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Pastor's Study

I have often wondered about the cup that Jesus described in the Garden of Gethsemane. I don't really think that we understand what was in that cup. As we look into the Old Testament we can see many times that the cup was a metaphor for the divine punishment of sin. I can only imagine what that cup must have been filled with. It would have contained punishment not just for my sin which would have been more than enough, but also punishment for the sins of the world. When he took this cup upon himself, he literally took the punishment for our sins upon Himself. I cannot imagine the mental anguish that he must have been in, knowing what lay ahead for Him. Certainly He would have thought about the physical anguish of the cross, and the severe beatings that He would endure. However, I believe that the greatest pain and punishment that He would face would not be from the torturers hand. Nor from the hand that nailed the spikes into the cross. I believe that the greatest punishment that He would endure would come from His own father. Not only was Jesus tortured, beaten, and crucified, but the wrath of God was poured out on Him. When He cried out to His Father, why have You forsaken Me? He literally was experiencing the crushing pain of His Father turning His back on Him. Jesus not only bore our physical pain and our spiritual anguish, He also bore the punishment of separation from the Father. I believe that this must have been the greatest of all the difficult things contained in His cup. I can certainly understand why He would have wanted this cup to pass from Him. However, I can never understand why He saw fit to drink from it for me. I pray that God would remind us daily about the contents of the cup that Jesus bore for us. I pray that we would seek to daily take up our crosses and follow His commands.

“O My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Matt 26:39b

Until He Comes,

Jonathan Dundalow, I Tim 4:12

Upcoming Events

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Ruth Class Meeting

The monthly Ruth Class Meeting will meet on Thursday, April 5th at 12:00 PM in the fellowship hall and it will be a covered dish.

Super Seniors Meet at WHBC in April

The Super Seniors will meet on April 17th, at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

WHBC to Host a Virginia Blood Services Blood Drive

WHBC will host a blood drive sponsored by the Virginia Blood Services on Monday, April 23, from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM. To sign up, please contact Patricia Johnson or Mike Joyce. Please come out and support this worthwhile event.

Sunday School Notes

Mark your calendar for April 29th. Please be in prayer for a successful Friend Day! This is your chance to invite that UNCHURCHED person you have been concerned about to SUNDAY SCHOOL. Why not take a chance and ask them to be your guest that Sunday? Keep in mind that the purpose of Friend Day is to introduce people to Jesus Christ! Not only do we want our friends to attend on April 29th but we want them to become “regulars” in Sunday School.

I hope everyone will stay for lunch following the worship service. We will have the “usual” hot dogs and hamburgers. All we ask is you sign up. Please include your guests in your total. Sign-up sheets will be out after Easter. I want to thank Paul Branch and his crew for preparing and serving the food!

Most of us are familiar with LCPL Matthew Bradford and have followed the story of his injuries and recovery either through the news media or during our Wednesday night prayer time. This injury to a local man has really brought the Iraq war close to home. Not only has he been lifted up in prayer but some of our children’s Sunday school classes made cards and sent him notes. Thank you Karla Baird for leading this project and thank you young people for reaching out to try to make this man feel better! You may never know how deeply he was touched.

In His Service,
Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director

May Birthday List

1	Carolyn Hoylman	17	Amy Ruddick
	Jeana Finch Brooks		George Silvey
2	Heather Schmidt		Jean Carter
3	Dennis Hoylman		Lola Holley
	Christine Francis	19	LeAnn Adkins
5	Alan Kissner		Vivian Conley
6	Nikki Daniels		Billy Gibbs
	Rainey Cothron	20	Steve Armentrout
7	Becky Pierce	22	Jordan Brown
8	William Mustard	23	Nelson Crance
	Tim Morini	24	Richard Chappell
	Patricia Kennedy		Bree Berberich
9	Paul Branch, IV		Brack Dunn
	Gerald Brown	25	Aredda Mitchell
	Ashley McCormick		Gail Miller
10	Kenneth Whirley, Jr.		Bryan Russell
	Jeri Ligon	26	Thomas Russell
	Taryn Goodwin		Mary Overton
12	Christopher Bishop	27	Ronald Shelton
	John Glass		Shirley Harrison
13	Courtney Sodat		Karen Slade
	Becky Sowers	29	Marian Gunn
	Sarah Slade		Angela Daniels
14	Rudy Phelps		Jimmy Mullinax
15	Mildred Spain	30	Robert Tucker
	Francine Schmidt		Jason Whirley
	Allen Staples		Jonathan Dundalow
	Margaret Howard	31	Steve Schmidt
	Peggy Clements		Paul Branch, III
16	Jasmine Francis		Jennifer Beville

April Birthday List

3	Ruth Lewis	20	Jennifer Baird
4	James Underhill		Rosa Whirley
	Mary Ann Smith		Dan Martin
	Linda Lewis	21	Patricia Hayes
5	Howard Brandon	22	Kristen Adkins
	Hope Lane		Gilbert Marek
	April Norris		Patricia Johnson
6	James "Matt" Via		Shelly Danels
7	Richard McCoy	23	Brooke Mitchell
8	Jesse Wray		Otis Hill, Jr.
	Kevin Ivey		Justin Brown
	Hailey Lane	24	Kenneth Silvey
	J.D. Steele		Gloria Staples
9	Mike Beals	26	Heather Martin
10	Rebecca Thomas		Philip Siegle
12	Elbert Townsend, Jr.	27	Lauren Boyd
13	Paul Holley Jr.		Daniel Lipford
	Sharon Wynn		Gerald J. Berry
	Jennifer Hasty		Julie Massey
	Camille Fischer		Bette Dalton
14	Meredith Ligon	28	Haley Ramsey
15	April Cothron Price	29	Mike Freeman
16	Vicki Parham	30	Rachel Mitchell
17	Sherry Breeden		Seth Seay
18	Michael Via		

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!



Expressions of Gratitude

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Marriage Tune Up Seminar. I hope that the material will help draw you closer to each other and to the Lord. We had a great time and very much appreciate your support. Thanks, too, to all who helped make our classes happen such as Jimmy for loaning us his computer, Jon for all his help finding stuff and getting set up, the men and women who meet each morning for fellowship who were "displaced", Robert for all his help in coordinating people and to all the teachers who stepped up to teach classes so we could teach together or so couples could attend the class together. Thanks to all. Look for more information in the next month or so about our ministry continuing. Please be in prayer for this and for all marriages at Western Heights. Growing Towards Oneness, Brack & Laura

Dear Western Heights Church Family,
I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recent surgeries. A special thanks to Brother Jon Dundalow for his very early morning visit and his afternoon visit just before I went into surgery. It is a very comforting thought knowing that we have an awesome God with us no matter where we are or the circumstances. It was also comforting to know that so many Great Christian Friends were praying for me and asking our God for my safe and speedy recovery. Thanks to the young people for that great card they sent with all the signatures; that was a Great Day maker. God really knew what He was doing when He created my wife, Vicki. God Bless You All,
George Campbell

Bible School T-Shirts

If you would like to order a T-Shirt for Bible School, contact Carolyn Hogue or call 862-2190. T-Shirts must be ordered and paid for by May 1st. The cost is \$10.00.

Lost and Found Box

There are quite a few items found in the church that have been placed in the Lost and Found Box. If you have lost and may have left something in the church, please see the church administrative assistant.

VBS News & Information

- April 27 VBS Clinic at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 6-9 PM.
 May 20 VBS Prayer guides and pencils available.
 Please pray for children, workers, weather, decisions and safety.
 May 27 VBS Pre-registration slips in Sunday School
 Classes and bulletin insert.
 June 10 VBS Banner goes up.
 June 17 VBS T-Shirt Day and make decorations, 4 PM.
 June 20 VBS Prayer Walk. All welcomed "Where two or more are gathered in His Name".
 June 24 VBS Preparation Day, 2 PM until done, "dinner provided".
 June 25-29 VBS WEEK!!!!!!!
 July 1 VBS Workers Appreciation Luncheon
 July 3 VBS Follow-Up Visitation
 July 13 VBS Follow-Up Movie Night, 8 PM "Facing the Giants"

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Game Day Central: Where **Heroes Are Made** is going to be the event of the year. It will be a week of nonstop action as you learn what it means to join God's team, play your position on the team, get in the game by believing God's plan for salvation, take action, serve others, and recruit new teammates. The stats will show that when you stay focused and keep your eyes on Jesus, you will become a true hero. In this one-week season, you will hear play-by-play Bible stories, participate in successful crafts, warm up to motivation music, eat snacks from the concession stand, and train in the recreation field house. Come join us! It will be a Vacation Bible School like you've never experienced before! Children age 4 through grade 6 are admitted free from 9 am- 12 noon, starting Monday, June 25th until Friday, June 29th.

April 2007 Children's Church

April 1	Richard & Kim Lane
April 8	EASTER-NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
April 15	Rob & Becky Thomas
April 22	Karla Baird & Jean Carter
April 29	Holly Johnson & Amanda Spencer

April 2007 Nursery Schedule

Date	Time	Age	Workers
Sun. Apr. 1	11am	Infants	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	11am	Youth Helper	Nelson & Patricia Crance & Priscilla Gibbs
	11am	Toddlers	Tim & Jami Morini & Shirley Slaughter
	11am	3yrs. old	Barbara & Richard McCoy
	7pm	Combined	Jimmy & Angie Mullinax
Wed. Apr. 4	7pm	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Sun. Apr. 8	11am	Infants	Bobby & Brenda Olgers, Janelle Brown
	11am	Youth Helper	Lauren Mitchell
	11am	Toddlers	Ray & Lisa Witt, Kathy Tarleton & April Wood
	11am	3 yrs. old	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
	7pm	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Francine Schmidt
Wed. Apr. 11	7pm	Combined	Carolyn Hogue & Vicki Campbell
Sun. Apr. 15	11am	Infants	Brack & Laura Dunn
	11am	Youth Helper	Aby Staples & Heather Schmidt
	11am	Toddlers	Dee & Patty Beville
	11am	3 yrs. old	Richard & Kim Lane, Carolyn Cheek & Debra Grammer
	7pm	Combined	Linda Cothron & Tim Blair
Wed. Apr. 18	7pm	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Sun. Apr. 22	11am	Infants	Michael & Amanda Spencer, Wanda Gibbs
	11am	Youth Helper	Hannah Lane & Whitney Gibbs
	11am	Toddlers	Rob & Becky Thomas, Andrea Armentrout
	11am	3 yrs. old	Charles & Jean Roberts
	7pm	Combined	Steve & Leura Kay Armentrout
Wed. Apr. 25	7 pm	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Rachel Wynn
Sun. Apr. 29	11 am	Infants	Charles, Faye and Amanda Veazey
	11 am	Toddlers	Marty, Karla & Jeff Baird, Josh Via
	11 am	3 yrs. Old	Ronnie & Becky Pierce, Rebecca Francis
	7 pm	Combined	Hershel & Jean Carter