

Western Heights Baptist Church
24416 Cox Road
Petersburg, VA 23803

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
PERMIT 17
Sutherland, VA 23885

Address Services Requested

The Witness Western Heights Baptist Church

24416 Cox Road
Petersburg, VA 23803
E-Mail: whbc@verizon.net
Web Site: www.whbc1963.org

Phone - 733-8172
Rev. Jonathan Dundalow, Pastor

Fax - 733-8195
December 2007

Pastor's Christmas Message

“I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11b-12. I cannot imagine how the shepherds

must have felt as their fear melted away into rejoicing at the amazing announcement made by the angels! God had a message for the nations of the world that the Savior had been born! This was a time in which hope had been restored to man, because God had looked down on our lost world and sent a Savior, a Shepherd, and a Guide for us to follow. The Lord looked directly to our need and provided for our salvation. What greater message could we hear in this world even today? The wonderful message of salvation has remained the same throughout the centuries that followed the birth of Jesus Christ. Although, the message has remained the same God has called us to be His messengers today. I hope and pray that during this Christmas season you will take seriously God's call on your life to continue spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that we will demonstrate to the world the Love of the Savior in the way that we give to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, in the way that we witness to the birth of the Savior, and in the way that we worship Him during this time. I hope that we will take seriously God's call on our lives to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. During this Christmas season, let's work together to announce to the world, yet again, the wonderful message of salvation! Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal this year is \$20,000. I believe that under the leading of the Holy Spirit we cannot only meet, but, exceed this goal! This year as you give, remember that you are spreading the greatest message the world has ever known through your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. "Now when they had seen Him they made widely known they saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds." **Luke 2:17-18**

Until He Comes, Timothy 4:12, Jonathan Dundalow



Sunday School Notes

Exciting things are happening at Western Heights! God is really blessing us. The average attendance for November was 236. Are you a part of Bible Study on Sunday mornings? If not, **WHY NOT?** We have some excellent and dedicated teachers that love to teach His word. Why not start attending Bible Study and give yourself an early present that will not only please you but will also please Him. See Sam or me and we will find you a place.

As we approach the Christmas season, please be reminded that it is a celebration of the birth of our Savior. Many times during this season, we will hear someone say "I don't know what to get (fill in the name) because they have everything". It's sad that this time of the year the emphasis is on what to give each other when we should be telling our loved ones about the free gift that only Christ can give! How many people do we know who have everything yet they are not happy? As we go about our business this holiday season, why don't we make an effort to tell people about Christ and His free gift of salvation? What better gift could we give our loved one this CHRISTmas?

Please be aware of those not present in Sunday School during the holiday season. When you notice someone absent, give him/her a call or drop them a note. You may never know how much your actions are appreciated

Judi and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and encourage you to keep Christ in your holiday!

In His Service, Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director

January Birthday List

- | | | | |
|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Cindy Dundalow | 20 | Dakota Blankenship |
| 3 | Travis McDaniel | 21 | Shannon Seay |
| 4 | Creed Fallin | 22 | Scarlett Yates |
| 5 | Collin Branch | | Melanie Branch |
| | William Gibbs | | Mildred Dear |
| 6 | Pamela Williams | | Bailey Witt |
| | Chris Kollman IV | 23 | Jacob Mitchell |
| 8 | Andy Eubank | | Sarah Woods |
| 9 | Virginia Bishop | 24 | Keith Schmidt |
| 10 | Jon Elsea | | Marie Smith |
| | Michael Guyette | | Elsie Eley |
| 11 | James Howlett | | Jean Gibbs |
| | Megan Brockwell | | Preston Ramsey |
| 12 | Jane Stallings | | Robert Sullivan |
| | Brittany Carr | 25 | Pamela J. Munford |
| 13 | Laurn Marek | 26 | Paul Boyce |
| | Wayne Ivey | 27 | Nicole Claiborne |
| | Joseph Massey | | Robert Ingram |
| 14 | Polly Moody | 28 | Johnny Howard |
| | Rachel Rush Wynn | | Gerry Howard |
| 15 | Kim Lane | | Vera Mitchell |
| 17 | Terry Wolfrey, Jr. | | Stephanie Lamm |
| | Barbara N. Adkins | | Sarah Mullinax |
| 18 | Morgan Dundalow | | Bryanna Kestner |
| | Bridgette Gomez | 30 | Barbara McCoy |
| | Hanna Lane | | |
| | Christy Miller | | |
| 19 | Holli Fischer | | |



December Birthday List

- | | | | |
|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Leonard Harrison | 17 | Debbie Chappell |
| 2 | Cheri Owens | 19 | Heather Rote |
| 3 | A.J. Ricci | | Gwen Dunn |
| 4 | Paul Hoylman | 20 | Ashton Mellott |
| 5 | Grover Cheek | | Christine Ramsey |
| | Nancy Holthouser | | Stephen Beasley |
| | Jamie Lafoon | 21 | Ellen Massengale |
| 8 | Stephen "Drew" Berry | | Joshua Kollman |
| | Edith Vaughan | 22 | Faye Veazey |
| 9 | Alexandra Via | 23 | Harvey Tarleton |
| | Joseph Massey | | Jessica Allred |
| 10 | Kenneth Debose | 24 | Kendall Walker |
| 11 | Jade Cook | 25 | Debbie Banner |
| 12 | Sarah Breeden | 26 | Patricia LaPlante |
| 13 | Edward Cunningham | | Marty Baird |
| | Aby Staples | | Phillip Vollhardt |

Raleigh Norris	27	Cassandra Sullivan
14 Flora Ainsley	28	Kimberly Rickman
15 Jonathan Neddo	29	Bryce Witt
	31	Fannie Williams

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!

Adult Christmas Cantata
“The Love of God at Christmas”
December 9, 2007, 7 PM
 &
Children’s Christmas Musical
“Bows of Holly”
December 16, 2007, 7 PM

Youth & College/Career Notes

Praises to the Lord!!

Psalm 30:4 states; “Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.” During Christmas, we are used to singing songs celebrating this wonderful holiday. I am reminded by this verse about singing constantly to our Lord and Savior by means of giving thanks to Him. We have this privilege of being His saints because of what He did for us by sending His Son on one *Silent Night* over 2,000 years ago. Sing and give praises to the Lord this Christmas season!

The Lord is continually doing great things within the youth and college/career ministries. Be praying for opportunities to invite friends and family members to different events throughout the Christmas season at WHBC. We are continuing to read through the book, *Lifestories*, by Mark Hall. Mark Hall is the lead singer and songwriter for Casting Crowns. If you are interested in seeing how God is using Mark Hall, then please join us on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM. On Wednesday nights, we are studying our way through the Book of Deuteronomy.

Youth Events Coming Up

Dec. 1st: Open Gym at Dinwiddie High School. Times are 6 to 8p.m. for those 15 years old and younger and 8 to 10p.m. for those 16 years and older.

Dec. 2nd: Youth Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

Dec. 3rd: Girl’s Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Girls are reading through a book called “Secret Power to Joy, Becoming a Star and Great Hair Days” by Susie Shellenberger. The book is a study through the Book of Philippians.

Dec. 8th: World Changers Project!! Please sign-up by Dec. 5th

Dec. 12th: WHFM 2:42 will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will need help from the youth. See Chris for more details.

Dec. 15th: Youth Christmas Party!! The youth will meet at the church by 3:00 p.m.

Dec. 30th-Jan 1st: Winterfest at Liberty University. The youth and college students as well as chaperones will leave from the church by 1:00 p.m. on December 30th.

College/Career Events Coming Up

--Join us every Thursday night for a Bible Study in the Book of Galatians. Study begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Center for Student Affairs at RBC. See Chris for more information!!

--The last study for this semester will be at Chris and Christine's house on December 6th at 6:00 p.m. Please let us know if you can attend.

We will begin to meet again on January 10th at Richard Bland College.

For His Glory, Chris Kollman, Jeremiah 29:11

Announcements for Our Church Family

A Christmas Note from Your Deacons: First of all, the Deacons of WHBC wish you a **very Merry, Healthy, and Happy Christmas.** May the spirit of our living Lord be with you. The deacons are asking church members to please bring in nonperishable foods for Christmas baskets. Food items for the baskets must be in by December 21st. Saturday, December 22nd at 8 AM the men of our church will meet for a fellowship breakfast; after breakfast at 10:30 AM, the men are invited to help fill Christmas baskets. Ordained deacons will be asked to deliver these baskets. We thank God for His blessings. Last year our church delivered 22 baskets. Thank God for your support. **Your deacons.**

The Ruth Sunday School Class Get-Together: The Ruth Class Dinner will be Saturday, December 8th at 6:00 PM at Bobby & Brenda Olgers' House. In addition, there will be no class meeting in December.

Women on Mission Thank All of You that Participated in "Operation Christmas Child": The Women on Mission would like to thank everyone that participated in "Operation Christmas Child" this year. We collected 116 boxes, and our prayer is that the life of each child that receives a box will be blessed by your generosity and love. Through these boxes, our desire is that each of these precious children will have the opportunity to learn about the love of Christ, and accept His free gift of salvation. Thank you again. **WHBC WOM**

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Western Heights Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful plant. Thank you for the prayers and for the love shown to my brother, Ronnie, and to my family during the last 11 years. It is truly wonderful to be a part of such a loving and faithful church family.

Debbie Chappell & Family

Dear Church Family,

The family of Alice Thayer Morini acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The Morini Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of the cards, calls, visits, and prayers during the sickness and loss of our Mother. Your kindness and support during this difficult time helped us get through.

Love in Christ, Tim, Jamie, Timothy & Caleb Morini

Dear Church Family,

I am grateful to God and my church family for such a generous Christmas bonus of \$100.00. I will use it wisely!

Love, Trisha Johnson

Dear Church Family,

Thanks to WHBC members for the Christmas gift of \$100.00. It will come in handy at Christmas.

God Bless, Mike Joyce

To The Congregation of WHBC,

It was a pleasant surprise to receive a monetary Christmas bonus! I used it to the glory of God this Christmas season. May each and every one of you have a blessed, happy Christmas, and a healthy, happy New Year (2008).

God be with you & yours, Betty Robertson

December 2007 Nursery Schedule

Date	Time	Age	Workers
Sun. Dec. 2 nd	11 am	Infant	Angie Adkins & Cindy Dundalow
	11 am	1-2 yrs.	Ray & Lisa Witt
	11 am	3 yrs.	Richard & Barbara McCoy & Rebecca Francis
Sun. Dec. 2 nd Evening	7 pm	Combined	Jimmy & Angie Mullinax
Wed. Dec. 5 th	7 pm	Combined	Carolyn Hogue & Vicki Campbell
Sun. Dec. 9 th	11 am	Infant	Mitchell Family
	11 am	1-2 yrs.	Rob & Becky Thomas
	11 am	3 yrs.	Charles & Jean Roberts/Jeff Baird
Sun. Dec 9 th Evening			Janelle Brown & Jamie Morini
Wed. Dec. 12 th	7 pm	Combined	Gloria Staples & Cindy Dundalow
Sun. Dec. 16 th	11 am	Infant	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	11 am	1-2 yrs.	Dee & Patty Beville
	11 am	3 yrs.	Ronnie & Becky Pierce
Sun. Dec. 16 th Evening	7 pm	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Francine Schmidt
Wed. Dec. 19 th Evening	7 pm	Combined	Janelle Brown & Judi Tucker
Sun. Dec. 23 rd	11 am	Infant	Mark & Julie Tilley
	11 am	1-2 yrs.	Marty & Karla Baird, Lauren Mitchell
	11 am	3 yrs.	V.J. & Sara Slade, Rachel Mitchell
Sun. Dec. 23 rd Evening	7 am	Combined	Judy & Danny Vaughn
Wed. Dec. 26 th Evening	7 pm	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Rachel Wynn
Sun. Dec. 30 th	11 am	Infant	Michelle Stech & Lola Holly
		1-2 yrs.	Michael & April Price
		3 yrs.	Jack & Betty Mayes, Heather Schmidt
Sun. Dec. 30 th Evening	7 pm	Combined	Tina Blair & Carolyn Cheek

December 2007 Children's Church

Dec. 2 nd	Rickey Ingram & Linda Cothron
Dec. 9 th	Debbie Chappell & Megan Brockwell
Dec. 16 th	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Dec. 23 rd	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Dec. 30 th	Brack & Laura Dunn

WHBC New Members

Nine people professed Christ as their Savior and were baptized at WHBC on November 11th!

Praise the Lord! Pastor Dundalow baptized the following people during the month of November: Donnie & Leslie Bostic, Christina Collins, Jade Cook, Gregory, Michael & Tracy Guyette, Rachel Mitchell and Paul Weyforth. Pray for each of them as they to grow in Christ likeness!

WHBC Membership Candidates

Those requesting WHBC membership by letter of transfer, statement or baptism are: Barbara Blankenship (Statement), Elizabeth Branch (Baptism & Letter), Paul & Wendy Chapman (Letter), Jasmine Francis (Baptism), & Alexandra Welch (Baptism). P. J. Branch also will rededicated his life to Christ and will be baptized with Elizabeth. We praise the Lord for these decision. Remember to encourage and pray for them as they walk their spiritual journey!

