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It is truly hard to believe that we have already seen the first month of the New-Year come and go so quickly. However, February is upon us and it is time for us to move forward with the many tasks that the Lord has placed before us in 2009. I can't help but remember that this February the focus for many of us will be Love and Valentine's Day. This idea of expressing our love for others is certainly no stranger to the body of Christ. We are tasked with first loving the Lord our God with all of our heart, our soul, and our strength. Jesus also taught us that the second greatest commandment is for us to love our neighbor as ourselves. So as we consider love and the New Year, I believe it is certainly logical for us to consider how we can best fulfill these two greatest commandments! As 2009 progresses, I believe that we will all be tested in the area of our Love for the Lord and our Love for others. As I read Robert Tucker's article as Sunday School director, I am reminded of the fact that in order to reach people through Sunday School we will and we must provide space. Making it easier for our brothers and sisters to attend Sunday School is an example of loving others as ourselves. We should and we must work together to provide adequate space, parking, teachers, materials, etc. in order to truly welcome our guests and help them to know that they are welcomed and loved. We also should and we must work together to maximize the utilization of our current building and resources in order to show our love and appreciation for the Lord.

He has blessed us with a debt free facility and we must be good stewards of that blessing. So how do we accomplish both of these goals in 2009? Well, in a word we all will have to welcome change and be willing to be a little uncomfortable in order to reach the lost and keep the two greatest commandments. So as we endeavor in 2009 to maximize our space and reach the lost it is my prayer that we will all pull together as we seek God's will and God's purpose for our lives. It is my prayer that we would remember the failure of the people of Israel when God called them to take the Promised Land and that we would not make the same mistake. **"Yet you were not willing to go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God."** Deut 1:26

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

Sunday School Notes



Change is something that is constant in our lives! I've heard if you don't like the weather in Virginia to wait a few minutes and it will change. As I write this, a new president is about to be inaugurated. The one constant is (or should be) our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we dawn a new era, please be in prayer for our president, his cabinet and all those in decision making positions.

We as a church need to consider all options as we go forward. Some of our classes are maxed out and we need to consider all options. Statistics tell us if a class is too crowded, visitors are less likely to return. I see this happening in several classes. Please be open to change and also feel free to make suggestions. I would like to suggest we all read the book entitled "Who Moved My Cheese?". This book "is a simple parable that reveals profound truths about change".

Please be reminded that monthly periodicals are available on the media table between the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please take advantage of these publications as they provide much wisdom and food for thought. The average attendance for December was 199.

In His service, Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director

February Birthday List

1	Joshua Massey	16	Ann Cunningham
2	Danny Mitchell		Brian Banner
	Jimmy Johnson		Rickey Ingram
	Brady Slade	17	Carolyn Hogue
4	Caleb Morini	18	Millie Howland
5	Mark Joyce		Justin Banner
	Earl Dalton		Carolyn Cheek
6	Jeff Lovin	19	Diane Berberich
	Leonard "Lee" Harrison	20	Jarrett Munford
	Chase Wade		Vicki Campbell
7	Sarah Mitchell	21	Kim Stanek
	Mike Nauseef	22	David Williams
8	Sandra Drewry		Eunice Finch
	Mary Wade		Timothy Francis
	Jimmy Walker	23	Rachel Newton
	Sandra Lafoon		Brittney Mitchell
	Timmy Morini		Ronald "Jake" Wood
9	Danny Kinton	24	Linda Fischer
	Sandy Anderson- Slade		Victor Slade, Jr.
	Timothy Francis Sr.		Tina Blair
10	Rebekah Staples	25	Dustin Jones
	Cannon Haines	26	Brenda Olgers
11	Levi Mitchell	27	Patti Mitchell
	Amanda Jarrell	28	Matthew Belvin
13	Charles Daulton		Jennifer Twombly
14	Edith Chasteen	29	Tony Graham
	Henry Hogue		

Sue Freudig
Will Neddo
Bryson Rickman
15 Wallace Markert
Alexandra Welch

March Birthday List

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

Children's Committee New Year's Adventures

The Children's Committee is very excited about the New Year and new adventures. We are in the process of ordering "Kids Own Worship", which is a program designed by Lifeway for children's worship. As we are waiting for the new material to arrive, the Children's Committee will be rotating through January and February leading Children's Church.

However, all those currently on the Children's Church rotation, or would like to be, need to attend a training session on Sunday, February 8th or Sunday, February 15th. At this session, we will learn the new program's materials and format. All children's church workers need to be familiar with the new program in order to implement it effectively.

We hope you will pray about leading our children and guiding them in the Lord's way. Please pray for the Children's Committee and workers as we work to make children's church a true worship experience for our children.

If you have any questions, please contact someone on the Children's Committee.

Amanda Spencer, Chairman
Pam Munford, Lisa Witt & Holly Johnson

Quote of the Month

*The Bible is not only the world's best seller, it is man's best purchase.
Snips from the Snipper, Guido Evangelistic Association*

Offering Statements for 2008

You may pick up your offering statements for 2008 which are located at the back foyer at the "media" table through the month of March. Please contact Leura Kay Armentrout if you have questions about your statement. Thank you.

Marriage Enrichment Class

Beginning on Thursday, February 5th, Laura and Brack Dunn will be leading an 8-week session to help Fireproof Your Marriage. On February 5th at 6 PM we will have a meal and watch the movie "Fireproof". This will be followed with six (6) interactive learning sessions, to be held on the next six (6) Thursday nights at 7 PM. On March 26th, we will wrap up with a fun game night. Babysitting will be provided. Please sign up outside of the Pastor's office if you plan to attend so that we can order your student material. Thank you.



WHBC Received Six New Members during the Month of January 2009

Praise the Lord! We received six new members during January 2009. Our newest members are: Marland Cook, Jr. (Baptism), Dustin Grissom ((Baptism), Hailey Lane (Baptism), Joey Adams (Baptism) & Dotti Adams (Transfer) and Bryce Witt accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.
Welcome New Members!!

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank all that provided food for the Perry Wilkerson Family. It was so nice of you and so appreciated by us. Our job is made easy by folks like you. Thank you again.

The Benevolent Committee

Dear Church Family,

A "Big" thank you to my church brother and sisters for the cards, visits, phone calls, prayers and concerns when I had my gall bladder surgery. You are much appreciated and God bless you all!

Yours in Christ, Charles Roberts

Dear Church Family,

Thanks to all you for taking time out of your lives to help others.

With appreciation, Jeral Clary & Family

Dear Church Family,

First, I would like to ask my church family to forgive me for not writing to you before now.

Bernard and I want to thank our brothers for the beautiful ramp they put up for Bernard. He has used it a few times when the weather permitted him but we know he will really enjoy it this spring and summer. We want to thank our brothers and sisters for the prayers, visits, phone calls, and the food that have blessed our days. In addition, thank you for all the wood the young people and our brothers have put on my porch to help keep us warm. We have been blessed with the most loving, caring and giving church family there ever has been and we do not know what we would have done without you. Bernard loves to have visitors, and you make his days go by better as he seems so much brighter after a visit. He cannot walk or stand anymore alone, only in his wheelchair and bed now.

Thank you Pastor Jonathan for always being there for all of your church family. You are a blessing to us all.

In our Lord Jesus Christ, Millie & Bernard Dear

Dear Members of WHBC,

We would like to thank you all of you for your prayers while we were in the hospital. God has heard and answered our prayers, as “Sarah” is healthy and continues to grow bigger and stronger every day. We also want to thank everyone for all the gifts that you’ve given for Sarah. We are thankful to know such thoughtful and caring people.

Stephen, Angie, & Sarah Hurst
(Kerry & Brenda Boyce’s daughter and Family)

Dear Church Family,

We are so blessed to have a wonderful caring church family! The cards, phone calls, words of encouragement and prayers have meant so much to us during the months that Lewis has struggled with atrial fibrillation. We have drawn comfort in knowing that our Lord’s plans are perfect and that His love and the love of our church family are constant and unfailing.

Lewis’ heart ablation went very smoothly without complications. We thank God and praise Him for a pastor who patiently waited with Pam, our children and Leura Kay through that long 10-hour procedure. Jon’s presence with us was comforting and helped make the wait seem shorter.

We are still waiting to see what the long-term results will be. But, our God is so good and we trust Him in the details. Again, thank you for sharing your love so thoughtfully and faithfully with us.

Love in Christ,
Lewis, Pam, Jason, Jarrett & Ashley Munford



Jason & Kristi Burton in Concert at WHBC
February 8, 7 PM

Please join us Sunday evening, February 8, to hear Jason & Kristi Burton in concert. Jason released a new CD in early 2008 with 11 original songs which will encourage, lead, convict and offer hope to God’s people. Jason and Kristi come armed with guitar and violin, and they will share stories behind the songs, share what God is doing in their lives, and lead those there in worship of the King. For more Information, see www.jasonburtonmusic.com. A love offering will be received for their ministry.



**WHBC-sponsored Blood Drive
Monday, February 2th, 3:30-7:30 PM
Come, give and save a life!
See Trisha Johnson or Mike Joyce**

Thank you in advance!

Events Coming Up at WHBC

February 1	New Member's Class, 9:45 AM
February 2	WHBC Blood Drive, 3:30-7:30 PM
Feb. 5-Mar. 26	Marriage Enrichment Classes, 7:00 PM Feb. 5 th – Meal & Movie – “Fireproof Your Marriage”, 6:00 PM
February 8	Brotherhood Breakfast with Guest Speaker, Wilson Conwell, 8:00 AM Jason & Kristi Burton in Concert, 7:00 PM
February 14	Youth Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00 PM
February 15	New Member's Classes end, Baptismal Service, 11:00 AM
February 16	Church Council Meeting, 7:00 PM
February 17	Super Seniors at Kenwood Methodist, 12:00PM
March 17	Super Seniors at WHBC, 12:00 PM
March 20-21	Men's Retreat – Camp Kehukee

Children's Church February Schedule

February 1	Holly Johnson & Lisa Witt
February 8	Pam Munford & Amanda Spencer
February 15	Pam Munford & Amanda Spencer
February 22	Holly Johnson & Lisa Witt

February 2009 Nursery Schedule

Date	Age	Volunteers
Sun. Feb. 1	Birth A	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Birth B	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Toddlers	V.J. & Sarah Slade
	3 Yr Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini & Hanna Lane (Floater)
Sun. Feb. 1 Evening	Combined	Steve & Leura Kay Armentrout
Wed. Feb. 4	Combined	Gloria Staples & Cindy Dundalow
Sun. Feb. 8	Birth A	Craig & April Norris
	Birth B	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	Toddlers	Ray & Lisa Witt
	3 Yr Olds	Jack & Betty Mayes & Rebecca Francis (Floater)
Sun. Feb. 8 Evening	Combined	Wallace & Dawn Twombly
Wed. Feb. 11	Combined	Danny & Judy Vaughn
Sun. Feb. 15	Birth A	Mark & Julie Tilley
	Birth B	Michelle Stech & Lola Holley
	Toddlers	Rob & Becky Thomas
	3 Yr. Olds	Richard & Barbara McCoy & Patricia Crance (Floater)
Sun. Feb. 15 Evening	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Wed. Feb. 18	Combined	
Sun. Feb. 22	Birth A	Bobby & Brenda Olgers
	Birth B	Janelle Brown & Wanda Gibbs
	Toddlers	Dee & Patty Beville
	3 Yr Olds	Keith & Debbie Schmidt & Nelson Crance (Floater)
Sun. Feb. 22 Evening	Combined	Angie Mullinax
Wed. Feb. 25	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Aredda Mitchell