

# The Witness

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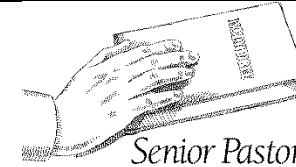
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I had a friend of mine remind me the other day to enjoy every season in life that comes because it won't last forever. He said that the only difference between 35 and 55 is that you wonder who the older guy in the mirror is staring back at you. I have to admit that the older I get, the more I recognize that time is flying and that nothing lasts forever. There are so many unique seasons in life that come with their own unique challenges. So many times, we don't appreciate these stages because we are so focused on the challenges that we don't appreciate the blessings. As we get older, we all start to think about the legacy that we will leave when we are gone. I think we also really start to appreciate the good days that we have had and the blessings that came along with the trials that we have been through in life.

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## June Birthday List

The Bible teaches us to appreciate the good times in life, but, to also look forward to each new day as an opportunity to serve the Lord regardless of our age. The word tells us in Psalm 92 that we will bear fruit for the Lord in our lives regardless of what age we may be or what season in life we may be in. All of us, if we live long enough, will find ourselves slowing down and there will probably be some things we cannot do anymore. However, we must determine that we will endure in our faith and service to Him regardless of the season we're in. I hope and pray that as we all continue on in the journey of life that we will work hard to finish every minute of every day well. I pray that the Lord would say to us well done good and faithful servant and that we will bear fruit for Him every day until we go to be with Him or He comes to get us.

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

1	Charles Veazey	20	Helen Chappell
	Shaun Orton		Jean Roberts
	Frank Piotrowski		Wynonah Thomas
2	Calvin Adkins		Wallace Twombly
3	LeAnn Harrison	22	Kellie Lester
4	Judy Phillips		Crystal Lamm
5	Tom Loden		David Dundalow
	Kaysea Ramsey		Samuel Mitchell
7	Joyce Holley		Amy Wright
8	Mildred Pride	23	Florence Moon
9	Jeanne Lester Rose		Bobby Olgers
	Dwen Marek		Jeremy Scott
	Katelyn Schmidt	24	Patricia "Patty" Beville
	Micheal Wright		Timothy Dundalow
11	Linda Cothron		Natalie Francis
13	Roger Sullivan		Steven Owens
14	Darrin Munford	25	Tara Phillips
17	Becky Antkowiak		Andrea A. Beville
	Jason Mann	26	Tracy Dorgan
	Carissa Nichols		Donald Schmidt
18	Thomas Gunn	27	Brooke Glasscock Dimaio
	Donna Boyd	28	Shea Danelis
	Rebecca F. Wilcox		Anna Keeney
19	Tabatha Berry	29	Tracy Guyette
	Virginia Bragan	30	Barbara Blankenship
	Bessie Munford		Charles Lively

**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!**

## May Birthday List

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
8	Jacob Chapman Tim Morini Pat Kennedy Susan Nauseaf	22	Brodie Maitland 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
13	Courtney Sodat Becky Sowers Sarah B. Slade Michael Spencer Karly Wynn	26	Bryan Russell 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

\*VBS is 8 weeks away from May 4<sup>th</sup>! Can you believe it? If you were unable to attend the teachers meeting held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, you can still sign up to help! We have most of the rotation teacher spots filled and we are now looking to fill the leader spots. These open areas are for adults who will lead children from place to place and keep them on time (no class room to decorate & no lesson to prepare!)

Simply give of your time M-F, 8:35 am-12:15pm.



Will you serve this summer? We could surely use your help!! As of right now we need 17 more adults to sign up! Youth are also needed to serve 😊

\*Beginning this Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have Sunday night service for one hour. During this modified one hour service there will be activities for the children(4yrs-6<sup>th</sup> grade) as well as nursery for the little ones (birth-3yrs). The Sunday nights schedule is as follows...

May 4<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm

May 11<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day - (No evening service)

May 18<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm

May 25<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm

June 1<sup>st</sup> 5-6 pm

June 8<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm

June 15<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day, No evening service)

June 22<sup>nd</sup> VBS decorating Day! Following the morning service we will begin to decorate for VBS. If you are not

available to work during the VBS week, but would like to assist in decorating and moving furniture we would love to have you!

(No evening service)

June 29<sup>th</sup> (No evening service)

**\*Upcoming Events:**

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Spring Event—Faith Night at the Diamond!

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day—Baby Dedication

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day – Baby Dedication

June 22<sup>nd</sup>- VBS Tee Shirt Day –VBS Decorating Day

June 23-27<sup>th</sup>-- Weird Animals VBS

\*Take Me out to the Ball Game—Have you ever been to see the flying Squirrels? This is your opportunity! The Children’s Ministry will be providing tickets to those children 12 and under who sign up. This is a family event; parents should plan to attend and are responsible for their own tickets and the cost of any food. The gates open at 4:00 with the game beginning at 6:05. There will be player testimonials, post game fireworks, and pre-game entertainment by a Christian band. Please sign up on the Children’s facebook page or on the sign- up sheet on Mrs. April’s Door!

\*The next 2 months are the busy time for children’s ministry! If you see someone who works in children’s ministry, would you please give them a high five and tell them, great job! Without all the volunteers, we would not be able to meet the needs of the children. Thank you to each of you who serve in every capacity. Thanks to you we are able to plant seeds in the hearts and minds of many little ones.

**HIS servant,**

**April Norris**

**Acts 20:24**

**Women on Mission News**  
*Upcoming Women’s Opportunities*

***Extraordinary Women’s Conference***

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](http://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.**



## **Notes from the WHBC Clothes Closet**

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.

## **RA & GA Sleepover** **May 2-3 @ Camp Kehukee**

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

Space is limited. RSVP Becky Thomas @804.586.0632

## **RA Annual Campout**

The RA annual campout will be held from Friday night, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 6 PM on Friday, and RA boys are to be picked up at 2 PM Saturday at the church. All RA boys (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades) are invited. If any men are willing to help either Friday or Saturday with the boys, please contact Tim Morini, or Brian Connelly.

## **Brotherhood Notes**

Our "Back to School Supplies Ministry" will be scheduled to start earlier this year. We will begin our school drive starting June 1, 2014. Distribution will be on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Thank you in advance for your participation.

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Brotherhood Breakfast with guest speaker from Highland Methodist. She will be informing us about their current program, "Backpack Ministry". All interested, please come and enjoy breakfast and hear about the "Backpack Ministry". Breakfast starts at 8 AM.

## May Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Sunday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	John & Heather Mills
	Toddlers & 3 yr Olds	Marty & Karla Baird
Sunday, 5 PM, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Keith & April Johnson
Wednesday, 7 PM May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Judi Tucker
Sunday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> AM "Mother's Day"	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Christine Croarkin & Amanda Whirley
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Keith & April Johnson
Sunday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> 5 PM	Combined	<b>No Evening Services</b>
Wednesday, 7 PM May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Melissa Dear
Sunday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> AM	Birth	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
Sunday, 5 PM, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Karla Baird
Wednesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup> 7 PM	Combined	Donna Temple
Sunday AM, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Cruisers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Richard & Kim Lane
Sunday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> 5 PM	Combined	Janelle Brown
Wednesday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM		April Johnson

## Events Coming Up at WHBC 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 2-3	GA Mom & Me Camp @ Camp Kuhukee (GA's 1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade)
May 4	WHBC Senior Adult Day, 11:00 AM
May 11	"Mother's Day" Recognition & Baby/Children Dedication Music by "Little Feet" Children's Choir
May 18	Brotherhood Breakfast (A change)
May 18-25	Week of Prayer for PBA Mission Emphasis & Mission Offering
May 19	Blood Drive, 3 – 7 PM
May 20	Super Seniors Meet at WHBC, 12 PM
June 8	Brotherhood Breakfast with Guest Speaker from Highland Methodist – "Backpack Ministry" – all interested are invited, 8:30 AM
June 14	Kids Day – VBS preregistration & OMC, 1-4 PM
June 22	VBS Decorating Day
June 23-27	Weird Animals VBS

## May Children's Church Volunteers

Date	Volunteers
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tim & Jamie Morini, April Norris
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Burton & Amanda Whirley, April Norris
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	V.J. & Sarah Slade, Chelsi Holderfield
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Karla Baird & Linda Sullivan, April Norris

Praise the Lord! We have two people joining Western Heights Baptist Church during this time. Tammy Van Scyoc request membership by baptism, and Robert "Bobby" Belvin request membership by letter from Wesley Methodist, Colonial Heights.

Welcome Tammy and Bobby. Please pray for Tammy and Bobby as they continue their spiritual walk with the Lord.

### ***Thought for the Month***

*It's not what's in your wallet or bank account that counts, only, what's in your heart for the Lord! Strive for your eternal place with God in **ETERNITY**.*

### **Notes of Gratitude**

On behalf of the Kissner Family we want to thank you for all of your and support shown to us during the loss of our father and grandfather. The phone calls, cards, visits, and food that were extended to us will never be forgotten. Although this is a sad time for all of us, we find comfort in your love that was shown to us so abundantly!

**Love,  
Alan, Pam, Kevin, Nathan & Erin**

We are so grateful for the outpouring response that you have showed this past month for providing food for our church family. We want to thank you for providing food for the Betty Henshaw and Marie Riggins' families. This is something that would not happen if it wasn't for faithful people like you. Once again, thanks and God bless each and everyone.

### **The Benevolent Committee**

The flowers sent by the members of Western Heights Baptist Church were beautiful and greatly appreciated.

**Thank you,  
Helen Turner & Family  
(Vera Mitchell's Mother and family)**

Dear Western Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for all the cards and phone calls I received during the loss of my father. Thank you for the flowers given to my mother, Helen Turner. She greatly appreciated the beautiful flowers! We appreciate the love you have shown to my family and I during this time.

**Sincerely,  
Vera Mitchell**

Dear Family at Western Heights,

Good morning to you! We hope that our note finds you well and having lots of things to be thanking & praising our Lord for. We trust that you as Christ's body there are being His face, hands, and feet to the community and that like Christ, you are daily making the Gospel message of God's salvation through Jesus Christ known to the community.

We have been asking God to bless and help you for His work and purpose.

We want to thank you for your continued support for our family. Up to now, we are still seeking where our Lord wants us to work. We are working through the application process for church planting in our area. However, this seems also to be a work in which we will be bivocational.

We are trusting our Lord to guide us in this. Please do continue to pray for God's leading in our lives.

We really do appreciate you folks as you have been family to us. We pray God's blessings upon you.

Will go for now!

**Jeff, Kim, Mary Ellen, Rebekah, Anna & Joseph**



## **WOM Prayer Garden**

There will be a new Prayer Garden sponsored by the Women on Mission. It will have a prayer bench (already donated) and flowers and other items that are in conjunction with the prayer theme. If interested in donating flowers or other items, please see Kristie Belvin or Anna Keeney. This Prayer Garden will also be dedicated in the future...thank you.

I Thessalonians 5:17 **“Pray without ceasing.”**

### **Baby Dedication**

*We will dedicate our new babies or children in the church to the Lord on Mother's Day and Father's Day during the morning worship services. If you have a child or children to be dedicated to the Lord, please come with your children during the calling on Mother's or Father's Day.*



***Happy Mother's Day!***  
**2014**



Strength & honor are her  
clothing, and she shall rejoice in  
time to come.

Proverbs 31:25

**Kehukee Family Day**  
**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:15 AM – 4:00 PM**

Hot dogs, baked beans & beverages provided!! Please bring a  
side dish or desserts.

**Health Screenings & More, 10 AM – 2 PM**

**Fishing Contest for All Ages!**

**Other Activities**

General Fishing, Hiking, Relaxing, Corn Hole Bean Bag Toss,  
Walk the Emmanuel Trail

**Swimming Pool open 1:45 – 4:00 PM**

**Singing/Instrumental Groups @ Powell Pavilion**

11:00 AM- 12:30 PM with Message &  
1:00- 2:30 PM

**Lunch @ Powell Pavilion @ 12:30 PM**

4:00 PM – Activities End