

# The Witness

## Western Heights Baptist Church

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### *Pastor's Study*

This month we will hear an endless amount of commercials and advertisements that talk about love. We will hear the world say that your love is equal to your spending. Obviously, as Christians, we don't endorse such an idea. In fact, for the Christian, love is a whole different idea. For Christians, to love one another or to be loved by one another does mean that we should demonstrate sacrificial living. However, this sense of sacrifice for Christians goes much deeper than our wallets. We are called in I Corinthians 13 to sacrifice our pride and to offer our patience on behalf of others. We are called to bear with each other's faults and to seek the welfare of others above ourselves. We are called to demonstrate our love in our demeanor towards one another even when we don't agree. Chapter 13 says that love is not rude, does not seek its own, is not provoked and thinks no evil. So, I ask you as a church body and as husbands and wives within that body, are you loving in the way that God says Christians should love? Are you seeking to serve one another and to lift each other up when you fall? Is your love demonstrated in the actions that you take even when you disagree? Or is your love the kind of love that clangs around in the world with no meaning and no hope. I pray that we would be a church that loves, not just when we all agree, but when we disagree as well. I pray that we would be a church that reflects the love of Jesus Christ in the way that we conduct ourselves. I believe that the love we have for one another will either be salt and light to a world that is groping in the dark for love or a terrible shame to our Lord and Savior that gave His all because He loves us. So, I challenge you with Valentine's Day fast approaching, to seek to love one another in such a way that the world will take notice!

Until He Comes,

Jonathan Dundalow

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### Notes of Interest

As we start our 2007 financial year, please be reminded that our church treasurer will be issuing checks once a week. Requests or bills will be picked up no later than Wednesday and checks will be available on the following Sunday. Thanks, The Finance Committee

The 2006 statements are ready for pickup in the back foyer on the media table. Thanks, Ann Cunningham

### Youth News

*Please remember that the \$50 deposit for SBCV Camp is due Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*Youth vs. Adults football game is Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support both teams. This will be followed by a cookout and chili cook-off. Please make a batch of your favorite chili to share. There will be activities for the children and lots of great fellowship.*

### The Benevolent Committee Needs Help!

Those who would like to assist the committee with bringing food and helping to deliver food to our church family are asked to sign up on the Benevolent Committee sheet located in the vestibule or on the bulletin board at the church office entrance. Thank you for your help.

### Upcoming Events

**Understanding Fear & Anxiety from a Bible perspective** is offered Saturday, February 3 at 9:00 AM-12:00 noon at Trinity Assembly of God, 233 N. Courthouse Rd, Richmond, VA. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Sign-up sheet will be in the hall beside the Pastor's office.

**Super Bowl game and chili cook-off** after the game on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**The World Changers' Spaghetti Supper Fund Raiser** will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**Western Heights will host a Virginia Blood Services Blood Drive** on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-7:30 PM. If you are interested in donating blood, please see Trisha Johnson or Mike Joyce. Thank you.

### March Birthday List

1	Jim Lafoon	22	Alice Morini
	Joseph Wray		Debbie Zimmerman
	Michael Clemens		Edward Slade
2	Randy Leininger	23	Mike Brown
3	Michael Edmonds		Cynthia Reese
4	Alicia Branch		Betsy Berry
	David Criswell, Jr.		Kim Lovin
6	Robert Bishop		George Campbell
	Cheri Pratt		Wendy Crance
7	Mollie Belcher	24	James Robertson
8	George Holley, Jr.	25	Chris Hayes
	Cheryl Price		Artie Daniels
	Debra Grammer		Joshua Pratt
11	Patricia Hoylman	26	Virginia Price
12	Ann Holderfield		Marland Cook, Jr.
	Ethel Selden	28	Walter Witt, III
13	Mike Joyce		Kimberly Green
14	Henry Beals, Jr.	29	Betty Mayes
15	John Miller		Crystal Arrington
	Justin Storey	30	Shannon Pannill
18	Emily Wenzel		Amanda Armentrout
20	Renee' Allred		Michael Hayes
	Pamela Cunningham	31	Holly Johnson
21	Elizabeth Marshall		Rita Louk
	Preston Westmoreland		
	April Wood		

**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!**



## February Birthday List

1	Joshua Massey	16	Ann Cunningham
2	Danny Mitchell		Brian Banner
	Jimmy Johnson		Rickey Ingram
4	Caleb Morini	17	Carolyn Hogue
5	Mark Joyce	18	Millie Howland
	Earl Dalton		Justin Banner
6	Jeff Lovin		Carolyn Cheek
	Chase Wade	19	Diane Berberich
7	Sarah Mitchell	20	Jarrett Munford
8	Mary Wade		Vicki Campbell
	Jimmy Walker	21	Kim Stanek
	Sandra Lafoon	22	David Williams
	Timmy Morini		Eunice Finch
9	Danny Kinton		Timothy Francis
10	Cannon Haines	23	Rachel Newton
	Rebekah Staples		Britney Mitchell
11	Levi Mitchell		Ronald "Jake" Wood
	Amanda Jarrell	24	Linda Fischer
13	Mary Lou Cannady		Victor Slade, Jr
	Charles Daulton		Tina Blair
14	Edith Chasteen	26	Brenda Olgers
	Henry Hogue	27	Patti Mitchell
	Sue Freudig	28	Jennifer Twombly
15	Wallace Markert	29	Tony Graham

### Marriage Tune-Up Class

Beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>, Laura and Brack Dunn will lead a series of four classes to help "Tune-Up Your Marriage". These classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. There's a lot to cover, so classes will start promptly at 9:45. Each class is independent of the others, so if you miss one or two, that's okay. Please come even if your spouse cannot.

## From the WHBC Sunday School Director

The Lord continues to bless Western Heights! The average attendance for December was 226. Have you been a part of Bible School on Sunday morning? If not, why? We are blessed with great teachers who diligently prepare each and every week. Why not come out and enjoy the fruit of their labor on Sunday mornings? I will guarantee you will learn something and have a good time as well. I hope to see YOU this Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

As we grow, contacts continue to be extremely important. Just this Sunday we had 58 contacts. This is GREAT, but some of our teachers need help. If your class doesn't have someone designated to make calls and send cards, please consider stepping up and taking this responsibility from your teacher. It takes a lot of time to prepare a lesson and you could be a tremendous help to your teacher. Please prayerfully consider this ministry and let your teacher or me know you are willing to help!

Starting February 4<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall, Brack and Laura Dunn will lead a class entitled "Marriage TuneUp". This class is open to all. Please sign up as you feel led so Brack and Laura can prepare enough class materials. Please keep Brack and Laura in your prayers and also to see if you are being led to participate in this challenging class. Brack and Laura, thank you for your faithfulness and willingness to go in the direction you are being led!

**In His Service, Robert Tucker, SS Director**

### News Release

Get ready for Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made! We are looking for Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Athletic Trainers for these areas: Bible Study Locker Room, Music Pep Rally, Crafts Fan Zone, Recreation Field House and the Concession Stand. We also need Athletes, lots of Athletes in all ages, shapes and sizes (Age 4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade), to come and spend a week of nonstop action, filled with excitement and anticipation. Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made! Starting June 25-29, 2007 from 9AM-12PM. Are you ready to be part of this year's Vacation Bible School? Questions, contact me or the church office.

**Athletic director (VBS), Christine Francis**

### Expressions of Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of you for your acts of sympathy and kindness during this tragic time. God is good and will sustain us with His love and grace! How could we endure without Christian friends?

Again, thank you for being there for us. We need you.

The Price family

Dear Western Heights Members,

Our God is an awesome God and our church is an awesome church. You will never know how much it meant to my family, the love and support through prayer, cards, flowers and foods that was shown to us after my father, George Robertson, died. With all the events going on in your life in celebration of Christ's birth, you took the time to help our family that was hurting and mourning the death of our father. We are so blessed to be a part of Western Heights and we ask that you continue lifting up our family in prayer.

Debbie Chappell and family

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of the love and support you showed me when Luther died. Thanks for all the calls, cards, prayers and delicious food. I really appreciate everything you did. Thanks to Jon for praying for me, too. Keep me in your thoughts and prayers.

Alma McMillion

Dear Church Family,

On November 16, 2006, my son, Christopher Allred, was involved in a terrible automobile accident that was almost fatal. During this extremely difficult time your prayers, cards, phone calls, and financial aid helped my family weather the worse storm we have ever known and I thank you. Chris is doing well and in time we expect full recovery. Only by the grace and great healing power of God is Chris here with us today and we feel extremely blessed. Our God is an Awesome God!

Renee' Allred

I would like to thank all of my church family who sent cards, food, all the phone calls and prayers. I would not be doing this good without my church family and prayers. I would like to also thank Jon for all his prayers and for being with me during my surgery and also Hershel Carter for being there for me, too. Again, I thank you for being a loving church family.

In Christ, Susan Goodwin

Date	Time	Age	Workers
Sun. Feb. 4	11am	Infants	Levi Mitchell Family
	11am	Youth Helper	Nelson Crance & Patricia Crance
	11am	Toddlers	Michael & April Price, Carolyn Cheek
	11am	3yrs. old	Barbara & Richard McCoy
	7pm	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Wed. Feb. 7	7pm	Combined	Christine Francis & Gloria Staples
Sun. Feb. 11	11am	Infants	Craig & April Norris, Cindy Dundalow
	11am	Youth Helper	Priscilla Gibbs & Lea Mitchell
	11am	Toddlers	Tim and Jamie Morini & Shirley Slaughter
	11am	3 yrs. old	Jack & Betty Mayes
	7pm	Combined	Jimmy & Angie Mullinax
Wed. Feb. 14	7pm	Combined	Doris Harrison & Aredda Mitchell
Sun. Feb. 18	11am	Infants	Bobby & Brenda Olgers, Rachel Wynn
	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 & Francis Schmidt
Wed. Feb. 21	7pm	Combined	Jamie Morini & April Norris
Sun. Feb. 25	11am	Infants	Brack & Laura Dunn & Janelle Brown
	11am	Youth Helper	Hannah Lane & Nelson Crance
	11am	Toddlers	Rob & Becky Thomas & Andrea Armentrout
	11am	3 yrs. old	Richard & Kim Lane
	7pm	Combined	Linda Cothron & Tina Blair
Wed. Feb. 28	7 pm	Combined	Carolyn Hogue & Vicki Campbell

### February 2007 Children's Church

February 4	Linda Lewis & Carol Beasley
February 11	Jim & Sandra Lafoon
February 18	Rickey Ingram & Linda Cothron
February 25	Ray & Lisa Witt

## February 2007 Nursery Schedule

**Welcome to Our Newest WHBC Members!**

New members by letter of transfer: Brian & Angie Adkins and their daughters, Kristin and LeAnn. By baptism: Cannon Haines, Natalie & Timothy Francis, Jordan & Jamie Lafoon, Will and Jessie Neddo and their daughter, Caitlin, Katherine Loden and Jennifer Twombly. We praise the Lord for these decisions and new members. Remember to encourage and pray for them.

**Membership Candidates!**

Those requesting WHBC membership by letter of transfer, decision and baptism are: James (J.C.) & Sherry Breeden and their daughter, Sarah; Margaret & Gern Scott and their children, Brianna, Jeremy, Arielle & Alicia; Jade Cook, Lola Holly, Michelle Stech, Jasmine Francis and Victoria Dear.