

# The Witness

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Thanksgiving is upon us and I believe that WHBC has plenty of things to be thankful for over the past year. However, we must ask ourselves how should we show our appreciation to the Lord for all of the blessings that He has given us over the past year? Well, we certainly could say that since the Lord has provided financially we should use the money to work harder here at WHBC. That is not an entirely bad idea but I am not sure that this solution is all that the Lord wants. We could thank the Lord for our blessings by having a special service for thanksgiving like we usually do. We could even decide to make some special purchases to use for the Lord's Glory. However, I believe that the greatest way we can show our appreciation to the Lord is not through a new ministry, or a new purchase, or even a special service. I believe that as we look at God's word we can see that the Lord desires our obedience above all else. We can make financial sacrifices and physical sacrifices but if we are not obedient to His Will and His Word then we will still fall short of His plan for our church and our lives. So then, the question becomes how do we know His will? Well, I believe that to know His will requires us to seek His will, not just corporately on Sunday mornings, but also individually each and every day. We should be seeking His will through His word, prayer, and the leading of the Holy Spirit both individually and corporately. It is my prayer that this Thanksgiving we wouldn't just say to the Lord that we appreciate His blessings, but rather that we would show Him by seeking to obey Him in every detail of our lives whether great or small.

**“For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.” Hosea 6:6**

*Until He Comes, 1 Timothy 4:12, Jonathan Dundalow*



### Sunday School Notes

Thanksgiving, a time to reflect and to give thanks to our Lord for all of our many blessings! I'm not sure we realize just how blessed we are. As we approach Thanksgiving, may we take time to reflect on the things God has blessed us with. All we have to do is look around to see the many wonderful blessings we have. Many people envy us for the “things” we have. Our most important blessing is free and available to everyone! As we celebrate over the next couple of months, may we take the time to look around and take notice of people who don't have the free gift of salvation. Just think how grateful they will be next Thanksgiving if we take the time to explain God's Grace to them and they accept His free gift!

As the Lord continues to bless our Sunday School and our numbers grow, please remember your teacher may need some HELP. Teaching requires a lot of time and YOU could be a big help to them. Why not VOLUNTEER to make phone calls or to send cards. Ask your leader what you can do to help. I know they would appreciate it!

The holidays are upon us. Don't forget to let the church office know if you plan to use the fellowship hall for any reason during the holidays.

The average attendance for September was 224! PTL!

**In His Service, Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director**

**November Birthday List**

1	Hershel Carter	19	Steven Conley
3	Mildred Randolph		Frances Farrish
4	Patty Fallin		Lisa Witt
5	Brenda Markert	20	Scott Porter
	David Russell		Kathy Whirley
	Joyce Wallace		Caitlyn Danels
6	Dennis Lipford, Jr.	21	Melissa Dear Zaharek
7	Donald Hayes	22	Daryl Chappell
8	Christopher Chappell	23	James Breeden
	Margaret Cabaniss		Eva Meredith
10	Lewis Munford		Tammy Croft
12	Robert Thomas, II	26	Ellis Green, Jr.
15	Jack Mayes		Debra Thomas
	Charles Roberts		Sam Comer
	Carrie Martin	27	Kathy Sodat
16	Florence Nichols	28	Eric Schmidt
	Debbie Schmidt		Christine Kollman
	Katherine Loden	29	Richard Lane
17	Judi Tucker		Marishka Langston
	Rebekah Lovin	30	Gregory Conley
	Gabriele Gibbs		

**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		
8	Stephen "Drew" Berry	21	Ellen Massengale
	Edith Vaughan		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	29	Bryce Witt
15	Jonathan Neddo	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!**

### **Benevolent Committee**

We would like to thank the people for providing the food for the Williams' family and Morini family during the time of loss of their loved ones. We have been blessed with folks that are caring and that makes our committee a **joy** to serve on...

The Benevolent Committee

### **College/Career Notes** **Whose Will Is Being Done In Your Life?**

Philippians 2:13 states: "for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." My constant thought for the church and individual is whose will is being shown throughout our life. Why do we fight against God for power, but, why don't we just surrender over to His authority? Everything in our life is being used for His works so that His will can be shown for His glory and not ours. The times of our lives when we do not act like His children are still being worked for His good pleasure. We should out of love and respect of our Creator and Savior submit to His will for our lives which has been given to us. We have an option to fight against Him or fight with Him, but, no matter what, His will shall be done.

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 fall 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**

On November 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a Girl's Bible Study starting at 6:30 PM at the church. See Christine for information! A \$5.00 payment is due.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> is the "Casting Crowns" Concert. If you purchased a ticket, then we will be leaving at 3:00 PM from the church. Bring money for dinner.

The final payment (\$25.00) is due for "Winterfest" by November 11<sup>th</sup>.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have a WHFM 2:42 dinner at 5:30PM to 6:30 PM. We will need help from the youth and parents. Parents, please make a pot of soup for this night. See Chris for more details.

November 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> is the "Girls' Retreat at Camp Kehukee". Please sign up by Chris' door and a \$15.00 payment is due as soon as possible (by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>).

### **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!!

--On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having a cookout at the Armentrout's house from 4:30 PM to sometime that night. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM.

For His Glory,  
Chris Kollman  
Jeremiah 29:11

### **Notes From the Music Committee**

*Just a few notes to let you know what's happening in the Music Department at WHBC.*

*The Adult Choir is well into practicing for the Christmas Cantata entitled, "The Love of God at Christmas". They practice on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings not only on music to present on Sunday AM worship service, but also on the cantata.*

*The Youth and Children's Choir are working on special music, "Bows of Holly", to be presented for the upcoming Christmas season.*

*We have four bell choirs working hard to be ready for the season when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*All of the above are under the direction of our Music Director, Kerry Boyce. He is a busy man so pray for him and all he is doing for the glory of God. Kerry has a place for new persons who would like to join any of the choirs. Do you play a musical instrument of any kind? We would like to know! Maybe you could join others and start a new group.*

*Whether you are a newcomer or have been in WHBC and haven't let us know about your talent, please let us know. You don't have to be "professional", but just have a desire to let God use your talent He has given you. Come, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord - Serve Him with gladness!*

*The Music Committee, Leura Kay Armentrout, Anne Cizek,  
& Helen Heller*

### **Notes of Gratitude**

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for your calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers during my surgery and convalescent period.*

*Thanks to John Dundalow for being with me, praying at my bedside, just prior to going to the Operating Room. It's a great sense of comfort to know Christians are praying for you.*

*God has been so good and healing, although slow, is taking place.*

*Thank you again, Betty Barnes*

*Dear Western Heights Family,*

*Our family would like to thank you for your visits, cards, food and flowers. The love that has been shown for Daddy during his illness is appreciated. He loved his church family.*

*Love in Christ, Susan Mellott, Mary & David Williams*

*To All of Our Family at Western Heights Baptist Church,*

*We thank you all for your prayers, cards, and love offering that came in good at a time like this.*

*We miss you all and hope to be back soon.*

*Love in Christ, Charles & Shirley Daulton*

*To My Church Family,*

*Thank you so much for all of your prayers, calls, and cards. I believe that it was all of your prayers that helped me with an easy surgery and recovery. It is truly a blessing to have such a wonderful church family!!*

*Thanks again, Angie Adkins*

*Dear Church Family,*

*We want to thank you all so much for the many gifts you have showered us with for our new baby. We have been overwhelmed by your outpouring of generosity, love and support. Thank you, also to all the ladies who hosted the wonderful showers too.*

*We love you all and thank God for each one of you.*

*Marty, Karla, Jennifer & Jeffrey Baird*

### **Announcements for Our Church Family**

**All Ladies 18 and Older You're Invited!!**

*Please join the youth girls for dinner and worship Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.*

*Camp Kehukee*

The theme for the youth girl's retreat is the fact that God is Wild About Us and we want you to celebrate that with us. Help us show these young ladies that no matter how old or young you are **God loves us** and we are all valuable to Him.

**We hope to see you there!!!**

**Church Office Would Like Members' Cell Phone Numbers**

There are times the Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor and church office would benefit by having members' cell phone numbers, but do not have them. If you would like, we would appreciate members giving their cell phone numbers to the church office for usage by the church staff only. Cell phone numbers will not be given out to others. You can call them in (733-8172) or drop in the Administrative Assistant's door slot. Thank you.

**WHBC Welcomes Our Newest Members!**

Praise the Lord! We had additional members join WHBC in October!! Our newest members are: Matthew "Matt" Belvin & Katelyn Schmidt, May God bless each of you and welcome to Western Heights Baptist Church!

**WHBC Membership Candidates**

Those requesting WHBC membership by letter of transfer, statement or baptism are: Christina Collins (Baptism), Marceline Daniels (Statement), Lee Harrison (letter - Grace Baptist) & Leann Harrison (letter - Smyrna), Dennis Myers (letter - Second Bap.) & Paul Weyforth (Baptism). We praise the Lord for these decisions and remember to encourage and pray for them as they walk their spiritual journey!



**November 2007 Nursery Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Workers</b>
Sun. Nov 4th	11 am	Birth	Janelle Brown & Wanda Gibbs, Aby Staples
	11 am	1-2 yrs.	Michael & April Price, Hannah Lane
	11 am	2-3 yrs.	Jack & Betty Mayes, Heather Schmidt
	7 pm	Combined	Tina Blair & Rachel Wynn
Wed. Nov. 7th	7 pm	Combined	Jimmy & Angie Mullinax
Sun. Nov. 11th	11 am	Birth	Brack & Laura Dunn
	11 am	1-2 yrs.	Jennifer Lail & Stephanie Lamm, Lea Mitchell
	11 am	2-3 yrs.	Richard & Barbara McCoy, Whitney Gibbs
Wed. Nov. 14th	7 pm	Combined	Steve & Leura Kay Armentrout
Sun. Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	11 am	1-2 yrs.	Robert & Kathy Whirley & Priscilla Gibbs
	11 am	2-3 yrs.	Keith & Debbie Schmidt, Josh Via
	7 pm	Combined	Dawn & Wallace Twombly
Wed. Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	7 pm	Combined	Doris Harrison & Aredda Mitchell
Sun. Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Birth	Charles & Faye Veazey
	11 am	1-2 yrs.	Tim & Jamie Morini , Shirley Slaughter
	11 am	2-3 yrs.	Richard & Kim Lane
	7 am	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Wed. Nov 28th	7 pm	Combined	Jamie Morini & Janelle Brown

## November 2007 Children's Church

Nov. 4th	Rickey Ingram & Linda Cothron
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Lewis & Carol Beasley
Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jim & Sandra Lafoon
Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ray & Lisa Witt