6 PM
April 26	Senior Clean Up Day & Nursing Home Visits, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
April 27	Final WOL Awards VBS Worker's Meeting, 12:30 PM
May 2-3	GA Mom & Me Camp @ Camp Kuhukee (GA's 1 st – 6 th grade)
May 4	WHBC Senior Adult Day, 1230 PM
June 22	VBS Decorating Day
June 23-27	Weird Animals VBS



**Senior Clean-Up Day & Nursing Home Visits
April 26th**

We are having a Clean-Up Day and Nursing Home Visits on Saturday, April 26th from 8:30-1:00 PM. We will meet at the church to form teams for home projects and visits. Women on Mission and Brotherhood need your HELP to honor projects for our Widow/Widowers and shut-ins. Please contact Kristie Belvin at 862-2046 for additional information. Thank you in advance for this endeavor.

April Children's Church Schedule

Date	Volunteers
April 6th	Richard & Kim Lane, Heather Mills
April 13th	Donna Temple, April Norris
April 20th	April Norris & Committee
April 27th	Brian & Melissa Connelly, Victoria Dear



Thanks to all of you who work in our nursery and children's church as we could not do it without your help. God bless you all!

Notes of Gratitude

Western Heights,

We thank you for all your prayers these past couple months. We also thank those who brought food, sent cards, emails, and texts. Also, all the visits and the long waiting while George was in surgery. God Bless You!

**Love in Christ,
George & Vicki Campbell**

Great is the faithful people! We want to thank each and every one that provided food for the Kissner family. It is a blessing to be on a committee that people respond at a minutes' notice. Bless each of you in a special way.

The Benevolent Committee



WHBC Recent Births

Western Heights Baptist has two new additions to our church family:

Sydney Paige Orton, born Friday,
December 20, 2013

&

Gavin Thomas Dundalow, born Monday,
March 3, 2014

**Congratulations to
Shaun & Melanie Orton and Family and
David & JoAnna Dundalow
and Family**

Attention WHBC Seniors

On Sunday, May 4th is Senior Adult Day throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The WHBC Senior Adult Ministry Committee will recognize and honor all WHBC seniors on that day with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the morning worship service. The luncheon is for all WHBC Sunday school and worship services attendees 60 yrs old and older. If the spouse is younger than 60, they too are welcome to attend. There is no charge for the luncheon, but, since the luncheon will be catered (Picadillys), we will need an accurate number of attendees to give to the caterer. There are sign-up sheets on the Senior Adult Bulletin Board adjacent to Jack Mayes' Sunday School class, on the media table between the fellowship hall & sanctuary, and on the tables at both south entrances to the sanctuary.

The cutoff date for sign-ups will be Sunday, April 27th!

Luncheon Menu

*Roast Beef
Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
String Beans
Dinner Rolls
Apple or Peach Cobbler
Iced Tea (Unsweetened)
Coffee*



Happy Spring. . . . Boy has March gone out roaring like a lion!!!!

April has arrived and we have lots going on in the Music Ministry at Western Heights Baptist Church. Our Adult Easter Musical/Drama is being performed on Palm Sunday (April 13, 2014) at 5:00 p.m.. . . You DO NOT want to miss out of this amazing way to worship at this special time of year. The choir has been working very hard and we pray that God will arrive "early" that evening to prepare your hearts and our voices. A "special" treat is planned for the Easter Sunday morning worship service at 11:00. . . Our Children will be singing in the service and Adult/Youth choir will be closing out the service singing "My Savior Lives". Please plan on coming and worshipping with us. . . You will be blessed! I just know it. . .

We live and die; Christ died and lived! ~John Stott



Teddy Bear & Me Preschool Egg Hunt

When: April 5th @ 10 AM

Where: At the church

Children bring your favorite stuffed friend and an Easter basket. Older siblings may attend, however, this event will be set up for the little ones.

**Would appreciate donations of individual packaged crackers, cookies, fruit cups, & other snacks. Please no chocolates.
Thank you in advance!**