

The Witness

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God's word tells us in Hebrews 12:1-2 that we should throw off anything that would hold us back, and, that we should run with endurance the race that is set before us. I believe that even in our lives as Christians there are things that can hold us back and keep us from being as effective as the Lord might want us to be. The sin that so easily ensnares us could be anything in our lives. I hope that as Christians we are daily undertaking the task of getting rid of the sin and self in order that God might increase in our lives. I know that as of Jan 1st all gym membership will increase because people are trying to get rid of a few extra pounds in preparation for the summer. As Christians we ought to be in spiritual training everyday in order that we might be prepared for the glorious return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our preparation should include daily exercise in God's word. Psalm 119:11 tells us that we should hide His word in our hearts that we might not sin against Him. We should also be diligent in allowing God to point out sin in our life. Many times we go by our standards and deal with sin when we feel like it in the way we feel like dealing with it. However, God wants for us to see the world and ourselves through His eyes, and He wants us to deal with sin His way. It is my prayer that Western Heights Baptist Church will be committed to throwing off anything that would keep us from running the race that He has set before us. I hope that we will determine to run for Him to the best of our ability in order that we might receive the crown of righteousness that is laid up for us just as it was laid up for Paul!

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” Heb 12 1-2.
Until He Comes, 1 Tim 4:12

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Sunday School Notes

God is good! All but one teacher position is filled for the new year. Many thanks to those who 'stepped up' to volunteer to teach. I know they will surely receive a blessing!

There will be a Sunday School workers meeting on Tuesday, August 7th. Everyone currently teaching and new teachers for next year are encouraged to attend. Promotion Sunday, as well as other subjects, will be discussed.

The SBC will have a *Church Leadership Conference* at Mount Pleasant on August 17th & 18th. This has been an excellent conference in the past. Please mark these dates on your calendar and try to attend. I know you will learn something and be blessed in the process.

The church body voted on July 18th to form a project committee to move forward with our building project. Please be in prayer for this committee as they seek to do God's will. If you want more information, please see our web site at www.whbc1963.org. No plans have been drawn and nothing is final at this point but we are moving forward!

The average attendance for June was 203.

In His Service, Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director

Talent Night at WHBC

Please plan to join us and to participate in our annual talent night which will be on August 26th at 7:00 p.m. You will need to sign up by August 22nd to share your talents. Anything that will bring praise to our Lord is suitable. Come for an evening of celebration and worship as we give glory to the King of Kings!

September Birthday List

1	Gertrude Brooks	17	Billy Spain
2	Judy Pierce	18	Jerald Stallings
5	Pam Munford		Jonathan Flack
	Jamie Morini		Jennifer Lail
8	Michele Fee	19	Pat Whirley
	Patsy Westmoreland	21	Betty Barnes
	Wendi Warren		Rachel Butor
9	Kenny Ezzell	23	Henry Riggs
	Karla Baird		Dawn Twombly
	Wayne Boyd	24	Arielle Scott
	Nathan Kissner	26	Lynda Slade
11	Blayne Tucker		Barbara Huddleston
	Caitlin Neddo		Alma McMillion
12	Chris Price	28	Jeffrey Lail
	Jeff Christian	29	Amy Underhill
13	Michelle Reed	30	Scott Wynn
	Marie Lively		Kevin Kissner
	John Cabaniss		
	Jordan Lafoon		
15	Anna Heller Jamison		
16	Doris Harrison		
	Sherri Bishop		

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!

August Birthday List

3	Nick Brockwell	20	Tyler Reed
	Ila Smiley	21	Carol Beasley
	Shawn Wynn	22	Ann Andrews
7	Shirley Daulton		C.J. Harris
9	Angie Mullinax	23	Wanda Gibbs
12	Kelly LaPlante		Karmin Mitchell
	Ray Witt		Matthew Rosson
14	David Dick	24	Lauren Mitchell
	Dee L. Beville, Jr.	26	Stoney Lee Whirley, Jr.
15	Frances Davis		William Bristow
16	Mary Massey		Chris Vollhardt
	Brianna Scott	27	Neal Barnes
	Mark Tilley		Thomas Adkins
17	Walter Francis	30	John Howard
18	Jeffrey Baird		Daniel Beville
	Ron Sowers		Judy Vaughn
	Kit Russell	31	Ruby Godbehere



Expressions of Gratitude

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the prayers, visits, and phone calls during my recent stay in the hospital.

In Christian Love, Stoney & Pat Whirley

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for keeping us in your prayers during Tina's recent surgery. We appreciate your cards and phone calls that we received. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Love, Tina, Richard & Barbara McCoy

Youth, College/Career Notes

Lifestories by Mark Hall: Praise the Lord for the many events during this time of year. We are busy with many wonderful opportunities to study and worship the Lord. Be praying for opportunities to invite friends and family members to different events throughout the summer at WHBC. Starting back on August 5th, we are going to be reading a book called *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. See Chris Kollman for more information because it is not too late to join this fellowship.

Youth Events Coming Up: The youth will be going to Camp Kehukee on August 12th through August 16th. We will be studying about "Spiritual Discipline" during the time of camp. We are planning for a great time with the Lord as we enjoy good food, games, fellowship, and most importantly worship. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet by Chris' door by August 3rd.

On September 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Richard Bland College will be Fresh Start! This event will feature Trip Lee, Immortal T.R.U.T.H., Ty Smalls, and Guest Speaker Ryan Fontenot. The ticket will cost \$3.00 per person or \$2.00 per person within a group of 10 or more. See Josh Via or Chris Kollman for tickets. **Both the Youth and College/Career church members are invited to this event.**

College/Career Events Coming Up: We are in the working stage of planning things for this ministry. Please keep your eyes peeled and ears open for exciting things coming your way.

As we enjoy these events during the summer lets remember 1 Corinthians 10:31; "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." May His name be glorified within these ministries.

**For His Glory,
Chris Kollman
Jeremiah 29:11**

New Member's Classes & Baptismal Service Coming Up!

During the month of August, we will be holding new member's classes for anyone who is either a new member or is interested in attending. There will also be a Baptismal Service on August 19th and anyone desiring baptism should make their intention known to the church office or the Pastor as soon as possible. All candidates for baptism are required to attend the August 5th new member's class during Sunday School.

WHBC MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Those requesting WHBC membership by letter of transfer, statement, or decision, or by baptism are: Michael & Kimberly Rickman, Sandy Anderson-Slade & Amy Clement. Remember to encourage and pray for them as they walk their spiritual journey!

WHBC FAMILY WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome Chris, Christine, Joshua and Daniel Kollman, our newest members, by letter of transfer. We praise the Lord for these new members!



Note from the Lovins

Hello to all of our friends and family. We hope that you all are doing well there at WHBC. We are now here at the capitol for our annual retreat for encouragement and rest. We will go for now.

Jeff, Kim & the kids!!! Smiles!!!

August 2007 Nursery Schedule

Date	Time	Age	Workers
Wed. Aug 1	7 pm	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Sun. Aug 5	11 am	Birth to 1	Mark & Julie Tilley
	11am	1 to 2 yrs	Tim & Jamie Morini, Shirley Slaughter
	11am	2 to 3 yrs	Keith & Debbie Schmidt
	7 pm	Combined	Dawn & Wallace Twombly
Wed. Aug 8	7 pm	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Rachel Wynn
Sun. Aug 12	11am	Birth to 1	Bobby & Brenda Olgers
	11am	1 to 2 yrs	Ray & Lisa Witt, Patricia Crance
	11am	2 to 3 yrs	Ronnie & Becky Pierce
	7pm	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Wed Aug 15	7pm	Combined	Gloria Staples & Cindy Dundalow
Sun. Aug 19	11am	Birth to 1	Michelle Stech & Lola Holley
	11am	1 to 2 yrs	Rob & Becky Thomas, Rachel Mitchell
	11am	2 to 3 yrs	Victor Jr. & Sarah Slade, Nelson Crance
	7pm	Combined	Jimmy & Angie Mullinax
Wed. Aug 22	7pm	Combined	Christine Francis & April Norris
Sun. Aug 26	11pm	Birth to 1	Janelle Brown & Wanda Gibbs
	11am	1 to 2 yrs	Andrea Armentrout & Heather Schmidt
	11am	2 to 3 yrs	Jack & Betty Mayes, Lauren Mitchell
	7 pm	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Francine Schmidt
Wed. Aug 29	7 pm	Combined	Jimmy & Angie Mullinax

August 2007 Children's Church

August 5	Billy & Christy Ramsey
August 12	Linda Lewis & Carol Beasley
August 19	Jim & Sandra Lafoon
August 26	Ray & Lisa Witt



Congratulations! WHBC Men's Softball Team Players & Coach: Victor Slade

The WHBC Softball Team shut out Mount Pleasant and went on to be the "champions" of the Church League Softball Tournament for 2007. Way to go team!