



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Happy July 4th!

A Brief History

The Declaration of Independence and birth of the United States of America as a Nation

Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence in June 1776.

Original copy of the Declaration of Independence was signed in August 1776 and the original copy is now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

In 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration of Independence was written, Congress first declared July 4th to be a National holiday as part of bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas.

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Women on Mission News

Extraordinary Women's Conference, September 26-27th

The Extraordinary Women's Conference is being held this year at the Roanoke Civic Center on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27. Tickets are \$65 and lunch for Saturday is \$10. You do not have to purchase lunch for Saturday, but, I strongly suggest you do. If not, you will have to find something within walking distance of the Civic Center or depend on the concessions they have available there. Rooms have been reserved at the same place we stayed last year – Holiday Inn- Tanglewood. I have reserved 5 rooms, and, I was able to get the E-Women Conference rate of \$129 per room with 2 double beds per room. However, with tax, the rooms are \$144.48. Talk to your friends and make plans to attend. Remember, you can get four people in a room and split the fee. Go to www.ewomen.net and check out the event to see the list of great speakers and bands that will be there. You can also order your ticket, print your ticket, and order your lunch all on the website. If you are planning to attend, please let Lisa Witt know as soon as possible. If there is a need for more rooms, I need to reserve them very soon. There is a Virginia Tech home game that weekend, so rooms will not be available for long. **If you have any questions, please see Lisa Witt or call me at 804-861-6290.**

Events Coming Up at WHBC July 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 2	Prayer Meeting, 7 PM
July 4	Independence Day (church offices closed)
July 7	Deacon's Meeting, 7 PM
July 9	Prayer & Business Meeting, 7 PM
July 11	Parents Night Out, 6-10 PM
July 12-19	World Changers to Roanoke VA
July 13	Baby Shower for Jarrett & Johanna Munford 2 PM
July 21	WHBC-hosted Blood Drive, 3-7 PM
July 21-25	Centri-kid Children's Camp
August 4-8	Youth at Camp Kehukee
August 7	Faith Night at the Diamond (Makeup night and can use former tickets)
August 10	Kickoff for Word of Life Bible Study (children 3 yrs-6 th grade)
August 15-16	Older children overnighter "Beakers Bubbles & the Bible, 6:30-10:30 PM (rising 4 th graders –

completed 6th grade)

Notes of Gratitude

Western Heights Family,

We would like to thank Pastor Jon and John Howard for their prayers the morning of Francine's surgery at 6:30 am.

Also, thank you to all the members and friends who brought food, prayers, and visited Francine in the hospital and at home.

Thanks and may God bless you all,
Donald & Francine

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks to our church family for your support during Dennis' illness and the loss of his son. We very much appreciate everyone.

God Bless,
Dennis & Linda Sullivan

Thought for the Month

A man cannot be comfortable without his
own approval.

Brotherhood News

In preparation for our next meeting in September, we need to be in prayer for someone to lead the Brotherhood for the upcoming year. If you have someone in mind, please contact them and see if they will be willing to serve before nominating them. We will be voting during the meeting to fill this position. Our next meeting is September 14, 2014 at 8 am.

We are in need of school supplies and a list is posted on the collection boxes located in the nursery wing and in the back foyer of the sanctuary.

Please continue to pray about the Backpack Ministry; if you are willing to organize and assist with this ministry, please let Richard McCoy or Ronnie Pierce know. This ministry will take each of us working together as a church body to maintain our commitment. We should be praying for these children and their families.

We have made some headway on clearing some land off at Church Road and, if you are willing to help in this project, see Mike Demaline or Ronnie Pierce. We will be scheduling another workday soon.

**Ronnie Pierce,
Brotherhood Ministry**

July Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Wednesday, July 2 nd	Combined`	Judi Tucker & Jennifer Wilson
Sunday, July 6 th	Birth	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Cruisers	Keith & April Johnson
	Toddlers & 3 yr Olds	Jennifer Beville & Ashley McFarland
Sunday, 5 PM, July 6 th	Combined	No Evening Services
Wednesday, 7 PM July 9 th	Combined	Melissa Dear & Lisa Witt
Sunday, July 13 th AM	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Donna Temple & Jennifer Wilson
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Becky & Judy Pierce
Sunday, July 13 th 5 PM	Combined	No Evening Services
Wednesday, 7 PM July 16 th	Combined	Ashley McFarland & April Norris
Sunday, July 20 th AM	Birth	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Ray & Lisa Witt
Sunday, 5 PM, July 20 th	Combined	No Evening Services
Wednesday, July 23 rd 7 PM	Combined	April Johnson & Christie Leggett
Sunday, July 27 th	Birth	Janelle Brown & Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	Chelsi Holderfield & Kathy Tarleton
	Toddlers/3 yr. Olds	Marty & Karla Baird
Sunday, July 27 th PM	Combined	No Evening Services
Wednesday, July 30 th	Combined	April Johnson & Donna Temple



WHBC Prayer Garden

A big Thank You to all of those who donated to the WHBC Prayer Garden! The WOM deeply appreciates the encouragement, interests and donations! We now have the cross, the bench, more flowers are on the way and after VBS, the stepping stones will be placed. Thank You! It is our hope that our members will use the Prayer Garden often and will find it to be a place of serenity and comfort. God Bless you all.

**Kristie & Anna,
John 17: 20-21**



Please continue to bring in nonperishable items and place in Helen Heller's Ruth Class as it is a great need as donations are fewer and government subsidies are fewer also. God bless you for your donations.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16



July Children's Church Volunteers

Date	Volunteers
July 6 th	John & Heath Mills & April Norris
July 13 th	James & Charity Burnette, April Norris
July 20 th	Keith & April Johnson, Kathy Tarleton
July 27 th	Tim & Jennifer Wilson & Christine Croarkin

Baby Shower Coming Up!

When: Next Sunday, July 13th

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Honoring Jarrett & Johanna Munford

They are expecting a boy!!

**They are registered at Babies R Us and
Target**

All Invited

WHBC Clothes Closet

Thank you so very much for the recent donations to the Clothes Closet. We are still in need of Boys and Girls infant clothing. I didn't think we would be very busy during the summer months, but, so far we have assisted several families

Your contributions are always welcome! 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 brethren, ye have done it unto me.

