

The Witness

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Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying **“Whom shall I send and who will go for Us?” Isaiah 6:8.** As we stand on the brink of a new church year I believe that God is asking us the very same question. Whom will He send into the Harvest fields at Western Heights Baptist? Who is willing to take up the task of serving an almighty God with all that they have? I am not asking for someone to please fill a spot on a committee. Rather, I am asking for people to be willing to serve Him. God does not need committees to be filled to do His work. He does not even need WHBC to accomplish His will. He could do it all without us and yet He still asks who will go for Us? When He asked Isaiah that question we know that Isaiah responded by saying “Here am I! Send Me.” My prayer is that we would look at the opportunities to serve God here and that we would respond in the same way. Isaiah’s story is very interesting to me, and we know that God called Him to share a very unpopular message with the people of Israel. This service to God eventually cost Isaiah his life, and yet does God require any less of us? I do not believe that God is honored by full committees but rather by committees that are full of the Holy Spirit. He is honored by people who are answering His call with all that they have rather than just doing what they feel like they have to do. My prayer is that you would give your life to Him in whatever capacity He calls you to serve here at WHBC. **I Cor 10:31** reminds us that whatever we do, or don’t do, will be reflected as worship to our Savior and our God! I pray that we would seek to give Him our best, our first, and our all! As you endeavor to serve the Lord this year at WHBC endeavor to give Him your best!

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service” Rom 12:1. *Until He Comes, 1 Tim 4:12, Jonathan Dundalow*



Sunday School Notes

The Sunday School Worker’s Appreciation Banquet was held on September 8th with about 50 workers present. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and fellowship. Rev. Don Matthews was the featured speaker. Rev. Matthews is a state missionary for the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. He challenged all of us to be on mission for Jesus and stressed the importance of Sunday School in a growing church. Prayerfully, Rev. Matthews will be back with us in the future for more training!

The **new year is off to a good start.** We averaged about 215 for the first two Sundays of September. Please keep making those contacts; as the contacts go up, so does the attendance!

Please be in prayer daily for our Sunday School. Lift the teachers up as they prepare to teach His word. Pray that those who don’t know Him will be led to the Lord. Remember that the “mission” of Sunday School is to introduce the lost to His teachings. Remember to ask Him for opportunities to tell someone about Jesus Christ!

The average attendance for August was 222! PTL!

In His Service, Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director

Bible Drill Scheduled for October 7th

All children grades 4th-6th are invited to Bible Drill on October 7th at 6 :00 p.m. See you there!



October Birthday List

1	Teresa Harrison Lea Mitchell	16	Karen Ventimiglia Philip Morini, Jr.
2	Kimberly Price Ronald Goodwin	17	Ricky Fallin Barbara P. Adkins
4	Wanda Motley Rose Dooley		Shirley Underhill Chad Underhill
5	Anne Cizek	18	Horace Farrish
7	Heath Lane		Rebecca Wilkerson
8	Kerry Boyce Patricia Dudley		Craig Norris
	Sherry Clemens	19	Chris Underhill
	Susan Goodwin	20	Brandy Finch
9	Robert Whirley Rebecca Russell	22	Vicki Harless Rick Brockwell
10	Judith Wolfrey Ricky Allen		JoAnna Lloyd
		23	David Spain
11	Connie Robertson John A. Eubank	24	Candice Lane
	George Dooley	26	Howard Burnette Williard Nunnally
12	Helen Heller Judy Branch	27	Cathy Branch Crystal Ford
	Nathan Daniels		Pam Fogel
14	Laura Dunn Hudson Lane	28	William Cogle
			Nicki Adkins
15	Judy McGregor Dana Gibbs	30	Lloyd Bishop
		31	Brenda Boyce

November Birthday List

1	Hershel Carter	19	Steven Conley
3	Mildred Randolph		Frances Farrish
4	Patty Fallin		Lisa Witt
5	Brenda Markert David Russell Joyce Wallace	20	Scott Porter Kathy Whirley Caitlyn Danels
6	Dennis Lipford, Jr.	21	Melissa Dear Zaharek
7	Donald Hayes John Tucker, Jr.	22	Daryl Chappell
8	Christopher Chappell Margaret Cabaniss	23	James Breeden Eva Meredith Tammy Croft

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| 10 | Lewis Munford | 26 | Ellis Green, Jr. |
| 12 | Robert Thomas, II | | Debra Thomas |
| 15 | Jack Mayes | | Sam Comer |
| | Charles Roberts | 27 | Kathy Sodat |
| | Carrie Martin | 28 | Eric Schmidt |
| 16 | Florence Nichols | | Christine Kollman |
| | Debbie Schmidt | 29 | Richard Lane |
| | Katherine Loden | | Marishka Langston |
| 17 | Judi Tucker | 30 | Gregory Conley |
| | Rebekah Lovin | | |
| | Gabriele Gibbs | | |

These are 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!

The Women on Mission Give Thanks

The Women on Mission want to thank the congregation for their generous donations supporting the Pregnancy Support Center for the Tri-Cities. The Baby Bottles collected for the Pregnancy Support Center from WHBC totaled \$1524.82. The overall total Baby Bottle Blessing collected was \$50,305.80. Praise God for all the support for the outreach mission of the Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities!

Announcements for Our Church Family

Would you like to break bread with your church family? Then come join us on October 17th as we debut WHFM 2:42. The youth will host a Wednesday night meal in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office door. See Chris for more information.

All Ladies 18 and Older You're Invited!!

Please join the youth girls for dinner and worship Saturday, November 17th, 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. Please sign up by October 21st so that we can prepare enough food.*

We hope to see you there!!!

Church-wide Baby Shower for Karla Baird

Please come join us for a Baby Shower for Karla and Baby Baird at the church on Saturday, October 13th at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about what Karla needs, please call Pam Kissner, Debbie Schmidt, or Leura Kay Armentrout.

WHBC Welcomes Our Newest Members!

Praise the Lord! We had six additional members join WHBC in September!! Our newest members are: Amy Clement, Timothy Francis Sr., Billy & Debbie Mills, Michael Rickman, Sandy-Anderson Slade and Edith Vaughan. 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: Kristie & Matthew "Matt" Belvin (by letter of transfer from Woodlawn Baptist, CH), Courtney Humphries (by letter of transfer from Matoaca Baptist), Dustin Jones (baptism), Katelyn Schmidt (by letter of transfer from Colonial Heights Baptist), Jackie Wells (baptism). We praise the Lord for these decisions and remember to encourage and pray for them as they walk their spiritual journey!



Our 5th Annual Block Party is October 6th

Saturday, October 6th, 2007, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Come and Join in the Fun!

*****Cake Walk, Moon Bounce, Fun Games*****

******Puppet Show, Health Fair, Kid ID******

*******Food, Fun & Fellowship*******

Please be in prayer for this Block Party. Pray for the visitors we will have. Pray that the Lord will work in the hearts and minds of our visitors and our church family.

Block Party Needs Your Help!! The Block Party will have a Cake Walk as one of our activities. Please help us by making a cake, cookies or brownies for that day. We would like for these items to be at the church NLT 9:00 AM on the day of the Block Party. Thank you!

Youth, College/Career Notes Who's House Are We Building??

How many of us think about this question within the church? I am reminded about this question as I think back to Haggai 1:7-9. I realize the importance of serving the Lord instead of worrying about our daily wants. Many times, we as believers, desire our own needs and wants instead of building the kingdom or temple for our Lord and Savior. I read an article some time ago about how many people choose other activities instead of church involvement. We become too preoccupied with what the world expects us to want and desire instead of letting the Lord build us for His own glory. Let Him build His kingdom through us and let us not worry about our needs and wants.

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 p.m. On Wednesday nights, we are studying our way through the Book of Deuteronomy.

Youth Events Coming Up

--Oct. 5th "Tailgate Party" at Dinwiddie High School Parking Lot. Join us as we eat and fellowship while watching the Generals take on the Colonials at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m.

--Oct. 6th Block Party at WHBC. Invite a friend to this big event. The party will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

--Oct. 15th Youth Night during Revival. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend!!!

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 October 18th - 21st, we will be going to Eagle Eyrie for a retreat. Deposit for the trip is \$25.00 (non-refundable). All money is due by October 14th. --On November 3rd, we will be having a cookout at the Armentrout's house from 4:00 p.m. to sometime that night. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. **For His Glory, Chris Kollman, Jeremiah 29:11**

October 2007 Nursery Schedule

Date	Time	Age	Workers
Wed. Oct 3	7 pm	Combined	Carolyn Hogue & Vicki Campbell
Sun. Oct. 7	11 am	Birth	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	11 am	1-2 years	Tim & Jamie Morini & Shirley Slaughter
	11 am	2-3 years	Charles & Jean Roberts & Jeff Baird
	7 pm	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Rachel Wynn
Wed. Oct. 10	7 pm	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Sun. Oct. 14	11am	Birth	Mark & Julie Tilley
	11am	1- 2 years	Ray & Lisa Witt & Karmin Mitchell
	11 am	2-3 years	Ronnie & Becky Pierce
	7pm	Combined	Francine Schmidt & Jamie Morini
Wed. Oct. 17	7pm	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Rachel Wynn
Sun. Oct. 21	11am	Birth	Michelle Stech & Lola Holley
	11am	1 - 2 yrs	Rob & Becky Thomas & Rachel Mitchell
	11am	2 - 3 yrs	VJ & Sarah Slade
	7pm	Combined	Janelle Brown & April Norris
Wed. Oct. 24	7pm	Combined	Gloria Staples & Cindy Dundalow
Sun. Oct. 28	11pm	Birth	Bobby & Brenda Olgers & Lauren Mitchell
	11am	1 - 2 yrs	Dee & Patty Beville & Andrea Armentrout
	11am	2 - 3 yrs	Craig & April Norris
	7 pm	Combined	Danny & Judy Vaughn
Wed. Oct. 31	7 pm	Combined	Walter & Christine Francis

October 2007 Children's Church

October 7	Richard & Kim Lane
October 14	Rob & Becky Thomas
October 21	Karla Baird & Jean Carter
October 28	Holly Johnson & Amanda Spencer