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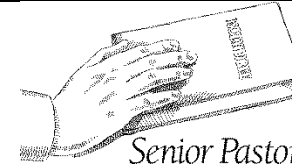
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Sometimes it's pretty interesting to take a particular word and just search it in a concordance or in an online bible search engine such as www.biblegateway.com. Today, I was searching the word stranger and found a couple of results that got me thinking. First off, Ephesians 2:12 reminds us that at some point and time we were all strangers to the Body of Christ. At some point and time regardless of how young we were when we accepted Christ we were at some point a stranger to salvation. That should give us great compassion to those who are strangers to us and strangers to salvation. Secondly, in Hebrews 13:2 the Bible tells us that we should entertain strangers and have a place for them in our fellowship. In fact, the Bible says that there are times that we will find ourselves entertaining angels when we open our lives, our homes, and the Lord's Church to those who are strangers to us and possibly strangers to the Gospel. Lastly, the Bible reminds us that we are strangers here on the earth and that this is not our home. There may be times in our lives that we feel like we don't fit or that the devastating effects of sin may become very apparent through our current circumstances. But Hebrews 11:3 reminds us that we are strangers to this earth and that our heavenly home has been prepared

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with plenty of space for all the strangers that the Lord welcomed into the Body of Christ!

So, I think when we consider the strangers around us we should stand ready to assist and to provide a place for them. This should be a priority in our homes but most importantly in our fellowship. We should provide room for them in our parking lots, in our pews, in our nurseries, and of course in our hearts. It's easy to say that if people want to come they will come and that inconvenience on a Sunday morning shouldn't stop them if they really want to be here. That may even have some elements of truth in it. However, I am glad that the Lord didn't treat me that way when I was a stranger to Him. He sought me out, and paid a price for me, and made a way for me to come to Him. Can we do any less for the strangers we encounter in this world? Are we leaving a place for them here at WHBC? Are they welcome? Are we missing the opportunity to entertain angels by simply not being available and welcoming to their visit? I don't know for sure but I believe we must get a lot more serious about providing the parking, nursery, and fellowship space necessary for strangers to feel welcome here at WHBC.

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

Thought for the Month

A Bible in memory is better than a Bible in the bookcase! Amen!

April Birthday List

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|----|-----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 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 | | |



Happy Birthday!!

March Birthday List

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
	Debra Grammer		Beverly Swinson
	Cheryl Price	28	Kimberly Green
	Carolyn Williams		Walter Witt, III
12	Ann Holderfield	29	Crystal Arrington
13	Chris Dimaio		Betty Mayes
	Keri Eley		Taylor Perkinson
	Mike Joyce		Rebecca Price
14	Henry Beals, Jr.	30	Michael Hayes
	Leslie Bostic		Amanda A. Spencer
	Alisha Young	31	Gregory Guyette
	Megan Thomas		Holly Johnson
15	Donnie Bostic		Rita Louk
	Ashley McFarland		
	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!



A Note from the Children's Director

Hello again and welcome to March ☺. We are so excited to head in to the warmer months here in the children's department! There are so many fun things happening!!

Mark your calendars for these fun and exciting days

March 7th 6-10 is Parents Night Out! Children should bring a bagged dinner and plan to have fun. Please sign up for this event so that we can be sure to have enough supplies.

April 5th 10:00-11:30 is Teddy Bear and Me Easter Egg Hunt. This event is for our preschool friends (birth-5yrs). Please choose your favorite stuffed friend and bring a basket to hunt eggs. We will have a fun snack as well. Sign up on the bulletin board or on the Facebook event page!

We would appreciate donations for the Teddy Bear & Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking for individual packaged crackers (Goldfish, Teddy Grahams) sandwich cookies and fruit cups, applesauce cups. Please no chocolates. Thank you in advance in supporting the children's Teddy Bear & Easter Egg Hunt!

April 27th - VBS Workers Meeting! Please come and learn all about this year's VBS. Plan to be in attendance if you want to work with us in any way. We will talk about all aspects of Vacation Bible School at WHBC.

June 23rd-27th is VBS 2014!!!



Thank you all so much for your prayers for the many adventures in Children's Ministry. Please continue prayers for the children and our current workers. Please also search your own heart to see if God has called you to serve these little ones.

HIS servant,
April Norris



Don't Forget to Turn Clocks Up Saturday
Night, March 8th!!

Sunday, March 9th Begins Daylight
Savings Time!



Praise the Lord! We have one person joining Western Heights Baptist Church during this time. Aaron Holderfield requested membership transferring from Colonial Heights Baptist.

We welcome Aaron and please pray for him as he continues his spiritual walk with the Lord.



Don't Forget!
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

Notes of Gratitude

You Always Do the Nicest Things!

We want to thank all the people that brought food for the Family of Connie Robertson, daughter of Evannah Glasscock. Thanks to all the people that helped in the kitchen and helped getting the tables and chairs set up. May God bless each and everyone in a special way.

The Benevolent Committee

To Our Church Family,

Thanks so much for the Bible stories' books and the Babies R Us gift card. It will come in handy as we prepare for the arrival of our son!

Thanks again for everything.

David, JoAnna & Gavin Dundalow

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.

Women on Mission News *Upcoming Women's Opportunities*

Western Heights WOM Ladies Retreat **"In God's Comfort"** **Saturday, March 22, 2014** **9 am – 3 pm**

Come join us as we worship & learn together about the peace and comfort we can only get from a loving relationship with God. Our guest speaker will be Amy Stewart from Beaverdam, VA. Amy is married to Dr. Gary Stewart, Senior Pastor at Beaverdam Baptist Church. Together they have raised four amazing young adult and have seen God work wonders in their lives so far. She has a passion for God's Word, Worship and Women. Amy enjoys sharing the truths of God's Word with stories of His deep love and mercy. She will make you laugh, cry and thirst for more of Jesus.

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.

March Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>
Sunday, March 2 nd	Birth	Melissa Connelly & Patty Dudley
	Cruisers	Chelsi Holderfield & Kathy Tarleton
	Toddlers & 3 yr Olds	Lola Holley & Michelle Stech
Sunday, 5 PM, March 2 nd	Combined	Janelle Brown & Donna Temple
Wednesday, 7 PM March 5 th	Combined	Trisha Johnson
Sunday, March 9 th AM	Birth	Janelle Brown & Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
Sunday, March 9 th 5 PM	Combined	Donna Temple Paid Worker
Wednesday, March 12 th	Combined	Judi Tucker
Sunday, March 16 th AM	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	John & Heather Mills
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas
Sunday, 5 PM, March 16 th	Combined	Donna Temple & Rachel Wynn
Wednesday, March 19 th 7 PM	Combined	Melissa D. Connelly
Sunday AM, March 23 rd	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Ray & LisaWitt
Sunday, March 23 rd 5 PM	Combined	Donna Temple & Paid Worker

Events Coming Up at WHBC 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 2	New Members Classes start , 9:45 AM
March 5	Church Council Meeting, 8 PM
March 7	Parents Night Out, 6-10 PM
March 9	Brotherhood Breakfast, 8 AM Baby Shower for Mike & Megan Demaline 2 PM
March 19	Pancake Supper & Missionaries from Romania & Uruguay, 6 PM
March 30	Baptismal Sunday
April 5	Teddy Bear & Me Egg Hunt (Preschool birth-5) Priscilla Shirer Live Simulcast, @ Lisa Witt's house
April 6	Jason Burton Concert, 5 PM

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.



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 have helped three families that lost everything due to house fires. We have also sent clothes to two local schools for children that were in need. All of this could not be done without your help.

We are still in need of new or gently girls clothing, sizes 3T – 14. We cannot seem to keep children's clothing.

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

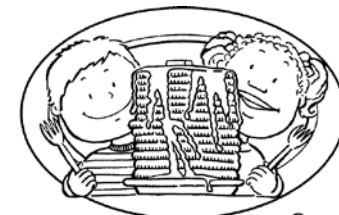
Matthew 25:40 Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Nursery Schedule for March Cont'd

Wednesday, March 26th	Combined	Donna Temple
Sunday, March 30th	Birth	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers & 3 Yr. Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini
Sunday, March 30th PM	Combined	Barbara Huddleston & Donna Temple

March Children's Church Schedule

Date	Volunteers
March 2nd	Mike & Megan Demaline, April Norris
March 9th	Ray & Lisa, Bryce Witt, Christine Croarkin
March 16th	Karla Baird, Linda Sullivan, April Norris
March 23rd	Pam Burton & Amanda Whirley, April Norris
March 30th	No Children's Church



Pancake Breakfast

You are invited to a Pancake Supper on Wednesday, March 19th @ 6 PM. Missions' teams from Romania and Uruguay will be here to speak on their missions.