

The Witness

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I always hear youth ministers talking about peer pressure and how youth are being encouraged by their peers to do things that are not positive. I wonder sometimes if peer pressure doesn't exist with adults and even within the Body of Christ. Some of the pressure can be good from our brothers and sisters when we are in sin and in need of repentance. However, it seems to me that many times churches are very interested in conforming people to their image rather than the image of Christ. Often times well meaning individuals encourage change in the lives of those around them simply because that person dresses or behaves in a way they aren't comfortable with. I think we need to evaluate our own pressures and even prejudices. We must focus on what is important to God above all else and work to make sure that He increases in our lives while we decrease. Secondly, though I believe that we need to be sure that we are not conforming to the pressures of the individuals around us and falling short of Christ's plan for our lives. You may be thinking now pastor we shouldn't cause others to stumble and you are correct. However, we shouldn't stifle the diversity of our congregation and thereby inhibit our ability to reach people for Jesus Christ. I love the fact that Jesus didn't ask Peter to put

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on a suit and follow Him. He took Peter just as he was and dealt with sinful issues allowing his personality to stay intact and ultimately he became Cephas the rock on which Jesus built the church. God has made each of us unique in this world to fulfill His purpose. We need to be sure individually and corporately that we are living in the freedom that Christ died for. For many years congregations have formed according to their race, and today many are formed according to their dress or music. I know heaven is not going to have any divisions and the divisions that we experience here on earth are definitively sinful.

My prayer is that we wouldn't be a suit and tie church or a skinny jeans church. Rather, that we would be a church body that represents the unique personalities, colors, and attributes of the Bride of Christ. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made and therefore uniquely gifted to reach this world for Jesus! Let's live and let others live to be all He died for us to be!

"I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works and that my soul Knows very well. Psalm 139:14 "

**Until He Comes,
Jonathan Dundalow, Galatians 6:9**

Thought for the Month

Start your day with reading God's word and end with prayer of thanksgiving and pray for others.

March Birthday List

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|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Michael Clemens | 22 | Edward Slade |
| | Michael Edmonds | | Debbie Zimmerman |
| | Jim Lafoon | 23 | Mike Brown |
| | Joseph Wray | | Betsy Berry |
| 3 | Wilbur Maitland | | Wendy Crance |
| 4 | Alicia B. Weyforth | | Kim Lovin |
| | David Criswell, Jr. | | Cynthia Reese |
| 5 | Conner Danels | 24 | James Robertson |
| 6 | Robert Bishop | 25 | Megan Demaline |
| | Phyllis Reish | | Artie Daniels |
| 7 | Mollie Belcher | | Chris Hayes |
| | Lauren Adams | 26 | Paul Chapman |
| | Tynecia Taylor | | Marland, Cook, Jr. |
| 8 | George Holley, Jr. | | Virginia Price |
| | Cheryl Price | | Beverly Swinson |
| | Debra Grammer | 28 | Kimberly Green |
| 12 | Ann Holderfield | | Walter Witt, III |
| 13 | Chris Dimaio | 29 | Crystal Arrington |
| | Keri Eley | | Betty Mayes |
| | Mike Joyce | | Taylor Perkinson |
| 14 | Henry Beals, Jr. | | Rebecca Price |
| | Leslie Bostic | 30 | Michael Hayes |
| | Alisha Young | | Amanda A. Spencer |
| | Megan Thomas | 31 | Gregory Guyette |
| 15 | Donnie Bostic | | Holly Johnson |
| | Ashley McFarland | | Rita Louk |
| | John Miller | | |
| | Patty Pletcher | | |
| | Justin Storey | | |
| 16 | Dyllon Bostic | | |
| 18 | Emily Wenzel | | |
| 20 | Renee Allred | | |
| | Pamela Cunningham | | |
| 21 | Elizabeth "Liz" Marshall | | |
| | Preston Westmoreland | | |
| | April Johnson | | |

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!

February Birthdays

1	Joshua Massey	16	Ann Cunningham
2	Danny Mitchell		Brian Banner
	Jimmy Johnson		Rickey Ingram
	Brady Slade	17	Mike Demaline
4	Caleb Morini		Carolyn Hogue
	Lauren Marshall	18	Justin Banner
	Angela Neddo		Allen Burton
5	Mark Joyce		Tiffany M. Henshaw
6	Lee Harrison, III		Mille Howland
	Jeff Lovin	19	Deonte Spicer
	Chase Wade	20	Jarrett Munford
7	Shelby Lail	21	Kim Stanek
	Cassidy Lamm	22	Eunice Finch
	Sarah Mitchell		Timothy Francis
	Mike Nauseef		David Williams
8	Randy Adkins	23	Rachel Newton
	Sandra Drewry		Brittney Mitchell
	Mary Wade		Ronald "Jake" Wood
	Jimmy Walker	24	Linda Fischer
	Sandra Lafoon		Tina Blair
	Timmy Morini		V. J. Slade, Jr.
9	Danny Kinton	25	Dustin Jones
	Timothy Francis, Sr.	26	Brenda Olgers
	Sandy-Anderson Slade		Bonnie Perkinson
10	Rebecca Staples Foley		Frank Zaharek
	Cannon Haines	27	Patti Mitchell
11	Amanda Jarrell		Kenzey Wynn
	Levi Mitchell	28	Matthew Belvin
12	Mike Demaline		Jennifer Twombly
	Dianne Harrison Barton		
13	Charles Daulton		
	Dustin Grissom		
14	Edith Chasteen		
	Henry Hogue		
	Will Neddo		
	Sue Freudig		
	Bryson Michael Rickman		
15	Alexandra Welch		
	Wallace Markert		



A Note from the Children's Director

IT is February! Thank you all for the support to children's ministry here at WHBC. So many of you are actively praying and verbally encouraging! It means so much, thank you!

WOL level 2 awards will be handed out February 9th! I look forward to award night as a time to encourage all children. Those whom have achieved level and those whom have not. They have all worked hard on the goals set before them.

We are planning our 2nd annual "You and Me" for Feb. 22nd. This event is an awesome opportunity for children and an adult loved one of *their* choice to have a night together. This could be a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or a family friend (one per child). We will have finger foods for dinner @ 5:00 and party games. Children (4yrs-6th grade children invited to attend) and their "date" should wear western style clothing. Why? Because we are all, "Wanted...to Follow Christ" Boots denim...teeshirts...coyboy hats...We are having Western Night at WHBC! Please feel free to invite friends and their children to attend as well. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or on the Facebook event. Please see me for all questions.

Please pray for our community children as they have missed a lot of school and will have much to make up when they return. Prayers for Good News Club are also welcome. We have been unable to host clubs due to the weather. There is another storm headed our way... When we do have club again we could use some help still. If children's ministry is your call, please volunteer to help!

**HIS servant,
April Norris**

Note from Our Choir Director

Well, winter weather has definitely reared it's head up and I don't know about everyone else, but I'M COLD!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Brrrrrrrrr.

Revelation 3:15-16 ESV says we should rather be cold or hot and not lukewarm for if we are lukewarm, God will spit us out of His mouth. I want to be hot!!!! Literally and spiritually for the Lord and I'm sure you do too.

We are in full swing back to choir practices on Tuesday nights at 6:00 for Adults and Wednesday night at 7:00 for Children and Youth practices. We have begun working on the Easter Musical entitled "My Savior, My God". If you would like to be a part of the musical, please see me and if you can't make it to practices, there is a CD of the musical you are welcome to take and learn from that.

I am always so blessed to be a part of the orchestra on Sunday mornings and appreciate their dedication to practices and their talents overwhelm me. Truly WHBC is blessed with such dedicated musicians. If you have a desire to play with the group and have an instrument to play, please join us every Tuesday night at 7:00 in the church sanctuary!!!!

Bonnie



Praise the Lord! We have two people joining Western Heights Baptist Church. Christian "Chris" & Brooke Glasscock Dimaio have requested membership transferring from Colonial Heights Baptist.

We welcome Chris and Brooke back and please pray for them as they continue their spiritual walk with the Lord.



Baby Shower for Mike & Megan Demaline

When: Sunday, March 9th @ 2 PM

Where: WHBC Fellowship Hall

Mike & Megan are expecting a baby boy!

They are registered at Babies R Us

February Children's Church Schedule

Date	Volunteers
February 2nd	Donna Temple & April Norris
February 9th	V.J. & Sarah Slade, Hope Lane & April Norris
February 16th	Keith & April Johnson, Kathy Tarleton
February 23rd	Mike & Megan Demaline, Katherine Loden & April Norris

Women on Mission News

We have a couple exciting opportunities to let you know about. Therefore, mark your calendar now.

On Saturday, March 22nd from 9 am-3 pm, we will have WOM Women's Day at Western Heights Baptist Church. Our theme will be "In God's Comfort". Our guest speaker will be Amy Stewart. Amy is married to Dr. Gary Stewart, Senior Pastor of Beaverdam Baptist Church. She is the Women's Ministry leader at Beaverdam Baptist and serves with a magnificent team of Worship Leaders at her church. Plan to come worship and learn as you will be blessed by Amy's understanding of God's mercy and grace.

On Saturday, April 5th, Priscilla Shirer LIVE will be simulcast all over the world. We have the option to attend this event at a church in Richmond or have our own small group simulcast. We are looking into both options and will have more information to come soon.

Events Coming Up at WHBC 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
February 6	Ladies' Bible Study on Nehemiah starts
February 18	Super Seniors Meet @ WHBC, 12 PM with lunch & guest speaker
February 21	World Changers' Spaghetti Dinner, 6 PM
February 22	You & Me "Cowpokes", 5 PM
February 24	WHBC-hosted Blood Drive, 3-7 PM
March 2	New Members Classes start (tentative), 9:45 AM
March 5	Church Council Meeting, 8 PM
March 7	Parents Night Out, 6-10 PM
March 9	Baby Shower for Mike & Megan Demaline 2 PM
March 30	Baptismal Sunday (tentative)
April 5	Teddy Bear & Me Egg Hunt (Preschool birth-5) Priscilla Shirer Live Simulcast, location to be announced

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Thank you so very much for my Christmas bonus this year. I am very grateful for it and will use it wisely.

**Thanks again,
Trisha Johnson**

Thank you from all the WHBC Staff,

The WHBC staff thanks you for our Christmas bonuses. It sure came in “handy” at Christmas and very much appreciated. God bless you all in the New Year – 2014.

**Sincerely,
WHBC Staff**

Friends of Barnabas Missions

Friends of Barnabas’ mission is to improve the lives of Honduran families and children in need by providing high quality sustainable medical care and enabling communities to become self sufficient through health-related training and education. At the core of this mission is a love of humanity and service. In addition, help is given by providing cloth diapers, blankets and slings to hold babies. It is an ongoing project and individuals travel to Honduras monthly.

If you have any extra lengths of cloth (flannel or cotton) any print or plain, and even curtain material, please place in Kathy Whirleys Sunday School Class or give to Carol Hege. It takes 7 feet of cloth to make one baby sling. You may also give to the church Administrative Assistant. If you are interested in sewing diapers, blankets or making slings, please see Carol Hege.

February Nursery Workers

Date	Age	Nursery Volunteers
Sunday, February 2nd	Birth	Janelle Brown & S Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	John & Heather Mills
	Toddlers & 3 yr Olds	Ronnie & BeckyPierce
Sunday, 5 PM, February 2nd	Combined	No Evening Service – Super Bowl Events
Wednesday, 7 PM February 5th	Combined	Keith & April Johnson
Sunday, February 9th AM	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	Christine Croarkin & Amanda Whirley
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Marty & Karla Baird
Sunday, February 9th 5 PM	Combined	Donna Temple Paid Worker
Wednesday, February 12th	Combined	Barbara McCoy & Tina Blair
Sunday, February 16th AM	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
Sunday, 5 PM, February 16th	Combined	Donna Temple & Judi Tucker
Wednesday, February 19th 7 PM	Combined	Melissa D. Connelly
Sunday AM, February 23rd	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Richard & Kim Lane
Sunday 5 PM, February 23rd	Combined	Donna Temple & Paid Worker
Wednesday, February 26th 7 PM	Combined	April Norris



“Happy Valentines”

Love One Another as Jesus Loves Us

*Place me like a seal over your heart,
like a seal on your arm, for love is as
strong as death, its jealousy as unyielding
as the grave, it burns like a blazing fire,
like a mighty flame.*

Song of Solomon 8:6

*World Changers’ Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, February 21st
6 PM*

*Come out and support the World Changers’ missions by
enjoying a delicious spaghetti dinner and the trimmings
prepared by our famous WHBC Chefs.*

*Bring out the family and your friends to enjoy this fund
raising meal to help with the World Changers’ Mission going
to Roanoke, Virginia in July.*